

Kirkbie Kendal School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year and a particular welcome to those parents who are new to Kirkbie Kendal School. I hope that the summer has given you and your family an opportunity for a break and that students are ready to return to school.

A level Results – just under half of all grades achieved A*/A

Well done to all our Year 13 students who were awarded A level grades in August. It was another year of excellent Sixth Form results. The hard work of our students and their teachers was rewarded with a fantastic set of results – just under half of the grades were A* or A. It is great to see students moving on to exciting university courses and high-level apprenticeships. These students have shown great resilience and have coped brilliantly with the disruption caused by Covid. These students did not get the opportunity to sit their GCSEs and so these were the first set of external exams they faced and they performed superbly. The independent learning skills used over lockdown will stand them in good stead in their future education and employment. We are very proud of all that our students have achieved and their contributions to our school community. We wish them well and they now become part of our Kirkbie Kendal Alumni.

GCSE Results – best results ever achieved

Congratulations to all our Year 11 students who are celebrating the best results the school has ever achieved. Around one third of grades achieved were grade 7 and above, all students who attended school achieved five GCSEs or more, with 81% achieving five good passes with English and Maths. This cohort of students have overcome the challenges of the pandemic to achieve these best ever results. They have worked from home, have worn masks in classrooms, have queued for Covid tests in school and have done it all without complaint and with good grace. They should be proud of themselves. We are certainly proud of them. Most of these students are now joining us in Sixth Form and we look forward to working with them on the next stage of their educational journey.

Prizegiving

Many of these students will be involved in our Prizegiving, which takes place on Tuesday 13th September from 6.30 pm at the Leisure Centre.

Starting School – Year 7 and Year 12

Year 7 and Year 12 will be welcomed into school on Wednesday 7th September.

Year 7 students will be met in front of school and shown to the New Hall.

Year 12 students should go to the Sixth Form Common Room.

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Starting School – all other year groups

All other year groups will start on Thursday 8th September.
Students should go to their form rooms for 8.45 am.

New timings of the school day

A reminder that school will now finish at 3.15 pm Monday to Friday. Start time of 8.45 am remains the same, with the school site open from 8.35 am.

Uniform

A reminder that jewellery is restricted to a wrist watch and one stud per ear. Nose studs or other piercings are not permitted and these should be removed before starting school. School trousers should be 'regular fit'. Any leggings or skin tight trousers are not permitted. A full list of uniform expectations can be found on the link below.

<http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/uniform3/170.html>

For our Sixth Form the dress code is smart casual. <http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/dress-code/179.html>

Equipment

The start of a new school year is a good opportunity to restock pencil cases with the correct equipment for learning. In these last couple of days prior to the start of school, a trip to shops in town would be a good use of students' time. The full list of expected equipment is shown on the link below.

<http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/equipment/636601.html>

KKSA Car Boot Sale - Sunday 11th September

The KKSA are holding their car boot sale this Sunday 11th September. This is the last of the calendar 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 7.00 am and 1.00 pm.

The KKSA do a great job at raising money to provide little extras for the students. They are a friendly bunch and if you would like to get involved as a volunteer or on the committee, please get in touch with school on info@kksa.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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