King Solomon High School Newsletter

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Year 11 students on stage with members of The Globe Players

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year.

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful festive break and is feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

We have started the new term with a strong focus on attendance and uniform, recognising the vital role both play in supporting student attainment. We have already seen positive improvements in these areas during the first two weeks and would like to thank you for your continued support. We hope this positive trend continues.

It has been a busy and productive start to the term. Last week, we appointed our new Student Leadership Committee, made up of our Head Students, Student Prefects, and Student Council members. Students went through a rigorous application process, reviewed by Mr Tomene and the Heads of Year. Well done to all students who applied, and particular congratulations to those selected to represent the school in their respective roles. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on our school community.

We were also pleased to welcome The Globe Players last week, who supported our Year 11 students with their English Literature studies by bringing the texts they are currently studying to life on stage.

In addition, we have some exciting extra-curricular clubs running this term. The PE Department will be offering netball and football clubs open to all students, while the Performing Arts Department continues to run the popular *Step into Dance* class.

Please read on for further information, including full details of all clubs and how students can sign up.

Term Dates

Please click on the icon for full **2025 - 2026** Term Dates

SPRING TERM 2026 **Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026**	
Monday 5th January 2026 **School closed to students**	**INSET DAY**
Tuesday 6th January 2026	First day of the spring term All students first day back
Tuesday 3rd March 2026 **Early close**	Purim Early close at the end of period 4
Monday 16th February - **Friday 20th February 2026** **School closed**	**HALF TERM**
Friday 27th March 2026 **Early close**	Last day of the spring term Early close at the end of period 4
Monday 30th March - **Friday 10th April 2026** **School closed**	**PASSOVER/SPRING HOLIDAY**

Attendance

At King Solomon High School, we recognise the strong link between excellent attendance and high academic achievement. In line with government guidance, we encourage all students to aim for at least **95% attendance** to maximise their potential and improve their chances of GCSE success.

Research shows that students with **95 - 100% attendance** are almost twice as likely (1.9 times) to achieve a **Grade 5 in English and Maths** compared with those whose attendance falls between **90 - 95%**.

High attendance also makes a significant difference over time. **95 - 100% attendance** equates to up to **two additional weeks of learning each year**, while attendance of **90% or below** can mean missing around **19 days (almost four weeks)** of school annually. Over five years of secondary education, this can add up to **half a school year or more missed**, significantly reducing the likelihood of achieving key benchmarks such as **grades 9 - 5**.

We understand that children may occasionally feel unwell; however, we ask families to support good attendance by ensuring that minor ailments such as coughs, colds, or period pains do not result in absence wherever possible. Please arrange medical appointments outside school hours where feasible. When this is not possible, we expect students to attend school **before or after appointments**.

Reporting Absence

All student lateness, medical appointments, or absences must be reported by emailing: **absence@kshsonline.uk**

To help us manage attendance efficiently, please **do not** use the following for absence notifications:

- info@kshsonline.uk
- attendance@kshsonline.uk
- staff members' direct email addresses
- the telephone absence line (voicemail)

The telephone absence line should only be used if you experience a technical issue with your email service on the day.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our communication processes running smoothly.

Uniform Drive

We have begun our Spring Term with a renewed focus on school uniform, and we would like to share some very positive news, as well as thank you for the continued support you show our school community.

Since the start of this initiative, we have seen a clear and encouraging improvement in how students are wearing their school uniform. More importantly, students are demonstrating genuine pride in their appearance and in representing our school. The response from students has been overwhelmingly positive, and it has been wonderful to see a growing sense of responsibility and awareness across the school.

A school uniform is about much more than appearance. Wearing the correct uniform helps to create a sense of identity and equality, reminding students that they are part of a community where everyone belongs. It also removes unnecessary distractions, supports a calm and purposeful learning environment, and allows students to focus fully on their education.

Wearing uniform correctly helps students to develop important life skills. It encourages self-discipline, responsibility, and attention to detail - qualities that are essential not only for success in school, but also in further education, employment, and life beyond the classroom. Taking pride in one's appearance often goes hand in hand with taking pride in one's work, behaviour, and achievements.

We recognise that education is a partnership between school and home, and your support makes a real difference. By encouraging students to wear their uniform correctly each day, you are helping to reinforce high expectations, positive routines, and a mindset that values effort and respect. These are lessons that will remain with them long into the future.

