

Hello Upper School parents,

Welcome to your first weekly newsletter! It's been a really successful first full week in Upper School and I'm pleased to be able to share with you this week some of the highlights from the week, as well as looking ahead to upcoming events.

PRIDE scores

As you may know, each class in Upper School receive PRIDE scores each lesson, which are averaged out each half term so that the best classes are rewarded for being excellent. All classes who achieve an average of over 4.4 will attend the Halloween PRIDE prize, planned by School Leaders, on Thursday 19th October. It is exciting that all classes are currently on track to earn this PRIDE prize, which we look forward to celebrating together.

The competition is in full swing, and the current leader board is as follows.

Position	Class	Half Term Average
1	10 Reading	4.77
2	10 Keble	4.69
3	11 Aberystwyth	4.67
4	11 Sussex	4.51
5	11 York	4.44
6	10 East Anglia	4.42

The Summit Celebration

Upper School pupils joined our graduating class (the Class of 2017) at the Summit Celebration on Thursday this week. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate the GCSE successes of the Co2019 and the A-Level successes of the Co2017, and for Upper School pupils to reflect on how they can achieve such success.

10 Reading Getting to Know You Dinner

It was a pleasure to welcome to school this Wednesday the pupils and families of 10 Reading. Ms. Mulvena, Ms. Panayides and the rest of 10 Reading's teachers all really enjoyed getting to know parents and talking to you all about how well 10 Reading have been doing in the first week back. Thank you for being there, and for bringing such delicious food. We really enjoyed ourselves and hope you did too.

Upcoming Getting to Know You Dinners

Thursday 21st September- 10 East Anglia 4.30-5.30

Thursday 28th September- 10 Keble 4.30-5.30

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 parents in East Anglia on 21st September and in Keble on 28th September. Ms. Taylor (class teacher to 10 East Anglia) and Ms. Rogers (class teacher to 10 Keble) are really enjoying getting to know your children and would love to spend time with you and your children on these dates to set goals for the year ahead and get to know you all better.

Year 11 Parent Information Evening- Monday 18th September; 5.15-6.15

Year 11 parents are invited to attend a Parent Information Evening on Monday 19th September. It is essential that you and your child attend this meeting because, along with Mr. Tindell (Head of Sixth Form) and Ms. Woodham (Head of Year 11), I'll be talking about where the Year 11 pupils are now and what that means for their futures. All of the Year 11 class teachers will be there and we'll begin the process of looking forward to next year, when your child will make some important decisions about their A-Level or BTEC choices.

Appointments

Unless your child has an urgent appointment which cannot be rearranged, all appointments during the school day will not be authorised. Please make non-urgent appointments (dental check-ups, eye tests and routine doctor's appointments) for times outside of the school day, or in the school holidays. If your child does have an urgent appointment which cannot be rearranged you should communicate this with your child's Head of Year.

PSHE

On Tuesday 26th September we will be starting our first PSHE cycle of this year! The children will be learning all about how to keep themselves healthy. This cycle will run from 26th September to 19th December. If you would like more information on the PSHE curriculum please see the school website.

Quizzes

Pupils in Upper School complete quizzes in each subject every three weeks. This week they have had their first quiz in Science and they will be completing quizzes in Maths, French and RS next week. Pupils should ensure they are revising hard at home to achieve the pass mark of 70%. All the information they need to know about this is on their knowledge organisers in their exercise books. Good luck to all pupils!

Uniform

Most pupils have come back to school looking very smart- thanks for helping them achieve this. We've had lots of positive feedback from parents to say that they have found the new system easy to use which is great news. Please use the instructions on the website to order any outstanding items:

<http://kingsolomonacademy.org/about-us/uniform>

As it's getting colder, lots of pupils are starting to wear coats again, which is of course sensible! The majority of pupils are wearing black, plain coats- a reminder that this is part of our uniform policy and pupils will not be allowed to wear colourful coats or hoodies in school. Thanks for your help in ensuring pupils look smart and professional.

Coffee morning continues at 8.30am on Friday morning in Infants Commons – all KSA parents are welcome to come and catch up with each other and talk to leaders of the school - do come and join us!

Thanks all,

Ms. Crompton (Head of Upper School)