



KHS News

Message from the Headteacher, Mrs Conefrey

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the end of 2022 approaches, may I express good wishes to each of you for the festive season. 2022 has been a very positive year for Kirkby High School, not only because we celebrated Ofsted's recognition of how GOOD the school is but we also achieved our best set of GCSE results to date. For some of us, it has also been a tough year. As you may know, I lost my own mother in August and many families in our school community were also touched by the death of a loved one. The staff and I will keep everyone who has experienced loss in our thoughts this Christmas.

At school the build up to Christmas has been lovely and our students and staff have enjoyed Christmas trees in both the atrium and reception areas and we have listened to Christmas music played through the tannoy system at lunch time each day since 12th December. This has been very pleasant and very festive.

I would like to thank the vast majority of parents and carers who support the high standards and expectations we have at Kirkby High School. All young people respond more positively when they are given clear boundaries and when all the adults in their lives are on the same page. For this reason, young people are more likely to flourish when home and school are united in our efforts to teach and provide guidance as they grow up and mature. Please ensure you read the recent text from Mrs Turner so your child is ready to return to learning in January.

From January, all students will be responsible for carrying their school books to and from school. Students will require a large school bag to be able to carry their books needed for each day, along with their homework folder, knowledge organisers, planner and any other equipment needed, such as a PE kit. This will help to promote responsibility and organisational skills in our students. It will also develop the ability to work independently, which is key to all students achieving their potential.

Please read a short note below from our Head boy Frankie Moorcroft and Head girl Macey Mello. Happy Christmas.

Mrs Conefrey
Headteacher

Merry
Christmas

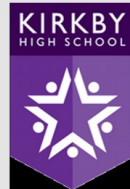


Our first term as head boy and head girl has been incredibly rewarding. We are enjoying leading the students at Kirkby High school and are looking forward to what the New year ahead brings. We hope you have a lovely time with your families. Stay safe, enjoy yourselves and have a Merry Christmas!

Key dates up to Easter 2023	
Tuesday 20 th December	Students finish for Christmas holidays 12.15pm
Wednesday 21 st December to Tuesday 3 rd January	Christmas holidays
Wednesday 4 th January	Staff Training (school closed)
Thursday 5 th January	Students return to school
Thursday 19 th January	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm
Thursday 26 th January	Year 9 Parents' and Options Evening 4-6.30pm
Friday 10 th February	School finishes for half term
Monday 13 th February to Friday 17 th February	Half Term break
Monday 20 th February	Students return to school
Thursday 16 th March	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm
Thursday 23 rd March	Year 6 Information Evening 5.30-6.30pm
Friday 31 st March	School finishes for Spring Break
Monday 3 rd April to Friday 14 th April	Easter holidays
Monday 17 th April	Students return to school



Respect Ambassadors. Meet our new year eight team.



Pictured: Poppy Williams, Tegan Parker, Ronni Moon, Molly Clegg, Summer Wignall, Nell Barrington, Maisey Roberts, Lais Tormen, Gabrielle Matos Caye, Amelia Culverston, Neveah Grant Hanlon

Year 8 have settled in well to their second year at Kirkby High School. Miss Gill, Mr Lynch and our form tutors are so pleased with the way Year 8 have embraced new clubs, new lessons and learning.

At the start of the term, our Year 8 school council representatives were chosen. They have represented the views of Year 8 students at school council meetings. Well done to all of our form representatives for your positive attitude and confidence in the meetings.

Also, a big well done to our new Year 8 Respect Ambassadors. This term the team have worked hard focusing on developing confidence and looking at each

of the Kirkby Child values. Next term, the team will focus on peer support and consider aspiration/ambitions.

As well as new lessons and clubs, Year 8 have also focused on the Kirkby Child values in form. Well done to 8CMA, 8TME and 8GFO who presented informative assemblies on different Kirkby Child Values to Year 8. Their assemblies looking at resilience, confidence and respect were a huge success.

