

Head's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

The start of a new term is always an exciting time and last week saw the start of a new decade at Kineton High School. We are really pleased that our new homework app has been embraced and welcomed by staff, students and parents. The feedback from our Year 7 parents at the consultation evening last week was very positive. Please do alert us to any issues or concerns as they arise. Mr Gowney-Hedges will be reviewing the transition to 'Teams' with students in the next fortnight and continuing to iron out any teething problems experienced.



It's the start of the countdown to final exams for a good number of year groups but notably our Year 11 and Year 13 students are really focusing on the job at hand. Year 11 received their mock exam results and grades this week and now have a good understanding of what they need to do to get their desired outcomes in the summer. Staff at the school have been incredibly proud of the approach taken towards mocks by this year group; they have taken great strides in their progress since the end of year 10. There is still more to do as courses come to a close and revision gets underway; everyone at Kineton will support them through the next few months in **'achieving their personal best'**.

A measure of the aspirational culture now embedded in our Sixth Form is the rise in applications to higher education and apprenticeships of our Year 13 cohort. Over 72% of our Year 13 have applied for university and many of these are to Russell Group universities including Oxford and Cambridge. The Sixth Form team will work closely with all of them to ensure they are able to enter the further education, apprenticeships or employment of their choice this year. We continue this work well after the results have been published.

We have a book focus next week as our annual book fair takes place. Year 7 students have worked extremely hard to design posters advertising the event; some of the entries can be seen below. Well done Year 7!

Ms Bridge



Events

Accelerated Reader



**Accelerated™
Reader**

We now have our first pupil millionaires! Three pupils have now read over a million words with their accelerated reader books. To reward them for this achievement they have each been awarded with a certificate and been given an accelerated reader house point (which is worth 10 house points) as well as choosing a prize from the accelerated reader lucky dip!

- ◆ Year 7: Hannah - 1,239,970
- ◆ Year 9: Amy - 1,247,850
- ◆ Year 9: Erin - 1,139,708



We will be running many competitions over the coming months to promote Accelerated Reader, which is a computer-based program designed to monitor reading practice and progress and encourage reading for pleasure. For more information about Accelerated Reader, please follow the link below:-

http://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Parents-Guide-to-Accelerated-Reader_2016-17.pdf



Events

Charity Week

Charity Week is an annual event held every Christmas at Kineton, which is organised by our Sixth Form Students to raise money for their chosen charities. This year they have decided to support Asthma UK and Mind.

During lunch time that week there were four events students could watch that saw teachers and pupils pitted against each other in various activities:

- ◆ Monday - Would I Lie to You?
- ◆ Tuesday - Task Master
- ◆ Wednesday - Kineton's Got Talent
- ◆ Thursday - Teacher Dance Off



The week ended with the Charity Show that was written, directed and performed by Sixth Form students for the rest of the school. This year it was an enthralling tale of the gang from favourite childhood film: Toy Story. The characters got increasingly angry at Buzz, after he sent them all accidentally through the TV. After confronting lions, donkeys, dinosaurs and more, this bumbling bunch of characters were determined to find their way home, but things were made all the more difficult when the Evil Witch appeared.



Achieving Personal Best



KHS Update

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The Charity Show



Stowe Valley
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Events

Warwickshire Young Poet Laureate 2020

Year 10 student Jolyon has been shortlisted for this exciting position. He will take part in the final at Rugby Library on Saturday 18th January where he will be interviewed and asked to perform to an audience there.

The position of Young Poet Laureate is unique, giving the appointed person an opportunity to work with Warwickshire Libraries. The young poet laureate takes part in events and activities across the county under the mentorship of a professional poet. Warwickshire Young Poet Laureates have performed on the radio, on film, at festivals and led their own poetry workshops.

Good luck Jolyon!



Coming up...

Scholastic Book Fair

Our very own pop-up book shop will be in the LRC each break and lunch time from Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th January. There will be a large selection of top fiction and non-fiction books plus posters and stationery available to buy.

The Book Fair is a celebration of reading that gives students access to over 200 of the newest and best books from over sixty publishers. With books starting from only £2.99, plus exclusive titles that you won't see in the shops, there's sure to be a book for everyone. The school will reap long-term benefits from the fair as every book sold will help us to get free books for our library.

Get more for your money by buying vouchers online for your child to spend at the fair. Just visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

Entries have been flooding in for the Year 7 Book Fair Poster Competition, and judging from the quality of entries so far it's going to be a difficult decision! The five winning students will receive £5 vouchers to spend at the fair.



