

Head's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

The role of a headteacher rightly comes with many responsibilities; it is a job that's exciting, stressful and all-consuming in lots of ways. But it is also an absolute privilege to be working with young people every day and also a body of staff that is committed to the well-being and education of young people. I've been reflecting a little about the wonderful conversations I've had with or about our KHS students over the past fortnight. I have learned such a lot from our students; they are an inspirational bunch; full of ideas, reflections and ambition. I mustn't forget humour! Even when days are tough and very busy, there is always something to laugh or smile about.

So, I'd like to thank these students for helping to make the past fortnight so positive:

- ◆ William (Year 7) for talking through the incredible website he designed as a DT project
- ◆ Bea and Olivia (Year 12), who shared their ideas for the EPQ research projects: Mental Health and the Media's influence in one case and the Packaging of Lifestyle in Advertising in another
- ◆ Aidan (Year 11) was busy completing his Graphics coursework and talked through how he had designed it.
- ◆ Harry (Year 7) and I talked about his ambition to be a farmer, following in his family's footsteps and he taught me about the flock of pedigree sheep he has
- ◆ The cohort of Year 11 students who completed their Food and Nutrition practical exams; they demonstrated outstanding skills and were rightly very proud of their final products



It was World Book Day last Thursday and amongst many other activities, some staff read during lunchtimes to promote reading. It was a pleasure to read and discuss the book by Anthony Horowitz with a small group of students from a range of year groups. It is therefore apt that one of our own members of staff should have her first book published last week entitled, "Why Can't I Just be a Normal Girl?". Congratulations to Ms Williams who must feel very proud! Students will find a copy of it in the school library.

Events

World Book Day Week

We launched World Book Day Week with presentations and workshops by Matt Dickinson. Matt is an award-winning writer and filmmaker with a passion for climbing and adventure. His debut thriller series *Mortal Chaos* was well received by critics and readers alike. Matt has followed this up with *The Everest Files*, a dramatic and popular trilogy set on the world's highest mountain. *Lie Kill Walk Away* is his latest teen thriller, which won the Warwickshire Secondary Schools Book Award in 2018 and was a firm favourite with our students.



Throughout the week students have been searching for clues for the Treasure Hunt, which was set by sixth form students. Treasure seekers had to work out who the 10 teachers were, then identify their favourite book by finding a picture on their classroom door. The first three correct entries were from Lucy A, Grace C and Otto W.



Events

World Book Day Week

The Art Department ran a competition for the best dressed book character potato and the entries were amazing!



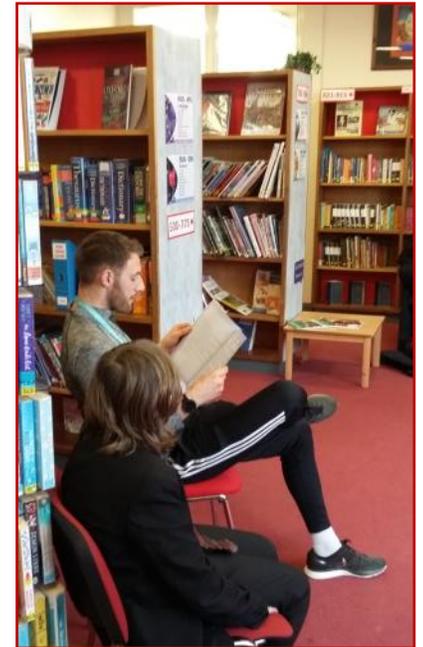
There was also a Literary Cake Competition, with Lily R, Lucy A and Trinity B all winning prizes for their cakes (Esio Trot, Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz and Peter Rabbit). Congratulations to all our prize winners.



Events

World Book Day Week

There was Jackanory in the library every lunch time, with teachers reading short stories. Thank you to Mr Grant, Ms Bridge, Ms Perks, Ms Hardwick and Mr Wicks.



On World Book Day students were offered £1 World Book Day Tokens which can be exchanged in participating book shops and supermarkets for special WBD books (on display in the library). Students were invited to donate £1 in order to dress down for the day, and some lessons were taken over by Year 12 English students!

