

# King's Park Secondary School



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## Welcome to Session 2010-11

*Dear All*

A very warm welcome back to all pupils, parents, families and friends of our school. Once again we have a special welcome for our new S1 pupils and their parents.

Many congratulations to all pupils who achieved success in their SQA examinations this year. May you build on these achievements in the future.

As always, we encourage parents to stay in close touch, and to contact us if you have any concerns. We would be delighted to see everyone at the annual general meeting of the Parent Forum on Tuesday 14 September.

We also wish to support pupils in matters related to their faith, so if your child is fasting during Ramadan, could you please return the reply slip in the letter at the end of this newsletter, so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

We are always looking for parents who are willing to join small focus groups, discussing various matters about school. If you are willing to help in this way, please contact me.

King's Park Secondary is a school to be proud of. Our values are Ambition, Equality, Hard Work, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. We work together, towards constant improvement, and this newsletter includes information about our school improvement plan. This year, we will focus especially on making our ethos of hard work even stronger. A strong work ethic is vital, and we rely heavily on your support and partnership in the promotion of high standards of work, dress, behaviour, attendance and timekeeping. Once again, thank you for your very valuable support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Margaret Barr  
Head Teacher



from  
**our school website**



School Video



**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Annual General Meeting  
of the Parent Forum**

**Tuesday 14 September 2010  
at 7 pm**

**More information soon!**



## Please Sign and Return

All pupils have received a pack of information for themselves and for parents. Parents are asked to complete and sign these. Pupils should return the 6 forms to Register Teachers as soon as possible, but by Friday 20 August at the latest please.

1. Pupil Records (white)
2. Annual Data Check (white). *Please indicate any changes of pupil details.*
3. Administration of Medicines (green)
4. Press Permission Form (yellow) *Please complete both sides*
5. Text Messaging information (lilac)
6. Parental Consent form for Educational Excursions (ivory)

The information pack also includes the following:

1. This newsletter
2. 'What We Expect of All Our Pupils' (pink)
3. 'Improving Action Against Bullying' (blue)

Thank you for your assistance.





## ONLINE BARGAINS + RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL!

If you make online purchases, you could join EASYFUNDRAISING.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/kpss](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/kpss) has links with over 2,000 famous retailers.

Once you sign up, you will receive regular information about special offers, and every purchase you make raises funds for the school.

EXAMPLE: For every £10 you spend on , the school will receive 25p!

For every £10 you spend on , the school will receive 50p!

You just need to remember to go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/kpss](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/kpss) first, then access your online store from there.

You can find out how to sign up on the school website – 'FUNDRAISING' menu.

## Equipment

It is essential that pupils come to school with the equipment which they need, eg pens, pencils, PE kit, etc. A small number of pupils are expecting these things to be provided for them and are taking no responsibility. This disrupts lessons and is unfair on everyone else. We are monitoring this regularly with Spot Checks in classrooms. This session we will take strong action, including detention, the removal of privileges, and parental interviews, with pupils who do not come to school properly equipped.

We seek your support in making sure pupils arrive at school with the necessary equipment. Thank you for your help.

School starts at 8.55 am every day, and we value your support in making sure that pupils arrive at school in plenty of time.

We need pupils to be in the playground before the bell rings at 8.55 am, because registration is a very important part of the day, and pupils must not be late.

***Pupils who are late or absent from school should bring a note from their parent. A phone call is helpful, but we must also have a written note which includes the date(s) of absence. Thank you.***

## A Vision for King's Park

We want King's Park Secondary to thrive as an

- ambitious,
- vibrant and
- caring community of learners
- and responsible citizens,

always working in partnership with others

- to improve and
- to meet the needs of every learner,

where resources, knowledge and skills are shared and used wisely,

and achievements are shared and celebrated.



## Our Aims

1. **ACHIEVEMENT AND ATTAINMENT.** To provide teaching and learning of a very high standard to motivate and enable all pupils to become confident individuals and achieve their full potential.
2. **FRAMEWORK FOR LEARNING.** To ensure a positive, inclusive ethos exists within the school to support staff and pupils in their teaching and learning and foster partnerships with parents and carers
3. **INCLUSION AND EQUALITY.** To develop a sense of equality and fairness, community spirit, understanding and tolerance enabling all pupils to feel valued and respected benefiting from the education provided.
4. **VALUES AND CITIZENSHIP.** To develop values and citizenship, in partnership with parents, to enable pupils to have respect for self and others and to interact appropriately as responsible citizens within the school environment and wider community
5. **LEARNING FOR LIFE.** To encourage pupils to be ambitious and creative by providing opportunities to equip them with the foundation skills, attitudes and expectations necessary to function successfully in a changing society.
6. **SUMMARY.** To equip all pupils to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

## A REMINDER OF OUR DRESS CODE – BLACK AND WHITE

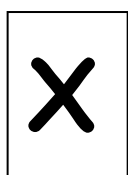
A reminder that school ties (£5) are on sale from the school office.

