



## Newsletter

September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

The school has made a very positive start to the new academic year and the pupils have begun to respond to the challenges and expectations put to them by their teachers. It is very clear that they are well-organised and look very smart in their school uniform. Thank you to everyone for their support for the school uniform and the start to the year.

**Year 7:** Our newest pupils have made an excellent start. We have 328 new Year 7 pupils, so despite what we were being told, we still have spaces in the year group. We would like to wish them all every success during their time at the school and encourage them to attend every day and get fully involved in the life of the school.

**New Staff:** This September we have had a number of new staff who have joined the school in a number of roles. We hope they enjoy working at the school and wish them, too, every success.

**Road Safety:** The school is always busy, especially at the end of the day over the autumn term. This is because parents/carers pick up pupils and the pupils are still finding their feet. Can families please think carefully about their parking and pick-up arrangements so that pupils crossing roads have clear sightlines with moving traffic. Unfortunately, we have had two accidents as a result of pupils running for buses (did not use the pelican crossing) and one cyclist who failed to brake in time and hit a car. Fortunately, he was wearing his cycle helmet and suffered minor injuries. Thank you for your support with this matter.

**Behaviour for Learning:** At school we work with some tremendous pupils. They are a joy to teach. These pupils know that their hard work and positive behaviour (no more than 10 concerns all year) and excellent attendance will get them a place on the summer rewards trips. In fact, last year, over 60% of our 1550 pupils went on a reward trip.

Unfortunately, we have a number of pupils who do not behave as expected and who cause upset and/or disruption to learning in lessons. In such cases the school will use a number of approaches to stop repeats of poor behaviour. One of the sanctions used is fixed-term exclusions (FTEs) from school.

I have personally addressed every assembly and made clear that the school will issue FTEs, as below:

- First offence: 1 day FTE
- Repeat Offence (1): 3 days FTE
- Repeat Offence (2): 5 days FTE
- Repeat Offence (3): 5 days Alternative Provision

If a pupil repeat offends three times and has a history of poor attitudes to learning, they will then be permanently excluded from Kettlethorpe High School.

I am making very clear here the school's expectations and consequences so that those pupils who give their best do not have to see their school experience spoilt by those who choose not to engage as required.

As I have said already, the vast majority of our pupils are outstanding in all they do. However, I want it to be clear that we will not tolerate poor behaviour.

If you have your own thoughts on this stance, positive or negative, then do please contact the school.

**Pupil News:** Very well done to all the pupils and staff who travelled to South Africa at the start of the summer break, on the school sports tour. A great experience!

Also, over the summer break, pupils were involved in the English National Swimming Championships. Very well done to Georgia Lee (Year 9), who competed in the breaststroke and Kalum Smart (Year 10), who competed in the butterfly event. A great achievement.

Super news for Owen Worthington (Year 10) on being offered a contract with the City of Hull Rugby League Academy. His mum is really proud, as we are too.

**Open Evening:** The school Open Evening, for Year 6 pupils, is on Thursday 27 September. As such, school will close to pupils at 1.15pm, after a normal morning and lunchtime. We look forward to seeing as many pupils back in school, supporting what is a very important annual event for our school.

**Inset Day:** Friday 28 September 2018. School closes to pupils for a full staff training day.

**Year 11 GCSE Results:** The results day, in August, was a super day and we saw our previous Year 11 collecting some first-class results. What was very clear was that those pupils who attended every day, worked hard, had a plan and listened to their teachers and parents/carers did really well. We wish them all the very best with their future plans and aspirations. Go for it!

**Points of Contact:** 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:

Year 7: Mrs S Parton: [sparton@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:sparton@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk)

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Year 9: Mrs J Clarke: [jclarke@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:jclarke@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk)

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Year 11: Mrs L Bennett: [lisabennett@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:lisabennett@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk)

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

**Thursday 27 September 2018:** Open Evening. School closes at 1.15pm

**Friday 28 September 2018:** Inset Day. School closed to all pupils

**Thursday 18 October 2018:** Year 11 Consultation Evening

Very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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