

Kirkbie Kendal School

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Dear Parents and Carers

The Union Flag outside school is flying at half-mast as a mark of our huge respect and gratitude to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who, on accession to the throne in 1952, pledged her life to the service of our nation. Her dedication to duty and service is something we celebrate and admire.

School life continues and it has been great to welcome our new Year 7 students and returning students back in to school. We have had an excellent start to the year, with students working hard in classrooms and looking superb in their uniforms. Thank you for your support with this.

School Values Renewal

The eagle eyed amongst you may have spotted the changes to the school letterhead which reflect the revised school values. Our website will be renewed over the fortnight. Our school has a long and proud history and a strong ethos underpinned by our values, which we revisited at the end of the last academic year so that they better represent our aspirations for students in school. The revised values are:

- Care
- Hard work
- Resilience
- Curiosity

Care

Our students look after each other and our environment, celebrate diversity, are polite, courteous and considerate so that our school is friendly and welcoming. They are generous in spirit and actively look for opportunities to give back to school and wider society.

Hard work

Our students and staff are aspirational and know that most things worth achieving in life take hard work and that success involves good working habits.

Resilience

Our students are ready to make the most of opportunities that come their way and bounce back from any setbacks they have so that they can take on the chosen and unchosen challenges that life and learning will bring.

Curiosity

Our students are ambitious to know more and remember more, to understand the power of knowledge and learn about the world around us.

Care • Hard Work • Resilience • Curiosity

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The work we do with students in classrooms, on trips and visits, in form time and in extra-curricular activities all helps to develop these values so that they can be proud of their achievements and will leave us as confident, aspirational and well-rounded individuals who will make a positive contribution to our society.

Prizegiving

Prizegiving is on Tuesday 13th September from 6.30pm at Kendal Leisure Centre. Our guest speaker this year is one of our alumni, James Unsworth. James is an actor and fight performer and we are looking forward to hearing his presentation.

Open Evening

Open Evening is on Tuesday 20th September from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. This evening is always full of lots of exciting activities and displays and we look forward to welcoming Year 5 and Year 6 students and their 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 1.55pm to enable us to prepare for Open Evening. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Should you wish your child to be supervised until 3.15 pm then please contact their Head of Year.

We look forward to another busy and exciting year with our students. Plans are already in place for sports fixtures, music, dance and drama performances and enrichment activities in and out of school. I wish you a Happy Academic New Year.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Harris
Headteacher