

HEADTEACHER BULLETIN

Friday 1.5.26

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The sun is shining and what a great first three weeks of the summer term it has been at KSS. The Year 11 exams are underway with students already completing their Art exam and Spanish speaking exam in the last few weeks, the students continue to be extremely focused and their attendance at lunchtime and after school sessions is exceptional. We cannot wait to see what the group can achieve over the next six weeks. They are working their socks off and they are the embodiment of **'if you do enough small things right, big things can happen'**.

Last week we had two educational visits take place, with Year 10 students and Year 9 students taking part in Careers and Geography themed trips, one trip to a University and the other to the Etihad stadium. The feedback we receive about the conduct of our students during visits is always excellent and none more so than during the Year 9 and 10 senior athletics event last Friday. We had some excellent individual successes at the event but what makes us the proudest is the collective standards of conduct and participation from our KSS students.

Next week, we will be sharing with students their performance assessment results through special assemblies and also a progress report will be sent home. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to discuss what they are learning and what is going well in the classroom and which subjects that your child may need to work upon. A reminder that the KSS website has extensive information related to each subject curriculum area and this is a good starting point for learning conversations with your child.

Mr Till has launched the criteria for the summer reward trips that are taking place during the last week of the summer term. We are hoping that as many students as possible qualify for the Years 7 & 8 visit to 'The Crocky Trail' and the Year 9 & 10 visit to the Trafford centre. Details will be circulated home to parents & carers later in the summer term.

Finally, a reminder that the school is closed on Monday the 4th of May, with students returning on Tuesday the 5th of May. We host the Year 9 options evening on Thursday the 7th of May from 4pm to 6pm and our final parents evening of the academic year, for Year 7 takes place on Thursday the 21st of May from 3pm to 7pm.

Yours faithfully,
Mr S Frost

Upcoming Events

Monday 4th of May 2026 - Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Thursday 7th of May 2026 - Year 9 Options Evening (4pm to 6pm)

Thursday 14th of May 2026 - SEND Parent/Carer Review Day

Thursday 21st of May 2026 - Year 7 Parents Evening (3pm to 7pm)



**NEXT
WEEK**



Y9 Options Evening

**Information
about courses**



**Discuss pathways
for the future with
post 16 providers**



**Make an
informed
decision**



SAVE THE DATE

**May 7th 2026
4.00pm-6.30pm**



BREAKING NEWS

COMMANDO JOE'S

**UK Award-Winning Character Education and Enrichment Provider
Delivering impact across EYFS, KS1, KS2 & KS3 – nationwide**



COMING SOON



**"If you do enough small things right,
BIG THINGS can happen"**

ATTENDANCE



WHOLE SCHOOL: 94%

YEAR 7- 96.4%

YEAR 8- 94.6%

YEAR 9 - 91.3%

YEAR 10- 92%

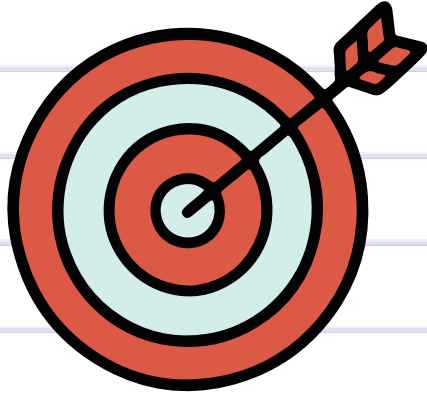
YEAR 11- 94.2%

NATIONAL AVERAGE: 91.5%

BEST FORM YTD: 7BJE
BEST HOUSE: Wedgewood



Form Group Performance - Year so far...

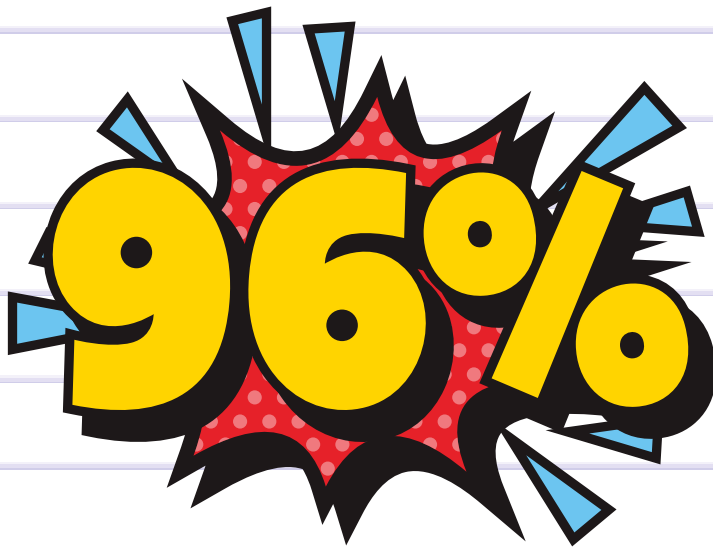


7BJE - 97.5%

7SW - 96.5%

11MB - 96%

7MH - 95.8%



7EGL - 95.6%

8BW - 95.3%

8EPR - 95%

8MO - 95%



11SS - 94.6%

9NM - 94.3%

9SB - 93.7%

10SM - 92.6%

10TM - 91.1%



Attendance

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IS YOUR CHILD FACING BARRIERS TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE?

