

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr A. Brown

28<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we begin a new academic year, I want to take a moment to write to you as we look forward to the start of the Autumn term and to reflect on a truly remarkable summer of results.

### The start of term

As a reminder, we have a staggered start to the academic year:

- **Wednesday 3rd September – school is open to Years 7, 11, and Post 16**
- **Thursday 4th September – school is open for all year groups**

**Please note that from Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th September, all year groups except Year 7 will finish at 1:15 pm.**

Normal school timings resume from Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, for all students.

The letter sent last week explains this and other start of term support that is available [Start of Term Sep 2025](#).

### Summer Results

This August, our Post-16 and Year 11 students received their exam results. While it may seem that every school in the country is celebrating “Outstanding Results” or “The Best Ever Results” in their press releases, I want to write to you directly to share the real detail and impact we are experiencing at KSA.

We have seen **dramatic uplifts across every single progress measure** — with improvements of **15% or more** across the board. For many, that number may be hard to contextualise, but as a headteacher, I can assure you that the scale and speed of this improvement is truly remarkable.

What makes us most proud is how this has been achieved. Yes, it is measured in exam results — there’s no getting away from that. But what’s clear is that over the past couple of years, the school has changed dramatically. Our students’ mindsets have shifted, their behaviour has improved, and the way they approach each day has transformed the very fabric of the school.

KSA is now a highly functioning school with high standards and expectations — backed up by excellent results and a constant stream of positive feedback.

We are very clear about what makes this work — and it's actually quite simple. At school, we expect your children to be here every day, on time, dressed appropriately, and ready to learn. We expect them to be kind, polite, and well-mannered. We place no limits on what they can achieve. If your child attends regularly, works hard, and we all work together — we will deliver success.

Once again, our data shows that students with the highest attendance achieve significantly higher grades. Ensuring your child attends school as often as possible is probably the single biggest impact you can have on their success.

Finally, it is a pleasure to welcome our new families joining us this year. And to those returning — thank you for your continued trust and support.

Here's to another year of success.

Many thanks



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**Headteacher**

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