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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and successful year with many things we can celebrate together. We are working towards another wonderful production at the Arena Theatre and I would be delighted if you could join us. The performances will be held on Wednesday 13th July until Friday 15th July and tickets can be obtained from the theatre directly or from the school office priced at £5.00 or £3.00 for concessions.

At this time of year we have a number of staff who will leave us. Mrs Naik is leaving to take up a post at another school and Mr Simms is retiring after over 27 years here at The King's School. We wish them both well with their new ventures.

At the start of the new academic year we will welcome a number of new colleagues. Miss Thompson will join the mathematics department, Miss Hyde and Mr Bourne will be teaching English, Mr Iveson and Miss Jones will be teaching languages and Mrs Molloy joins us as Assistant Principal with responsibility for English and Literacy. I am delighted to announce that internally we have appointed Mr Sutton as Assistant Principal with responsibility for our Specialism and Mr Green as Assistant Principal with responsibility for our Teaching and Learning. In addition we wish Mrs Rowley, Mrs Faul-Geal and Mrs Jones well as they start their 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 1.30pm on Friday 22 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 **on Wednesday 7th September at 8.50am for Year 7 and 6th Form** and it will be a normal school day for **all students on Thursday 8th September.**

The school bus service will restart on Thursday 8th September. Any student who qualifies for a bus pass can collect them from school on the first day of term or from the Civic Centre.

Some advance warning about early school closure – we will close at **1.30pm on Tuesday 4th October as we prepare for our Open Evening.**

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. Our lunchtime meal deal (a two-course meal including a drink) will cost just £2.10 – 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 2012. Over 3,000 more children and young people received free meals from September 2009 to July 2011, 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 £400 over the next school year.

Music Tuition

Currently as a school we do not make any charge for the provision of music lessons to students who wish to pursue learning an instrument. This is unlike many other schools within Wolverhampton and other Local Authorities. However, as a school we are charged by the Music School for each student who undertakes music tuition and this is a substantial cost to us. The Governing Body, having carefully reviewed this policy, has decided that from September 2011 a voluntary contribution of £25.00 per child will be requested. This represents only a small proportion of the actual cost incurred by the school and yet still represents incredible value for money for those students who participate in music tuition. I hope you will feel able to support the school with this matter.

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 gold/silver 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 by ensuring your child comes to school dressed in the appropriate school uniform. By supporting us with our school uniform requirements we can then focus on your child's learning - which has to be our absolute priority.

Finally

We look forward to the next academic year when we anticipate that first phase of our new school being ready with Science and English having moved into their new bases over the summer. Building work will continue over the next 12 months and we continue to do all we can to minimise disruption to learning. As part of our BSF programme the school will have several pieces of public Art situated within and around the School. There will be an opportunity to view the shortlisted artists and to even be involved in the decision making process of which Artists will be finally selected for the art works which will be placed around our new school. There will be a display of the shortlisted artists work in the main reception of the school until Friday 8th July and I hope you will be able to come and visit.

I and my colleagues wish you the very best of summers and 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

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.....