



KESGRAVE HIGHLIGHTS



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The Fortnightly Newsletter from Kesgrave High School

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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome back to the new Autumn term and in particular to all our new parents and students.

Students achieved superb examination results in the summer – at GCSE 74% achieved 5 A*-C, and 210 students are starting A Levels in the Sixth Form. 58% of A2 Level students achieved A and B grades, which is a reward for the dedication and hard graft of our A Level students.

It has been a relief not to have a major building project in the school this summer, although two Science laboratories have been refurbished, along with the Canteen.

Following feedback from parents, we have produced a new assessment programme to ensure that you receive a full progress check or report each term.

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STAFF CHANGES

We welcome the following new members of staff to KHS this term:

Mrs Susan Gardner Buchanan, Technology

Mr Ivor Butcher, Maths (GTP)

Miss Sophie Clark, Art

Mr Joshua Doyle, English

Mr Daniel Fox, Assistant Headteacher

Mr David Green, Science

Mr Ian Harris, Sociology/E&P

Mrs Vanessa Hyland, English

Mrs Helen Keep, Languages

Mr Vaughn Lucock, ICT (GTP)

Miss Rebecca Noakes, Science

Mrs Leah Skates, English

Miss Sophie Towers, Drama

Mrs Amanda Whitehead, Psychology (GTP)

Miss Tracy Xu, Technology

Mrs Jenny Ellis, Events Manager

Mrs Paula Jones, Learning Support Assistant

Mrs Lyn Last, Learning Support Assistant

Mrs Paula Thrower, Learning Support Assistant

We wish them all every success and happiness in their new roles.

TERM DATES

Half-term begins after school on

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2008

School recommences on

MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2008

Term finishes on

FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2008

A Diary for 2008/2009 listing events and dates for the coming year has already been given to pupils to take home.

PARENTS DRIVING ON TO THE SCHOOL SITE

Will all parents please remember that you should **NOT** drive on to the school site to drop children at the beginning or collect at the end of the school day? Pick-ups are possible after 4.15 pm when you should arrange to meet your child outside the canteen.

All pupils who have cycled or walked to school are only permitted to leave the school site through the pedestrian exit. Therefore it takes between 15 to 20 minutes for the whole site to clear at the end of the day. Parents waiting for children need to be aware of this.

Also, there is NO right turn out of the lay by outside school.

YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING

The informal Year 7 Parents Evening will take place

on

TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2008

FROM 7.00-8.30PM

PLEA TO PARENTS

If you need to contact the school with a message for your child, could you please only do so if it is urgent? Due to the size of the school, it is becoming more difficult to deliver messages received after 3.00pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

LOST PROPERTY

Could you please ensure that all property is clearly named and that your children take responsibility for their personal possessions? We have already had brand new sweatshirts with no names in them handed into the main office! Any unnamed property will be disposed of. Any named items handed in will be returned. Thank you.

CONTACTING TEACHING STAFF/VISITING THE SCHOOL

If you would like to speak to a member of the teaching staff, could you please phone first and make an appointment. Teachers obviously have their teaching commitments and if you turn up without an appointment, there is every likelihood that they will not be able to see you. If you leave a message with the main office, they will ensure that the member of staff gets the message.

Also, if you visit the school, could you please make sure that you come to the main office so that you can be signed in.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Could we please remind parents once again that if your emergency contact number has changed or changes (and indeed your home telephone number and/or address), would you please contact the school office either by telephone or in writing so that we can keep our records up to date. This information is essential if we need to contact you in an emergency. Thank you.

CHEWING GUM

Could parents please stress to their children that chewing gum is **NOT ALLOWED** in school

PUPIL CARS AND MOTORBIKES

All parents should be aware that there is NO provision for Sixth Formers to bring cars on to the school site. Year 11 students are NOT permitted to bring motorbikes to school. Sixth Formers may come to school on motorbikes but must park them in the designated area to the right hand side of the school entrance. Sixth Form pupils must have passed their motorbike test; they will then be granted permission to park on site.

WANTED ... CATERING ASSISTANT

Duties will include washing up, some food preparation, and general cleaning duties. Experience is not essential as full training will be provided. This post offers an hourly rate of £6.00 plus 78p holiday supplement. For further details and an application form, please contact Karen Hood, Head of Kitchen, on 01473 618990.

FOOTBALL RESULTS



U14 v Holywells

Won 5:4

Man of the Match: Tom Ross

U15 v Holywells

Won 3:2

Men of the Match: Tom Hardy, Ali Clements

MUSIC DEPARTMENT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS



Would your son/daughter like to learn to play an instrument?

We currently have a few places available for all instruments which include:

Guitar (electric, bass and classical)

Drums

Strings (violin, cello, double bass)

Brass (cornet, trumpet, trombone, French horn etc)

Woodwind (clarinet, saxophone and flute)

Singing

If your child is interested, then please ask them to come and collect a letter from Mrs Hunt in the Music and Drama Office which explains our procedure and charging policy.

Mr Woodley, Head of Music

BUS PASSES

I would like to remind pupils and parents that it is a condition of travel that pupils carry their passes on every journey and **must** show them to the driver on request. The driver is within his/her rights to charge for the journey (on service buses) or to refuse travel if the pass has been forgotten. If a pupil arrives in school without a pass for any reason, they should see Mrs Larke for a temporary pass. Any queries please speak to Mrs Larke.