

KHS Summer Term Snapshot

2019 Winner School of the Year



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

What a difference a year can make! Three Good judgements by Ofsted in December 2018, a very positive article in the Liverpool Echo in the spring followed by the School of the Year award at the Knowsley Education Awards on June 27th 2019 have all contributed to a very successful year indeed for our school. In addition to external verification, there is a recognition in school that the improvement journey is something tangible. It is something that we all contribute to and it affects the daily lives of all of our young people. I look forward to seeing what the next 12 months will bring.

One of our strengths is knowing what we do well so that we can continue to thrive. We know what we need to do to improve further and planning for next year is already underway. Our reputation is going from strength to strength.

This newsletter highlights the effort that the staff at Kirkby High School put in to enriching the curriculum and providing students with the opportunity to develop a wide a range of skills and personal attributes.

Enjoy reading our Summer newsletter.

Yours faithfully
Mrs R Conefrey

Year 9 Aspirations

As part of our raising aspirations project, it was great to visit LIPA and The LCR Skills Show. Meeting representatives from various industries helped to inspire our students. It was also lovely to see former pupil Jane Thomas, who was representing NHS at the LCR skills show but also acted as a great role model.



Radio City: Merseyside Is Bright

'Merseyside Is Bright' is a Merseyside Police initiative looking at the dangers of knife crime and pressures facing young people. Our year 9 pupils created adverts, videos and podcasts in conjunction with Merseyside Police whilst spending the day at Radio City.

You can see how well they did by visiting the link below and going to the KHS section:

<https://planetradio.co.uk/city/local/events/merseyside-is-bright/>

The advert will be broadcast on air throughout next week. I have to say all of the work produced was amazing and Radio City were so complimentary about our school!



Year 11 Prom

So after five years of hard work and dedication to their school life at Kirkby High School, we held our Year 11 Leavers Dinner on Thursday 27th June at Aintree racecourse. I was so proud to host this year's event and it was simply amazing to see our mature Year 11 students celebrating their time at Kirkby High School.

The night was a huge success and a fitting tribute to a fantastic cohort of students. It was lovely to see so many

staff in attendance and added to the party atmosphere, especially the 'Manic Street Teachers'. A special mention goes to Total Car Cosmetics based in Kirkby and LJMU's outreach team who both donated money which ensured the evening was extra special.

I will miss each and every student very much and I look forward to seeing them on results day in August.

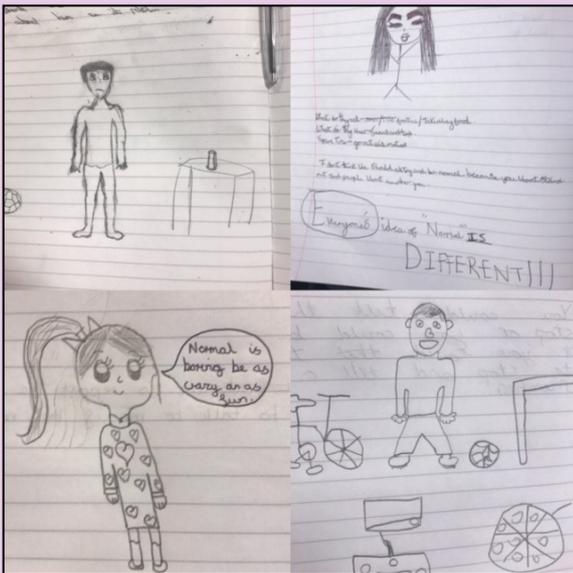
Good luck to you all, Miss Morrin.



SMSC, COMMUNICATION AND LITERACY

Personal Development SMSC (inc British Values)

This term, year 7s have finished looking at 'Wonder' with a focus on ageism, gender equality and LGBTQ rights. Sessions included role-play, hot seating and creative writing in role, and featured specially designed resources on bullying by the charity *Ditch the Label* and an exploitation & radicalisation trial project run by *Ariel Trust*.



In July, developing and promoting empathy was the focus of a Values Day. Careers Connect also had an input, giving advice to y9 and 10 pupils on skills for success in the future.

Attendance at Rainbow Club has continued to grow, and one of our leaders, Melissa in year 10, was even shortlisted for an Outstanding Contribution award at the Knowsley Education Awards.

