

HEADTEACHER BULLETIN

Friday 18.9.26

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the first Headteacher Bulletin of the 2026-2027 academic year and what a great first three weeks it has been.

We have been delighted with the excellent start made by Year 7 students as they have embraced life at KSS. Collectively, they have had lots thrown at them during the course of the first three weeks of the term and they have demonstrated excellent resilience in tackling the big move to busy secondary school life. There have been lots of baseline assessments, CAT4 tests and reading assessments completed which will inform subject staff with invaluable academic data, as we get to know the cohort.

It is not only our new Year 7's that have made a good start to the year. Year 11 and Year 10 students are showing excellent focus and energy in their lessons. It is scary to think that there are less than 130 days until the summer exam series for our class of 2027 but they are showing a real determination to succeed. This is also the case for our Year 10's who are enjoying their GCSE studies and working hard. Key stage 3 students have been busy engaging with their Year 8 and Year 9 curriculums and it has been a pleasure to drop into lessons to see students actively engaged in a range of subject activities. A particular highlight of the first few weeks of the term is the work that key stage 3 are completing in Maths lessons, where student voice is very strong.

Included within this edition of the bulletin are images of our new classrooms and reading room that were completed as part of our summer works programme. The new teaching spaces are state of the art spaces and are such bright open environments that support student learning. We have further projects planned this academic year and we cannot wait to showcase these to you all when you visit the school for events and parents evenings. The school has doubled in size since 2021 and the new spaces are what our students and staff deserve. The works have been supported by the Shaw Education trust who have made the works possible.

Finally, we are delighted to launch with the students this term, the 'KSS Pledge'. There is information enclosed within this edition of the bulletin but this is an exciting initiative organised by Mrs Weaver and Mr Jessup, which will add some real value to our fantastic Personal Development offer.

Yours faithfully,
Mr S Frost



ATTENDANCE



WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.6 %

YEAR 7 - 98.2%

YEAR 8 - 96.3%

YEAR 9 - 94.6%

YEAR 10 - 87.5%

Year 11 - 93.3%

NATIONAL AVERAGE: 93.9%

BEST FORM YTD: 7HNO

BEST HOUSE: Wedgewood



Attendance



KIDSGROVE
SECONDARY SCHOOL

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





Duke of Edinburgh Parent Meeting – 24.9.26

European Day of Languages – 26.9.26

Year 6 Open Evening – 1.10.26

**Year 10 History/Year 11 Geography Trip –
2.10.26**

Enrichment Day – 7.10.26



Quality of Education



A Positive Start to the New Academic Year

It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year, with students across Kidsgrove Secondary School settling quickly into our high expectations for learning. Our new Year 7 students have responded particularly well to our classroom routines and expectations, while students in Years 8–11 have quickly re-established the positive learning habits developed last year.

A Strong Focus on Literacy

Across every lesson, there is a clear focus on literacy and the quality of pupils' written work. Staff support students to use accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar, including capital letters and appropriate punctuation throughout their writing.

We are also reinforcing high standards of presentation. Students underline dates and titles neatly with a ruler and are already demonstrating high expectations of themselves by taking pride in the quality and presentation of their work.

Responding to Feedback

Feedback remains an important part of learning at Kidsgrove Secondary School. Students use green pen to tick, edit and improve their work when whole-class feedback is delivered during lessons. They also use green pen when responding to personalised targets set by their teachers following secure, independent tasks.

These routines encourage students to reflect carefully on their learning, identify where improvements can be made and take greater responsibility for the quality of their work.

Using Technology to Support Learning

Students are making effective use of their iPads and styluses during lessons, particularly when completing shorter written responses. Alongside this, secure tasks provide regular opportunities for students to demonstrate their understanding through extended writing. Whether completing an academic essay or responding to questions designed to check and deepen their understanding, pupils are encouraged to review their work carefully, with a particular focus on accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Thank You to Our Families

We would like to thank all our families and carers for supporting students in arriving at school ready to learn and with the correct equipment to ensure our high expectations of Literacy and presentation are met.

Opportunity



Integrity



Community



Equity



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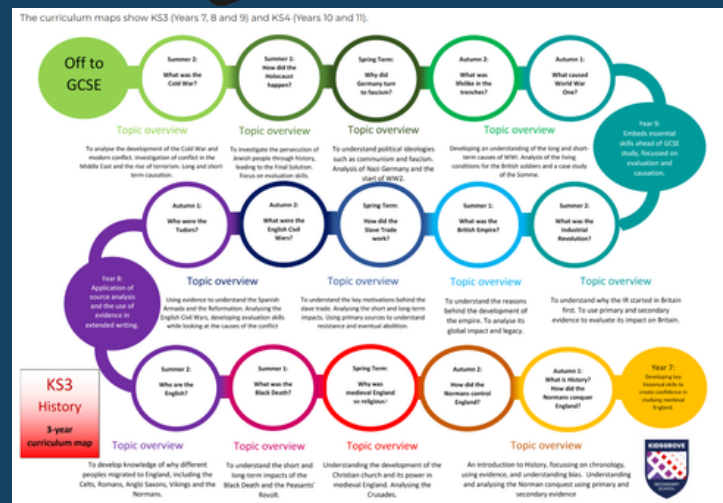


KSS Curriculum - Updates Available

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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ENGLISH



MATHS



SCIENCE



ART



COMPUTER SCIENCE



TECHNOLOGY/PHOTOGRAPHY



FOOD TECHNOLOGY



GEOGRAPHY



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE





Physical Education



It has been a brilliant start to the year in PE, with fantastic engagement and enthusiasm from our students. PE kit standards have also been excellent – our students are looking smart, organised and ready to learn! This half term, students are developing their skills through netball and football, with a real focus on teamwork, communication and improving performance.

We also have a range of PE extra-curricular clubs running throughout the week. We would love to see as many students as possible getting involved – whether you want to develop your skills, represent the school or simply enjoy being active with friends, there is something for everyone!



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House Points

What an incredible start to the new school year at KSS! 🌟

Since the start of term, our students have already earned an AMAZING 13,616 positive points! 🙌🙌🙌