We would like to thank you for your continued cooperation and encouragement. Together, we are helping our students to build confidence, develop pride in themselves and their school, and prepare for the opportunities ahead. We are extremely proud of the progress we have seen so far and look forward to continuing this positive journey with you and your children.

Below you will find a list of the correct uniform items and expectations, along with a digital graphic designed by our Art Coordinator, which clearly illustrates our expectations for student uniform and appearance. This information can also be found on our website by clicking About Us → **Uniform**.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

School Uniform

- Navy blazer (with school badge).
- Plain navy crew or v-neck jumper (optional).
- Regular black socks, black ankle socks, long black socks or plain black/nude tights.

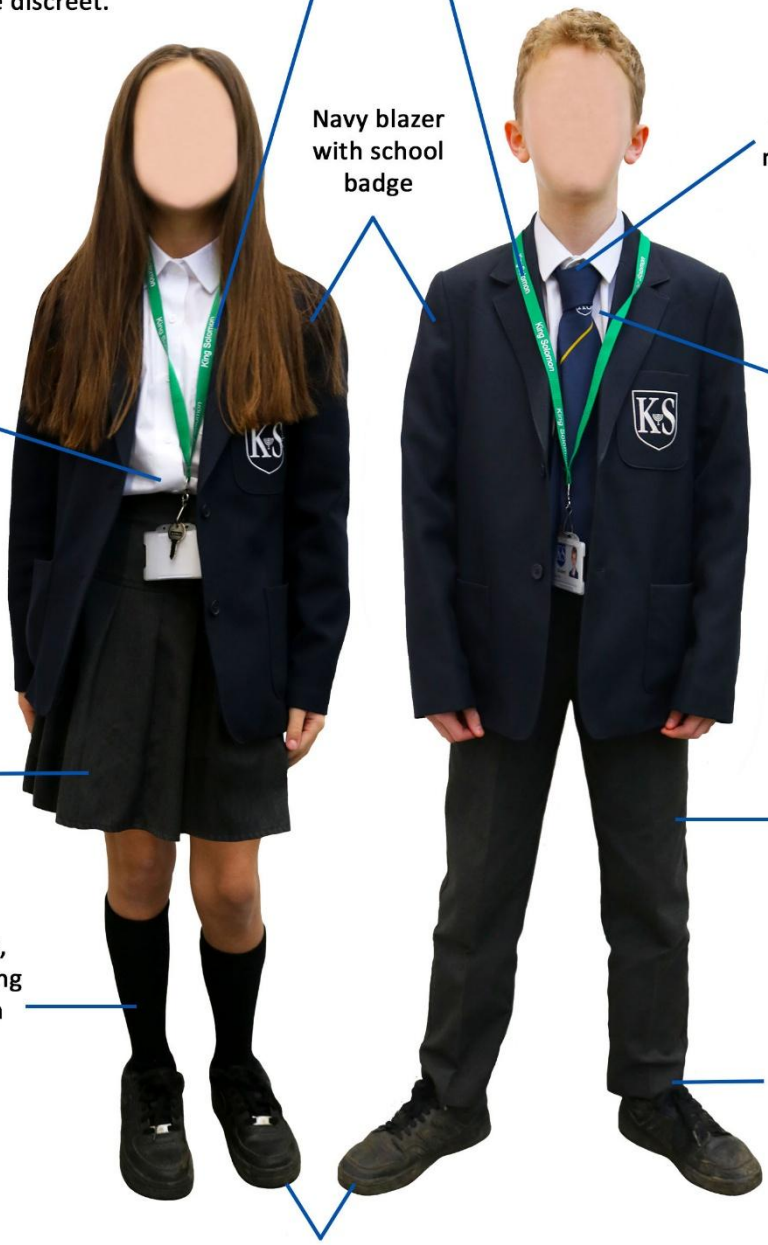
- Black smart school shoes or plain black trainers with no logo/designs visible. No pumps, no canvas shoes, no boots, no high tops.

Female Students	Male Students
Plain grey kilt or skirt worn at knee length.	Plain grey trousers (no jean style trousers, no jeggings, no tight trousers, no chinos).
White blouse/shirt (short or long sleeved) tucked into skirt.	White shirt (short or long sleeved) tucked into trousers.
Tie is optional. The school tie must be worn with a buttoned-up blouse/shirt.	Tie is compulsory. The school tie must be worn with a buttoned-up shirt.
	Male students are required to wear a kippah (head covering) on their heads.