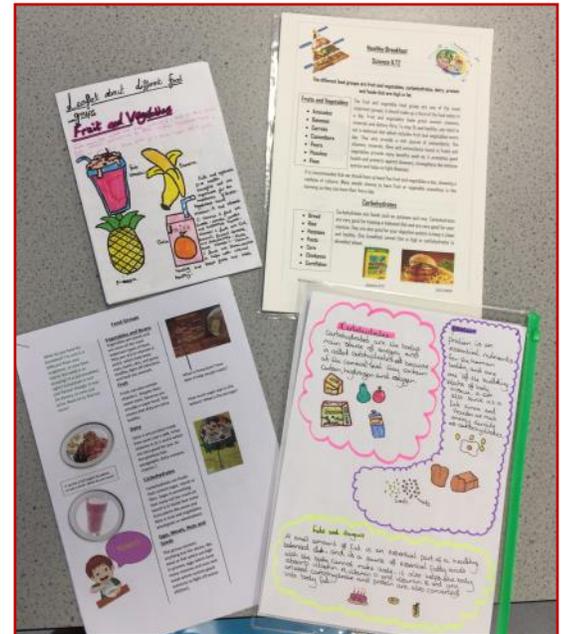
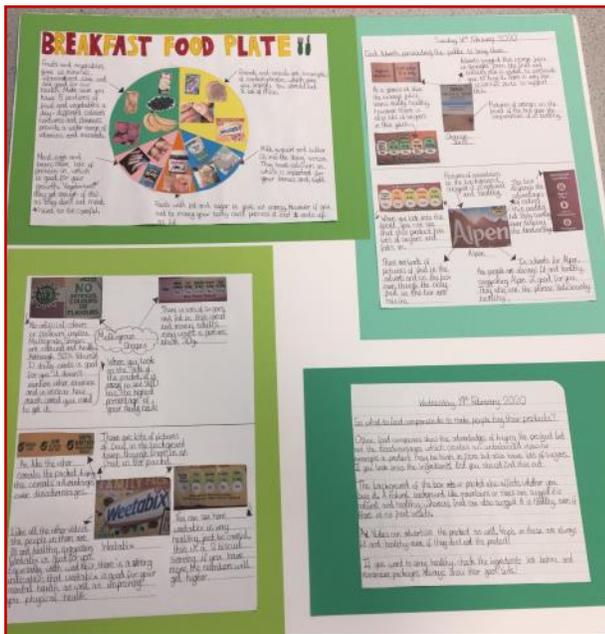
We had a "story in a day", where teachers read part of a short story called "The Petting Zoo" by Peter de Niverville, which finally reached its conclusion in period 5. Students also watched podcasts which were specially prepared by authors for the World Book Day website. There were also free books to find which had been wrapped and hidden by the KHS Book Fairy around the school.

The week finished with the A-Z of Books House Quiz in tutor time. We hope you all enjoyed the activities on offer!

Science

Year 7 Science ILTs

The Science Department have been delighted with the effort put into the Year 7 ILTs on the theme of breakfast. Some students surveyed their friends and family to ask what they had for breakfast, then presented this data. Some produced leaflets and information packs on the different nutritional groups and the breakfast foods that contain them. It was lovely to see some students really stretch themselves by analysing the advertising of breakfast foods, and how companies try to persuade us to buy their products, sometimes by being biased or misrepresenting Scientific facts!



British Biology Olympiad

Once again, Kineton High School is celebrating success in the British Biology Olympiad. The BBO challenges and stimulates students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates and medals. This year 9520 students took part in the competition from 668 schools worldwide.



We are delighted to report that Leo A will be awarded a Gold Medal, placing him in the top 6.2% of candidates taking part. Ellie M will be awarded a Silver Medal, whilst Ben L and Tom Y were Highly Commended. Charlie B, Ella D, Jessica G, and Will W were all Commended.

