



KESGRAVE HIGHLIGHTS



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The Fortnightly Newsletter from Kesgrave High School

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TERM DATES

Term finishes on
FRIDAY 22 JULY 2011
AT 2.30PM

Term starts on
TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2011
(Monday 5 September is a Professional
Development Day)

and finishes on
FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2011

Half-term begins after school on
FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2011

IPODS

Here at Kesgrave we pride ourselves on providing engaging, varied and challenging lessons. We embrace technology across the school, however we do not promote the use of ipods in lessons (unless there is an exceptionally good educational reason such as in Media Studies where they might be using the iPod to source music/images for a video production). Students will be explicitly told by their teacher if this is the case.

As a school, we have far fewer thefts and mobile phone/texting issues than many schools because we have held the line consistently.

Students should expect iPods to be confiscated if they are seen out in lessons other than in such exceptional circumstances.

Sixth Formers using iPods are permitted within the Sixth Form Resource Areas, but not outside of these areas around school and NEVER in lessons, unless exceptional educational reasons like the example above.

Thank you.

Miss Breckell

STAFF CHANGES

We say a sad farewell and 'good luck' to the following members of staff who are leaving us:

RACHAEL CLEWER, Head of English

PHIL TAYLOR, ICT teacher

SARAH JACKSON, PE teacher

PATRICK MILES, English teacher

ALICE JARY, History teacher

TABITHA JONES, English teacher

CAROLINE LEGGETT, Science teacher

SHOLA ADENEKAN, Science teacher

CASHLESS CATERING

From September, the school will be using a cashless catering system - a separate letter has already been sent home with further details, and you will need to be registered with ParentMail+Pay in order to make on-line payments for dinner money. There will be no cash transactions in the Canteen. The form for registration is available on the school's website.

YEAR 9 AND 10 SCIENCE GCSE RESULTS

The Year 9 and 10 Science GCSE results are not available until the first week of term in September. The marks do not arrive at school as a grade and require processing before they can be given to pupils. Please do not contact the school on results day in August expecting to be able to get your child's results as they will not be available. Many thanks.

A Wynne, Director of Science

LITTER PICKING

Year 9 students have contributed to keeping our community (Kesgrave) a tidier, cleaner place. For five weeks during the summer term, 280 students and their form tutors have donned their green 'BIG TIDY UP' vests and armed with litter pickers, backs and buckets have committed to spending one hour in the community each week, making it a cleaner place for all.

This service forms part of a PSHEE project that we lead in school where the young people actively challenge the views of society and how they are perceived as the youth of today. They are not all hoodie wearing, grumpy teenagers, but in fact willing, smiling volunteers!

This is always a very well received activity; our pupils get stuck in and the community see their hard work! Well done Year 9. *Miss L Warfield*

KHS 200 CLUB

Winners of the June draw are as follows:

Anna Taylor £37.75

Michelle Edwards £18.88

Wendy Wegg £11.32

Rachael Day £7.55

For further details and/or an application form about joining, please contact me at the school on 01473 618995 or jellis@kesgrave.suffolk.sch.uk.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

On the 30 June 2011, KHS successfully launched a helium balloon to the edge of space and recovered it! It was launched at about 11.00pm live on the internet using Ustream, and recovered from a field in north Suffolk 2½ hours later. Luckily it landed in a field of broad bean plants so we could see the orange parachute and a nice path around the edge meant the whole recovery team could see it being recovered. We nervously opened the camera payload and found that, apart from some condensation half way up the ascent to 100,000 feet, we had some fantastic pictures and video showing the curve of the earth, the 'thin blue line' and the blackness of space. Go to www.projectstratos.com for more.

I would like to say a personal thanks to all the students in Space Club who excelled themselves in their enthusiasm and effort in producing a web site, designing and building the camera payload, building an RF/GPS tracking device, designing club hoodies, project management, media and publicity and, what must be a high school first, pulling off a brilliant live broadcast of the balloon launch from a field in Cambridgeshire. Brings a tear to your eye!

Mr Green

CRICKET RESULTS

U12 Inter Cricket Competition
League 1 v Ipswich Academy
Kesgrave 101 runs: Ipswich Academy 16 runs
Won by 85 runs

Players of the Match:

Callum Jarvis and Cyrus Thorpe for an excellent batting performance (an excellent opening batting partnership)

U14/U15 v Copleston

Kesgrave won by 16 runs.

Players of the Match:

Sammy Hanys and Luke Boggis for their excellent bowling performances

U13 v Northgate

Northgate - 56 for 2, off 16 overs

Kesgrave - 57 for 3, off 11 overs

Kesgrave won by 7 wickets

Player of the Match: Chris Small

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TEAM GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Rob Salter, Melissa Schroeder and Sam Byford qualified for the English Schools Team Championship Finals that took place at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on Wednesday 6 July. After a successful practice round on Tuesday, the team were well prepared for the competition. The conditions were not easy on a very difficult course; torrential rain on and off throughout the day especially as Rob stood on the first tee, ground staff sweeping excess water from the greens as well as a strong wind to contend with.

The team finished in 11th place out of 30 schools from across England. This is an excellent achievement and one we hope to improve on over the next few years. Melissa top-scored for the team with 41 points playing 5 shots under her handicap, and both Sam and Rob scored 31 points.

Congratulations to Woodbridge School who won the event overall and are the English School Champions for 2011.

Well done to the players who were a true credit to the school, and huge thanks to Mr Wright and Mr Brant who travelled and looked after the team throughout the competition.

Miss Wright

YEAR 7 AND 8 GIRLS TENNIS

Following their victories over Brandeston Hall and Woodbridge, the girls qualified for the Year 8 B League County Finals day. Kesgrave lost their opening match against the eventual winners South Lee - particular mention though goes to Phoebe Harris for winning her seed 1 singles match in a titanic battle 7-6. However, they went on to win the next match against Gisleham Middle to claim third place overall. The deciding game was won by Bethany Weeks who came back from being 2-4 down to win 6-4!

Squad: Phoebe Harris, Poppy Green, Erin Fernee, Bethany Weeks, Becky Foolger
Well down to all of the girl, they played all of the league and finals games with real sportsmanship and enjoyment.

Mr Simmons

ATHLETICS RESULTS

Year 7 Inter-School Athletics Heat 1

The girls team scored 105 points and came 4th out of 8 schools so narrowly missed out on the finals by one place.

Stand out performances included:

Lauren Grubb who came 1st in the 100m "A race" and 1st overall in the high jump

Livvy Watts who came 2nd in the 200m "A race"

Kate Backhurst who came 2nd in the 200m "B race"

Emma Palmer who came 2nd in the 300m "B race"

Both Girls Relay Teams came 1st

The boys team scored 134 points and came 1st out of 8 schools and go through to the Athletics Final.

Stand out performances include:

Chris Jones who came 1st in the 800m "A race" and 1st in the high jump

Rotimi Vite who came 2nd in the 100m "A race" and 1st in the long jump (with a jump of 4.91 metres beating his brother's PB which currently stands as the Sports Day record – good luck Rotimi for trying to repeat this on the day!)

Luke Yates who came 1st in the 200m "B race"

Ross Thompson who came 1st in the 60m "A race"

Brynly White who came 2nd in the 300m "B race"

Kieran Smith who came 2nd in the Javelin

James Slim who came 1st in the Shot Put

While at Northgate the KHS pupils' behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to the school - a delight to take.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday 25 June at the Westerfield Horse Show, Megan McKeary and Rehevoli Treacle won the Riding Club Pony class and came third in the Marriages Riding Club Pony class, qualifying for the Regional Final in September. Megan and Treacle have also qualified this year for the National Trailblazers Finals in Preliminary Dressage and Show-jumping and for the UK Riders Regional Final in Dressage.

CAN YOU SUPPORT A LOCAL FAMILY?

Home-Start provides support to families in the Suffolk Coastal District for whom life is an uphill struggle. Support is provided by volunteers who are parents themselves or have some experience of parenting.

Volunteers come as a friend, bringing whatever is needed, a confidential listening ear, help with entertaining and playing with children, an extra pair of hands and eyes, and support to help a local family.

All Volunteers receive preparation training and ongoing support and training to assist them in their role. There is also the option to gain a formal qualification for completion of the preparation course.

Our next Preparation Course will be starting soon. If you would like to find out more, or feel that you would benefit from some support, please contact 01394 389402, email office@homestartcoastal.co.uk or visit www.home-startsuffolkcoastal.btik.com.

SCHOOL RULES REMINDER

Could we take this opportunity to remind parents about a few of the basics:

MOBILE PHONES – We are aware that many parents feel safer in their minds if their children have a mobile phone with them, but these **must** remain in the bottom of the pupil's bag and **not be** used at all during the school day.

- if a mobile phone is found, it will be confiscated and parents must come into school in person to reclaim it;
- the school can take no responsibility for phones that may be lost on the school site.

Pupils have access to a phone in the Main Office if required.

CHEWING GUM – could you please emphasise to your children that chewing gum is **not** allowed on the school site.

MATHS CHALLENGE

The Year 7 team from Kesgrave won the Maths Challenge at Farlingaye High School - the second year running! They scored 148 points out of 160 with the runners-up, St Albans, nearly 20 points behind them. This is an excellent result for the team! Congratulations to Chris Chan, Alex Heeney, Emma Jarvis, Advait Kumar, Katherine Midwinter and Navjot Purewal. The team beat Thomas Mills, Farlingaye, Northgate, Copleston, Stradbroke, Debenham and Deben to retain the 'title' for KHS.

SCHOOL DRESS

The school colours are navy and light blue. Neatness in dress is desirable in school, actively helping with commitment and discipline, and adds to the standing and reputation of the school when pupils are making visits and journeys.

The following is what is expected of students' dress:

GIRLS

- Dark blue trousers from PMG Schoolwear (formerly the National Schoolwear Centre).
- Plain navy round-necked sweatshirt with school crest from PMG Schoolwear.
- Light blue polo shirt with school crest from the PMG Schoolwear.
- Dark socks – plain.
- Black shoes (not trainers, boots or plimsolls) - WITH LOW HEELS.

BOYS

- Dark grey school trousers.
- Plain navy round-necked sweatshirt with school crest from PMG Schoolwear.
- Light blue polo shirt with school crest from PMG Schoolwear.
- Dark socks – plain.
- Black shoes (not trainers, boots or plimsolls).

Notes

- (a) The navy blue trousers for girls are available from PMG Schoolwear, 40 Westgate Street, Ipswich – no flares or tight fitting trousers are allowed.
- (b) The light blue polo shirt and navy sweatshirt with school crest are only available from PMG Schoolwear.
- (c) Jeans, casual trousers, T-shirts, casual or high fashion wear are not acceptable or suitable in the context of school dress.
- (d) Footwear is often a contentious issue. Trainers, plimsolls and boots are all unacceptable wear. Plain dark, **low heeled** shoes should be worn for both boys and girls - not 'trainer-style' shoes.
- (e) Sweat shirts are not allowed for classroom wear – only those with the school crest available from PMG Schoolwear. We advise a good coat for outdoor wear.
- (f) Jewellery, watches excepted, and make-up **must not** be worn. Pupils with pierced ears must wear only **one** pair of studs or small flat earrings. **FACIAL STUDS (NOSE STUDS, EYEBROW STUDS, LIP STUDS AND EXAPNDERS) ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
- (g) It is our aim at Kesgrave High School to bring each individual to his/her full potential in a school atmosphere of harmony and shared community values. For this reason, we insist upon reasonable standards in dress and appearance.
- (h) Extreme hairstyles are **not** tolerated, including hair dye (red, blue, pink, etc), shaven, patterns or Mohicans.

PE CLOTHES

PMG Schoolwear (formerly the National Schoolwear Centre) are the stockists for this clothing.

GIRLS

- White polo shirt with KHS logo or plain white polo (no logo)
- Plain navy shorts
- White sport socks
- Trainers (non-marking soles)
- Football boots (football, rugby/hockey)

Optional items:

- Navy sweatshirt with KHS logo
- Navy tracksuit bottoms – no stripes
- Navy rugby shirt for outdoor wear
- Navy games skirt
- Navy gym pants/cycling shorts
- Navy games socks

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- White sports socks
- Trainers (non-marking soles)
- Football boots

Optional items:

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- Navy tracksuit bottoms – no stripes
- Navy rugby shirt for outdoor wear
- Navy games socks

Pupils participate in outdoor winter sports for approximately 10 weeks. Therefore, football boots have become a necessity rather than an optional item in order to reduce the risk of injury. Many stores sell football boots for around £10 which are more than adequate. There is no need to buy expensive pairs if they will not be used outside of lessons.