💜 Bridgewater – 3,457 positives

🧡 Bright – 3,313 positives

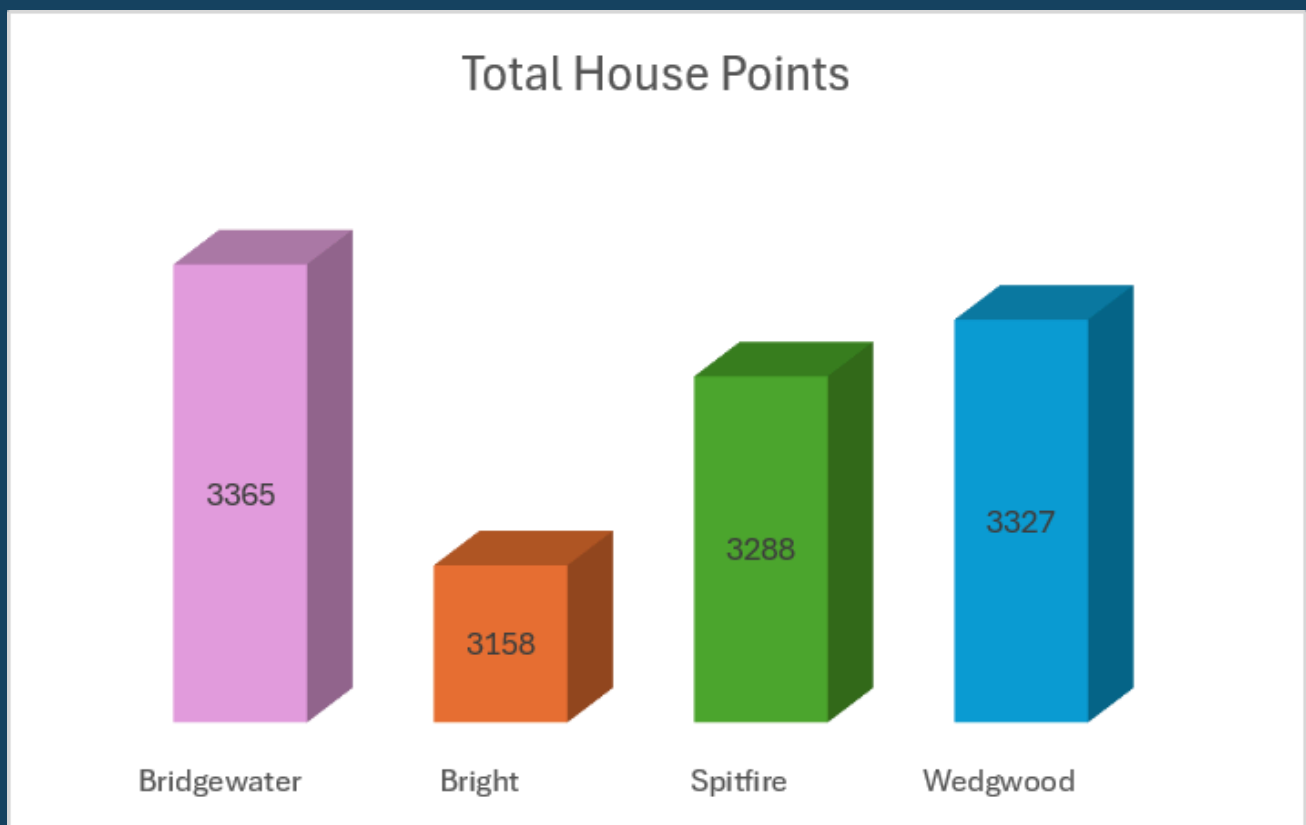
💚 Spitfire – 3,383 positives

💙 Wedgwood – 3,463 positives

A fantastic reflection of the hard work, positive attitudes and brilliant contributions we are seeing from our students every single day.

The competition is incredibly close, but **Bridgewater** currently leads the way in total with 3,365 points!

Keep collecting those positives, KSS – every point counts towards the House Cup! 💪🌟



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EDUCATIONAL VISITS & TRIPS

2026 – 2027

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



MONTH	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	MIXED YEAR GROUPS
SEPTEMBER 						
OCTOBER 	Halloween Disco	Spanish/Art Liverpool Visit Halloween Disco	English – Romeo and Juliet New Vic Theatre	History Salford Visit Spanish Liverpool Visit KS4 ScareFest Trip	Geography Salford Visit Stanley Head Residential KS4 ScareFest Trip	
NOVEMBER 	Food Tech Cadbury World	Geography Peak Wildlife Visit	KS4 Poland Visit	Spanish Manchester Visit KS4 Poland Visit	KS4 Poland Visit	
DECEMBER 	Christmas Disco/Film KS3 Reward Trip	Christmas Disco/Film KS3 Reward Trip	Christmas Disco/Film KS3 Reward Trip			
JANUARY			Aspire Day @ SSFC Art Blue Planet Aquarium		H&C Stoke College Visit	Basketball Finals at Utilita Arena
FEBRUARY 	Emma Bridgewater Visit		Paris Visit	H&C Football Stadium Visit English Manaceto Theatre in School – MacBeth	English Manaceto Theatre in School – MacBeth	
MARCH 	History Warwick Castle					Dance Club Performance at the Victoria Hall
APRIL 		Higher Horizons Campus Visit	RS Coventry Cathedral Visit	Higher Horizons Campus Visit		
MAY						
JUNE 	Aberdovey Visit RS Places of Worship Visit	London Tudor Trail Visit		Geography Dovedale Visit		
JULY	Summer Reward Trip	Summer Reward Trip	Summer Reward Trip	Summer Reward Trip		



RESIDENTIAL VISITS

These trips include an overnight stay and provide unforgettable experiences that build independence, resilience and friendships.



FUNDED BY KSS

These visits are fully funded by KSS to support Post-16 next steps or are mandatory skills studies that prepare students for future opportunities and success.

OUR TRIPS AND VISITS HELP STUDENTS TO EMBRACE OUR LORIC VALUES



LEADERSHIP

Taking responsibility, encouraging others and leading by example.



ORGANISATION

Preparing effectively and managing ourselves independently.



RESILIENCE

Embracing challenges and stepping outside our comfort zone.



INITIATIVE

Showing curiosity, confidence and a willingness to try new experiences.



COMMUNICATION

Working collaboratively and communicating respectfully with others.



These are our proposed trips for next year but may be subject to a change in date dependent on School staffing and events and external providers.



Information, consent and payment details will be sent via Arbor for each visit.



National Fitness Day

KSS celebrated National Fitness Day with students across the school getting active! 🎉 Our Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in circuit lessons, completing a range of exercises designed to get them moving, raise their heart rates and experience the physical and mental benefits of exercise. 💙

The celebrations continued on Friday, with the rest of the school getting involved during form time, making it a fantastic whole-school event.

It was great to see the KSS community embracing the message of National Fitness Day – getting active, boosting energy and recognising the importance of exercise for our health and wellbeing. 🏃 ⚡ 😊



NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

MOVE • PLAY • FEEL GREAT

FORM TIME ACTIVITIES & QUIZ

GET ACTIVE • BOOST YOUR ENERGY • FEEL THE BENEFITS

15 MINS 8 SIMPLE EXERCISES

DO EACH EXERCISE FOR 45 SECONDS. REST FOR 15 SECONDS. REPEAT 2-3 TIMES.

1 SQUATS

Stand with your feet shoulder width apart, keep your back straight and sit down as if into a chair. Then stand up.

2 ARM CIRCLES

Extend your arms out to the side and make small circles forwards for 45 seconds, then backwards for 45 seconds.

3 SHOULDER LIFTS

Stand with your feet shoulder width apart, keep your back straight and sit down as if into a chair. Then stand up.

4 CHAIR STEP UPS

Stand with your feet shoulder width apart, keep your back straight and sit down as if into a chair. Then stand up.

5 SEATED KNEE LIFTS

Sit on the floor with your legs straight out in front of you. Lift one knee at a time towards your chest, keeping it straight. Alternate legs.

6 SIDE LEG RAISES

Sit on the floor with your legs straight out in front of you. Lift one leg out to the side, keeping it straight. Alternate legs.

7 SEATED TWISTS

Sit on the floor with your legs straight out in front of you. Lift one knee at a time towards your chest, keeping it straight. Alternate legs.

8 HAND CIRCLES

Stand with your feet shoulder width apart, keep your back straight and sit down as if into a chair. Then stand up.

