

# Kettlethorpe High School

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## Newsletter 2

29 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

As we get to the mid-point of the first half-term of the academic year there are a few notices the school would like to communicate to families. These are noted below.

The first four weeks have really flown by and very well done to the pupil body for attending school and doing their best. Keep it up!

**Lost Property:** Already, we have a number of bags and boxes with pupils' lost property. There are jumpers, jackets, shoes, PE kit and even an Apple watch. Do please name tag clothing as this will mean lost items can be returned.

At the end of school, (early finish) on Thursday 05 October, all lost property, to date, will be available for collection from the pupil reception area. On Friday, any left items will go into storage and if not collected by October break, will then go for recycling or reuse.

Pupil lost property is always placed in the pupil reception area.

**Reception:** Please be aware that any items dropped off by families during the day may not always get to pupils in time for their lesson. For example, PE kit and ingredients for food technology. Whilst every effort is made to get items to pupils, it cannot be guaranteed. In the last two weeks, 47 items have been 'dropped off'.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

**NHS Guidance on attendance:** The link here is to offer families guidance in relation to pupil absence through illness. As we all know attendance, every day at school, is very important and periods of absence does have a negative impact on pupil outcomes and future success.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

**Year 11 Support Evening:** Thank you to all the families who were in school last week for the parent/carers support evening. We saw a high attendance and it was clear from the feedback received that people found it very useful and informative. Key information to support Year 11 can be found on the school website.

**Poet Laureate:** Very well done to Charlie Wightman-Smith who, last year, entered a national poetry competition. This resulted in Charlie attending a presentation awards evening last weekend, where he met Simon Armitage the Poet Laureate. Nicely done Charlie!

**Open Evening:** This is a big event in the life of the school and takes place next Thursday on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. It is a very busy evening that is always supported by a lot of our current pupils. As such, and in order to prepare for the event, the school will be finishing at 1.15pm. Thank you, in advance, to all the pupils who are involved on the evening.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths  
Headteacher

**Dates for the Diary:**

- Thursday 05 October 2023: Year 6 Open Evening (4.00-7.00pm), school closes at 1.15pm
- Friday 06 October 2023: INSET day, school closed to pupils
- Wednesday 11 October 2023: Year 7 and 9 individual photos
- Thursday 26 October 2023: Year 11 Consultation Evening
- Friday 27 October 2023: School closes for half-term break
- Monday 06 November: School reopens at 8.40am

Here are a few Simon Armitage quotes from his writing and poetry for you to consider:

- We still need a voice that thinks before it speaks.
- People who read poetry, for example, like the feel, the heft and smell of a book.
- If you were going to choose a way of making your way in this world and a place to start from, you might not choose poetry and you might not choose Huddersfield!