



## Maximising Our Potential

11<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We look forward to welcoming your child in September. Please find some important information below.

### **September 2025 return**

#### **Year 7**

The first day of the new school year is very important as Year 7 students will have their transition day where they will learn a lot about being a Kirkby High school student. They will also meet key staff who will help to prepare them for their time at school. On day 2, they will receive their new timetable and planner. They will spend time with their form tutor where they will learn about our processes and expectations. Later in the morning, they will attend lessons in line with their timetable. Any absence from school will lead to gaps in their knowledge and this can cause major challenges at later stages.

**Please ensure your child attends school on time with the correct equipment which will support them to be ready to learn.**

#### **All Students**

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| Monday 1st September    | Staff Training Day (school closed)                              |
| Tuesday 2nd September   | <b>Only</b> Year 7 and Year 11 students return to school 8.40am |
| Wednesday 3rd September | All students (Years 7,8,9,10,11) return to school 8.40am        |

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

#### **The importance of attendance**

Attendance to school is statutory, and parents/carers are expected to ensure that your child attends school every day. Kirkby High School continues to engage with families to ensure that you understand that all students must regularly attend school every day, aiming for a maximum of 4% absence for each child. The ideal is 0% absence.

Holidays during term time are not approved of and will likely lead to a fixed penalty notice. Any missed days leads to missed learning, and your child will miss key knowledge for future learning.

#### **Arbor app**

You will receive information about how to sign up to the school Arbor app. The app allows you to check your child's homework, attendance, rewards and behaviour. From January 2026, all messages and letters home will be sent through the Arbor app and not via text message. We expect that you download the app without delay. Please let school know if you change contact details so we can ensure you do not miss any key messages.

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Resilience

Kindness

Respect

Aspiration

Confidence



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## **Bus fare from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

May I remind you that, due to rising operational costs, the Stagecoach bus fare will be increasing to **£1 per journey from September 2025**. Students will be unable to board the bus if they do not have the correct bus fare. Timetables can be found overleaf and on the school website <https://kirkbyhighschool.net/travel/>

**771 - Towerhill/Quarry Green**  
**772 - Northwood**

|                                   |            |            |  |                                 |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|--|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Morning                           |            |            |  | After School                    |            |            |
| <b>Service No</b>                 | <b>771</b> | <b>772</b> |  | <b>Service No</b>               | <b>771</b> | <b>772</b> |
|                                   |            |            |  |                                 |            |            |
| <b>Bank Lane/Windermere Drive</b> | 07:50      |            |  | <b>Kirkby High School</b>       | 15:20      | 15:20      |
| <b>Headbolt Lane/County road</b>  | 08:00      |            |  | <b>Kirkby Station</b>           | 15:30      |            |
| <b>All Saints School</b>          |            | 08:05      |  | <b>Simonswood Walk</b>          |            | 15:30      |
| <b>Bramcote Walk</b>              |            | 08:10      |  | <b>Quarry Green</b>             |            | 15:32      |
| <b>Quarry Green</b>               | 08:13      | 08:13      |  | <b>Bramcote Walk</b>            |            | 15:35      |
| <b>Simonswood Walk</b>            |            | 08:20      |  | <b>All Saints Sch</b>           |            | 15:40      |
| <b>Kirkby Station</b>             | 08:18      |            |  | <b>Headbolt Lane/ County Rd</b> | 15:35      |            |
| <b>Kirkby High School</b>         | 08:30      | 08:30      |  | <b>Windermere Drive</b>         | 15:45      |            |
|                                   |            |            |  | <b>Quarry Green</b>             | 15:55      |            |

## **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. It also promotes a sense of belonging to our school. 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 for a reminder of our uniform expectations 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:**

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| <b><u>We expect the following:</u></b> <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> | <b><u>Please note the following:</u></b> <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</li> <li>• No smart watches</li> <li>• No make up</li> </ul> |
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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 always be switched off and out of sight. Phones that are heard or 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 it 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. Getting a piercing done towards the end of the holidays 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 2025**

Knowsley Council has increased the price of the meal of the day by 10p to £2.55.

I look forward to seeing your child in the new school year as we continue to prepare all our students for a bright and exciting future.

Kind regards,



Mrs A Dobson  
Headteacher

### ADVANCED CALENDAR 2025-2026

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| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September                                     | Staff Training Day (school closed)                         |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September                                    | Year 7 and Year 11 students return to school 8.40am        |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                                  | All students return to school 8.40am                       |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September                                   | Open Morning 9-11am  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September                                 | Open Morning 9-11am  |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September                                  | Open Evening 6.00-8.30pm                                   |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September                                  | Year 7 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm         |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October                                     | Year 11 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm        |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October                                      | Year 10 work experience information evening 4.30-5.15pm    |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October                                      | School finishes for half term                              |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October   | Half Term break  |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                                      | Students return to school 8.40am                           |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | Careers Fayre  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November                                   | GCSE Presentation Evening 7pm-9pm                          |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November                                   | Staff Training (school closed)                             |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | Holiday (school closed)                                    |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December                                     | Students finish for Christmas holidays 12.15pm             |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January   | Christmas holidays   |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                                       | Staff Training (school closed)                             |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January                                      | Students return to school 8.40am                           |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January                                    | Year 11 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm        |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January                                    | Year 9 Progress, Aspirations & Options Evening 4.00-6.30pm |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February                                   | Year 7 parents' G&T Evening 5.30-6.15                      |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February                                     | School finishes for half term                              |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February | Half Term break  |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February                                     | Students return to school 8.40am                           |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March                                      | Year 8 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm         |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March                                      | Year 6 Information Evening 5.00-6.00pm                     |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                                      | SEND Celebration Evening, 6.00-8.00pm                      |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March  | Students finish for Easter holidays                        |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April       | Easter holidays  |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April  | Students return to school 8.40am                           |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April                                      | Year 10 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm        |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May   | Bank holiday   |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May            | Year 10 work experience                                    |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May   | Year 7 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm         |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  | School finishes for half term                              |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May           | Half Term break  |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June  | Students return to school 8.40am                           |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June                                       | Year 6 Transition Evening 4.00-6.00pm                      |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June   | Year 6 intake day 8.45am-2.45pm                            |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July   | Students finish for summer 12.15pm                         |

Calendar subject to change