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Headteacher's message



Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sending a final note for this academic year to the sound of machinery which is munching its way through our old hall and stage. The diggers on site have mesmerised students and staff alike over the last fortnight. Whilst we've felt a little nostalgic at times; the view that is revealed beyond the building site is stunning, making us grateful for our wonderful surroundings. At present the anticipation is that the final landscaping will be completed by summer 2026. We will all look forward to having the green hoarding fence removed!





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It's been an incredible final term with many significant and exciting events; notwithstanding the first examination season in our new building. Well done to our Y11 and 13 students for their resilience and focus during what felt like a very long season.

This week we are all buzzing about the amazing Enrichment Week 2025. It was such a wonderful week, students surpassed themselves with the way in which they engaged with all the activities. For further insight into all that went on, please take a look at the animation on our website: Enrichment Week - Kineton High School. A big thank you to all the staff that organised trips and workshops during the week.

An additional thank you must go to all employers who hosted our Year 12 and 10 students throughout the week and Mrs Stock, our Careers Coordinator, for her relentless enthusiasm and support. Work related learning is such an important part of our wider curriculum; our students did fantastically well throughout.

Of course, last week culminated in our annual Sports Day (winners to be announced). Despite the hot weather, much fun was had throughout the day and a competitive spirit was very much alive!

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our Chair of Governors, Mr David Savory. David will be stepping away from governance at Kineton after over 30 years of service with us. He is a local resident and has been a parent of (now very grown up) children here. I am so grateful to David for all the support, challenge and encouragement he's given me over the years and wish him the very best.

Finally, thank you so much to all the staff for their hard work over the year and to all our parents and carers for their ongoing support. I wish everyone a restful, safe and enjoyable Summer break. All students will return to school on Wednesday 3rd September.

Ms Bridge



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A message from Ms Boyle



As we approach the end of another academic year at Kineton High School, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication to our school community.

Throughout this year, our students have demonstrated exceptional commitment to our school values and ethos of ambition, respect, and kindness. Their positive attitude and willingness to embrace these core principles have truly made a difference in creating a nurturing and inclusive environment at Kineton High. The pastoral team have worked hard to ensure we live and breathe this ethos in all we do. Thank you to the Heads of Year team, engagement tutors and the wider school community. We held our second annual awards evening on the 18th June. This was not only to praise our students who do well academically but also to praise students who have displayed our values throughout this school year. It was such a lovely evening and well attended. I want to take this opportunity to say well done to all our students this year but also to our award winners.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all the parents and guardians who have played a vital role in instilling these values in our students. Your encouragement, guidance, and collaboration have helped them flourish academically and personally, and we are truly grateful for your partnership.

Our new house system launched this academic year and I am also thrilled to see the remarkable engagement and spirit of competitiveness shown by both students and staff in the new house system competitions this year. Your enthusiasm and participation have added a new dimension to our school community, fostering a sense of camaraderie and teamwork that is truly inspiring. Thank you to the House leadership team for the efforts this year and I am really excited to see it develop this academic year.

As we reflect on the past year and look ahead to new opportunities and challenges, I am confident that together, we can continue to cultivate a culture of excellence, understanding, and support at Kineton High School. Your continued involvement and commitment are invaluable in shaping the future success of our students and our school as a whole.

This is The Kineton Way.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and dedication. It has been a pleasure working with you in nurturing the potential of our students and fostering a positive learning environment.

Wishing you a restful and rejuvenating summer break, filled with joy and cherished moments with your loved ones.

Warm regards,

Ms Boyle

CASTLE FOSSE VERNEY AVON

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Heads of Year Messages

Year 7



I'm so proud of all our Year 7 students and everything they've accomplished in their first year at Kineton. It's been a year of growth, hard work, and making new memories as they've settled into secondary school. They've set a high standard, earning over 80,000 house points as a year group, and consistently demonstrating our core values of ambition, respect and kindness.

