

Edition 1 | October 2025

As the autumn leaves fall and the days grow shorter, we come to the end of a half term that has been nothing short of spellbinding at Kettlethorpe High School. Our students have truly enchanted us with their hard work, creativity and commitment to school life. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field or through their contributions to our wider community, they've shown the kind of magic that makes Kettlethorpe High School such a special place.

This half term has been packed with moments that have made us proud—achievements that shine brighter than any jack-o'-lantern and attitudes that reflect our core values of **Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, and Reflection**. Our young people continue to be **Present, Achieving, and Excelling** and it's been a treat (not a trick!) to see them grow in confidence and character. It's been especially heartening to see our new Year 7s settle in so confidently. They've brought a fresh spark to the school and their positivity has been infectious. Across all year groups, we've seen students striving to be their best selves, and I want to give a special mention to those who've made real efforts to turn things around this term. Their resilience and determination have been nothing short of inspiring—proof that even when the path gets a little spooky, there's always room for growth and transformation.

This term has been full of exciting moments and meaningful connections. We kicked things off with two successful 'Settling in Evenings' for Year 7 and Year 9, giving parents and carers a valuable glimpse into how their children are adapting to the new academic year. Our Year 11 Information and Consultation Evenings were equally impactful, helping to guide students and families through the final chapter of their high school journey with confidence and clarity. We also hosted our annual Open Evening, where the school came alive with energy and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to welcome prospective students and their families, showcasing the vibrant community and opportunities that make our school so special.

As we head into the half term break, I hope everyone takes the chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy some seasonal fun. Whether you're carving pumpkins, enjoying autumn walks, or simply spending time together, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Halloween and half term holiday. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—we look forward to welcoming everyone back, ready for the exciting weeks ahead.

Warmest wishes,



Roisin Paul
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Date	Activity
Monday 3 November	School reopens for pupils (8:40am)
Friday 14 November	Children in Need
Monday 17 November	Flu Vaccinations (All Year Groups)
Wednesday 19 November	Year 11 Cohort and Individual Photos
Thursday 20 November	Year 11 Class of 2025 Presentation Evening
w/c Monday 1 December	Year 11 PPEs
Thursday 4 December	Year 10 Consultation Evening
Friday 19 December	School closes for Christmas (3:05pm)

Essential School Information

Safeguarding

The half-term break can sometimes feel isolating or challenging for some of our students and their families. If you or someone you know needs support, there are a number of organisations ready to help - we've listed their contact details below.

Childline

Call for free on 0800111 | Email using the website:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/contacting-childline/>

Chat 1-2-1 using <https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/1-2-1-counsellor-chat/>

NHS

Call 111 for urgent help or support

Shout

Text 85258 for help and support 24/7. This is free and confidential.

Barnardo's

Download the Tellmi app where you can share your problems anonymously

<https://mymentalhealth.barnardos.org.uk/get-help>

NSPCC

They have a helpline that you can call Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm 08088005000

Or you can access support on the website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> | You can email help@nspcc.org.uk

If your concern is of immediate danger, you can call 999.

Donated Uniform

Our uniform shop has been selling donated uniform for £2.00 per item with all the proceeds going to charity. This has proved to be very popular with parents and over the last 2 years we have raised a whopping £2362.30.

This money has been split equally and donated to the following charities:

- Candlelighters – supporting children with cancer and their families (£788.30)
- Yorkshire Air Ambulance (£787)
- Comic Relief (£793.15 – an extra £6 was donated by pupils for Comic Relief)

We are going to have a pupil vote to decide on the next charity and any money raised from September this year will be donated to them. This result will then be displayed in the uniform shop.

If you wish to donate any uniform that is in good repair, we would be very grateful to add this to our vintage rail and we thank you all for your continued support.



You have helped people in the UK and around the world with your donation today.

From mental health support to providing a safe place to live, you are there for people in need. Thank you.

