

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Easter break has come and at last we can publicly reveal the ground-breaking collaboration between Kineton High School and Compton Verney Art Gallery this academic year.

We were loaned a painting by the gallery, from the 'Naples' collection, currently on exhibition. At significant cost, it was installed in Mr Stather's Art room during the Autumn term, to inspire curriculum development and bring a significant piece of art to the community. Due to the cost and security of the painting, we were unable to share all the exciting work carried out by the students and staff until now. It has been an incredible project that has culminated in students' work being currently exhibited in its own room at the gallery. I commend as many parents and students to visit Compton Verney as the gallery itself is a lovely place to spend a morning or afternoon and the room is wonderful. A sample of Artwork, poetry and soundscapes are all on display and well as an incredible wall hanging which is in the main foyer. Other departments also got involved and 'Vesuvius' inspired History, Science and Geography lessons.

All KHS parents and carers have been offered 50% off the entry cost to Compton Verney so Easter holidays could be a great opportunity to see all the work. Alternatively, more information about the project can be seen here:

[Compton Verney Project Book](#)

I am so proud of our students' efforts and those of staff in making this partnership such a success. Notable thanks go to Ms Purnell, our Head of Art and to Grace Brindle and the Team at Compton Verney.

Have a Happy Easter and a restful break.

Please note that we return back to school on Monday April 8th at the normal time.

Ms Bridge



Pierre-Jacques Volaire 1729–about 1792

'Vesuvius Erupting at Night' 1770s



Notices:

- ◆ **Charity Week:** We are delighted to announce that our School Charity Week in December, organised by Sixth Form students, raised a fantastic **£3,432.37** which will be split between Air Ambulance and Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone who supported the events.
- ◆ **Compton Verney Discounted Tickets:** Compton Verney are offering 50% off 2 adult day tickets for parents or guardians of Kineton High School students to visit the new [Sensing Vesuvius](#) exhibition, created in partnership with KHS. Please visit their [website](#) and enter VESUVIUS50% at checkout or quote this on the day of your visit at our welcome centre. Your day tickets also include full access to our grounds and galleries including our new exhibitions Landscape and Imagination: From Gardens to Land Art and A Spirit Inside. Children aged 18 and under receive free admission, we also offer a £2 ticket for adults in receipt of universal or pension credit.
- ◆ **The school menu:** for next term can be found on our website here: <https://www.kinetonhighschool.org.uk/key-information/school-menu> **Please be reminded that in order to serve your child, accounts on ParentPay must be in credit.**

Spring Term Calendar:

- ◆ *Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April - Easter break*
- ◆ *Wednesday 3rd to Saturday 6th April - Gold DofE expedition*
- ◆ *Monday 8th April - start of term*
- ◆ *Wednesday 10th April - Sixth Form Loughborough University trip (PE)*
- ◆ *Friday 12th April - Year 12 report issued*
- ◆ *Wednesday 17th April - Year 9 Geography Cadbury World trip*
- ◆ *Thursday 18th April - Year 11 Drop-in Surgery 5pm*
- ◆ *Friday 19th April - Year 7 report issued*
- ◆ *Friday 19th April - PTSA Family Quiz Night 6.45pm*
- ◆ *Thursday 25th April - Year 7 Parents evening 4pm (virtual)*
- ◆ *Tuesday 30th April - Year 12 Oxford University trip*
- ◆ *Thursday 2nd May - GCSE Drama Birmingham Theatre trip*
- ◆ *Monday 6th May - Bank holiday (school closed)*
- ◆ *Monday 27th to Friday 31st May - half term*



PTSA News

Easter Treats

Our dedicated PTSA recently ran an Easter Treats Prize Draw which, for a £1 entry, gave students the chance to win some fantastic Easter eggs and chocolate. Congratulations to the 18 lucky winners (3 from each year group and Sixth Form) and huge thanks to our PTSA for organising. Thank you to everyone who entered and helped raise over £650 – fantastic!

We would also like to say a very big thank you to local businesses for their very generous donations of prizes; Coop in Kineton, Wellesbourne and Banbury; Sainsbury's in Wellesbourne; One Stop in Wellesbourne; Waitrose in Banbury; Londis in Banbury and Tesco Extra in Banbury.