It's been a joy to watch them rise to new challenges, support each other, and find their place within our school community. Beyond their academic successes, they've participated in a range of exciting activities, from the Year 7 disco and carol concert to the Bourton-on-the-Water trip and our Charity and Enrichment weeks.

Year 7 have truly made their mark at Kineton, and I can't wait to see what they'll achieve in the years to come. I hope they have a well-deserved, relaxing summer break, so they're ready for all the opportunities that Year 8 will bring. Warm regards,

Ms De Vos

Year 8



WOW! What an amazing year it has been! Year 8 have consistently gone above and beyond. We have seen some excellent results in Athletics, Cricket and many other sports, incredible performances in the school show and some brilliant work produced across the whole school. I am continually amazed by what Year 8 do and how they present themselves. I am so excited to be moving into Year 9 with them.

I hope you have a lovely summer break! Kind regards,

Ms Stallwood

Year 9



As Year 10 begins, we look forward to building on the growth, resilience, and good habits developed so far. With increased independence and challenge ahead, students return ready to learn with intent and focus—embracing the next step of their journey with confidence, ambition, and our shared ARK values.

We will continue to support students in developing a strong mindset, high aspirations, and purposeful routines. By taking ownership of their learning and embracing opportunities, they will be well placed to thrive both in and beyond the classroom. We are excited to guide and champion them through this important and rewarding stage.

Best wishes,

Mr Ford

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Heads of Year Messages

Year 10



Year 10 has had a very busy term! They have done a few firsts this term:

- First set of KS4 mocks
- First work experience week
- First time experiencing being 'top of the main school' – they are essentially Year 11 now!

Work experience was a very enjoyable and useful experience. It was chance for students to see what the world of work is like and what they may want to do (or not do!) longer-term. Some students in school got some excellent opportunities, too, including working with the Army.

Well done, Year 10. Have a lovely summer and get some rest. They have really stepped up to the challenge and we're looking forward to seeing you in September as Year 11.

Dr Singh

Year 11



Year 11 has had a fantastic year and are celebrating the fruits of their labour – they've already been off for three weeks! It was a gruelling exam period this year from early May until towards the end of June but Year 11 showed real resilience during this time and really rose to the occasion. They then had a fabulous celebration day just before the half term break and it was great to see them all leaving school in their hoodies, despite the heat!

Year 11 Prom was at the beginning of July. It was great to see Year 11 looking so smart – all shirts tucked in and shoes shined! Walton Hall was a grand venue and the weather held well. Lots of students made grand entrances including by lorry, tractor, tank and even a helicopter! The students enjoyed a tasty Tex Mex dinner and also a sweet bar and popcorn. They threw some shapes on the dance floor and enjoyed making various inventions out of the glow sticks. It was such an enjoyable experience and a good send-off for Year 11.

They now have the very anxious wait until Results Day on 21st August. But until then... enjoy the summer, Year 11!

Kind regards,

Mrs Simpson

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Sixth Form News



It's been a fantastic half term at Kineton Sixth Form. We have been busy with the Pride Picnic, welcoming our incoming Year 12 students on Induction Day and bidding farewell to our Year 13 Leavers at Prom.

Pride Picnic 2025 was a huge success! Our REDI committee organised a fantastic event which included a bake off, tuck shop, flag and sticker stall, craft activities and beat the teacher challenges. There was a fantastic atmosphere! Thank you to all students who attended and took part.

Sixth Form Induction Day was really well attended. It was great to see so many Year 11 students, as well as welcoming students from other schools. Our Student Leadership committee worked hard to deliver a brilliant day. Those who attended took part in teambuilding challenges and quizzes, an enrichment fair, and subject taster sessions in which they were set their bridging courses to prepare them for their Key Stage 5 studies. Thank you to all who attended- see you on GCSE results day at our enrolment desk!

Congratulations to our Year 13 cohort for completing their Key Stage 5 exams. We had a wonderful time at prom, enjoying delicious food and dancing the night away! Thank you to our social committee for organising the night. Many students won subject awards – congratulations to Evie Hunt, our 2025 winner of the KS5 Kineton Way Award.