Requirements

- Blazers must be worn at all times when moving around the school building, unless otherwise advised by the Headteacher.
- Students are required to wear their lanyard at all times in classrooms and when moving around the school building.
- Students may wear a single ear stud in each ear. No other piercings are permitted. Religious symbols, where required, must be discreet.
- Headscarves worn for religious reasons should be black or blue.
- Light foundation or face makeup is permitted. Makeup items such as mascara, eyeliner, eyeshadow, lipstick, and lip gloss are not permitted.
- Nail varnish, gel nails, false eyelashes, and false nails are not permitted.

KING SOLOMON HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM



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Lanyard - must be worn at all times

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Navy blazer with school badge

Tie is compulsory for male students - must be worn with a buttoned-up shirt

White blouse/shirt (short or long sleeved) - tucked into skirt

White shirt (short or long sleeved) - tucked into trousers

Plain navy crew or v-neck jumper (optional)

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Top Achievers - Reward Points

Congratulations to the students who received the highest number of reward points over the last two weeks. Their consistent hard work, positive attitude, and dedication to both academics and school values have been recognised by staff.

The students with the highest number of reward points are:

Student	Form
Ansh Bindal	8P
Olivia Macqueen	8P
Zaira Adebajo-Martinez	10Z

The students with the highest reward points in each year group are:

Student	Form
Ianis Irichevici	7P
Ansh Bindal	8P
Kayne Rose	9G
Zaira Adebajo-Martinez	10Z
Danas Juodaitis	11M

Keep up the outstanding work!

Ianis Irichevici 7P

Ansh Bindal 8P

Olivia Macqueen 8P

Kayne Rose 9G

Zaira Adebajo-Martinez 10Z

Danas Juodaitis 11M

Student Leadership

Congratulations to the students who were appointed to our new Student Leadership Committee last week. The committee is made up of our Head Students, Student Prefects, and Student Council members.

Students were invited to apply for the leadership role they were most interested in, with applications reviewed by Mr Tomene alongside the Heads of Year. Students who demonstrated strong leadership qualities through an excellent application and a positive behaviour record were selected as Student Council members and Student Prefects.

A number of students were then shortlisted for the role of Head Student and asked to prepare a video speech, which was shared with the whole school community. Staff and students voted to elect our Head Students.

Well done to all students who participated in the Student Council selection process.

Head Students

Poppy Rose
11M

Zachary Poole
11P

Madalina Polensche
10Z

Student Prefects

Hanan Abdulrahman
10G

Hannah Scarry
10P

Holly Saliba
10K

Leah Kaye
10P

Nisa Yilmaz
10G

Manprit Kaur
10Z

Tanaya Chauhan
10K

Isabella Gordon
10K

Whitney Tayeye
10G

Brodie Schiffman
10P

Student Council

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YEAR 7	**YEAR 8**	**YEAR 9**	**YEAR 10**
Daryna Prokopenko	Bonnie Parnell	Sanshitha Baskar	Frankie Harris
Dishaani Krishnanandapavan	Yonatan Shaanan-Eisen	Ferb Arogyadas Micheal	Madalina Polensche
Emily Kunski	Farah Shalom	Aliza Farid	Hannah Scarry
Joy-Jacinth Brown	Vivaan Vyas	Elda Peraj	Brodie Schiffman
Sariya Chantiloupe	Mason Pomerance		Daniel Szybiak
Todor Ganchev	Alexandra Ciolacu		

The Globe Players

On Thursday 8th December, we were delighted to welcome The Globe Players to our school. They performed The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde and Macbeth, providing engaging and insightful performances that supported our Year 11 students in their preparation for the English Literature examinations.

The students found the performances incredibly valuable in bringing the texts they are studying to life, helping to deepen their understanding of the material covered in class. The feedback we received about the performances was overwhelmingly positive.

Extra Curricular Clubs

PE - Netball and Football

This term, we are pleased to offer two exciting after-school clubs open to all year groups and genders: **Netball (Monday)** and **Football (Thursday)**. Both clubs will take place in the sports hall.

