

Friday 21st November 2025

## **Sad News**

It was with great sadness and with great difficulty that we wrote to you earlier this week to inform you of the death of a member of our school community.

Danny Smith passed away at the beginning of this week while he was on annual leave. This news has been very difficult for many of us to process, and our thoughts are with Danny's family, his friends. Danny has spent many years at KNSB and was very close to colleagues both old and new. As you can imagine this is a very difficult time for lots of people. Although Danny did not directly teach students, we were aware that his loss would still potentially affect them but following the whole school briefing that we delivered to everyone on Wednesday, we have been overwhelmed by the sensitivity of our boys, who have shown incredible maturity and emotional intelligence. Boys have checked in with one another, been asking staff how they are, and basically showcasing what makes KNSB such a special place.

We are grateful for your support in facilitating conversations about this at home. We have begun to organise some support sessions via our School Counsellor or mentoring appointments through our pastoral links for those that are struggling with this news. If you have concerns about your son and would like him to access additional support, then please can you let us know by contacting your son's form tutor or allocated pastoral link.

The details about Danny's funeral/memorial are not yet clear. However, please be aware that it is extremely likely that the school will be closed for either the morning, afternoon or day of the funeral to allow staff to join the family to remember and celebrate Danny's life.



## Safeguarding Newsletter – November

Please click here to read the latest safeguarding newsletter which features information about misinformation and conspiracy theories and unsupervised events:

[Secondary November 2025](#) [Download](#)

## International Men's Day Assemblies and Movember

As a school, we marked International Men's day with assemblies, form time activities and on Thursday 20th November, we held a bake sale to raise money for Movember. The EDI Team ran the sale and we raised £107 for men's mental health! Thanks to everyone that made a positive contribution to this.

## Advance Notice INSET Day Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

School will also be closed to all students on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January for our KEVI Conference. School will open again for all staff and students to begin the spring term on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## Library opening times

Our library has proven very popular this last week – a safe haven from the rain and freezing cold at times but also seeing students completing lots of quiet activities such as homework, reading, Sparx revision, chess/draughts. Please remind your son that the library will be open at the following times weekly:

- Every lunchtime
- Monday after school until 4pm
- Tuesday after school until 3.30 pm
- Wednesday after school until 4.30pm
- Thursday after school until 4.30 pm
- Friday after school until 3.30 pm

## Year 11 Period 6

Following the completion of PPE1 and our recent NEA Focus Week, our Period 6 provision will restart from **Monday 24th November**. An anonymised timetable outlining the sessions for each student will be shared in a separate email. We strongly encourage all students to attend their allocated sessions and make full use

of the tailored support on offer from their teachers, as this additional input can make a significant difference to their progress.

### **Year 7 Parents' Evening**

Year 7 parents' evening will be face to face on Thursday 4th December from 4pm until 7pm in the Sports Hall. Bookings for appointments will be made through our 'School Cloud' system, which will allow you to make appointments to see your son's teachers at times that suit you. You will receive an email next week which will detail exactly how you go about this simple process, along with your unique log-in code. We look forward to welcoming you into school to discuss your son's progress in his first term.

### **School Catering Feedback**

Our school catering provider AiP have provided the [code below](#) so that you can provide feedback on our current catering provision:



### **Dates for your diary**

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Year 7 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Parent Forum
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 11 Parents Evening
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Christmas Holiday
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – INSET Day (school closed to students)
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Year 10 Parents Evening

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – INSET Day *SAN* (School closed to students)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Year 8 Parents Evening
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Half Term Holiday

**INSET Days (School closed to students)**

- Friday 21st November
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February