FITNESS & SPORT QUIZ

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

Circle the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

- Which of the following is a component of physical fitness?
A. Strength B. Flexibility C. Creativity D. Confidence
- How many minutes of moderate activity is recommended for children and young people per day?
A. 20 B. 30 C. 40 D. 50
- What does BMI stand for?
A. Body Mass Index B. Balanced Mass Index C. Body Mass Index D. Body Mass Index
- Which muscle group is mainly worked when you do a squat?
A. Arms B. Legs C. Back D. Neck
- What is the main benefit of regular exercise for your mental health?
A. Increased energy B. Increased stress C. Increased confidence D. Increased happiness
- Which sport is played with a shuttlecock and a racket?
A. Tennis B. Badminton C. Cricket D. Hockey
- Which country hosted the first modern Olympic Games in 1896?
A. London B. Athens C. Paris D. Tokyo
- Which of these is an Olympic sport?
A. Football B. Chess C. Fencing D. Competition
- How do the Olympic Games help to bring people together?
A. They promote friendship and understanding B. They promote friendship and understanding C. They promote friendship and understanding D. They promote friendship and understanding
- There are several benefits of regular exercise. Which of the following is NOT a benefit?
A. Increased energy B. Increased stress C. Increased confidence D. Increased happiness

GOOD LUCK!

HEALTHIER BODIES
HAPPIER MINDS
STRONGER TOGETHER

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Well Being Warriors – Reward Lunch

Last Friday we invited some of our fantastic students to enjoy a special Headteacher Reward Lunch in recognition of their brilliant efforts and achievements in being our Well Being Warriors! It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate children who have impressed us with their hard work, positive attitudes, kindness and commitment to our school values. We are incredibly proud of you all – what a wonderful way to end the week!



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COMING SOON

SEND Coffee Morning

Thursday 8th October
9am-10am



Meet the Learning Support Team



Talk about your child's needs.



Find out about the support we offer

A COFFEE MORNING
DEDICATED TO
SEND PARENTS
WHOSE CHILD WILL
BE STARTING HIGH
SCHOOL IN
SEPTEMBER 2027.



Scan the QR code to
register your
interest.



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Maths

It is lovely to celebrate a fantastic start to the school year in the maths department! We have been very impressed with students and their fantastic attitude to learning. For this edition of the bulletin, we thought we would put a spotlight on Key Stage 3 and share some pictures of them hard at work. Year 7 have started their maths journey by exploring probability through a variety of activities and experiments.



Maths



THE KSS PLEDGE



Kidsgrove Secondary School is proud to announce the KSS Pledge!

A new incentive to help students to improve and develop their personal development. The pledge will impact students and their development inside and outside of the classroom.

The pledge supports the development of students as a whole.

- **How will students benefit from the Pledge?**
-  Builds healthy, balanced lives by developing knowledge of mental health, relationships, physical health and financial literacy, helping young people make informed choices and look after themselves and others.
-  Keeps young people safe by developing understanding of safeguarding, risk, rights, online safety, exploitation and where to access trusted support.
-  Develops character and values by encouraging respect, responsibility, resilience and an understanding of British Values, helping pupils contribute positively to school and society.
-  Strengthens learning and future readiness by developing metacognition, resilience and a growth mindset, while connecting learning to careers, aspirations and employability.
-    Helps young people understand and participate in the world around them by exploring identity, equality and inclusion, citizenship and community engagement, alongside digital literacy and responsible online identity.



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THE KSS PLEDGE



What are the 8 strands of the Personal Development Pledge?

1. ● Wellbeing
(mental health / relationships / Physical health / Financial literacy)
2. ● Safeguarding
(safety, risk, rights, online safety, exploitation, support)
3. ● Character, values & British Values
4. ● Learning to Learn (metacognition, resilience, growth mindset)
5. ● Identity, equality & inclusion
6. ● Careers, aspirations & employability
7. ● Citizenship & community engagement
8. ● Digital literacy & online identity

What is expected of students:

All students (Years 7 - 10) have a folder ready and waiting in their personal development lesson on Showbie.

As the year goes on, students must attempt to complete the pledges and give evidence of when they have completed the tasks.

Each half term, there will be a personal development session in class, giving students time to reflect on their achievements and to evidence the pledge strands they have completed.

Students will receive physical records of achievement to celebrate their completion of the pledge and KSS is excited to reward and celebrate with student successes!



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SUCCESS FOR ALL



LEADERSHIP
Be the change



ORGANISATION
Seek it out



RESILIENCE
Show you care



INITIATIVE
Do what's right



COMMUNICATION
Stronger together

*If you do
the small things right,
big things can happen.*

YEAR 11 YOUR NEXT STEPS

PREPARE | EXPLORE | APPLY | ACHIEVE

**POST 16
OPPORTUNITIES**
*Different paths.
Brighter futures.*

YOUR FUTURE STARTS NOW

COLLEGE | SIXTH FORM
APPRENTICESHIP | EMPLOYMENT

1

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

Find the right path for you.

- ✓ Find out about local colleges and sixth forms.
- ✓ Explore apprenticeship opportunities.
- ✓ Learn about different careers and industries.
- ✓ Attend open events and taster days.
- ✓ Talk to family, teachers and the Careers Team.



2

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Make informed choices.

- ✓ Visit college and sixth form websites.
- ✓ Look at course information, entry requirements and facilities.
- ✓ Watch videos and read student reviews.
- ✓ Compare your options.
- ✓ Use Unifrog to explore careers and pathways.



3

PREPARE AND APPLY

Don't leave it too late.

- ✓ Check application deadlines.
- ✓ Make sure your application is complete and accurate.
- ✓ Write a strong personal statement (if needed).
- ✓ Ask for a reference if required.
- ✓ Follow up on your application and check your emails.



4

DEVELOP KEY SKILLS

Show you're ready.

- ✓ Build your confidence and communication skills.
- ✓ Gain work experience or volunteering (if possible).
- ✓ Take responsibility and be reliable.
- ✓ Show a positive attitude and be ready to learn.
- ✓ Keep working hard in your GCSEs.



5

THINK ABOUT FINANCE

Be prepared for the costs.

- ✓ Find out about student transport options.
- ✓ Look into bursaries, financial support and free school meals (if eligible).
- ✓ Consider costs such as equipment, trips and travel.
- ✓ Plan a budget and talk to your family if needed.



6

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

A positive you, a brighter future.

- ✓ Manage your time effectively.
- ✓ Take breaks and look after your wellbeing.
- ✓ Ask for support if you're feeling uncertain or anxious.
- ✓ Celebrate your achievements – you're almost there!



KEY THINGS TO DO NOW

- ✓ Attend open events
- ✓ Research and compare your options
- ✓ Complete your applications
- ✓ Keep checking your emails
- ✓ Speak to the Careers Team for support
- ✓ Continue to work hard in your GCSEs
- ✓ Have a plan (and a backup plan)

*Opportunities
don't just happen,
you make them happen.*



*Your
Future
Your
Choice*

**EXPLORE
LEARN
BELONG
ACHIEVE**



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POST 16 OPEN EVENTS

EXPLORE | DISCOVER | PLAN | YOUR FUTURE

Different paths, brighter futures.