We wish the best of luck to all Year 13 students awaiting their results. See you soon!

Mr Bonfield



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House News

This academic year has seen Kineton High School re-invent the House system, and I am incredibly proud of to be the leader of Castle House. The new house leaders and I have instilled a new house system full of fun, reward and competition and I cannot wait to see this continue as we develop as a house and team.

House Winners 2024-25

We are delighted to announce the winning house for this academic year is:

1st	Avon
2nd	Fosse
2nd	Verney
3rd	Castle

Castle: this academic year, as a house, we have taken part in many exciting assembly competitions, including 'balloon keepy uppy', paper aeroplane race and a cup stacking challenge against Verney house – of which Castle house was victorious! I am excited to continue this throughout next year, our house taking part in our own version of '99 to Beat' – I wonder which form will be the winners?

We have also had a variety of competitions run throughout the year, and I was proud of Castle Houses engagement in them. I'm hoping next year we can have even more members of our house join and have some fun. Some highlights include Halloween cupcake decoration, darts, creative writing competitions, photography competitions, design the house mascot competition, numerous sports challenges, and my personal favourite – decorating your form room door for Christmas! We had some amazing entries, with Castle House winning many of the categories.

I have also created my own leadership team within Castle House, appointing 8 house captains to support with competitions and tuck shops. They did a fantastic job modelling the values of castle house. There will be two more slots available next academic year for new Year 7 house captains – watch this space!

The weekly house quiz has been an all-round success, with tutor groups and tutors claiming it is their favourite part of form time for each week! I'm proud to say that Castle was closely tied with Verney throughout the year – we gave them a run for their money, and next year I'm confident we can beat all other houses and take the quiz cup!

I look forward to seeing you all next year and continuing to work with you, building the vision of Castle House.

Miss Holmes, Castle House Leader

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House News

Verney: What a year it has been for Verney under the new House System. First and foremost can I say a big thank you to all members of Verney house and to all of the form tutors for fully embracing the new, revamped system. It has been a real joy to lead you all this year and to see your enthusiasm grow throughout the year.

A particular highlight for me has been House Assemblies. I love assemblies and really look forward to our inter form challenges. This year we have had a number of challenges ranging from speed stacking, to giant darts, to a giant game of 'Higher or Lower'. I am really looking forward to more of the same next year with our new year 7 forms.

I have also been really impressed with Verney's quizzing ability. We are top of the table currently and are hoping to secure victory in the Quiz Championships this week.

Looking ahead to 2025-2026 we will be looking for further applications to be a House Captain and I am always looking for ideas of competitions and assembly challenges.

Well done on a fantastic year. Verney, Verney, Verney!

Mr Wallis, Verney House Leader

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Campbell for all her hard work in building up Avon house and leading them to victory at the end of the school year, taking the House Cup. We are sad to be losing her as a House Leader, but we are excited to be working with Mr Keevil as the new leader of Avon House. I'm sure he will continue to build on Miss Campbell's wonderful leadership.





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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This year's expeditions are now all successfully completed.

Bronze completed their qualifying expeditions in the Cotswolds starting at Long Compton and Moreton in Marsh with an overnight stay in Shipston. All groups did brilliantly, and the navigational skills on display were very good, showing significant improvement from the practice expedition. Camp craft was great with some delicious meals being cooked.

The Silver group headed off to the Vale of Pewsey. The weather was hot, not quite and the students all coped with the heat and navigated well over the 3 days. Predicted higher temperatures on the Sunday saw them get up at 5am ready to leave camp at 6am and beat the worst of the weather. There were some spectacular views and we saw 2 of the 8 white horses which are in Wiltshire. One of the groups walked along the edge of Salisbury Plain firing range on day 2 but fortunately no firing was taking place that day. The expedition concluded in Avebury and the stone circle. Well done all.