KIDSGROVE SECONDARY CAN HELP!

WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH

- Breakfast On Arrival
- Uniform
- Equipment

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Attendance Matters

#StopTheDrop

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PARENTS EVENING INFORMATION (2025-2026)



Upcoming Events

Year 11 - 22.1.26 (4pm to 7pm)



Year 10 - 5.2.26 (4pm to 7pm)



Year 8 - 12.3.26 (3pm to 7pm)



Year 9 - 26.3.26 (4pm to 7pm)



Year 7 - 21.5.26 (3pm to 7pm)



The window for booking appointments for the parents evenings open two weeks before each event. An email will be sent to all parents/carers with detailed instructions.

Senior Athletics

I am delighted to share some fantastic news from the Newcastle Schools Athletics Association Senior District Championships, which took place on Thursday 24th April 2026 — our Year 9 and 10 students achieved outstanding success. The students were exceptional both on the track and in the field and were impeccably well-behaved throughout the day. They consistently demonstrated our LORIC values, and we received excellent feedback from other staff praising the politeness and respect shown by our students.

The students competed across a wide range of events, including:

- 100m
- 200m
- 400m
- 800m
- 1500m
- Hurdles
- Long Jump
- High Jump
- Triple Jump
- Shot Put
- Discus
- Javelin
- 100m Relay



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OPEN EVENING

"If you do enough small things right, big things can happen."



Thursday 1st October 2026

5pm - 7.30pm

Gloucester Road
ST7 4DL

- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet teachers
- ✓ Review curriculum
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ See our amazing culture in action

For more info: **01782 948250**

Email: communications@kss.set.org



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Year 9 - 'Frost v Till' Reward

As year 8 smashed the 'Frost v Till' challenge back in March and April, their reward took place this afternoon. We have been extremely pleased with the progress of the students since Christmas, with improved attendance, attitude to learning and quality of work.

With options around the corner, lets see what they can achieve for the remainder of the term.



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Senior Athletics

Students who finished 1st and 2nd are now District Champions and have qualified for the County Championships.

Isla S was a standout performance and is now the District Champion in high jump, she achieved an incredible 1.21 metres to win the event on the day.

Dan C 3rd place - Hurdles

Zach T 2nd place - Triple jump

Isaiah W 3rd place - Discus

Brandon H 3rd place - 200 metres

All of our students showed exceptional resilience and support for each other, and we are remarkably proud of their achievements.



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Achieve


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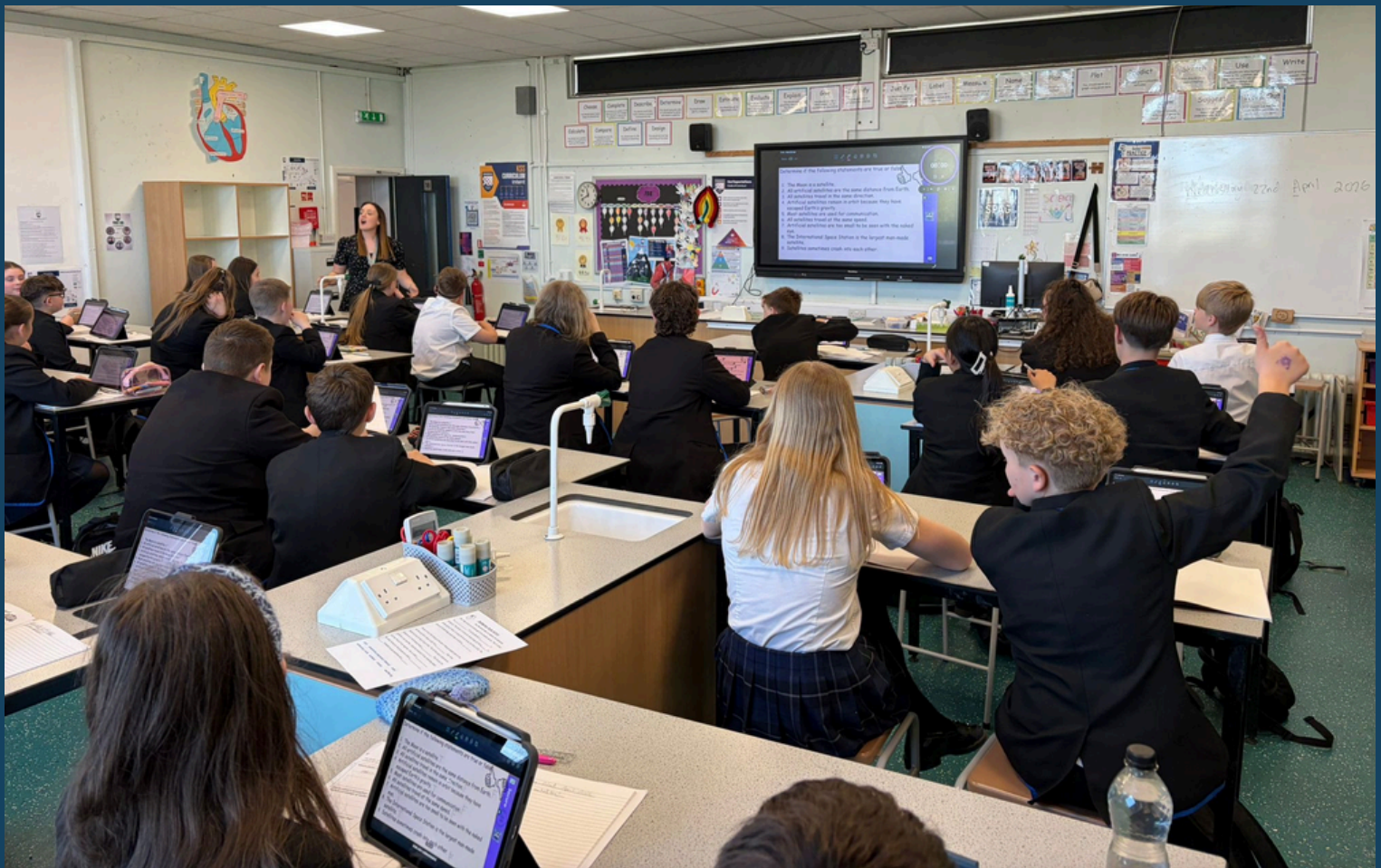
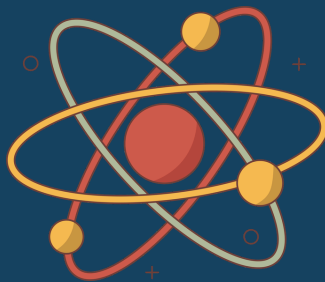
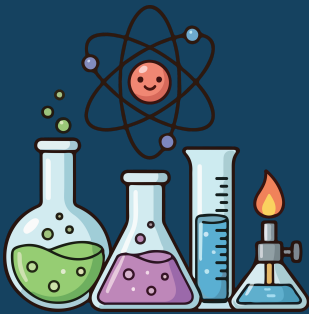


