

7th September 2021



Banbury Road
Kineton
Warwickshire
CV35 0JX

T: 01926 640465

F: 01926 640872

E: enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk

W: www.kinetonhighschool.org.uk

Headteacher: Ms Helen Bridge BA MA

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the start of the new academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to update you on some key changes for the new term. With Mr Mitchell's retirement, I will be the Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion and Behaviour whilst Mr Few will be the school's designated Safeguarding Lead.

As you'll be aware, we will be maintaining our horizontal tutor system for another year. This means that the following staff will be the key pastoral leads for each year group:

Head of Year 7: Mrs Boyle (Head of Hoy House)

Head of Year 8: Mr Daly (Head of Adlington House)

Head of Year 9: Mr Bonfield (Head of Ainslie House)

Head of Year 10: Mrs Hardwick (Head of Redgrave House)

Head of Year 11: Mr Few (Assistant Headteacher – Safeguarding)

Please continue to use your son/daughter's Form Tutor as the first point of contact.

Start of the day:

Students will be continuing to line up outside at the start of the day where they will be collected by their tutors. It is important that students are clothed appropriately for the weather including a warm coat/jacket as necessary. The school day begins at 8.30am when students will be collected and taken to their tutor base and will end at 2.45pm.

Uniform:

It is important that students are all wearing the correct uniform – please see [here](#) for a reminder of the uniform policy at Kineton High School. Please remember that school shoes must be plain black (not suede and without logos). Should there be any queries/concerns over uniform please get in touch with your son/daughters tutor.

Class Charts:

We are excited about the forthcoming launch of Class Charts this term to help parents and students track and monitor rewards and behaviour logs in real time. In the short term parents and students will see little change to the current system, but there will be further information coming out as we develop our use of Class Charts. In particular, please keep an eye out for the launch of the student and parent apps later this term.

Getting back to learning!

Our teachers are working on ensuring that classrooms are exciting places in which to learn. We welcome Mr Lerner, our new Assistant Headteacher responsible for Teaching and Learning; he has prepared a learning checklist below that students can go over in their preparation to getting back to

school. It gives students 10 ideas or things to do that will help with the end of summer and an exciting new academic year. Please do share it with them and I hope they can choose a few to have a go at.

1. **Equipment** - Check you have all your equipment ready – What do you need to bring on the first day to be ready to learn?
 - Pens X 5
 - Pencil X 2
 - 30cm ruler
 - Scientific calculator
 - Compass/Protractor/Square set
 - Colouring pencils
2. **Reading book** - Get a new reading book. Spend some time choosing it and remember to bring it to school when you come back. Try reading the first chapter before you start Kineton.
3. **Reflect on the summer** – Be prepared to share with your Form Group what you have enjoyed about the summer holidays. What did you get up to with friends and family? Did you go anywhere nice? Did you achieve anything during the six weeks? Write a bullet point list of the top 10 best things about your summer that you can share with your Form when you come back.
4. **Goals** – What do you want to achieve over the next academic year at school? What do you think you can improve on at Kineton? Is it academic? Friendship based? Sports? Write down three goals for this year at school and try and write down the steps you will need to take to achieve them.
5. **Inspiration** – Is there anyone who you find really inspiring? Perhaps a footballer like Cristiano Ronaldo who is still playing elite football at 36 or someone famous in History like Nelson Mandela or someone who is changing how we think right now like Gretna Thunberg. Choose someone who has inspired you, do some research on them online and write an A4 biography page on this person.
6. **Fitness** – Now is your last chance to go and do some sport of your choice during the day. Try to push yourself a little harder than you normally would. Do a piece of exercise of your choice, but go a little further. If you really want a challenge try this challenge to the music of 'Bring Sally Up'.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41N6bKO-NVI>
7. **Photography** – Seasonal changes in the UK are gentle, but it is starting to move from summer to autumn. Go for a walk outside by yourself, with family or with friends. Search for some wildlife out there in Oxfordshire and Warwickshire and take a picture of what you can find. You will be surprised by how much is there when you start looking. <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/other-ways-get-involved/wildlifephotography>
8. **Books/Exam papers** – Look through your books/exam papers from the end of last year. What were you doing well and what do you need to concentrate on or improve this year at school. Try some of the tasks/exam questions again.
9. **Accelerated Reader** – Reading is such a massive part of learning, in all subjects not just English. Please concentrate on your reading and use the accelerated reader program. You can find it on the Kineton Website or using the link below.
<https://ukhosted24.renlearn.co.uk/2249454/>

10. Cooking – Try cooking for your family before you come back to school. You could either bake for them or cook them a nice meal. Make sure you get your family’s permission and have someone guide you through it! If you want a challenge try a dish from a country outside of Europe. Perhaps a Thai Green curry from Thailand or a Jambalaya from the USA to start you off!

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/thai-green-chicken-curry>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/chicken-chorizo-jambalaya>

I very much look forward to continuing to working with you all with my new ‘pastoral’ hat on.

Yours sincerely



Henry Gowney-Hedges
Deputy Headteacher