

Kirkbie Kendal School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Sixth Form Open Evening

It was great to see so many of our Year 11 students and their families at Sixth Form Open Evening last Thursday evening. Our Head Students Hal, Poppy and Ella did a fantastic job with a presentation about their experiences of academic and wider Sixth Form life, after which students talked to subject teachers about A levels and Diploma qualifications and the exciting futures that await.

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need Fundraiser on Friday in school, in particular if you donated or bought cakes. Our Sixth Form charity team did a great job organising the cake sale and thank you to our finance team for counting all the money. We will update with the final total on our social media feeds later this week.

Year 11 Mock Exams

All students have their timetables for the Year 11 mocks which start on Monday 27th November. We know that students who prepare well for their mocks are the students who do best in their final exams. Please help support your son/daughter with a space to work, some encouragement and agreed times of when they will work. Study guidance can be found here:

<https://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/students/learning/study-guidance/>

Chewing Gum

Chewing gum causes irreparable damage to chairs, floors, desks, etc. The cost of replacing carpets or time spent on site team cleaning would be far better spent on improving our students' environment and education. From Tuesday 21st November students will be reminded that chewing gum is banned in school and that anyone found chewing gum will be given a 30-minute same day detention.

BOOM Project

At the request of our Student Leadership Team, the Back On Our Map project visited the school last week to advise us on how we can best manage the less used areas of our site to promote nature. We agreed on three areas to plant some trees and gained some advice on some wildflower planting on the bank at the far side of the field, furthest from the school. We hope to see a bank full of wild flowers and associated pollinators next year.

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Governors' Annual General Meeting

The Governors' Annual General Meeting with Parents and Carers takes place on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 6.00 pm in the library. This is an opportunity to discuss how the Governors fulfil their functions in relation to the school by holding school leaders to account and setting the strategic direction of the school. All parents and carers are invited. If you wish to attend, please email Mrs B Price via headspa@kksa.co.uk by Monday 11th December.

Carol Service

On Monday 18th December we look forward to gathering as a school at Kendal Parish Church as part of our Christmas celebrations. There will be a collection taken as we leave the service with all donations given to charity. This is always a memorable 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 their Head of Year and we will make arrangements for him/her to stay in school.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas concert is taking place on Wednesday 13th December at 7.00 pm, with tickets priced at £6 for adults and £4 for concessions. Refreshments will be available on the night. The concert is always a fantastic event with lots of our hard working and talented students performing.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Harris
Headteacher