

Thursday 27th November 2025

## Thank You...

I would like to thank our school community for their support over the last couple of weeks, as we come together to share our memories, reflection and grief at the loss of Danny Smith.

Danny's colleagues and friends have obviously found things tough, and it has been so lovely to hear the boys talk about him with such warmth and they have responded with such kindness.

We do reflect that these recent events have brought home the messages from our recent assemblies linked to National Men's Day. Mr Davis and Mr Copes spoke to the boys about the importance of positive masculinity, caring for each other and the importance of boys feeling confident to share their feelings. I am certain this week that boys will have seen that in action through the tears of sadness and the smiles of happy memories.

This week's assemblies have been about processing grief and have been well received. We still have support coming in over the next few weeks so that adults and young people can have a space to talk with an adult who is trained to listen. If you feel that this would be beneficial, please reach out to form tutors and/or pastoral staff to let us know.



Birmingham City University and The South Area Network of Schools are providing free adults counselling in your local community. This service is delivered by trainee counsellors, supported and supervised by qualified professionals from BCU's counselling team.

**What the BCU & SAN community counselling service offers**  
BCU/SAN offers one-to-one weekly counselling sessions to adults experiencing mild to moderate levels of emotional upset.

- Explore difficult feelings
- Work through tough situations
- Discover more about yourself
- Consider what needs to change

This service is very inclusive and welcomes individuals with all kinds of life experiences, backgrounds, identities and cultures.

**What to expect once you contact us**  
When you contact BCU/SAN counselling service, you will be offered an initial meeting to find out:

- A little about you
- What you are hoping to gain from counselling
- If it's right for you

We will then discuss next steps and options for you.

**What does it cost?**  
This Counselling service is free of charge. We are able to offer the counselling for free because we are working closely with local schools and community spaces. All the counsellors working in this service are giving their time as part of their work or studies.



**What next?**  
If you would like our help, then please email us at; [sanadultcounselling@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:sanadultcounselling@bcu.ac.uk) or call 0121 3316615

In general, anything that is said in the counselling session stays confidential, and we will not repeat any such information to anyone outside the counselling team without your permission. In exceptional circumstances, for instance, where there is a potentially serious risk of harm to yourself or others, we may break confidentiality but your counsellor would try to speak with you first before speaking to anyone else. Any personal data collected from you and obtained by Birmingham City University as part of the counselling service will be subject to the prevailing privacy policy which is available on its website and may be updated from time to time.



We are also aware that situations like this can generate lots of conversation about similar events in our lives. Therefore, we wanted to share a service that we have set up with BCU, to provide Adults Counselling free at point of use to members of our wider community. Please share this service with anyone that you think would benefit; it is completely confidential, and no details are fed back to us.

We look forward to seeing the boys back in school on Monday and thank you again for your support it means a lot to us.

### **Christmas Concert 2025**

Our annual KNSB Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6pm-7.30pm. The evening will feature performances from our groups KNSB band, vocal group and ukulele group, as well as soloists from a range of instrumentalists. It will also feature a performance from our Drama club, and you will be able to see some wonderful student artwork table centre pieces. Those who attend the groups/soloists should have received a letter via email with all the details about the evening and how to get tickets. If your son would like to take part but hasn't yet received a letter, please ask your son to speak to Ms. Naylor.

Please note, you will not be able to purchase tickets on the door; you will need to complete the form on the letter and return it as soon as possible, to either Ms. Naylor or Mr Close, and no later than Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

We look forward to hearing all your performances!

### **Year 7 Parents' Evening – Thursday 4th December 4pm–7pm**


Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place 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 allows you to make appointments with your son's teachers at times that suit you.

You should receive an email on later today detailing how to use the system, along with your unique login code. We look forward to welcoming you into school and discussing your son's progress during his first term.

If you are unable to attend or have not received this information by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, please contact us by phone on 0121 628 0010 or via the enquiry email: [enquiry@knbs.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@knbs.co.uk).


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## Creative Writing workshop every Thursday after school until 4pm





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- **Internal Writing Competition 1- A Winter/ Christmas story or poem maximum 300 words.**
- Post your entry in the box in the library foyer from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- Closing Date December 5th
- A poem and story will be shared by recording or print every day through the last 2 weeks of winter term
- Amazon vouchers to be won by the winner and 2 two runners up.
- £10 and £5
- Creative writing workshop in the library from 15.10-4 pm every Thursday

- **-External Writing Competition 2- Stranger Sagas-Creative Writing for 11-18 years**
- Your story must be no more than 100 words
- Creative writing workshop in the library 15.10 4pm every Thursday.
- Closing Date-12<sup>th</sup> December handed in to the library or upload your entry-
- [Stranger Sagas - a creative writing competition for 11-18 year olds | Young Writers](#)
- £1000 Amazon voucher for schools and lots of £100 Amazon vouchers to be won for students.

### 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.

### 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