

# KING ARTHUR'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

As the Autumn term draws to a close, I would like to say 'Thank you' to all members of the school community for their support since January when I became Acting Headteacher.

**Parents Survey:** At the Parent-Tutor Day in November, we asked parents to complete an OFSTED-style questionnaire in order to give the school feedback on its work. We have analysed the results which indicate areas of school life where parents are happy and those areas we still need to work on. Thank you to parents who took the time to complete the survey; your feedback is important to us. The responses were extremely positive and encouraging about the work of the school. Further analysis, by year group, is available on the school website [www.kingarthurs.org.uk](http://www.kingarthurs.org.uk)

**Year 11 Mock Examinations:** Year 11 were given a 'Results Day' experience on Monday afternoon when they met in the PEC and received their brown envelopes containing their Mock Examination Results, which they sat at the beginning of the month. I would like to congratulate the Year group on the way they conducted themselves during mock week. They behaved very well and the invigilators commented that this was the best Year group that they have supervised. Just a little reminder needed by some students to make sure they have the correct equipment e.g. a black pen and calculator!

**Growing Numbers:** I am pleased to announce that the number of students on roll is continuing to grow. We received more students into Year 7 in September than we had previously been advised and we are gaining more in year admissions almost on a weekly basis.

**Safety:** It has been brought to my attention that some students travelling on school transport or the school mini-bus are removing their seatbelts once these have been checked by members of staff. The driver of the transport is legally responsible for ensuring passengers wear their belts correctly. May I remind students that if you refuse to wear your belts or remove them during your journey the driver will report you and your right to travel on County/School transport may be removed. You are endangering yourself and causing unnecessary risk for the other passengers and driver.

**Uniform:** Thank you for your continued support in sending your child to school in the correct uniform and I hope that this will continue in the New Year. I am concerned however, when I see students arriving at school with no coats. If it is dry then students are expected to go outside at break and lunchtimes and I would therefore ask you to make sure your child is appropriately dressed, with hat, scarf and gloves when really cold. Coloured scarves are **not allowed** to be worn inside school. If students wish to wear a scarf during the day then they must make sure that it is a black scarf. Lockers are available for students who do not wish to carry their coats around with them during the day. We continue to support students when they have temporary uniform issues (on such occasions they should report to the FLC).

**End of Term Arrangements:** For most students this will be a normal, albeit shortened, school day and students are expected to be in uniform. Students will go to afternoon registration at 2.00 p.m. and once registered they will go home or to their bus.

**Next Term:** The governors will be advertising the post of Headteacher and term begins for staff and students on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

And finally, on behalf of the staff and the governing body, I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Emma Wilkes  
Headteacher