

HEADTEACHER BULLETIN

Friday 17.7.26

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer break is upon us and what a great time to reflect on the academic year and the amazing achievements of our students. The school continues along its improvement journey each passing year and I genuinely feel extremely privileged to be a small part of this amazing school community.

This year we have continually worked upon improving our quality of education provision and pushing our students to achieve the best outcomes possible in every subject. We will be returning with a continued drive on student homework, literacy and numeracy, along with the continuation of offering exciting enrichment opportunities to all. We also have a number of new staff joining us in September and we cannot wait to see the impact that they will have on our learners across a range of subject specialisms.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for their support during the hot weather that we have experienced recently. We have had continued low levels of absence and the students have demonstrated a growth mindset and flexibility towards their learning.

We had to make the difficult decision to postpone our summer show due to the extreme temperatures last week. It was too much of a risk to our students to confine them into one space, especially under the heat of the stage lights adding to the 30 degree temperatures. Thank you to parents/carers for their messages of support as we know that many families had made arrangements to come and enjoy the show. Ms Hambleton will confirm the date of the rearranged performance in September.

Mr Till has shared a communication home regarding uniform and equipment expectations for September and a slight update has been made to our uniform policy. We are looking forward to welcoming students back in September, refreshed and fully equipped for learning and looking smart.

Finally, from all of the team at KSS, we would like to wish you and your family a fantastic summer. There are extensive works taking place on site over the summer and staff will be working hard to improve the site for our new Year 7 intake and growth in student numbers.

We will be open to Year 11 students at 10am on Thursday the 20th of August for GCSE results day. As previously communicated home, the school will be closed to students on Tuesday the 1st and Wednesday the 2nd of September but we will reopen fully on Thursday the 3rd of September. There will be reminders issued via Facebook in August regarding the new term and the finer details.

Yours faithfully,
Mr S Frost



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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

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There is a culture
of everyone
being valued.
Ofsted 2023

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Good
Provider

COMING SOON

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



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Aberdovey 2026

What an experience and what a trip! Thank you to Mr Gillespie and the staff who led this amazing experience for our students. The students showed all of our core values in abundance, demonstrating resilience, initiative, organisation and leadership. Thank you to all of the parents for supporting this trip and I am sure that the memories will last a life time.



Aberdovey 2026



ATTENDANCE



WHOLE SCHOOL: 93.5 %

YEAR 7 - 95.8%

YEAR 8 - 93.9%

YEAR 9 - 91.2%

YEAR 10 - 91.9%

Year 11 - 94.5%

NATIONAL AVERAGE: 91.4%

BEST FORM YTD: 7SWR

BEST HOUSE: SPITFIRE



London 2026

The weather was stunning and so was the scenery as KSS students visited our nations capital. Mrs Weaver and the staff team were blown away by the resilience of the students in the sweltering heat. The trip was action packed with Tudor themed experiences from the Globe Theatre, the London Eye, the Tower of London and Hampton Court Palace. The students also enjoyed the west end production of 'Wicked' and walked miles around the city. We are delighted to share that this trip will be running next summer for our new Year 8 cohort.



London 2026



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KSS
Inclusion Team

Breakfast Club

8.10am to 8.30am

POP ALONG IF YOU WANT
SOMEWHERE CALM TO START
YOUR DAY

📍 READING ROOM

Year 10 Work Experience

The Year 10 work experience week demonstrated our students maturity and hard work this year, as they embraced a new way of life outside of the classroom and there was such a range of placements providing such incredible work place experiences. Even the students that remained in school worked extremely hard and made such an impression on Mr Harris as his new caretaking team. Well done to all of our students who engaged so brilliantly and to Mrs Weaver for organising work experience week. A big thank you to staff colleagues who carried out placement visits and to employers who offered these amazing opportunities.



WOW!



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Year 10 Work Experience



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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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Shaw Education Trust

Kidsgrove Secondary School

Attendance Matters

#StopTheDrop



KS3 Summer Reward Trip

KS3 students enjoyed a fantastic summer reward trip to the Crocky Trail, organised by Ms Hambleton.