Both clubs will run every week from **3:20pm to 4:20pm**. Students should head to the PE department at the end of the school day, dressed in their KS PE kit. All students will be dismissed from the **main reception at 4:20pm**.

To take part, students must be registered via the **Bromcom "My Child at School" App**.

How to sign up:

1. **Download and log in:** Search for *"MyChildAtSchool - Parent App"* on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Use the School ID, username, and invitation code (sent via email) to log in.
2. **Register for a club:** Tap the menu icon → Select **"Clubs"** → Choose either **Netball** or **Football** → Tap **"Register for This Club"** → Select the membership period and confirm your registration.

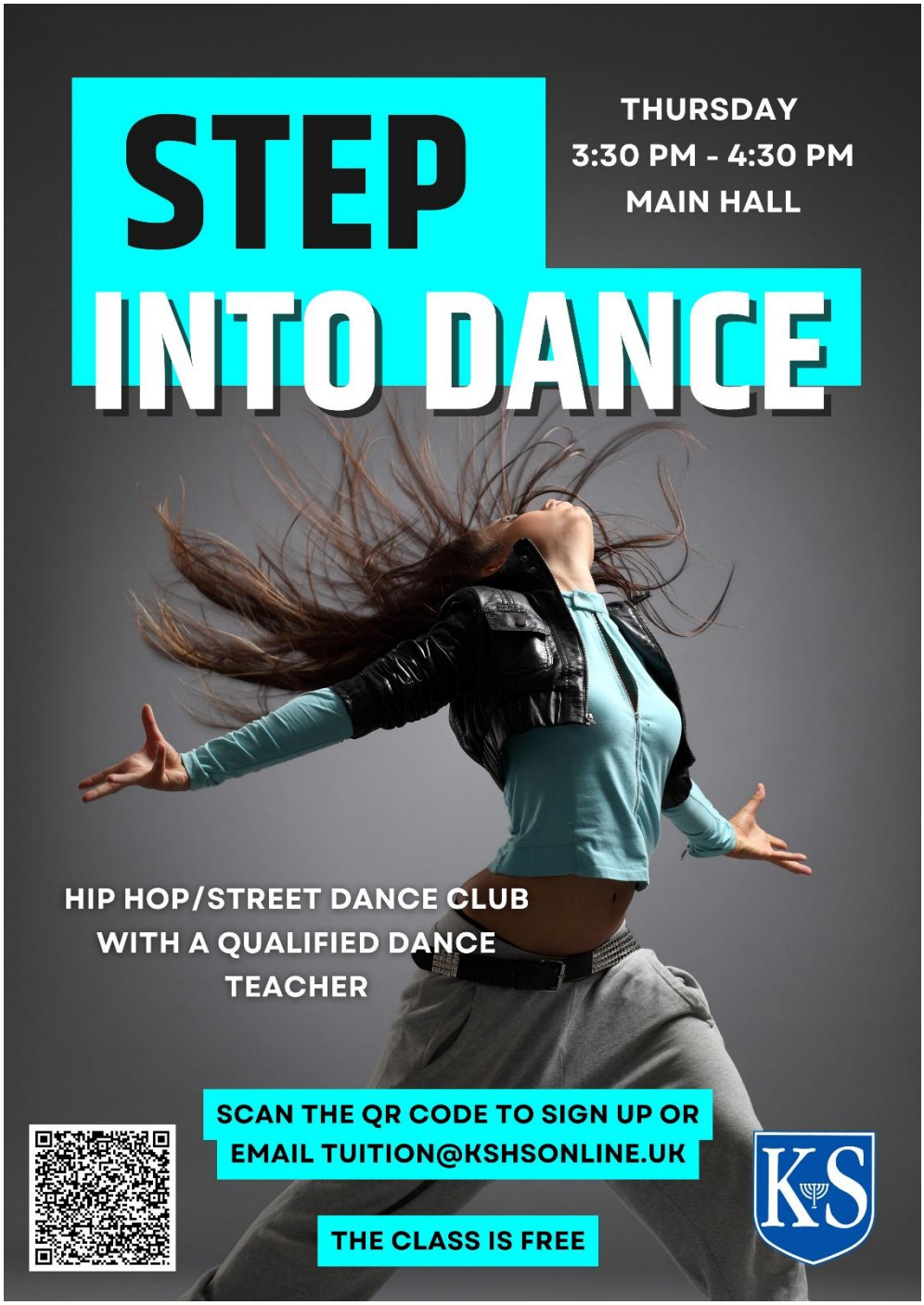
Come along to get active and develop your skills in a positive and inclusive environment.
We look forward to seeing students engaged, active and having fun!

