

Welcome Back!

September newsletter

Dear parent/carer

A warm welcome to you whether you are a new parent/carer, or indeed, a parent of a child that is already in the school. I also want to welcome new staff to you and at the end of this newsletter I have attached the list of names and roles of staff joining us.

In this newsletter I wish to clarify many key messages which I hope you will find helpful. To keep the newsletter relatively short I will be guiding you to links to documents or the website for further information.

1. Attendance, punctuality, breakfast club and term dates

Attendance = achievement. Punctuality is equally an essential ingredient in this statement. Mr Abbott (Assistant Principal) has composed a very helpful and clear outline of expectations which all schools in Peterborough and across the country follow. You can access the letter by [clicking here](#).

Each external **year entrances** will open from **8.15 am** and close at **8.40 am**. Students arriving after 8.40 will be deemed as late and serve a same day 45-minute detention for which you will be informed about.

Students wishing to buy **breakfast** can enter the main school gates which will be opened at the earlier time of 8.00am from Monday 20 September. Breakfast will be served from **8.00 am until 8.25 am**. Click [here for](#) the menu and prices.

Term dates for this academic year and the 2022-2023 year can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

2. Extra Curricular clubs

There are a wide range of **extracurricular clubs** running from 3.15pm up to 4.15pm Monday to Thursday. This includes the popular homework club. Please ensure your child lets you know that they are attending a club after school. Please [click here](#) to view the most up-to-date information regarding clubs via our website

3. Standards and expectations

Students are no longer allowed to use their **mobile phone** from entering until leaving the school site. [Click here](#) for further details. For safeguarding reasons, students can use their mobile phones if involved in an after-school club.

Amongst the expectations that set a high standard for all students is the expectation that students are **considerate of their behaviour** and others when journeying to and from school. Equally, I

would ask that parents/carers are considerate of others when using the Tesco car park and of residents in Fox Covert Road.

There is nothing more pleasing when members of the public congratulate the politeness and consideration of our students. Equally, one single poor incident can damage the reputation of the school. I will not hesitate to sanction students that carry out poor behaviour and bring the school into disrepute. The school runs daily detentions from 3.15 to 4.00 pm.

We have moved to a new software programme to help you know how your child is performing daily. We now use Class Charts rather than Connect (the old software). More details will be released by Mr Swift (Assistant Principal) in due course.

4. COVID updates

I am sure you will wholeheartedly agree that we do not wish to see pockets or the whole school go back to remote learning, if it all possible. As we move into the autumn, the challenge will be to continue using lateral flow tests, alongside the school's measures to mitigate against the spread of COVID and other spreadable infections. Peterborough still has a worryingly high rate of COVID infections

Lateral flow device kits will be made available to all students on a weekly basis via their Tutors. The testing has proven very successful in identifying positive cases and if your son/daughter comes into contact with someone tested positive then they must test daily for ten calendar days. Provided the test is negative they can come into school.

Anyone testing positive from a lateral flow test, must obtain a PCR test within two calendar days and remain away from school until the result is received.

Finally, you may have picked up in the news about COVID injections for students. We await the detail later this week, but I will take a stance that this only takes place with your consent as a parent/carer. The NHS service will be running this operation not the school. Further details will be posted once available on our school website (www.kscs.org.uk).

5. Examinations 2022

Despite the challenge of high COVID infection rates, norovirus and flu on the horizon, the government are pressing ahead with the proposal that year 11 and post 16 students will sit examinations through the academic year. Details of the modification to the summer examinations will be released later this term. I have strongly urged students and staff to make sure any internal assessments are treated seriously as they could form part of any potential compromise arrangements should infections rates disrupt the attendance of students. It also re-enforces the statement to make every lesson count, regardless of what year your child is in.

6. New staff – a warm welcome to...

Mr Brennan

Teacher of PE

Mrs Cooper	Teacher of Food Technology & Hospitality
Miss Chodor	Teacher of Mathematics
Mr Ground	Teacher of PE
Mrs Hansord	Teacher of Nurture
Mr Harrington	Teacher of Science
Mrs Musson	Teacher of History/RE/Hums
Mr Paris	Teacher of Mathematics
Mr Peters	Teacher of Nurture/ Mathematics
Miss Smith	Teacher of Social Sciences
Mrs Swart	Teacher of Geography/RE/Hums
Miss Ward	Teacher of Music + Performing Arts
Ms Ward	Teacher of English
Mrs Searle	Head of Year 8
Mr Tilson	Teaching Assistant
Miss Greenwood	Teaching Assistant
Mr Sempill	Digital marketing apprenticeship
Miss Hudak	Deputy Senco (new role)
Mr Midson	Alternative Provision Coordinator

7. Finally...

I am working hard on securing the fencing on the school fields to ensure the risk is mitigated to your child as and when we re-use the space once it is secured. If any parent would like to attend the public meeting to offer their support held on September, then please contact p.greenwood@kscs.org.uk before Thursday 16 September.

The school's academy conversion is on track for April 2022, and we have been warmly invited into the 4C's Trust. The Multi academy trust consists of Arthur Mellows and other schools in Peterborough. The vision is to forge an even stronger education partnership for the north of Peterborough which we serve.

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Parent meetings will continue to be virtual including the forthcoming year 5/6 open evening (Tuesday 29 September, starting at 6pm) and the Post 16 Opportunities evening (Tuesday 2 November, starting at 6.00pm). Working together is key to your child/dren being successful. I realise that sometimes there are issues but through a strong trusting partnership we can work together this academic year to ensure your son/daughter succeeds.

Best wishes,

Bryan Erwin



Principal



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