

Friday 15th May 2026

Attendance Excellence

We are pleased to share some excellent news about attendance at KNSB. For last term the school received two attendance awards from FFT:

- One recognising us in the top 25% of all FFT schools nationally.
- A second recognising us in the top 25% of FFT schools matched to similar characteristics.

This is not a one-off result. Over the past two years the school has secured *fourteen* awards for our termly and annual attendance performance - a clear sign of sustained improvement in students' engagement with school life.

What this means for our school:

- Strong attendance supports better learning. Being in the top quartile demonstrates that our students are benefiting from regular classroom teaching, consistent routines and the curriculum we provide.
- This achievement reflects whole-school effort. That sense of belonging and routine is central to our STRIVE values and to students' progress.
- Our current position is 1.7 percentage points above the national figure. This is positive progress and an encouragement to keep improving.

How parents and carers can continue to support:

- Maintain regular routines; please continue to make punctual arrival and full attendance a priority.
- Report absence promptly; contact the school office on the first day and every day of any absence and keep us updated.
- Talk positively about attending school; emphasise to your son the link between attendance, learning and future opportunities.
- Let us know early about barriers; if there are transport, medical or other issues affecting attendance, contact the school so we can help. We will always use a 'support first' approach to understand and remove barriers.

Thank you again for your partnership. Strong attendance is achieved when we work together - your support makes a real difference. If you have questions or there are ways we can support your family, please contact your son's Form Tutor or the Attendance office.

Knife Crime Presentation

We were delighted to be able to welcome back Alison Cope to school this week. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 took part in powerful and thought-provoking knife crime awareness sessions which were funded by Charlie's Wings, a charitable organisation aimed at supporting young people.

Alison shared her personal story and spoke honestly about the devastating impact knife crime can have on individuals, families and communities. Her key messages encouraged students to think carefully about choices, peer influence, consequences, and the importance of speaking up and seeking support when needed.

We were incredibly proud of our students throughout the sessions. They listened with maturity, attentiveness and respect, engaging thoughtfully with the important themes discussed. Their behaviour reflected great credit to themselves and the school community. Thank you to parents and students who have already been in touch with Alison to thank her for the session – her messages are already having a positive impact on the families in our school community.

Maths Challenge

Last week, a number of our Year 7 and Year 8 students participated in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. This is a challenge designed to stretch the most able mathematicians in the country with 25 multiple choice questions in a one-hour time limit. Several of our students performed so *well* at it, they were awarded gold, silver or bronze certificates.

We had 3 gold, 11 silver and 23 bronze awards; what an achievement!

Notable Achievers included:

Sebastian N (Y8) 79 points

Rayan A (Y7) 75 points

Taheem I (Y8) 75 points

Henery M (Y8) 73 points

Celestus S (Y8) 69 points

Oscar H (Y8) 65 points

Cole F (Y8) 64 points

Arthur C (Y8) 64 points

Jake M (Y8) 64 points

Samuel B (Y8) 63 points

Mason T (Y7) 58 points

Alyaan B (Y7) 47 points

If you would like to know more about the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, please follow this link [Junior Mathematical Challenge - UKMT](#). Congratulations to all of our students who took part!

Year 10 Parent Partnership Evening

It was lovely to see so many Year 10 parents join Miss Knight for a pre-PPE and information sharing evening last night. Following the session, some parents have requested information that we think would be pertinent to share with all our Year 10 parents. Therefore, in next week's updates we will share the PPE timetable, a list of resources for revision, including websites for past papers, the list of exam boards for each subject and the PowerPoint slides from yesterday evening's session. Thank you again for all the support that you give your son – it makes a massive difference.

Year 10 Interview Day Tuesday 14th July 2026.

We are looking for professionals to help support our Year 10 interview day event on Tuesday 14th July 2026. This is the day we will have external interviewers coming into KNSB to interview our boys and provide some short feedback that will help them with the 'soft skills' that are so important to their future. Interviews will be based around showcasing these skills; they will be asked some prompted questions and discuss their recent work experience placements. Interviewers would be expected at KNSB between 9:00am-12:45pm.

If you would like to offer your support as an interviewer or know someone else who may be interested, please do get in touch (a background in interviewing would be ideal, but not essential). Enquiries should be directed to enquiry@knbs.co.uk with 'Y10 Interview Day' as the subject. Many thanks for your ongoing support for our students, as we help them in their next steps to transition to their Post 16 education.

Year 11 ONLY Early Finish

On Friday 22nd May, Year 11 students will finish early for the day. Those students that have their PE exam will have this during period 1 followed by a lesson of English and Science. Those students that do not study PE will have a lesson of Maths followed by a lesson of English and Science. All students will then be permitted to leave school early at 12.10pm. These core lessons will provide some focussed study for over the half term break. If you wish for your son to remain in school during this time, then please make contact with the Year 11 pastoral team so that these arrangements can be made.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th, 9th & 10th July - Planned network outage

Tuesday 19th June - Year 9 DTP / MEN ACWY Vaccinations

* Additional Diary dates show in digital calendar on website below.