


KHS News

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

As you can see from this newsletter, it has been an extremely busy and successful term. We celebrated another positive visit from Ofsted who confirmed that our school is improving quickly. The hard work of staff and students was recognised which boosted our confidence immensely. Learning in the classroom has continued to improve and students have had a variety of opportunities to take part in extra-curricular activities ensuring that we provide them with as many experiences as possible. We cannot showcase everything that goes on in our school community in this newsletter but I hope you enjoy reading a flavour of our activities. The whole school community is very proud of our students and we enjoy celebrating their achievements. Following a successful application process we will be introducing our new Head Girl, Head Boy and Deputies in our next newsletter.



OFSTED FEEDBACK MAY 2018

"You have continued to drive school improvement through passionate and skilful leadership".

This highlights the excellent progress that is being made at school, thanks to the hard work and support of all stakeholders. We will continue on our improvement journey for the sake of the young people for whom we are responsible.

"The quality of teaching across the school continues to improve".

"Teachers provide pupils with challenging and interesting learning activities".

"The considerable improvements to behaviour seen at my last visit have been maintained".

"Outcomes for pupils are improving, including in English and mathematics".

"The punctuality of pupils has improved significantly".

"Clear view on how to drive up the quality of education at Kirkby High School even further".

"The atmosphere around the school remains calm and sociable".

"Pupils respect the high expectations staff have of them and of the school's routines".

"Pupils said that rules are applied more strictly, but this makes the school a better place to be in".

"Those pupils who receive specialist support in the Inclusion Centre do well and flourish".

An end of term letter will be sent home outlining holiday dates, uniform expectations etc for September 2018 but for now may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports Kirkby High School and our students.

Yours faithfully
Mrs R Conefrey

Kirkby Collaborative Celebration of Achievement

We were very proud to host this year's event which was a great success. We were delighted to showcase the school staff and students of KHS. We received many positive comments from our colleagues in the Collaborative.



Kirkby's Got Talent

Another fantastic event took place this month showcasing the amazing talents of our students. Well done to all the students and staff for their efforts in making it a night to remember.

Changing Stations

In July, our students gave an amazing performance of *Changing Stations* at Central Train Station. The piece centred around a train line representing a person's life. The dance/drama looked at childhood to adulthood. The piece was performed twice at Central Train Station in conjunction with Merseytravel and Community Rail Lancashire.

"We are extremely pleased to have collaborated on this project, and are sure we will see many of these young people performing in the years to come" !

Daisy Chapman-Chamberlain, Community Rail Education Development Officer



Changing Stations was a really good opportunity to perform in a different environment. I had fun and we all love Drama. We worked together as a team and it went really well. We can't wait to do another one! Millie Ward - Year 8

Drama masterclass

In June we were visited by Edge Hill University, who offered students in year 8 and 9 an opportunity to work with actors in a drama master-class. The students had an amazing time and some were invited to join The Rose Theatre Company at Edge Hill.

This is the start of a growing partnership between Edge Hill and Kirkby High Drama. More exciting experiences for our students working with Edge Hill are coming up!



A group of the students took part in the Knowsley Tri golf competition and came first place. They represented Knowsley in Tri golf in the Merseyside Youth Games on Wednesday 4th July 2018 coming in 4th place. They did not come away empty-handed, winning the trophy for **spirit of the games award**, this is all our Kirkby Child values. The students were amazing, they did our School and Knowsley proud.

Raising Aspirations for Year 8

As part of our raising aspirations project, it was great to tour Knowsley Community College with our year 8 students. The students took part in an interactive session, toured the facilities and talked first hand with one of our Alumni students on his college experience. #knowsley #kirkbyhigh



Merseyside STEM challenge

In May, Mr Gibson and Mrs Cox took a group of 12 pupils to Liverpool John Moore's University for a Merseyside Science and Technology challenge day. The pupils were a real credit to the school and did themselves proud, with two

year 8 students being part of the overall winning team on the day. We look forward to another North West regional final in Manchester early in January next year.





Our year 10 school leaders, responsible for diversity, attended training led by 'The Proud Trust' this half term. Pupils received advice, information, and tips on how they could facilitate a 'Rainbow

Club' in Kirkby High School. They learned valuable lessons about: gender identity; issues and questions regarding sexuality; how to be a supportive peer to other pupils in the school. They were incredibly mature during the whole session, and are excited to roll out the 'Rainbow Club' in June!



COMICS YOUTH

Students in year 7, 8 and 9 received assemblies from 'Comics Youth'.