Finally, we are very grateful to the PTSA for kindly purchasing Easter chocolates for every student in the school. Pupils were delighted to receive these in form time this week. Mrs Kay's form said:

"Thank you so much for the kind chocolatey treats this morning, it was a lovely surprise this week! It made everyone's day. Thank you from 7CKA"

Family Quiz Night

On Friday 19th April, the PTSA will be holding their second Family Quiz Night, with our very own quiz host with the most, Mr Bonfield. A table costs £20 (for up to 10 people, including children) and there will be soft drinks and snacks available to buy (cash and card).

We hope you can make it!

SAVE THE DATE

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Please come along to our second PTSA family quiz night with our very own quiz host with the most, Mr Bonfield!

FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2024
KINETON SCHOOL HALL
 Arrival from 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start

£20 per table (up to 10 people)
 Soft drinks and snacks available to buy (card or cash)
 Bring your own alcohol
 Book at <https://forms.gle/JwDSFTxNcQyckRzz6> or scan the qr code





World Book Week

The 4th March saw World Book Week at Kineton School with a big push on literacy and a focus on reading and oracy. On Monday students in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a No Pen Day. This is used to try and get students more confident at speaking and listening and practising their oracy skills. The world of work (even with emails and Microsoft Teams) will require students to be good communicators and to be confident at doing it! On Tuesday Years 7, 8 and 9 received a presentation by an author called Mark Walden who came to see the children to talk about famous villains and how they can be the key characters that drive the story. He is the author of the popular HIVE series and also talked about his role in creating stories within video games too. On Thursday all students listened to a story in a day that was slowly revealed lesson by lesson at the start of each subject lesson. Finally on Friday students were allowed a Non-Uniform Day both to promote their favourite fictional characters, some of the Y7s dressed up as part of a Form competition and the Head of Year Miss Stallwood even portrayed Miss Trunchbull from Matilda. The Non-Uniform Day was combined with International Women's Day which helped to raise money for ActionAid chosen by the Student Council.



Tuesday: Mark Walden came to visit to talk about why villains are the best characters in fiction for our author visit for World Book day.



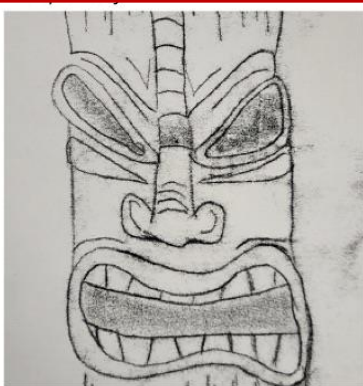
Cooking with Miss Jordan.



Monday: KS3 students practiced their oracy and teamwork skills in 'No pen day'



Spaghetti towers challenge with Ms Lovell



Monoprints with Ms Webb drawn with sticks



Student President Team

We are delighted to announce our new Student President Team have been appointed for the upcoming year. The selection process involved presenting their campaigns to Sixth Form; a whole school vote and ended with interviews held by the current Student Presidents and Ms Bridge and Mr Gowney-Hedges.

Our congratulations go to:

Presidents:

Joe C

Evie H

Vice Presidents:

