

Kettlethorpe
HIGH SCHOOL

Induction Evening 2025



www.kettlethorpehigh.co.uk

Welcome to Kettlethorpe High School

Communication

The tutor is always the first point of contact.

TEACHERSNAME@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk

We would like you to check and sign your child's planner every weekend as this is a good way to pass messages to and from school. You will also be able to track your child's attendance and cumulative positive and negative points from Class Charts.

You may also be contacted by:

- Subject teachers
- Team Leader of department
- Year Manager
- Progress Leader
- Assistant Headteachers
- Deputy Headteachers
- Headteacher



Communicating to us

As a school we will support you contacting us on the day if you have a message that would be classed as an emergency. Please contact central school admin and the information will be passed onto the correct member of staff.

Example: Your child needs to know that they are being collected today by the neighbour because....

As well as informing us directly, communicate this through EduLink.

Please ensure unimportant messages are communicated at home or outside of the school day.

Example: Your child's hair appointment time is...



Communication

Regular newsletters (sent to contact email addresses)

Planners issued to all pupils with calendar, weekly diary pages – this will be used to record homework as well as a means of communication between parents and tutors.

The school website and social media pages are also useful and are updated daily:

www.kettlethorpehigh.co.uk

Twitter: @ketthighschool

Facebook: www.facebook.com/kettlethorpehigh

Class Charts is now the main form of communication for behaviour between school and families.

This communicates positive behaviour, negative behaviour, notice of detentions, messages regarding conduct.

It is vital all parents/carers have the Class Charts app; as part of our home/school agreement we expect parents/carers to engage regularly with Class Charts.

Further information will be provided regarding logins.



Starting Kettlethorpe High School

The new year starts on Monday 1st September 2025.

Year 7 pupils will be in school from Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Every day pupils need to be in their tutor room for 8.40am. After 8.40, your child will be recorded as late. Your child should arrive at school at 08.30am - 08.35am.

It is vital that you complete the data collection form, so we have up to date details. **Please ensure your child's form is completed tonight if it has not already been done, by scanning the QR code on the available sheets.**

Medical matters

It is important we have all necessary data about your child's medical needs- these has to be included on the data form.

Any medication must be kept with the school first aider - not carried in school. Please do read the school medication policy on the website or in the Parent/carer Guide.

Pupils who are ill before school should see their own GP.

We do not have a school nurse on site; first aid is available for minor injuries and the administration of prescribed medication.



School Uniform

- White shirt/blouse with traditional collar (which must be tucked in, all buttons fastened.).
- School clip on tie must be worn.
- Blue V-necked jumper or cardigan with school crest - only available from the school shop.
- Traditional navy blue or charcoal grey trousers (not black, not skinny fit, no cords, no stretch materials, no boot cut or denim) for boys.
- Navy blue Kettlethorpe High School pleated skirt with logo or navy blue or charcoal grey trousers for girls. All skirts must be knee length and not rolled at the top - school skirts must be purchased from the uniform shop.
- Traditional black leather school shoes must be worn. No boots, pumps, trainers, canvas (DMS/Timberland)
- Plain coat, no large logos, no sports jackets, no gilets.
- School bag and basic equipment



Uniform issues to avoid

Jewellery is not permitted, except when related to religious observance when it should be worn under the uniform.

Explicitly NO piercings.

Smart watches are not permitted.

No trainers, pumps or boots.

No denim or leather/leather-lookalike coats; no large logos or lettering on coats; no hoodies or patterns.

No extreme hair styles.

Skirts must be knee length.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open over the summer holidays. Details of opening times have been published on the school website and social media.

During term time, the uniform shop is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3-4pm.

The uniform shop is open this evening. It will close at 7.30pm.

There may be occasions where pupils need help to meet the uniform expectations. If your child is eligible for FSMs you will/ will have already received a letter. Please contact transition@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk if you have not, and you believe that you should have.



The School Day








Registration	8.40 -09.00
Reading/PSHE	09.00-09.20
Period 1	09.20 - 10.20
Period 2	10.20 - 11.20
Morning break	11.20 - 11.35
Period 3	11.35 - 12.35
Lunchtime	12.35 - 13.10
Period 4	13.10 - 14.10
Period 5	14.10 - 15.05



Lunch Time

School meals should be purchased via the cashless system (see next slide) in the school dining hall.

Packed lunch can be brought and eaten in the school dining hall or on the picnic benches. (No fizzy drinks or energy drinks e.g. Monster, Prime – these are banned)

WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN #1	 Macaroni Cheese with Roasted Veg or Crunchy Crouton Topping	NEW Chicken Katsu Curry with Noodles	 Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy	 Chicken Korma with Rice & Sambals	 Battered Fillet of Fish served with Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce
MAIN #2	 Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread & Salad	Roasted Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles	 Veggie Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy	 Sweet Potato, Chickpea & Spinach Tikka with Rice & Sambals	NEW Feta & Watercress Quiche with Chips & Peas
HANDHELD	Hot Filled Baguette	Chicken Wrap	Cheese & Onion Panini	Jumbo Hotdog	Pepperoni Pizza
BOWLED OVER	Loaded Nachos	Herby Tomato Pasta	Loaded Wedges	Street Chicken Noodles	Tomato Meatball Pasta
MODERN BAKERY	Lemon Drizzle Sponge	Blondie with Berries	Apple & Cherry Oaty Crumble with Custard	Roast Citrus Punch	Chocolate & Banana Sponge


SUPER SPUDS


DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR BAKED POTATOES WITH A VARIETY OF TOPPINGS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM!

SOUP STATION

COME AND TRY OUR HOME-MADE SOUPS, AVAILABLE DAILY!

MENU KEY

 - IM VEGAN!

 - ADDED PLANT POWER

ALLERGIES

PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU HAVE AN ALLERGY AND NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE OUR FOOD DISHES. THEY WILL ADVISE YOU OF YOUR AVAILABLE CHOICES.

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The Cashless System

Kettlethorpe High School use a system called ParentPay which can be accessed by their website. You will be sent log in details, which will allow you to put money on to your child's lunch account or pay for trips via a smart phone or computer, using a debit or credit card. You will receive these details on your child's first day at school.

Cash or cheques (made out to Kettlethorpe High School) can be paid in to the 'post box' at pupil reception. Make sure that you clearly mark the envelope with your child's name and tutor group. There are also machines around school where your child can insert pound coins, using their fingerprint.

Default daily spend of £4.00 (unless otherwise requested)

Free school meals are automatically credited on a daily basis



Attendance

Good attendance is essential to good progress - pupils whose attendance falls below 90% achieve one grade lower at GCSE!

Pupils with good and excellent attendance will be rewarded.

Absence should be notified by phone each day that your child is ill. Ring school on 01924 251 605 or use the Edulink app.

Holidays in term time are to be avoided and will be classed as unauthorised and you may be fined.

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ATTENDANCE WHY IT MATTERS

Persistent absence means pupils who miss more than 10% of school every year.

For each additional day of absence between Years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of **£750** in future lifetime earnings

Persistently absent pupils in Year 10 & 11 could earn **£10,000 less** on average at age 28, compared to pupils with near perfect attendance.

This rises to almost **£20k less** on average at age 28 for those who are severely absent

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL –WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Year 11 pupils with near-perfect attendance are almost twice as likely to achieve Grade 5 in English and Maths GCSE, compared to similar pupils attending 90-95% of the time. Missing just 10 extra days a year reduces the likelihood of achieving these grades by around 50%.



Rewards

We want to encourage the pupils to be the best they can be; excellent attitude to learning will be recognised and celebrated in rewards assemblies

Class Charts will be the main method of awarding positive behaviour points.

Positive behaviour points lead to certificates and rewards.

Headteacher commendations on reports.

Annual Celebration assemblies and reward trips/ events.

100% Attendance.

Weekly prize draws for 100% attendance and 0 negatives on Class Charts
(7 bikes have been awarded this half term! More prizes to follow next year!)



Sanctions

Negative behaviour points will be given through Class Charts.

The graduated responses to negative behaviour are clearly outlined in the school Behaviour Policy. Please can all families familiarise themselves with these details. (The main elements of the behaviour policy can be found in the Parent/Carer guide and on the school website).

Detentions issued will be communicated via Class Charts and take place the same day they are issued. These will only be rescheduled in exceptional circumstances.

We always strive to approach behaviour in a consistent, firm but fair way. If at any point there are any requirements for clarifications, we always recommend contacting the teacher/ form tutor in the first instance as clear communication often resolves any misunderstanding and helps to maintain a stable and consistent environment for supporting your child.



Opportunities at Kettlethorpe

Excellent curriculum offer – broad and balanced.

A values-based curriculum developing pupils' kindness, responsibility, respect, resilience and reflectiveness.

Focus on the importance of reading for pleasure, as well as reading to learn.

Excellent extra-curricular offer with a varied programme of trips and visits.

Experienced and expert staff – teachers teach their specialism.

Large and well-resourced inclusion provision for pupils with additional needs.

Large and well-resourced school environment with up-to-date technology and expansive sports facilities.



Music Lessons

If your child accessed music lessons at primary school and wish continue these at Kettlethorpe High School, please speak to the music services in the main foyer.

Extra-curricular Clubs

At Kettlethorpe High School we offer an extensive extra-curricular programme for pupils. We ask that you encourage your child to participate, in something they already enjoy, or try something new. They are not limited to one! Here is a sample of activities on offer:

Homework club – support for homework, fully staffed, use of PCs, resources. Before and after school daily.

Choir

Concert band

Orchestra

History

Chess

Drama/Dance

Science

Journalism

Art and DT

Sports – netball, hockey, rugby, football, basketball, cricket, athletics, rounders, tennis, fitness, table tennis



Parent/carer information

One of the aspects of life at a new school that we really want to get right from the start is how we support you and your family to engage with us when you are attending school events such as consultation evenings, and celebrations such as the music and dance/drama performances. With this in mind, it would be really helpful for us if you could supply relevant information relating to additional support you may require in order to be able to join us for these events. Please could you either pass on this information to the form tutor or alternatively email us at school:

transition@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk

Your help with this is appreciated.

Thank you for listening - Q & A

We look forward to welcoming your child to Kettlethorpe High School in September.

Please ensure the data collection form for your child has been completed, using the QR code displayed.

Please now take the time to ask your child's form tutor about any questions or queries that you may have.



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