Thank you to parents/carers for your support in making sure that pupils come to school wearing the following:



- a **white** shirt or blouse
- a **black** skirt or trousers (Smart black trousers cropped, eg **to the knee**, are accepted, but shorts are not acceptable. A very short skirt is not acceptable.)
- **black** school zipped sweatshirt, or black cardigan, or v-neck jumper
- **school tie**. The tie must be clearly visible at all times
- **black** shoes

The following items are NOT acceptable:



- Clothing which is clearly unsuitable for a place of work, e.g. very short skirts, crop tops, leggings, shorts, very tight trousers, jeans, cargo pants, very brightly coloured and decorated shoes
- Jewellery and accessories which are unsuitable or constitute a health and safety hazard eg long pendant chains, large hooped earrings, heavy rings, diamante earrings, sequined or gold/silver belts, chains and studs.
- Heavy makeup and very bright or black nail varnish is also discouraged.
- Tracksuits, clothing made of flammable material
- Football colours
- Clothing promoting designer brands, drugs or alcohol.
- Pupils should remove all outdoor jackets in class, as well as anything not conforming to the guidelines for school uniform, eg bright colours, striped tops.



**We do not endorse any particular shop for school uniform. However, please do not buy unsuitable clothing which is sold in some supermarkets, labelled as school uniform, eg very short black skirts, tight trousers, blouses which are unsuitable for a school tie, etc.**

**Some of the school skirts on sale in Marks and Spencer are of a suitable length.**

**Customer reviews are given online – [www.marksandspencer.com](http://www.marksandspencer.com), then Kids, then School Uniform.**

**They have a '3 for 2 + free delivery' offer until September. They also sell stylish blazers.**

# Our School Improvement Plan 2010-11

School Improvement Planning is carried out on a 3-year cycle, and August 2010 marks the beginning of a new 3-year cycle. The School Improvement Plan has been prepared and if you would like a copy, please contact Mrs Barr. Our school priorities are given below.

## Curriculum for Excellence

Our main focus for the next 3 years will be the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence. Curriculum for Excellence isn't only about the courses (Experiences and Outcomes in Languages, Mathematics, Expressive Arts, Health and Wellbeing, Religious and Moral Education, Sciences, Social Studies and Technologies); it's much wider than that. It is also about building a curriculum which gives:

- Challenge and enjoyment
- Breadth
- Progression
- Depth
- Personalisation and choice
- Coherence
- Relevance



... and which develops the following capacities in children and young people: that they should develop into:

- Successful learners
- Confident individuals
- Responsible citizens
- Effective contributors

We are going to focus on:

- Further extending Active learning (making sure that pupils are actively engaged in the learning, not passive)
- Interdisciplinary learning (pupils taking part in activities which involve several subjects, and which help them understand the relevance)
- Literacy across learning (literacy is important in all subjects, and we all have a responsibility for it)
- Numeracy across learning (likewise with Numeracy)
- Health and wellbeing across learning (likewise with Health and Wellbeing)

We are also going to work on assessment, using as wide a range as possible.

Other important priorities are:

**Promoting a Positive Learning Climate – building on our existing good ethos, and improving it further**

**Improving Attainment further, eg the number of pupils gaining 5 Highers**

**Improving the number of pupils involved in the wide range of opportunities on offer. Creating a record of each pupil's achievements.**

We are always keen to hear your views about our priorities. Please contact Mrs Barr for a chat.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The school calendar for Session 2009-2010 is on the school website, and is kept updated.  
Several dates are still to be added.

## August 2010

Thursday, 12th - In Service Day  
Friday, 13th - In Service Day  
Monday, 16th - Pupils Return to School  
Friday, 27th - Higher Education Fair (S5/6)

## September 2010

Monday, 13th - HPV Immunisation - 1st Dose  
Tuesday, 14th - Parent Forum - Annual General Meeting  
Friday, 24th - HOLIDAY  
Monday, 27th - HOLIDAY

## October 2010

Friday, 08th - S1 Interim Reports issued  
Friday, 08th - School closes at 3.15 pm for October holiday  
Monday, 18th - In Service Day  
Tuesday, 19th - Pupils return after October Break  
Monday, 25th - HPV Immunisation - 2nd dose  
Friday, 29th - S4 Interim Reports issued

