

WEEK ENDING 6TH JANUARY 2023

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been pleased to welcome all our students back to school to start 2023 with refreshed energy and a positive approach to their learning. We hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break.

As we begin the new term, we are taking the opportunity at this time of year when new year's resolutions are made to launch the new KAB/KAO Behaviour and Conduct Policy. This week, students have been having assemblies about the new policy and what it will look like in practice, teachers have had training and parents/carers have had the opportunity to attend an online session about the policy giving the chance to ask questions. All the points raised will be collated and shared through the newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution.

The policy will begin on Monday 9th January. We will be reviewing the impact of the new policy and will offer parents/carers another opportunity to attend an online session for an update later this term. Please look out for information about this which will come to you through the newsletter.

We are looking forward to student achievements being recognised and celebrated and for students to embrace the fresh start offered by the launch of the new policy to build on successes and make changes needed so that everyone can DARE to be Remarkable.

I am looking forward to everything thing that 2023 has to offer and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Kind regards

Mrs Moore

ATTENDANCE UPDATE FROM MRS PHILLIPS

Welcome back and Happy New Year, we are delighted to be back in school with the students, ready and eager to learn.

Towards the end of the last academic term, we identified that attendance levels significantly dropped. Research has found that poor attendance at

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Dare To Be Remarkable



school is linked to poor academic attainment across all stages (Balfanz & Byrnes, 2012; London et al., 2016) as well as anti-social characteristics, delinquent activity and negative behavioural outcomes (Gottfried, 2014; Baker, Sigmon, & Nugent, 2001).

OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE MEANS

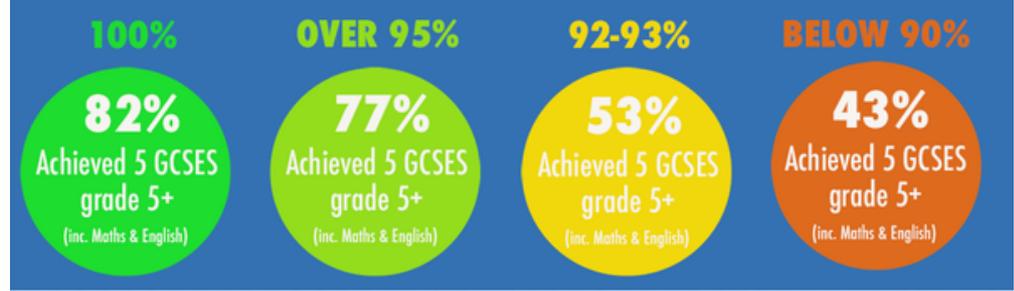
Being in school 97% of the time

REMEMBER...
Your attendance matters - days off cost good grades



HOW DOES YOUR ATTENDANCE IMPACT YOUR FUTURE?

Data released by the UK Department for Education shows that the lower your attendance the less likely you are to achieve in your GCSES.



RESEARCH SHOWS THAT FOR EVERY 17 DAYS YOU MISS ACROSS YOUR SCHOOL CAREER, YOUR GCSE RESULTS GO DOWN BY 1 WHOLE GRADE!

ACHIEVING 5 OR MORE GCSES AT GRADE 5+ HAS SHOWN TO INCREASE YOUR LIFETIME EARNINGS BY **41%**

There are **365 DAYS** in a year

175 are not spent in school!

**That gives you plenty of time for holidays, TV, shopping and video games!*



As you know attendance continues to remain an absolute priority, students must be in school every day, when students miss school it has a huge negative impact on their attainment and therefore their life chances. Our minimum expectation for attendance is 97%. Please ensure you continue to support us with this and do not allow your children to remain at home for minor ailments. Where attendance is a concern for your child, you will be requested to attend a meeting to develop an attendance support plan.

You must notify school by 8:50am on the morning of your child's absence with a valid reason for their absence, this must also be done on any subsequent days of absence. We now have a dedicated email address for



secondary attendance which is: attendance.bi@kingsacademies.uk alternatively, messages can be left on the absence line or through the ClassCharts App. Where we are not informed of a valid reason for missing school, absence will not be authorised.

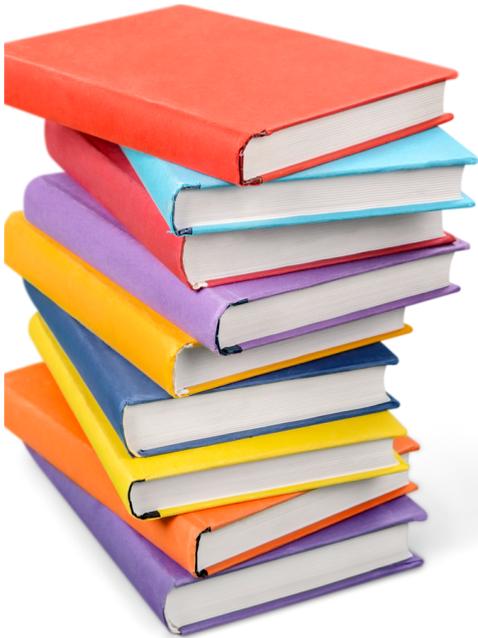
We are aware that there are high levels of illness at the moment, we are increasing hygiene measures in school and reminding our young people of the importance of good hand hygiene in order to stop illnesses spreading. The latest government guidance about current viruses circulating can be found [here](#).. Please ensure you read over this.