They are a satellite youth service who make comics with young people aged 8-25. They operate an inclusive, safe space for young people. For further information, please see the contact details: tel: Rhiannon Griffiths, 07525369624 • Email: hi@comicsyouth.co.uk Address: Comics Youth



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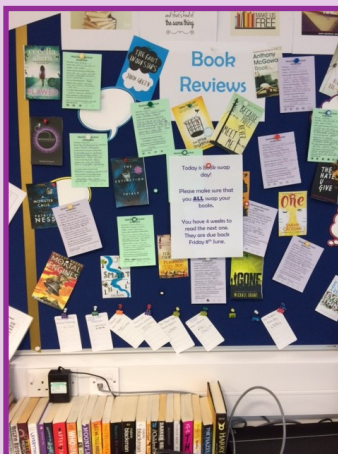


Hero Harvey

We received a lovely message from a member of our community commending Harvey for helping an elderly lady in Kirkby Town Centre. The

elderly lady was about to fall over until Harvey grabbed her arm and helped her get to another shop. Well done Harvey - we are very proud.

COMMUNICATION AND THE KIRKBY CHILD UPDATE



As part of the **CLPE Power of Reading** project across all schools in the Kirkby Collaborative, Mr Greenbank and Mr Pearson have been reading and teaching 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio.

The classes produced some excellent work: from role-play, letters by characters and alternate book designs to #choosekind actions which young people carried out in the community, filling a jar

with marbles for every time they did something nice for others.

Meanwhile, staff in English – and Mrs Conefrey – have taken part in a monthly book swap, where we read and review Young Adult (YA) books to recommend and reference in the future. This has been expertly organised by Miss Shippides.

Last month we held a Scholastic book fair, we sold over £1200 of books. We have booked for this to return in 2019.

Yr 7 book review for 'Wonder'

Mia Parkinson

Write a short summary of the book: *A 10 yr old's first time going to school. He finds some amazing friends on his struggles.*

Did you like this book? **Yes**

Explain why? *It teaches everyone some important life lessons and it really inspires me, the way the story is linked to songs.*

3 words to describe this book

Enjoyable, inspiring, amazing

Who would you recommend this book to?

Y6 and y7 pupils

Rate the book... **5 stars!**

You can follow our progress on Twitter: @EnglishKirkbyHS and @KCarticulary



RACE FOR LIFE

On 12th July we hosted our own Race For Life. Our aim was to raise £500 for Cancer

Research. The event

was a great success with students raising over £1000. A big thank you to all the students, staff and families who helped support the event through racing, donating or coming to watch. **'Together, we are fighting cancer!'**

MATHS CHALLENGE

In April, 20 pupils from years 7 and 8 took part in the United Kingdom Junior Mathematical challenge. This is a competition for truly gifted and talented mathematicians, and schools from all over the UK compete. Pupils received awards if they were in the top 40% of the country and then they were shared into bronze, silver and gold awards for the highest attainers. At Kirkby High School we were extremely successful and the following pupils gained:

Bronze awards

Year 7: Zack Rogers, Daniel Oakford, Ashleigh Fitzsimmins

Year 8: Niall Fisher, Aidan Parker, Danielle Skyner

Silver award

Year 8: Samantha Wilkinson

Gold award

Year 8: Dylan Taylor

Best in school and Gold award

Year 8: Favour Davies

Favour's score entitled him to compete in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad in June. Only around 1000 (0.4%) of the highest scoring pupils in the country are invited to compete in this Olympiad so it is a fantastic achievement.

UCL Beacon School for Holocaust education

Kirkby High School is delighted to announce that we are now in partnership with University College London and the Centre for Holocaust Education. From September, we will be a UCL Beacon School in Holocaust education. The beacon school will help to make our SMSC and Global Learning provision outstanding. For any further information please contact our Beacon School Lead Teacher, Mr Carroll.

BullyBusters Award: year 8



BullyBusters selected Kirkby High School for the Bullybuster Award trophy this term in Knowsley.

This award is for the engagement

shown with the Bullybusters team and creating positivity. Well done year 8.



Twenty year 10 boys were selected to take part in a 'Shaping Futures' project focusing on raising aspirations of boys. They have taken part in visits to all our local universities,

experienced a day at Goodison Park for a 'careers in sport' day and took part in an overnight residential at Keele University. The boys have been a credit to the school.



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

It has been an extraordinary year for our sports teams. Below is a list of our achievements this academic year:

- Year 7 boys Knowsley Football Champions
- Year 7 boys Knowsley Indoor Athletics Champions
- Year 8 girls Knowsley Netball Champions
- Year 8 girls Knowsley Indoor Athletics Champions
- Year 8 boys Knowsley Indoor Athletics Champions
- Year 8 boys Knowsley Football Champions
- Year 8 boys Knowsley Basketball Champions
- Year 8 girls Knowsley Rounders Champions
- Year 7/8 boys Knowsley Cricket Champions
- Year 9 boys Knowsley Football Champions
- Year 9 girls Knowsley Netball Champions
- Knowsley Athletics Champions
- Knowsley Inclusion Tri-golf Champions
- KS3/4 Knowsley Badminton Champions
- Year 10 Merseyside Handball Champions

A massive well done to all the pupils in all our teams for their hard work and dedication. You have done Kirkby High School proud.

