KING EDWARD VI
CAMP HILL
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

7 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

The start of a new academic year always brings a real sense of excitement and anticipation. As students return and we look ahead to the opportunities and challenges the year will bring, it is also a chance to reflect on the successes of the summer and celebrate the achievements of our young people.

It was a pleasure to welcome students back to Camp Hill Girls last week, particularly those joining our community for the first time. A very warm welcome goes to our new Year 7 students, the students joining Year 12 and the new members of staff who have become part of the Camp Hill family this year.

Over the summer, we were delighted to celebrate another set of outstanding examination results. These achievements reflect not only the talent and determination of our students, but also the commitment, expertise and encouragement of our staff and families.

At A Level, 57.5% of grades were awarded at A*/A and 87.1% at A*/B. We were especially pleased that 16 students secured places at Oxford or Cambridge, while many others have gone on to a wide range of prestigious universities, degree apprenticeships and other exciting pathways. As always, our students impressed us not only with their academic success, but also with their resilience, ambition and character. We wish all our 2026 leavers every happiness and success as they begin the next stage of their journey.

GCSE results were equally impressive, with 36.9% of grades awarded at Grade 9 and 80% at Grades 7-9. These outcomes represent years of hard work, perseverance and commitment, and we are incredibly proud of all that our students have achieved. We are delighted that the vast majority have returned to continue their studies in our Sixth Form, while those moving on to new opportunities leave with our sincere thanks and very best wishes.

We are also pleased to welcome almost 70 students who have joined our Sixth Form from other schools. We look forward to getting to know them over the coming months and to seeing the contribution they will make to our community. Whether students are joining us for the first time or returning for another year, September can bring a mixture of excitement, opportunity and, understandably, a few nerves. New beginnings often come with uncertainty, but we know that the warmth, kindness and support that characterise the Camp Hill community will help every student settle quickly and feel a genuine sense of belonging.

Attendance & Punctuality

Good attendance is crucial for all students to thrive at school. Please ensure your child arrives each day for 8.45am and is punctual to all lessons. We expect all our students to aim for **at least 97%** attendance as this allows them to flourish both socially and academically. Please look out for further details regarding attendance in the coming days which will cover details such as leave of absence requests and medical appointments. Please be aware that holidays

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during term time are not granted. All term dates can be found on our school website. Please direct all queries to enquiries@chg.kevibham.org. Punctuality is equally important, as the graphic below shows; we greet all students each morning with care and compassion, please be aware that all student who are late are placed in a same day catch up at recess to ensure immediate follow up takes place, and support where required.





Working with the community

We regularly write to parents/carers regarding the close work we do with the local community to foster good relationships and continue to build a Greener Kings Heath, alongside Birmingham City Council. In summary, we ask that you work with us on this when dropping off/collecting your child from school and consider the following:

- Dropping your child off away from the main road, instead choosing a collection/drop off point and encouraging your child to walk the rest of the way. It is extremely busy outside school at the end of the school day, and parents/carers will find it far easier to park away from the school site
- Dropping off responsibly: respecting yellow lines and not mounting pavements or grass verges
- Switching your engine off whilst stationary as we know around Kings Heath and Vicarage Road can become congested
- Taking extra care when reversing as you may not be seen by our students.

Safety on site - Vehicle access for parents/carers

There are well over 2000 students attending Camp Hill Girls and Boys schools, along with more than 200 staff. Access to the schools is via one single track driveway off Vicarage Road, with limited turning and parking space. Therefore, unless parents/carers are advised there will be parking available at certain events after school, **the site**

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is not accessible to vehicles of parents/carers during the hours of 7am and 6pm. Please be aware that the building is not open to students until 8am each morning.

We have written to parents/carers previously about this and would like to remind everyone that **vehicle access is prohibited unless special permission is granted by either school.** This will be granted in the event of an emergency or if a student has a medical issue or illness, and parents/carers should speak to a member of the office team to request access in advance. To protect the safety of all students and staff, there is an ANPR barrier on the main drive which will only allow authorised vehicle access. This will be in operation between 8am and 9am when the main gates to the schools are open to allow staff entry in the morning.

Support for our Students

We are very aware of the ongoing financial hardship that many families are facing and the worries that you may have about the winter months ahead. We are committed to supporting your children as best we can here at school and will continue to offer the following:

- Free tea and toast available in the dining room before school
- Free access to Study Club Monday – Friday until 5pm. Students have access to library, computing and printing facilities in our new library under supervision from support staff.

We also have a well-stocked, pre-loved uniform shop. If your child needs any item of uniform, please speak to the school office (0121 444 2150) or use this form on our website to let us know which items you require. Details of the very reasonable prices are on the website.

We know that financial situations for families can fluctuate. If you have experienced a change in your income or are worried about your financial situation at home, we would really encourage you to get in touch as there may be some additional support that you are entitled to such as the Pupil Premium. As a school, we are here to help with the application process and can provide 1-2-1 help and access to technology if needed. If you require some assistance, please contact Ms Cloves in our Main Office. Above all, please do not feel alone with your financial worries. We are here to listen and do what we can to help our students keep well, happy and able to learn and participate in all that our school has to offer.

Arbor

To ensure you receive the latest information about your child, including attendance, timetable, House points and reports, we strongly encourage all parents and carers to download and regularly use the Arbor Parent Portal App. Please note that all student illness and absence reporting should continue to be submitted through Studybugs, while ParentPay remains the platform for topping up your child's account. Further information about accessing Arbor, using Studybugs to report absence and other key school systems can be found on our website. **All online progress evenings will be via the SchoolCloud platform; further details regarding this will be emailed beforehand.**

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Progress Evenings for Parents & Carers

The dates of our scheduled Progress Evenings are shown below. All will take place virtually, apart from Year 11 and Year 13.

Year group	Date	Time	Nature of the Evening
7	1st July 2027	16.15-19.15	Virtual*
8	6th May 2027	16.15-19.15	Virtual*
9	18th March 2027	16.15-19.15	Virtual*
10	22nd April 2027	16.15-18.45	Virtual*
11	4th February 2027	16.15-18.45	**Face to Face**
12	25th February 2027	16.15-18.45	Virtual*
13	3rd December 2026	16.15-18.30	**Face to Face**

**Virtual evenings may start before this published time (from 16.00 at the earliest) and end after the published time to provide more flexibility for the teaching staff to conduct these from home.*

In addition to the Progress Evenings, we are also offer on-site and virtual information evenings for parents/carers. These will include:

Year 11 'Steps to Success' – Tuesday 15th September (6.00 – 7.00pm)
Year 7 Transition Evening – 8th October (5.15 - 6.45pm) *
Year 10 'Making a great start to GCSEs – Thursday 15th October (6.00 – 7.00pm)
Year 12 'Welcome to Sixth Form at Camp Hill' – Thursday 24th September (5.30 - 6.30pm)
Sixth Form Open Evening - Y11 students, parents/carers – 19th November (5.30 - 8.00pm)

**Please note this date has been delayed by one week*
Further information will be sent out in advance of each event to parents/carers of students in each year group.

Key dates for your diaries:

Please regularly check the school calendar for upcoming events/activities for individual year groups, such as the Year 7 Disco (date TBC), hosted by our AFS. These dates are also communicated through our half-termly Chronicle.

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We hope that the information provided has been useful. Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to working with you over the coming academic year.

Yours faithfully

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Head of School