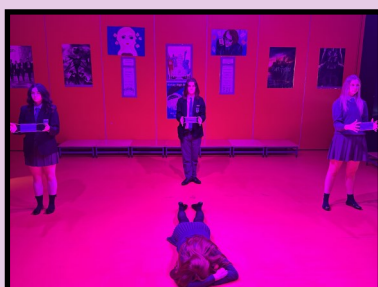
Well done for all of your hard work this term Year 8. Have a lovely Christmas.

Drama News



This has been an exciting term in drama. KS3 classes have focused on Darkwood Manor, stereotypes and the seven deadly sins. GCSE classes have developed their performance work. Year 10 focused on 'Our Day Out' by Willy Russell and Year 11 devised pieces based on their chosen themes.

Finally this term, we saw the 'hard knock' world of Annie unfold on stage. Students and staff worked hard this term to bring a little magic to Kirkby High School at this special time of year. The Creative Arts team would like to thank you all for attending and hope that you enjoyed the show. Special thanks to all the



cast, crew and parents.

We could not do it

without your support. Keep your eyes open for more exciting projects in the Drama Department next year.

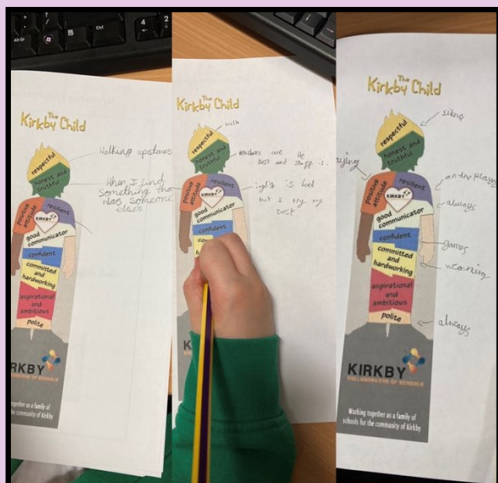
Musical Theatre club will resume on Tuesdays 3-4pm with Miss Gill and Miss Cowley in Drama 2.

Have a lovely Christmas and remember-

"You're never fully dressed without a smile"- Annie



Personal Development



This term has seen us continue to expand our personal development programme, with weekly lessons in a new classroom and monthly extended form time sessions on topics such as caffeine intake, vaping vs smoking and careers information and guidance. Outside speakers have also given presentations and two guests from Local Solutions delivered insightful workshops on the way we speak about others. All year groups have also participated in our annual Careers Fair.

Year 7 have enjoyed lessons on healthy lifestyles, friendship and bullying and empathy, whilst older students have also been learning about a variety of topics in their wellbeing sessions such as risk-taking behaviour, emotional health and wellbeing and work experience preparation in advance of their placements in May.

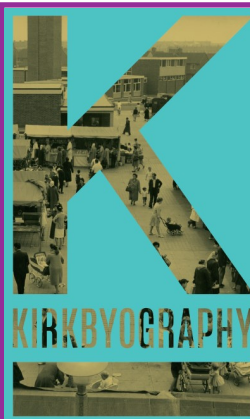
Local primary school students have had a taste of PD at KHS, as we welcomed classes from Eastcroft Park and Kirkby C of E whose sessions included discussions around the Kirkby Child Values and a chance to design their perfect schools!

Our Rainbow Club continues to grow and still meets every Friday, producing a newsletter every half term distributed by faculty reps. Every session discusses a topic which is important to the community. Recent examples have ranged from Harry Styles to Peppa Pig! We even designed "One Love" armbands for the World Cup.



Knowsley Education Awards

Nine of our students performed at the Knowsley Education Awards in November. The students performed their rendition of Bruises by Lewis Capaldi, with dancing, singing and playing guitar. They were a credit to the school and themselves.



Some of our Year 10 students joined the Kirkby Collaborative in December to celebrate "Kirkbyography" (how Kirkby has developed in the last 100 years). They sang, took part in Remembrance rituals, read our hopes for Kirkby for the future and supported younger children from other schools at the same time.



A group of Y10 and Y11 GCSE students attended a trip to see Willy Russell's amazing play, 'Blood Brothers', at the Empire Theatre. All students behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.



