

Kettlethorpe High School

Standbridge Lane, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 7EL

Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



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Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

We are now working towards the end of a busy year in school and there are a number of important messages that we need to communicate to you.

Strike Action: Two national strike days are due to take place next week, as detailed below. Please note which pupils will be in or out of school each day:

- Wednesday 05 July: School will be open for pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 only
- Friday 07 July: School will be open for pupils in Year 7 and Year 9 only.

All pupils involved in work experience placements will be able to attend their work experience visits. Pupils in Year 10 who are on Kettlethorpe High School internal work placements are to stay at home on both strike days.

School will provide remote learning for home based pupils as before. If you have any questions regarding strike day arrangements, then please contact your child's form tutor directly.

Kindness Charter: Pupils and staff have been working hard to establish Kettlethorpe High School's Kindness Charter with pupils' art work now being professionally printed to help reinforce and support expectations. Last week, it was also great to meet and talk to the 180 pupils who have volunteered to be equality ambassadors. Well done for offering to support and lead on future plans.

Year 6 Induction Day: This is taking place on Thursday 06 July and with over 350 new pupils arriving it may be busy around school before and after the school day. Do please give consideration to any dropping off/picking up arrangements.

Please do be aware that Wakefield Council's civil enforcement team have made unannounced visits to the school recently enforcing the 'no waiting' law on the single yellow markings. On one occasion, they dealt with 50 cars.

Eid-ul-adha: This week a number of pupils and their families will be celebrating Eid. This Eid is also known as the feast of sacrifice as it honours the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son Ishmael as an act of obedience to God's command. Be sure to enjoy the time spent with family.

Sports Leaders: Thank you to all the Junior Sports Leaders who helped to run and organise a cricket festival for our 6 local primary schools. This event took place on the Pledwick Cricket Club and really was a great success. Nicely played.

Year 8 Rugby: Recently, a team of twelve Year 8 pupils travelled over to Warrington to take part in the emerging school's 7 match tournament at the Warrington Rugby League training complex. The staff who took the trip were very positive about the team's attitude and maturity. Overall, the team won 3, had 2 draws and 2 losses. Well done!

Year 11: Recently, Harry Roper represented Scotland at rugby league in a match against England which also saw Matthew Martin, who is also in our Year 11, taking part as one of the match officials. A great achievement for both boys. Very well done!

Wakefield Athletics: Last week, 63 pupils took part in the annual Wakefield Athletics championship at Thornes Park. Overall, the Year 8 boys and girls team came first, the Year 7 and Year 9 girls second, Year 9 boys third and finally the Year 7 boys and Year 10 boys fourth. Sixteen schools took part. A particular mention to Maya Schofield in Year 8 who broke the long standing 800 metre record with a time of 2.18 taking 19 seconds off the previous record. Well done to all involved.

Asda: Over the last two weeks, school staff have been sent over to Asda both before and after school. This is because of incidents of anti-social behaviour caused by some of our pupils. Whilst it is not the responsibility of the school to supervise what goes on at Asda, we are supporting community relations. Several pupils have been permanently removed from the school community and are facing police action as a result of their poor behaviour choices. Do please talk to your child if they use the store before school or are required to catch a public bus at the end of the school day.

Cathedral Performances: Last night, it really was super seeing pupils, ex-staff and members of the governing body perform at the Wakefield Music Services summer concert that was held at Wakefield Cathedral. There were some impressive performances. The school has more pupils involved in peripatetic music lessons than all the other secondary academy schools combined across the district. Do please contact the school music department if your child is keen to learn an instrument or join a choir.

Next week, our school choir is taking part in the 'Big Sing' at the cathedral and the following week sees the school music tour head off to Germany, which will be a great experience for all the pupils involved.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary:

- Thursday 29 June: Year 8 Consultation Evening
- Wednesday 05 July: Strike Day: Year 7 and 8 in school
- Thursday 06 July: Year 6 Induction Day and Evening
- Friday 07 July: Strike Day: Year 7 and 9 in school

- Monday 10 July: Year 7 Rewards Afternoon
- Tuesday 11 July: Year 8 Rewards Afternoon
- Wednesday 12 July: Year 9 Alton Towers
- Thursday 13 July: Year 10 Alton Towers