

King's Park Secondary School

Newsletter for Families and Friends



| Week | Date |
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| 1 | 16-Aug-07 |
| 2 | 20-Aug-07 |
| 1 | 27-Aug-07 |
| 2 | 03-Sep-07 |
| 1 | 10-Sep-07 |
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| 1 | 24-Sep-07 |
| 2 | 01-Oct-07 |
| 1 | 08-Oct-07 |
| 2 | 22-Oct-07 |
| 1 | 29-Oct-07 |
| 2 | 05-Nov-07 |
| 1 | 12-Nov-07 |
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| 1 | 26-Nov-07 |
| 2 | 03-Dec-07 |
| 1 | 10-Dec-07 |
| 2 | 17-Dec-07 |
| 1 | 07-Jan-08 |
| 2 | 14-Jan-08 |
| 1 | 21-Jan-08 |
| 2 | 28-Jan-08 |
| 1 | 04-Feb-08 |
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| 1 | 18-Feb-08 |
| 2 | 25-Feb-08 |
| 1 | 03-Mar-08 |
| 2 | 10-Mar-08 |
| 1 | 17-Mar-08 |
| 2 | 24-Mar-08 |
| 1 | 31-Mar-08 |
| 2 | 21-Apr-08 |
| 1 | 28-Apr-08 |
| 2 | 05-May-08 |
| 1 | 12-May-08 |
| 2 | 19-May-08 |
| 1 | 26-May-08 |
| 2 | 02-Jun-08 |
| 1 | 09-Jun-08 |
| 2 | 16-Jun-08 |
| 1 | 23-Jun-08 |

Welcome to Session 2007-08

Dear All

A very warm welcome back to school, to all pupils, parents and families. Once again we especially welcome our new S1 pupils and their parents who join King's Park for the first time.

Many congratulations to all pupils who achieved success in their SQA examinations this year. Best wishes for the future.



As usual, we would encourage you to stay in close touch with the school, and to contact us if you have any concerns. We rely heavily on your support and partnership in the promotion of high standards of work, dress, behaviour, attendance and timekeeping. We know that parental engagement with the school really does make a difference to children and young people.

All parents are members of the new Parent Forum, and I hope you will accept the invitation below to the first meeting of the Parent Forum, which meets on Tuesday 4 September. At that meeting we will be forming the new Parent Council.

Please note the 'Dates for your Diary' in this newsletter. When we add events to the calendar, we will let you know through Newsletters or parental letters.

We also hope that you find the 'Week1/Week2' table to be helpful on Sunday nights when the school bags are being packed!

Kind Regards

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Mrs Margaret Barr
Head Teacher

King's Park Secondary Parent Forum

First Meeting - Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 4 September 2007 at 7 pm
School Assembly Hall

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. The new Parent Council
3. Any Other Business
4. Date of Next Meeting of the Parent Council

This meeting will be followed by a social evening. There will be displays of pupils' work, music and refreshments.

All Parents Welcome



Please Sign and Return

All pupils have received a pack of information for themselves and for parents. You are asked to complete and sign these. Pupils should return the 6 forms to Register Teachers as soon as possible.

1. Pupil Records (orange)
2. Routine Medical/Dental Inspections and Treatment (lilac)
3. Administration of Medicines (green)
4. Press Permission Form (yellow)
5. Annual Data Check (cream). *Please indicate any changes of pupil details.*
6. Acceptable Internet Use (white).

The information pack also included the following:

1. This newsletter
2. 'What We Expect of All Our Pupils'
3. 'Improving Action Against Bullying'

Thank you for your assistance.



Improvement Plan

Our School Improvement Plan includes the following targets:

- Raise attainment
- Improve teaching and learning – further development of ICT, further development of formative assessment
- Implement Praise Policy and further develop the promotion of positive behaviour
- Improve systems for monitoring learning and teaching
- Encourage pupils to be creative, enterprising and prepared for the world of work
- Further improve support for pupils with additional support needs.

In addition to the above, the Improvement Plan of King's Park Learning Community includes:

- Further develop transitions (primary/secondary and secondary/post-school)
- Further develop healthy lifestyles

The Parent Council will be given copies of the full School Improvement Plan. Any other member of the Parent Forum is welcome to have a copy. Please contact the school.

During the session we will be involving parents in an exercise to determine our school vision, values and aims. We also want to consult parents about how we can make it easier for them to engage with the school.