Events

Kineton Enterprise Team

Before the half term break the Kineton Enterprise Team sold roses, balloons and cakes in celebration of Valentines day. The items were then delivered to recipients on Friday 14th February. It was a very successful event with 128 roses, 72 cakes and 9 balloons sold, raising an impressive £92.76.



Work Experience

Year 10 and 12 students have been busy considering their work experience options for the week commencing Monday 6th July. As we find, year after year, competition is fierce and it pays to start searching early if you want to secure the best places. Some of the placements secured so far are:

- ◆ Henry M is going to P J Martin Farrier in Bourton on the Water
- ◆ Zach P will be shadowing the Community Manager at Manchester City FC
- ◆ Katelyn M will be going to Smart Tots Day Nursery in Banbury
- ◆ Aiden R will be spending his week at the Shard in London
- ◆ Abigail G will be with the film space agency, Space 2 in Kineton
- ◆ Mathew H will be at Walton Hall Hotel
- ◆ Madi C will be at the Shakespeare Hospice, who are celebrating their 21st anniversary
- ◆ Elisabeth P will be at Boots the Chemists
- ◆ Katie L will be at Coventry Building Society
- ◆ Lauren E and Sam B will be with Shakespeare Service Centre in Wellesbourne



THE SHARD

We are delighted JLR have created a bespoke engineering programme for a number of our Year 10 students and appreciate how difficult and frustrating it can sometimes feel in securing a suitable placement.

We are very grateful for the support of both local and national businesses leaders and their staff and your support as parents. We would encourage all Year 10 & 12 students who might be struggling to find a placement in line with their career aspirations, to speak to their Form Tutors and Mr Perkin, Work Experience Coordinator.

Trips

The Big Question Live

Students from Kineton and Southam enjoyed their experience as audience members on the live BBC Big Questions on Sunday 16th February.



Sportshall Athletics Leadership

(by Alfie W Year 9)

On Thursday 5th March, South Warwickshire School Games Primary School Sports Hall Championship took place at Stratford Leisure Centre. A selection of students from Kineton High school took part in helping out and running the tournament. 8 schools participated in both the morning and afternoon competitions, split into small schools and big schools, they had to compete in a selection of both field and track events. Field events consisting of: Speed Bounce, Chest Push, Standing Long Jump, Standing Triple Jump and Vertical Jump. The track events were, Soft Javelin, 1+1Lap Relay, 2+2Lap relay, 6Lap Paarlauf, 4x1 Over and Under Relay, and finally a fun Obstacle Race. Congratulations to Lapworth for winning the Small Schools Finals and congratulations to St Nicks for winning the Big Schools Final. Overall it was a very enjoyable day for the children who took part in it but also a great learning experience for our Kineton High School Sports Leaders.



Sports News

Football

Our Year 9 Boys team played against North Leamington on Thursday 27th February. They played well, showing great team work despite losing 2-0. Player of the match: Matt S.



The team played again On Tuesday 3rd March securing a well deserved 2-0 win against Stratford School.



On Tuesday 3rd March the Year 7 Boys team took on Aylesford School. They gave an all round performance, just missing out on a draw with a final score of 2-1. Goal: Richie M. Player of the match: Richie M.

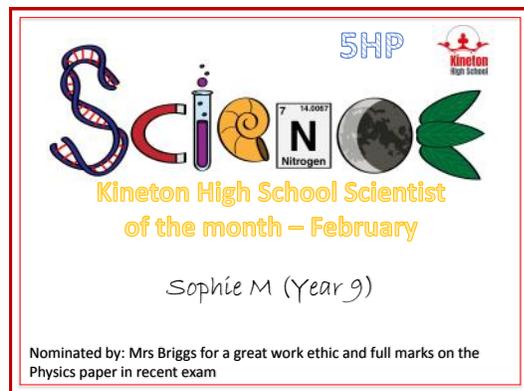
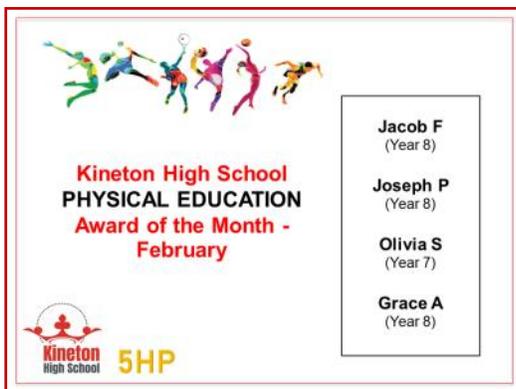
After School Activities

