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Dear Parents / Carers,

A huge, warm welcome to the start of a new academic year and a particular welcome to the families of our new Year 7 pupils!

We are, once again, absolutely delighted with the excellent GCSE results our pupils at Kings' School received over the summer. The results reflect the dedication and ambition of our pupils and the excellence that our staff strive for, enabling all pupils to thrive. Successes include 29% of pupils achieving at least one grade 9, with nine pupils achieving 9s in seven or more subjects. Our pupils continue to achieve standards which are significantly above national levels, with the average grade achieved by our pupils being 6, and the percentage of pupils achieving grade 5 or higher in core subjects, such as English and Maths, at 70%.

Over the summer break, improvements to our school environment have continued with the redevelopment of our SEND and Welfare zone. We have improved the spaces in this zone in order to improve the experience for pupils and enable the staff in these teams to collaborate more frequently and to share their expertise. We have invested considerably in the swimming pool area with structural improvements, new pool lining and cover; and most recently, over the summer refurbished our swimming pool changing rooms. Also, through gaining a grant via Wolfson Foundation, we have redeveloped our Tower Auditorium and upgraded our sound and lighting systems. This is now a revitalised space for lessons and performances. These facilities, in addition to our recently refurbished reception and conference area, are also available for the public to hire ([Facility hire in the UK - SchoolHire](#)).

We wanted to congratulate and share the following newly selected Assistant Headteachers appointments for the coming academic year: Mr Simpson (moves from Behaviour and Culture to Inclusion, which includes oversight of SEND), Mrs Eiles (moves from Head of Year 8 to Behaviour and Culture), Mr Dumbleton (Raising Standards, which includes timetable, options and pupil reports) and Mrs Toy (Teaching and Learning). Mr Jeffery takes over Head of Year from Mrs Eiles. We have two new Head of Department – Mr Baker (Geography) and Mr Rayner (History). I am confident that all of these staff will make a significant contribution to the success of the school in their new roles.

As before, the first day of school, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September, is a dedicated day to our new Year 7 joiners to allow them to settle to the Kings' School environment. One key event is the Freshers Fayre which is designed to encourage participation in the many pre-school, lunchtime and afterschool clubs we offer. These present a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, ignite new passions, and develop character and teamwork.

It is also a timely reminder and encouragement for all Year Groups at the start of the Term to try something new, make a difference and discover brilliance!

To signpost a few subjects where we will provide further updates to you in due course:



Kings' School formed in 1985, from the amalgamation of Danemark School (girls) and Montgomery of Alamein School (boys). 2025 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kings' School and we will be celebrating this milestone from September with a series of events throughout the year.

Our focus on investment for the coming academic year is our science labs. We will provide more information on how you can support this investment, which we will also share on our website's fund raising section ([Charity & Events | Kings School](#)).

In the summer term we conducted surveys with parents, pupils and staff. Themes emerging from each of these surveys will be fed into our school improvement focus for 2025-26, which continues to focus on providing the very best possible learning experience in tutor time and lessons.

We know the importance of strong home-school communication because working together for the success of your child(ren) is at the heart of all that we do. To support this, we continue to look to enhance opportunities for you to engage with the school and staff in person (Year Group Information Evening and Meet the Tutor) as well as the online academic parent/carer evening. We will share more details specific to your child(ren) in advance to allow you to keep these dates clear in your diary.

You will be receiving your Year group newsletter later this week, which has the names of the key staff for your child(ren) within their Year Offices along with the key topics they are studying and the key dates for the term. To assist pupils at the start of term the big screen in the main hall will display a list of the classrooms where each tutor group is located.

Finally, we have been upgrading our website with a focus on making it more 'live' and be the primary source for information. We have created a 'latest news' area that has our calendar of events, bulletins and news stories, and a feed from our Instagram page, for those not following on social media. It is work in progress, but in time this should provide a one-stop-shop for all our weekly updates on the exciting things that are happening. As always, we welcome feedback on our communications and how we keep you involved with the school's activities.

Best Wishes,

Kings' School