



Dear Parent/Carer,

As Term 5 draws to a close I would like to inform you of a number of important issues:

Student Safety

From Monday 3 June we ask parents not to drive onto the school site at the start and end of the school day. Cars turning in the visitor car park are putting the safety of students at risk. If you bring your son to school by car, please drop him off at a safe distance from the school and allow him to walk the final part of his journey. This decision has the full support of the Chair of Governors.

In view of the recent tragic events in Woolwich, the school has been advised that boys in the CCF should not travel to and from school in their military uniform until further notice.

Annual Update Form

Parents are asked to complete the attached data capture form and return it to Mrs Dickenson by 14 June 2013. This is an important form which requires a return from the parents of all boys in Years 7 – 12. Please read the attached notes before signing each section of the form. The section on biometric data follows a change in the law which takes effect from 1 September 2013.

In addition to this form parents should be aware that from September the school can claim £900 for each student in receipt of free school meals and £300 for those with parents in the armed forces. If you think your son may be eligible, please go to the link on the school website (http://www.kings.lincs.sch.uk/page_viewer.asp?page=Free+School+Meals&pid=182) or contact Mrs Dickenson at the school.

External Examinations

The external examination season is upon us once again. We ask that parents support and encourage their son to adhere to a thorough revision programme in the remaining days and weeks before the examinations begin. We wish the boys every success in these important final examinations.

Summer Term Literacy Focus

Poor spelling, combined with a lack of vocabulary, continues to hold back some of our students and can be the cause of dropping valuable marks in examinations. A SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) mark has been reintroduced at GCSE in several subjects and basic skills in this area are high on the Government's agenda. The Spelling Bee for Year 7 will soon be underway and the lists of words are available on the school website. It would be most advantageous if you can help to test your son. Years 8 and 9 should ensure they can spell all of these words. Keeping a note of misspelt words in planning books and making a determined effort to learn them is a good strategy for all students to adopt. There are many spelling apps for phones and tablets for the technologically minded – but whilst these can be fun, they should be vetted carefully as some contain errors, while others are based on American English. Any support you can give to encourage your son to improve the accuracy of his spelling would be most helpful.

Building projects

The Old School roof project and redesign of the Head Master's garden have both been completed and the building will be re-opened on 18 June 2013. Sadly our bid for funding to build a sports hall was unsuccessful. We plan to submit a further bid in the autumn term.

PTFA

The school remains indebted to the PTFA for all of its fundraising efforts which provide important extras for your son's education. We are fortunate to have such a loyal and committed group of parents working tirelessly to provide extras for the boys. However, I am concerned that fundraising falls on the shoulders of a small but dedicated group of parents. I would be most grateful if other parents could come forward to support our fundraising efforts. The next PTFA meeting takes place in school on Wednesday 26 June 2013 at 7.30pm in Room 34 (Tower Block).

Calendar Changes and Events

The date for Sports Day has moved from Monday 22 July to Monday 15 July. The event takes place at The Meres Sports Stadium starting at 1.15pm and will finish by 3.45pm. I would be delighted to see as many parents as possible supporting their sons at this event.

Forthcoming music concerts:

Tuesday 25 June	Londonthorpe Church 7 - 9pm
Wednesday 3 July	Summer Concert in the Head Master's Garden 7 - 9pm

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Highlights of Achievements Throughout the Term

Football

The Year 9 football team beat Priory LSST 2 - 1 after extra time to win the County Cup (April).

Cricket

King's have played 24 cricket fixtures over the past five weeks winning 21 and losing only 3. All 5 teams (1st XI, under 15, 14, 13 and 12's) have enjoyed great success in the County Cup, and are now through to the semi or quarter final stages. The U15's have done exceptionally well by progressing through to the National Cup Quarter Final after beating top independent schools from Norfolk (Greshams) and Nottinghamshire (Notts High School). On an individual note Will Cousins has dominated with the bat, scoring undefeated centuries against Nottingham High School and Worksop College.

Gymnastics

Congratulations to the U14 team who finished second in the National Gymnastics Competition at Stoke on Trent on 12 May.

Swimming

Oliver Bitowt (Head Boy) was selected to swim for the GB team in the 10km Portuguese National Open Water Championships in mid May. As a result of his success he has been selected to represent GBR in the European Open Water Championships in Turkey at the end of July.

Karl Morgan (Year 13) took part in the British Gas International Meet in Leeds in March. Swimming as part of the county squad, NOVA Centurion, he achieved 2nd Junior 100 Freestyle (GBR 'B' team consideration) in personal best time, 4th Junior 50 Freestyle in a season best time. With these times Karl will be considered for the GBR 'B' team and has a chance of consideration for the European Junior Championship team based on his strong performances in the shorter Freestyle events.

Athletics - Kesteven Athletics Championships 2013

Junior boys (Years 8 and 9)

Finished a comfortable second, narrowly missing out to Carre's.

Notable results were: Nathan Ford Paine (100m 2nd); Chris Hardy (300m 2nd, triple Jump 1st); Ben Hopla (300m 1st); Will Patterson (long jump 1st); Seamus Sheard (high jump 1st); Will Lumsden (javelin 3rd)

Intermediate Boys (Years 10 and 11):

Finished 1st, beating the competition by a comfortable margin, despite having only one year 11 competing.

Notable results were: Callum Slack (100m and 200m 1st); Conor Slack (100m hurdles 1st, triple jump 2nd); Oliver Williams (100m 2nd, long jump 1st); Josh Hubbard (shot putt 2nd); Ed Cole (discus and shot 1st); Euan Dolby (high jump 1st); Jack Warren (high jump and javelin 2nd); 4 x 100m relay (ca. Slack, Co. Slack, Dolby, Williams) winners

All the above athletes have qualified to represent the district at the County Championships at Boston on 8 June.

