

YEAR 9 PARENTS' INFORMATION Evening.

WELCOME!

# The House System and Kings'

# HEADS OF HOUSE





# OUR OVERALL VISION

- Fostering a sense of pride,
- belonging and community
- among students, staff and
- parents to cultivate an
- environment in which House is
- at the heart of the school and
- aligns with the school values.

# **EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER**

#### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE





**INSPIRING FUTURES** 







# WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- Over 100 different clubs and activities throughout the year.
- Clubs before and after school, as well as during lunch.
- Opportunities to try lots of new and exciting things.

- **Sports** from archery football Quidditch
- **Subject-based clubs** (Science, creative maths, debate, etc)
- Clubs to aid students (Homework club, Peace and Quiet club)
- **Cultural Enrichment Clubs** (KedEx, World Food Demonstration, etc)
- Activities (Steel Band, School Production, Knitwits).



# The House System

- Four Houses
- Take part in events and competitions
- Recognition events
- Activities days
- Sports day
- House Cup
- Credit Cup





# BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Inclusion in Kings' Community
- Involvement and ownership of achievements
- Improved relationships for learning
- Opportunities for further enrichment activities
- Also, it's free!



## House Events





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# Other House Events

- Bench ball
- Karaoke
- Softball
- Rounders
- Animation
- Board Games

- Creative writing
- Rugby
- Just Dance
- Christmas Card Competition
- Dragons' Den
- Bake Off

# And so, so many more, including...













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# YEAR 9 STUDY SKILLS

MOVING TOWARDS

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-N-PnqG\_oA



Reduced subjects – more time. Core plus options. Knowledge as well as skills. More self-direction



- Choose what you enjoy!
  - Don't choose because of friends.
  - Or teachers.
    - Don't believe any of them are "easy"



- Set up workspace
- Equipment
- Different "revision" techniques
- Work towards understanding





The usual stationery Highlighters Plenty of paper



# HIGHLY DESIRABLE

Study guides Folders to organise work Different coloured pens Revision cards (blank)



# LEARNING – WHAT DOESN'T Work?





- Spaced learning
- Self-testing
- Testing with someone else
- Using knowledge elsewhere



- Resilience
- Perspective



- •Worrying is normal
- •What are tests for?
- •Talk to someone



# •Help with organisation at home.

• Keep the conversation going.



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KNOWLEDGE Organisers



# Why is knowledge important?

- The more you know, the more you learn
- Knowledge is power
- Knowledge helps you to solve problems



# Knowledge Organiser

- Contains **basic knowledge**, not everything
- Two parts knowledge base and knowledge builder



# What do pupils think?

How useful is your Knowledge Organiser in lessons?

3.62 Average Rating





# What do pupils think?

How useful is your Knowledge Organiser at home?

3.47 Average Rating





# How can you help your child?

- Complete Look Cover Write
  Check method
- Test them (create flashcards) or just ask them questions

#### Why is testing important?

- 1. Improved memory
- 2. More confident learner
- 3. Reduces exam nerves
- 4. Enhances memory during stressful situations
- 5. Helps you identify what you do not know
- 6. One of the most effective revision strategies

#### Why is it important to revisit material?





# Where can I find the Knowledge Organisers?

- Your children have them
- They are on the school website
  - <a href="https://kings-hants.com/curriculum/key-stage-3/">https://kings-hants.com/curriculum/key-stage-3/</a>



# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S WELFARE

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# THE GROUND RULES

- Social media use monitor and use carefully
- Healthy eating
- Sleep (avoid screens in bedroom if possible)
- Balance work/ downtime
- Healthy friendships
- Smoking/e-cigarettes



- Worry is normal
- Acknowledge and reassure
- If you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing or mental health – talk to someone (GP/ school)



## FINDING SUPPORT ONLINE

**MIND** – Information for parents, carers and guardians **NHS** – Every Mind Matters Barnardo's – Talk 2 Service **CAMHS** – Resources website – with links to a range of organisations which support.



# PASTORAL CURRICULUM

# MISS WOOD Head of Year

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# CURRICULUM



Summer Holiday
Exceptional Character
Discrimination & Equality
Half Term
Academic Excellence
Healthy Relationship
Christmas Holiday
Inspiring Futures
Online Presence

#### Half Term **Exceptional Character Discrimination & Equality Easter Holiday** Academic Excellence Healthy Relationship Half Term **Online Presence** Inspiring Futures





# Year 9 Options Evening Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

#### ATTENDANCE

We all feel in our comfort zone if our child is achieving a high percentage in tests/assessments and 80% in a test is generally excellent news! The danger is that we may feel the same way about attendance until it is explained!

If a child has an attendance percentage of 80%, then this is equivalent to **missing a whole day of school every single week**.

If a child has an attendance percentage of 80% each year from Year 7 to Year 11, then this is equivalent to **missing an entire year of school**.