Spread the word:



Dear Sarah,

We couldn't do what we do without you!

Yorkshire Air Ambulance would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your kind donation of £787.00.

Keep Up, Catch Up Curriculum

We are pleased to be able to launch our brand new online 'Keep Up, Catch Up Curriculum' for pupils at Kettlethorpe High School. This is an online directory of lessons and resources carefully matched to the sequence of learning taking place in classrooms throughout the school year. We encourage all pupils to access these resources when absent from school or a specific lesson, or to catch up on any previously missed learning or areas of continued difficulty. The resources can be used as a revision tool & also for any end of unit tests. Pupils will just need to log in using their school username and password and click the relevant link. You may also find, as parents/carers, having this overview of learning across Y7 to Y11 useful to inform discussions about learning taking place in school. In recent surveys at Y7 and Y9 Settling in Evenings, feedback suggested we could provide more guidance on what children are covering, and when, within lessons; we hope that this is also useful for supporting with this.

<https://kettlethorpehigh.co.uk/curriculum/keep-up-catch-up-curriculum/>

Educational Visits

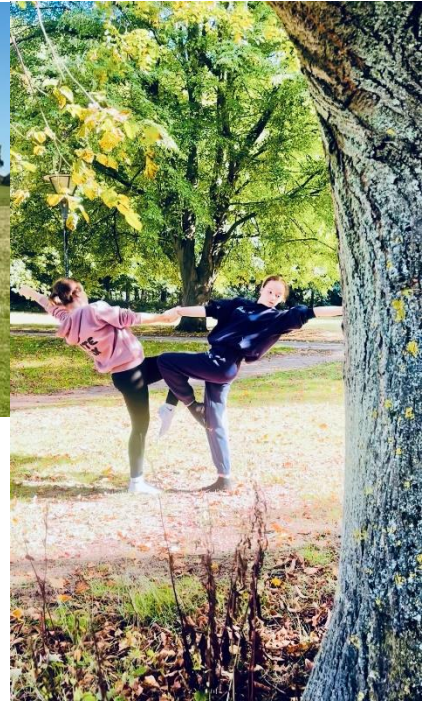
Outdoor Pursuits

Huge thanks to our PE staff for taking Year 9 and 10 pupils on the Outdoor Pursuits and Sports Studies trips this year! They've been out and about rock climbing, abseiling, caving and kayaking - giving everyone a chance to push themselves, try something new and have a blast outside the classroom. The memories they've made and the confidence they've built are absolutely priceless - moments they'll never forget and skills they'll carry with them for life.



Dance

On Friday 26 September we took our Year 10 GCSE Dancers to Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Pupils had the opportunity to perform their contact duets, which were inspired by the professional work 'Within Her Eyes' by James Cousins. They also had the opportunity to walk around the park and get inspiration from a variety of sculptures and art installations which can be used as a stimulus to inspire dance ideas.



Theatre Trip

On Wednesday 22 October, our GCSE Drama students embarked on an exciting trip to The Alhambra Theatre in Bradford to see the electrifying production of The Lightning Thief. For some pupils, this was their very first experience of live theatre—and it did not disappoint. The performance left many absolutely captivated, with stunning visuals, dynamic storytelling, and powerful acting that brought the stage to life.



Pupil Successes

Our Year 7 boys football team won their game against City Fields. The boys won 5-0 at home after a dominant display.

Year 9 Netball won 13-10 against Woodkirk on 21 October - POM - Daisy N.

Year 10 netball won against Woodkirk also on 21 October - 7-4 - POM - Ava G.



Good luck to our ex-pupil, Dom Young as he prepares to take on Australia as part of the England Rugby League Squad for their Ashes series over the next few weeks



Huge congratulations to Danika who left Year 11 in Summer who has been selected for Leeds Rhinos Netball U19 PDP squad on reserve for the U19 Netball Performance League! This is a great achievement, well done!