

Kettlethorpe High School

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Newsletter 9

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Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

As we work towards the February half-term break, the following news items are being shared with families:

Year 11: Very well done with all the hard work and focus over the five weeks since Christmas. We very much look forward to meeting families to discuss your progress and next steps at the Year 11 Consultation Evening on Thursday 08 February in school. Over the holiday week a number of revision sessions have been offered to pupils by invitation. These are:

- Monday 12 February: Design Technology and maths (144 pupils).
- Tuesday 13 February: English and art.
- Friday 16 February: Textiles.

Attendance: Pupil attendance since Christmas has been below the national average. This is a real concern for those pupils who are not attending school on a regular basis. The lost learning is significant and pupils with attendance below 85% do not do as well in examinations as those pupils who are in every day.

Very well done to the 315 pupils who have maintained 100% for the full academic year. This represents:

- Year 7: 61 pupils and 17% of year group.
- Year 8: 72 pupils and 21% of year group.
- Year 9: 71 pupils and 20% of year group.
- Year 10: 53 pupils and 17% of year group.
- Year 11: 58 pupils and 18% of year group.

Also, it has been really good to see how many pupils have improved on their attendance since Christmas when compared to their autumn term attendance figures.

Please note, school starts at 8.40am and all pupils need to be in school for 8.35am for a prompt start.

Useful links, below:

<https://kettlethorpehigh.co.uk/attendance/>

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/school-attendance-matters/>

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

Wakefield School Immunisation Team: The school nurse team has asked the school to share the following links with families. These detail contact details and catch-up clinics for outstanding vaccinations. They do have availability over the half-term holiday week.

<https://www.facebook.com/BDCTWakefieldImms/>

https://www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/learning_resource/school-immunisations-wakefield/

KS3 Interform Maths Quiz: Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to 8S4 KGa who were the overall winners. The results were:

- 1st: 8S4 KGa 1st: 7S1 GTr
- 2nd: 8K6 SPa 2nd: 7K7 SSa
- 3rd: 8S5 TLo 3rd: 7"7 GDy

There will be a final round taking place in July and overall trophies will be presented in the end of year celebration assemblies.

Well done to all involved and thank you to Mr Penny for all the organisation.

Also, very well done to all the pupils and staff for their active engagement with school number day. A very informative day with lots of practical applications and discussion around how number impacts on our lives.

Vaping: In school we have seen a significant reduction in the number of pupils caught vaping in the toilet areas. No pupil should have a vape with them and any vapes seen will be confiscated and disposed of. This will also include any vape being used by a pupil outside of school whilst in school uniform.

Sporting News

- **Table Tennis:** Well done to the 5 pupils who took part in the U16 West Yorkshire Table Tennis tournament recently. Ewan McGlashen and Archie Gilmore qualified out of their groups and Oscar Owen made the quarter final despite being two years younger than the other competitors.
- **Girls' Cricket:** The Year 9 and Year 10 teams have both qualified for the West Yorkshire finals. Very well played girls!

- **Boys' Cricket:** Congratulations as well to the Year 8 boys' team who have qualified for the West Yorkshire Indoor final. A great effort!
- **Cross Country Running:** Very well done to all the athletes who have been selected for the West Yorkshire teams. In all eleven pupils made the cut.
- **Swimming:** Beth Warner (Year 8) has been successful in being selected for the North East Division in the English School's Swimming championship. An excellent effort.
- **Acrobatic Gymnastics:** Congratulations Mailey Brown (Year 7) on being selected to compete in the Acrobatic Gymnastics English Championships in Durham. Mailey currently holds the Yorkshire champion title and first place gold medalist position.

Thank you for your continued support with the work of the school and be sure to have an enjoyable week with your children.

The return to school will see a short five-week half-term in school before the Easter break. To all our pupils, and staff, 'it is never too late to be who you might have been' (George Eliot).

Enjoy the break.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

Tudor Griffiths
Headteacher

Key Dates:

- Thursday 08 February: Year 11 Consultation Evening
- Friday 09 February: School closes for half-term
- Monday 19 February: School re-opens at 8.40am
- Thursday 29 February: Year 10 Consultation Evening