It was a brilliant day filled with fun, laughter, adventure and plenty of mud! 🌧️ Students took on the trail, enjoyed the rides and made some fantastic memories with their friends. The trip was a well-deserved reward for their hard work and positive contributions throughout the year, and it was wonderful to see everyone having such a great time! 💖



KS3 Summer Reward Trip



House Points

The final house points have been counted, including all of the points earned at Sports Day, and we can officially announce that the 2025/26 House Cup winners are... 🥁🥁🥁

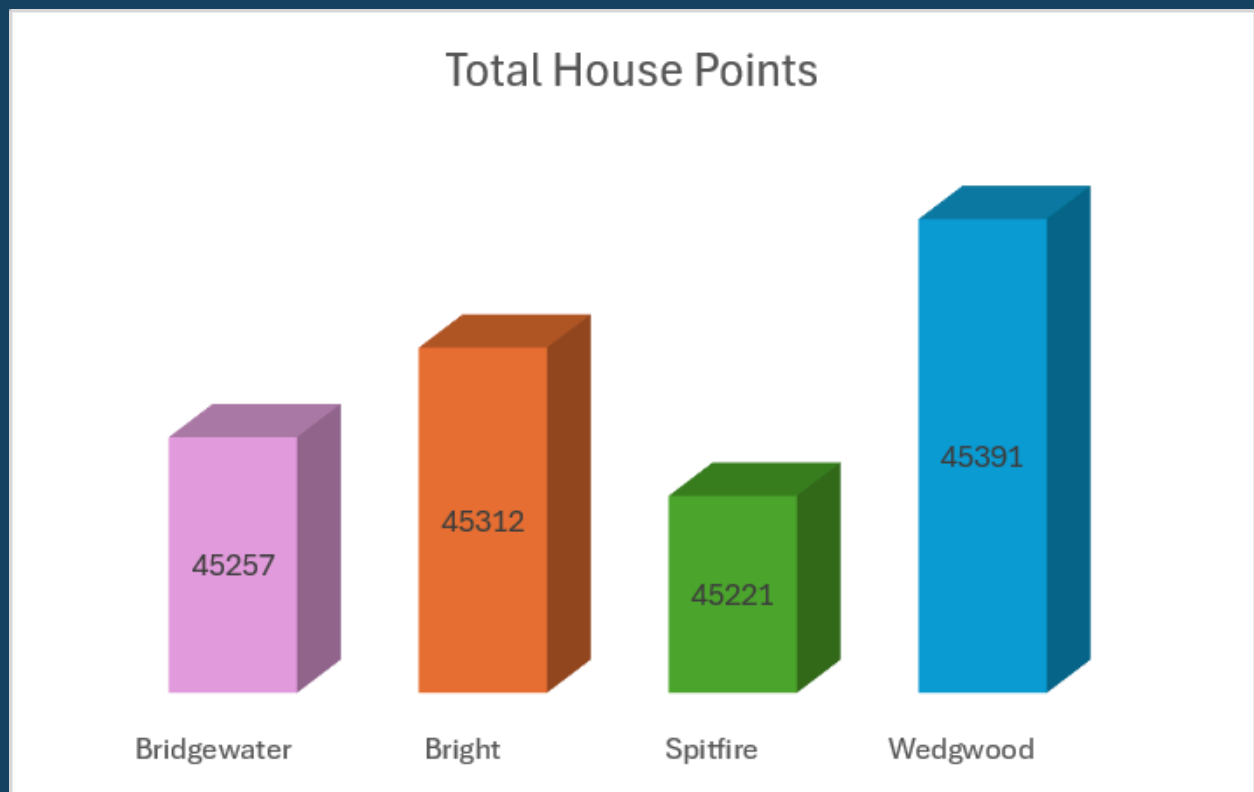
🏆 WEDGWOOD! 🏆

- Wedgwood – 45,391 points
- Bright – 45,312 points
- Bridgewater – 45,257 points
- Spitfire – 45,221 points

What an incredibly close competition, with just 170 points separating all four houses! 🤯👏
A huge congratulations to Wedgwood, who take home the House Cup after a fantastic year! 💙🏆