Sports News

Hockey

Our hockey team played well in a tournament with Alcester Grammar, Aylesford, Myton, Shotton Girls Grammar and Stratford School. All teams were brilliant despite the awful weather.



Football



On Thursday 9th January our Year 10 team played against Southam College. It was a great match with both teams playing well. Southam won 6-4. Goals: Brayden and Patrick. Player of the match: Jenson.

Our Year 11 team took part in a tournament on Wednesday 15th January with teams from Myton, North Leamington, Stratford and Southam. All played well with KHS coming away with a draw and 2 losses.



Rugby



On Thursday 16th January our Year 7 Rugby team enjoyed a fantastic first training session with James from Worcester Warriors RFC, despite the awful weather conditions.

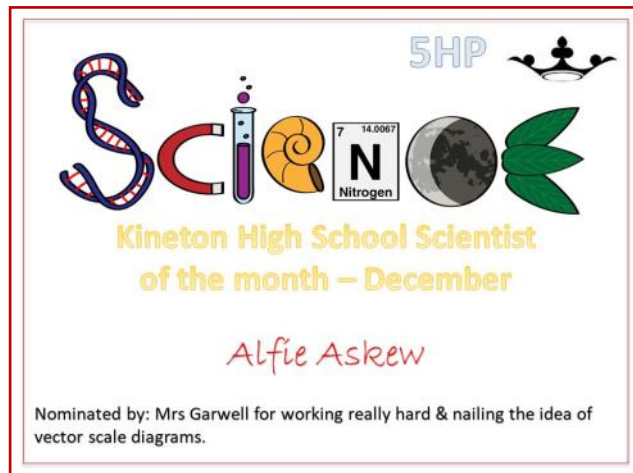
Do follow our PE department on Twitter where you can pick up ongoing news and information:  [@KHS_pe](https://twitter.com/KHS_pe)

Congratulations:

- ◆ To Alfie in Year 10 who was our Scientist of the Month for December—well done!

Students of the week:

- ◆ Emilie in Year 7
- ◆ Joseph in Year 8
- ◆ Josiah in Year 9
- ◆ Luke in Year 10
- ◆ Favour in Year 11



Notices:

PE Department Hall of Fame

Our PE department are creating a Hall of Fame display to share achievements and would like to hear about any students who compete in activities/sports outside of school. Please send any information and a photo to a.sandford@kinetonhighschool.org.uk

Work Experience

Year 10 students have been busy securing their work experience placements & many have returned their Health & Safety Forms (due 21st January). We are very grateful to all parents and employers (both locally and nationally) for supporting our students in making this happen. Please contact your child's Form Tutor if you are having difficulty in securing a placement so we can support them. Our Work Experience Co-ordinator, Mr Simon Perkin, is available at lunchtime in the Library and will schedule a meeting to support your child.

Forthcoming events:

Dates from calendar/trips:

- ◆ *Scholastic Book Fair - Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th January*
- ◆ *Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening - Thursday 30th January 4.30-7.00pm*
- ◆ *Gold DofE Training Weekend - Friday 31st January to Sunday 2nd February*
- ◆ *Year 8 Exams (Maths and English) - Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th February*
- ◆ *Year 9 Exams - Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th February*
- ◆ *Intermediate Maths Challenge (Year 9-11) - Thursday 6th February*

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

You can also follow our Art Department on Instagram:

 [kinetonhighschool_artdept](https://www.instagram.com/kinetonhighschool_artdept)



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



WARRIORS

RUGBY CAMPS

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Worcester Warriors run a range of Camps throughout the year for boys and girls, catering for total beginners through to experienced rugby players in the U7-U16 age groups.

Please note boys in the U14-U16 age groups can only book in groups of five or more.

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 20TH JANUARY

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	TIMINGS*	AGE GROUPS	EARLY BIRD PRICE	FULL PRICE
17 - 18 Feb	KES Stratford	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
18 - 19 Feb	Wolverhampton RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
19 - 20 Feb	Stow on the Wold RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
20 - 21 Feb	Sixways Stadium	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
20 - 21 Feb	Sixways Stadium (All Girls)	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£45	-

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- A Worcester Warriors gift
- The chance to win prizes
- Appearances from Warriors players**



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EASTER HOLIDAYS CAMPS

EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 16TH MARCH

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	TIMINGS*	AGE GROUPS	EARLY BIRD PRICE	FULL PRICE
6 - 7 Apr	Kings Norton	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
7 - 8 Apr	Herefordshire (Venue TBC)	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
8 - 9 Apr	Evesham RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
14 - 15 Apr	Shrewsbury RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
15 - 16 Apr	Berkswell & Balsall RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
16 - 17 Apr	Old Swinford Hospital	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75

