



July 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

The end of another school year is almost upon us, and so I would like to take the opportunity to bring you up to date with some developments, and to provide some useful information in readiness for the new school year in September.

This time of year is always busy. As our year 11 and 13 students have completed their examinations and left us for new adventures, the rest of the school have enjoyed their own adventures courtesy of our excellent staff. This half term has seen a music trip to Barcelona, in collaboration with our partners at KNKS. Year 7 students have enjoyed an action packed week in Wales, and our Year 10 students are currently on work experience. We've had students of all ages on a range of outdoor pursuit's activities, and a number of Year 10 students on residential university courses. No time for rest, then!

### **Teaching Changes**

This summer we say farewell to our longest serving teacher, Dr. Chris Griffith, who retires after 34 Years at KNBS. This really is some achievement. Dr. Griffith has been an inspiration to generations of KNBS boys, and we wish him the very best of health and happiness in his retirement.

Also saying farewell this summer are Mrs Thompson, Miss Brady and Ms Kosar, all of whom have achieved promotions. We are also saying goodbye to Mr Stokoe and Miss Ludford. I thank them for their work and wish them well.

In September we will welcome Ms Maxwell (second in maths), Mr Williamson (Head of Humanities) and Miss Sajed (English).

Ms Goult, our senior middle leader with responsibility for the house system begins her maternity leave at the end of the summer holidays, and will be absent for much of the next academic year. We wish her every happiness at this wonderful time, and welcome Mr Lingard as temporary leader of the house system for this time.

### **The house system**

We are very excited to be growing our numbers in the school, starting with next September's year 7, which will number 150. As a response to this we have given the house system a complete overhaul, moving from four houses to five throughout the school. Our new house names are Chamberlain, Lloyd, Regis, Tolkein and Varley. How many of those do you recognise? (Clue; two are women, one of whom has a local blue plaque, and Lloyd is nothing to do with banking.) Your son will be provided with his correct house tie upon his return to school, and so there is no need to purchase a house tie during the summer holiday.

### **Uniform**

We have recently undergone a rebranding of our badge and logo, and this is now to be reflected on our uniform. Blazers, pullovers and PE kit from uniform suppliers will all now carry the up to date badge. We are giving 12 month's grace on replacement of these items so there is no need to purchase new items if they still fit your son. We would, however, like new uniform to be adopted by the beginning of the 2019-20 school year. If you are replacing your son's shoes over the summer, please only purchase plain, black shoes, with no tags, labels, logos or patterns, as per the home-school agreement.

### **Equipment**

I would respectfully remind you of the requirement for students to always come to school with the correct equipment; two black pens, a pencil, ruler, eraser and scientific calculator are the minimum, along with a student planner and books for the day.

### **New academic year**

Looking forward to next term, the start date for students in years 8 - 11 is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. All students should arrive to school for normal time. Registration and first period will be used for administrative tasks, and then normal lessons will begin.

I have attached details of the term dates and training dates for the next academic year.

I wish you a restful, happy and safe summer.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Butcher  
Acting Headteacher

## **King's Norton Boys School Term dates 2018/19**

### **Autumn Term**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Staff training day)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September (Year 7 students only)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September (all students)

Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2 November 2018

Term ends on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

### **Spring Term**

Term starts Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Half term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22 February 2019

Term ends on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### **Summer Term**

Term starts on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Term ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### **Staff training days will be as follows:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018