COLLEGE

SIXTH FORM

APPRENTICESHIP

EMPLOYMENT

*Your
Next Step
Starts
Here*

OCTOBER

Tue 6th	Cheshire College South and West	5:30pm – 8:00pm
Wed 7th	Stoke Sixth Form College	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thu 8th	Alsager Sixth Form	5:00pm – 7:30pm
Thu 8th	Newcastle College	5:30pm – 8:00pm
Wed 14th	Stoke College	5:00pm – 8:00pm
Sat 17th	Reaseheath College	Time TBC
Thu 22nd	Congleton Sixth Form	Time TBC
Thu 22nd	Macclesfield College	5:30pm – 7:30pm

NOVEMBER

Tue 10th	Reaseheath College	Time TBC
Wed 11th	Newcastle College	5:30pm – 8:00pm
Tue 17th	Stoke Sixth Form College	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Wed 18th	Stoke College	5:00pm – 8:00pm
Thu 19th	Cheshire College South and West	5:30pm – 8:00pm
Sat 21st	Macclesfield College	10:30am – 1:00pm

JANUARY

Thu 21st	Macclesfield College	5:30pm – 7:30pm
Sat 23rd	Newcastle College	5:30pm – 8:00pm
Sat 30th	Reaseheath College	Time TBC

FEBRUARY

Wed 10th	Stoke College	5:00pm – 8:00pm
Thu 11th	Kings Sixth Form	Time TBC

MARCH

Thu 11th	Stoke Sixth Form College	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Sat 20th	Reaseheath College	Time TBC

APRIL

Sat 24th	Newcastle College	5:30pm – 8:00pm
Sat 24th	Reaseheath College	Time TBC

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Enrichment



We are excited to launch our brand-new Enrichment Clubs Programme, that started this week. There is something for everyone, with a fantastic range of lunchtime and after-school activities. We would encourage all students to take part in as many of these experiences as possible and we are delighted to extend these clubs to Year 5 and Year 6 students from the Kildgrove Primary School.



*Be curious
Be kind
Be brilliant*

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER

*If you do the small things right,
big things can happen*

MEET PEOPLE

LEARN NEW SKILLS

HAVE FUN

BUILD YOUR FUTURE

ENRICHMENT CLUBS OFFER				SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER								
Day	LUNCHTIME CLUBS 13:25 – 13:55			AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 15:10 – 16:10								
Everyday	Reading Room (available every day)			Homework Club (in the Reading Room) (available every day)								
Monday	The Attenborough Society Y7, Y8 and Y9 Room 9 – Mr Williams			KS3 Science Support Y7, Y8 and Y9 Room 23 – Dr Ma								
Tuesday	Drama Club All Years Room 26 – Miss Phillips	Film and Media Club Y8 and Y9 Room 2 – Miss North	Maths Lunch Club Y7 and Y8 Room 13 – Mrs Frost	Card Games Club Y7, Y8 and Y9 Room 6 – Ms Hud	KS4 Science Support Y10 and Y11 Room 23 – Dr Ma	Fitness Club All Years Fitness Suite – Mr Till	Warhammer Club All Years Room 3 – Mr Barlow	Matilda Rehearsals Cast Members Hall – Mr Gillespie				
Wednesday	Gaming, Coding and Animation Y7, Y8 and Y9 Room 15 – Ms Morrell			Maths Lunch Club Y9 and Y10 Room 13 – Mrs Frost			Girls Football Week A – Y7/Y8 – Miss Phillips Week B – Y9/Y10 – Miss Phillips Astro Pitch	Art Club Y7, Y8 and Y9 Room 10 – Miss Cross				
Thursday	History, Politics and Debate Club All Years Room 24 – Mr Jessup and Mr Hilditch			Chess Club All Years Room 1 – Mr Old			Craft Club Y7, Y8 and Y9 Room 12 – Mrs Price	Dance Club All Years Fitness Suite – Miss Phillips	Football Club Relax to come out once fixtures are known Mr Barker Brown Meet in Changing Rooms	Netball Club Week A – KS3 – Ms Hambleton Week B – KS4 – Ms Hambleton Meet in Changing Rooms	Switch Club All Years Room 4 – Mr Frost	Matilda Rehearsals Cast Members Hall – Mr Gillespie
Friday				Duke of Edinburgh Award DofE Students Room 6 – DofE Team			Trampoline Club Week A – KS3 – Ms Hambleton Week B – KS4 – Ms Hambleton Meet in Changing Rooms					

Try a new club. Make new friends. Discover your passion.

GCSE INTERVENTION SESSIONS		Support Revise Achieve	
Day	LUNCHTIME INTERVENTIONS 13:25 – 13:55	AFTER SCHOOL INTERVENTIONS 15:10 – 16:10	
Monday	Art – Room 5 – HBB Media – Room 15 – SMO Week A – Sport Studies – FCR – JBB Week A – History – Room 7 – MHI Week B – History – Room 4 – SFR Geography – Room 19 – LWE Art – Room 5 – HBB		
Tuesday	Performing Arts – Room 26 – BPH Art – Room 5 – HBB	Maths	
Wednesday	Science Intervention	Hospitality and Catering – SBR	
Thursday	Spanish – Room 6 – KHJ Health and Social – Room 8 – SWR Art – Room 5 – HBB	English Intervention	
Friday			

ALL ARE WELCOME!

GET INVOLVED!

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Be the best version of yourself

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ORGANISATION
Be prepared
Be ready

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RESILIENCE
Keep going
Overcome challenges

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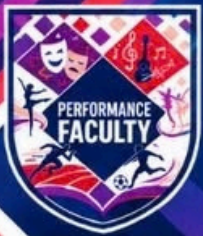
INITIATIVE
Be proactive
Make a positive difference

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COMMUNICATION
Listen
Share
Work together

More than a school... a community





PERFORMANCE FACULTY

Extra-curricular Timetable

PERFORM PARTICIPATE BELONG

Be Creative
Be Active
Be You!



TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY		FRIDAY	TUESDAY LUNCHTIME	
 FITNESS CLUB 3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. Year Groups: KS3 & KS4 Staff: ATI & JBB Frequency: Both Weeks GET FIT BE STRONG BELONG	 GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB 3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. Year Groups: Year 7 & 8 (Week A) Year 9 & 10 (Week B) Staff: BPH Frequency: Week A & B PLAY DEVELOP ACHIEVE	 DANCE CLUB 3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. Year Groups: All Years Staff: BPH Frequency: Week A & B TEAMWORK SKILLS SUCCESS	 NETBALL CLUB 3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. Year Groups: Year 7 & 8 (Week B) (Week A) Staff: KHA Frequency: Week A & B (as per year groups above) SUPPORT PROGRESS BELONG	 FOOTBALL CLUB 3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. Year Groups: Rotational – based on year group with upcoming football fixtures Staff: JBB Frequency: Week A & B DEVELOP COMPETE EXCEL	 TRAMPOLINING 3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. Year Groups: All Years Staff: KHA Frequency: Both Weeks BOUNCE IMPROVE BELONG	 DRAMA CLUB 1:25 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Year Groups: All Years Staff: BPH Frequency: Both Weeks EXPLORE CREATE PERFORM

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  ORGANISATION
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  COMMUNICATION

