

July 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

It seems unbelievable that yet another school year is over and the summer break is here again. It has been a fantastic year with so much to celebrate.

As you know, we had another Ofsted in October and we got a super report which highlighted some of the most important things about King Ethelbert. The report contains a lot about the high ambitions our staff have for our students and the excellent academic progress our students make during their time at King Ethelbert, but it also comments on students being happy, safe, respectful and very proud of their school. The inspection team were really impressed by our wonderful young people. Our students make us proud every day, but it is always a joy to hear that their energy and creativity and compassion really moves others in the same way.

We are delighted with yet another amazing set of IB results for our Year 13 students as part of their IBCP qualification. We await their final Level 3 BTEC results but early indications are that 92% have passed the full IBCP award and 75% are heading off to universities of their choice with others securing outstanding higher level apprenticeships.

Our students continue to embrace everything we throw at them with energy and enthusiasm and the list of additional achievements beyond the classroom in 2018/19 is enormous. I am thrilled to inform you that we had another successful year with the Business of Enterprise with six students from 9JW winning best written presentation in the London final. There continue to be a huge variety of community projects driven by our students who are constantly exploring ways to make their world a better place whether through citizenship projects, IBCP service learning projects (Beach Clean, community summer fair), eco-warriors (Big Spring Clean) and climate change groups. They make us very proud and bode well for a future generation of open-minded, forward-thinking, caring and responsible citizens. Our partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company has continued to thrive with many exciting opportunities which have taken place over the past year. As always, there have been numerous trips and visits throughout the year. Many of our Year 10 and Year 12 students completed their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award – no mean feat. Currently, a group of 44 students are having a fantastic time in the south of France participating in various water sports such as kayaking and paddle boarding. At the end of June we hosted a group of visiting Spanish students and the organiser commented that the visit had been fantastic and the students loved it. The Spanish students even participated (and won!) in the staff relay race at our annual Sports Day. Well done to all involved in what was a very successful couple of weeks enjoyed by all students. Of course a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your support. Our school could not achieve all these successes without you.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the students, and their supportive parents, who were in the school production last week performing Oliver! Many staff were involved in making this performance happen and it was absolutely superb. The students sang, danced, acted their hearts out and so obviously thoroughly enjoyed being part of the show. The commitment and professionalism shown by them was, as ever, something we should all feel enormously proud of.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to some staff this summer; Miss E Sutton, Mrs N Hales, Mr S Wall, Mr E Duffy, Mr O Morris, Miss M Pope, Mr S Hare. I am very grateful for all they have done for our students and wish them all the best for the future. We have also appointed a new Head of Year 7, Miss C Westoby and I would like to thank Ms C Rouse for all her work to support our young people in her role as Head of Year as she hands over the baton. Ms G Soal will take over as Head of Year 10 from September.

Start of Term 2019 Arrangements

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 – students return as follows:

Year 7 and Year 12 will return for 10.15 am

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 for 11.25 am

Finally, I wish to pay tribute to the incredible staff team at KES. Their endless energy and drive to create opportunities and find success for each and every student is humbling and I feel truly privileged to work alongside them. They are the glue that keep us all together and that help our young people believe that they can.

I wish you all a safe, peaceful and enjoyable summer break.

Very best wishes,



Mrs Vicky Willis
Head of School

KES Supported Charities 2018—2019

 £46.80	 £215.01	 £32.60
 £378.00	 £171.16	 £170.00
 £501.96	 £75.00	 £87.40
	 £74.07	