

King's Park Secondary School



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Welcome to Session 2011-12

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 6 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 continue our focus 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, school uniform, behaviour, attendance and timekeeping. Once again, thank you for your very valuable support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Margaret Barr
Head Teacher



from our school website



**The World of Personal Reading
Award Ceremony**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
Annual General Meeting of the Parent Forum
Tuesday 6 September 2011 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 Monday 22 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)
4. Promoting a Positive Learning Climate (Merit system for S1-3)



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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 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 REMINDER OF OUR DRESS CODE – BLACK AND WHITE

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

Thank you to pupils and parents/carers who took part in the consultation about how to make our school uniform much smarter. As requested, we have a recommended supplier – Marks and Spencer. Pupils and parents/carers have selected the following items.

Thank you for your support in making sure that your children come to school wearing full school uniform, and not fashion clothing.

BOYS' UNIFORM

- School tie
- Plain white school shirt which buttons up to the neck - short or long sleeves
- Black school trousers
- Trousers must be black school trousers, for example Marks and Spencer T764620D or T763600B. Pupils are not permitted to wear tight trousers, leggings, shorts, cargo pants or fashion trousers of any kind.
- Black socks
- Plain black school shoes, or plain black boots suitable for school
- Black v-neck school sweater or black school cardigan or black plain zipper
- Following recommendations from the pupils, a hooded sweatshirt for outdoor wear will be permitted, ONLY if it is plain black with a full-length zip, so that the tie can be seen at all times. Like all outdoor garments, it must be removed in class.



GIRLS' UNIFORM

- School tie
- Plain white school blouse which buttons up to the neck – long, short or ¾ sleeve. This must not be a fashion blouse.
- Black school trousers or plain black school skirt which **MUST** be knee length.
- Girls must wear the Marks and Spencer school skirt T760112R or a very similar knee length box pleat school skirt. We will not permit short skirts, short tube skirts, stretch skirts or fashion skirts of any kind.
- Trousers must be black school trousers, for example Marks and Spencer T761237 or T761225.
- Pupils are not permitted to wear tight trousers, leggings, shorts, cargo pant, or fashion trousers of any kind.
- Black v-neck school sweater or black v-necked school cardigan or black plain zipper.
- Plain black or white socks or plain black or natural tights.
- Plain black school shoes, or plain black boots suitable for school
- Following recommendations from the pupils, a hooded sweatshirt for outdoor wear will be permitted, ONLY if it is plain black with a full-length zip, so that the tie can be seen at all times. Like all outdoor garments, it must be removed in class.



BLAZER-STYLE JACKETS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

- For S1-S4 – a black M & S fitted **blazer**-style jacket is **RECOMMENDED**.
- For S5/6 – a black M&S fitted blazer-style jacket is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**.
- A high standard of uniform will be expected from all pupils who wish to join the Senior School of King's Park Secondary, because senior pupils are role models for the younger pupils and representatives of the school.



~~Fashion
Clothing
of any
kind~~

MAKE-UP/JEWELLERY/HAIR/ACCESSORIES

- Light make-up only is permitted
- Jewellery should be kept to an absolute minimum.
- For girls who wish to wear a headband, a small plain black or white one will be permitted.
- The uniform should not be accessorised with gold/silver belts, chains, studs, etc.

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.

Our School Improvement Plan 2011-12

In August 2010 we began a new 3-year cycle of improvement planning, and this continues during session 2011-12. 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 continues to 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**
- **Meeting the needs of all learners. Promoting employability skills in all young people.**
- **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 2011-12 is on the school website, and is kept updated. Several dates are still to be added.