Music

The Music Department has been named Music Department of the Year at the Music Expo held at the Barbican Centre in London. The awards ceremony was sponsored by classic FM and Yamaha.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Rory Koper (Y11) was named Young Entrepreneur of the Year in the Grantham Journal Business Awards.

Young Enterprise

In early May, for the first time in over a decade, a King's team made it to the Young Enterprise County Finals at RAF Cranwell. The team came second, being narrowly beaten by Lincoln Minster School.

Chess

Ten boys qualified for the regional finals, of which three won regional titles and five have qualified for the National Semi-final event.

Toyota STEM Challenge, 2013

Three boys took part in the STEM challenge in early May. I am delighted to report that the boys came third out of four hundred and twenty schools in the Midlands region.

CCF

Two King's boys competed in the National Cadet Competition held at Thetford in late April. The boys were part of the winning team for the second year in a row.

Finally, may I wish you all a very happy and restful break. We look forward to welcoming the boys back for the beginning of Term 6 on Monday 3 June.

Yours sincerely,



F. Hedley
Head Master



SERVICE CHILDREN

(Please read guidance note 1 before completing this section)

Please tick the box if either parents are serving in the Armed Forces.

YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT

(Please read guidance note 2 before completing this section)

I have read and understood the notes in section 2 and hereby give my consent for the school information to be passed to Youth Support Service providers on request.

Son's name: _____ **Form:** _____

Signed
Parent/guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

If you do not want Youth Support Services to receive information from the school, (for pupil and parent), beyond name and address, then please put this in writing to the school addressed for the attention of Mrs Dickenson.

PERMISSION TO INCLUDE YOUR SON'S NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH IN SCHOOL AND NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDINGS

(Please read guidance note 3 before completing this section)

I have read and understood the school guidance notes on the use of photographs/recordings in school and hereby give my consent that photographs/recordings of my son, being used for the purposes stated in the guidance notes.

I further agree that I consent to images of my son appearing on the school website, subject to the necessary controls being in place.

Son's name: _____ **Form:** _____

Signed
Parent/guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

BIOMETRIC DATA

(Please read guidance note 4 before completing this section)

Please complete this section if you consent to The King's School Grantham taking and using biometric finger print information for the purposes of cashless catering at the school. By signing below you are authorising The King's School to use the biometric information for this purpose until your son leaves the school or ceases to use this system. If you wish to withdraw your consent at any time, this can be done by writing to the Headmaster at the school.

Son's Name: _____ **Form:** _____

Signed
Parent/guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Note 1 - Service Child

The Government has agreed to provide additional funding to state schools in England that have Service children on roll. For 2013-14 the Service Pupil Premium will be £300 per Service child in Year 7 through to Year 11. By ticking this box, the school will be able to claim these additional funds and award a uniform and trip allowance for your son. It is the responsibility of parents to notify the school if their tenure with the armed services ceases.

Note 2 - Youth Support Services Agreement Indicator

For pupils approaching or above the age of 12, the school is required to pass on information to Youth Support Services on request. This information includes the name and address of the pupil and parent and any further information relevant to the services' role, which is to support young people, helping them achieve their potential and to realise the benefits from education and training. However, parents can ask that no information beyond name and address (for parent and pupil) be passed on. If as a parent, you do not want Youth Support Services to receive from the school information beyond name and address, please then put this in writing to the school, for the attention of Mrs J Dickenson.

Note 3 – Photograph/Recordings Permission

Wherever possible the school would like to use photographs/recordings of students enjoying the varied activities of school life to promote the positive aspects of the work that we do. We use photographs/recordings in our internal publicity materials such as school prospectus, on our corridor and classroom displays, for staff training and assessment purposes and occasionally on our website. Special events or achievements also feature frequently in the press.

To do all we can to ensure all photographs/recordings of our students are used correctly, we undertake to:-

- Obtain your permission to use photographs of your sons, including newspaper publications
- Only use photographs/recordings for the purposes stated above
- Store all electronic images securely and destroy them when your child leaves the school

I assure you that we have a responsible approach to the use of photographs/recordings and do hope that you are able to support us in publicising the many positive aspects of the work that we do. I would be grateful therefore, if you are in agreement with our intentions, that you sign the photograph consent section. This will act as your consent for your son to have photographs/recordings throughout his school life.

Note 4 – Biometric Information

From September 2013, the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 requires the school to obtain your opt-in permission to use your son's biometric data (fingerprint) in school. Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

What is 'biometric data'?

There are several forms of characteristics that can be used to identify a student but the biometric data we use is the fingerprint. The system currently used is Cyclone Industries Live Reg Cashless Catering System.

At no time is an image of a finger print ever stored for retrieval; when a student is registered, a code is generated to compare future readings against. This code is stored against each user record and is considered to be unique. The likelihood of a duplicate record is less than 1 in 100,000.

All information is held on computers held within the school and is encrypted using an internationally recognised industry standard system, this means data cannot be used or accessed except via the Cyclone Industries management console which is only available to authorised users in school via school machines.

When your son leaves the school, or if for some other reason he ceases to use the biometric system his biometric data will be securely deleted.

What will we use the information for?

Biometric information will only be used to identify the students for the cashless catering system operating within the school.

What if I opt out?

If you elect not to allow The King's School to store biometric information on your son, we will provide him with a numerical code to use for cashless catering. Biometric data is the most efficient and secure option as only your son can access this, where as a pin could be copied and used.

Can I opt out at a later date?

You can withdraw your consent at any time by writing to the Headmaster. Your son can also withdraw his consent at any time. In either case mentioned we will delete any record stored on the system within 24hrs of receiving the information.