

King's Park Secondary School Information for Families and Friends



www.kingspark-sec.glasgow.sch.uk

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Check out our website (News pages or Gallery pages)
for stories and lots of photos about the following:



Intermediate 1 Biology class win the Young Team category of the South East 'Evening Times Community Champion Awards 2011'. Well done!



School Uniform 2011-12

Enclosed with this newsletter is some very important information about our school uniform.

Following extensive consultation with parents and pupils about how to make the school uniform look smarter, there will be a **strict** school uniform policy from August 2011.

Parents, we need your support.

With the help of pupils and the Parent Council, a range of clothing has been selected from **Marks and Spencer**, Argyle Street.

King's Park Secondary Uniform Evenings

There will be **FOUR** special evenings in the Argyle Street M&S, exclusively for parents of all pupils who will attend King's Park Secondary in 2011-12. Please see the attached information for full details.

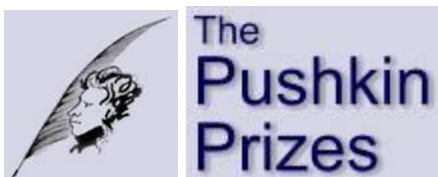
- Tue 7th June – 5 pm to 7 pm in M&S Argyle Street
- Wed 8th June – 5 pm to 7 pm in M&S Argyle Street
- Tue 14th June – 5 pm to 7 pm in M&S Argyle Street
- Mon 20th June – 5 pm to 7 pm in M&S Argyle Street

Representatives of M&S will also be in the school on Monday 6th June to attend the Parents' Evening for the new S1 intake in August 2011. School ties will also be on sale.

- Mon 6th June – 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm in King's Park Secondary



They talked their way to Brussels!



Rosemary Writes Her Way to Success

100% Attendance Since Primary 1?

Glasgow Education Services have asked us to give them names of all pupils who have had 100% attendance from starting school in Primary 1, until they leave.

100% attendance for your whole school career is a wonderful achievement, and it is right that there should be recognition and a reward.

It's not easy for us to find this information, so please help by giving us the name of any pupil who should receive this reward.

Please contact Mrs Barr at mbarr@kingspark-sec.glasgow.sch.uk or telephone 0141 582 0150.

School Calendar

Fri 27 May	Trip to Holland returns
Fri 27 May	Holiday – May weekend
Mon 30 May	Holiday – May weekend
Tue 31 May	Inservice Day for teachers
Mon 6 June	P7 visit Day 1 of 2
Tue 7 June	P7 visit Day 2 of 2
Wed 8 June	New S5/6 return to school
Thu 9 June	S3 Reports issued
Thu 9 June	Induction Day for new S5
Fri 10 June	Induction Day for new S6
Tue 14 June	Sports Day (or 21 June if wet)
Tue 14 June	Parent Council meeting
Wed 15 June	S6 Prom
Thu 16 June	2.00 pm – S1/2 Award Ceremony
Thu 16 June	7.30 pm - Senior (S3-6) Prize Giving Ceremony
Fri 18 June	Trip to Paris (18-23 June)
Sun 19 June	Residential Music Course at Castle Toward (19-23 June)
Tue 21 June	Sports Day (if 14 June was wet)
Thu 23 June	Glasgow Schools Orchestras Concert in City Halls
Fri 24 June	Close for summer at 1 pm. Non-uniform day 50p
Mon 15 August	Session 2011-12. Inservice Day 1 for teachers
Tue 16 August	Inservice Day 2 for teachers
Wed 17 August	Pupils return to school

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

There has been a recent increase in the numbers of measles cases in Scotland and the rest of the UK, mainly affecting younger adults. Many of the cases have been associated with recent travel abroad especially to France. A number of current measles outbreaks have been reported from France, Belgium, Spain and Switzerland.

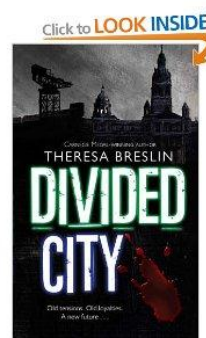
Measles is highly infectious and can be a dangerous illness. It spreads easily in schools, universities and summer camps. Those who are not fully immunised with two doses of MMR are most at risk of developing measles.

