

# King's Park Secondary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

Last session we spent a lot of time consulting everyone about how to make the school uniform look much smarter.

I am delighted to confirm that the standard of dress code in school is now excellent, and our young people look very professional, and ready to work. Please keep supporting us. A reminder of the dress code is on the back of this newsletter.

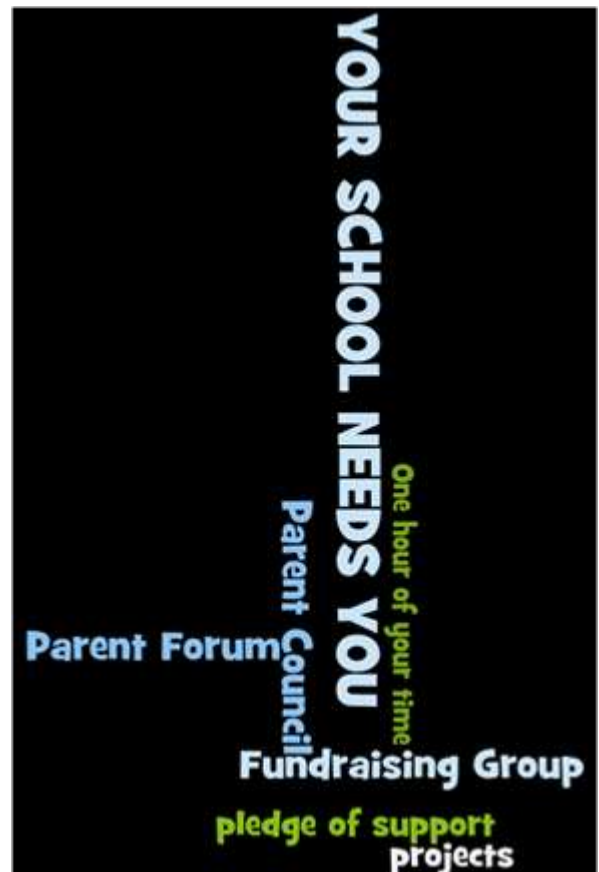
Kind Regards  
Mrs Margaret Barr  
Head Teacher

## Sexual Health and Relationships Education

Information Evening for Parents  
Wednesday  
21 September 2011 at 7 pm

Along with other Glasgow schools, King's Park will follow a new Sexual Health and Relationships Education programme within PSE (personal and social education). This has been evaluated very highly by young people, parents and staff.

Within the next few weeks, all parents will receive an information pack.  
Please come along to the information evening to see the resources and learn more about the programme.



**Reminder –**

**Annual General Meeting of the Parent Forum (that means you!) on Tuesday 6 September at 6.45 pm in the school assembly hall. Hope to see you there.**

# 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 by parents, 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.



## 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.

## Dress Code

On page 2 we give a reminder of our school dress code, which we expect all pupils to follow.

As usual, there will be a maximum of 5 non-uniform days this session. Pupils who wish to be out of uniform on those days should bring 50p each for charity.

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November (Children in Need)
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December (last day before Christmas holiday)
- Date to be confirmed – Sport Relief
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March (last day before Spring Break)
- Wednesday 27 June (last day before Summer)

At all other times, pupils must wear full school uniform.

## UCAS INFORMATION EVENING



**Wednesday  
28 September 2011 at 7 pm**

The parents of senior pupils who have expressed an interest in a university or college education will receive a letter inviting them to our UCAS Information Evening. The focus of the meeting will be to provide families with as much information as possible regarding the UCAS applications process, and to look at practical ways in which parents can support sons and daughters through the initial stages of a college or university education.

At this event, there will be presentations from Skills Development Scotland staff, the school, and the University of the West of Scotland schools liaison team.

However, we know that there are many younger pupils who are aiming for university or college, and we would be delighted to welcome their parents also.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Holidays During Term Time

Children should attend school for 190 days each year, and every day is important. Please help them not to miss any of this valuable time. We hope that the answers to your questions below will show that your child's education is too important to take holidays during term time.

#### 1. Can I take my child on holiday during term time?

As a parent/carer, you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by, whenever possible, taking your holidays during school holidays.

#### 2. Will the school let me take my child away during term time?

Guidelines from the Scottish Executive indicate that a family holiday may only be authorised by the school if permission is sought from the school in advance, and the holiday is 'judged to be important to the well-being and cohesion of the family, following serious or terminal illness, bereavement or other traumatic causes'. The school will carefully consider parental requests, but the holiday will be authorised only in exceptional circumstances.

#### 3. What happens if the school does not agree?

If the school does not agree, your child's absence will be marked as "unauthorised" in the school register, in the same category as truancy.

#### 4. Why shouldn't I take my child away during term time?

- It is important that children attend school regularly if they are to benefit from the learning opportunities provided.
- While the child is on holiday, the remainder of the class continue to be taught by the teacher, studying new topics and revising. Children who are absent from school due to a holiday in term time will miss out on important learning. They may never catch up. This will have an adverse impact on their progress and on their examination results.
- Teachers will not be able to provide work in advance, unless the holiday is authorised by the school. Teachers have a fixed amount of time to spend with pupils and try to use it wisely. They will always do their best to support pupils who have been absent through illness, or have been on an educational activity arranged with the approval of the school. Time spent in helping a child catch up after a holiday is time which is taken away from other pupils.

#### 5. Who can I speak to about this?

Please contact Pastoral Care staff or senior staff if you wish to discuss this issue.

# Calendar Dates

## 1. Proposed School Holidays and In-Service Days 2012-13

The details of the proposed school holidays and in-service days have been posted on the Glasgow City Council web site. Go to:

<http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/GoingtoSchool/Holidays/holidaysfor2012to2013.htm>

## 2. Forthcoming (see school website for more)

### September 2011

Tuesday, 06th - Parent Forum - Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 08th - Photographs - S1 and S4

Tuesday, 13th - Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, 21st - Higher Education Convention (S5/6)

Wednesday, 21st – Sexual Health and Relationships Education Information Evening for Parents

Friday, 23rd - HOLIDAY - September Friday

Monday, 26th - HOLIDAY - September Monday

Wednesday, 28th - UCAS Information Evening for Parents

### October 2011

Monday, 03rd - S2 Girls - 1st dose HPV

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

Wednesday, 26th - Leavers' Event for Schools in South Glasgow

### November 2011

Friday, 04th - S4 Interim Reports issued

Thursday, 10th - S4 Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30 pm

Monday, 14th - S4 Work Experience Week

Thursday, 17th - Skills Scotland Event for S3 pupils

Friday, 18th - S5/6 Interim Reports issued

Monday, 21st - S2 Girls - 2nd Dose HPV

Thursday, 24th - Open Evening (for P6 and P7 and parents)

Wednesday, 30th - S5/6 Parents' Evening: 3.30-5.30 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



## MOBILE PHONES

**Parents – please support us to enforce our mobile phone policy. To prevent interruptions to teaching and learning, phones must be switched off in class (not on silent – switched off)**



## Rewards

**In order to receive rewards, eg attendance at school dances and other privileges, pupils must meet the following criteria:**

**Minimum 90% attendance  
Maximum of 5 latecomings  
Good behaviour record - we will look at the number of Merits and Demerits**