

5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome everyone back to the start of a new academic year and I hope that you all had a good summer.

The new term has started well and we have an excellent new intake in Year 7 and our biggest intake in the 6<sup>th</sup> form for many years. Standards are high and the overwhelming majority of pupils are looking really smart.

We were very pleased with the exam successes of our pupils over the summer and those of you who follow us on social media will know about the great results and destinations that our pupils have achieved. We should all be very proud of this and it is testament to the hard work of the pupils and the support that they received from home and from school. We believe that it is this partnership, built on positive relationships between school, pupils and parents that is most effective in securing success for our pupils.

With this in mind, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September we have our first Parent Forum meeting of the year. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to come to school and find out more about our school improvement plans and ask any questions that you may have regarding our provision, including any improvements that you would like to suggest. We are always pleased to receive comments, suggestions and constructive feedback on the work we are doing. The meeting will begin at 6.15pm and will last approximately one hour and refreshments will be provided. Please could you let Mrs Grewal, The Principal's PA, know whether you are able to attend.

This is also a good opportunity to remind you that the school timetable has changed slightly this year and on Wednesday of 'Week 2', school will finish for pupils at 2.40pm. There will be no school bus service on this day and so we would advise you to talk to your child about alternative arrangements for getting home, including using the public buses.

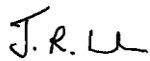
Whilst the vast majority of our pupils are looking very smart, there are a small number who are not complying with our published uniform regulations. There are a number of pupils who are wearing trainers rather than shoes; a few who have nose piercings even though the uniform code is clear in stating that facial piercings are not allowed and a number of pupils have hair colouring that does not constitute a natural shade. We have high expectation of all our pupils and we want them to look smart and take pride in their appearance. Adhering to our uniform policy is an essential element in ensuring an effective learning climate. We have spoken to these pupils today and sent messages home to reinforce our expectations. I would be grateful if you could support us with this. Thank you in advance.

On a more positive note, we are looking for a new parent governor. If you are interested in putting yourself forward for this really important role then please contact Mrs Grewal, The Principal's PA, for further details. It would be great to welcome you if you feel that you have the capacity to support the school in this important role.

We have our school Open Events coming up over the next few weeks and this year we would like to extend the invitation to all of our parents and not just those who have children in Year 6. This will allow you to have a look at the school 'in operation' and see, first-hand the quality of provision that is in place. Our main Open Evening event is taking place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 3.30pm. In order to prepare for this, there will be an early closure and school will finish at 1pm. Lunch will be provided for pupils who receive a free school meal.

I am sure that this is going to be another successful year for everyone associated with The King's and I look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming events.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. R. U.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Ludlow  
Principal