



King Edward VII School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Autumn term reflections and other important information

Autumn term reflections

As we approach the end of the autumn term 2023, I would like to share with you some of the School's achievements and successes in relation to our annual strategic plan.

School Improvement Plan 2023-2024

- New governors have joined the Governing Board and an election for a new parent governor will take place in the spring term 2024.
- Leaders continue to ensure that teachers and support staff receive highly effective professional development via the implementation of the Continuing Professional Development Plan 2023-2024.
- The first formal meeting of the Parents' Forum took place on Wednesday 29 November 2023. It was well attended and very helpful ideas, views and thoughts were shared about how we can develop the Parents' Forum. More detailed information will be shared with all parents and carers after the Christmas holiday.
- A new Literacy Co-ordinator has been appointed to lead on the development of a whole School approach to literacy. Rapid progress is being made in this area.
- The School has purchased an Accelerated Reader system to match students' reading levels with the books and resources available in the well stocked libraries on both sites.
- Student ambassadors are playing an even greater role in School life, including supporting the delivery of Mathematics in our feeder primary schools, providing one to one reading support for younger students and organising important events.
- The School is fully engaged in the National Tutoring Programme and many students across each key stage continue to benefit from School - led tutoring by our own subject specialist and academic mentors.
- Student attendance continues to remain a sharp focus for the School via robust monitoring and tracking procedures. King Edward VII School has one of the highest attendance records in the secondary sector in Sheffield. Thank you to all parents and carers for working in partnership with us to achieve this. Children and young people can only achieve and thrive if they are at School.



Later this week the School's December newsletter, containing numerous examples of the wonderful achievements and experiences of our students and the School as a whole community, will be circulated to parents, carers, students, staff, governors and friends of King Edward VII School. I hope you enjoy reading it.

School closure times on Friday 22 December 2023

The School will close to students on the last day of the autumn term at the following times:

- Year 7 1.55pm
- Year 8 1.55pm
- Year 9 1.10pm
- Year 10 1.55pm
- Year 11 1.10pm
- Year 12 1.55pm
- Year 13 and 14 1.10pm

Students can stay on site for lunch before leaving the School premises.

Staffing

- The following members of staff will be leaving King Edward VII School at the end of the term. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for the exceptional service they have provided for students and the School.
- Mrs K Adams - Teacher of Science (Chemistry)
- Mr A Butt - Teacher of Computer Science
- Mr I Esan - Cleaner
- Mrs F Hulley - Pastoral Manager
- Mrs C Kelly - Teaching Assistant
- Mrs J Koszler - Pastoral Manager – Behaviour
- Miss E Prokscha - Receptionist
- Mrs K Williams - Teacher of Languages

The following members of staff have been welcomed to the School since September 2023:

- Mrs L Alderson – Receptionist and Administration Assistant
- Mrs C Fisher - Administration Assistant (Maternity cover)
- Miss F O'Farrell - Technician - Drama/Music
- Mr K Harper - Technician - Food/Textiles
- Mrs S Caine - Cover Supervisor
- Mr C Rainbird - Cover Supervisor
- Mr D Correia - Cover Supervisor

I look forward to welcoming the following colleagues to the School on Monday 8 January 2024:

- Mrs G Bourne – Receptionist and Administration Assistant
- Miss S Kemp - Teacher of Languages

- Mr S Shah - Teacher of Computer Science
- Miss S Whatton - Cleaner

Key dates for the spring term 2024

- Term starts: Monday 8 January 2024 until Thursday 8 February
- Thursday 11 January 2024 - Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening
- Friday 9 February 2024 - Staff Training Day – School closed to students
- Monday 12 February 2024 – Friday 16 February 2024 – Half term break – School closed
- Monday 19 February 2024 – School reopens to students

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Ms Linda Gooden
Headteacher