August 2011

Monday, 15th - In Service Day 1
Tuesday, 16th - In Service Day 2
Wednesday, 17th - Pupils Return to School

September 2011

Tuesday, 06th - Parent Forum - Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 08th - Photographs S1 and S4
Wednesday, 21st - Higher Education Fair (S5/6)
Friday, 23rd - HOLIDAY - September Friday
Monday, 26th - HOLIDAY - September Monday

October 2011

Friday, 14th - S1 Interim Reports issued
Friday, 14th - School closes at 3.15 pm for October holiday
Monday, 24th - In Service Day 3
Tuesday, 25th - Pupils return after October Break

November 2011

Friday, 04th - S4 Interim Reports issued
Thursday, 10th - S4 Parents' Evening 3.30 pm until 5.30 pm
Monday, 14th - S4 Work Experience Week
Thursday, 17th - Skills Scotland Event for S3 pupils
Friday, 18th - S5/6 Interim Reports issued
Thursday, 24th - Open Evening (for P6 and P7 and parents)
Wednesday, 30th - S5/6 Parents' Evening: 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm

December 2011

Friday, 02nd - S3 Interim Reports issued
Wednesday, 07th - Christmas Concert
Tuesday, 13th - S1 Parents' Evening: 4.15 pm - 6.15 pm
Friday, 16th - S2 Interim Reports issued
Monday, 19th - Christmas Ceilidhs this week
Thursday, 22nd - Senior Ceilidh
Friday, 23rd - Last Day of School until the New Year. Non-uniform day. 50p to charity

January 2012

Monday, 09th - Return to School
Monday, 09th - S4 Prelims begin
Monday, 23rd - S3 Parents' Evening: 4.15 pm - 6.15 pm
Wednesday, 25th - S5/6 Prelims begin

February 2012

Friday, 10th - S4 Full Reports issued
Monday, 13th - HOLIDAY - February Monday
Tuesday, 14th - HOLIDAY - February Tuesday
Wednesday, 15th - In Service Day 4
Friday, 17th - Photographs S5/6
Monday, 20th - Deadline for S4 Subject Choice forms

March 2012

Thursday, 01st - S5/6 Full Reports issued
Monday, 05th - Deadline for S5 Subject Choice forms
Friday, 09th - S2 Full Reports issued
Tuesday, 13th - S2 Parents' Evening (1): 4.15 pm - 6.15 pm
Wednesday, 14th - Personalisation and Choice Evening - for Parents of S2 pupils
Wednesday, 14th - Deadline 1 for S2 Personalisation and Choice forms
Wednesday, 21st - S2 Parents' Evening (2): 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm
Thursday, 22nd - Deadline 2 for S2 Personalisation and Choice forms
Friday, 30th - Close for Spring Holiday. Non-uniform day. 50p to charity.

April 2012

Monday, 16th - Return to school

May 2012

Monday, 07th - HOLIDAY - May Day
Friday, 18th - S1 Full Reports issued
Thursday, 31st - S3 Full Reports issued

June 2012

Friday, 01st - HOLIDAY - May Friday
Monday, 04th - HOLIDAY - May Monday
Tuesday, 05th - HOLIDAY - Diamond Jubilee
Wednesday, 06th - In Service Day 5
Thursday, 14th - Prizegiving and Award Ceremony
Monday, 25th - Reward Week
Wednesday, 27th - School Closes for the Summer. Non-uniform day. 50p to charity.



Applying for the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge?

Talk for Pupils and Parents on Friday 26 August at 11.30 am

We were pleased to receive an invitation from Hutchesons' Grammar School. Dr Anne Mullan, admissions tutor for St Anne's College Oxford, is giving a talk 'Oxford University Explained'. Hutcheson's Grammar extend an invitation to any of our S5 or S6 pupils who would like to attend, along with their parents.

'Oxford University Explained' Friday 26 August 11.30 am – 12.30 pm Hutcheson's Grammar School

Dr Mullan will explain the application process and will answer questions. We understand that the talk will also be of value to those who are interested in the University of Cambridge.

Pupils/parents wishing to attend should contact Mrs Barr by Monday 22nd August,

so that we can let Hutcheson's know how many people to expect.

There is no charge for the event.

The University of Oxford has already welcomed King's Park pupils, and in one case, sent us a letter complimenting the young man and thanking us for sending him to Oxford!



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Miss Lilian Marshall
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17 August 2011

To the parents of pupils who may be fasting during Ramadan

Dear Parent/Carer

RAMADAN – 2011 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 Monday 22 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 2011

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 MONDAY 22 AUGUST 2011.