



## Maximising Our Potential

16<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of another busy school year, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Our focus as always this year was on continual school improvement and I am delighted that the vast majority of children have continued to attend school on time each day and have risen to our high expectations. I look forward to seeing their achievements in 2024-2025.

### Year 11 Results Day

Year 11 Prom was an amazing event. It was fabulous to celebrate with our lovely students. It was great fun to dance together and the conduct of our young people was exceptional. GCSE results day is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and students are invited into school to collect results between 9am and 11am. This will be followed by a celebration evening in November to which all Year 11 leavers and families will be invited.

### September 2024 return

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	All years return to school at <b>8:40am</b>

A reminder that our school day is changing. The timings are below:

<b>Form time</b>	8.40 – 9.10
<b>Lesson 1</b>	9.10 – 10.10
<b>Lesson 2</b>	10.10 – 11.10
<b>Break</b>	11.10 - 11.25
<b>Lesson 3</b>	11.25 - 12.25
<b>Lesson 4</b>	12.25 – 1.25
<b>Lunch</b>	1.25 - 2.10
<b>Lesson 5</b>	2.10 – 3.10

A copy of next year's calendar can be found overleaf.

## New bus routes

A reminder that the new routes for 2024-2025 are on the school website. The cost is heavily subsidised and stands at 50p per journey. **Students will be unable to board the bus if they do not have the correct bus fare.** <https://kirkbyhighschool.net/travel/>

771 - Towerhill/Quarry Green						
772 - Northwood						
Morning				After School		
Service No	771	772		Service No	771	772
Windermere Drive	07:50			Kirkby High School	15:20	15:20
Tower Hill Moorfield	08:00			Kirkby Station	15:30	
All Saints School		08:05		Simonswood Walk		15:30
Bramcote Walk		08:10		Quarry Green		15:32
Quarry Green	08:13	08:13		Bramcote Walk		15:35
Simonswood Walk		08:20		All Saints Sch		15:40
Kirkby Station	08:18			Headbolt Lane/ County Rd	15:45	
Kirkby High School	08:30	08:30		Windermere Drive	15:55	
				Quarry Green	16.00	

## Uniform expectations

At Kirkby High School, we believe strongly that wearing our school uniform well and with pride contributes to the calm learning environment we all want for our children. In September, we will reinforce our high standards of uniform.

Under no circumstances can a student attend school wearing trainers. We will not be flexible on this. Please see the table below and share this crucial information with your child. We appreciate your support with this.

## **Uniform rules that will be enforced from the start of the next academic year are:**

<u>We expect the following:</u>	<u>Please note the following:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black blazer with badge</li> <li>• Grey trousers / Grey skirt or slip worn to <u>knee length or longer</u></li> <li>• White shirt / White blouse</li> <li>• School tie (<i>must be tied at a sufficient length that shows the school badge</i>)</li> <li>• Grey school badged cardigan or school badged V neck jumper</li> <li>• Plain black socks</li> <li>• Black flat leather style shoes</li> <li>• A sensible school bag large enough to carry A4 file</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No trainers</li> <li>• No extreme hairstyles</li> <li>• No coats worn inside the building</li> <li>• No handbags</li> <li>• No false/polished nails</li> <li>• No false eyelashes</li> <li>• No jewellery worn (except a wristwatch)</li> </ul>

**All skirts must be knee length and must not be rolled up.**

Mobile phones are not allowed to be seen or used in school. If a student has a mobile phone, it must be switched off and out of sight at all times. Phones that are seen will be confiscated and stored safely and only returned when a parent/carer collects it from school.

Earrings, nose rings etc are not allowed in school. Any jewellery seen will be confiscated and stored safely and only returned when a parent/carer collects them from school. Hairbrushes must be out of sight and must not be used in classrooms or communal areas.

**If your child is having a piercing done over summer, ensure that it is done at the start of the holidays so there is enough time for healing. Recent piercings will not be accepted as an excuse to wear jewellery in school.**

All the information regarding uniform, jewellery and makeup can be found on the parents' section of the school website and I would encourage you to refer to this. <http://kirkbyhighschool.net/for-parents/school-uniform>

### **School meal price increase from September 2024**

Knowsley Council has increased the price of the meal of the day by 20p to £2.45.

### **Chair of Governors**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Chair of Governors, Jo Henney, for her service to our school community over the last three years. We wish her all the best for her new role as Chair of Wirral Metropolitan College. We are fortunate to announce that our current Vice Chair, Maria Bond, has been appointed as our new Chair of Governors from September. I look forward to working closely with Maria on the next stage of our improvement journey.

### **Important Message**

Attendance to school is statutory. From September, Kirkby High School will continue to engage with families to ensure that you understand that all students must regularly attend school aiming for a maximum of 4% absence for each child. Holidays during term time are not approved of and will likely lead to a fixed penalty notice. I will contact you again in September to advise you of the new government guidance around school attendance for 2024-2025.

### **Final Day of Term**

School closes for summer at 12:15 on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Buses will run at this time. As a celebration, **ALL** students are invited to attend school in non-uniform on the last day.

Kind regards,



Mrs A Dobson  
Headteacher

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## ADVANCED CALENDAR 2024-2025

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	All Years groups return to school 8.40am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Morning 9-11am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Morning 9-11am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening 6.00-8.30pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 11 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Careers Fayre
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	School finishes for half term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term break
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Students return to school
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	GCSE Presentation Evening 7pm-9pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Staff Training (school closed)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Holiday (school closed)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Holiday (school closed)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Students finish for Christmas holidays
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training (school closed)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Students return to school
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 9 Progress, Aspirations & Options Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7 parents' G&T Evening 5.30-6.15
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School finishes for half term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term break
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Students return to school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Information Evening 5.00-6.00pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	SEND Celebration Evening, 6.00-8.00pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Students finish for Easter holidays
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Students return to school
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 10 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 10 work experience
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School finishes for half term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term break
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Students return to school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Transition Evening 4.00-6.00pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 intake day 8.45am-2.45pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Students finish for summer 12.15pm

Calendar subject to change