There was then a very quick turnaround for us with the Gold qualifying heading out 2 days later. We headed up to the Lake District with 13 of our year 12 students. We spent Wednesday night in Seathwaite and they were heading off Thursday morning. The weather was fine on Wednesday so they were starting dry. On Thursday 2 of the 3 groups headed off to walk over "The Old Man of Coniston" (802m) This is a tough climb when carrying all of your kit for 4 days but they made it and the weather held off for most of it. The other group had opted for an alternative route over Dunnerdale Fells and down to the shore of Coniston, and a scenic walk north along the shore. Day 2 saw all 3 groups head north some via Tarn Hows others via Loughrigg fells and the Cathedral caves at Little Langdale a quick hop over the the next hill into Elterwater and along to Loughrigg for a night by the tarn.



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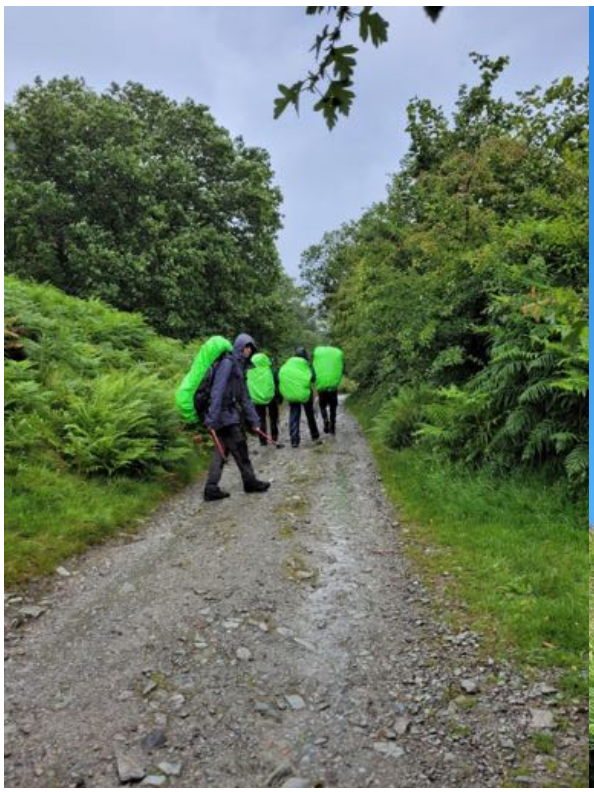
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Unfortunately the weather had changed and it was raining hard; everyone was soaked through. Even the best waterproofs were not coping with the amount of water, so a pretty miserable night for all. By the morning the rain had eased slightly but there was low cloud and frequent showers. This meant the assessor lowered the route for the yellow group who had been due to go up to the top of Hart Crag (822m) as visibility was not great, and all groups headed through Scandale Pass (530m). The weather improved as the day went along and by mid afternoon wet clothes had dried and spirits were starting to rise again. The last night saw them camping overlooking Ullswater which was stunning and enjoyed by all, including the midges. An early start on the Sunday morning as everyone was keen to get finished saw them walking up to Pooley Bridge. The smiles at the end were maybe from relief but I am sure also a sense of achievement.

These young people demonstrated great teamwork; they looked out for each other when it got tough and this one was tough. Their resilience when it was hard work their feet were hurting, the wind and rain soaking them through and the midges biting should be applauded. I hope you all feel very proud of what you have achieved and believe that you really can achieve whatever you set your minds to. To watch you develop, grow and change through this process has been amazing. Now get the other sections completed, and I hope to see photos of you all at Buckingham Palace to receive your awards.

Mrs Briggs, DofE Coordinator





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Sports News

Athletics



50 KHS students took part in the South Warwickshire Schools Athletics Tournament back in June and we came 3rd overall. Well done to Year 7 and Year 9 girls who came first in their respective groups.

Cricket



Huge congratulations to our Year 8 team who won the South Warwickshire U13s Cup on Thursday 17th July.

Cricket



On 3rd June our 7 team played their first game of the season against Shipston High School and won!



