

20th December 2022

Dear Families,

This has been the most extraordinary term for King's Academy Prospect and I am as always extremely grateful for the support from our families, students and the wider local community. I cannot express enough how appreciative I am of everything you have done, not just this term but in the months prior to our Ofsted inspection and the impact that this has had on our school and community. For a school to move from triple R.I. to Good with Outstanding for Leadership and Management is extremely unusual (according to Ofsted's own figures); with the new, more rigorous framework under which we were inspected, more schools have seen their grading fall and only 8% of schools received Outstanding for Leadership and Management in the last twelve months. If you have not yet done so, please take five minutes to read our inspection report; after all, it is our students that have played an enormous role in our success [King's Academy Prospect Inspection Report October 2022](#)

If you can spare 10 minutes to listen to Sarah Walker from BBC Radio Berkshire interviewing Ms Morris and me (it was recorded a couple of weeks ago but broadcast on Monday) you might hear us both getting a bit emotional about the last term...<https://www.kgaprospect.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=10>. This was entirely a team effort, so thanks to all of you #KAPteam!

It has been an extremely busy few months, and I would like to thank all the staff who have supported our students in having a successful and enjoyable term. Over 200 students have visited Upton Court for a residential trip this term, benefitting hugely from the outdoor educational experiences on offer; most recently a group of Year 11 students spent three days there on a revision and well-being retreat. Students in Years 7 & 8 have visited Rushall Farm, and two groups of Years 10 & 11 students have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition. We finally left the country for the first time since 2019, with a visit to the Christmas markets in Lille; our Year 12 Hair and Beauty students visited the Hair and Beauty show at Olympia, the Sixth form attended the Safe Drive, Stay Alive presentation at the Hexagon, we won the #turntilehurstred Remembrance competition and the BBC has visited us twice with their careers roadshow and as part of their centenary celebrations.

In the last week, we have also held our reward assemblies, recognising those students who have gone above and beyond this term, earning themselves their House Colours. I've really enjoyed our monthly Headteacher's Breakfast, meeting the students who have earned reward postcards and who demonstrate our core school values. Finally, we held our Prize Day and

Christmas Concert last week, celebrating our highest achieving students and we were delighted to see so many of our former students returning to collect their prizes.

Our staff and students are also an extremely generous lot, working very hard to support our four house charities, both through fundraising and raising awareness. This term alone, we have collected over £1000 in donations, including £500 that went to the Poppy appeal. Such selflessness is truly impressive and a core value of our school.

You can read more about what we have been up to this term, and see examples of student's excellent work in the latest issue of PridelnProspect [here](#):

Staff Appointments

This term is unusual (in a good way!) in that we do not have any staff leaving us. However, there are a number of new appointments and staff returning:

- Ms Dorothy Company has joined us as School Business Manager from Highdown School, where she has been a highly successful SBM for over 13 years. She will be working across two schools in the KGA Trust, based at KAP three days a week.
- Ms Sarah Stevens will be joining us as Assistant Headteacher also from Highdown School. Ms Stevens is a very experienced middle leader and is looking forward to the challenges of Senior Leadership; along with Mrs McCavish she will be leading on Quality of Education.
- Mrs Shauni Gerrard has returned from maternity leave and has taken on the role of Head of Progress - Year 7.
- Mrs Abi Davis is also back from maternity leave and has returned to her role as PA to the Headteacher and Leadership Team.

Spring Term January 2023

Tuesday 3rd January is our second Academic Review Day of the year. We are again offering hybrid options, either face to face or remotely. If you have not yet made an appointment and would still like to do so, please contact your child's Head of Progress, although tutors will be contacting all families during the day. Work will be set for students on Google Classroom which should be completed and submitted in the normal way.

Lessons start for all students at 8.25am on Wednesday 4th January. A reminder that all students are expected to be on site by this time; students who are late without good reason will be expected to serve a detention that day. Any student who arrives after 8.30am will need to use the Cockney Hill gate by Maestros; main reception is not a student entrance, unless we have prior notice of their arrival - for example due to a medical appointment.

Uniform

Stevenson's have asked us to inform you that their building work after they were flooded has caused some additional issues and therefore the store will not be opening until the Spring.

However, orders can still be placed online and they do offer a click-and-collect service from the store.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform when they return in January; we do understand that students grow out of some items by the end of term, but these need to be replaced for January. We have noticed an increase in jewellery and makeup in the last couple of weeks; students will be asked to remove this before they are allowed into school each morning. Our full uniform policy can be read here: [Uniform Policy](#); we would very much appreciate this being adhered to. We have a limited number of second-hand items and brand-new, old-style PE kit; please contact student services if you are in need of any of these items. We also welcome donations of good quality, second-hand uniform that can be passed on to other students.

Finally, I would like to wish all members of our King's Academy Prospect family a very peaceful and happy holiday; however you choose to celebrate I hope it is with your nearest and dearest, and we are very much looking forward to the new year and new term!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Littlemore', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher