

## Kettlethorpe HIGH SCHOOL

# LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Transfer to Kettlethorpe High School – September 2026 Information for Families

Welcome to Kettlethorpe High School and our 2025 Year 6 Open Evening. We're delighted to welcome you into our school community. Our new Year 7 pupils—alongside some of our older pupils—are excited to show you around, share their experiences, and talk about what makes our school special to them.

At the heart of everything we do is our mission: "Together, be the best we can be." We believe in teamwork, mutual support, and striving for excellence. Our school culture embraces collaboration, respect, and personal growth—empowering every individual to pursue their dreams and contribute to a thriving community.

Our vision is built on three pillars:

- Present being fully engaged in learning, arriving on time, participating actively, and making the most of every opportunity.
- Achieving setting goals, working hard, and celebrating progress academically, developing future skills and wider contributions to school life.
- Excelling going beyond expectations, showing pride in our work, and seeking ways to improve and make a positive impact.

Our ethos guides us every day: Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Reflective, Be Resilient, Be Responsible.

As we begin the new academic year, Kettlethorpe High School continues to thrive. Our most recent Ofsted inspection (2022) praised the quality of our curriculum and the enriching learning experiences we offer both in and beyond the classroom. The Lead Inspector described our support for pupils' wider development as "noteworthy," and shared that pupils told him they "felt lucky to attend the school."

Our academic outcomes remain strong. In Summer 2025, our GCSE results for the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) once again were the best across the local district, we're also proud to be recognised in The Telegraph's national secondary school rankings, where we are rated "Very Good", placing us among the top-performing schools in the country.

This year, we've welcomed over 310 new Year 7 pupils from across Wakefield, Barnsley, and Kirklees. We're pleased to share that in recent years, every pupil who has selected Kettlethorpe High School has been successfully accommodated as their first preference.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Kettlethorpe High School. Please feel free to ask questions and explore the wealth of information available on our website. We look forward to meeting you and sharing everything that our school has to offer.

Warm Regards Roisin Paul Headteacher



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# LETTER FROM YOUR NEW PROGRESS LEADER

Welcome to Kettlethorpe High School.

My name is Vicki Shute, and I am the Year 6 Transition and Year 7 Progress Leader. Alongside our dedicated pastoral team, my role is to ensure that every child joining us feels safe, supported, and inspired to enjoy all aspects of school life—both inside the classroom and beyond.

At Kettlethorpe, we live by our mission: "Together, be the best we can be." We believe in teamwork, mutual support, and striving for excellence. Our school culture is built on collaboration, respect, and personal growth—empowering every individual to pursue their dreams and contribute to a thriving community.

The Year 7 pastoral team and I work closely with our tutors to provide exceptional pastoral support—something every parent or carer hopes for when their child starts secondary school. Our extensive tutor programme is something we're incredibly proud of. It ensures that each day begins with structure, positivity, and purpose.

Daily tutor sessions include:

- weekly assemblies that connect pupils to local, national, and global events.
- whole-school literacy sessions that nurture a lifelong love of reading.
- knowledge organiser activities and a bespoke PSHE curriculum that equips pupils with essential skills for success—both at Kettlethorpe and in life beyond school.

The pastoral team is also skilled at helping pupils explore our vibrant extra-curricular and enrichment programme, which includes music lessons, clubs, and a wide range of sports teams. There's something for everyone—and we encourage every child to get involved.

In my role as Year 6 Transition leader I work collaboratively with Primary schools to ensure the move from Primary to Secondary is as smooth as possible. As part of this process, we discuss pupils individually to ensure tailored and child centered provision and support are in place for starting at Kettlethorpe High School.

Primary schools suggest learning partners that work well together which supports the allocation of tutor groups. The majority of lessons are mixed ability in Year 7 and all pupils follow a broad range of curriculum subjects.

At the start of Year 7, all pupils take part in a free team-building day at Mission Out in Tingley, joining their tutor groups for a shared experience that helps them build connections and settle into school life. This trip is more than just an introduction—it actively promotes our 4Rs by encouraging pupils to be reflective in new situations, resilient through physical and social challenges, responsible in their actions and choices, and respectful of others as they form new friendships and begin their 5 Year learning journey at Kettlethorpe High School.

We're excited to meet your child and welcome them to the Kettlethorpe High School community.

Vicki Shute

Year 6 Transition and Year 7 Progress Leader

Please click this link to fill in our Parent/Carer feedback form



# WHAT'S ON?

Department	Where	Activity	
Catering	Café De La Brede	Try some samples of our food that we serve at break and dinner times	
Dance	Dance Studio	Year 8 & Year 9 pupils will be demonstrating some dance routines. In between routines, 'Just Dance' will be available - please join in!	
Digital Subjects	IT4	Have a go at creating badges, using robots and programming activities	
Drama	Drama Studio	Come and watch some of our pupils rehearsing for the school musical and some exam scenes in the drama studio	
Design Technology	TC6	Visit Year 11's doing their final year project, in particular designing and modelling work	
English	EN4 & EN5	See A Christmas Carol activities. Explore Gothic Mysteries & taste and describe	
Fine Art	AD1 & AD2	Current art pupils are completing their coursework; come and see their incredible artwork	
Food Technology	TC1	Visit our food activities. Year 9-11 students are demonstrating practical skills for NEA (Non-Examined Assessment)	
Geography	GE4	Find out how far your dinner has travelled Take a look at some AMAZING fossils and work out what they were/still are Work out your carbon footprint and find out how your lifestyle impacts our planet. Plus get lost in our map game fun!	
Graphics	TC4	Come and try some mono printing and watch a printing workshop!	

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History	HI3	Guess the height of the historical figure. Can you name the historical figure? Build a castle!	
Maths	MA3, MA5 & MA6	Maths roadshow activities, Puzzles, Y7 Books/FAQ, Calculated Colouring	
MFL	ML3, ML4, ML5 & ML6	Try some delicious tapas from France and Spain! Test your language knowledge with our treasure hunt. Have a go at our Piñata	
Music	MU1 and MU2 and practice rooms	Department talks and use of keyboards and composition demo in MU2. Live band performing in MU1. Drum challenge in practice room. Pupils performing in foyer and pop up performances throughout the school	
PE	3G, Gym & Sports Hall	Football training, Gymnastics /Table Tennis & Badminton	
Photography	Art Computer Cluster	Year 9 pupils doing some photography work	
RE	RE1	Do you know the chalice from the rosary? Can you name the 5K's? Do you know your Hindu God's? Do you know the Topi from the misbaha? Do you know the Torah from the yad? Come to RE1 and find out	
Science	SC3, SC4 & SC5	Try out and see our amazing, mind-blowing experiments!  SC1: Physics  SC3: Biology  SC13: Chemistry	
SEND	Inclusion Hub	Come and visit our Inclusion Hub and speak to our Learning Support. Wellbeing literacy and numeracy activities too!	
Textiles	TC3	Sharpie tie dye, Heat transfer, Sewing machine driving tests, Wet felting & Making fabric poppies for Remembrance Day display!	

# Kettlethorpe HIGH SCHOOL

### **OUR VALUES**

### We are kind. We are Kettlethorpe

### We are **PCSPCCTFU**. We...

- > follow staff instructions first time, every time
- > use respectful language towards others
- > look after school property and the environment
- > respect everyone, regardless of their gender, race, religion,
- sexuality, physical appearance or ability
- > include everyone, even if their beliefs and ideas are different to our own
- > respect personal space, privacy and boundaries

> always strive to

of ourselves

use kind words

and actions and

be the best version

### We are tesponsible. We...

- > take full responsibility for our own actions
- > are ready to learn and prepared with equipment
- > follow the school uniform policy
- > are kind, supportive and compassionate
- do not use derogatory language, harass or name call, or do things that hurt others
- > challenge those who discriminate, show disrespect and make fun of others

We are kind, supportive and compassionate. We treat everyone in our school community as we would like to be treated in return.

# 2.

**KETTLETHORPE HIGH SCHOOL'S** 

Kindness Charter

We respect everyone, regardless of their gender, race, religion, sexuality, physical appearance or ability. We value everyone, even if their beliefs and ideas are different to our own.



We do not use derogatory language, harass or name call, or do things that hurt others – in person or online. We are kind in our words and in our actions.

### We are **resilient**. We...

- > never give up trying and take risks
- > are able to recover quickly from a setback
- > develop a positive attitude to learning
- > use staff feedback in order to improve

### we are **reflective.** we...

- > are able to describe our progress
- > learn from feedback, experiences, feelings and responses and can analyse them
- > think about next steps and set targets in our learning
- > think about when we have used unkind words and actions and seek to improve where this has

happened

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### 4.



We challenge those who use unkind words and actions that discriminate, show disrespect or make fun of others. We are not bystanders. We support each other.

### 5.



We respect personal space, privacy and boundaries. We listen, when people ask us to do this, and stop and change our words and actions.

We promise that members of staff at Kettlethorpe High School will never ignore or dismiss concerns or reports of unkind behaviour.

We are kind. We are Kettlethorpe.

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# OUR MISSION: 'TOGETHER, BE THE BEST WE CAN BE.'

OUR VISION:
'PRESENT, ACHIEVING AND EXCELLING.'

### CURRICULUM

We deliver a broad, inclusive curriculum that blends academic, vocational, co-curricular, and personal development, ensuring all pupils feel a strong sense of belonging.

From KS2 through to post-16 pathways, we equip learners with the knowledge, skills, and ambition to thrive in an everchanging world. We embrace diversity and tailor our curriculum to meet individual needs, promoting literacy, numeracy, and digital fluency. Beyond the classroom, our personal development programme and rich co-curricular offer—spanning sports, arts, and leadership—prepare pupils to be confident, compassionate citizens with clear aspirations and the tools to succeed.

At Key Stage 3, our curriculum is thoughtfully structured to build pupils' foundational knowledge and skills, promoting deeper learning and genuine understanding of key concepts. Each subject follows a clearly mapped learning journey, with defined intentions that outline what pupils need to know, understand, and do to achieve their aspirational targets. Lessons are designed to develop transferable skills that support success across all subjects, while ensuring full coverage of National Curriculum content—including non-statutory KS4 areas—by the end of Year 8. We take pride in our KS3 provision and how it embodies our curriculum vision and principles.

### **CURRICULUM ALLOCATION**

KS3 per fortnight				
English	8			
Maths	8			
Science	6			
French/Spanish	4			
DT / Computing / Food / Textiles	6			
PE	4			
Geography	3			
History	3			
Drama / Dance	2			
Music	2			
Religious Studies	2			
Art	2			
PSHE	Tutor Time			

KS4 per fortnight	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
English	10	10	10
Maths	8	8	8
Science	10	12	12
Core Physical Education	4	2	2
PSHE	Tutor Time	Tutor Time	Tutor Time
Guided Destination 1	5	5	5
Guided Destination 2	5	5	5
Guided Destination 3	4	4	4
Guided Destination 4	4	4	4





ARTS





**STUDIO** 





SCIENCE LABS

ALLOTMENT

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR OFFER**

Kettlethorpe High School offers a vibrant and wide-ranging extra-curricular programme that caters to all year groups, reflecting the school's commitment to holistic development and enrichment beyond the classroom. The activities span before school, lunchtime, and after-school sessions, ensuring pupils have ample opportunity to engage with interests that complement their academic journey.

The programme includes a diverse mix of clubs, such as sports teams, creative arts, STEM activities, and cultural groups. These opportunities are designed not only to nurture talent and passion but also to build confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. Whether pupils are interested in athletics, drama, music, or science, there is something for everyone to explore and enjoy.

Importantly, the extra-curricular offer at Kettlethorpe High School aligns with the school's ethos of developing responsible, reflective, resilient, and respectful individuals. Through participation, pupils strengthen social bonds, broaden their horizons, and gain experiences that prepare them for life beyond school. The school's commitment to inclusivity ensures that all pupils, regardless of background or ability, can access and benefit from these enriching opportunities.

### **Extra Curricular Offer**

**Before School** 

### Homework Club

Monday - Friday 8:15-8:35am

### Ci1

All years welcome, computers and printing facilities are available

### Extra Curricular Offer

Lunch

### Department: Music and Performing Arts

**Monday** - Soul Band - by invitation only **(Mu1)** | Music Homework Catch-Up - all years welcome **(Mu2)** 

**Tuesday** - Concert Band - Wind players and orchestral strings from Grade 2 level+ (Mu1)

**Wednesday** - Film and Folk Band - String players, acoustic guitars and flutes only **(Mu1)** 

**Thursday** - Choir - All years welcome **(Mu1)** 

### Extra Curricular Offer

Lunch

Monday - History Club - Year 7 (Hi2) | STEM Ambassadors (invite only -Sc11)

**Tuesday** - Chess Club - All years welcome **(Ma6)** 

**Friday** - Cross Project - All years welcome **(RE2)** | Let it Bee - Year 7 & 8 **(SCC)** 

### Extra Curricular Offer

Lunch

### Department: PE

**Monday - Sports Hall -** Badminton - Year 8 & 9 | **Gym -** Table Tennis - Year 7 & 8

Tuesday - Sports Hall - Badminton - Year 10 & 11 | Gym - Dodgeball - Year 7 & 8

**Wednesday - Sports Hall -** 5-a-side Football -Year 7 & 8 | **Fitness Suite** - Fitness Club - All years

**Thursday** - **Sports Hall** - Badminton - Year 7 | **Gym** - Table Tennis - Year 10 & 11

**Friday - Sports Hall -** Basketball - Year 7 & 8 | **Gym** - Table Tennis - Year 9 | **Fitness Suite** - Fitness Club - All years

### Extra Curricular Offer

After School

Boys Football - Year 7 - Thursday - until 4:15pm - (3G/Field)
Boys Football - Year 8 - Friday - until 4:15pm - (3G/Field)
Boys Football - Year 9 - Friday - until 4:15pm - (3G/Field)
Boys Football - Year 10 - Thursday - until 4:15pm - (3G/Field)
Boys Football - Year 11 - Thursday - until 4:15pm - (3G/Field)

**Boys Rugby** - All years welcome - Tuesday - until 4:15pm - (3G/Field)

Girls Football - All years welcome - Tuesday - until 4:15pm - (3G/Field)

**Girls Netball** - All years welcome - Wednesday- until 4:15pm - (Sports Hall)

Hockey - All years welcome - Thursday - until 4:15pm - (Courts)

### Extra Curricular Offer

After School

**Art Catch-Up and Support** - All years welcome - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (AD1-3) - until 4:00pm

**GCSE DT Catch-Up and Support** - Year 11 - Tuesday (TC5) / Wednesday (TC6) - until 4:00pm

**GCSE Textiles Workshops** - Years 9, 10 & 11 - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (TC3) - until 4:30pm

**Homework Club** - All years welcome - All Week (Ci1) - Printing facilities available - until 4:00pm

4:00pm

School Show - Be invite only - Wednesday/ Thursday (Dance

Programming Club - All years welcome- Wednesday (IT3) - until

Science Club - Year 7 - Wednesday (Sc3) - until 4:00pm

**Sparx Club** - Years 7-11 - Wednesday (IT6) - Staff on hand to help

pupils with Sparx homework - until 4:00pm

To view our extra-curricular offer, please visit our website <a href="https://www.kettlethorpehigh.co.uk/extra-curricular/">www.kettlethorpehigh.co.uk/extra-curricular/</a>

