

King's Park Secondary School Information for Families and Friends



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HM Inspectorate of Education is now part of this new national body in Scottish education.

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of our school

As you know, a team of HM Inspectors from Education Scotland visited our school during the week beginning 6 February. The 3 week notice period leading up to inspection week was a very busy time for us, collecting all the information which the inspectors wanted to scrutinise, and arranging all the meetings and interviews with pupils, parents, staff and other partners. During the week, the inspectors observed 55 class lessons, spoke to many pupils (in class and in groups), and also to staff, partners and 2 groups of parents.

The inspectors' report to parents will be published on 27 March, and it will take the form of a letter to all parents, summarising what they found during the week. We should be able to let parents have the letter before the Spring Break

I am pleased to report that the Managing Inspector said I should let you know that we had a really positive inspection. All 8 inspectors said they were impressed with the warm welcome which they received, and with the achievements of your sons and daughters. They also commented favourably on the commitment of staff, on the wide range of partners, on the wide range of opportunities for young people to achieve, and on leadership.

All inspections produce action points for the school, and ours are around continuing to develop the curriculum, and continuing to develop self-evaluation processes and the monitoring of the achievements of all pupils.

If you were one of the 250 parents who were selected at random to complete a questionnaire, then thank you for completing it. Mrs Fiona Pate, the Managing Inspector, said that there was a high return rate. If you were one of the parents invited by the inspection team to take part in a meeting with Mr Ronald Jack, the Lay Member of the inspection team, then thank you for taking the time to attend and give your views. Thank you also to all the people from partner agencies who attended meetings to talk to inspectors about their links with our school.

Kind Regards

Mrs Margaret Barr
Head Teacher

Check out our website (News pages or Gallery pages) for stories and photos



Go4SET



Exchange Teacher



Competition



Scotland Counts



S6 Committees

Calendar Dates

1. Proposed School Holidays and In-Service Days 2012-13

The details of the proposed school holidays and in-service days have been posted on the Glasgow City Council web site. Go to:

<http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/GoingtoSchool/Holidays/holidaysfor2012to2013.htm>

2. Forthcoming (see school website for more)

FEBRUARY 2012

Thursday, 16th – Course Planning Evening for parents of S4 and S5 pupils

Friday, 17th – POSTPONED (company went out of business) Photographs – S5/6 – will be rescheduled for another date

Monday, 20th – Deadline for S4 Subject Choice forms

MARCH 2012

Thursday, 1st – S5/6 Full Reports issued

Monday, 5th – Deadline for S5 Subject Choice forms

Tuesday, 6th – Parent Council meeting

Thursday, 8th – Personalisation and Choice Evening – for parents of S2 pupils

Friday, 9th – S2 Full Reports issued

Tuesday, 13th – S2 Parents' Evening (1) – 4.15-6.15 pm (pupils whose surnames are in the first half of the alphabet)

Wednesday 14th – Deadline (1) for S2 Personalisation and Choice forms.

Wednesday 21st – S2 Parents' Evening (2) – 3.30-5.30 pm (pupils whose surnames are in the second half of alphabet)

Thursday 22nd – Deadline (2) for S2 Personalisation Choice forms

Thursday 22nd – S3 World of Work Day

Monday 26th – S3 Boys and Girls – DTP immunisation AND 3rd Dose HPV

Friday 30th – Close for Spring Holiday at 2.30 pm. See next page. NON-UNIFORM DAY. 50p FOR CHARITY

April 2012

Monday 16th – Return to school

Thursday 26th – Junior UKMT Mathematical Challenge

May 2012

Tuesday 1st – Parent Council meeting

Monday 7th – HOLIDAY – May Day

Friday 18th – S1 Full Reports issued

Wednesday 30th – P7 Induction Day for new S1 pupils – Day 1 of 2 AND Evening for Parents of P7 Pupils

Thursday 31st – P7 Induction Day for new S1 pupils – Day 2 of 2

Thursday 31st – S3 Full Reports issued

June 2012

Friday 1st – HOLIDAY – May Friday (postponed from last weekend, to link with Diamond Jubilee holiday on 5 June)

Monday 4th – HOLIDAY – May Monday (postponed from last weekend)

Tuesday 5th – HOLIDAY – Diamond Jubilee

Wednesday 6th – Inservice Day 5

Thursday 7th – New S5/6 pupils return to school

Friday 8th – Sports Day (or if wet today, then 15th June)

Monday 11th – S5 Induction Day

Tuesday 12th – S6 Induction Day

Thursday 14th – Prizegiving and Award Ceremonies

Monday 25th – Reward week

Wednesday 27th – School closes for summer at 1 pm. NON-UNIFORM DAY. 50p FOR CHARITY.



MOBILE PHONES

Parents – please support the enforcement of our mobile phone policy.

To prevent interruptions to teaching and learning, phones must be switched off in class (not on silent – actually switched off)

You can find the full policy on the school website – Home Page – Our School - Documents – Policy on Mobile Phones, MP3 Players and Other Electronic Devices. **OR** contact the school for a paper copy.

Parents of S1 pupils please note – different from Primary School

Friday 30 March 2012

The arrangements for the last day of term before Christmas and the Spring Break are:

8.55 am – School begins

12 noon – Pupils wishing to have lunch in the Fuel Zone may do so at 12 noon. Other pupils remain in class.

1.15 pm – Extended lunch break for all pupils until 2.30 pm. Pupils may leave school at 1.15 pm.

2.30 pm – School closes.

Some years ago, parents expressed concern that, on the last day of term, pupils might go home for lunch, then have to return to school for only an hour. They felt it would be safer if the morning were to be extended instead. We responded to their requests with the above arrangement.

So, the lunch break will be from 1.15 pm until 2.30 pm, when school will close. As well as giving you this information in the newsletter, we will explain the arrangements to pupils. They are very welcome to remain in school until 2.30 pm, because school does not close until then. Please let your child know whether they may leave school during the lunch break, or if you want them to remain in school until 2.30 pm.

Any pupil who wishes to have a school lunch will be released from class at 12 noon to have lunch, then will return to their class.