RESIDENTIALS

GIRLS EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 26TH FEB | BOYS EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 28TH JAN

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	AGE GROUPS	EARLY BIRD PRICE	FULL PRICE
6 - 8 Apr	Bromsgrove School (Girls only)	3 Days	U11 - U16	£210	£240
17 - 21 Aug	Malvern College (Boys only)	5 Days	U11 - U16	£390	£410



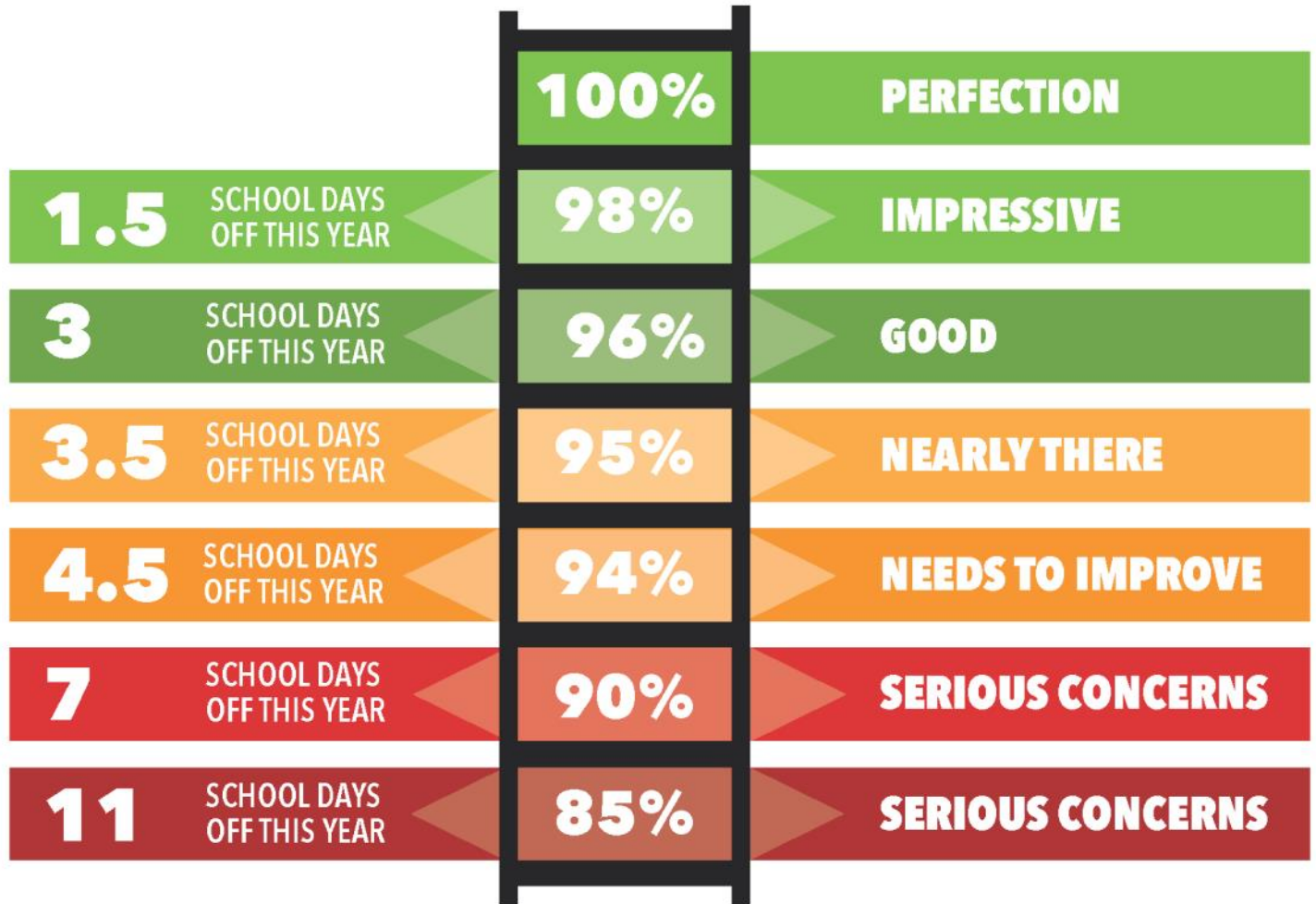
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ATTENDANCE LADDER AUTUMN TERM



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.'





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.