

King's Park Secondary School Information for Families and Friends



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Mr John McKenzie

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you of the death of Mr John McKenzie, who has been a school technician in King's Park for many years. Although Mr McKenzie had been on sick leave for some time, he kept in touch with the school. He was a very helpful, professional and much-loved colleague. He will be sadly missed.

Houses

From August 2009 there will be changes to the Houses in King's Park.

- **Why are things changing?**
In 2005, Simshill and Holmlea Primary Schools were closed, and their pupils transferred to other schools. So the number of pupils in King's Park Secondary has fallen over the last 4 years. Therefore the number of staff is also gradually reduced. Next session there will be 4 PTs Pastoral Care and 4 Depute Head Teachers ... so there will be 4 Houses.
- **What will be the Houses?**
Arran, Lewis, Mull and Skye
- **What Houses will pupils be in?**
Pupils in Arran, Lewis, Mull and Skye will remain in the same house. Each of the Bute classes (the whole class) will change to another house. Some classes will transfer to Arran, some to Lewis, some to Mull and some to Skye. In the summer term this will be finalised.

Over the next few weeks, pupils will be consulted about how we can develop a stronger identity for each House.

Invitation – Thursday 12 March at 7 pm

Hopefully parents have received the invitation to the event on Thursday 12 March. Brian Boyd is a truly excellent speaker and you are sure to find the event informative and enjoyable. The invitation is open to all schools in the learning community. It will be held in King's Park Secondary's assembly hall, and we hope to see you there.

The Changing Curriculum in Scottish Schools – what does it mean for your child?



Guest speaker – Brian Boyd

Professor Brian Boyd worked in the Faculty of Education at the University of Strathclyde for 13 years after a career that saw him hold posts as headteacher, education officer and education adviser. He was a member of the Ministerial Review Group which produced the report 'A Curriculum for Excellence' in 2004. Brian is a co-founder of Tapestry, an organisation that promotes leading edge thinking about learning to Scotland.

From our website ...

**Engineering
Competition - King's
Park pupils best in the
West of Scotland.**

**Along with thousands
of others, King's Park
pupils went bananas
for FairTrade
recently.**



**In nationwide auditions with
almost 1,000 entries
throughout the UK, King's
Park made it through to the
final 10 in a TV competition.**

Additional Inservice Day – Monday 8 June 2009

To prepare for the changing curriculum – Curriculum for Excellence – all Scottish schools will have an additional three inservice days. We have just heard that the first one will be **Monday 8 June 2009**. Over the next two school sessions, there will be an additional inservice day each session. On Monday 8 June, school will be closed to pupils. The return to school date for senior pupils will now be Tuesday 9 June.

Calendar Update – also on our website

Deadline for S5 Subject Choice forms	Thursday 12 March
S2 Reports issued	Wednesday 18 March
Course Planning Evening – Parents of S2	Thursday 19 March
S2 Parents' Evening (1)	Wednesday 25 March
Deadline 1 for S2 Subject Choice forms	Friday 27 March
S2 Parents' Evening (2)	Tuesday 31 March
Deadline 2 for S2 Subject Choice forms	Thursday 2 April
Football and Netball Competitions	Tuesday 31 March to Thursday 2 April

Last day of school before Easter **Friday 3 April**

8.55 am – 1.15 pm	morning
1.15 pm – 2.30 pm	lunch break
2.30 pm	school closes

Pupils and staff return to School **Monday 20 April**

SQA Examinations start – Standard Grade	Friday 1 May
SQA Examinations start – Higher/Intermediate	Tuesday 5 May
Holiday	Monday 4 May
Inservice Day – school closed to pupils	Tuesday 5 May – <u>BUT PUPILS SITTING SQA EXAMS ON 5 MAY MUST ATTEND</u>
Leaver's Celebration	Wednesday 13 May at 2 pm
Plant Sale (Parent Council Fundraising Group)	Saturday 16 May
Holiday	Friday 22 May
Holiday	Monday 25 May
P7 induction days	Thursday 28 May and Friday 29 May
S1 Reports issued	Thursday 28 May
School Sports (provisional)	Thursday 4 June
ADDITIONAL INSERVICE DAY	Monday 8 June – school is closed to pupils <u>BUT PUPILS SITTING SQA EXAMS ON 8 JUNE MUST ATTEND</u>
New S5/6 return to school	Tuesday 9 June
S6 Prom	Thursday 11 June
S3 Reports issued	Wednesday 10 June
Summer Tea – invitation to local residents	Friday 12 June
Prizegiving and Award Ceremony	Thursday 18 June
Reward Week	Monday 22 June and all week
Last day of school before summer holiday	Friday 26 June. School closes at 1 pm.

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Return date for teachers	Thursday 13 August 2009
Return date for pupils	Monday 17 August