



Mrs Watts
Assistant Principal
Head of Middle School

Dear King's Oak Middle School Families,

Welcome back to Term 5! I hope that you have had a settled start back to school after the break.

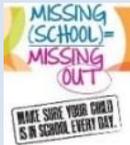
Though it is early to begin talking about transition, I know that children and families begin thinking about this during the Summer Term, so I thought it may be useful to share some key information with you. This term we begin our transition support for every year group. Naturally, this will look different for all children. Below, I have included further information about who to speak to, should you have any questions about this how we will support your child.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Mrs Watts

Attendance Update:

Just a reminder that the expectation for school attendance is a **minimum of 95%**. Attendance lower than this results in significant gaps in learning.

We look forward to seeing who **Apollo** will get to spend the week with when we look at the highest attendance per tutor group at the end of the week.



Grit

I work towards goals I set



I practise to improve

I embrace feedback



I am committed and determined

I am relentless with my effort over time

Middle School Values Focus: March

KOA Value
Work Hard
Be Kind



Learning Power
Grit (Practice)



Value shared
Mutual Respect
and Tolerance



Transition

Year 4 into Year 5 (Welcome to Middle School!):

- Throughout this term, key adults from Middle School are beginning to spend more time in Lower School to find out about our Year 4 children and to become a trusted, familiar face for them.
- Towards the end of this term, a letter with more detailed information about Year 4 transition will be shared; there will also be a coffee afternoon for parents/carers and children to explore the Middle School site, meet key staff and ask any questions.
- Throughout Term 6, Year 4 children will have the amazing opportunity to take part in weekly forest school sessions on Monday afternoons; this will enable them to spend more time getting used to the site, getting to know more staff and having input into their environment. Year 4 children will also spend some time with the current Year 5s to re-connect and build our community.

Year 5 into Year 6; Year 7 into Year 8:

- Staff are finalised towards the beginning of Term 6, following teacher's notice period closing at the end of May half-term holiday. Following this, tutor / class teacher information will be shared with you and your children.
- King's Oak Transition Day will take place on **Wednesday 3 July** this year.
- A letter will be shared in June, with further information about Year 5 and Year 7 transition. In the meantime, please feel free to ask Miss Hibbert, Miss Southcott or Mr Nathan any questions about this.

Year 6 into Year 7:

- All transition information was shared during Term 4, with offer letters.
- Please speak to Hannah Pearch, Hannah Briden, Zoe Side or Emma Watts if you have any questions.
- For SEND-related enquiries, please speak with Hannah Pearch in the first instance.
- Thank you to everyone who attended coffee afternoon last week. It was such a pleasure to see so many of you there, and to see the friendships forming between many children from different schools. We look forward to more opportunities like this!

Year 8 into Year 9 (Welcome to Upper School!):

- The handover between Heads of Year and Heads of School are currently beginning. During Term 6, your new Head of Year (Mrs Holtby) will be spending time getting to know children and families. Mrs Holtby will also attend Year 8 parent/carer's evening next Thursday (2 May) to meet families. Please feel free to introduce yourself and ask any questions.
- Mr Marshall (Head of Upper School) will be in touch at the beginning of Term 6 with further information about transition opportunities for our new Year 9s!

Middle School Dates for the Diary – TERM 5

22 April	Year 8 Camp Meeting
25 April	Year 7 Parents Evening
27 April	CANCELLED – Friends of KOA Colour Run
29 April	Year 6 Camp Meeting
30 April	U14 Girls Football Gloucestershire School Quarter Final
1 May	SEND Meeting: Transition. Families from all Year Groups, and Families New to KOA please join us!
1 May	Year 7 and 8 Class Photos
2 May	Year 5 and 6 Class Photos
2 May	Year 8 Parents Evening
6 May	Bank Holiday
10 May	CLF Big Parliament
13-16 May	SATs Week
14 May	Year 7 & 8 CLF Minibus Athletics
24 May	U13 Girls National Cup Final
24 May	Last Day of Term
Dates currently being finalised:	Welcome to Middle School: New Year 4 Coffee Afternoon Year 7 - Road Safety Part 3 – Peer Influence - Date TBC Year 8 - Road Safety Part 3 – Peer Influence - Date TBC

TERM 6

Term 6	Welcome to Middle School: Year 4 Weekly Transition Activity (Forest School) begins
3 June	Start of Term 6
19 June	CLF Big Parliament Live
21/25 June	CLF Festival of Sport Y5-Y8 TBC
1 July	New Year 7 Welcome Evening 16:00 until 17:30
2 July (tbc)	Secondary Phase (Years 7-11) Sports Day
2 July – 4 July	North Somerset transition days for Y7 intake
3 July	KOA Step-Up Day (Reception to Year 9) Bristol city-wide transition day for Y7 intake
4 July	Primary Phase (Years R-6) Sports Day
5 July	Inset Day

