



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL YSGOL BRENIN HARRI'R VIII

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is with great pleasure we have welcomed back your children this morning for the Spring Term. Can I thank you for your support in making sure nearly all pupils were well turned out in their school uniform, they look very smart. School uniform expectations are set out below:-

- Trutex Black blazer with embroidered gold logo
- **Optional** Trutex black jumper with embroidered gold logo;
- Black School tie with two thin gold stripes
- White shirts (short or long sleeves)
- Black trousers (tailored / formal) or black Box-Pleated skirts
- Black socks or tights;
- Plain Black traditional **shoes** (no trainers/plimsolls/daps)
- A dark plain outer coat (black or navy without logos – hoodies are not acceptable)
- Plain coloured Technology apron

Leggings, denim fabrics or tight fitting trousers below the knee will not be accepted.

Our uniform provider, Reflex Embroidery also offers a “Click and Collect” service whereby you can place an order online and collect from school.

Staffing Structure

At the end of the term we said goodbye to Mr M May and Mr P Evans who have successfully gained promotions to new posts. This has meant we have made a number of changes to our staffing structure and leadership team for the rest of the academic year. These are:-

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| • Acting Assistant Headteacher (KS4 and ARR) | Mr M Herbert-Jones |
| • Acting Curriculum Leader for Science | Mr J Bolt |
| • Acting Subject Leader for Geography | Mr G Morgan |
| • Acting Raising Standards Leader for Year 11 | Miss N Rowberry |
| • i/c Initial Teacher Education and Training | Mrs K Corken |

We have also welcomed a number of new specialist teachers in Science, humanities and English. We wish Mr P Edwards, Mrs R Williams, Mrs S Brace and Mrs L Cherif a warm welcome to KHS.

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Attendance

Can I also remind parents and pupils of our attendance expectations.

Attendance continues to be a strong focus for the school. Please assist us in maintaining our excellent attendance by reading the information below.

- Registration closes for the AM and PM session 30 minutes after the start of school. If your child arrives after 9.10am during the morning session or 2.40pm during the afternoon session, they are deemed **absent** for that session even if they arrive in school after this point.

We understand that there are times when, for example your child needs to attend a dental or medical appointment. To maximise your child's attendance we strongly suggest the following.

- If your child needs to attend a dental or medical appointment in the AM session, please ensure your child arrives in school at 8.40am to receive their mark. They can then go to their appointment signing out at reception by the normal procedure.
- For appointments during the PM session please ensure your child returns to school to be registered at 2.10pm and then signs out at reception to attend their appointment again using the normal procedure.
- It would be expected that those pupils that are attending a dental or medical appointment bring in a letter confirming their appointment. This letter will need to be shown to their Form Tutor and Reception so the relevant pass can be issued.

Parent Governor Election

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the School's Governing Body. Attached to this letter is a nomination form. The deadline for submitting the nomination form is 12 noon on Friday 19 January.

As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Lewis
Headteacher