Science

This week, our Year 7 students have been learning all about satellites in Science—and what a real treat it was.

Students showed fantastic enthusiasm and curiosity, confidently sharing their knowledge with Mrs Grice-Lowe. From understanding how satellites orbit the Earth to exploring how they are used in everyday life, it was brilliant to see such engagement and excitement for learning.

A wonderful example of students embracing new knowledge and demonstrating their growing scientific understanding—well done, Year 7!

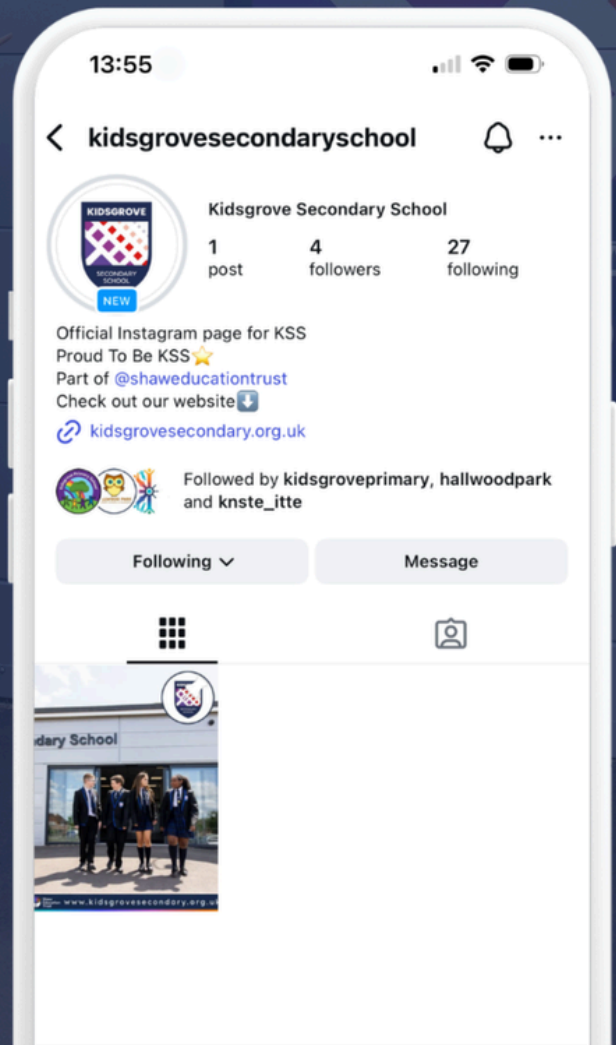




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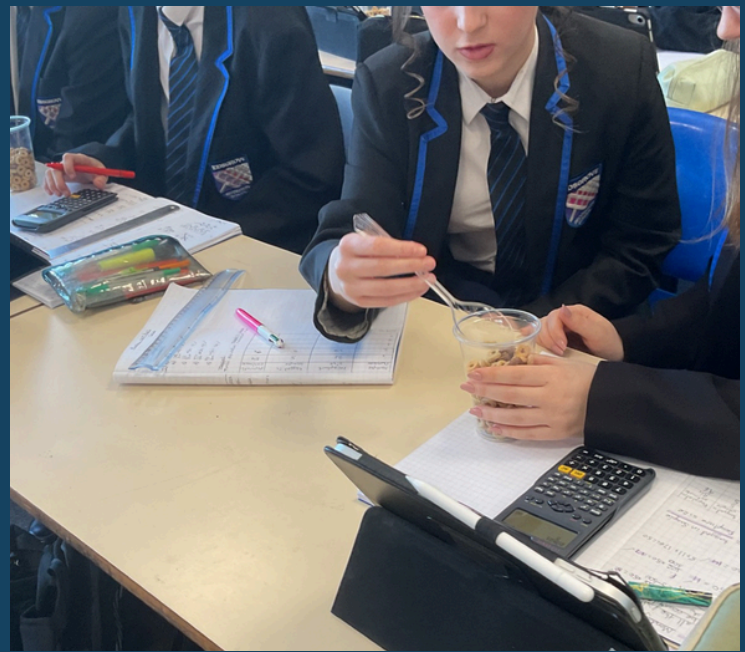
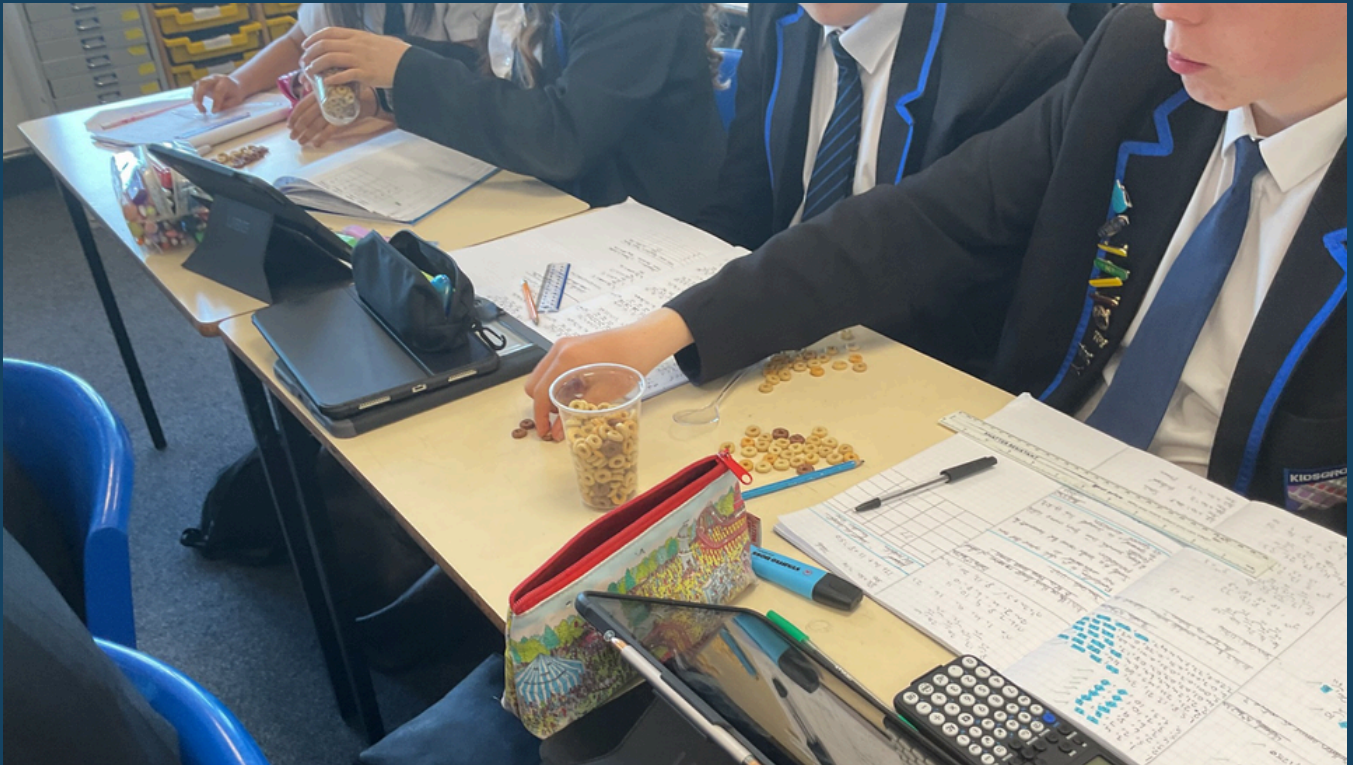


Maths

Recently some of Year 10 have been introduced to the topic 'Capture Recapture' and they explored this by catching and tagging 'fish' ... also known as cereal pieces.

We are sure the memories of 'fishing' in their maths lesson will make the topic more memorable.

We did have a count up after and cannot guarantee that some of the fish were not eaten! Well done Year 10.



SUPER!



ATTENTION!



Can you qualify for our weekly 'Super Six' Headteacher reward breakfast?

All you need to do,
achieve as many positive points as you can
each week.



Welcome

I am delighted to share that we have had two apprentice teaching assistants join KSS after the Easter holidays. Mrs Malpass has integrated seamlessly into life at KSS. Below are a few words from Mrs Malpass...