8 July – 12 July	Year 6 Camp: PGL Liddington
10 July	CLF Big Battle of the Bands
15 July – 17 July	Year 8 Camp: Woodhouse
17 July	CLF Big Dance (Times TBC)
22 July	Summer Concert
23 July	Last Day of Academic Year 2023-2024
Dates currently being finalised:	Welcome to Middle School: Year 4 Parents' Meeting South Gloucestershire transition day for Y7 intake (tbc) Year 5 Camp Meeting

Extra-Curricular Opportunities: Term 5

Lunchtime Clubs

Daily	Y5 - Y6	Lego / Reading / Drawing - LRC - Miss Cox
Monday	Y7 - Y11	Gardening Club - Greenhouse - Miss Miller-Webb
Tuesday	Y7 - Y8	Homework Club - C18 - Miss Pearch
Wednesday	Y7 - Y8	Homework Club - C18 - Miss Pearch
Thursday	Y7 - Y8	Chess and Card Club - C14 - Mr A Blake



After School Clubs

MIDDLE SCHOOL	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
After school					
Monday	Y7 - 8	Maths Homework Club	C18	15:20 - 16:10	ABE
	Y5 - 6	KS2 Multi Sports	Lower School	15:10 - 16:10	Progressive Sports
		KS2 Girls Football	Astro		AST
	Y7-8	Keyboard Club	Music	15:20 - 16:00	TWN
	Y7 - 8	Drama Club	DA1	15:25 - 16:15	JML/GDT
Tuesday	Y7 - 8	Fitness	Gym 2	15:15 - 16:10	JCK
		Rounders	Field		AJS/RHD
Wednesday	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
	Y5 - 6	Gymnastics	Lower School	15:10 - 16:10	Sporting Chance
	Y7-8	Cricket	Field	15:15 - 16:15	DJN/SGR
Thursday	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
	Y7 - 8	Homework Club	C18	13:10 - 13:45	HPH
	Y5 - 8	Homework Support Club	C18	15:10 - 16:10	HPH
	Y7 - 8	Maths Homework Support Club	C18	15:10 - 16:10	ABE
	Y6 - 8	Art Club	E22	15:10 - 16:00	KSH/ELW
	Y5 - 6	Football	Lower School	15:10 - 16:10	Sporting Chance
	Y7 - 8	STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths)	DG2	15:15 - 16:10	DTR/RRY
	Y7 - 8	Music Practice time	Music	15:20 - 16:00	TWN
	Y5 - 8	Warhammer Club	EG2	15:15 - 16:10	CNN
Friday	Y5 - 6	Tennis	Courts	15:10 - 16:10	AWN
		Girls Football	Astro	15:15	ESE/RHD
	Y7 - 8	Athletics	Field	15:15	DJN/ASJ/JCK
	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
	Y7 - 8	Football Team	KS2 Playground	15:10 - 16:10	Progressive Sports
Y7 - 8	Music Practice time	Music area	15:20 - 16:00	TWN	

All KOA-ran clubs are now bookable via the MCAS App.

Years 5 / 6: If you have any questions, please contact Miss Southcott.

Years 7 / 8: If you have any questions, please speak to the teacher leading the club.

*Sporting Chance: £4.00 per session. Bookings to be made via the website and payment via debit/ credit card / childcare vouchers or BACS. FSM places available - speak to the office for a letter

Key Reminders and Updates

Middle School Office

Just a reminder that the Middle School Office / Reception is currently operating on reduced hours and is open for children and adults to access from 08:30 - 09:15 and 14:40 - 15:20 each day. We should return to full-time opening for Term 6.

Brook Road

Just a reminder that **Brook Road is closed to all vehicles from 08:25 - 08:50 and from 15:00 - 15:20** (blue badges exempt). This means that no vehicles should enter, be moving on, or leave the road. *This is to keep our children, families, and staff safe. Please respect this road closure.* Please also ensure that when using all roads around school, you are parking respectfully (e.g. not blocking driveways).

Book Corners

Just a reminder that we would love any of your previously loved books for our Year 5/6 book corners. These might be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or even magazines or interesting leaflets!



Year 6 and Year 8 Camps

As you know, **Year 6** are off to **PGL Liddington** and **Year 8** are off to **Woodhouse Park**. Please ensure that you complete the online forms shared with you as soon as possible. Please contact Jess Ware (jess.ware@clf.uk) with any questions.