

Kirkbie Kendal School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year and a particular welcome to parents and carers new to Kirkbie Kendal School. I hope the first week has gone well for everyone, school has certainly felt happy, calm and purposeful and it has been great to see students out on the field enjoying the weather and working hard in classrooms.

Prizegiving

Prizegiving was held at the Leisure Centre on Tuesday night and was a great success.

Congratulations to all the award winners and thank you to the parents and carers who supported the event. Former Head Boy Mark Wilson, England Rugby Six Nations winner and Captain of Newcastle Falcons, took time out of training to present the awards. In a fascinating question and answer session during the presentation Mark talked about the very fond memories of his time at Kirkbie Kendal School and urged students to never compare themselves to others, to accept that setbacks were going to happen and to 'attack the day' if they wanted to achieve their dreams. It was great that he stayed behind to take selfies and talk to students after the event.

Chair of Trustees John Oldroyd presented the Peter Shaw Award to Luke Tamblin. Peter Shaw attended the school from 1933 to 1940 and went on to have a successful academic career at the University of Oxford. He wanted to support students from state schools going to Oxford and Cambridge Universities and his legacy to the school is a scholarship which is awarded to these students from Kirkbie Kendal School.

Exam Results

Congratulations to our Year 13 and Year 11 students on their examination results. Year 13 achieved excellent A level results. Seventy five percent of all grades were awarded A*- B, 93% percent of all grades were awarded at A*- C. In Year 11, 79% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in both Mathematics and English. 52% of students achieved a 5+ strong grade in both English and Mathematics. Students did not sit 'normal' exams but no one should underestimate how hard Year 11 and 13 have worked for their grades this year and throughout their school careers.

Exam certificates are normally in school towards the end of October. We will be in touch with students to let them know to collect them.

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Covid-19

Thank you to the students and staff who were fantastic during the testing that took place at the beginning of term. All students have been sent home with boxes of lateral flow tests which have full instructions on how to use them. Please remember to take these tests every Monday and Thursday evening and report the results at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. There is now no longer any need to complete the KKS log through the school website.

Measures we are taking in school with regard to Covid-19 are:

- Staff and student testing at home twice a week
- Hand sanitisation on entry to classrooms and the canteen
- Enhanced cleaning of frequently touched surfaces
- Keeping students and staff away from school if they have tested positive for Covid-19 or have any Covid-19 symptoms. Covid-19 symptoms include a high temperature, a continuous cough or a loss of taste or smell.

If you are contacting school to report a positive Covid-19 test please email notify@kksa.co.uk and include your name and contact number and the name of the student.

Open Evening

Open Evening is on Wednesday 15th September from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. We look forward to welcoming Year 5 and Year 6 students and families to have a look around our school. Lessons will take place as normal for Periods 1 to Period 4 and then school will close after lunch at 1.45pm to enable us to prepare for Open Evening. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Should you wish your child to be supervised until 3.00pm then please contact their Head of Year.

KKSA Car Boot Sale - Sunday 12th September

The KKSA are holding their car boot sale this Sunday 12th September. This is the last of the year so if there are any items you need to sell or if you wish to have a browse then we look forward to seeing you between 7.00am and 1.00pm. The money raised through the KKSA is used to support the extras that we like to provide for students.

KKS on Twitter

Twitter is a great place to find out what has been going on in school. Search for Kirkbie Kendal School and you will find some great photos of the first few days, including prizegiving.

Dates for the Diary

Please see overleaf.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Harris
Headteacher

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Years 5 and 6 Open Evening	Wednesday 15 th September 2021
Year 7 Getting to Know You Evening	Monday 27 th September 2021
Year 12 Parent and Student Information Evening	Thursday 30 th September 2021
KKSA AGM	Monday 4 th October 2021
Year 10 Parent and Student Information Evening	Thursday 7 th October 2021
Staff INSET day	Friday 15 th October 2021
Break up for half term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
Students return from half term	Monday 1 st November 2021