Studio/Mu1) - until 4:30pm









Science lessons









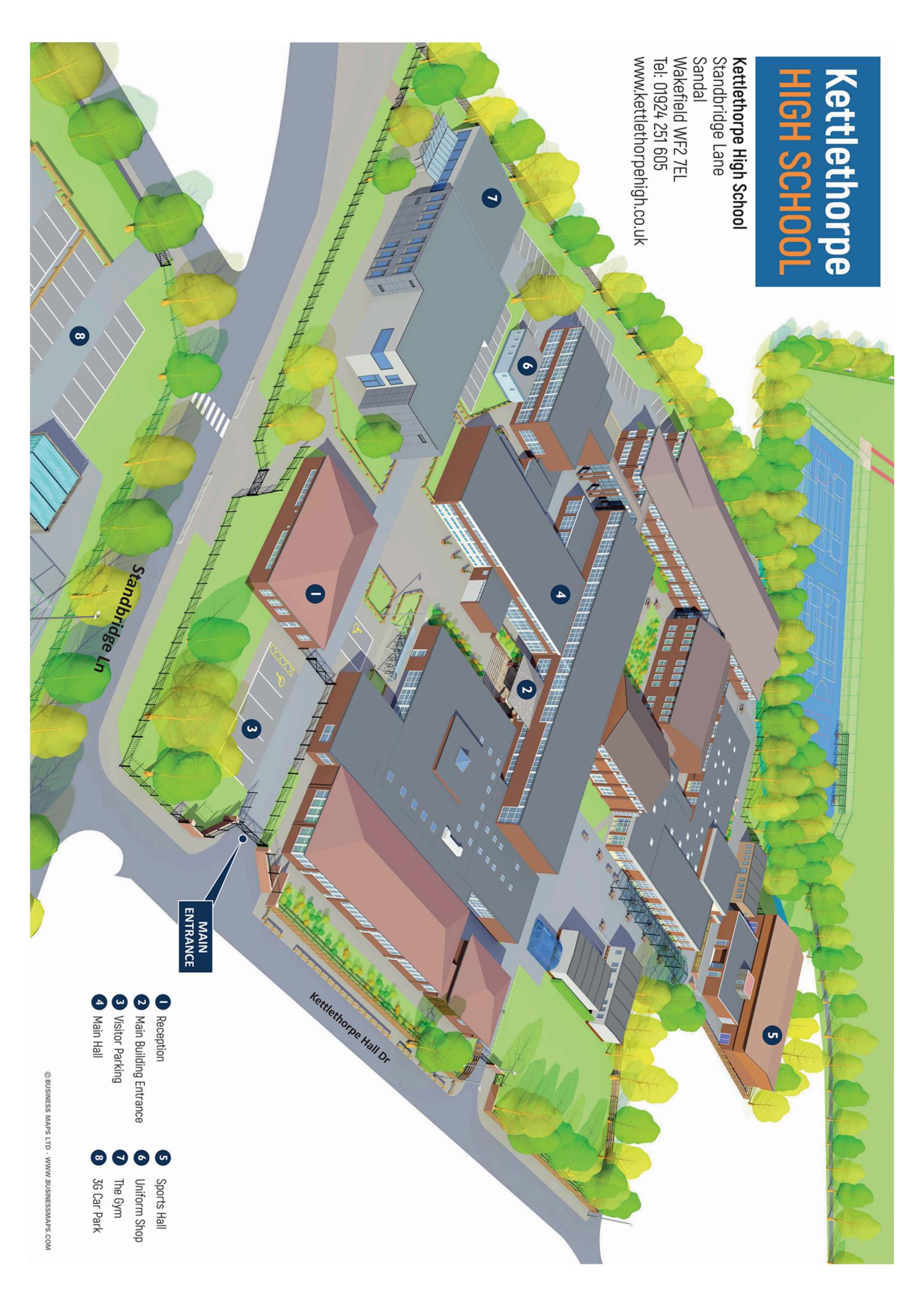