SECONDARY PHASE - UNIFORM REMINDER

We continue to have extremely high expectations around uniform and we expect all of our students to live up to these, sanctions will be put in place for repeat uniform transgressions. I have attached for you the uniform and appearance policy on **pages 6-8**; please ensure you read it in full so that all aspects of your child's appearance fully complies with these expectations.

Some of the transgressions we have noted and must be adhered to include:

- Students must ensure that they have appropriate, black, polishable school shoes.
- Trainers, canvas or suede shoes are not acceptable and students who arrive to school wearing them will be expected to wear a pair of the spare school shoes that we keep a stock of.
- Earrings should only be one pair of small round, plain silver or gold studs; students will be asked to remove any other earrings and these will be held in Reception for parental collection only. Earrings of any other shape or with jewels in them will not be permitted No other jewellery is permitted.
- Skirts should be knee length or below with no exceptions, where students have outgrown their skirts, new ones will need to be purchased, students must not roll their skirts up.
- Socks should be plain black, either knee length or ankle length. Trainer socks, white or decorative (frilly) ankle socks are not permitted.
- Coats must not be worn within the building.
- Hoodies and sports wear are not permitted as an alternative to coats and will be confiscated.
- PE kit must be the KAB branded items only. If students wish to wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms they must be the KAB items only; no others are permitted.
- Hair which is shoulder length or below must be tied back at all times, including as students arrive at school.
- We do not permit any extreme hair styles, or differences in length in hairstyles; different lengths must be blended in. We do not permit cuts below grade 2.
- Visible make-up must not be worn, students are also not permitted to wear false eyelashes or enhanced eyebrows.



PRIMARY SEND UPDATE

COFFEE MORNINGS

We will be holding SEND coffee mornings for our Primary phases this month. Please click on the links to book your space to attend.

[KAB Primary Coffee Morning on 17th January](#)

[KAO Coffee Morning on 20th January](#)

GEMS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

We have received information from GEMS about some sessions they are running, and information animations that are available. Please see the flyers on **page 5** for further details.



SECONDARY PHASE - PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Please see below for details of the PE department's extra curricular timetable which will be running across the Spring term.

Some of the clubs are invite only, or need to be paid for, so please ensure that you read the information fully.



King's Academy Binfield PE Extra Curricular Timetable



Spring Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Trampolining **Paid Club - Run by Rushby and Whyte Trampoline Club**	Netball All Years JGo and EWh Girls Football All Years ECh Badminton Week A - Year 9+10 Week B - Year 7+8 BDa 4.00pm - 5.00pm Badminton Year 11 LSw	Sports Club **Invite only** WPa/LSw Football Year 9 + 10 SBI/JMa 4.00pm - 5.00pm Football Year 11 JMa	Football Year 7 + 8 NFa and WPa Basketball **Paid Club Run by Bracknell Cobras**	7.45am - 8.30am Basketball All Years JMa and WPa
All clubs will run until 4.15pm unless stated.				

Spring Term

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 12 January	Year 10 Parents Evening
Tuesday 17th January	KAB Primary SEND Coffee Morning (see page 4 for booking)
Friday 20th January	KAO Primary SEND Coffee Morning (see page 4 for booking)
Thursday 26th January	Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 8th February	End of half term - normal finish time
Thursday 9th February	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Friday 10th February	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Monday 20th February	Start of new half term (all students in school)




BEAR CUBS

AGES 5 TO 10



FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH @4PM TO 5PM



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gems.4health@nhs.net

Learn More...



Access to our 'Learn More' animations

Covering a range of topics, our 'learn more' animations can be viewed at your own leisure and frequency once you have requested your link.

Please contact the GEMS Team on **01753 373244** or at **gems.4health@nhs.net** to obtain your link for any of the following topics

- **What Is Autism?**
- **Autism & Communication**
- **Autism & Sensory Difficulties**
- **Autism & Anxiety**
- **Autism & Navigating Services**
- **Autism & Practical Budgeting Skills**
- **What is ADHD?**
- **Managing ADHD**
- **ADHD: From Diagnosis to Management**



Activities

06/01/23 Slough- Big on Bouncing
 20/01/23 Online - Quiz
 03/02/23 Bracknell - Board Games
 17/02/23 Online - Origami
 03/03/23 Windsor - Pottery Painting - *Please note: Cost applicable*
 17/03/23 Online - Bingo

*Please note activities may be subject to change

Registration:
GEMS.4health@nhs.net
 0800 999 1342

Criteria:
 Children with or likely to have
 ADHD &/or Autism & living in
 East Berkshire



More Information: 0800 999 1342 WWW.GEMS4HEALTH.COM



King's Academy Binfield School Uniform and Appearance Policy; Years 7 to 11

King's Academy Binfield has a strict uniform policy and students are expected to correctly wear their uniform with pride at all times including on their way to and from school. Parents are also expected to uphold our uniform policy and ensure their children attend school neatly turned out and in full uniform.