Performing Arts - Step into Dance

If your child is interested in dance, we offer a hip hop/street dance club, led by a qualified dance teacher.

The class takes place on **Thursday after school from 3:30pm - 4:30pm in the Main Hall.** The class is free.

To sign up, scan the QR code below or email: tuition@kshsonline.uk



Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show 2026

Submissions are now open for the Young Artists' Summer Show 2026!

The Young Artists' Summer Show is an exciting opportunity for students aged 4-18 across the UK to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Find out more about the Young Artists' Summer Show.

Key Dates

Registration and submission open: **5 January - 4 March 2026** | **Judging**: **May 2026**

Online exhibition opens: **14 July 2026** | **Display at the RA open**: **14 July - 30 August 2026**

Meet the artists

Over 23,000 students took part in last year's Summer Show, including former King Solomon student **Eleonora Rafailova**, whose painting entitled 'Prayer' was selected for online exhibition.

Click here to see Eleonora's amazing entry and here to see last years full online exhibition.

If you are interested in entering the Young Artists' Summer Show 2026, please see Ms Shepherd in the Art Department for further information.

Safeguarding Contacts

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Miss Davies (Associate Assistant Headteacher).

If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or the wellbeing of any other student at King Solomon High School, please contact the school on 020 8498 1331 or email the DSL at **safeguarding@kshsonline.uk**. This email address can also be used for students, parents and carers to share any safeguarding concerns or to request support.

If you are concerned that a child has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed and school cannot be contacted, please contact Redbridge Children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 020 8708 3885, and all the police on 999 straight away.

Helpful Numbers and Websites

- **Childline**: 0800 1111
- **NSPCC Helpline**: 0808 800 5000
- **The Police:** (if you are in danger): 999
- **LGBT Switchboard**: **0800 0119 100**
- **Kooth: www.kooth.com -** support service for student's wellbeing
- **Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (emergency team)**: 020 8708 3885
- **Barnardos**: 0800 008 7005

Let us Know . . .

- If you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it is not important)
- If you feel anxious or unable to cope
- If someone has hurt you physically, emotionally, or mentally.
- If you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it is not important)
- If you feel worried about someone at home
- If you are being threatened or forced to do things
- If someone has done something to you without your consent
- If you feel unsafe in school, at home or on the streets
- About anything else worrying you

Student Medical Needs

If your child needs to take regular medication in school, please fill in a **Medicines Consent Form** and hand in to Student Services to give the school consent to administer medication to your child. All medications that are kept in school must be stored in the medical room.

Should your child have an accident inside or outside of school that requires them to attend A&E, please inform the school as soon as possible as a Risk Assessment Meeting may need to be arranged. Any new medical conditions also need to be reported to Mrs Levy (Welfare/Safeguarding Officer).

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We are continuously working hard to improve our understanding as a community of mental health, to enable us to provide the best possible outcomes for the young people in our lives. If you are ever concerned that your child is at risk due to very poor mental health, please inform the school. You can also contact one of these numbers to seek support from a specialist. The Crisis line is there to offer guidance if your child may be having suicidal thoughts and is possibly in immediate danger. If you do ever find yourself in a position where you need to use these resources for your child, please make the school aware so we can provide appropriate support within school for your child.

Urgent mental health support - 24/7 crisis lines

Every mental health trust in London has put in place **a 24/7 crisis line** for people of all ages - children, young people and adults. The lines which are free to call can provide advice to those in a crisis. These crisis lines are supported by trained mental health advisors 365 days a year.

You can find the 24/7 crisis line numbers using the NHS Service Finder (link below) but the table provides all of the telephone numbers in London.

https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline

Area	Boroughs covered	24/7 crisis line number
North West London	Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	0800 0234 650
	Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham	0800 328 4444
North Central London	Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington	0800 151 0023
North East London	City & Hackney	0800 073 0006
	Newham	0800 073 0066
	Tower Hamlets	0800 073 0003
	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0300 555 1000
South West London	Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth	0800 028 8000
South East London	Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark	0800 731 2864
	Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich	0800 330 8590