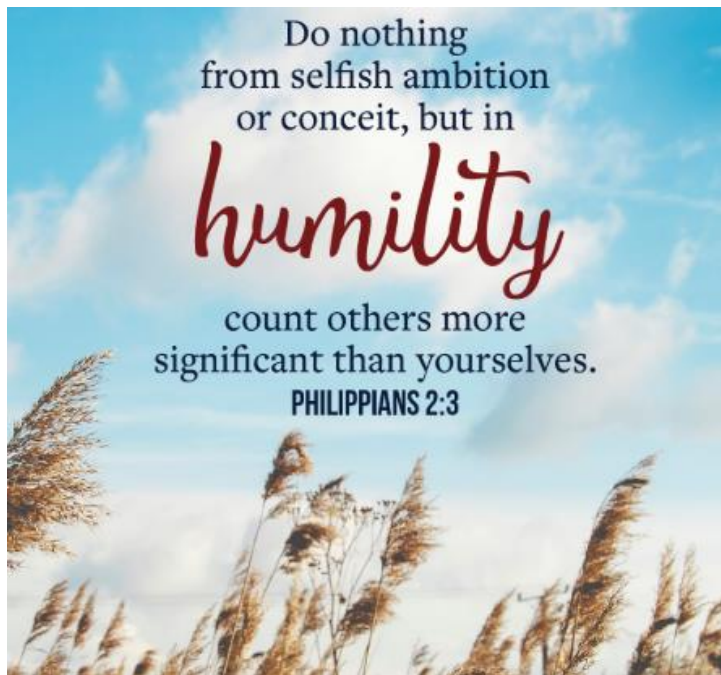


Theme of the week: PUTTING OTHERS FIRST



Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of our time on our temporary site has come at last and this will be our final newsletter this year. As we reflect on the school's six year journey to this point this week, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support of the school during our founding years. The school was conceived by local parents and has thrived as a

result of the continued support of our King's families. We are grateful to you all and look forward to welcoming you to view our new site in the autumn once the school is settled. Students have worked really hard this year: they have grown academically, personally and spiritually and, as ever, it has been our privilege and pleasure to work with them. I hope they have a well-deserved rest over the summer. We say goodbye to three members of staff this term: Ms Tremlett (Drama and Geography); Mr Bacon (Learning Support Assistant) and Mr Wilson (Finance and Operations). We wish these colleagues well as they take the next steps in their careers and thank you them for all they have done for King's School. We have already welcomed our new teacher of Geography, Ms Herrick, and in September we will welcome two new Learning Support Assistants, Mr Elliot and Mrs Phillips, a new Teacher of Arts, Mr McCardie, and a new Cover Supervisor, Ms Perry, as our school continues to grow. I wish you all a peaceful and restorative summer and look forward to welcoming back all of our students to our wonderful new site.

Mrs Price

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## Forthcoming Events

18 <sup>th</sup> July	• Last Day for Students
19 <sup>th</sup> July	• INSET Day
10 <sup>th</sup> September	• Year 7 First Day
11 <sup>th</sup> September	• Years 8,9,10,11 First Day
20 <sup>th</sup> September	• School Photos

## September Return to School

**Year 7 students return to school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.** Students should arrive from 7:45am for an 8:30am start. On their first day year 7 students will have an extended tutor time, a tour of our new site, and several normal timetabled lessons. Students do not need to bring PE kit on this date. They may bring packed lunches or a full catering service will be available for those who registered for cashless catering at our Induction Day in July. **All other year groups return on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.** Year 10 and Year 11 students (and Year 7 students) should arrive in school from 7:45am for an 8:30am start on this date. Year 8 and Year 9 students should arrive in school for an 10:40am start on this date. We are staggering the students' return to ensure a smooth start to school life on our new site. Staggering start times will allow for initial assemblies, tours of the school and extended tutor times to enable students to receive timetables etc.

## Awards' Evening

We are holding our annual awards' evening on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July this year. The event will start at 6pm with canapés and drinks served in the quad and the formal presentation of awards will begin from 6:30pm. We expect the event to finish by 7:30pm. Our Chair of Governors, Katherine Laux, will be attending to present the awards. Parents/carers of students who are receiving awards should have now received invitations to the event. Siblings are also most welcome to attend. Students will not find out which award/s they have received until the evening itself. Awards are given for academic progress and achievement; for sporting success; and for demonstration of the school's core values.

## End of Term and INSET

**A final reminder that our last day of term is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July.** All students should arrive as normal for 8:30am on this date. They will attend three lessons and also have a tutor time and a celebration assembly. A full brunch service will be available in the Dome Diner at

break time. **All students will be dismissed from school at 12:40pm on this date.** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July is an INSET day and the school will be closed to students on this date. Staff will be busy completing packing for our site move!

## Governing Body Changes

The CEO of the Russell Education Trust, Mrs Karen Lynch, retires in August. King's School is enormously grateful to Mrs Lynch for all her tireless hard work and counsel in the school's founding years. Mrs Lynch will take up a new post as Chair of the RET Board and so we are fortunate in that we will still be benefitting from her expertise and wisdom. Mr Mackinlay takes up post as RET CEO from September. Mr Mackinlay was the interim Executive Headteacher at King's between the departure of Mr Flavin and the appointment of Mrs Price and so will be known to some families. He looks forward to meeting many more of you in due course. Mrs Lisa Blacklaw-Taylor steps down from the governing body this year after 8 years of faithful service to the school as one of its founding governors. It is hard to over-state the importance of Lisa's contribution to the founding years of the school and we are grateful for her loyal service. We are pleased to welcome two new governors to the governing body – Mrs Alison Davis and Mr Geogy George. Both Ms Davis and Mr George are local parents with skill sets that will complement our existing governing body very well.