Class Sizes in S1 and S2 English and Mathematics

Secondary schools in Scotland have been allocated additional staff to reduce the number of pupils in S1 and S2 classes in English and Mathematics.

In the past, the maximum size of non-practical classes in S1 and S2 has been 33 pupils.



In King's Park Secondary, we are very pleased to have this additional resource which will allow English and Mathematics teachers to give more support to all pupils.

In S1 and S2 English and Mathematics this session, it is possible that some classes of more able pupils will be over 20 pupils, to allow smaller classes for pupils who require greater support. However, the average number of pupils in S1 and S2 English and Mathematics classes will be 20 or lower.

If you would like further information, please contact the school.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Start of Session | In Service Day 1 In Service Day 2 Pupils return | Tue 14 Aug 07 Wed 15 Aug 07 Thu 16 Aug 07 |
| September holiday | School closes Holidays and In Service Day 3 School reopens | Thu 20 Sep 07 Wed 26 Sep 07 |
| October holiday | School closes School reopens | Fri 12 Oct 07 Mon 22 Oct 07 |
| Christmas and New Year holiday | School closes School reopens | Fri 21 Dec 07 Mon 7 Jan 08 |
| February holiday | School closes Holidays and In Service Day 4 School reopens | Fri 8 Feb 08 Thu 14 Feb 08 |
| Easter week-end | School closes School reopens | Thu 20 Mar 08 Tue 25 Mar 08 |
| Spring Holiday | School closes School reopens | Fri 4 Apr 08 Mon 21 Apr 08 |
| May Day | School closes School reopens | Fri 2 May 08 Tue 6 May 08 |
| May week end | School closes Holidays and In Service Day 5 School reopens | Wed 21 May 08 Tue 27 May 08 |
| End of session | School closes | Fri 27 Jun 08 |

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| PARENT FORUM | First Meeting of King's Park Secondary Parent Forum Followed by Social Evening. Displays of pupils' work, music and refreshments. | Tue 4 Sep 07 at 7.00 pm ALL PARENTS WELCOME |
| AWARD CEREMONIES | S1 and S2 Award Ceremony Prizegiving Ceremony for S3-6 | Thu 19 Jun 08 at 2 pm Thu 19 Jun 08 at 7 pm |

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| PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS | S1 and S4 photos S1, S2 and S3 Young Scot photos | Thu 13 Sep 07 Fri 28 Sep 07 |
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| ASSESSMENTS | S4 Prelims S5/6 Prelims S2 Assessments S1 Assessments S3 Assessments SQA Examinations – S grade SQA examinations – Higher, Intermediate and Access S4/S5 (new S5/6) return to school | Tue 8 Jan to Fri 18 Jan 08 Mon 28 Jan to Fri 8 Feb 08 Mon 3 to Fri 7 Mar 08 Mon 31 Mar – Fri 4 Apr 08 Mon 28 Apr – Fri 9 May 08 Thu 1 May – Tue 27 May 08 Wed 14 May – Fri 6 Jun 08 Thu 5 Jun 08 |
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| REPORTS ISSUED | S1 Interim Reports S4 Interim Reports S5/6 Interim Reports S3 Interim Reports S2 Interim Reports S4 Reports S5/6 Reports S2 Reports S1 Reports S3 Reports | Fri 12 Oct 07 Fri 2 Nov 07 Fri 16 Nov 07 Fri 23 Nov 07 Fri 14 Dec 07 Fri 15 Feb 08 Tue 4 Mar 08 Fri 4 Apr 08 Fri 16 May 08 Tue 3 Jun 08 |
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| PARENTS' MEETINGS | Open Evening S5/6 Parents' Meeting S1 Parents' Meeting S4 Parents' Meeting S2 Parents' Meetings S3 Parents' Meeting Course Planning Evenings S2 going into S3 S4/5 going into S5/6 | Wed 14 Nov 07 at 7 pm Thu 22 Nov 07, 4–6 pm Tue 4 Dec 07, 4-6 pm Wed 20 Feb 08, 4-6 pm Tue 22 Apr + Wed 30 Apr 08, 4-6 pm Wed 11 Jun 08, 4-6 pm Tuesday 18 March 2008 Wednesday 23 January 2008 |
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| Work Experience Week for S4 | Week beginning 12 Nov 07 |
| Induction Days for new S1 (P7 pupils) | Thu 29 and Fri 30 May 08 |
| Parents' Evening for parents of P7 pupils | Thu 29 May 08 at 7 pm |