Please see below for what's on offer this half term.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Rugby (Year 7)	GCSE Trampolining/Table Tennis/Badminton	GCSE Trampolining/Table Tennis/Badminton
Girls Football (All Years)	GCSE Badminton (lunchtime)	Netball (Years 7 and 9)
Hockey (All Years)	Girls Rugby (All Years)	Football (Years 7 and 8)
	Fitness Suite (All Years)	Rugby (Year 10)

Congratulations:

To Sophie M in Year 9 who has received the Scientist of the Month Award for February.



To Jacob F, Joseph P, Grace A in Year 8 and Olivia S in Year 7 who have received the PE Award of the Month for February.

Notices:

Compass Health & Wellbeing Service

Please see below for information on useful websites, apps and telephone numbers for young people.

Family Fun Run

Kineton Sports and Social Club are holding a Family Fun Run on Sunday 29th March to raise funds for Kineton Guides and Scouts. Please see below for more details and a registration form.

Forthcoming events:

Dates from calendar/trips:

- ◆ Year 8 Options evening - Thursday 12th March
- ◆ Year 9 Parents Curriculum evening - Tuesday 17th March
- ◆ Year 9 Parents Consultation evening - Tuesday 24th March
- ◆ Teacher Training Day - Friday 3rd April - school closed to pupils
- ◆ Easter Holiday - Monday 6th to Friday 17th April - school closed
- ◆ Summer Term starts - Monday 20th April
- ◆ Year 7 Maths and English Exams - Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st April
- ◆ Lord of the Flies performances - ****moved to Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th May****

Do follow us on Twitter where you can pick up ongoing news and information:



You can also follow our Art Department on Instagram:





Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service

Tel: 03300 245 204

Email: warwickshireSH&WService@compass-uk.org

Website: <https://www.compass-uk.org/>

Helpful information & useful websites and apps on health & wellbeing for Young People



Text messaging service

You can now text a school nurse from your mobile phone. ChatHealth, the school nurse messaging service, is confidential and available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. You can message for advice on all kinds of health issues, like sexual health, emotional health, bullying, healthy eating and any general health concerns. Look out for more information around school. You can still get in touch with the school nurse in the same way as you might have done before, if you prefer.

Text number: 07507 331 525

Apps

Free apps available for download in smartphone app stores

Calm Harm - self-harm

SAM - (Self-help for Anxiety Management)

Clear Fear - Anxiety

Headspace - Stress, anxiety, sleep and relaxation*

For Me - (Childline APP)

*charges may apply for full access

Childline Tel: 0800 1111

www.childline.org.uk

Advice and support for young people around topics including bullying, abuse, safety, feelings, relationships & sex, puberty, you & your body, home & family, school, alcohol, drugs, smoking

Health for teens - www.healthforteens.co.uk – information for young people on topics including feelings, growing up, health, lifestyle, relationships, sexual health

The Mix – www.themix.org.uk (apps available) Advice & support for young people including, sex & relationships, your body, mental health, drugs/alcohol/smoking, housing/money/work& study, crime & safety, travel & lifestyle

Warwickshire Family Information Service - www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Rise Up - <https://riseabove.org.uk/> – information for young people on topics including feelings, growing up, health, lifestyle, relationships, sexual health and online safety

