

Friday 23rd January 2026

## Lunchtime at KNSB

Lunchtimes are very busy at KNSB, with many of our boys understandably wanting to be active and engage in outdoor activities such as football, basketball and 'one bounce'. However, there are also lots of boys who take advantage of our undercover or indoor spaces, especially in the quad or the library. Here is a sample of what they get up to:



## **Autumn Eagle**

Just in case you missed it, we are again sharing the link from our Autumn Eagle which has the theme 'Overcoming Challenges', and we are sure you will agree that all the examples included showcase the teamwork and spirit of collaboration that is so characteristic of our school community. Enjoy!

### [The Autumn Eagle 25-26 – Overcoming Challenges](#) **Sparx Reading, Maths and Science**

Following the huge success of Sparx Maths, which we have now been using for over five years, we decided some time ago to add to this Sparx Reader, which has been in place now for two years, and this year, the new Sparx Science has come on board. These online platforms, which allow us to set bespoke homework for all students that use them, offer easy to use, intuitive resources that students enjoy using, and they make homework accessible and fun.

Evidence suggests that parental engagement can considerably boost students' learning so we want to put Sparx back on your radar so that you can support your son in using these platforms and help him to thrive in his learning. The best way to do this is to ask your son about which Sparx platforms he uses. All boys, from Years 7-11, use Sparx Maths, and Years 7-10 are set homework on Sparx Science. Students in Years 7-9 have access to and are set homework on Sparx Reader. So, every student in our school has the benefit of using Sparx in at least two of their core subjects. They will be able to: show you what homework they are set; explain to you how their Sparx platforms work; and talk you through their homework completion. Your engagement with Sparx, with your son, will help them to make progress in their learning. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Year 10 Parents' Evening 29<sup>th</sup> January**

This is taking place on Thursday next week in the Sports Hall from 4-7pm for Year 10 students and their parents. Booking is intended to be as usual, via our online platform, SchoolCloud, and the hope is that you will be receiving an email with your log in details, which will allow you to make appointments, shortly, so please check your emails. However, as we have recently moved to a new central information system, we are currently experiencing some compatibility issues that may complicate the sharing of information. If this proves to be the case, we will notify you with alternative instructions.

### **Year 10 Work Experience 23-27 March 2026 Reminder**

Further to last week's reminder, we just want to highlight the deadline for all work experience placement paperwork is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, so work experience plans need to be uploaded onto Unifrog to get the Health and Safety checks completed in advance of School giving the final authorisation. Once uploaded to Unifrog, return the paper data collection form to **Mr Hanson** ensuring it has the correct signatures on the reverse side: <https://www.unifrog.org/student/home>

The **Placements** tool can be found under the **Recording** list of tools at the bottom of the home page when you login to your account. Parents and carers can sign up for their own Unifrog account to have access to the same resources as our boys. You will need to use the code: **KNBSparent** to link to our school account by signing up at [www.unifrog.org/code](http://www.unifrog.org/code).

If your son is yet to secure a placement, we urge him to make use of this half term break to continue his enquires.

## **Year 11 Personal Learning Checklists**

Year 11 students have this week been given PPE Personal Learning Checklists (PLCs) for most of their subjects to aid them in evaluating their current knowledge and skills and helping them in planning their revision for the upcoming PPEs. Please engage with your son about this as the more we all gently encourage them to revise, the more likely they are to be proactive in preparing for these important exams.

## **Year 11 Prom Reminder**

This is a final reminder that the deadline for all Prom deposits is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. This should be done via ParentPay where you can also register consent for your son's attendance. The majority of students have already secured their place so please encourage your son to attend this rite of passage event to mark the end of exams and his time at KNSB. It promises to be a night to remember!

## **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January Year 10 Parents' Evening  
Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February Year 11 Pre-Public Exams begin  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February INSET Day – school closed to all students  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Year 8 Parents' Evening