'Hello, I have recently joined Kidsgrove Secondary as a Teaching Assistant. Having 5 children, who I have home schooled and have SEN needs, I am really looking forward to helping your children feel valued and reach their full potential. Outside of school I enjoy taking my dogs on walks, spending time with my family and swimming.'





KSS
Inclusion Team

Breakfast Club

8.10am to 8.30am

POP ALONG IF YOU WANT
SOMEWHERE CALM TO START
YOUR DAY

📍 READING ROOM



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Quality of Education

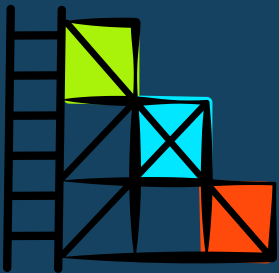
Recently, students across our school have been working incredibly hard to complete their Performance Assessments, alongside Year 11 students preparing for their final GCSE exams. It has been fantastic to see the level of focus, commitment, and determination students are showing as they prepare for these important milestones.

Across all subjects, students have been actively engaging in revision and preparation, developing effective study habits that will support both their current assessments and their future learning.

Effective Revision Strategies:

Some of the most useful ways students have been revising include:

- Flashcards
- Students create cards with key terms, quotations, or facts on one side and definitions or explanations on the other. This supports memory through regular retrieval practice.
- Quizzing on key topics
- Self-quizzing, or being tested by others, helps students to recall information from memory, strengthening long-term retention and identifying gaps in knowledge. Students have been using the Showbie assessments in this way to complete revision quizzes in class, as well as at home, to support their long-term recall.
- Mind maps
- Students organise information visually, linking ideas together. This helps them to see connections between topics and supports deeper understanding.
- Practice questions and exam-style tasks
- Completing past or similar questions allows students to apply their knowledge in context and become familiar with exam expectations.
- Summarising notes
- Reducing information into key points or concise summaries helps students to focus on the most important knowledge and improves clarity of understanding.



Quality of Education

These approaches are particularly valuable because they:

- Encourage active engagement with learning.
- Strengthen memory through repetition and retrieval.
- Help students to identify areas that need further revision.
- Build confidence when applying knowledge in assessments.

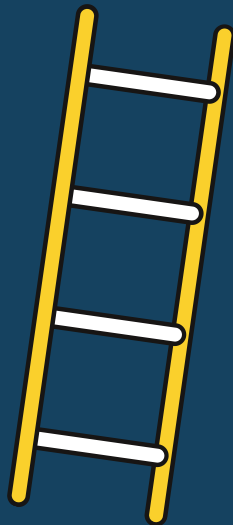
Supporting Revision at Home:

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting students with their revision, whether for current assessments or in preparation for the next academic year. Some helpful ways to support at home include:

- Encouraging students to create and regularly use revision materials such as flashcards or mind maps.
- Quizzing students on key knowledge to support recall and confidence.
- Helping to establish a quiet, focused space for revision.
- Supporting students to create a simple revision timetable to manage their time effectively.
- Encouraging regular breaks and a balanced routine to maintain wellbeing.
- Promoting positive attitudes towards revision, effort, and perseverance.

Looking Ahead to the GCSE Exam season and next academic year:

The strong revision habits students are developing now will continue to support them as they move through school and into future assessments. We are very proud of the effort students are putting into their learning and the maturity they are showing in preparing for their assessments and across all subject areas.



LEARNING EVERYDAY





15th July 2026

SUMMER TRIP



27th April - 26th June
(8 week window)



Y7 & Y8

WELCOME TO



CROCKY TRAIL

WAVERTON, CHESTER

Positive attendance
Less than 25 negatives



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Staffordshire University Visit

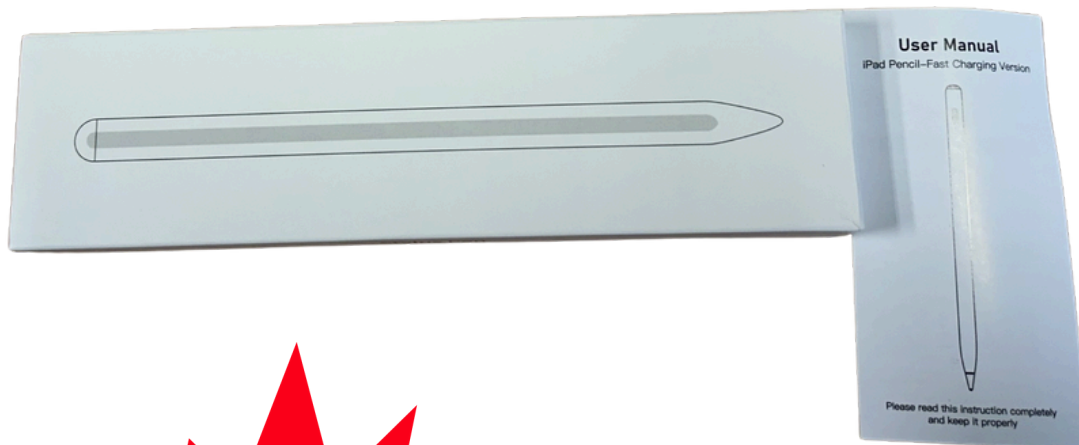
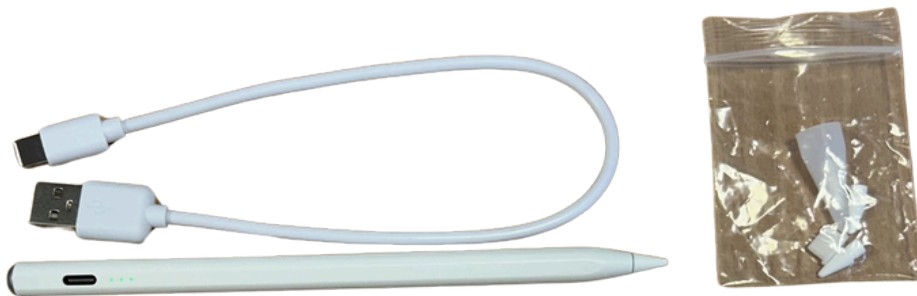
Year 10 students had an inspiring visit to Staffordshire University, delivered in partnership with Higher Horizons.