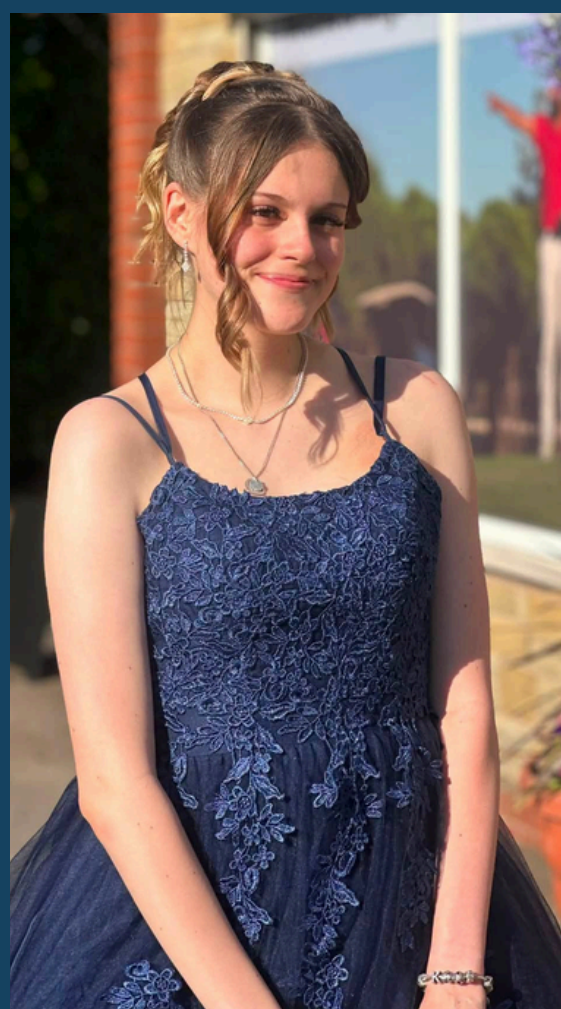
Well done to every single student who has earned house points throughout the year. Whether through hard work, effort, achievement, kindness, participation or representing your house at events such as Sports Day, every point has contributed to your house total.

Congratulations, Wedgwood – our 2025/26 House Cup Champions! 🏆🎉



Year 11 Prom

What a way to say goodbye! Thank you to all parents/carers for their support over the last five years, the class of 2026 will never be forgotten by the KSS team. The students really did scrub up well and it was a lovely atmosphere at the venue with awards for students from staff and some great dance moves! We will miss you Year 11 but we will see you all at 10am on the 20th of August for results day, where we will celebrate your achievements.



Year 11 Prom



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WELL-BEING WARRIORS



Students supporting students
and staff with their mental health



LISTEN

We're here
to listen



SUPPORT

We're here
to support



RESPECT

We respect
everyone



EMPOWER

We empower
each other

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Opportunity



Integrity



Community



Equity



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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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UPDATE



Transition Week

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming our new Year 7 students to Kidsgrove Secondary School during transition week. Throughout the week, students showed fantastic enthusiasm, resilience and maturity as they began getting to know their new school, teachers and classmates. We have been so impressed with how well they embraced every opportunity.

A huge thank you to all of our parents, carers and families for the fantastic turnout at our Year 6 Information Evening. It was wonderful to see so many of you, and we hope you found the evening informative and reassuring as we prepare for September.

We are incredibly excited to officially welcome our new Year 7 cohort in September and can't wait to see everything they will achieve.



Transition Week



Prefect Team Update



Introducing Our
**NEWLY APPOINTED
PREFECTS!**

We are proud to introduce our newly appointed Prefects
Archie, Hettie, India and Talulah.

They were the elite chosen out of dozens of students who applied,
demonstrating outstanding leadership, commitment and dedication
to our school community.

Congratulations on this fantastic achievement!


ARCHIE


HETTIE


INDIA


TALULAH

Opportunity



Integrity



Community



Equity



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KS4 Summer Reward Trip

A great way to end the term with Mr Till's annual Trafford Centre trip for our KS4 students. We had students go to see the new Minions film, play Laser Tag and hit the shops.

The students conducted themselves brilliantly and were a credit to the staff team. Well done to all of the students that qualified and a special mention to our attendance winners who were all given a £10 shopping voucher to use on the day.



