

Friday 12th December 2025

Christmas Concert 2025

Our annual KNSB Christmas concert was once again a huge success, and a packed hall of staff, students and parents had a real treat with the array of performances our boys put on for them. Included were some festive tunes that put everyone in the mood for the approaching Christmas holiday. We would like to say a massive thank you to the music department and others whose hard work went into the show preparations, and to the boys who performed. It was certainly a Christmas delight!



Celebrating Our Charity Day Success!

We're delighted to share some wonderful news from last term's Charity Day and related fundraising events. Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our students, staff and families, our school community raised an amazing £3,880.72 for Midlands Air Ambulance. This total comes from our own-clothes day, our Big Iftar event and our end-of-term Charity Day. We were thrilled to welcome Kay from Midlands Air Ambulance this week to celebrate the achievement with our Head Boy Team, who played a key role in organising and supporting the events. Even more importantly, we've learned just how far your

contributions will go. The amount raised will fund one full air ambulance mission and three missions via the critical care car. That means four people will receive urgent, specialist medical support thanks to the efforts of our school community. We are incredibly proud of our students for their leadership, compassion and hard work, and we are grateful to every family who supported the events. Your kindness has helped change lives. Thank you for being such an important part of our school's commitment to helping others.



Art Homework

This week has seen an influx of superb homework projects that our Year 8 boys have produced. They had to create an iconic building in 3D, using any materials and they clearly used their imaginations! This links to their portrait project in which they drew skulls and had Lizzie Mary Cullen inspired illustrations coming out of the head based on landmarks from around the world. We clearly have some artists, architects and designers of the future at KNSB.



Parent Forum

The school is delighted to host a Parent Forum, in which key members of the school staff meet with a selection of parents to share ideas, give information or seek opinion. Topics are decided prior to each meeting, and recent meetings have focused on the school mobile phone policy, safeguarding, personal development and student rewards. In the next meeting we intend exploring your thoughts about the **Year 6 into Year 7 transition process**; how it supported and impacted upon you and your son and how it could be improved. The Parent Forum will meet on **Wednesday 14th January** in the school Drama studio for a 6pm start and will finish by 7pm. We would be delighted to welcome contributions from parents of boys from all year groups, but particular invitations go out to parents of boys in our new Year 7 intake, for whom the experience is most recent. If you would like to be involved and haven't yet made contact, please email me on j.butcher@knbs.co.uk with your son's name and your contact details. I look forward to meeting you on the evening.

Mr J. Butcher (Deputy Headteacher)

Year 10 and 11 School Disco

During this wonderful festive season, we are once again delighted to inform you of our upcoming joint school rewards disco with the KNGS, to be held at KNSB on Wednesday 17th December from 6:00-7:45pm. This invitation is extended to Year 10 and 11 students who have met the attendance and behaviour criteria set by the school. The criterion for invite is 94% or more attendance and a minimum of no more than 10 SDFL points lost. If you have any queries regarding the criteria, you are welcome to contact us to discuss this. Please note that the deadline for any such queries is Monday 15th December at 2pm. We encourage you to confirm your son's attendance at the event via ParentPay by the deadline of Friday 12th December, as spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served

basis. Additionally, we kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful and considerate of parking arrangements when collecting your son to ensure safety and smooth traffic flow around the school during this time. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 11 Group Changes in Core Subjects

Following on from the Year 11 PPE's, teachers in English, maths and science have been reviewing their students' progress and, as a result of this, there will be some group changes after Christmas to ensure that every student is in the most appropriate class for them to make progress given their current stage of learning. This is a process that we follow every year, using professional judgments to support students' learning and ensuring maximum progress in the closing months leading to the final exams. This is particularly pertinent in maths and science where decisions about students taking either Foundation or Higher tier papers can have a huge impact on their final grade. We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Year 11 Period 6

All Period 6 sessions will be cancelled next week. Students have now received feedback from all of their recent PPE examinations and should use this time to work independently on the areas identified for improvement, consolidating their learning and acting on the targets set by their teachers.

Last Day of Term Early Finish and Non-School Uniform

School will close early on Friday 19th December for the Christmas holiday. All students will leave the school site at 12.30 and will return on Tuesday 6th January at 8.30am. The last day will also be a non-school uniform day, and we ask students to donate £1 if they can, to go to our chosen charity this year, which is Ronald McDonald House Birmingham. We also encourage students to dress in Christmas-themed attire if they can!

Advance Notice INSET Day Monday 5th January

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

Dates for your diary

- Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January – Christmas Holiday
- Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET Day (school closed to students)
- Thursday 29th January 2026 – Year 10 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 4th February 2026 – INSET Day SAN (School closed to students)
- Thursday 5th February 2026 – Year 8 Parents Evening
- Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026 – Half Term Holiday

INSET Days (School closed to students)

- Monday 5th January
- Wednesday 4th February