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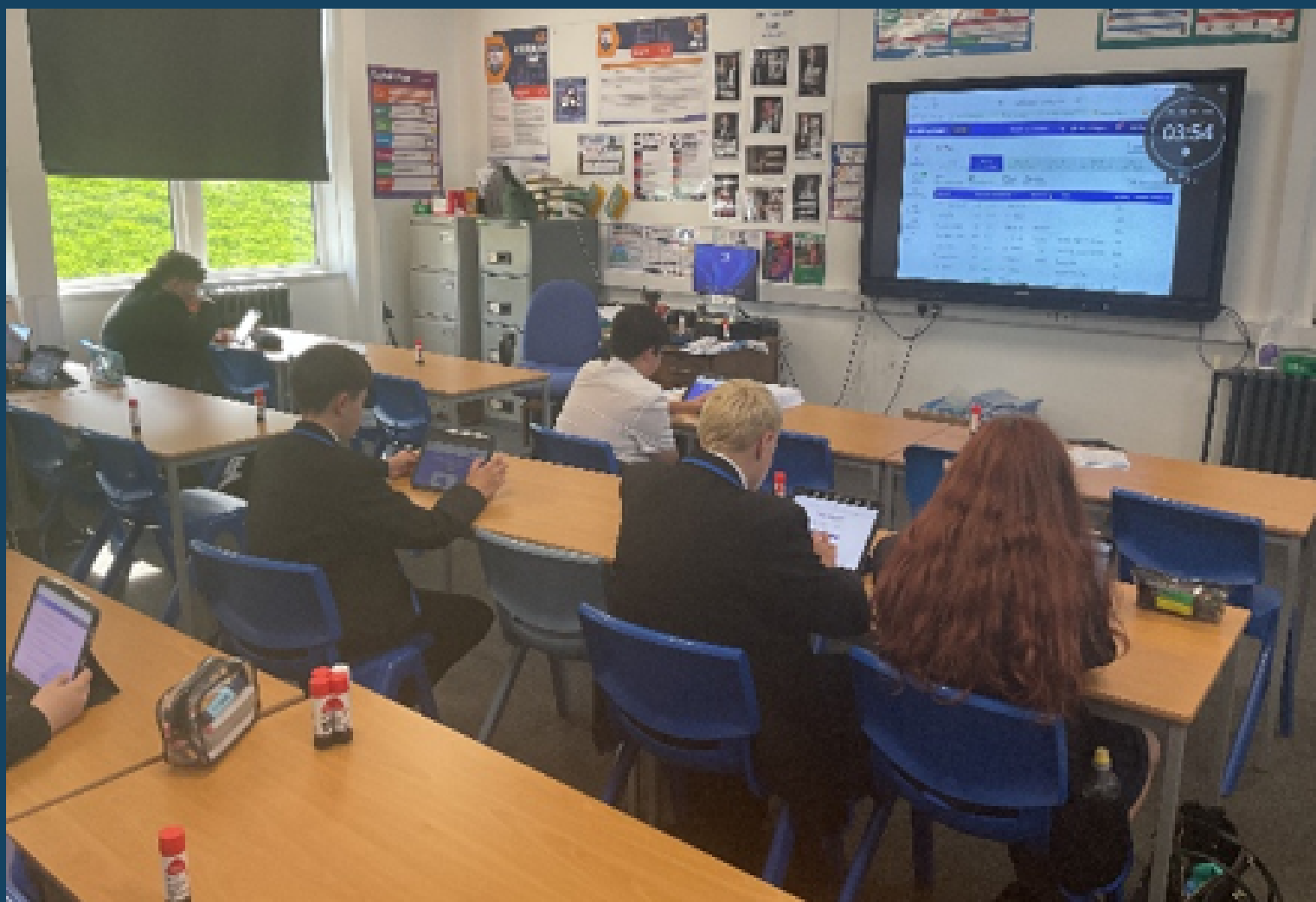
English



At Kidsgrove Secondary School, we are encouraging a love of reading through our daily Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) initiative. For 10 minutes during a lesson each day, students pause their usual learning to focus on reading, helping to build confidence, fluency and enjoyment of books.

As part of DEAR, students are also working towards their Sparx Reader homework target of 300 SRP (Sparx Reader Points). This dedicated reading time supports students in developing strong reading habits while contributing to their weekly Sparx Reader goals. By reading regularly and engaging with a wide range of texts, students can improve their literacy skills, expand their vocabulary and become more independent readers.

Together, DEAR and Sparx Reader are helping to create a whole-school culture where reading is valued, celebrated and enjoyed every day.



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English



At Kidsgrove Secondary School, our Year 11 students are showing real commitment to their English studies through our targeted intervention programme. Students attend intervention sessions during form time three times each week, as well as an additional after-school session every Thursday, providing valuable opportunities to revisit key skills, build confidence and strengthen exam technique.

The dedication and positive attitude shown by our students has been fantastic so far. Their hard work and engagement are already making a real difference, and we are incredibly proud of the progress they are making. By working together and making the most of these extra learning opportunities, our Year 11 students are putting themselves in a strong position for success in their GCSE English examinations.



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English

This week, our Year 7 students at Kidsgrove Secondary School have completed a series of important assessments, including both NGRT (New Group Reading Test) and CAT4 (Cognitive Abilities Test) assessments. Over the course of the week, students have taken part in four different assessments in the school hall, demonstrating resilience, focus and determination throughout.

We have been incredibly impressed by the outstanding behaviour, attitude and maturity shown by our Year 7 cohort. Students approached each assessment with positivity and gave their very best effort, representing both themselves and the school brilliantly. Their conduct during the testing sessions has been exemplary, and they should be extremely proud of the way they have embraced this challenge.

Well done, Year 7!

WELL DONE!



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Coming Soon!

COME FOR
COFFEE
AND
CAKE

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT



Coffee morning

FRIDAY 25TH
SEPTEMBER
9AM-10AM
KSS SCHOOL HALL



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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



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Art

Year 10 – A Fantastic Start to Their Art GCSE

A huge well done to our Year 10 students, who have made a fantastic start to their Art GCSE this year. It has been wonderful to see the positive attitude, commitment and determination they have demonstrated throughout their lessons.

The standard of work being produced has been excellent, with many students showing real pride in their work and a willingness to challenge themselves and develop their artistic skills.

It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm and creativity from the students, and they should be really proud of the excellent start they have made.

