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Welcome to King Charles I School

Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to welcome you to King Charles I School and introduce myself as the headteacher. I am delighted that you have chosen to send your son/daughter to us and look forward to seeing them flourish and succeed as they grow into a young adult during their seven years with us.

Students only gets one main chance of an education, one main chance to flourish and prepare for adult life. We will strive to give all our students the very best because it is what they all deserve. As you know the attainment and achievement of the students at King Charles I School has increased year on year in recent times. As you know secondary schools are now rightly judged on the progress that students make from the beginning of Year 7 until the end of Year 11 using the 'Progress 8' score. Last year was another record breaking year at King Charles I School and the students made outstanding progress across a range of subjects - a truly fantastic achievement, demonstrating the quality of the experience studying at King Charles offers alongside the students' hard work. The outstanding results are a testament to the five years of dedication and hard work of our students and their teachers. It was great to see so many smiling faces as they picked up their results. At a time when young people are under intense scrutiny and pressure our students are achieving at an exceptional level. This is down to the hard work and excellent behaviour of our students, the high standard of teaching and the excellent relationships between staff and students.

The table below shows the 'Progress 8' scores for the secondary schools in the local area. We are delighted that, once again, we are the school where the students made the most progress from the beginning of Year 7 until the end of Year 11.

School	'Progress 8' score
King Charles I School	+0.37
Holy Trinity School	+0.24
Wolverley CofE Secondary School	-0.02
National average	-0.02
The Bewdley School and Sixth Form Centre	-0.10
Baxter College	-0.19
The Stourport High School and Sixth Form Centre	-0.44

Our 'Progress 8' score means that the grades our students achieved were over a third of a grade better than other students nationally. In fact our 'Progress 8' score is the sixth best of all the secondary schools in Worcestershire. The DfE also put schools into groups of similar schools and as you can see below we did exceptionally well.

School	Position within group of similar schools (out of 55)
King Charles I School	6 th
Holy Trinity School	17 th
Wolverley CofE Secondary School	24 th
Baxter College	32 nd
The Bewdley School and Sixth Form Centre	35 th
The Stourport High School and Sixth Form Centre	46 th

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Whilst we are focussed on academic outcomes, we know all our students as individuals. We take great pride in developing relationships between students, staff and families, in order that we can ensure that success is desirable, demanded and achievable. We are proud of our very extensive curriculum from Years 7 to 13 which we complement with an extensive enrichment programme. From after school clubs to international trips, we give our students access to the cultural literacy to enable them to fully participate in adult educated life. We operate with a strict approach to discipline ensuring our students develop the habits that will be necessary to be successful independent adults. We have very high expectations of all our students and I make no apologies for doing this. We will take a firm line on any kind of poor behaviour and have a zero tolerance regarding bullying. All our students rise to the challenges and are therefore a credit to us and we are very proud of their example. They are able to learn in calm, purposeful classrooms. The culture is that we care about our school, we respect others and we do our best and we expect our students to:

- work hard and do their school work to the best of their ability
- get involved in all that the school has to offer both in and out of the classroom.
- attend school punctually, every day and in full school uniform.
- show respect and courtesy to those around them and to our school

Over the next few months, staff from King Charles will be visiting the primary schools to discuss curriculum and pastoral issues. Experience shows that transition arrangements are crucial to helping students make a successful start to their time at King Charles I School.

We will also be holding a New Intake Evening for you on Thursday 4th July and running five Induction days for students on Monday 1st-Friday 5th July. The precise details will be sent to you nearer the time. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the transition arrangements, please contact Mr Wilkinson (head of the Borrington Site).

I look forward to meeting you on Thursday 4th July.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Brownlow
Headteacher