From the moment they arrived, students were fully immersed in what university life is really like. They explored the campus on a guided tour, gaining a real feel for the environment, facilities, and opportunities available beyond school.

The highlight of the day was taking part in a live university lecture, where students participated in either Digital Forensics or Psychology. This gave them a fantastic insight into different career pathways and what studying these subjects at a higher level involves. Experiences like this are invaluable in helping our students raise aspirations, broaden horizons, and start thinking about their futures with confidence. A huge thank you to Higher Horizons and the team at Staffordshire University for such an engaging and informative day!



Smart Start



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PROM NIGHT



ONE NIGHT. INFINITE MEMORIES.

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DANCE

DRESS TO IMPRESS

DJ

THURSDAY 9TH JULY

7:00 PM – 10:30PM

ARRIVE FROM 6:30PM

ALSAGER GOLF AND COUNTRY
CLUB



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KSS Curriculum - Updates Available

At the heart of everything we do at Kidsgrove Secondary School is our curriculum, designed to inspire, challenge and support every student across a wide range of subject areas. **We have several updated curriculum maps for parents & carers to view on the website.** To help you have meaningful conversations with your child about their learning, we've made detailed curriculum information for every subject available on our website. Simply click the link to explore what your child is studying this year.

Curriculum at the Kidsgrove Secondary | Kidsgrove Secondary

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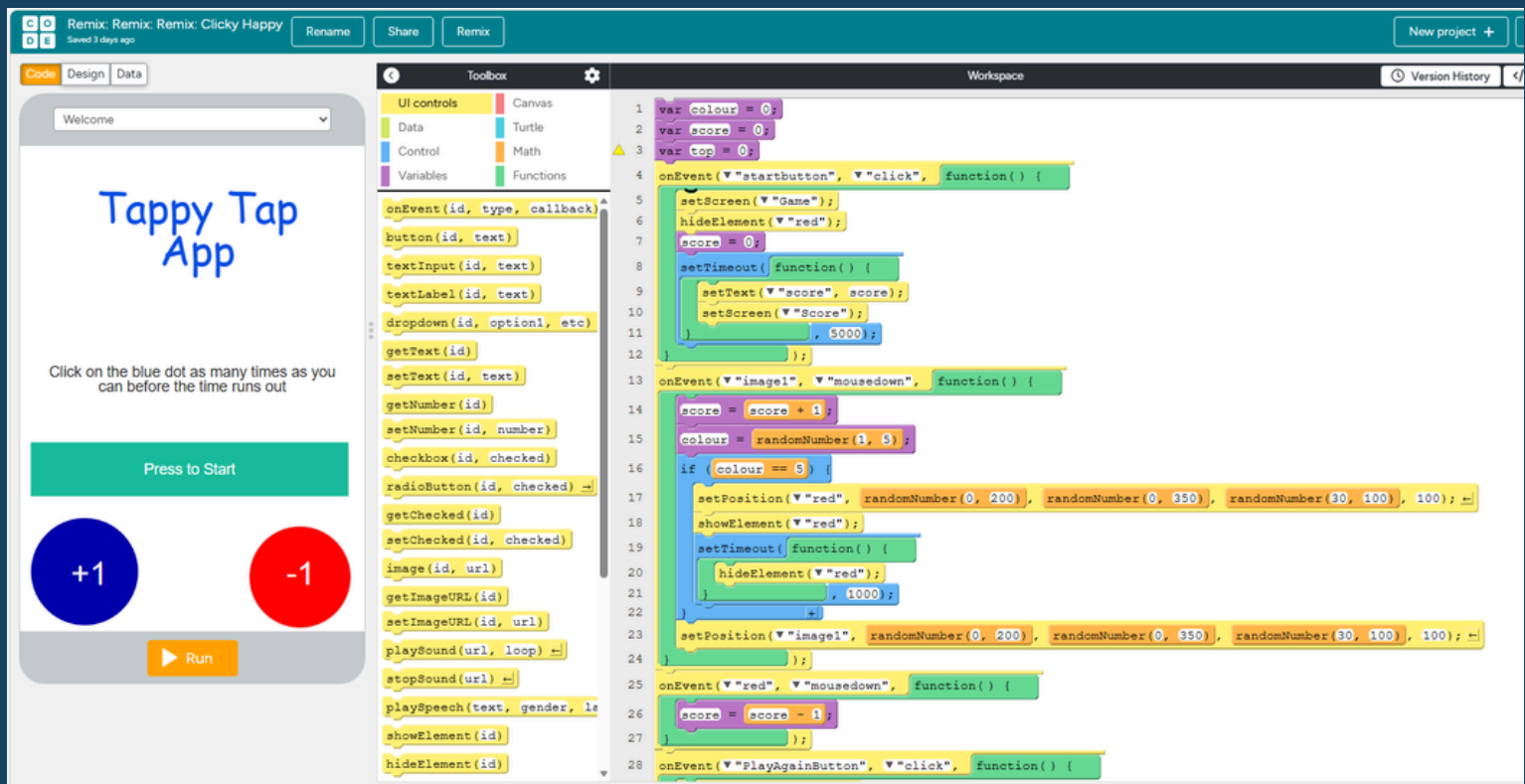