It was Year 9's turn in the Cup Final on Wednesday 16th June against KES Five Ways. It was a great performance that saw them come runners up.

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Rounders



Huge congratulations to our U12s team who won the Rounders Tournament at the end of June.

Super 6



Well done to our Year 9 team who competed in the Super 6 Competition at the beginning of June.

Tennis



Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 team took part in a Tennis competition at Henley High School on 17th June and won!



Our Year 8 girls team took part in the Tennis Slams competition on 10th June.

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Notices

Mobile Phone Policy: a reminder that our new mobile phone policy was launched in school on Monday, details can be found on our website here: Mobile Phone Policy.

Uniform: we will be starting the new year with a focus on uniform and preparation for learning. As such, please be aware of the following uniform expectations:

1. Haircuts: These should be moderate, not extremely short. Lines and patterns are not allowed and must be grown out before the start of term. Any change in hair colour should be **natural tones only**.

2. Shoes: all students must wear black school shoes **not trainers**. If there is a medical condition that requires any student to wear trainers then please contact their form tutor in the first instance. We do have a stock of appropriate footwear in a range of sizes. Students will be loaned these shoes for the day if necessary.

3. Piercings: students are allowed to wear **one small stud** in each ear. Any students wearing multiple studs or inappropriate studs will be asked to remove them and they will be confiscated until the end of the day. Students unable to remove nose studs will be asked to cover them up with a plaster (clear stud replacements are available).

4. Bracelets and Necklaces: These should **not** be worn to school. Any student wearing bracelets or a necklace will have them confiscated until the end of the day.

5. False nails, eyelashes and make up: Please remember that neither false nails nor false eyelashes are allowed at school. Any make up should be **minimal and discrete**.

6. Trousers: all trousers should be appropriate school trousers. This does **not** include jeans or leggings. We have a stock of trousers which students can borrow for the day if needed.

7. Skirts: any student wearing a skirt should have one of the school skirts. This means that stretchy skirts are **not** allowed.

8. Tights: ripped tights are not appropriate for school. We have a limited stock that can be provided for students should they rip during the day.

9. Ties: Ties are available from Student Services. They can be purchased for (COST) or borrowed for the day in exchange for the students' mobile phone (or equivalent).

We do have a limited stock of some uniform e.g. shoes that can be loaned in an emergency to allow students to continue to attend their lessons.

If you have any questions around the uniform then please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance and they will be able to advise you appropriately.

We encourage and expect students to wear the correct uniform and will support them in doing so when needed. Failure to attend school in the correct uniform, or refusal to take advantage of the support provided, will result in the student working in a supervised area until the issue is rectified.

Calculators: we would like to remind you that a scientific calculator is **required for all science, mathematics, and geography examinations**. To ensure students are fully prepared, it is essential that they bring their calculator to **every lesson** in these subjects. We recommend the **CASIO FX-83GTCW** model, as this is the calculator students will be taught to use during their mathematics lessons. FSM students can have the cost reimbursed as part of the £100 allocation.