Peer Support

www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/advice-for-young-people

- bullying, cyber bullying, friendships

www.bullying.co.uk

www.behealthy-peersupport.org.uk

Bereavement

www.childbereavement.org.uk

www.help2makesense.org

www.guysgift.co.uk

Emotional Health

www.youngminds.org.uk - bullying, anger, death & loss, abuse, eating problems, self harm, problems at school, sleep problems

www.rcpsych.ac.uk/healthadvice/parentsandyouthinfo.aspx – drugs & alcohol, depression, anxiety, ADHD, stress, mental health, sleep and more.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sorted Self-help books on lots of topics available from libraries

www.nshn.co.uk/whatis.html - self harm

www.stem4.org.uk (app available) – teenage mental health - depression & anxiety, self harm, eating disorders, addiction

www.b-eat.co.uk - Eating disorders

www.rosasupport.org - rape, sexual abuse, sexual violence

www.safeline.org.uk - Affected by sexual abuse or rape 0808 800 5005, Text 07860 0275573

www.papyrus-uk.org - Suicide prevention 0800 068 4141

Staying safe online

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.saferinternet.org

Young Carers

www.warwickshireyoungcarers.org.uk

Lifestyle Behaviours

Drugs www.talktofrank.com

Solvents www.re-solv.org
www.solveitonline.co.uk

Alcohol www.drinkaware.co.uk
www.alcoholconcern.org.uk

Smoking www.ash.org.uk/home
www.nhs.uk/livewell/smoking

Diet, healthy eating, physical activity and exercise

www.nhs.uk/change4life

www.fitterfutureswarwickshire.co.uk

Sexual Health & Relationships

www.respectyourself.info

www.sexualhealthwarwickshire.nhs.uk

www.brook.org.uk

NHS Choices www.nhs.uk

Severe Allergies/Anaphylaxis

www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/young-people

Asthma

www.asthma.org.uk

Children's Arthritis

www.childrensarthritis.org.uk

Diabetes

www.diabetes.org.uk/guide-to-diabetes/teens

Epilepsy

www.thetea-room.com

Eczema

www.eczema.org

Cancer

www.macmillan.org.uk

www.teenagecancertrust.org

www.riprap.org.uk

FAMILY FUN RUN

KINETON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
SUNDAY 29TH MARCH, 10.30 START

Come along and join in with Kineton's first fun run.
You can run, walk or even skip if you want to!



BBQ - FACE PAINTING – GLITTER TATOOS – STALLS - REFRESHMENTS

**ENTRY FORMS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM FLOWER
THYME or KINETON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

For information contact: ChristinaG@kintonscouts.org

Sarah: 01926 641800

Fundraising for Kineton Guides and Scouts





FAMILY FUN RUN



Girlguiding

10k, 5k, 2k

Sunday 29th March 2020

All proceeds will go to equally to Kineton Scouts and Girlguiding

ENTRY FORM

One form per entrant!

Entry Fees :

Individual Adult £7.50

Individual Child £5.00

Adult and Child £10.00

Family Group £20.00

(2 adults / up to 4 children)

Please return completed forms and payment in a sealed, marked envelope to Kineton Primary School, Flower Thyme or to 11 Southam Street, Kineton by Sunday 15th March 2020.

Cheques to be made payable to 1st Kineton Scout Group marked with runners' names on the back please.

Surname _____ Address _____
 First Name _____
 Date of Birth _____
 Contact No _____ Postcode _____
 E-mail _____

Emergency Contact _____ Contact No _____

To keep everyone safe ... Participants ...

... must be 15 years & over to run the 10k

... 11-13 years old must have a parent / guardian at the KSSC site

... under 11 years old must run within arm's reach of a parent/guardian

... Must register with organisers between 9am-10am on the day!

Disclaimer:

I declare that I am entering the Family Fun Run of my own choosing and no liability will be placed on the organisers, Scouts or Girlguiding for any injury sustained or property lost during the event. I confirm I have no medical condition that would endanger myself, or others during the event. I understand this is a Fun Run – not a race and that the event will take place on potentially uneven paths.

Signed _____ Date _____

If under 18 years or age a parent / guardian signature is required.



