

Kettlethorpe High School

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Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

As we work towards the end of the second week of a five-week half-term, the school would like to share the following news items and information details.

World Book Day: Thursday 07 March 2024: This day will be promoted with a number of exciting activities on the day in school. The following activities have already been planned:

- Assemblies to promote the 'love' and importance of reading.
- Taster chapters from a range of genres/stories.
- Form tutor group door display competitions.
- New Richer Reading book recommendations with pupil votes on the day.
- 'Great Big Book Swap Shop' where pupils can bring in old/unused books to swap for a new one.
- World Book Day Token National Design Competition.
<https://www.worldbookday.com/competition/design-a-nbt/>

These activities should make for an informative and exciting World Book Day.

Pi Day: Thursday 14 March 2024: All day, maths classes will be Pi related. The pupil that remembers the most digits of Pi will receive a £5 voucher.

Year 11 PPEs: These start next week for all pupils across Year 11. We are now only 10 weeks away from the start of this year's GCSE examinations. After the Easter break, pupils who are doing GCSE art will be involved with their art examination piece. The second week back after Easter will see pupils who study MFL completing their actual speaking tests in school. Shortly, invitations will be sent out to Year 11 pupils detailing Easter revision sessions. These will take place in school over the Easter holiday and will support pupils with subject revision. Keep working hard Year 11 and listen to your teachers.

We look forward to seeing parents/carers at the rearranged Year 11 consultation evening on Monday next.

Punctuality to school: We are still seeing a number of pupils, who despite being dropped off early by car or bus, are still late into school in the morning. Unfortunately, some of these pupils are then not getting to form time as expected. From next week, the school will be

looking to contact the parent/carer of any pupil who arrives into school late and who fails to get to form tutor sessions.

We appreciate that some pupils go across to Asda before school to get lunch etc. However, they should not then be late into school because of this.

Absence/late to school: Please inform the school attendance office if your child is going to be late into school or will be absent from school. This can be done through the Edulink application. Thank you.

Secondary School offer: Friday 01 March will see the local authority contacting families of Year 6 pupils who have been offered places for their children for Year 7 in September. School will be sending out information to support families with the move to high school. Once again, we expect to be oversubscribed with 360 pupils joining us from across the wider district. We look forward to meeting these pupils in July.

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

Today it is St David's Day in Wales where traditionally the people of Wales wear daffodils and leeks. This is a feast day that has been celebrated since the 12th century. St David, the patron saint of Wales, is famous for quoting 'Gwnewch y pethau bychain'. This translates to 'do the little things'. St David believed the people of Wales should do the small, considerate things that often make a big difference.

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths
Headteacher

Key Dates:

- Monday 04 March: Year 11 Consultation Evening
- Thursday 21 March: Year 8 Choices Evening
- Friday 22 March: School closes for the Easter break