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Autumn Term Calendar

- *Thursday 14th August - A level Results Day 8.30-10.30am*
- *Thursday 21st August - GCSE Results Day 8.30am-10.30am*
- *Monday 1st September - Teacher training day (school closed to students)*
- *Tuesday 2nd September - Teacher training day (school closed to students)*
- *Wednesday 3rd September - start of term for all students*
- *Monday 15th September - PTSA AGM 6-7pm*
- *Tuesday 16th September - School photographs Years 7, 9, 11 & 12*
- *Thursday 25th September - Year 6 Open Evening 5-8.30pm*
- *Wednesday 1st October - Flu Vaccinations Years 7 to 11*
- *Thursday 9th October - Flexible Learning Day*
- *Friday 10th to Sunday 12th October - Silver DofE Practice expedition*
- *Monday 13th to Thursday 16th October - Year 11 Geography trip*
- *Thursday 16th October - Year 11 reports issued*
- *Monday 20th October - Year 11 Achievement Evening 6-7pm (in person)*
- *Monday 20th October - Year 7 Virtual Information Evening (online)*
- *Thursday 23rd October - Year 13 reports issued*
- *Monday 27th to Friday 31st October - Half term*
- *Tuesday 4th November - Sixth Form Open Evening 5-7pm*
- *Tuesday 4th to Friday 14th November - Year 11 & 13 Mock Exams*
- *Thursday 20th November - Year 9 Parents Evening 4-7pm*
- *Thursday 20th November - Year 8 reports issued*
- *Tuesday 25th to Thursday 27th November - A level Geography trip*
- *Thursday 27th November - Year 10 reports issued*
- *Thursday 27th November - Sixth Form Winter Ball*
- *Friday 28th November - Teacher training day (school closed to students)*
- *Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th December - Year 11 MFL Mock Exams*
- *Thursday 4th December - Year 7 reports issued*
- *Thursday 11th December - Year 11 reports issued*
- *Thursday 11th December - Christmas Fair 4-6.30pm*
- *Monday 15th to Friday 19th December - Charity Week*
- *Thursday 18th December - Year 13 reports issued*
- *Friday 19th December - last day of term*

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North Warwickshire		
Name	**Address**	**Postcode**
Atherstone Library	Long Street, Atherstone	CV9 1AX
CAB	Parish Rooms, Welcome Street, Atherstone	CV9 1DU
Coleshill Library	19a Parkfield Road, Coleshill	B46 3LD
North Warwickshire Borough Council	The Council House, South Street, Atherstone	CV9 1DE
Polesworth Library	Bridge Street, Polesworth	B78 1DT
Coleshill Sports centre	Packington Lane, Coleshill	B46 3JE
Atherstone Leisure Complex	Long St, Atherstone	CV9 1AX

Nuneaton and Bedworth		
Name	**Address**	**Postcode**
ISS	Powell House, Church Street, Nuneaton	CV11 4DS
Nuneaton Library	Church Street, Nuneaton	CV11 4DR
Hatters Space	Upper Abbey Street, Nuneaton	CV11 5DN
Bedworth Library	18 High Street, Bedworth	CV12 8NF
People in Action	White Lion Chambers, 44 High Street, Bedworth	CV12 8NY
Stagecoach	Central Bus Station, Harefield Road, Nuneaton	CV11 4HB
Bedworth Civic Hall	High Street, Bedworth	CV12 8NF
Nuneaton Town Hall	Town Hall, Coton Road, Nuneaton	CV11 9SW
Stockingford Library	St Pauls Road, Nuneaton	CV10 8HW
Bulkington Library	School Road, Bulkington	CV12 9JB
The Pingles Leisure Centre	Avenue Road, Nuneaton	CV11 4LX
Mayors Café	Miners Welfare Park, Bedworth	CV12 8JT
Bedworth Leisure Centre	Coventry Road, Bedworth	CV12 8NN

Rugby District		
Name	**Address**	**Postcode**
Stagecoach Travel	Railway Terrace	CV21 3HS
Rugby Borough Council	Town Hall, Evereux Way	CV21 2RR
The Queens Diamond Jubilee Centre	Bruce Williams Way, Rugby	CV22 5LJ
Ryton Pool Country Park	Ryton Road, Ryton on Dunsmore	CV8 3BH
Wolston Library	Warwick Road, Wolston	CV8 3GX
Vision Express	Market Mall, Clock Tower Shopping Centre	CV21 2JR
McDonalds	5 Market Place	CV21 3DY
Rugby Library	Little Elborow Street	CV21 3BZ