Kineton Cricket Club Women's Diary

Wednesday January 29th, 6.30pm to 8pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday February 12th, 6.30pm to 8pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday February 26th, 6.30pm to 8pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday March 11th, 8pm to 9.30pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday March 25th, 8pm to 9.30pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday April 1st, 8pm to 9.30pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Reminder – take £3 to every session to pay for hiring the hall

Contacts:

Coach, Terry Lynch, 01926719667, terrylynch1@sky.com

Administrator, Katrina Briggs, 07710344027

Nick.katrina@btinternet.com



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WARRIORS

RUGBY CAMPS

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Worcester Warriors run a range of Camps throughout the year for boys and girls, catering for total beginners through to experienced rugby players for those in school years 2-11.

Please note boys in school years 9-11 are recommended to book in groups of five or more.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

GIRLS RESIDENTIAL EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 26TH FEB | EASTER EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 16TH MAR

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	TIMINGS*	SCHOOL YEARS	EARLY BIRD PRICE	FULL PRICE
6 - 8 Apr	Bromsgrove School (Girls only)	3 Days	Residential	Y7 - Y11	£210	£240
6 - 7 Apr	Kings Norton RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	Y2 - Y11	£65	£75
7 - 8 Apr	Hereford Academy	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	Y2 - Y11	£65	£75
8 - 9 Apr	Evesham RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	Y2 - Y11	£65	£75
14 - 15 Apr	Shrewsbury RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	Y2 - Y11	£65	£75
15 - 16 Apr	Berkswell & Balsall RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	Y2 - Y11	£65	£75
16 - 17 Apr	Old Swinford Hospital	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	Y2 - Y11	£65	£75

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*Timings stated are the Camp arrival and registration time - coaching will start 30 minutes after the arrival time.
 Please refer to your online booking for more information.

**subject to availability





Leave of Absence

During Term Time 2019-20



Student Absence Procedure

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please call the **24 hour Absence Line on 01926 645 611**

before 8.50am, stating their name and form, your name and the reason. This must be done for each day they will be absent.

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason other than illness, planned or emergency (part day, full day or multiple days), please always complete a leave of absence form and send it by email to enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk. This form should be used for all appointments (medical, dental, music exams or external sporting activities), holiday requests, religious observance dates and all other reasons or circumstances where your child will be absent from school.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Unauthorised Absence

There are times when children are absent for reasons, which are not permitted by law. Examples of unauthorised absence are parental illness, term time holidays or a family day out. Where there is no explanation for an absence or where the explanation or reason for the absence is considered unsatisfactory absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Unauthorised Absences have to be reported to the Local Authority. The Attendance Compliance Enforcement Team may contact you where unauthorised absence continues to be a problem. Unauthorised absence could result in a Fixed Penalty Fine or other legal action. We are always concerned about the amount of school time pupils miss as a result of term time leave. There is no entitlement to time off during term time. Leave of absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Headteacher in accordance with the school policy as agreed by the governing body.

Leave of Absence forms are available on our website

<http://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/absence-form/>

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

It is our policy:

- Only in an exceptional circumstance will term time leave be allowed. Parents/Carers wishing to apply for leave of absence need to fill in an application form well in advance and before booking tickets or making travel arrangements.
- If term time leave is taken without prior permission from the school, the absence will be unauthorised and you may be liable for a fixed-penalty fine or other legal action.
- Please remember that absence for whatever reason disadvantages a child by creating gaps in his/her learning. A good understanding of the work and good progress can only take place when the child is in the classroom regularly and on time.

If you think you have exceptional circumstances please talk to us without delay and before arrangements are entered into or money committed. If exceptional circumstances are accepted the Headteacher will determine how much absence will be authorised. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

The full Attendance policy can be found under <http://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/information/school-policies/>