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Computing

Year 8 students have been stepping into the role of app developers this half-term, designing and building their very own interactive project using App Lab on Code.org: the 'Tappy Tap' App.

The journey began with creativity and big thinking, as students explored how apps can solve real-world problems. They learned how to break down complex ideas using decomposition, transforming what first looked like a mountain of code into manageable, bite-sized steps. From designing a welcoming interface to planning gameplay and scoring systems, students quickly realised that great apps are built on thoughtful planning as much as coding skill.

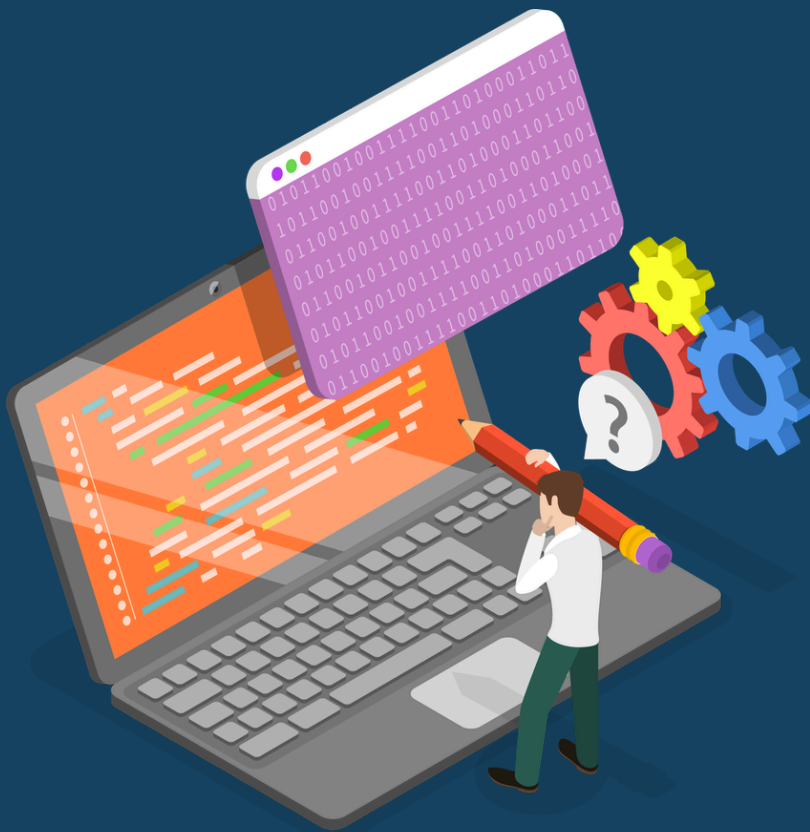


Computing

With their ideas mapped out, students moved into development, bringing their apps to life through event-driven programming. Every tap on the screen became a trigger, setting off sequences of code to update scores, move objects, and create an engaging user experience. Using variables, events, and sequencing, students programmed their apps to respond dynamically, turning simple taps into a fast-paced and interactive game.

Collaboration has also played a key role, with students working in pairs to test, debug, and improve their apps. This approach has encouraged communication, resilience, and problem-solving, as well as giving students the confidence to experiment and refine their ideas.

It has been fantastic to see students progress from initial concepts to fully functioning apps. The 'Tappy Tap App' has not only developed their programming knowledge but also sparked creativity and independence, with many students adding their own unique features to enhance gameplay and user experience.





Homework club

Homework Club provides a quiet, supportive space for students to complete homework, revise, or catch up on classwork. Staff are available to offer guidance, help with organisation, and support students in developing positive independent study habits. All students are welcome.

Monday & Wednesday

3.05-4pm

LSC

See Miss Tucker for details

Opportunity



Integrity



Community



Equity



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Etihad Visit

To supplement their Geography studies exploring urban regeneration, they visited the Etihad Campus, and what a fantastic experience it was!

Students took part in a fascinating presentation about the transformation of East Manchester, learning how the area has evolved over time and the opportunities this regeneration has created. They then enjoyed an exciting stadium tour, quite literally walking in the footsteps of the Manchester City team! But what made us most proud? The students themselves.