Calum P

Charlie C

Mr Bonfield

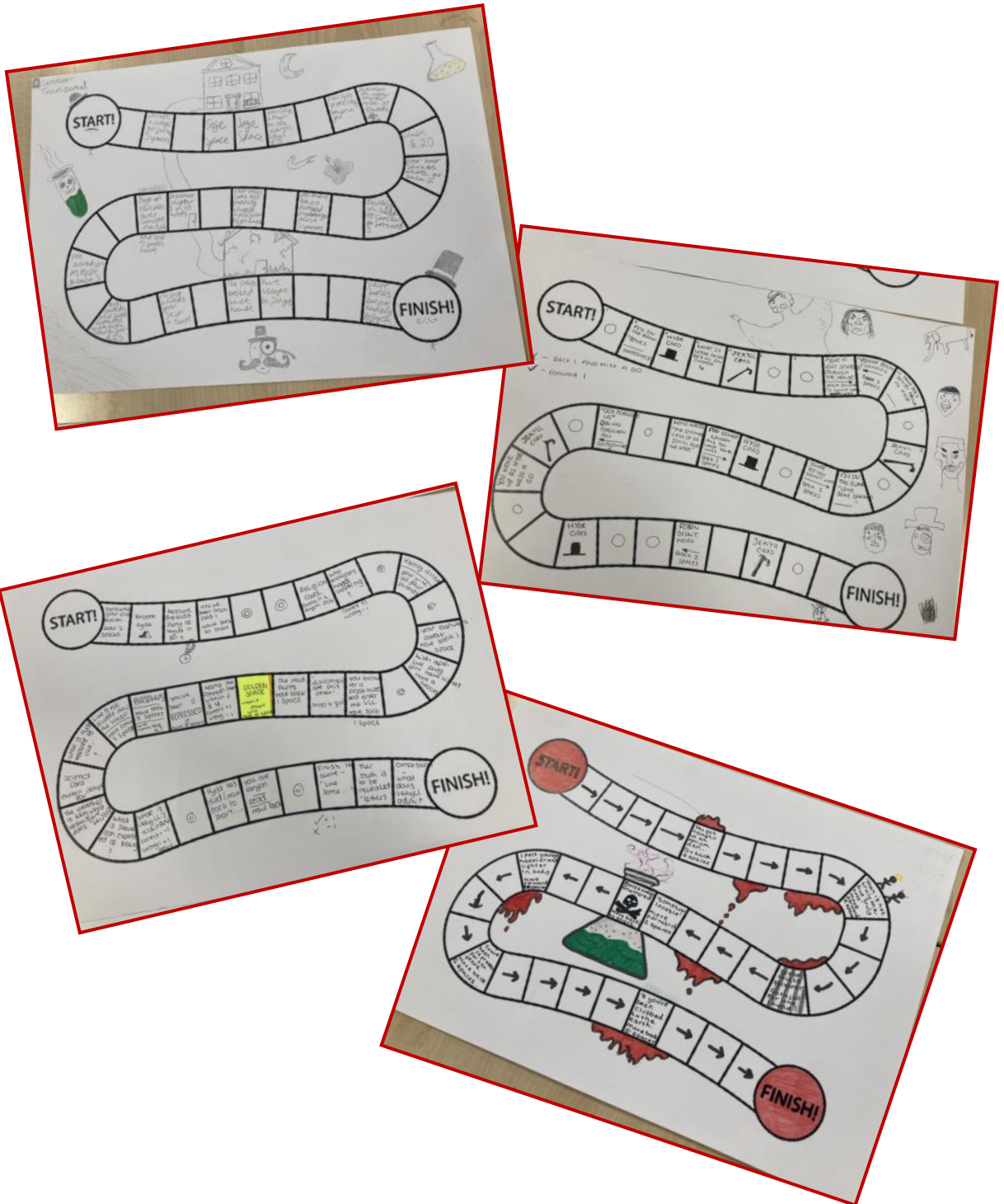
Head of Sixth Form



Year 10 English

Year 10 have been studying 19th Century novels, and some students have been busy today making revision games. These were really imaginative and demonstrated students' knowledge of the texts, as well as providing a different way for them to revise.

Mrs Kirwan, Head of English



GCSE Drama

The GCSE Drama examiner was thoroughly spoilt this year with an outstanding selection of performances from *Girls Like That*, *Bouncers*, *Too Much Punch for Judy*, *Five Kinds of Silence*, *DNA*, *100* and *My Mother Said I Never Should*.

The cohort did us so proud this year, we couldn't be happier. Well done all!