As we approach the time of year when many children and students are travelling abroad on summer trips and family holidays, NHS Boards are urging parents to protect their children against measles. If your child has missed out on two doses of MMR vaccine, please consider getting your child fully immunised with MMR before you travel abroad during the summer break. Please contact your GP or practice nurse to arrange vaccination as soon as possible.

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Fashion with Compassion and Mad Hatter's Tea Party



Youth Music Initiative



Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award



Scottish Space School



Spring Concert



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Dear Parents/Guardians

Parking and driving in the vicinity of King's Park Secondary School.

I write to inform you that concerns had been expressed by school staff, parents, Police and members of the public about child safety issues arising from inconsiderate (and at times, dangerous) parking as well as the manner of driving around the school during drop off and pick up times.

Although the school has parking restrictions in place, these are often ignored by drivers. Common problems include parents parking on double yellow lines, zigzags, corners, pavements and across school entrances. This clearly poses a grave risk to children who are being forced to walk on roads and cross roads between parked vehicles. Inconsiderate parking and poor driving also causes a danger to other pedestrians and drivers and can also lead to congestion, affecting local residents and other road users.

Can I ask that the following advice be considered by all drivers in and around the environs of your school.

- Park your vehicle legally and considerately.
- Be constantly vigilant for children and other pedestrians.
- Do not park within the confines of pedestrian crossings, bus stops, double yellow lines, near bends or junctions.
- Do not park on pavements as this causes an obstruction and difficulties for pedestrians.
- Do not obstruct resident's driveways or park in driveways without permission.
- Adhere to the speed limit and drive slowly in built up areas. Most schools have a 'Twenty's Plenty' policy in operation.
- Do not use mobile phones when driving.

Local Community Police Officers will, where possible, provide a high profile presence at drop off and pick up times. Consideration will be given to issuing any person found to be committing an offence with a fixed penalty ticket or reporting them to the Procurator Fiscal. This may result in the offending driver receiving a fine and/or the possibility of points on his or her driving licence.

We all hope to create a safer environment for pupils, parents, staff and the local community with less traffic congestion and improved visibility. Therefore, can I ask that anyone who observes inconsiderate parking or driving, please note the registration number and report the issue to the Police.

Your cooperation is appreciated

Inspector John Hunter
Inspector
Community Policing
Cathcart Police Office



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MESSAGE FROM MAUREEN MCKENNA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Here is a summary of Education Services' Key Achievements from Glasgow's Standards and Quality Report 2009-10

*The full report is available on
http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/YourCouncil/PolicyPlanning_Strategy/ServiceDepartments/Education/*

Our schools and early years centres continued to provide an outstanding range of opportunities for children and young people to achieve

- Overall levels of literacy and numeracy in primary and early secondary schools have remained steady. Commendably the proportion of children achieving national levels of attainment earlier than might normally be expected continues to increase.
- By the end of S4, attainment has improved. The gap between national performance and Glasgow's performance has closed.
- Attainment at Higher by the end of S5 has also increased. Particularly noteworthy is the increase in the proportion of young people achieving five or more Highers. The gap has closed between Glasgow's performance and the national performance.
- By the end of S6, the strong performance in 2009 has been maintained.
- Girls continue to perform better than boys. At Higher the gap widened between girls' performance and boys' performance.
- During 2009-10, HM Inspectors published reports on inspections of six early years' centres, 16 inspections of primary schools, five inspections of secondary schools and seven inspections of Additional Support for Learning (ASL) schools or units in Glasgow City. Ninety-three percent of the evaluations of the three quality indicators included in the Single Outcome Agreement were satisfactory or better. This was an improvement on the figure for 2008-09 which was 91%.
- Attendance in secondary schools continued to increase.
- Exclusions continued to decrease.
- School leaver destinations continued to improve with 84.3% achieving a positive destination.
- In 2010, Glasgow City Council won a quarter of the available Scottish Education Awards. Education Services gained a bronze and a silver award at the COSLA awards 2009/10. Two awards were gained at the 2010 Green awards. Glasgow City Council won the Education Award in the Herald Society Awards in 2010. Richard Glennie, a student from Hillpark Secondary School won the SQA Candidate of the Year in 2010 along with the Pride O'Worth prize for SQA.