

Friday 17th July 2026

Final Summer Message to Parents

Once again, we have had a wonderful enrichment week jam packed full of external speakers, trips, taster sessions, practical activities...and the boys have had a whale of a time! More about this will follow in our newsletter in September where we will share reports, photos and student accounts of the week. Well done to everyone involved.

We would like to thank you for your support over the last 12 months. It has thrown a few obstacles at us along the way and together as a community we have overcome these. Thank you for your part in that.

As we head towards a new term new regulations and information is landing weekly. Yesterday's mobile phone email is the most important of these so far so please have a read if you have not already.

We will work through any other changes that need to happen, focusing on what that means for our school community and ensure that we communicate that with you in the second half of August with reminders about the return to school. Most other information should be in our previous communications for dates of INSET and when students return etc....

We wish you a safe, restful and fun-filled summer with your loved ones, and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Staff changes

As we come to the end of the academic year, we would like to recognise and thank a number of valued members of staff who will be leaving or taking on new roles.

After 22 years of outstanding leadership, **Mr Butcher** will be stepping down from his role as Deputy Head over the summer and will return in September as a Teacher of Science. We would like to thank Mr Butcher for the exceptional leadership, commitment and dedication he has shown to the school over the past two decades. We are delighted that he will continue to be part of the KNSB community.

We are excited to announce that **Mrs Bartlett**, our current Senior Assistant Headteacher, has been successfully appointed as Deputy Headteacher. This well-deserved promotion recognises her dedication, expertise and significant contribution to the school. Mrs Bartlett has a genuine passion for ensuring that the high standards of teaching and learning at KNSB continue to flourish, and we know she will build on the strong foundations already in place. We congratulate her on this well-earned appointment and look forward to seeing her thrive in her new role.

This summer also marks the retirement of **Mrs Mucklow**, our longest-serving member of staff. Throughout her many years at KNSB, she has provided unwavering support to countless boys while maintaining the highest expectations of them. Her care, commitment and encouragement have made a lasting impact on so many students and families. She will be greatly missed by us all, and we wish her every happiness and success as she begins this exciting new chapter.

We also say farewell to **Mrs Ottaway**, who is retiring after many years as a welcoming and friendly member of our administration team. She has been a familiar and reassuring presence for both students and parents, and we thank her for her dedicated service to the school.

Finally, we congratulate a number of colleagues who are leaving KNSB to take up promotional opportunities elsewhere. We wish **Mr Davies, Mr Close, Mr Kabuye and Miss Islam** every success in the next stage of their careers. We have been proud to have them as part of the KNSB team and thank them for the valuable contribution they have made to our school community.

End of Year Milestone Reports

We understand that parents are eagerly awaiting their sons' end-of-year report cards. Due to technical difficulties following our recent network migration, we have had to delay their publication.

We sincerely apologise for this inconvenience and appreciate your patience. We will ensure that all report cards are shared with parents over the course of the coming week.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 1st September INSET day school closed to students

Wednesday 2nd September INSET day school closed to students

Thursday 3rd September - Year 7 transition day and Year 11 Raising achievement focus afternoon.

Year 7 - should arrive for 8:30am (gates open at 8:15am). The school day will end for them at 3:05pm and they will leave via the main pupil gate.

Reminder to new parents to avoid parking on Northfield Road if you are coming to collect your son. It can get very busy and dangerous.

Year 8 - not in school

Year 9 - not in school

Year 10 - not in school

Year 11 - should arrive in school for 1:30pm for their raising achievement focus afternoon.

Friday 4th September – First full day – staggered starts

Year 7 - normal start time – 8:30am (gates open at 8:15am)

Year 8 - normal start time – 8:30am (gates open at 8:15am)

Year 9 – 8:50am start time (straight to form rooms)

Year 10 – 8:50am start time (straight to form rooms)

Year 11 – 9:50am start time (straight to period 2)

Summer School (Year 6 - 7 Transition):

Tuesday 25th August

Wednesday 26th August

Thursday 27th August

Friday 28th August

All days running from 9am-3pm