



# King's Norton Boys' School

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Dear Parent/ Carer

At the end of my sixth week I thought it was a fitting time to update you on our plans and intentions to move the school forward.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> February we hosted a registered lead inspector to review our current situation. The review was very positive and our own self evaluation of the school was found to be very accurate. As a result, our main areas of focus remain:

- Developing clarity in our behaviour system.
- Developing clearer expectations so our boys know what we want from a "King's Norton boy".

We will therefore be engaging with students and staff to develop these areas further and firm up our plans. We will then share with you and invite feedback.

I have witnessed a great deal of good practice and I am delighted with the developments we are already making in our strategies to engage our boys. Our aim is to be a beacon of good practice on how to teach boys best and we are already taking steps toward this.

In my first letter I explained that we wouldn't look to make changes for changes sake, this remains the case. However, I thought it might be useful for you to know the areas where we are conducting reviews over the next couple of months:

- Our PSHE provision: We want to ensure our boys are prepared for the demands of our modern world and that our PSHE provision is clearer to parents so you can reinforce these important messages, understand what is being delivered and our reasoning.
- Our assessment, reporting and homework procedures: we want to make sure we have systems and policies that support students to do their best whilst being straight forward, practical and achievable.
- Our mobile phone policy: This is a hot talking point in the media and we need to think carefully about what our approach is. I have recently seen issues take time away from teaching and supporting students, we need to find a way forward.

I would value your thoughts on these three areas and will be establishing an on-line survey to collect ideas, thoughts and comments from our parents after the break.

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### Building works

It is with great delight that I can confirm that work should start on our new sports hall before Easter. This means it should be ready for the second week of the Autumn term. This is a wonderful addition to our sports facilities which we aim to keep building over the next few years.

### Dates for the diary:

Week commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Geography field trip (Group 1)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Options evening 4.30pm – 6pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 Ski trip
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 9 Parents' evening
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 Parents' evening
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Options deadline
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET day – school closed to students
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School breaks up for Easter holidays

We are now in a position to confirm the following changes to our parents' events. Apologies for any confusion over these changes. The new dates should provide the best possible opportunities for parents to be involved in their son's education.

I wish you and your family a very restful and safe half term.

Yours faithfully,



**Mr Clayton**  
**Headteacher**