

# King's Park Secondary School



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## Welcome to Session 2012-13

### 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 4 September.

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 the school.

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 a reminder of our proposed school improvement plan priorities. In addition to continuing the development of Curriculum for Excellence courses and preparing for the new National Qualifications, we will continue to develop self-evaluation and leadership of pupils and staff. 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

Tom Feasby  
Acting Head Teacher



from  
our school  
website



**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – ALL PARENTS WARMLY INVITED**  
**Annual General Meeting of the Parent Forum**  
**Tuesday 4 September 2012 at 7 pm**  
**In the Assembly Hall**



## 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 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)
- S4/5/6 pupils should also return the Pupil Contact Sheet

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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### 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 REMINDER OF OUR DRESS CODE

### BOYS' UNIFORM

- School tie (on sale from the school office - £5)
- Plain white school shirt which buttons up to the neck - short or long sleeves
- Black school trousers
- *Trousers must be black school trousers, eg Marks and Spencer T764620D or T763600B. Boys are not permitted to wear tight trousers, leggings, shorts, jeans, 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
- OUTDOOR WEAR - 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. Pupils should not wear brightly coloured sweatshirts in school.

### GIRLS' UNIFORM

- School tie (on sale from the school office - £5)
- 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, eg Marks and Spencer T761237 or T761225. Girls are not permitted to wear tight trousers, leggings, shorts, jeans, cargo pants, 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 or plain black wellington boots suitable for school
- OUTDOOR WEAR - 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. Pupils should not wear brightly coloured sweatshirts in school.

### BLAZER-STYLE JACKETS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

- For S1-S4 – a black M & S fitted **blazer**-style jacket (or very similar garment) is **RECOMMENDED**.
  - For S5 – a black M&S fitted blazer-style jacket (or very similar garment) is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**.
  - For S6 – a black M&S fitted blazer-style jacket (or very similar garment) is **EXPECTED**.
- 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.

Skirt from M&S, or other box-pleated knee-length school skirt.

<b>T76 0112R</b>	black	Traditional Pleated Skirt with Adjustable Waist and Permanent Pleats		age 11, 12, 13, 14	£12
				age 15, 16, waist 28in, 29in, 30in, 31.5in	£15 £15 £15
		SCHOOL SKIRT MUST BE KNEE LENGTH			



Blazer from M&S, or other similar plain black blazer suitable for school



**T76 7503**  
Senior Girls'  
Classic Tailored  
Fit Blazer  
£22 - £26



**T76 7009**  
Boys' Classic  
Tailored Fit  
Senior Blazer  
£22 - £26

## OUR DRESS CODE continued

### HATS AND CAPS

- Pupils may wish to wear these in winter on the way to school, but they must be removed when in the school building.

### 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.

### OUTDOOR CLOTHING

- It is essential that all outdoor clothing is removed, immediately on entering the classroom.

### PE KIT

- **INDOORS** – training shoes, navy t-shirt or polo shirt and shorts (or black shorts and black or white t-shirt or polo shirt)
- **OUTDOORS** – suitable clothing for cold and possibly wet weather, including track suit bottoms. However tracksuits are only permissible from October until March. Indoor kit must also be brought.
- **SWIMMING** – suitable swimwear. For example girls should wear a one-piece swimsuit or modest two-piece swimsuit, not a bikini.
- Pupils must bring PE kit for every single lesson. Even if they are injured and unable to take part fully in the lesson, they may be able to participate in a modified activity, and will be able to assist the teacher, eg with timekeeping. It is essential that they are dressed in PE kit.



**Navy, White or Black T-Shirt or Polo Shirt**

**Navy or Black Shorts or a Skort**



T761012

**SKORT – OPTION for PE ONLY**  
Cross between cycling shorts and a skirt



**Fashion clothing of any kind**

## 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,



# Our School Improvement Plan 2012-13

Our priorities for session 2012-13 onwards take account of:

- Recommendations from HM Inspectors from Education Scotland, who inspected our school in February.
- National developments in Curriculum for Excellence, and the new National Qualifications
- Our continued focus on meeting the needs of every learner
- Our continued focus on improvement.

A draft School Improvement Plan has been prepared and if you would like a copy, please contact the head teacher. Our school priorities are given below. We welcome your comments on these priorities.

## 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:

- Developing S3 courses to complete the broad general education.
- Preparing for the senior phase
- Developing a strategy for partnership working.
- Developing Literacy across learning, Numeracy across learning, and Health and wellbeing across learning
- Developing the transition from primary school
- Tracking and profiling

Other important priorities are:

- **Meeting the needs of all learners.** Promoting employability skills in all young people. Differentiation. Personal support. Positive support. More choices, more chances. Improving the engagement of parents.
- **Improvement through self-evaluation and leadership.** Further develop self-evaluation and leadership in staff and pupils.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The school calendar for session 2012-13 is on the school website, and is kept updated. Several dates are still to be added.