Warwick District		
Name	**Address**	**Postcode**
Leamington Spa Library	Royal Pump Rooms Parade	CV32 4AA
Tesco	22-14 Parade	CV32 4DN
Marks & Spencer	70 Parade	CV32 4XT
Brunswick Healthy Living Centre	98-100 Shrubland Street	CV31 3BD
Sydni Centre	Marloes Walk	CV31 1PT
Warwick District Council	Riverside House	CV32 5HZ
Harbury Library	High Street Harbury	CV33 9HW
Lillington Library	Valley Road	CV32 7SJ
Sainsbury	Saltisford	CV34 4TR
Warwick Tourist Centre	Jury Street	CV34 4EW
Tesco	Emscote Road	CV34 5QJ
Shire Hall	Market Square	CV34 4SA
Kenilworth Library	Smalley Place, Kenilworth	CV8 1QG

Stratford District		
Name	**Address**	**Postcode**
Stratford Leisure Centre	Bridgefoot	CV37 6YY
McDonalds Restaurant	6 Bridge Street	CV37 6AB
Boots	11 Bridge Street	CV37 6AB
Subway	10 Henley Street	CV37 6PT
Waitrose	Rosebird Centre	CV37 8LU
Stratford District Council Office	Elizabeth House Church Street	CV37 6HX
Morrisons Supermarket	Alcester Road	CV37 9DA
Tesco	Birmingham Road	CV37 0UA
Co-op Southam	Coventry St, Southam	CV47 0EA
Co-op Henley	High Street, Henley	B95 5BY
Co-op Studley	Alcester Road, Studley	B80 7AR
Tesco Alcester	Kinwarton Road, Alcester	B49 6AA
Budgens	Salford Road, Bidford	B50 4AW
Co-op Wellesbourne	Loxley Close, Wellesbourne	CV35 9RU
Co-op Kineton	Banbury Road, Kineton	CV35 0SE
Co-op Shipston	High Street, Shipston (opposite White Bear)	CV36 4AB

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Does your child have worries?

Explore how to manage anxiety and help cope with worries about returning to school, new starts and changes. This interactive and fun workshop is for parents/carers and children to learn and practice ways to manage anxious feelings together.

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Or call: 07917504682

Please check that your child attends an MHST school
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Where	When	Times
St. Michael's Children & Family Centre, Bedworth CV12 9DA	Monday 28th July & Monday 11th August 2025	10.30am – 12.30pm
Claremont Children and Families Centre, Rugby CV21 3LU	Monday 28th July & Monday 11th August 2025	10.30am – 12.30pm
Lillington Children and Families Centre, Leamington Spa CV32 7QE	Monday 28th July & Monday 11th August 2025	1pm – 3pm
The Moat Family Hub, Coventry CV2 1EQ	Monday 4th August 2025	2pm – 4pm
Families For All Hub, Coventry CV6 5LB	Wednesday 20th August 2025	10.30am – 12.30pm

5 Ways to Wellbeing Together

Would you like to support your child's wellbeing?

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Claremont Children and Families Centre, Rugby CV21 3LU	Monday 4th August & Monday 18th August 2025	10.30am – 1.30pm
Stratford Children and Families Centre, Stratford upon Avon CV37 9PB	Thursday 7th August & Thursday 21st August 2025	10.30am – 1.30pm
Families For All Hub, Coventry CV6 5LB	Monday 28th July 2025	10.30am – 1.30pm
Mosaic Family Hub, Coventry CV4 9PM	Friday 15th August 2025	10.30am – 1.30pm

Leave of Absence During Term Time 2024-25

Student Absence Procedure

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for any reason, planned or emergency (part day, full day or multiple days) please report the absence via the Class-Charts app. You can attach evidence to support your child's absence such as appointment letters or copies of medication. Alternatively, please call the absence line on 01926 645611 **before 8.50am,** stating their name and form, your name and reason.
This must be done for each day they will be absent.

For holiday requests, music exams, external sporting activities, religious observation dates and any other reasons or circumstances where your child will be absent from school (not relating to illness) please complete a leave of absence form and email it to khsattendance@stowevalley.com

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.

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

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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 law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence 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. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

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 is expected 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. 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.

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'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19th August 2024. Therefore Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absences taken from September will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

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 – 4 in total).

First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice) A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

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