

Kirkbie Kendal School

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Dear Parent/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well as we move towards December and the festive season.

Sixth Form

It was great to see so many students and parent/carers at the Sixth Form Options Evening last Thursday. Year 11 students have been preparing thoroughly for the evening by attending subject talks in school, learning about the wide range of courses and enrichment activities available in the Sixth Form. Meanwhile our Year 13 students have been finalising their UCAS statements and are starting to receive offers from universities.

Taking on leadership roles in school is a big part of Sixth Form and we are delighted that our fantastic Wellbeing Ambassadors are leading a team of students putting on a Christmas Disco for Year 7 students on Friday 3 December. We look forward to seeing lots of our Year 7 students there.

Children in Need

Thank you to students and families for supporting our mufti day in aid of Children in Need on Friday. In particular, thank you to all those who provided or bought the cakes on sale. Money is still coming in but we expect to have made over £1000 for Children in Need.

Grease at the Brewery 7 - 10 December

Rehearsals are in full swing, the set is made (nearly), lines have been learnt and tickets are nearly sold out. After starting to plan the production at the end of 2020 and expecting to perform it in June this year, the cast and crew cannot wait to put on a show.

Sporting Success

It has been fantastic to see the number of students out taking part in practices and competing for school since September. We have had a great set of fixtures in netball, hockey, football and rugby as well as entering cross country teams for county and regional competitions. A special mention to our Junior (Year 7 and 8) and Inter (Year 9 and 10) cross country teams who won the Cumbria round of the National Cross County Championships. They then came fourth in the North West Finals. Well done to everyone taking part.

Christmas Carol Concert

On Monday 13 December we look forward to gathering as a school at Kendal Parish Church as part of our Christmas celebrations. This is always a fantastic occasion, reflecting on Christmas in a beautiful building. If your child does not feel able to attend this celebration for religious reasons please let school know via the Head of Year and we will make arrangements for those students to stay in school.

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Covid-19

Thank you for your continued support of the school in ensuring that students are testing twice a week at home. Along with ventilation and hand sanitisation routines this really is our first line of defence against rising Covid-19 cases. Cases remain low in school but over the last few days there have been a few more cases and we must remain vigilant. We always have plenty of test kits available to pick up from reception so if ever your family is running short please feel free to collect a kit from reception.

Staff Update

Mrs Bousfield our Librarian has moved on to a promoted post at the end of last week and will be sorely missed. She has done a fantastic job with our library and in promoting reading amongst students. We wish her every success in her new role.

Governors' Annual General Meeting with Parent/Carers, Thursday 16 December 2021 - 6.00pm

This is an opportunity to discuss how the Governors fulfil their functions in relation to the school and to discuss the Governors' Report to Parent and Carers. A copy of this report is available here: <http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/governor--financial-information/156.html>

Hard copies of the report are also available from reception. In previous years the meeting has been around 40 minutes in length and all parents and carers are invited. If you wish to attend please email headsqa@kksa.co.uk by Thursday 9th December so that we can arrange refreshments.

Weather

It is traditional to include a reminder of arrangements in case of closure due to adverse weather at this time of year. School will of course remain open while it is safe to do so. If school does have to close we will post this information on our website and social media accounts as well as emailing and texting home. We recommend that you make a prior arrangement with neighbours or friends in case of an unexpected closure but it is only fair to students to note that closures very rarely happen.

Celebrating Student Successes

One of the great pleasures of working in teaching is seeing the wonderful things that our students do in school and in their extra-curricular activities. For a small taste of what we are doing please see our social media accounts.

<https://www.facebook.com/KirkbieKendal/>

<https://twitter.com/kirkbiekendal>

<https://www.instagram.com/kirkbiekendal/>

Dates and information for your diaries can be found overleaf.

As ever our students continue to impress with their hard work and dedication. Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see many of you soon at one of our events in school.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Harris
Headteacher

Dates and Information

Year 10 Parents' Evening (Online)	Thursday 25 November
Year 9 Guided Choices Evening	Thursday 2 December
<i>Grease</i> – Brewery Arts Centre	Tuesday 7 December – Friday 10 December
Carol Service	Monday 13 December
Festive Concert	Wednesday 15 December
Governors' Annual General Meeting with Parents	Thursday 16 December
End of Term (students leave from 11.45am – 12.00 noon)	Friday 17 December
School re-opens for all students	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Year 11 mock exams	w/c 10 January 2022
Year 8 exams	w/c 17 and 24 January 2022
Sixth Form Parents' Evening (Online)	Thursday 20 January 2022