Thanks,



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

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Inclusion Team

Breakfast Club

8.10am to 8.30am

POP ALONG IF YOU WANT
SOMEWHERE CALM TO START
YOUR DAY

 READING ROOM



KS4

- LESS THAN 8 BEHAVIOUR POINTS
- POSITIVE ATTENDANCE
- NO UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

22.10.26

4 WEEK CRITERIA



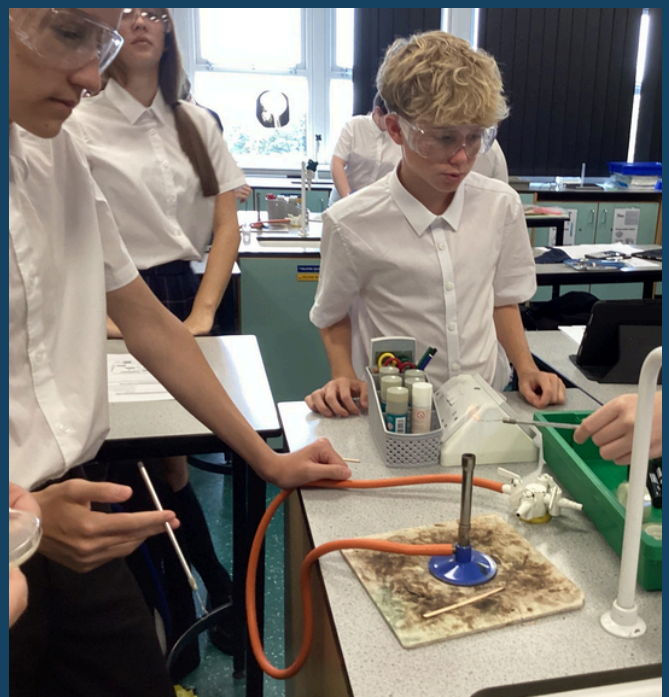
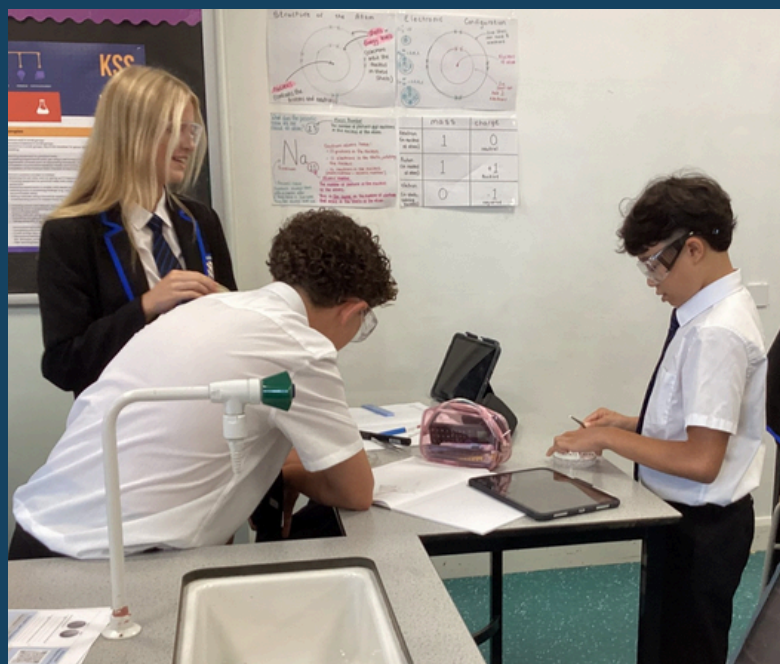
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Science

🧪🔬 9S have been brilliant microbiologists this week in Science!

They have been developing their aseptic technique, growing bacterial cultures and testing different antiseptics to compare their antibacterial properties. They've shown fantastic scientific skill and care to prevent accidental contamination of their samples! 🙌🦠 We've also explored how these techniques are used in medicine, pathology and research into new treatments and cures for illness. 🩺🔬 We can't wait to see the results once the samples have been incubated! 🧊✨ Well done, 9S! 🎉



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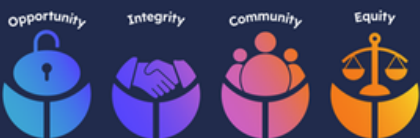
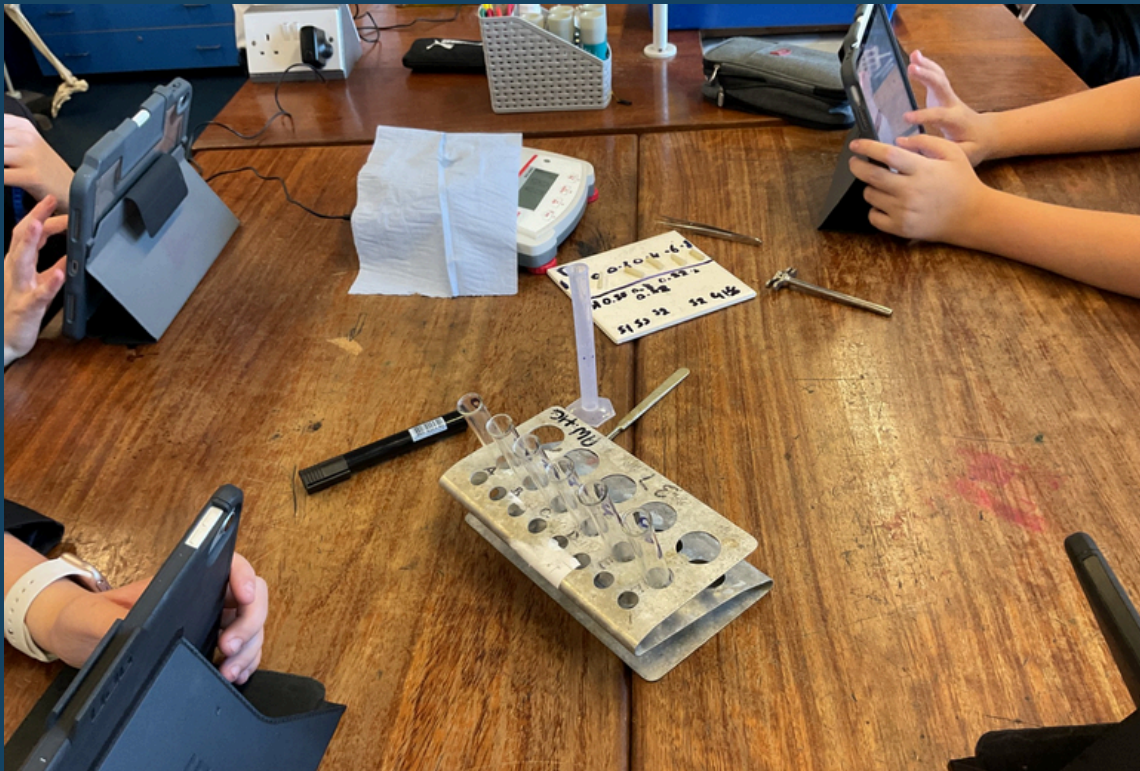
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Year 11 students investigated their reaction time after a distraction to compare with how quickly they responded without a distraction... it was a real challenge for the students. We used a 'Reaction timer' to measure our results. Everyone agreed that distracting their parents while driving was definitely a bad idea, given the results of the experiment. Well done Year 11!



