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Dear Parent and Carers

Extra-curricular Activities

It has been great to have the students back in school after the Easter break and there have been lots of activities taking place. Students undertaking the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award had some fantastic weather for their three-day practice expedition and enjoyed the views from the Coniston range. Students working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award, all 86 of them, took part in their first practice walk after school in preparation for their practice expedition later this month. The PE department has been busy with their summer activities; I saw many students participating in rounders practice on Monday evening and athletics on Wednesday night. All of these extra-curricular activities are extremely good for students' personal development and it is great to see so many colleagues giving up their time to run these clubs and activities and that so many students are getting involved.

Parent Survey

Thank you for completing the parent survey that we sent out before Easter. Feedback from parents is always welcome as it helps inform what we are doing in school. There was lots of positive feedback and some simple things that we can do to improve, such as making sure that our list of clubs and activities is up to date. Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the survey, which we will repeat again next year. If there is something that we need to know, positive or otherwise, then you are welcome to contact us. Please don't feel you need to wait for the annual survey.

Exams

The season is nearly upon us and students are working hard towards their exams. German and Spanish oral exams took place last week. Well done to the students who participated and thank you for your support of students at home. Year 10 and Year 12 students have their internal exams coming up in mid-June and information will be sent out to parents soon.

Ukraine Charity Concert

A concert in aid of Ukraine is taking place on Wednesday 11th May at 6.30 pm at Kirkbie Kendal School. Tickets cost £6 (£4 for concessions) and are available on the night or from Reception. All money raised is going to the charity New Beginnings. There will be a cake sale and refreshments will be available.

KKSA Car Boot Sale

Sunday 15th May is the first of the summer KKSA car boot sales. If you have decluttered at home this spring, then this is the ideal place to sell any quality items that are no longer needed. KKSA are always looking for volunteers to help out at the car boots that they run or for new members to become involved with the committee. Please get in touch with the school (info@kksa.co.uk) if you are able to contribute to our school community by helping out with the KKSA.

Pre-loved Uniform

At the car boot sale will be our pre-loved uniform stall. If you have any items of school uniform or PE kit that you wish to donate and that are in good condition, please drop them off at the school office. The KKSA will continue to sell pre-loved uniform on Kendal 'Sell and Seek'. If you want to enquire about pre-loved uniform please feel free to contact parent and KKSA member, Tracy Simpson, on 07762 150577 or Mrs Pinder in the school office via hpinder@kksa.co.uk.

Activity Day and School Walk

After two years of being unable to run our normal end of term activities, I am pleased to say that we are busy planning our Activity Day for Tuesday 19th July. More information about the day will be sent out shortly. The school walk will take place on Friday 15th July.

Board of Governor Vacancies

I mentioned this in the last letter, but our Board of Governors is looking for people with professional skills that could make a difference to the future of our students. We are looking for professionals to contribute to the work of the governing body in shaping the strategic direction of the school. Skills in the areas of Health and Safety, Building Management, Finance and Risk Management would be hugely beneficial to the work of the Governors, who are a welcoming and friendly bunch with the best interests of the school and our students at heart. These voluntary positions are vitally important to the future of our school. Having children at the school is not a requirement of the role. For further details about the posts available, or to arrange an informal chat, please get in touch with the school via headspa@kksa.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Harris
Headteacher