

Kettlethorpe High School

Standbridge Lane, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 7EL

Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



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Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

The school is very busy and there is a lot going on across all our year groups. We still have in place a number of Covid-19 protocols and, on the whole, our pupil body are managing these arrangements very well.

Parent/carers consultation evenings continue to be delivered remotely through Edulink, and the school has received positive parent/carers feedback on this working approach and process. We will continue to ask for feedback after each consultation evening and/or you can email comments directly to Mr Lickiss on: glickiss@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk

Do please also give your point of view and feedback to the Ofsted Parent View website as this provides feedback on the work of the school to Ofsted ahead of any school inspection. Log onto: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Year 11: Our Year 11 pupils are working hard as they get back towards the end of their formal education at Kettlethorpe High School. Teachers are also ensuring that each pupil has the required evidence base to support the Centre Assessed Grades that the school will submit to the examination boards in June.

Our Year 11s will have their last day in school on Thursday 10 June 2021. There will be a planned final day that has been co-ordinated with pupil representatives.

Subject teachers will be preparing learning material that all Year 11 pupils can access remotely via MS Teams up until Friday 24 June 2021. This is to help prepare pupils for their move to post-16 learning and employment.

Last week, I had a very positive meeting with the school's senior prefects and during the discussion I was able to get some feedback and actions on how Year 11 pupils felt the school could further improve. I really was impressed with the pupils I met with and their mature and reflective points of view. Nicely done!

National Citizenship Service: Year 11 pupils are strongly encouraged to consider taking part in the National Citizenship Service event (designed for 16 to 17 year olds) during the summer

holidays 2021. You will be able to choose dates to suit you. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, work as a team, show leadership potential, volunteer in community projects and meet other young people. Your experiences can be excellent evidence on your CV and, or UCAS application, access to apprenticeships and work experience at extremely prestigious companies amongst other opportunities. Our previous Year 11 pupils have derived great benefits from taking part. Please register interest and sign up online at www.wearencs.com or do see Mrs Sharkey or Mr Abson if you require further information/paper application.

Summer School for Year 6 pupils: As part of the school's work to support our new Year 7 in September, the school is planning to run a Summer School at the end of August. Details will be going out to Year 6 families very soon.

Covid-19: Since our return after the Easter break, we have had 5 pupils who have tested positive with Covid-19. We have seen no positive cases with staff. The school has been able to operate with only the minimum of disruption caused by other pupils being required to self-isolate.

Pupils and staff continue to do the twice-weekly Lateral Flow Device tests and school does have a supply of these. Do please keep reinforcing the importance of self-testing along with regular handwashing and mask wearing. Thank you.

Clubs and activities: The school continues to offer an afterschool sporting programme which is based on site using our facilities. Increasingly, other clubs and activity groups are back in operation. Pupils can get information from form tutors and teachers/staff who have been running activities in the past.

Pavements and bikes: We have had a couple of requests into school from older members of our community, who find it hard to walk on the pavements when pupils are leaving school. The main issue is that pupils tend to carry on and do not give older people the space they require. Can pupils give consideration to this request please.

Bikes are allowed into school, and it really is good to see pupils using bikes to get to school. Do remember though to ride on the highways/roads rather than busy pavements.

Library: Due to the Covid-19 lockdown there are quite a few overdue books. Could we please ask pupils to check for any books at home and return them to Mrs Morris or hand into the yellow box, marked books, situated in the library. There are no fines. Thank you.

As we prepare for a long weekend with the Monday Bank holiday, it is a shame the weather has got colder. This certainly has been a very challenging and interesting year in the life of the

school, and we are well on with our plans for the next academic year. Hopefully, by then we may have seen a return to normal routines and life generally.

Thank you for your continued support for the work of the school.

Very best wishes

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths
Headteacher

As a school, we all need to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean our hands more often using soap and water as well as the hand sanitiser found in all classrooms and social spaces.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have good respiratory hygiene habits: 'Catch it, bin it, kill it'. Use the tissues and bins provided.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow the year group 'bubble' systems and stay in your dedicated areas as required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not enter the 2-metre teaching areas as marked out in classrooms during lessons.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the year group specific entrance/exit to enter and leave school.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow instructions from all adults quickly and sensibly.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not attend school and follow public health advice if we have any symptoms of coronavirus.