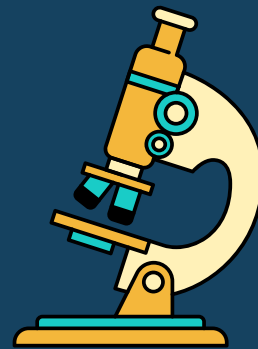
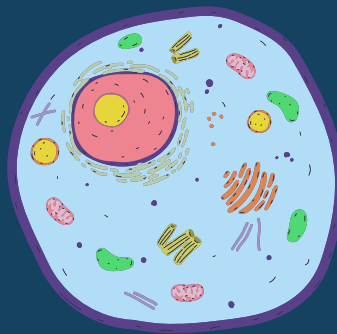
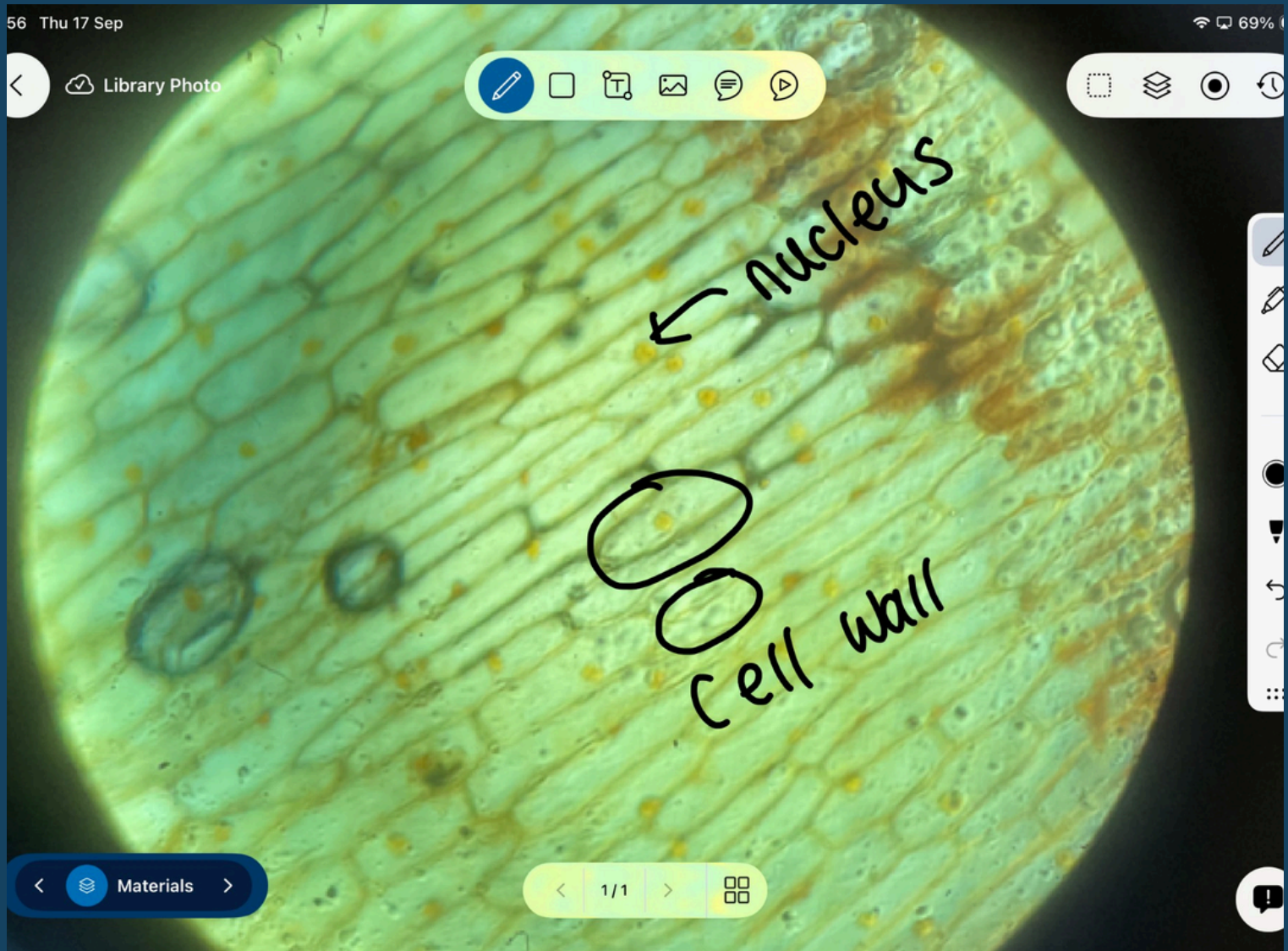
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In Biology, Year 9 students investigated osmosis, one of the processes involving movement of water across cell membranes. All students worked exceptionally well (but especially Oliver P) on a difficult practical, setting up potato cylinders in different solutions carefully to see whether the mass increased or decreased due to water movement. Fantastic results Year 9- Well done!



Science

Mrs Grice-Lowe was blown away by Frankie A as she took this amazing image of plant cells with the microscope in her Science lessons. The image is skilled enough skill that she could make out see nucleus and the cell wall of the cells. Great work Frankie!



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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:



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of everyone
being valued.

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BIG THINGS can happen"*

Computing

Year 8 Computing: Creating with Inkscape

Year 8 students have been developing their digital creativity through an exciting introduction to vector graphics using Inkscape.

Students have been learning how professional digital graphics are created, developing practical skills such as drawing and modifying shapes, layering objects, grouping and combining elements, and creating and editing paths. They will use these skills to design their own vector graphic, such as an illustration, logo or set of icons.

As the unit progresses, students will explore how vector graphics are stored and how they differ from bitmap images, before refining, evaluating and showcasing their finished designs.

This unit is helping students to build both creative and technical skills, while encouraging them to think carefully about design, purpose and audience.



