

# Kirkbie Kendal School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Annual Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Feedback on what we are doing in school and on your child's experience in school is invaluable to us when we are looking for ways to improve our practice.

The link to the questionnaire is here: <https://forms.gle/sLgAoj5L5MLM7Umu8> At the end of the questionnaire is a free text box where you can either expand on any of the areas covered or offer any other feedback. The deadline for completion of this questionnaire is **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**. At any other time, please send feedback to [info@kksa.co.uk](mailto:info@kksa.co.uk).

## Attendance Challenge

There has been coverage in the news about attendance at schools nationally being lower than it was pre-Covid. Attendance at Kirkbie Kendal School is above national averages but is not at the level it was pre-Covid. There are many benefits to good school attendance, including better friendships, improved mental health and resilience as well as better grades and we continue to work to further improve our attendance.

This half term we have our '29 Day Challenge', where we are challenging students to attend all 29 days of Spring term 2. Families of Year 7 – 11 have the chance to win a family cinema ticket kindly donated by the Brewery Arts Centre. Students will be rewarded daily for sustaining the challenge and the winners will be announced the Thursday before we break up for Easter. Good luck to all!

## Student Success

Congratulations to Aaliyah Pearson in Year 10 who has been selected for the England Under-16 football squad, who travel to Turkey at the end of February. A fantastic achievement!

'Why Don't Animals Have Wheels?' A fantastic writing challenge from the University of Cambridge Biology department. Congratulations to Constance Donato who entered the competition and was awarded a distinction in this national competition.

## Mobile Phones

You may have noticed some government announcements about mobile phones in school. Our rule on mobile phones is that they should not be seen in school. This means they should be switched off and in bags or in inside blazer pockets. The rare exception to this is where a teacher specifically asks a student to use their phone, for example to take a photo of Food and Nutrition exam product. Where a student is found using a phone it is confiscated and can be picked up at the end of the day at reception.

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### **Dropping Off and Picking Up Students**

Thank you to parents who use the Leisure Centre car park to drop off and pick up students. It is not safe for students if the school car park is used and the Shell garage respectfully request that their forecourt is not used for this purpose.

### **What is my child studying?**

If you'd like to find out more about what your child is learning at school, please visit the curriculum pages on our website which show what each subject will be covering each half term.

<http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/our-school/curriculum>

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Harris  
Headteacher

### **Dates for the Diary**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Y11 Mock Exam Week	26 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> March	
Iceland Trip Parent's Meeting	27 <sup>th</sup> February	5.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Y7 Conwy Trip	4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Residential
Y12 Geography Trip to Liverpool	4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Residential
Y7 Author Visit – Danny Rurlander	8 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45 am – 11.00 am
Y5 Moving Up Evenings	18-21 and 25-26 March	5.30 pm – 6.30 pm
Y9 Exam Week	25 – 28 March	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Y8 Parents' Evening	27 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm
<b>Break up for Easter</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Finish usual time</b>
<b>Return to school</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Return to school</b>