

Friday 9th January 2026

Thank You...

...for your support this week as we have navigated our way through the first difficult week of weather of 2026. Decisions have been made to take in a number of variables but ultimately, the priority has been to keep staff and students safe and ensure that we can maximise learning opportunities. Today's rare snow day will undoubtedly have provided students with some unexpected time at the end of what is always an exhausting first week back after the Christmas break, so we hope everyone has spent it doing something positive for their wellbeing. The weather forecast for next week is looking much more amenable so hopefully we can get back to some normality. We appreciate the support of our stakeholders in helping us to manage this difficult situation.

Adverse Weather Updates

We will continue to monitor the weather conditions and hope that the forecasted rain over the weekend will clear the snow, enabling a return to normal school operations on Monday.

We will send an email on Sunday, to share any updates, we will also update the Adverse Weather page parents are struggling to access emailed messages:

[Adverse Weather](#)

Autumn Eagle

The Autumn Eagle, our electronic termly newsletter, has landed a tad late to allow us to include as much as possible from our Autumn term. The theme is 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](#)

Year 11 Period 6

Year 11 period 6 sessions recommence next week, and while many teachers will be expecting *all* students to be in attendance, some may still be targeting a smaller number who have knowledge and skill gaps that need closing, so your son may not be required to attend all sessions initially. We will be finalising these lists next week for the following fortnight and you will get the usual notification about bespoke sessions so that you can support your son in making the most of these important sessions.

Year 11 PPE's

The final round of Pre-Public Exams will begin in the week commencing 2nd February and will conclude on 7th March. The timetable will be shared with students next week, along with topic lists of what to revise for all subjects. Unlike the November/December PPE's students will be given their results as soon as the exams have been marked via their class teacher. Following the conclusion of these final set of exams, there will just be six school weeks until the summer exams begin. We will be emphasising the importance of revision and routines with the students in the coming weeks. These exams will be the last chance for them to find out what knowledge and skills are secure which will help them to tailor their final revision. Please chat with your son about his revision plans and remind him that there is plenty of in-school support too if he is struggling to get started.

Year 11 Prom Friday 10th July 2026

Before the Christmas break, we gave Year 11 students their letter of invite for the leavers' prom. This is a wonderful final event of their school career with us at KNSB, and we would not want anyone to miss out on attending this on Friday 10th July. Thank you to those who have already paid the £15 deposit via ParentPay, along with registering your consent for your son's attendance. **The deadline for payment is Friday 30th January** so please ensure that if your son wants to attend you do not miss this. This is a shared event with KNGS so once the deadline for registration and deposits has passed, there can be no late additions. You can access the letter that students were given here:

[Initial Prom letter 2026Download](#)

Change to KS4 Creative iMedia Harry Potter Trip

Due to the difficult weather conditions this week, the Harry Potter Studio Tour trip which was meant to take place on 8th January has now been rescheduled to 27th February.

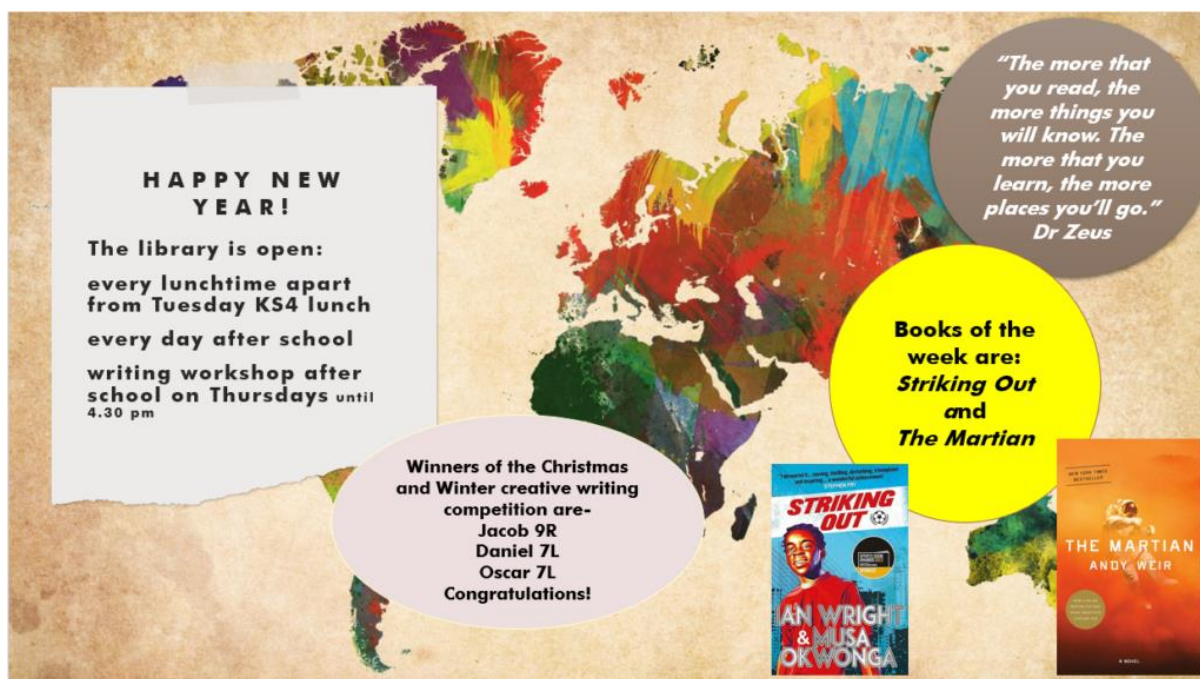
Addendum – Year 8 Parents Evening: Thursday 5th March

We apologise for an error about this date being shared with you in our last comms of 2025 – the correct date for this is Thursday 5th March.

Parent Forum Reminder

Our postponed Parent Forum meeting, examining our Year 6 to 7 transition processes, will take place next week on Wednesday 14th January at 6pm in the Drama Studio. It would be great to have a broad cross-section of parents in attendance to make the outcomes of the evening more meaningful, so if you have not already registered your interest in this, please email j.butcher@knbs.co.uk to do so and hopefully we will see you next week.

Library News



Library assistants needed for some break and after school sessions

You will need:

- good communication skills
- willingness to learn basic library systems

What you will gain:

- develop teamwork skills
- improve organisational skills
- get experience in customer service and resource management
- the satisfaction of helping others discover the joy of reading

How to apply:
 Pick up an application form from the library desk or email the library for an application c.fletcher@knbs.co.uk

*"Reading is
STILL THE
 MAIN WAY THAT I
 both learn new
 things and test
 MY UNDERSTANDING."*
BILL GATES

Marcus Rashford
 England & Manchester United player
 Campaigner against child hunger

I only started
 reading at 17,
 and it completely
 changed my
 outlook and
 mentality.

MARCUS RASHFORD
BREAKFAST CLUB ADVENTURES

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 29th January Year 10 Parents' Evening

Week commencing 2nd February Year 11 Pre-Public Exams begin

Wednesday 4th February INSET Day – school closed to all students

Thursday 5th March Year 8 Parents' Evening