

The King's C.E. School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and successful term. Our production at the Arena Theatre will be outstanding yet again and so many of our students will be involved. We were highly successful in the City Athletics Championships with our boys and girls teams winning over 66 medals with the boys team yet again City Champions.

At this time of year we have a number of staff who will leave us and we would like to thank the following colleagues for all that they have done for the school and wish them well with their next ventures;-

Mrs Corbett, Mr Mohan, Miss Melendez, Mr Hartley and Mrs Quigley.

At the start of the new academic year we will welcome some new colleagues. Mr Parker will join the mathematics department Mr Nathan will be teaching history, Miss Langston will be teaching dance and Mr Pole joins us as Assistant Principal with responsibility for Maths and Numeracy. We will also welcome back Mrs Pearson who is returning from her maternity leave.

Outlined below are the arrangements for the end of this term and the start of the next academic year:

School will close at 1.00pm on Friday 23 July. Please remember that there will not be any school buses at the end of the day and if students have PE or dance in the morning they must still bring their PE and dance uniforms ready for their lessons.

Next Term school will reopen at **8.50am for Year 7 and 6th Form on Thursday 2 September** and it will be a normal school day for **all students on Friday 3 September.**

The school bus service will restart on Friday 3 September. Any student who qualifies for a bus pass can collect them from school on the first day of term.

Some advance warning about early school closure – we will close at **1.30pm on Tuesday 21 September.**

School Fund

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during the year. The School Fund really makes a difference to the education of your daughters and sons. At the start of each year we ask that the youngest child from each family pays school fund of £6 for the term or £18 for the whole year. This amount has not changed over many years and I would ask that you pay this contribution towards the ongoing development of the school on the first day of term. I attach a reply slip at the end of this letter. It would be very helpful if you could return it to us on the first day back to school, along with the appropriate sum of money.

School Meals

We will continue to offer a range of popular and nutritious meals and snacks in The King's Diner. Students can choose from traditional meals, from our pasta bar along with a variety of freshly made sandwiches, salads, jacket potatoes and wraps. From 6th September we are offering a breakfast service from 8.00am whilst continuing with our mid-morning snack service which helps to fill the gap between breakfast and lunchtime. Our lunchtime meal deal (a two-course meal including a drink) will cost just £2.00 – excellent value for money and cheaper than a cup of coffee in many high street cafes.



A Specialist Visual Arts & Sports College

Wolverhampton City Council is continuing to offer free lunches to a larger number of families on a low income for a trial period until July 2011. Around 3,000 more children and young people received free meals from September 2009 to July 201, meaning around 1 in 3 students in Wolverhampton ate a health and tasty lunch for free. If you think you might be entitled to claim free meals, we would encourage you to apply. Forms and further information are at the Civic Centre or via our school reception. Do not miss out; you could get school meals absolutely free – saving around £380 over the next school year.

School Uniform

Many of you will be buying new school uniform during the holiday and if I could remind you that:-

- It is important that your child has the correct uniform and wears it every day – blazer with school badge, school shirt, suitable skirt or trousers, school tie, sensible black shoes – trainers are not permitted.
- If girls are wearing trousers, they should be school trousers, not slimline fashion items and skirts must be of an appropriate length
- The only earrings allowed are small metal studs; other piercings must be removed during the school day
- Please also ensure your child has a sturdy and suitable bag to carry school books and equipment
- Every student should also have with them every day basic writing equipment – pen, pencil, rubber and ruler for example

It is good that we are proud of our school and uniform is one way of showing this pride. Please help us with this so that we can focus on our learning - which has to be our absolute priority.

We look forward to the next academic year which will include the commencement of our exciting building programme. We will do all we can to minimise disruption to learning. However, can I draw to your attention the issue of car parking around the school site. There are clear health and safety issues when cars are parked partly on foot paths, double parked or sometimes parents are driving onto the school site. I would also ask you to consider the wider environmental issues which as a school we are trying to educate our students about. The school offers an extensive school bus service and we would encourage our students to use this as much as possible. If you do have to drive to school than please park sensibly, consider our local residents and do not drive the school site.

Our main priority is our obvious focus on teaching and learning. We have been working to create a set of Learning Principles and I will share information about these early in the new term

Finally, I join with my colleagues in wishing you the very best of summers. I urge the students to keep themselves safe and to make the most of the weeks that lie ahead.

Yours sincerely

J Allin (Mr)
Principal

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SCHOOL FUND REPLY SLIP

Student Name.....Form.....

I enclose £.....parental contribution to School Fund (£6.00 per family per term, or £18.00 per year)

Signed Date.....