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16TH JULY 2026

**Y9 & Y10
SUMMER
TRIP**

TRAFFORD
MANCHESTER

SHOP **EAT** **PLAY**

CRITERIA

POSITIVE ATTENDANCE	27th April - 26th June 8 WEEKS	LESS THAN 25 NEGATIVES
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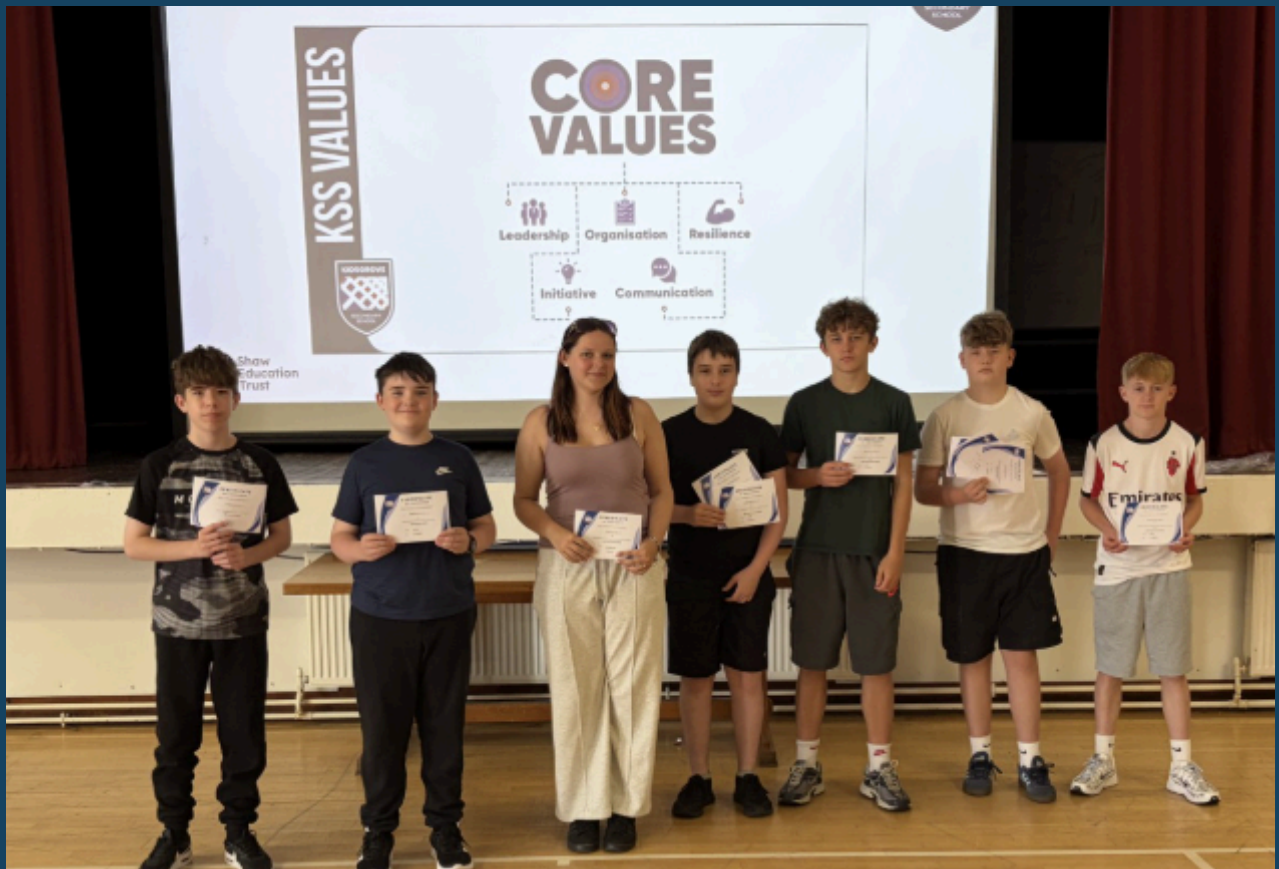
Celebration Assemblies



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Meet Our Learning Support Team



If you feel that you need extra support in lessons or that you are struggling, please speak to one of the team.