Leave of Absence During Term Time 2019-20



The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

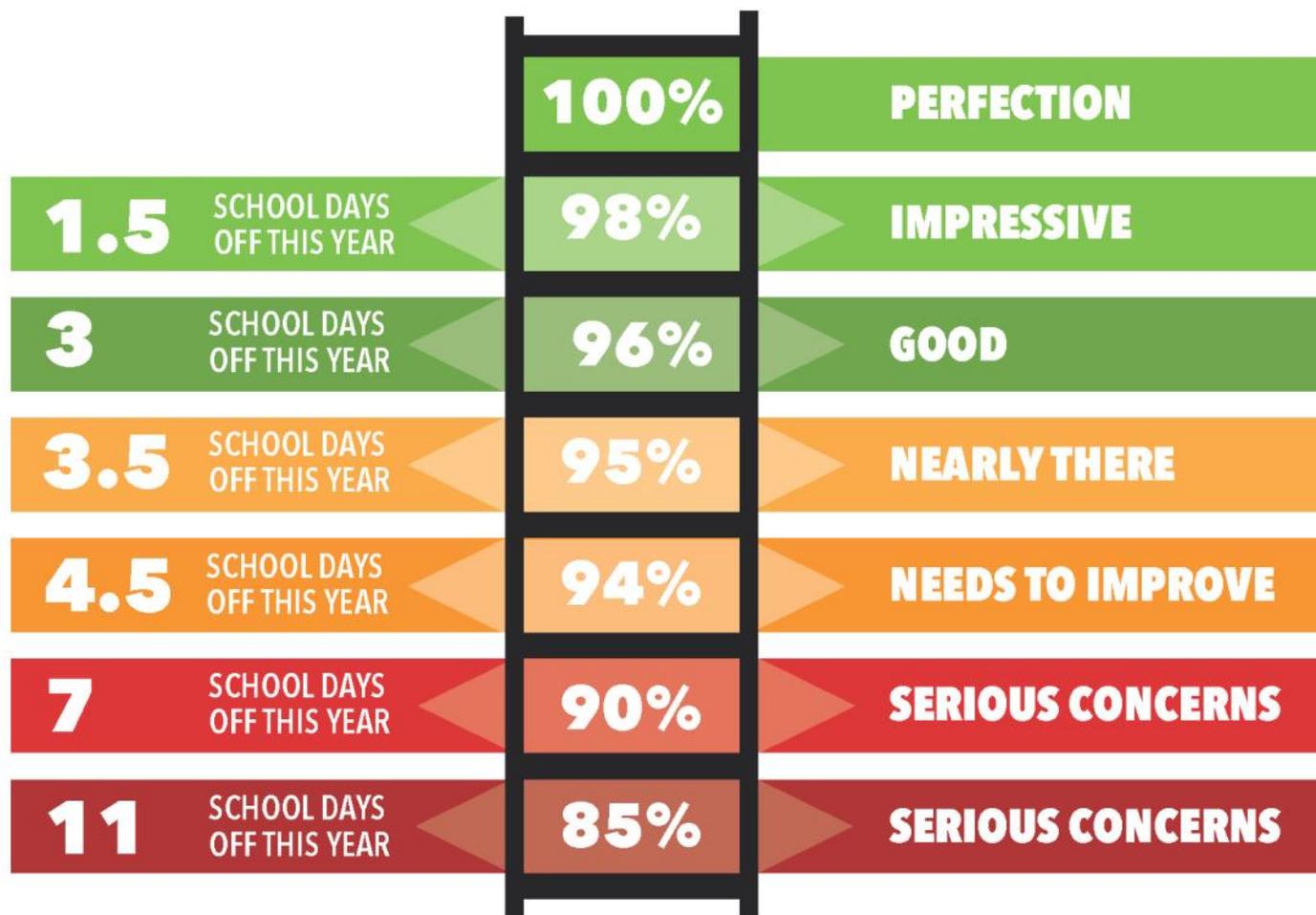
Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire Secondary School pupils recorded 6,651 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 602 on the previous year.

ATTENDANCE LADDER AUTUMN TERM



Department for Education statistics show that students with 100% attendance are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs at 9-5 including English and Maths than pupils with lower than 90% attendance. Every day and every lesson matters!

'We know parents try wherever possible to not have medical appointments during the school day in order to avoid missed lesson time and a reduction in school attendance. However we appreciate this is not always avoidable, therefore please try to book appointments using student social times, such as between 10.30-12.30am mark which will use break and lunchtime and therefore minimises lost lesson times. This can ensure that students are in school for the other 4 lessons and only missing part of one lesson, rather than losing morning or afternoon lessons. Thank you for your on-going support with this.'

