



September 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to the new school year. It seems no time at all since I last wrote to you in July, and I hope that your summer was as enjoyable and re-energising as it was warm!

I would particularly like to welcome parents and families of our new year 7 intake. The boys have settled in well, and seem to be growing in self-assurance by the day. I am confident that with a good relationship between school and home we can help your sons achieve success and happiness in their five years with us.

Results August 2018

Our students achieved an absolutely wonderful set of results, which were the culmination of years of hard work and commitment by both them and their teachers. This year's results were the best ever achieved at KNBS in many areas, and more details are available on the school website.

There were some outstanding individual performances. At A'level, Ben Dewes achieved four grades at A* - this simply cannot be beaten! Dimitris Tsioumanis achieved three grade A's and an A* - superb! At GCSE, Tim Hayton achieved results which included five grade 9's, with Jaden Wilkins and David Joseph each achieving three. Only a small percentage of the population can access these grades. There were many others gaining nine or more GCSEs at Grades 6 or above. I would like to congratulate all of our students, who have flown the flag for KNBS. In doing so they are creating bright and successful futures for themselves.

Developments over the summer

The school site team have been very busy over the summer improving and developing facilities for our staff and students. The old library has become a 96 seat lecture theatre, with state of the art audio-visual equipment. The books have been relocated to a well-stocked and relaxing reading room, which will be available to students at lunch time and used by the English department in many of their lessons.

The former sixth form block has been re-floored, and will now be used as a performing arts studio, and for drama lessons in year 7. There is already some specialist lighting in there, and the longer term plan is to increase the quality and quantity of sound and lighting, and to provide full black-out blinds.

One of the former computer rooms has been equipped with up to date mac computers, and is a fully functioning media studies and music technology suite.

There have been redecorations, relocations and deep cleans, and the school site is fully fit and raring to go as we enter another year. Thanks go to Gavin Jones, our Business Manager, Jon Stevens our Site Manager, and our industrious cleaning and maintenance support team.

Open evening, Monday 17th September 2018

The annual open evening for prospective Year 7 students and their families will be held on Monday 17th September at 6pm. Staff will be working into the evening, and in order to allow time for preparation, **students will be dismissed on that day at 1.10pm**, at the end of period 4. If your son receives a free school meal, he will be able to collect this at first break.

Parking near to the school

If you collect your child at the end of the day can I strongly but politely request that you do not park on Northfield Road in the vicinity of the school. Cars parked in this manner present an obstacle to traffic flow as well as a visual obstruction to boys crossing the road. Please park well away from the front of the school. I should also remind you that the car park in front of the flats opposite school is private.

Attendance

The autumn term is a long one. By Christmas, year 11 students will be almost half way through their year, and all others will have completed a significant proportion of the year's work. This calls for resilience, perseverance and a positive attitude from our students. Good attendance is vital if we are to continue to improve outcomes for our students. We will maintain our sharp focus on attendance both in assemblies and in form time, and students will be reminded of the importance of attending on time, even if they are tired, or have a minor cold. I would therefore urge you not to keep your son off school unless he is genuinely ill and unable to attend.

As ever, I value your support in helping us ensure that your son's time at KNBS is successful.

Yours sincerely,



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