## Theatre in Education Event

All of Year 10 will be attending a theatre in education production on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July on the topical issue of knife crime. The production has been jointly funded by the local police service and the local authority. We hope that all Year 10 students will benefit from this opportunity to explore this issue in more detail.

## End of Term Housekeeping

**A reminder that students must take all personal belongings out of lockers by the end of term.** Any items left in lockers will be disposed of over the summer break. If your child has any medicine stored at school, or you believe they may have any items in lost property, please contact the office. Medicines must be collected

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by the end of term, and unclaimed lost property will be disposed of. Please also help our finance team by ensuring that any outstanding trip/event balances or dinner money payments are made before the summer break.

### Year 7 Boys Cricket v BACA

King's played BACA in a softball cricket match with the intention to give students who don't play club cricket or hardball cricket a competitive match. We batted first and several students made contributions – Charlie, Darian, Ethan and Calvin. Supporting the batting was Alfie, who scored 25 and had to retire. Destiny finished the innings off with a 4 off the last over to give King's a total of 74 runs. Louis then opened the bowling for BACA's batting and took a wicket with his first ball of the over, with the ball caught by Olly in cover. Six different King's bowlers bowled throughout the innings, with Destiny, Olly and Alfie taking wickets, as well as controlled bowling from Calvin and Ethan, restricting BACA to 55 of 13 overs. BACA needed 20 off the last over and Destiny stepped up to the pressure, bowling accurate balls, and then taking the wicket of BACA's best batsman, with a superb running catch from Ethan, giving King's the victory. Overall, the game was played in a fantastic spirit by both teams and was great to see a such close and competitive cricket match, which was enjoyed by all.



### Speakers for Schools Talk

40 able mathematicians in Year 10 will be invited to a talk on Wednesday 17th July by Elisabeth Stheeman,

External Member of the Financial Policy Committee at the Bank of England. The talk has been made possible by the excellent work of the Speakers for Schools organisation. We look forward to welcoming Elisabeth and to seeing Year 10 engage with her talk.

### Art Awards

We award a student of the term in the Arts for excellence in a subject area, be that academic or commitment to extra-curricular, or both! These students are our shining stars whose achievements we want to celebrate publically. Well done to them all!

#### Art

KS3 Freya Lambert

KS4 Katie Kennedy

#### Drama

KS3 Carys Whittingham and Joseph Sales

KS4 Heidi Derby

#### Music

KS3 Jessica Balcombe

KS4 Jack Talbot

### Student of the Week

**Year 8** Student of the Week is **Freya Lambert** who was nominated for her great work and effort in Art, Music and English!

Chosen as Student of the Week for **Year 9** is **Erin Arthur** for amazing leadership at Blacklands and a great all round attitude!

**Katy Kennedy** has been chosen as **Year 10** Student of the Week for running enrichment with a lower year group and supporting Year 7s with mental health awareness as part of the 'I am Whole' campaign.

### School Photographer

School photos will be taken on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> September. Individual school photos will be taken and there will be an opportunity for sibling photos. There will be an opportunity to buy photos on line from the photographer details of which will be sent shortly after

the 20<sup>th</sup> September. As always please ensure students attend school with smart full school uniform.

### Year 6 Induction Day

We were delighted to welcome Year 6 students to King's on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Students had the opportunity to meet their form tutors and their student buddies, as well as having some lessons around the school. We are really looking forward to seeing them grow and flourish as a year group from September, in our fabulous new school building.

### Parent Prayer Requests

We are so grateful to God for the fantastic site he has provided for us in Hangleton. The new building is looking great. Please be praying for our whole school as we pack up all our classrooms and prepare for the move to the new site. Pray for the building to continue to progress well; for the builders to be able to deal with any last-minute issues that might arise effectively. Pray for our site team as they organise the transportation of all our furniture and boxes. Pray for energy for our staff team in the last week of term.

As we ready ourselves for starting afresh in the new building, in September, please be praying for an excellent start to the Autumn term. Especially be praying for students who might be feeling anxious about moving to a new building. Also, for our new Year 7 cohort. We are so thankful for the children who are coming to us in September. Pray that we welcome them well and that they settle quickly. For those who are worried about the change to secondary, we want to pray that they would quickly settle and feel part of our school community.

We would also like to pray for our members of staff who are leaving us this term: Mrs Tremlett, Mr Wilson and Mr Bacon. We thank God for their work here and all that they have brought to our school community. Please pray for them as they move to new jobs, new cities and new challenges. We are looking forward to our new staff starting, Mr McCardie and Miss Herrick.

Finally, please pray for all our staff and students over the summer holidays. For our year 11 students who are awaiting their exam results, pray for a sense of peace and calm. For all those travelling, either in the UK or abroad, for safety and times of rest with their families and friends. We are grateful for all that God has given us, as a school this year and trust the coming year to Him.