## August 2012

Monday, 13th - In Service Day 1

Tuesday, 14th - In Service Day 2

Wednesday, 15th - Pupils Return to School

## September 2012

Sunday, 02nd - GSSO Concert in City Halls

Tuesday, 04th - Parent Forum - Annual General Meeting

Friday, 21st - HOLIDAY - September Friday

Monday, 24th - HOLIDAY - September Monday

Tuesday, 25th - Inservice Day (Curriculum for Excellence)

Thursday, 27th - UCAS Information Evening for Parents

## October 2012

Monday, 01st - S2 Girls - 1st dose HPV/MMR

Friday, 12th - S1 Interim Reports issued

Friday, 12th - School closes at 3.15 pm for October holiday

Monday, 22nd - In Service Day 3

Tuesday, 23rd - Pupils return after October Break

## November 2012

Friday, 02nd - S4 Interim Reports issued. Eid Party (6.30 pm)

Thursday, 08th - S4 Parents' Evening 3.30 pm until 5.30 pm

Monday, 12th - S4 Work Experience Week

Thursday, 15th - Open Evening (for P6 and P7 and parents)

Friday, 16th - Children in Need (50p for non-uniform)

Friday, 16th - S5/6 Interim Reports issued

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> - Inservice Day (Curriculum for Excellence)

Thursday, 22nd - S2 Girls - 2nd Dose HPV

Wednesday, 28th - S5/6 Parents' Evening: 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Friday, 30th - S3 Interim Reports issued

## December 2012

Wednesday, 05th - Christmas Concert

Tuesday, 11th - S1 Parents' Evening: 4.15 pm - 6.15 pm

Thursday, 13th - Swimming Gala at Castlemilk Pool

Friday, 14th - S2 Interim Reports issued

Monday, 17th - Christmas Ceilidhs this week

Thursday, 20th - Senior Ceilidh

Friday, 21st - Last Day of School until the New Year

## January 2013

Monday, 07th - Return to School S4 Prelims begin

Monday, 21st - S3 Parents' Evening: 4.15 pm - 6.15 pm

Wednesday, 23rd - S5/6 Prelims begin

## February 2013

Friday, 08th - S4 Full Reports issued

Monday, 11th - HOLIDAY - February Monday

Tuesday, 12th - HOLIDAY - February Tuesday

Wednesday, 13th - In Service Day 4

Thursday, 14th - Course Planning Evening - for Parents of S4 and S5 pupils

Monday, 18th - Deadline for S4 Subject Choice forms

Thursday, 28th - S5/6 Full Reports issued

## March 2013

Monday, 04th - Deadline for S5 Subject Choice forms

Wednesday, 06th - Personalisation and Choice Evening - for Parents of S2 pupils

Friday, 08th - S2 Full Reports issued

Tuesday, 12th - S2 Parents' Evening (1): 4.15 pm - 6.15 pm

Thursday, 14th - Deadline 1 for S2 Personalisation and Choice forms

Wednesday, 20th - S2 Parents' Evening (2): 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Thursday, 21st - DTP Booster/Mop Up HPV

Friday, 22nd - Deadline 2 for S2 Personalisation and Choice forms

Monday, 25th - 3rd Dose HPV/MMR

Monday, 25th - S1 S2 and S3 Football and Netball Competitions this week

Thursday, 28th - School closes for Spring Holiday .. NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR CHARITY

## April 2013

Tuesday, 02nd - EASTER REVISION CLASSES (2nd - 12th April)

Monday, 15th - Return to school

Thursday, 25th - S4 last day before SQA Study Leave

## May 2013

Friday, 03rd - S3 Full Reports issued

Monday, 06th - HOLIDAY - May Day

Tuesday, 07th - S5/6 last day before SQA Study Leave

Wednesday, 08th - S5/6 Graduation Ceremony

Friday, 17th - S1 Full Reports issued

Friday, 24th - HOLIDAY - May Friday

Sunday, 26th - HOLIDAY - May Monday

Tuesday, 28th - In Service Day 5

## June 2013

Thursday, 06th - New S5/6 Return to School

Friday, 07th - Sports Day (or 14 June if wet)

Monday, 10th - S5 Induction Day

Tuesday, 11th - S6 Induction Day

Thursday, 13th - Prizegiving and Award Ceremony

Wednesday, 26th - School Closes for the Summer .. NON UNIFORM DAY FOR CHARITY

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our school  
website



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**Great Scottish Run**



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> JUNIOR MILE

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George Square, G  
Entry Form

Be part of Scotland's leading Junior as  
take advantage of half price entry for  
Council pupils!

This year we are moving race day in to 1  
city - George Square. We will have a fun  
week to join in. Be safe and there will be  
come and try sports, some famous face

