



**Kings Langley School**

Unlocking Potential for Life

**Welcome to our New Intake Evening**  
Thursday 15 June 2023

New Intake Evening Registration



**Please register your attendance tonight, using the QR code on this slide:**

- ✓ Open the camera on your mobile
- ✓ Hover the camera over the QR code on the screen and open up the linked form
- ✓ Complete the registration box on the linked form – **enter your child's name**



**Why are we here?**



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*Motto* "Unlocking Potential for Life",

Our *Mission Statement*

"We will ensure the happiness of every individual in our school community by providing opportunities for growth and excellence through the education of the whole person"



Education that does not mould character is absolutely worthless" - **Mahatma Gandhi**



# The Year 7 Pastoral Team

Mr Andrew Bilton

**Pastoral Leader of Year 7**

[Biltona@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Biltona@kls.herts.sch.uk)

Year 7 form tutors

**(6 members of teaching staff, plus a further support teacher with each form)**

Mrs Jennings

**Senior Leadership Team link for Year 7**

Mrs Douglas

**KS3 Learning Mentor**

Mrs Johnson-Putt (SENDSCO)

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Ms Reeve (deputy SENDSCO)

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# The role of the pastoral team

## The foundations

- To ensure students are kept safe and feel safe
- To create a culture of high standards and high aspiration
- To ensure students maintain an excellent record around: attendance; conduct; and are 'school ready' each morning

## Key outcomes

- Make good academic progress and develop the key academic knowledge and skills to achieve well at KS3
- To be responsible for their own academic progress and intellectual development, including reading, oracy, and numeracy
- Learn about the wider world (PSE, Relationships & Sex Education)
- To develop as a young individual (character, talents, experiences)





## Your Year group

- Currently 187 students (6 form entry)
  - Fully comprehensive intake
1. Each student will be placed in a form group of approximately 31/32 students
  2. Forms are carefully planned for the right overall balance
  3. Taught in form groups in Year 7:
    - ❖ Maths: taught in bands, based on assessments taken in autumn term
    - ❖ Technology (rotation)
    - ❖ French: 7A, 7C, 7D
    - ❖ Spanish: 7G, 7J, 7P





## Advice for students

Important transition point in your life:

1. Mentally 'let go' of primary school
2. Manage your nerves
3. Commit to the next 7 years ahead of you – it is your journey: 'unlocking potential for life'

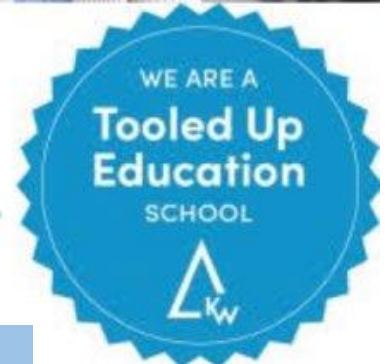


# Parent Partnership – Tooled Up Education

- Parents and School working together will bring about the **best outcomes for our young people**
- We are **committed to working in partnership with you**
- Tooled Up Education is an online resource for parents
  - Transition from Primary to Secondary
  - Wellbeing and Mental Health
  - And so much more...



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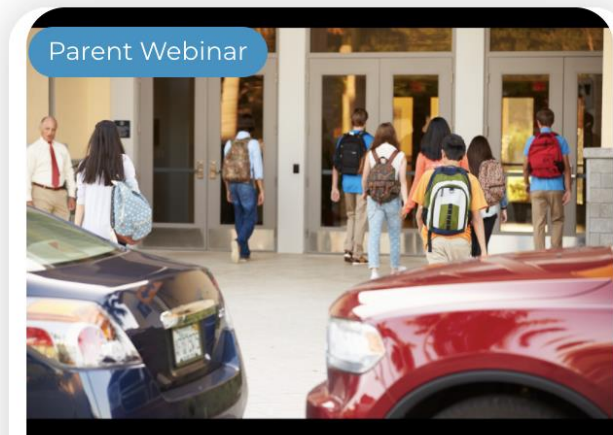


## Advice to Parents from Dr Weston

- Create a positive home learning environment
- Keep involved – ask questions about homework
- Agree and stick to a set bedtime
- Charge mobile phones out of the bedroom
- Continue to encourage reading
- Engineer opportunities for writing over the summer
- Engage with the Tooled Up Education platform



## Tooled Up Events



**Off to Secondary or Senior School:  
Tips to Support your Child**

with Dr Kathy Weston

**June 19, 2023**

19:30 BST



## Non-negotiables: high standards & being aspirational

- Self-regulation
  - Empathy
  - Stickability
1. School ready
  2. Reading for pleasure
  3. Bedrock Vocabulary





**Insisting your child is responsible now for their uniform:**

- Blazer and trousers hung up each night
- Shirts ironed
- Shoes cleaned/polished each night

**Advice for parents  
Organisation**

**Helping your child develop their organisational skills:**

- KLS school bag packed the night before, as per timetable
- School equipment correct (£2.50 in spare change)
- Written record of their key login details and passwords for school sites

**Creating a routine around:**

- Homework (timetable will be sent to you)
- Bedrock Vocabulary
- Electronic devices and mobiles – cut off time at night





## Apart from a good teacher and student motivation, what is the most important factor for academic success at GCSE in Year 11?

### Reading age of 15+ to properly access GCSE examinations in Year 11

1. Reading
  2. Bedrock Vocabulary
  3. Developing wide vocabulary: synonyms and antonyms
  4. Summary exercises
  5. SPAG: dictation, punctuation exercises, correcting clumsy sentences
  6. Get them to read aloud to you (2 year window left!)
- ✓ Talk around the dinner table about national news events
  - ✓ Buy newspapers – look at news stories online
  - ✓ Mind map moral / ethical questions to sharpen thinking
  - ✓ Money and financial education



**Advice for parents**  
**Academic**



## Communication

1. Teams (online classrooms and homework)
2. School website
3. SIMS Parent App
4. Weekly newsletter





# Frequently asked questions

- Mobile phones
- Cashless catering
- Lockers

Drop in box in canteen area

KLS branded school rucksack (not their own bag)

School Ready – equipment

## Uniform expectations

- PE –girls and boys
- Shoes – black, flat, leather shoes that has black stitching and black laces- they must be able to be polished. No trainers (even if they are leather) are allowed.
- Blazers worn at all times (exceptions)
- Please read the information on hoodies, jewellery, hairstyles and nails

[www.beatschooluniform.co.uk](http://www.beatschooluniform.co.uk)



# The next steps ahead (1)

## June & July: primary school visits completed

### New Intake Taster Morning (Thursday 13 July)

- Meet your form and form tutor
- Orientation around the school
- Sample lessons
- Lunch in the canteen

### Summer holidays

- Rat book and work
- Bedrock learning
- Letter to Mr Fisher





## The next steps ahead (2)

### **Monday 4 September: Induction morning for Year 7 only**

- No other students on site
- Issuing of timetables
- Final preparations for next day

### **Tuesday 5 September**

- All students return to school for Autumn term - arrival for 08:20am

### **Other key events in autumn 1 term**

- Year 7 Team Building Day (early September)
- KLS Charity Walk (early September)
- Year 7 Information Evening, including meeting with tutors (October)