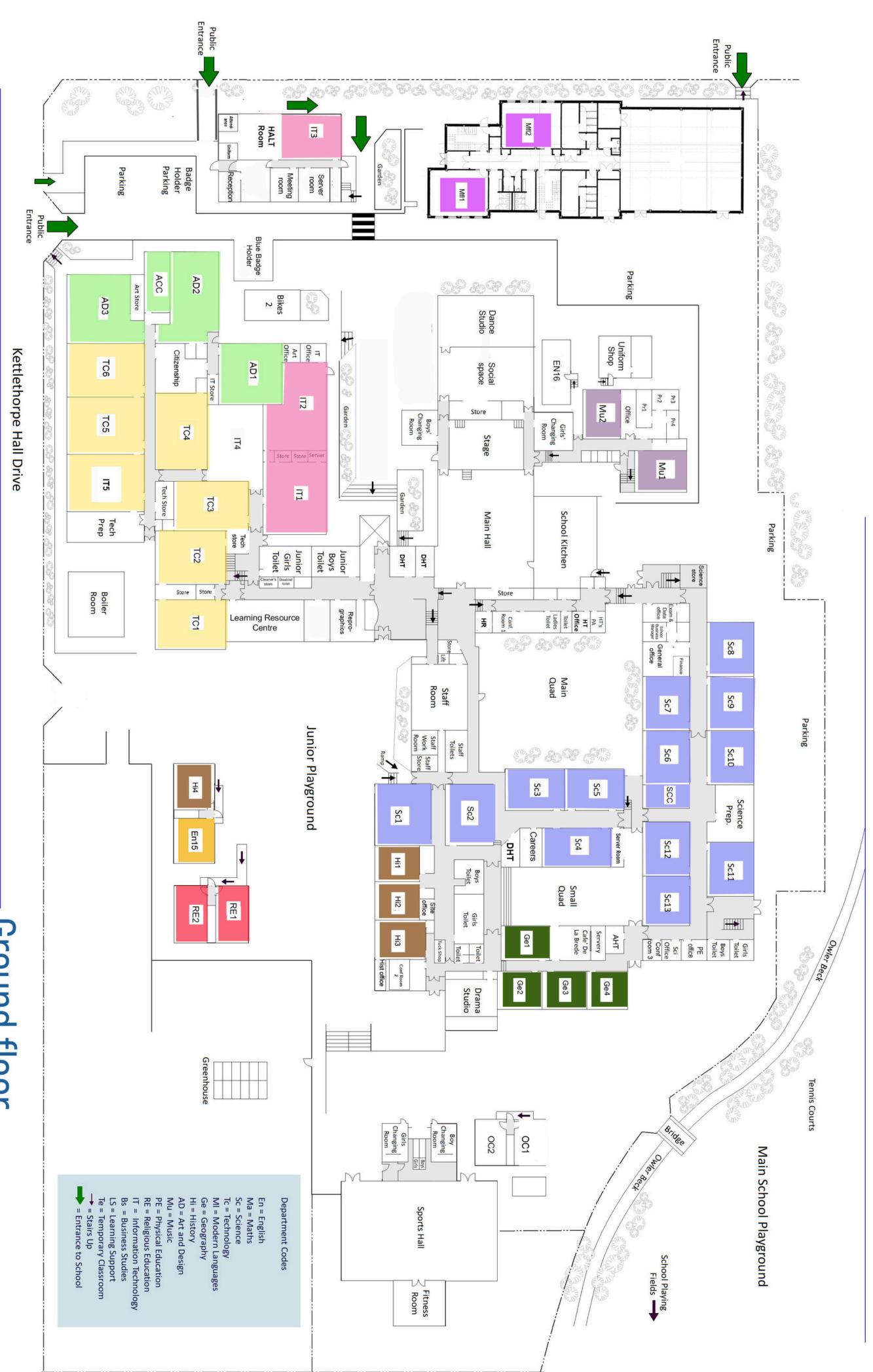












Ground floor

