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Dear Parents,

It gives me the greatest pleasure to share some very special news with you. Yesterday, at the Independent Schools Association Awards 2025, King's High was named Senior School of the Year.

This prestigious national award recognises excellence, innovation, and impact across the independent sector, and to be chosen as the winner from so many exceptional schools is an outstanding honour. It is a moment of celebration for our entire community – pupils, staff, parents, governors, and alumnae – whose collective commitment and spirit have made this achievement possible. Remarkably, it is the second time we have won this accolade in the last four years, highlighting the excellence of a King's High education and how this is recognised across the sector.

The award reflects so much of what makes King's High a very special place. Most importantly, it celebrates the values at the heart of King's High – kindness, curiosity, courage, and integrity – values that guide our pupils to become confident, compassionate young women ready to make a difference in the world.

In recent years, our community has shared in many successes: record public examination results, a range of prestigious national awards, a 'significant strength' in our latest ISI inspection, outstanding performances on stage and on the sports field, and the flourishing of our innovative partnerships and outreach work. This recognition as Senior School of the Year is both a celebration of excellence and also of the spirit that runs through everything we do: a deep sense of community, joy in learning, and an unwavering belief in the potential of every girl.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continuing support and partnership. I could not be more proud of our students, staff, parents, governors, partners and Foundation schools and colleagues who have enabled and inspired this award. I was delighted to share the news this morning in our weekly Wednesday Staff Briefing and with students via a special online assembly. I look forward to celebrating the news with our community in due course. In the meantime, thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely.

Dr Burley Head Master