Year 7 News



Having completed their first full term here at Kirkby High school, Year 7 have made a fantastic start to their journey since September. So many students have immersed themselves in school life, such as joining various sports clubs, gaining roles in our Christmas production of 'Annie', and building relationships with their form families.

Recently, the whole year group had the opportunity to watch a road safety play about the dangers of not paying attention when they are out and about in the community. It was amazing to see so many of our students answering questions and having the confidence to stand up in front of everyone to get involved with the action of the play. The Year 7 team are excited to see what our year group can achieve next term. Well done Year 7 for all your hard work.



PE and Dance



Year 7 Knowsley Champions

Our Year 7s were able to field two teams for the Knowsley netball competition. Both teams played some amazing netball, showing skills, determination and resilience. One team were able to make it through to the final and won in the final against All Saints. They are now through to the Merseyside Finals. Well done Year 7!!



Year 8 and 9 Netball

Our brilliant Year 8 and 9 netball teams represented our school in the Knowsley Competition. Both teams played really well winning some games and losing some games. We are looking forward to the next round of netball to challenge the schools again!

Year 10 GCSE Dancers and LIPA

As part of our links with LIPA, we enjoyed having a professional dancer in to help deliver part of the performance course of GCSE Dance. The Year 10 dancers enjoyed the experience of dancing with a LIPA trained dancer and conversing about all the opportunities that she has had since her time at LIPA. The Year 10's were polite and respectful and it was a lovely learning experience.



Knowsley Council is again participating in the Dept for Education Holiday Activities and

Food programme. The scheme is designed to provide eligible children and young people with free, fun activities over Christmas.

For more details go the website:

<https://oneknowsley.org/snap-healthy-living-activities/>

Train to teach here with Learning Futures Partnership Open Day



An associate partner (Schools Direct) of the University of Cumbria

Join us on Wednesday 11th January 2023 for our open day, from 1pm-6pm.

Our open day is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Meet the team
- Get an introduction to teaching itself
- Get the chance to meet some of our current trainees and hear first-hand what their experience of training through us has been like
- Get key insight into the PGCE course
- Learn about the provision provided by the University of Cumbria



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Maths News



Open Evening

During our Open Evening in September, we had a multitude of puzzles for students and their families to solve together or compete against each other.

There were lots of prizes to be won on the night, but the top prize went to Max Childs from Millbrook Primary school. Max has the lowest unique number and won a Casio calculator.

Gifted and Talented day

In September we welcomed Year 6 students from many of our feeder primary schools. They took part in a gifted and talented event and had to solve puzzles to complete the escape room. They all did extremely well. In 2023 we are looking forward to 40 of our students representing our school in the UKMT maths challenges. The UKMT is formed of a series of puzzles and problems. Why don't you try this Christmas themed puzzle?

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Revision

Revision started in September for our Year 11 students. Every Wednesday from 3pm until 4pm our Year 11's have been recalling, practising and revising with their class teachers. Mock exams started in November and this was a fantastic opportunity for year 11 to develop their exam skills.

No pen day

No pen day was on Wednesday 23rd of November. Up in maths we used debate cards to argue for and against different ways of working out simple and complex calculations.

Mathswatch

We have signed up to Mathswatch this year for all our homework's. Students have logins and can watch the videos alongside their homework questions. Key stage 4 students also use Mathswatch to revise and practise answering questions to further develop their understanding.

Here is our leader boards for this term:

Top classes

Year 7	7h Ma1
Year 8	8k Ma1
Year 9	9k Ma1
Year 10	10y Ma1
Year 11	11y Ma1

Top students

Year 7	Eve Cummins
Year 8	Ahmed Alkudmani
Year 9	Kayden Chambers
Year 10	Carly Philburn
Year 11	Grace Henderson

Christmas list

- ☒ Headphones
- ☒ Games
- ☒ Books
- ☒ Clothes
- ☒ **100% school attendance**

Don't be on the naughty list and make sure 100% school attendance is on your Christmas list.

#everydaycounts

