



September 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer

## **Welcome Back**

Two weeks in to term and I am pleased to report that our students have started back with a positive approach to their learning. I am also extremely impressed with our new Year 7 who have taken to life at KNBS with determination and a smile.

We have been delighted with how many boys in Years 8-11 have received certificates for their SDfL performance in the Summer Term. It has assisted with the positive approach to the term and already the number of SDfL points deducted has fallen as our boys get used to the shared expectations that we all have for them.

We are also delighted to welcome a significant number of new staff. I am delighted with our new recruits, they bring renewed enthusiasm and expertise. It means that as we begin the new academic year we are fully staffed in all areas with every class having a specialist leading their learning. We are currently working on staff bios so that you can get to know the new members of our teaching community, we will let you know once they are on the website.

## **Results 2019**

I am sure you will be interested in how our 2019 leavers performed in their GCSE examinations; we are delighted with the boys' performance.

- 73% of students achieved the nationally recognised expected pass in both English and Maths, with 47% achieving the nationally recognised strong pass in both subjects.
- 81% of students passed Maths, with 83% passing English.
- 24% of students gained 7 or above in both English and Maths, equivalent to the old 'A' grade.
- Two students achieved nine passes at grade '9', the very best grade possible.
- A further eleven students achieved at least one grade '9' – exceptional performance.

## **Uniform**

I would like to thank so many of you for supporting our uniform adaptations. The vast majority of boys are looking incredibly smart in their shoes and standards of uniform are higher than ever. We are working towards a 100% success rate in uniform and your overwhelming support is much appreciated. When schools establish clear standards and consequences it leads to a tangible improvement in the conduct and attitude of its students.

## **Open Evening & Dates for Your Diary**

Our open evening has come around already and we would like to thank you for your support. On this half day if you are struggling to find childcare for our younger students please get in touch with the pastoral team who will try to assist if at all possible.

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	School closes to students at 12.10pm in preparation for Open Evening
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening 6pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 11 Geography field trip (Group 1)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 7 Welcome evening 4pm – 6.30pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 Geography field trip (Group 2)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Achievement Award evening
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 Art trip
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October –	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 10 & 11 Football Tour to Holland
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes to students at 2.55pm for half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School reopens to students at 8.30am

I look forward to seeing you at our various parents' events throughout the year.

Yours sincerely



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