



Maximising Our Potential

30th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

We look forward to welcoming your child in September, below is some important information.

September 2024 return

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

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

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

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

New bus routes

There are new bus routes for 2024-2025 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:

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

Kind regards,



Mrs A Dobson
Headteacher

ADVANCED CALENDAR 2024-2025

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

Calendar subject to change