

Kettlethorpe High School

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Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

As we draw to the end of another very busy and successful academic year, the following news items may be of interest to you.

Year 11 Results Day: Having done very well with this year's examination series, our Year 11's will be able to come into school from 10.00am on Thursday 22 August. We very much look forward to seeing them celebrate their results.

The Year 11 prom this year was held at Rogerthorpe Manor with over 200 Year 11 pupils in attendance. It was a super event and enjoyed by all.

Year 6 Induction Day: This also was a great success with one of our biggest Year 6 cohorts ever joining the school. Pupils from over 40 primary schools came together for a very rewarding and reassuring induction to the life of being a pupil at Kettlethorpe High School. We wish them very success with their five-year learning journey at the school.

GCSEPod: The school finished second this year out of 114 schools across the North of England. This now means we are able to qualify for the National Championships. GCSEPod is accessible to all pupils and is a great tool to assist with learning and revision. Thank you to Ms Mallinson for leading on this.

Holiday Requests: Please can we remind families that a leave of absence form must be completed and returned to the school's attendance office. When a form is received the attendance office will respond. Please do not send forms to form tutors or year managers.

Requests will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please also note that fixed penalty notices for unauthorised pupil absence will increase from 19 August 2024. The school website has updated information.

New penalty guidance from Wakefield Council:

<https://kettlethorpehigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/pnchangesleafletforparents.pdf>

School meals feedback: Please find below the link to access the parent/carers survey on the school's meals and food offer. The survey will close on 31 July 2024.

The link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>

Pupil news: Very well done to Fawaad Alam, Year 7, who very much like his older brother has been selected for the Yorkshire County Cricket Club's Pathway and has now represented the county this term.

Well done also to William Pawson and Theo Cutts, who are both in Year 10, for their success and involvement as performers in 'A Night of the Musicals' that was recently staged at The Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. The performance was in aid of the Roundabout Charity that supports the homeless. Nicely done!

School end and start dates: School will end for the summer holiday on Friday 19 July 2024 at 1.15pm. Lunch will be available and pupils will be dismissed after their afternoon registration.

The return to school will be as follows:

- Monday 02 September: Staff training day. No pupils in school.
- Tuesday 03 September: Years 7 and 11 only from 8.35am.
- Wednesday 04 September: All pupils are in school from 8.35am.

On Friday 06 September, our new Year 7 are involved in an offsite team building day. This is a no cost opportunity for the pupils to get to know each other. It will take place at Mission Out.

Pupils in Years 8, 9 and 11 will be involved in workshops looking at safeguarding, wonder and respect, study skills, English speaking and listening and team quizzes. This builds on the school's PSHE curriculum.

Pupils in Year 10 will be working with trainers from Prison Me No Way. This is centred around a multi-agency crime and safety awareness course. It is an interactive educational experience and complements the Key Stage 4 national curriculum, looking at law, justice, rights and social responsibility.

Finally, as we end the year, we have a number of colleagues who are either retiring or moving onto new positions. The school would like to thank them for all their hard work and support over the years and wish them every success into the future. Thank you:

- Mrs M Cusworth: Office support: Retiring.
- Mrs T Hague: MFL moving to Barnardos as an autism support worker.
- Mr S Saunders: To St Thomas a Becket. Head of maths.
- Mr J Penny: To Silcoates school. Maths teacher.
- Mr J Britton: To St Thomas a Becket. Maths teacher.
- Mrs S Bairstow: Promoted post.
- Mr M Mainwright: The Hayfield School. Head of science.
- Mr D Fitzsimons: After 21 years as a RE teacher to new opportunities.
- Mr R Douglas: After 31 years at the school to work for the post office.
- Mr D Bradshaw: Retiring after 22 years as a science teacher and science technician.

Thank you for your continued support for the work of the school. Be sure to have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Very best wishes

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths
Headteacher

'The meaning of culture' is nothing less than the conduct of life itself, fortified, thickened, made more crafty and subtle, by contact with books and with art.

The meaning of culture; a book by John Cowper Powys, page 134, 1929

John Cowper Powys (1872-1963) an English novelist, poet and philosopher. One of eleven children who gained success with the novel 'Wolf Solent' written in 1929.