



Maximising Our Potential

16th July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of another busy school year, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. I am proud of the vast majority of students who continue to meet our high expectations. I look forward to seeing them continue to maximise their potential in 2026-2027.

Year 11 Results Day

It was amazing to celebrate with our Year 11 students at their Prom recently. It was wonderful to remember the last 5 years with them. They have been fabulous role-models to our younger students. GCSE results day is on Thursday 20th 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 2026 return

The first day of the new school year is so important, as students receive their new timetable, planner and learn about any changes to our processes and expectations with their form tutor. They then attend lessons. Any absence will lead to gaps in their knowledge. Please ensure your child attends on time with the correct equipment and ready to learn.

Tuesday 1st September	Staff Training Day (school closed)
Wednesday 2 nd September	Only Year 7 and Year 11 students return to school 8.40am
Thursday 3 rd 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 their 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 7 days absence for each child. The ideal is zero days absent. Holidays during term time are not approved and will likely lead to a fixed penalty notice. Any missed days lead to missed learning and your child will miss key knowledge for future learning.

Nut-free school

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all children safe, we will be a nut-free school from September 2026. This supports the principles of Benedict's Law, which has strengthened allergy awareness and safety measures in schools. We thank you for your support in helping us protect students with life-threatening allergies by avoiding sending nuts or nut-containing products into school.

Arbor app

If you have not already done so, please sign up to the Arbor app. This allows you to check your child's homework, attendance, rewards and behaviour. If you have not received your welcome email, please contact admin@kirkbyhighschool.net or telephone school reception. All messages and letters home will be sent through the Arbor app. 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



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, wearing acrylic nails or make up. 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.

In addition, all students must arrive at school with a school bag large enough to carry their knowledge organisers, homework folder and planner. This will be used to store their Yondr phone pouch in. If students arrive at school with their pouch but no bag, their phone will be stored in the main office until parents collect it.

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>
• 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.	• 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)

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

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.

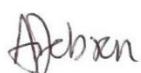
All the information regarding uniform, jewellery and makeup can be found on the parents' section of the school website and I would encourage you to refer to this. <http://kirkbyhighschool.net/for-parents/school-uniform>

Final Day of Term

School closes for summer at 12:15 on Friday 17th July. Buses will run at this time. As a celebration, **ALL** students are invited to attend school in non-uniform on the last day.

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 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September	Staff Training Day (school closed)
Wednesday 2nd September	Year 7 and Year 11 students return to school 8.40am
Thursday 3rd September	All students return to school 8.40am
Tuesday 22nd September	Open Morning 9-11am
Wednesday 23rd September	Open Morning 9-11am
Thursday 24th September	Open Evening 6.00-8.30pm
Thursday 1st October	Year 7 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Tuesday 6th October	Year 10 work experience information evening 4.30-5.15pm
Thursday 8th October	Year 11 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Friday 23rd October	School finishes for half term
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	Half Term break
Monday 2nd November	Students return to school 8.40am
Tuesday 3rd November	Careers Fayre
Thursday 12th November	GCSE Presentation Evening 7pm-9pm
Thursday 3rd December	Staff Training (school closed)
Friday 4th December	Holiday (school closed)
Friday 18th December	Students finish for Christmas holidays 12.15pm
Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January	Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January	Staff Training (school closed)
Tuesday 5th January	Students return to school 8.40am
Thursday 14th January	Year 11 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thursday 21st January	Year 9 Progress, Aspirations & Options Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Wednesday 3rd February	Year 7 parents' G&T Evening 5.30-6.15
Friday 12th February	School finishes for half term
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February	Half Term break
Monday 22nd February	Students return to school 8.40am
Thursday 11th March	Year 8 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thursday 18th March	Year 6 Information Evening 5.00-6.00pm
Thursday 24th March	SEND Celebration Evening, 6.00-8.00pm
Thursday 25th March	Students finish for Easter holidays
Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April	Easter holidays
Monday 12th April	Students return to school 8.40am
Thursday 29th April	Year 10 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Monday 3rd May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 4th May to Friday 7th May	Year 10 work experience
Thursday 6th May	Year 7 Progress and Aspiration Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Friday 28th May	School finishes for half term
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	Half Term break
Monday 7th June	Students return to school 8.40am
Thursday 17th June	Year 6 Transition Evening 4.30-6.00pm
Thursday 24th June	Year 11 Prom
Friday 25th June	Year 6 intake day 8.45am-2.45pm
Thursday 1st July	Creative Arts concert 5.00-6.00pm
Tuesday 20th July	Students finish for summer 12.15pm

Calendar subject to change