



King Henry VIII School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we come towards the end of the academic year we wish to provide you with some key information concerning the end of this term and the start of the new school year. It is also a time when we reflect back on the school year. It has certainly not been without its challenges however, we have been able to return to more normal school operations. We are also delighted with how our older students engaged in their external examinations and are sure their hard work will be rewarded this summer.

It is pleasing to note that we have managed to run a significant curriculum enrichment programme this year, one we intend to expand next year. Please look out for our newsletter that is to be published at the end of term. This celebrates the varied learning experiences and outcomes of our wonderful students. This publication also demonstrates how the dedicated staff at King Henry VIII School provide a curriculum with breadth and depth meeting the needs of all students.

End of term and start of term arrangements

The last day of term is Friday 22nd July and school will finish at 1.30pm. The whole school will have lunch 12.00pm-12.40pm.

We have been pleased with the attendance of our students this term and hope these strong levels of attendance will continue until the end of term.

Please note below the final details for this term and the start of next term:-

- ✓ Friday 22 July - Summer term ends (School closes at 1.30pm);
- ✓ Friday 2 September – INSET day, school is closed to students;
- ✓ Monday 5 September – Year 7 and Post 16 commences school (online work will be provided for Years 8-11);
- ✓ Tuesday 6 September – all year groups return to school.

Uniform and equipment expectations for September

We know uniform may be purchased during the school holidays in readiness for a return in September. Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It is also a key element of maintaining our high standards as a school and we thank you in anticipation of your support.

- ✓ 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);

Please note that leggings, jeans or tight-fitting trousers will not be accepted.

Our school website has a dedicated page on financial assistance and this can be found [here](#). In addition, Monmouthshire County Council website also has a page providing information on free school meals and uniform grants, link below. **Be aware there are now uniform grants available for all year groups.**

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/home/counciltaxandbenefits/fsm/>

The school also has a supply of pre-loved uniform including PE kit. Please contact the school and we will be happy to help and support with acquiring items of uniform.

All our students are expected to attend school with the correct equipment for learning. This must be a rucksack type bag, which should contain a pencil case containing a black and red pen, a pencil, an eraser, a ruler, a pencil sharpener and a glue stick. Students are also expected to have a geometry set and a calculator.

Term and Inset dates

Autumn Term 2022

Friday 2 September 2022 – Friday 23 December 2022
(Half Term: 31 October 2022 – 4 November 2022)

Spring Term 2023

Monday 9 January 2023 – Friday 31 March 2023
(Half Term: 20 February 2023 – 24 February 2023)

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17 April 2023 – Friday 21 July 2023
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 1 May 2023
(Half Term: 29 May 2023 – 2 June 2023)

INSET DAYS (school closed to students)
Friday 2 September
Friday 28 October
Friday 2 December
Friday 17 February
Monday 27 February
Friday 30 June

This will be the final communication to you all prior to my retirement at the end of this term. I would like to thank all parents/guardians for their amazing support during my time here as Headteacher and Executive Headteacher. Please be assured I have worked closely with Mr M Stockham who will be Acting Headteacher from September so there is a smooth transition and King Henry VIII School will continue to grow and flourish.

When I took up post as Head teacher in September 2014 I knew I was joining a school with a proud tradition. It has been a privilege to work with such experienced and caring leaders, teachers and support staff. They are all passionate about securing the best possible outcomes for every individual student regardless of their background or ability. There have been many highlights however, I am delighted that the overall quality of education is now deemed to be of a high-standards at KHS and we have been able to successfully support other schools as they strive to improve.

Finally, I wish to thank our students, they are wonderful and are a credit to their families and their local community.

I wish you all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Lewis

Executive Headteacher