Mrs Frost and Ms de Vos, Drama



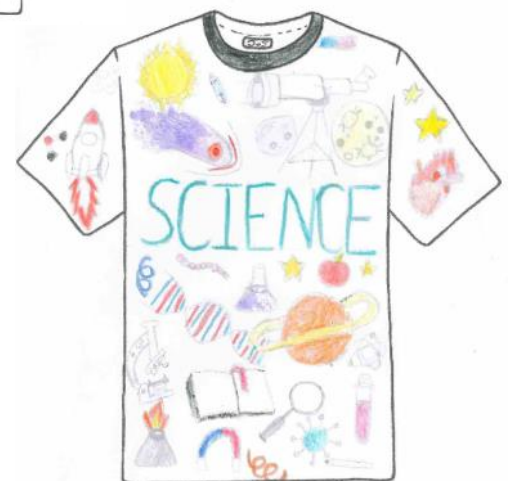
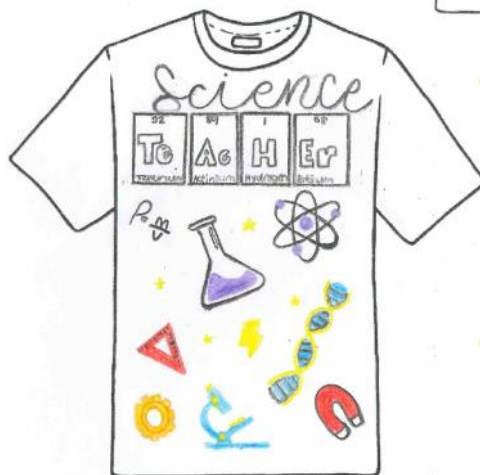
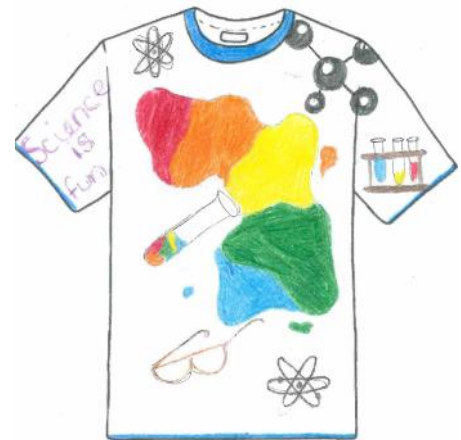
Science Competition

Educake is hosting a contest in which 1 teacher and 1 student who create the best science-themed design will win some fabulous prizes. Each winner will receive 2 T-shirts printed with their design, along with a selection of treats and Educake-branded merchandise delivered to their school.

The design can be digital or drawn by hand. We're looking for creativity over artistic skill, so the image does not need to be perfect. Our designers are ready to help bring the best ideas to life!

These are some of the entries we've had so far.

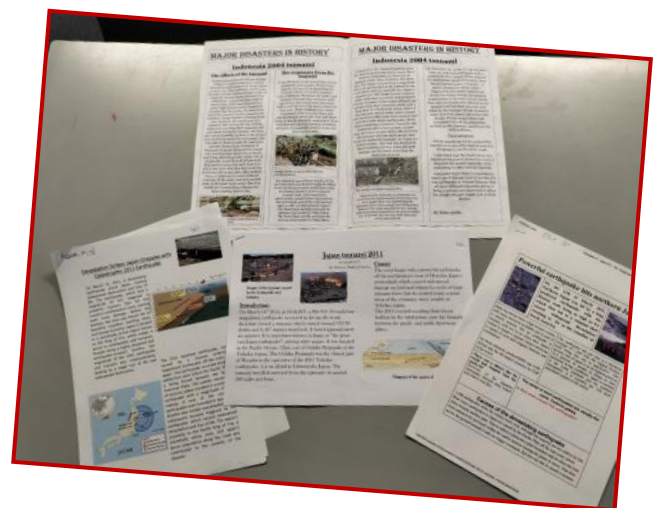
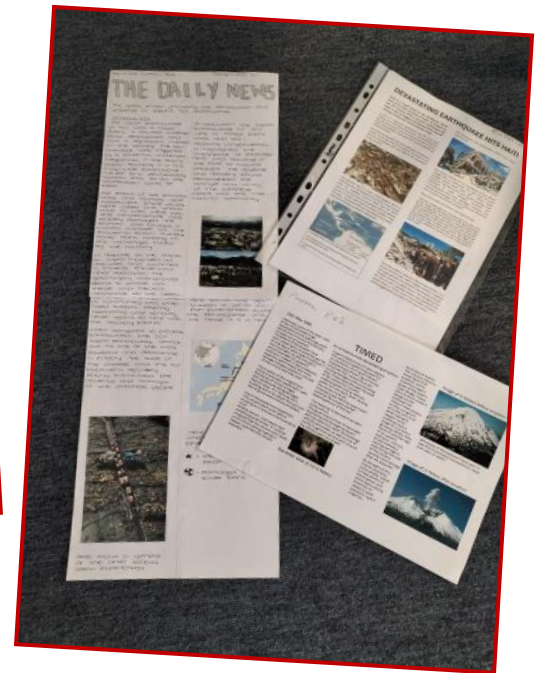
Mrs Hancock, Head of Science



Year 8 Geography

I have had some excellent ILTS in from my year 8 classes 8A2 and 8B3. They have done independent research into a tectonic hazard of their choice and produced some very convincing newspaper articles. Well done you are all awesome!

Mrs Lovell, Head of Geography



Coventry Magistrates Court Trip

On 8th March, a group of students from Year 7 to 9 visited Coventry Magistrates Court to practise for the Mock Trial Competition they are competing in on the 23rd March.

They've been incredible, Mrs McGrattan and I have been so impressed with how many were willing to participate, take up this opportunity and invest in it. We've got such a strong and dedicated team.

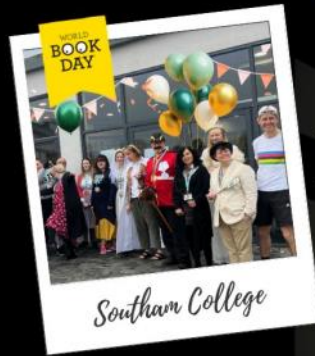
They worked fantastically today, despite their limited preparation time so far, it was obvious many of them had been learning fast and working at home. They showed an admirable ability to think on their feet and spoke with assuredness and confidence. The professional Magistrate and Court Usher were impressed.

Mrs McGrattan and I will be very proud to accompany this brilliant, hard working team on the 23rd and wish them every success.

Thank you to Ms Tolley for driving the second minibus and allowing all the team to go.

Mrs Adams, Teacher of History





Southam College

Thursday 7th March

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024 'Read Your Way'

On World Book Day, staff and pupils across the Trust have celebrated their love of books. As a Trust, we know the power of reading to inspire, educate and entertain and we promote this with our children and young people every day.

Today we have seen our school communities bring books to life with participation in a wide range of fun-filled activities, both remembering fondly old favourites, and introducing new stories for our pupils to enjoy.

Another fabulous World Book Day celebration to remember.*



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Rokeby



Oakley



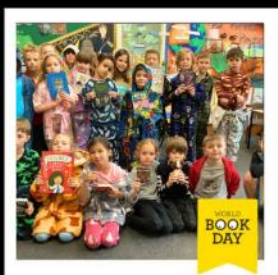
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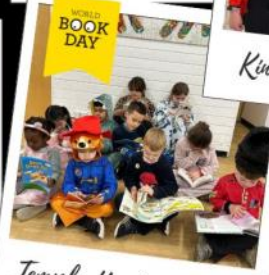
Kineton High School



Stockton Primary



Southam Primary



Temple Herdewyke



Sports News

Football



Congratulations to our Year 7 boys Football team who won 9-2 against Oakley School on Tuesday 5th March.



Our Year 8 boys team were also successful on Tuesday 5th March—beating Aylesford School 4-0—well done!

Netball



Congratulations to our Year 8 and 9 teams who both played against Shipston School on Wednesday 21st February and won 14-13 and 13-7.



On Monday 4th March our Year 8 team took part in the South Warwickshire Netball Tournament and came 4th overall.





Leave of Absence

During Term Time 2023-24



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 khsattendance@stowevalley.com. 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

<https://www.kinetonhighschool.org.uk/key-information/attendance-and-absence>

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 <https://www.kinetonhighschool.org.uk/about-us/policies>



Leave of Absence During Term Time 2023-24



The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). 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.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** 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. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

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.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

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

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. 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 School pupils recorded 93,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021-22.