

King's School



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may have already heard, we are returning to school having secured fantastic results in the summer. Our Key Stage 5 figures have once again set new records for King's School as 59% of the results were above students' challenging targets and our King's Vocational Hub has once again achieved excellence. Despite the new grading system for English and Maths, we are especially delighted that 68% of our students achieved at least a grade 4 in both. Whilst it is difficult to compare to last year given the changes, this figure is 20% higher than our pass rate in English and maths last year and attainment in both subjects is above the average of all UK schools. I have attached to this email an explanation of the new grading system for your information.

As these results show, we have embedded our motto of "working together for success" at King's School and I am pleased to see that students have come back with the positive attitude to learning we expect them to embrace. This term, our focus is on our core value of 'growing together' and we expect parents, students and staff to support each other as we begin a new academic year.

One of our main priorities is to ensure opportunities are provided for students to reflect on teacher feedback. We have thus amended our school policy to include strategies to address this which you will find attached. In addition, we expect you as parents and guardians to regularly look through your child's book to review the presentation and standard of their work. Teacher's marking will be in red or purple pen and students are asked to respond in green. Therefore, finding your child's progress should be simple and you can support at home where required.

Of course, if you have any concerns about your child's progress or about standards in the school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are also thrilled that our new approach to enrichment has seen students fully engage in a wide range of activities on a Thursday afternoon. For new parents, you will find our rationale for enrichment, along with full details of the programme, attached to this email.

I am really looking forward to working with you in partnership this year and will keep you regularly updated on our progress. In the meantime, I wish you all a successful autumn term.

Kind regards,



Emma Bryson
Headteacher