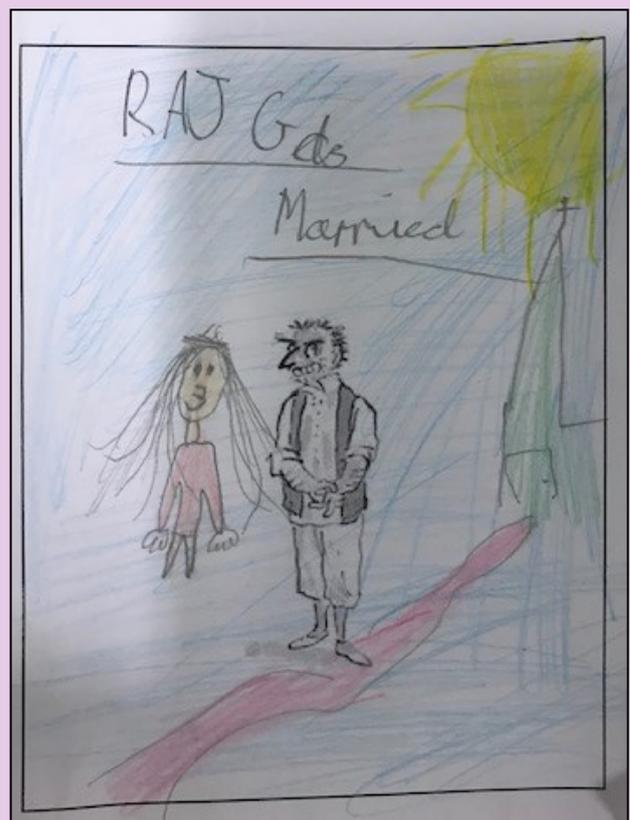
Communication & Literacy

We had another successful Scholastic book fair in school, when all books were half price. Also, our reading zone has been accessible at lunch times for students wanting to immerse themselves in literature, and Mr Greenbank ran a book swap for y7 form groups to borrow books on a rotation (then read them every Thursday in form time) which will continue next year.

Meanwhile, Miss Kelly has this year completed the Power of Reading course, introducing students and staff to myriad ideas and resources, and showcased some of the work produced by her class at an event

which was attended by every local primary and secondary school.

We also welcomed the final groups of students from local primary schools to read and celebrate the books of David Walliams. Some magnificent work was produced in that time, including these designs by students at Eastcroft Park:



MATHS

A message from the Maths Department

During the last few weeks of a busy summer term, your child has been completing their end of year assessments. Following on from these assessments, your child has been given valuable feedback which has highlighted some areas they can improve.

Whilst we want your child to rest and enjoy their summer holiday, they can, with your support, still prepare for September. We use many websites that can help them to improve on their weak topics such as: mathswatch, Corbett maths and BBC Bitesize. Please encourage your child to access these sites over their time off to further improve their skills.

Thank you for your continued support

On Track to Train day

Year 9s had the most incredible On Track to Train day with @Merseyrail @Merseytravel - learning about the varied roles of women in rail. The year 9 pupils really impressed staff with their questioning and enthusiasm!



MUSIC NEWS

On the 3rd and 4th July, 14 students from Years 8 to 10 completed London College of Music exams, from Grade 3 to Grade 5. The students had a 100% pass rate, with 8 students achieving a merit, and 6 achieving a distinction! Well done.



The Glee club, Dance club and Staff band performed at Kirkby Festival on Saturday 6th July. It was a fantastic collaboration of music and dance, and everyone involved, staff and students, had a wonderful time!



Year 7 Gifted and Talented students have undertaken a project with Manchester Camerata, where they have had multiple sessions with professional musicians and composers in lesson time and have composed a piece of music, based on the theme of "outer space". This premiered on Friday 12th July, along with the work from other schools. Year 9 students who have opted for GCSE Music next year also got the opportunity to work with industry professionals at LIPA in June, looking at 16+ courses involving the Creative Arts."



England Football Squad Under 15s

Congratulations to Nathan Giblin (year 8) who was selected to play for England in the under 15s squad. This is a massive achievement in its own right; however, he has actually been selected to play a year up at under 15 level!

Knowsley Cricket Champions 2019

Congratulations to our year 8 cricket team on winning the Knowsley Cricket Tournament, beating All Saints by 66 runs.



The team's fielding was magnificent reflected in the bowling figures.

Well done, lads.