



## Newsletter

June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

This is the last newsletter of the year and contains details to support end of term arrangements. Looking back over the year it has, overall, been a very successful one, as well as one that really has flown by. As a school we have a very supportive group of pupils who are always keen to get involved and give their very best. They continue to be a pleasure to work with.

Over the summer break we will be sending out our annual mailshot to all families. This pack will include key information and dates to allow you to fully support family members who are at the school. If, at any point, you do have questions or concerns do please contact either your child's Form Tutor or their Year Manager. We now have in post five Year Managers, one dedicated to each year group.

From September:

- Year 7: Mrs S Parton: [sparton@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:sparton@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk)
- Year 8: Mr D Hancock: [dhancock@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:dhancock@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk)
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- Year 10: Ms A Hudson: [ahudson@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:ahudson@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk)
- Year 11: Mrs L Bennett: [lisabennett@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:lisabennett@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk)

**End of Term:** School will close for the summer break at 12.20pm on Friday 20 July 2018. Food will be available to all pupils over the morning break. In addition, any pupil who would like to order a packed lunch (so that they can eat later or are entitled to a free school lunch) can do so by completing a form at the school reception. Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal can also select food in the normal way at breaktime.

For any pupils/families who have difficulties in picking up their children, facilities will be available for pupils to stay in school until 3pm. Again, please contact the school reception.

At the end of term, we have a number of teachers leaving:

- Mrs E Bini: MFL, who is making a career change (11 years of service)
- Mrs C Currie: Geography, who is also changing her career (12 years of service)
- Mrs J Kelly: English, who has relocated to Beverley (9 years of service)
- Mr B McTaggart: Maths, who is retiring (25 years of service)
- Mr S McGough: Maths, moving to McAuley Catholic High School (16+2 years of service)
- Mr B Lloyd: Maths, who is relocating to Staffordshire (3 years of service)
- Mrs D Barraclough-Green: Food Technology, who is retiring (25 years of service)
- Mrs A Earnshaw: Science, career change (14 years of service)

The school would like to both thank these colleagues for their dedicated support over many years and wish them every success into the future. Thank you.

**Rewards and Consequences:** At the start of every school year we encouraged all our pupils to attend every day, give their very best and get fully involved in the life of the school. Those pupils who do this get recognised in many ways and it has been super to hear that over 1000 of our 1550 pupils are now involved in rewards trips and visits before the summer break. Very well done!

Unfortunately, as every school has to, we do have to deal with pupil behaviours that are not acceptable or that fall below the standards we expect. The ultimate sanction is exclusion from school and I have provided the school's exclusion figures for the last two years. Whilst we are a large 11-16 school our actual exclusion figures for fixed-term exclusions are well below those of other schools, nationally:

	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
<b>Fixed-term exclusion (FTE)</b>	53	109
<b>Days</b>	160	297
<b>Permanent exclusion</b>	4	4

The number of FTE for 2017-18 has been influenced by repeat behaviours by a small number of pupils who were later permanently excluded.

The school has excluded pupils permanently for the possession of drugs, violent behaviour, criminal damage and disturbing the learning in lessons (repeated) of other pupils. Whilst this is always a difficult decision it is done in order to maintain high standards and ensure all involved in the life of the school, pupils and staff, can go about their business in a safe and calm learning environment.

**Pupil News:** Very well done to all the pupils who attended the Big Bang STEM event at Doncaster Racecourse. Mr McMonagle described their attitude and behaviour as 'brilliant!'.

**Athletics:** We have seen some super results in this year's Wakefield State Schools' Championships. We had 8 teams competing and saw our Year 7 boys' and girls' teams along with our Year 8 girls winning their respective competitions. Overall, the girls' teams from Kettlethorpe High School won their combined competition and the boys were third overall. Impressive, and the teams also beat teams from QEGs and WGHS. Very well done!

A special mention here to Amy Hunt, in Year 8, who has been selected to represent West Yorkshire at the English school's track and field championships at Birmingham in July. She is one of a team of 40. Enjoy the event Amy!

**Music:** Well done to our school band 'The Basement' who played this week at the Wakefield 'Teen Spirit' evening at the Wakefield Theatre Royal. Also, all the very best to all the pupils and staff who are involved in the Rhine Valley music tour, next week.

#### **Dates for the Diary:**

<b>Wednesday 4 July 2018:</b>	Year 11 Prom
<b>Thursday 5 July 2018:</b>	Induction Day
<b>Friday 20 July 2018:</b>	School finishes for summer break at 12.20pm
<b>Monday 3 September 2018:</b>	Staff training day (school closed to pupils)
<b>Tuesday 4 September 2018:</b>	School reopens to Y7 and Y11
<b>Wednesday 5 September 2018:</b>	School reopens to all pupils

Very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher