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Dear Parent and Carers

A quick update as we come towards the end of a very busy and productive half term.

Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams

Well done to all the students who have taken their mock exams in Years 11 and Year 13. Results from these exams will be reported after the half term break. The hard work now needs to continue in the weeks leading up to the exams in May.

Sporting Fixtures

It has been great to see the sporting fixtures taking place and the numbers of students who are representing our school in a range of sports including hockey, netball, football and rugby. In football I am pleased to report that our Year 10 boys won the South Lakes Tournament at Dallam School last week. As always, we try to post photos on our social media feeds so please sign up for these.

Holocaust Survivor Talk

We were privileged to welcome Holocaust survivor John Dobai to school at the end of January to speak to our GCSE and A level historians. John spoke movingly for around an hour about his experiences growing up in Hungary and of the Holocaust and how it had affected him, his family and friends. His key messages, 'Truth matters' and 'Challenge racism', were also explored with Year 9, who took part in a webinar organised by the Holocaust Memorial Trust where they heard from Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke. At both events our students listened impeccably and were able to ask some powerful questions.

Library Website

Our library website has been updated and can be accessed from the Links section of our website - <http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/>. Students can now search for books online, browse titles new to the library and order books. Please take a moment to have a look at the website. Many thanks to Mrs Armstrong, our Library Manager, who has worked so hard in putting this together.

Year 10 Mock Interviews

Our Year 10 students were put through their paces by the local business community on Tuesday in mock interviews. Feedback from the interviews was excellent, so well done to Year 10 who will all have received some feedback on their interview performance. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to interview our students.

Building Project

Over half term work will begin on the latest building project in school improving fire safety and the alarm system. These continual improvements should cause minimal disruption to school life and will make our school site a better place for students.

School Uniform

Half term is a good time to check that school uniform is in order. In assemblies last week we reminded students of the importance of our high expectations in all aspects of school. We expect all students to show their commitment to the school by wearing their uniform smartly: neat ties, blazers worn to school, trousers that are smart and not skin tight. Please remember that multiple ear piercings and acrylic nails are not allowed to school, nor are any other piercings.

I wish all students and their families a good half term break and look forward to seeing students returning to school on Monday 21 February.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Harris
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

School closes for half term (3.00pm)	Friday 11 th February
School re-opens after half-term	Monday 21 st February
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March
Year 11 Parents' Evening (online)	Thursday 10 th March
Staff INSET Day	Friday 18 th March
Year 7 Parents' Evening (online)	Thursday 24 th March
School closes for Easter (3.00pm)	Friday 1 st April