Students not adhering to any aspect of this uniform policy, including our expectations on hair, will be kept out lessons until this is rectified.

All clothing should be clearly named.

No branded products may be worn for school.

Coats

Plain dark coloured, waterproof topcoats without motifs or writing on them; coats should be **plain black, navy blue or dark grey**. No denim, leather, suede jackets, tracksuit or hooded tops should be worn.

No outside wear; coats, scarves, gloves, hats etc may be worn in the building and peaked caps may not be worn to school.

Jewellery

One pair of small **plain gold or silver studs** (no stones) and one plain, non-fashion watch.

Only one **stud** should be worn in the **lobe** of each ear.

All other jewellery is inappropriate for school-wear and must not be worn. Retainers or covering of piercings will not be permitted, they must be removed.

Shoes

School shoes should be plain black, flat and logo-free. They must be leather or leather like (capable of being polished). Canvas shoes are not permitted. Trainers, boots, including ankle boots, toeless or backless shoes, suede and logos are not allowed at school. Shoes that are considered to be trainer-like in appearance are not allowed.

The Executive Principal will be the arbiter of what constitutes appropriate school shoes.

Blazer

KAB navy blue with KAB badge, available only from Stevensons

Trousers

These should be plain black, full-length, smart and tailored in a material appropriate for school-wear. The styles available for purchase at Stevensons serve as a guide to acceptable trousers. Stretch jersey, lightweight cotton, skinny or fashion trousers are not acceptable. Girls are permitted to wear trousers – but the above requirements apply.

Skirts

KAB tartan skirt to be **worn on or below the knee**. Available only from Stevensons.

Shirt

Plain white with a plain collar. The top button must be fastened. Long or short sleeved shirts are permitted.

Tie

KAB tie in 'House' colours; correctly tied. **The KAB badge must always sit directly under the knot.** Available only from Stevensons. NB: Students and parents will be informed of their houses in July.

Jumper

Optional KAB navy jumper with the school badge will be the only jumper permitted. To be worn underneath the blazer if required, but never instead of it. Available only from Stevensons.

Socks/tights

Plain black socks or black tights only. Girls may wear knee length or short socks or black tights with their skirts. Trainer socks may **not be** worn.

Bags

Bags should be large enough to hold all school equipment, including an A4 file. They should be waterproof, able to be fastened and a **plain, dark colour**. No logos or branding or coloured handbags are permitted.

Hairstyles

It is impossible to have rules for every situation that might arise with regard to hair. However, we do not allow 'extremes' with hairstyles and the Executive Principal will be the arbiter of what constitutes an extreme.

No extreme crops (minimum no. 2), shaved patterns/lines/partings or 'unnatural' colours are permitted. High fashion styles, often influenced by celebrities, especially for boys, are not allowed. For example, the difference in length between the top and the sides should not be in sharp contrast; styles need to be faded in very gradually. Any style which restricts the view of others in any way is not permitted. Hair which is longer than shoulder length must be tied back using elastic hair bands. Hair bands or slides should be completely plain in the student's hair colour, navy blue or black. Bows, flowers, scrunchies or other adornments are not permitted. Again, as with uniform, the support of parents is very much appreciated.

Make Up

Visible make up is not permitted at KIng's Academy Binfield.

Nail polish and acrylic/gel nails are not permitted and will need to be removed before attending lessons.



PE Kit

Compulsory PE Items

Students are only permitted to wear items that display the King's Academy Binfield branding.

All students are expected to wear the following which are only available **from Stevensons**.

Sports Shorts	Navy blue with KAB embroidery
Sports Skort (girls option instead of shorts)	Navy blue with KAB embroidery
Polo Shirt (fitted or loose)	Navy blue with sky coloured panel with KAB badge
Sports Socks	Navy blue with sky turnover

Other Essential Items:

Trainers

Plain, black or white and small logos only acceptable if unavoidable. Non-marking and suitable for all activities.

Football boots

Plain, ideally black, small logos only acceptable if unavoidable. For use on the 3G pitch so must be moulded, absolutely no metal studs permitted.

Regular players in the Year 7 football and rugby teams must have boots. It is essential by Year 8 that all have boots for their PE lessons.

Gum shields and shin pads

Required for many curriculum and afterschool activities.

Optional PE Items:

Students may choose to wear the following items, however only the KAB branded items, available only from Stevensons will be permitted.

Sports leggings	Navy blue with KAB embroidery.
Tracksuit pants	Navy blue with KAB embroidery.
Sports Training Top	Navy blue with sky coloured panel with KAB badge.

Further optional items of sportswear may be introduced in future years.