## November 2010

Wednesday, 03rd - S4 Parents' Evening : 3.30 pm until 5.30 pm  
Monday, 08th - S4 Work Experience Week  
Friday, 12th - S5/6 Interim Reports issued  
Tuesday, 23rd - S5/6 Parents' Evening: 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm  
Friday, 26th - S3 Interim Reports issued

## December 2010

Wednesday, 08th - S1 Parents' Evening: 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm  
Friday, 10th - S2 Interim Reports issued  
Mon/Tue 19/20 to be confirmed – S1 and S2 Christmas Ceilidhs (afternoon)  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – S3/4 Christmas Ceilidh evening  
Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> – S5/6 Christmas Ceilidh evening  
Thursday, 23rd - Last Day of School until the New Year

## January 2011

Wednesday, 05th - Return to School  
Thursday, 06th - S4 Prelims begin  
Thursday, 20th - S3 Parents' Evening: 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm  
Wednesday, 26th - S5/6 Prelims begin

## February 2011

Tuesday, 08th - S4 Full Reports issued  
Friday, 11th - ADDITIONAL INSERVICE DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS  
Monday, 14th - HOLIDAY  
Tuesday, 15th - HOLIDAY  
Wednesday, 16th - In Service Day  
Thursday, 24th - Deadline for S4 Subject Choice forms

## March 2011

Friday, 04th - S5/6 Full Reports issued  
Monday, 07th - Deadline for S5 Subject Choice forms  
Monday, 14th - S2 Full Reports issued  
Thursday, 17th - S2 Parents' Evening (1): 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm  
Friday, 18th - Deadline 1 for S2 Subject Choice forms  
Tuesday, 22nd - S2 Parents' Evening (2): 4.15 pm - 6.15 pm  
Wednesday, 23rd - Deadline 2 for S2 Subject Choice forms

## April 2011

Friday, 01st - Close for Spring Holiday  
Monday, 18th - Return to school

## May 2011

Monday, 02nd - HOLIDAY  
Tuesday, 03rd - SQA examinations begin  
Wednesday, 04th - S3 Assessments fortnight  
Tuesday, 24th - S1 Full Reports issued  
Friday, 27th - HOLIDAY  
Monday, 30th - HOLIDAY  
Tuesday, 31st - In Service Day

## June 2011

Thursday, 09th - S3 Full Reports issued  
Thursday, 16th - Prizegiving and Award Ceremony  
Monday, 20th - Reward Week  
Friday, 24th - School Closes for the Summer



## Applying for the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge

### Talk for Pupils and Parents on Thursday 26 August at 7.30 pm

We were pleased to receive an invitation from Dr Kenneth Grieg, the rector of Hutchesons' Grammar School. They are hosting a talk 'Oxford University Explained', and extend an invitation to any of our S5 or S6 pupils who would like to attend, along with their parents.

### 'Oxford University Explained' Thursday 26 August at 7.30 pm

### Fotheringay Auditorium, G41 4LA

Felicity Long, who is a Student Recruitment Assistant at the University of Oxford, will be speaking about the university, explaining the application process and answering questions. We understand that the talk will also be of value to those who are interested in the University of Cambridge.

The talk will take place at 7.30pm in the Fotheringay Auditorium, situated in the former church at the corner of Beaton Road and Fotheringay Road, Glasgow G41 4LA. There is on-street parking in the vicinity.

## If you plan to attend the event, please let Mrs Barr know by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

**August**, so that we can let Hutchesons' know how many people to expect. There is no charge for the event.



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Learning Community Website  
[www.scottishschools.info/KingsParkNLC](http://www.scottishschools.info/KingsParkNLC)

**Depute Head Teachers**  
Mr Tom Feasby  
Mrs Margaret Logan  
Miss Lilian Marshall  
Mrs Maura Thomson



16 August 2009

To the parents of pupils who may be fasting during Ramadan

Dear Parent/Carer

### **RAMADAN – 2010 ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

In King's Park Secondary we wish to support pupils and staff in matters related to their faith.

During Ramadan, we arrange a prayer room for the use of pupils and staff who wish to pray during the lunch break. We also adjust the arrangements for PE for pupils who are fasting.

All pupils are still expected to bring PE kit. However, if they are fasting, they should tell the PE teacher know how much exercise they feel able to take during that day's lesson.

If your child is fasting during Ramadan, please complete the reply slip below and return it to the school office as soon as possible, but by Friday 20 August at the latest.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact me. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Margaret Barr  
Head Teacher

### **RAMADAN 2010**

Name of Pupil ..... Class .....

The above pupil will be fasting during Ramadan. I understand that they must still bring PE kit, but that they should tell the PE teacher how much exercise they feel able to take during that day's lesson.

Signature of Parent/Carer ..... Date .....

**PLEASE RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 20 AUGUST 2010.**