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Welcome to KC!

Headteacher : Jennie Giovannelli

I am writing to welcome you and your child to the KC family, and to introduce myself as the member of the College Senior Leadership Team linked to Year 7. We know the past couple of weeks will have been a very exciting time for some, but also possibly a time of anxiety and concern for parents / carers as our new Year 7 cohort begin their secondary school experience. I have been in a similar situation myself this year with my eldest child beginning his primary school journey, and I know for many of you that experience will only have felt like a short time ago!

At the start of such an important time, I thought it would be helpful to outline the year ahead and provide some information on how the school and the Year 7 team will support your child through the year.

The journey through Year 7 can bring many challenges, but also some great experiences and I would like to extend our support to you for the year ahead - every single member of staff here at Kingsthorpe College is absolutely dedicated to supporting you and your child throughout this time.

As part of the support, we can provide for families, especially in the current 'cost of living crisis', I would encourage you to check if you are eligible for free school meals or the school is eligible to receive pupil premium funding for your child. If you are currently eligible, this status would not have changed, and you will receive additional information from the school about the support you can receive. You can apply for either free school meals or pupil premium funding through the following link.

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

Home-School Communication

Communication is very important to us here at Kingsthorpe College so I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Year 7 team. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Kinsella – Head of Year 7 – Laura.kinsella@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Miss Shipley – Deputy Head of Year 7 – Year7.Team@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Mr Hancock – Assistant Headteacher – Paul.hancock@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Additionally, our Year 7 tutor team bring a vast range of experience and will be your first point of contact should any issues arise. If you have any subject specific issues, please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject teachers or our Learning Directors. However, the Year 7 team will always be happy to help facilitate subject conversations and can put you in contact with the right person to speak to around any issue you may have.

Year 7 Classes and Setting

Within some subject areas in the school, your child will be taught within their tutor group. However, in other areas they may be placed into class sets based around assessment information. All setting decisions are made in the best interests of your child, but if you do have any further questions in relation to this, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor, or our subject Learning Directors.



Support and Opportunities for Year 7

We aim to enhance the Year 7 experience by providing opportunities for both our parents and students. You will find a summary below that details the main events that will take place this year. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our Meet the Tutor Evening on Thursday 22nd September which is our first opportunity to discuss how your child has settled and celebrate the success that they have had. Mrs Kinsella as the Head of Year 7 is looking at further opportunities for us to engage with our Year 7 parents and for you to visit the school in more informal events such as coffee mornings, after school drop-in sessions and so on. As these ideas develop, we will communicate more details with you, and it would be great to see our Year 7 parents regularly visiting the school and seeing the excellent work and learning that the students are achieving.

Key Dates for your Diary – Year 7

22 nd September 2022	Meet the Tutor Evening (15:30 – 18:00)
29 th September 2022	Year 7 SEND Information Evening for parents and carers (18:00 – 19:00)
20 th October 2022	PGL Year 7 trip payment deadline.
20 th October 2022	Attitude to Learning report published
9 th January 2023	Year 7 Formal Assessments 1 begin over 2 weeks
26 th January 2023	PGL Year 7 trip payment deadline.
23 rd February 2023	Progress monitoring report 1 published for Year 7
9 th March 2023	Year 7 Progress Evening with subject teachers (15:30 – 19:00)
16 th March 2023	PGL Year 7 trip payment deadline.
2 nd May 2023	Year 7 Formal Assessments 2 begin over 2 weeks
11 th May 2023	PGL Year 7 trip payment deadline.
22 nd June 2023	Progress monitoring report 2 published for Year 7
10 th – 12 th July 2023	PGL Year 7 trip.

I am very excited about the year ahead and know how proud we will all be of the successes, achievements, and experiences that our Year 7 cohort will gain. I can see already the enormous amount of potential our Year 7 students have, and we will be encouraging and supporting them to continually Dream Big, Work Hard, and Stay Humble to ensure they fulfil their full potential.

I look forward to meeting you over the course of this academic year and if you do require any further advice or information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Mr Paul Hancock
Assistant Headteacher