

6th January 2022

Dear Year 7 parents,

Happy New Year to you!

It has been wonderful to see Year 7 pupils settle into secondary school this academic year. We look forward to sharing individual highlights with families at Parents' Evening, either this Friday 7th January or next Wednesday 12th January, to celebrate successes of the first term.

Updates to the Y7 curriculum

Pupils have been using their laptops at home very effectively. Now we have made such a big investment in computing, we are seeing large gaps in pupils' knowledge and skills that we would like to address in lessons in school. Computing is a National Curriculum subject and we are keen to ensure our pupils access the full curriculum now we have the devices to do so. They will develop knowledge and skills of how to use their device effectively and a number of important programmes, they will also start to learn about coding and will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of how to be safe online.

Year 6 and Year 7 are beginning to learn Computing for one lesson a week from next week. Mr Holmes, who Year 7 know very well, will be their teacher as he is also our Digital Learning Lead and is experienced in teaching Computing to KS2 and KS3 at his previous school.

This change gives us an opportunity to map a Computing curriculum and learn what knowledge and skills children have and need so as to be able to make more informed decisions about the computing curriculum for the rest of the school from September 2022.

The hour a week for Computing is coming from French so pupils in Year 7 will now have two lessons of French a week rather than three. They will go up to three French lessons a week in Year 8.

Teacher Contacts

As we move into the second term of the year, we wanted to take the opportunity to share key pastoral contacts for your children. Please do reach out to your child's form tutor or Head of Year, Mr. Chapman, with any questions that might arise.

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Mr. Chapman	Head of Year	j.chapman@kingsolomonacademy.org
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Mr. Stinton	Form Tutor, 7 Keble	h.stinton@kingsolomonacademy.org
Ms. Armitage	Head of Middle School	r.armitage@kingsolomonacademy.org

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Holmes (r.holmes@kingsolomonacademy.org) Digital Learning Lead, Mr. Chapman, Head of Year 7, or directly to me.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. Crompton, Vice Principal- Secondary Curriculum