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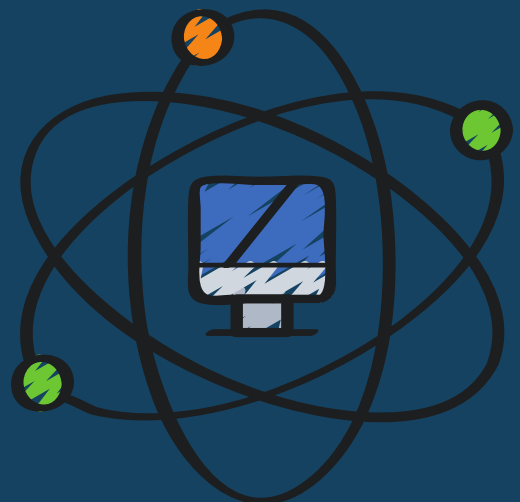
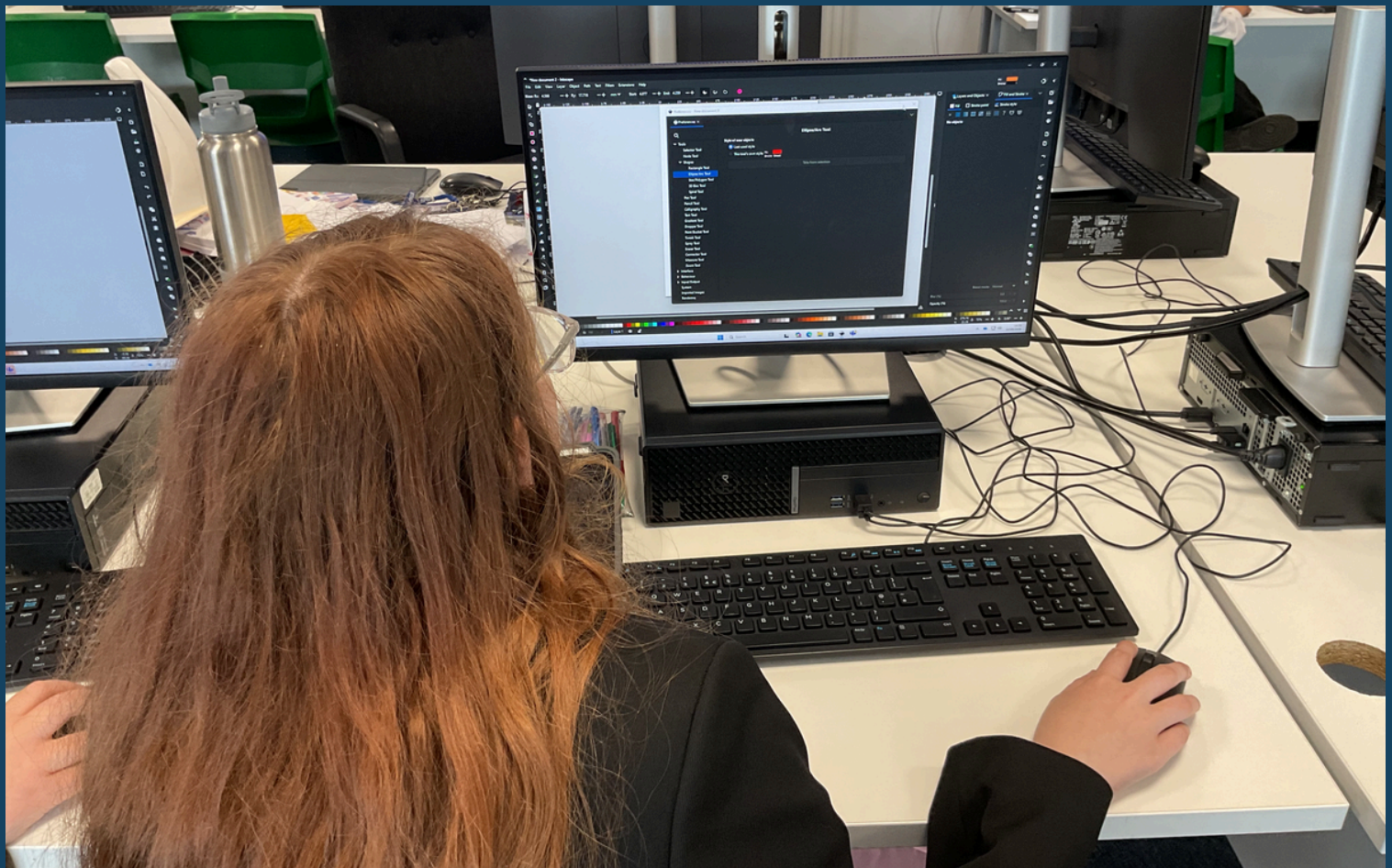
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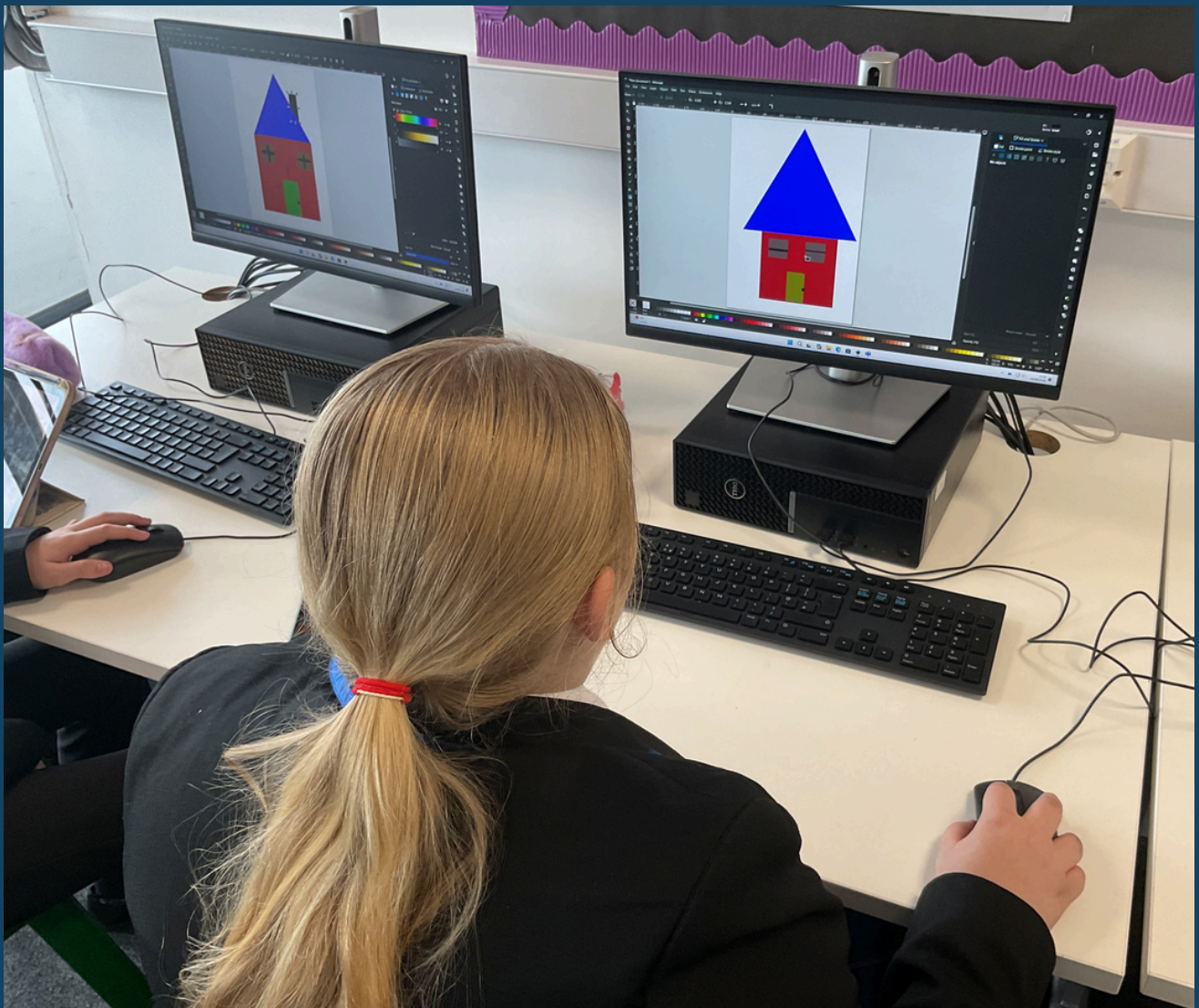
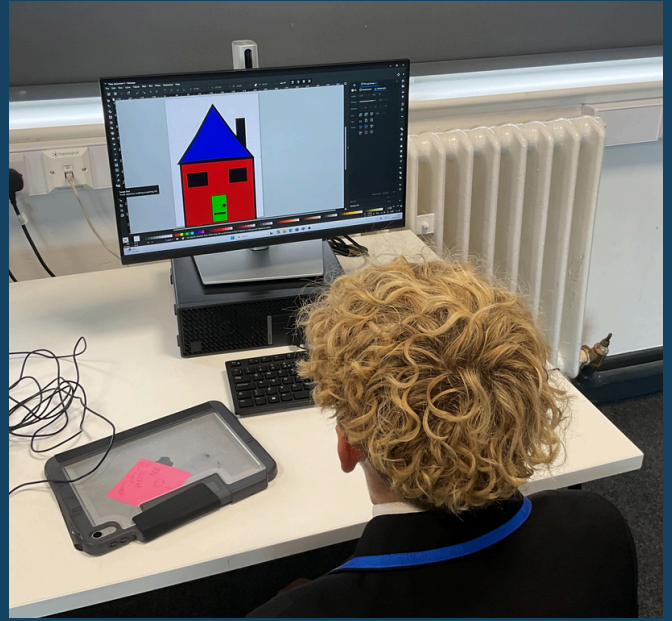
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MEET THE FORM TUTOR

YEAR 7 'SETTLING IN' EVENING



Thursday, 15th of October 2026

3.30pm to 6.30pm

(Appointments to be scheduled via
Arbor, information to follow)

Meet your child's form tutor to discuss how
your child has settled in to life at KSS.



School Site Update

Mr Harris (our site supervisor) was exceptionally busy this summer preparing the site for the students return.

There was extensive work completed across a number of classrooms and our new reading room.

A special mention to Ms Hambleton, Mrs Barker Brown, Mr Allen, Mrs Corriea, Mr Till, Mrs Weaver and Mr Barker Brown for also supporting with room changes and decoration. It was a real team effort!



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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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Class of 2026

It is always a highlight of the year, GCSE results day. What a way to say goodbye to our amazing class of 2026. We wish each and everyone one of you every success in your next steps. You did us all proud!



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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

**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.

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
REPORT A CONCERN**



**INCLUSION - SENDCO
MS. K HAMBLETON**



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY



**Kids Grove 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

The electronic tablets are used to develop pupils' digital skills, alongside

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