They were exemplary from start to finish, engaged, respectful, and a true credit to our school. We received so many compliments about their attitude and behaviour, which made the day even more special. It's always rewarding to see learning come to life beyond the classroom, and our Year 9s absolutely rose to the occasion.

Amazing



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I am delighted to share that we have had two apprentice teaching assistants join us after the Easter holidays. Mrs Begum has joined us from a local primary school and has lots of experience in education. Below are a few words from Mrs Begum...

'My name is Rouhana Begum. I previously worked in Early Years for over a decade and have recently started my role as a Teaching Assistant at Kidsgrove Secondary School. I am also a mother of two boys and take a caring and understanding approach to my work, recognising each individual's needs and adapting my support to help pupils thrive. I am proud to be part of the school community and enjoy contributing to a positive, supportive learning environment.'



OUR ENRICHMENT CLUBS YOU'RE MOST WELCOME

ARE YOU SPORTY?



👂 Get active, get fit, and show off your skills!

Football, Volleyball, Trampolining, Fitness Club and Running Club

ARE YOU A CREATIVE GENIUS?



🎨 Create. Perform. Shine.

Open Art Studio, Craft Club, Performing Arts Drop In, Music Club and Musical Rehearsal



STRATEGIC THINKER

♟️ Think fast. Play smart. Have fun.

Board Games, Chess Club and Darts Club



KNOWLEDGE SEEKER



📖 Feed your brain and flex those intellectual muscles!

Debating and Politics and Homework and Chill



PEOPLE PERSON

🌍 Discover yourself while you discover the world.

🌟 Switch Club, Duke of Edinburgh, Health and Social

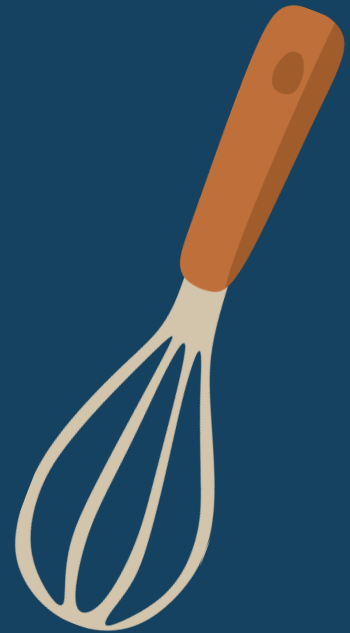
LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

For more details, see your form poster in your classroom

Food Tech

Mrs Bryan and Mrs Tipping-Brown have been cooking up a storm in the food suite this half term. Below are some images from lessons where students have been creating their amazing dishes.



Food Tech



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Food Tech



well done!




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**YUM
MY!**



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Food Tech




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At KSS our students come first and to enable them to be the best version of themselves, we offer a wide range of support! From a bagel as they enter the building, to providing equipment and mental health support.

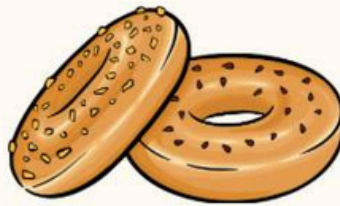


Support at KSS

"If you do enough small things right,
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Uniform bank



Breakfast bagels



Equipment shop



Free sanitary products



Mental health support



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16TH JULY 2026

Y9 & Y10 SUMMER TRIP

TRAFFORD
CENTRE
MANCHESTER

SHOP



EAT



PLAY



CRITERIA

**POSITIVE
ATTENDANCE**

**27th April -
26th June
8 WEEKS**

**LESS THAN
25 NEGATIVES**



KSS

Y6

Transition

WEEK



COMING SOON

JUNE 29TH - 1ST JULY

Monday

Challenge Day

Critical thinking day designed to challenge young minds.

Tuesday

Discovery Day

Problem solving tasks designed to grow young minds

Wednesday

Whole school transition

Getting to know your teachers

Wednesday evening

Parents transition evening

Parents/ carers chance to ask questions and meet the staff.



For more information Transition@kss.set.org

Opportunity



Integrity



Community



Equity



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Pizza Revision

We were delighted to welcome Y11 students to our recent Pizza Revision Evenings – what a fantastic turnout it has been. There was a real buzz in the room, with students fully engaged and making the most of the support on offer. A huge thank you to our core subject colleagues who gave their time to support and guide students throughout the session. A brilliant example of commitment and teamwork.



Revision time!

TEAM WORK



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SAFEGUARDING

Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr. A Till

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders
Ms. H Potts
Mr. J Gillespie

You can speak to ANY member of staff in school.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REPORT A CONCERN



INCLUSION - SENDCO
MS. K HAMBLETON



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY



Kidsgrove Secondary School

Ways of contacting us

-  Reception: 01782 948250
-  Miss Potts on the attendance line by pressing the relevant option via the school telephone number
-  parentsupport@kss.set.org
(this is checked continually throughout the day and into the evenings), this is for any pastoral or attendance related queries or support that you may require.
-  communications@kss.set.org
(this is checked daily). This is for upcoming events, trip queries, term dates and administration queries.
-  kim.hambleton@kss.set.org
for any SEND queries or concerns



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