

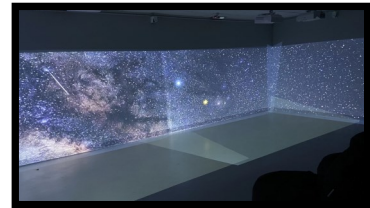
# Headteacher Bulletin

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well as we almost come to the end of our first half term of the academic year. It has been a busy first few weeks with lots of exciting changes at KSS. We have launched our student leadership team and appointed 'Head Students' from Year 11, prefects from KS4 and there have been lots of successes achieved by students within different subject areas. We will be celebrating these achievements in assemblies during our final week of the half term.

The most exciting change has been the launch of our digital strategy and the distribution of iPad's for every learner at KSS. The 'buzz' that was created by this last Tuesday, has continued with students and staff embracing our digital vision. We are very much at the beginning of our journey but we can already see and feel the positive change in lessons.



Over the course of the next few weeks we will be continuing to experiment with new apps and ideas with the iPad's as we also nominate our student digital champions. Mr Till will be selecting these students from the many applications that we have received.

Finally, thank you for your continued support of the school and the positive feedback that we have received during this half term so far, it really is a honour to lead this school forwards.

Mr S. Frost

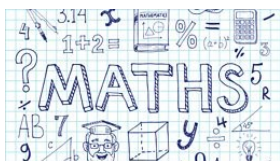


- 20.10.21 Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' Online Event (information to follow)
- 21.10.21 KS4 Trip to Alton Towers 'Scare Fest'
- 22.10.21 School closed to students for staff training

## A message from Mr Webb

A massive well done to Emmie of 9a1 who completed at least 3 hours 46 minutes of Hegarty Maths in one week.

Lauren, Amber, Lydia and Sophie all did over 2 hours homework - for many, this is in addition to Skills Check homework.



## A message from Mr Birchall

An important event is taking place on the 9.11.21, as we invite into school 'Elevate Education'. 'Elevate' specialise in supporting students in KS4 around how to revise effectively and deliver advice on study techniques and skills. This session will run from 6pm until 7pm and this will be divided into two sessions. One for parents and one for students.

On the same evening from 4.30pm until 6pm we would also like to invite all Year 11 parents and students to an extra special parents evening to update you on how your child has started Year 11. This will be a meeting held with a member of the senior leadership team who will share a summary of progress in all subjects.



#DigitalByDesign



## A message from Mrs Hume (Attendance Manager)

Here at Kidsgrove Secondary School we believe that good attendance is essential for pupils to achieve their best at school. We work closely with parents and 'VIP Education' to support and promote the importance of regular school attendance. If your child cannot come to school because of illness or family emergency, you should advise the school on each morning of absence by contacting the attendance manager on **01782 948250 (option 2) before 08:30**. Any absences where a reason is not given will be marked as unauthorised. In cases of continuous absence where we receive no communication from you, and we have reasons to be concerned, we may ask our Education Welfare Officer to carry out a home visit. Whilst we recognise that it is not always possible, we do encourage parents/carers to book non-urgent medical and dental appointments outside of the school day or during the holidays. Where this is unavoidable, we request that evidence of the appointment is supplied to our attendance manager. If your son/daughter experiences any problems with regards to attendance, please contact the school as soon as possible as we may be able to help by providing appropriate support.

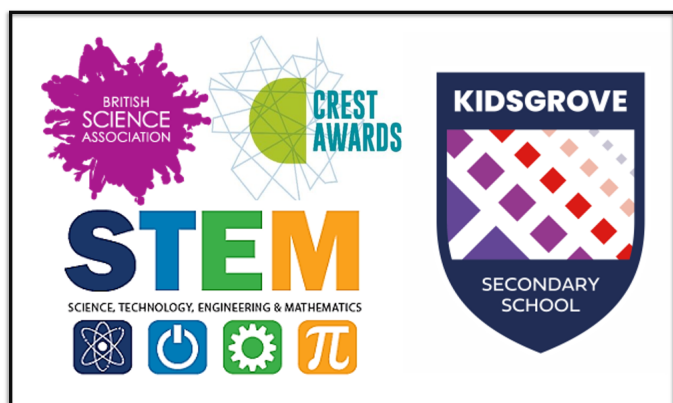


## A message from Mr Till

I am so impressed with the start made by our Y7s this academic year. The transition from primary to secondary school is a very big step, often involving many changes. Our Y7s have shown a positive attitude and continue to grow in confidence each week, we are excited to see their accomplishments in the year ahead. We would also like to extend our thanks to all parents/carers supporting the progression of our digital strategy. The launch day of student iPads was a huge success, and we look forward to working alongside students in developing their application for learning.

## A message from Mrs Dove

Crest is a pupil led scheme that gives opportunities for learners to think like Scientists and Engineers. After completion of an investigation, students receive a Crest award. This is a nationally recognised qualification accredited by the British Science Association.



We are keen to recruit more students to undertake the Crest award this year. If any student is interested or any parents/carers would like more information please contact Mrs Dove @ [adove@kss.shaw-education.org.uk](mailto:adove@kss.shaw-education.org.uk).

## Well Done from the Science Department



A huge well done to Emily and James. They are two of our team of Science Ambassadors. They helped out at our recent open morning and they have both been awarded their second Crest Award after a lot of hard work.

