



December 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we reach the end of a busy and successful term, I would like to take the opportunity to update you on some items.

There have been many successful trips for students, including a football tour, geography field work, ski lessons, sailing, mountain biking, university trips, art and theatre trips and a visit to Poland. I would like to commend the boys on their participation and to thank all staff concerned for their tireless dedication.

Our current cohort of Year 11 students have completed a gruelling fortnight of pre - public examinations. This will give both them and us a further insight of where their strengths and areas for development lie, so that we can better prepare them for the main event in the Summer. Importantly, it will also have helped them to develop the important qualities of resilience and self - discipline, two of our STRIVE priorities.

Staffing Changes

We say farewell at the end of this term to our SENDCO, Ms Whitehouse, who leaves us to take up a fresh challenge in her career. Ms. Whitehouse has been with us since September 2016, and has been SENDCO since April 2017. On behalf of us all at KNBS I would like to thank her for her work with us, and to wish her well at her new school. From January, Ms. Clegg will act as temporary SENDCO, pending a permanent appointment.

We look forward to welcoming Mr. D. Clayton in January who joins us from Bartley Green as our new Headteacher. I'm certain you will join me in wishing him a happy and successful tenure at KNBS.

KS3 Assessment weeks

The next assessment week for Years 7 to 9 is on the week commencing Monday 21st January. When we return in the new year we will therefore go straight into a period of revision and compulsory study homework.

We finish this week on Friday 21st December at 12.10pm. There is a non - uniform day with a Christmas theme on this day, and students are being asked to contribute £1 for the

school's support of St Basils, a great charity which is dedicated to helping young, homeless people.

Important Dates Spring Term 2018/19

Spring Term

Term starts Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.30 am – this will be a normal school day

Half term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22 February 2019

Term ends on Friday 12th April 2019

Thursday 24 th January 2019	Year 11 Parents' evening
Wednesday 6 th February 2019	Staff training, school will close to students at approx. 1pm
Friday 8 th February 2019	Staff training day – School closed to all students
Thursday 14 th February 2019	Year 8 Parents' evening
Thursday 14 th March 2019	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Year 9 Parents' evening
Thursday 4 th April 2019	Year 9 Options deadline
Friday 5 th April 2019	Staff training – School closed to all students

Summer Term

Term starts on Monday 29th April 2019

Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

Term ends on Friday 19th July 2019

(Monday 22nd July will be staff training day)

I would like to wish you and your families a happy and restful Christmas and new year, I would like to thank you for the support you have shown during my time as Acting Headteacher. I will return to my duties as Deputy Headteacher in January, when we will welcome Mr. Clayton to the school.

Yours sincerely,



Jonathan Butcher
Acting Headteacher