Ms Hambleton
SENDCo



Miss Wright
Assistant SENDCo



Mrs Beard
HTLA



Miss Tucker
Teaching Assistant



Mrs West
Teaching Assistant



Miss Looskan
Teaching Assistant



Miss Rainbird
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Malpass
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Begum
Teaching Assistant



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Computing Visit

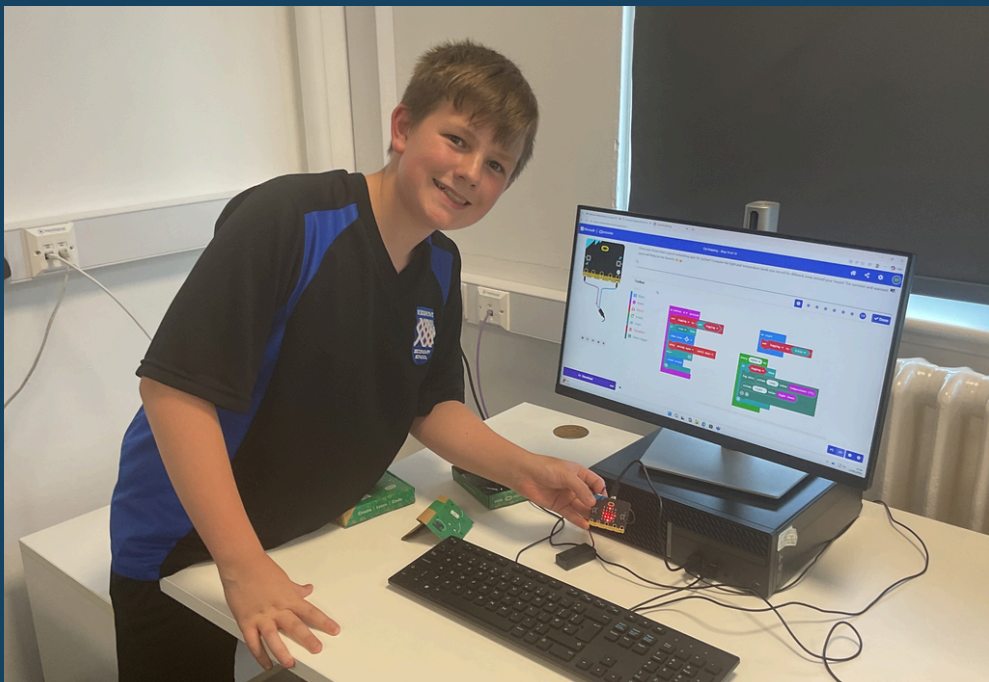
Our Year 7 students recently took part in an exciting Microbit workshop organised by Ms Morrell and delivered by ComputerXplorers, who visited the school to provide a hands-on introduction to coding and physical computing. Students learned how to program their Micro and put their new skills into action by creating their own interactive Rock, Paper, Scissors games.

The workshop was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their computational thinking, problem-solving and programming skills in a fun and engaging environment. It was wonderful to see so many students enthusiastically experimenting with code and exploring the capabilities of their devices.

A special mention goes to Edward R, who went above and beyond by spending his lunchtime exploring additional coding challenges. Edward created his own program that uses the Micro's sensors to measure the temperature and light levels in a room, helping to identify the perfect environment for growing a cactus. His curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm for coding were truly impressive and demonstrate the innovative thinking we love to see from our students.

We would like to thank ComputerXplorers for delivering such an engaging workshop and inspiring our students to further develop their digital skills.

Well done to all of our Year 7 coders for their fantastic effort and achievements!









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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

Sports Day 2026

What a fantastic Sports Day! We are incredibly proud of all of our students who took part today. The effort, determination, teamwork and house spirit on display were absolutely brilliant!

A huge well done to everyone who competed, supported their house and helped to make the day such a success.

Now for the overall result...

🏆💖 BRIDGEWATER ARE THE 2026 SPORTS DAY CHAMPIONS! 💖🏆

An incredible achievement as Bridgewater take the overall title for the THIRD YEAR IN A ROW! 🏆🏆🏆🏆



Sports Day 2026



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Sports Day 2026



**CONTACT
US**



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.



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**INCLUSION - SENDCO
MS. K HAMBLETON**



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY



**Kids Grove Secondary
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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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