

May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of this Half-Term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support as we work together as a school community, raising standards and supporting our young people.

There have been so many amazing events that have taken place this term that can only be achieved with the hard work, dedication and resilience of our students and staff. Earlier this term, Year 9 and Year 13 students celebrated Ascension Day at St Andrew's Church. This tradition was first brought to Cheddar more than 100 years ago. Year 13 climbed the Church Tower and then joined the Year 9 students in the Church Garden for iced buns, whilst listening to the Kings' Jazz Band who were playing from the top of the tower.

The Kings' Musical Summer Concert was such a joyous and inclusive event, which brought both Fairlands and Kings Academy's musical students together. It was wonderful to be part of this talent showcase.

Our Year 10, Revision Success online evenings and Parent Hubs have been very successful and well received - it was lovely to see so many attendees.

Year 11 and Year 13 students have made an incredibly positive start to their examinations season and the resilience and commitment they have shown throughout, during their PEP talks and revision sessions, has been remarkable. This afternoon we said farewell to our Year 13 students. It was a pleasure to attend their leavers' assembly to reflect, remember and smile together. This was followed by a barbeque to celebrate their successes and achievements throughout their time at Kings.

Furthermore, to support them during this period, you will be aware that there are several revision sessions taking place during the May Half-Term. If your child is booked on to any of these sessions, please be reminded that they should arrive five minutes before the start time, enter through main reception and bring sufficient snacks and drinks for the session. Year 11 may attend in non-uniform. Their teachers (for both Year 11 and 13) will register them in the session so there is no need to sign in.

If you are a Year 11/Year 13 Parent/Carer, here are some important dates for your diaries:

Last day that Year 11 are on timetable – Friday 7 June

Year 11 Celebration Event - Thursday 20 June

Sixth Form Induction Day - Tuesday 25 June

Year 13 Prom - Monday 1 July

Year 11 Prom - Thursday 4 July

A Level Results Day – Thursday 15 August

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 22 August

May I take this opportunity to wish all of Year 11 and 13 students the very best of luck for the remainder of their examinations.

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As we look ahead, Term 6 will be an incredibly busy one for the Academy. Year 9 will begin their assessment week which will take place from **Monday 3 June – Friday 7 June 2024**. Year 10 will undertake their Pre-Public Examinations from **Thursday 20 June – Friday 28 June 2024** and Year 12 will be taking part in Work Experience from **Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July**.

As we continue to develop and offer enriching opportunities and experiences for all, alongside the above, there will be further exciting events taking place. Educational trips, our annual Summer Art Exhibition Show, Sports Day, and many others are all on the horizon, details and updates on which will follow soon.

Please remember, if you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Tutor, Head of House, or Head of Sixth Form for students in Years 12 and 13.

We look forward to welcoming back all students to the Academy on **Monday 3 June 2024**. A reminder that the Main Office email will only be checked periodically during the half term break, therefore, please do not send anything that is urgent.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable week.

Yours sincerely



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