

Kensington Junior Academy

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HEAD TEACHER NEWSLETTER

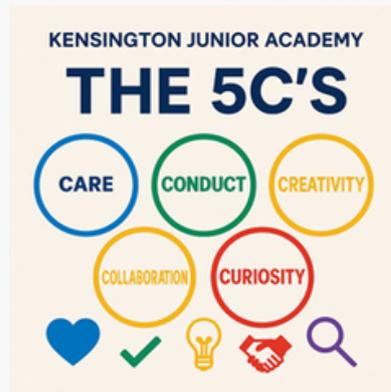
Dear Parents & Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your children to the start of a brand new academic year at Kensington Junior Academy. Whether your child is just joining us or is returning after the summer, we are delighted to have them as part of our school community.

At Kensington, we believe that the quality of education we provide is the foundation for every child's future. Research shows that children who receive a strong primary education are far more likely to succeed in their later studies, with early literacy and numeracy being key predictors of future achievement. According to the Education Endowment Foundation, progress made in primary school has a long-lasting impact on outcomes at secondary school and beyond. In other words, the years your children spend here are vital in opening doors to opportunity, achievement, and success later in life. We are proud of our long tradition of providing excellence in education. This January, we will be celebrating a remarkable milestone

our 140th anniversary. Few schools can boast such a history, and we see this not only as a testament to our past, but as an inspiration for the future.

This term, the children have also been introduced to our new school values, the 5C's: Care, Conduct, Creativity, Collaboration, and Curiosity. These values form the spine of our school community and will shape the way we learn and grow together. Each child has been exploring what these values mean in practice, adopting the characteristics that will help them not only achieve academic success, but also develop into true 21st-century citizens—thoughtful, respectful, and ready to thrive in a changing world. In addition, we are excited to launch our new house system, designed to build pride, belonging, and teamwork across the school. Children will now be part of one of our four houses: Rutland, Gallows, Bennerley, and Stanton.



These names reflect the rich cultural and community links our school has with the local area, and we are looking forward to the competitions, events, and celebrations that will bring our house system to life throughout the year.

As we begin this year together, I cannot stress enough how vital your role is in your child's education. When parents and school work in partnership—supporting learning at home, attending events, engaging with teachers, and encouraging a love of learning—children flourish. Your involvement makes a significant difference, and we warmly invite you to share in our journey this year.

The entire team at Kensington Junior Academy is dedicated to ensuring your child thrives in a safe, stimulating, and supportive environment. Together, we can make this year one of growth, success, and joy in learning.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating your children. We look forward to an inspiring year ahead.

Best wishes,

Mr Oakland
Headteacher

At Kensington Junior Academy, we will ensure that our pupils are academically, socially and emotionally able 21st century citizens.

