

HEADTEACHER BULLETIN

Friday 28.6.24

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the final three weeks of the school year, we at last have had some warm weather and as always I would like to thank you for your support in meeting our summer uniform expectations. Through the warmth students have been working hard and have been completing their performance assessments over the last few weeks. These will continue for KS3 students into next week. We look forward to sharing with you your child's second and final progress report for the academic year. In the recent parental survey, it came through clearly that you appreciate the information that the reports provide about your child's progress in each of their subjects. The reports will be sent home with your child in the final week of the term.

Last week we said goodbye to the Year 11 students with an emotional whole school walkout following a leavers assembly. We look forward to seeing them again at the Prom on the 5th of July. The Year 10 students undertake their work experience week from Monday and we cannot wait to hear about their experiences when they return.

We have lots of great events taking place over the next few weeks for all of our year groups. These include our final enrichment day of the academic year, our end of year reward trips and our favourite event, the celebration assemblies.

I will be writing to parents/carers in the penultimate week of the term to share details around the iPad return process and the final day arrangements.

Finally, we welcome our 98 Year 6 students to KSS next week for our transition week. We cannot wait to meet our new intake.



Upcoming Events:

Monday 1.7.24 - Year 10 Work Experience Begins

Monday 1.7.24 - Year 6 Transition Week Begins

Friday 5.7.24 - Year 11 Prom

Friday 12.7.24 - Summer Reward Trips

Tuesday 16.7.24 - Student iPad Return

Wednesday 17.7.24 - Headteacher Reward Lunch

Friday 19.7.24 - Non Uniform Day and Celebration Assemblies



Yours faithfully,
Mr S Frost

Head Students 2024-2025

Myself and Mrs Postlethwaite had the great pleasure of interviewing eight Year 10 students for the positions of Head Students and Senior Prefects. We were blown away by the letters that were written, the interviews themselves and how the students held themselves in what is a formal process.

We are delighted to announce that the following students have been selected:

Alfie and Lilly - Head Students
Josh, Nevaeh, Aveah - Deputy Head Students
Holly and Carmella - Senior Prefects
Emily - Head of Student Welfare

We are looking forward to working with our new leadership team in 2024-2025.



National Teacher Award

As part of the National 'Thank a Teacher Day', the school was asked to nominate teachers who go above and beyond in their support of our students.

Coincidentally Ms Potts was nominated by Mr Frost and Mrs Postlethwaite for the 'Unsung Hero' award.

We are delighted to share that Ms Potts has been recognised for everything that she does to support our students and their families. A much deserved national accolade for a much valued member of the KSS team. #proudtobeKSS.





NEW!

Kidsgrove
Secondary
School



Welcome to

SCIENCE CLUB



With Miss
Wood

Room
23

Working towards bronze, silver and gold crest awards. Great for college and university applications and to enhance your UCAS personal statements. Come and see Miss Wood in the science department for a booklet today!

www.crestawards.org



**PROUD TO
BE
KSS**



Attendance

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ATTENDANCE

**WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE**

92.23%

NATIONAL AVERAGE 90.8%

**BEST
FORM
7TM**

95.60%

BEST HOUSE



BRIDGEWATER

**WELL DONE TO THE
16 STUDENTS WHO
HAVE NOT HAD A
DAY OFF THIS
ACADEMIC YEAR!!**

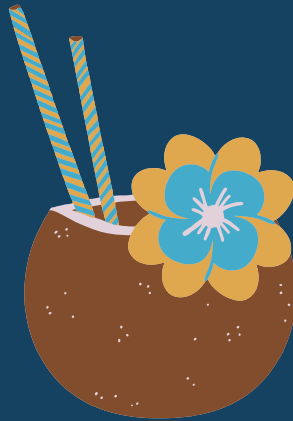
Positive Recognition

Please look out for students wearing our #PositiveRecognition stickers which are a part of our positive recognition toolkit at Kidsgrove Secondary School.

The idea is so simple. Students are given the sticker for going 'above and beyond' or for doing something that is worthy of lots of praise. When staff see these stickers, they ask students how they got them, giving the student the opportunity to explain what they've done and get more praise from multiple people. #ProudtobeKSS



Summer Reward Trip



END OF YEAR REWARD TRIPS

12TH JULY
WILL YOU BE
ATTENDING?

YEAR 7 & 8

YEAR 9 & 10



CRITERIA

6 WEEK WINDOW

18 BEHAVIOUR POINTS OR BELOW (NO MORE THAN 3 PER WEEK)

96% ATTENDANCE (1 DAY = 3%)

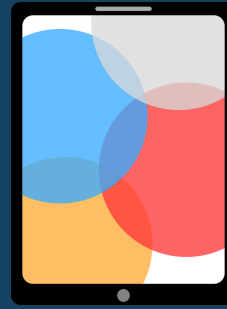


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iPad Upgrade - 2024-2025

Reminder



We are excited to share that over the summer break, the student iPads will be replaced by brand new 10th generation devices. I will write to all parents/carers to formally announce the arrangements for the iPad return towards the end of term but I wanted to share this exciting news.

We cannot wait to see how the students will use these devices to maximise their learning even further.

The new devices will coincide with a new app that will be central to student progress in September. This app is called 'Showbie' and it is a brilliant digital workbook that will enhance student independence.

Exciting times ahead @ KSS.



showbie





NEW!

BAKING CLUB

**EVERY THURSDAY,
3.05PM TO 4.05PM
WITH MRS BRYAN**

**(PLEASE SEE MRS
BRYAN FOR MORE
DETAILS)**



Sports Day 2024

Wow what a day, the weather was great and the students excelled. We had a 80% participation from students, which is a fantastic achievement at Northwood Stadium for our annual sports day last Monday. Well done to all of the competitors; you really demonstrated our core values tremendously; in particular resilience, leadership and communication. A special thank you goes to Mr Mark Bright, who took time to visit us from his London home and present the winning trophies. Congratulations to Bridgewater house, who won the overall sports day trophy.



Sports Day 2024



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NEW!

READING AND LITERACY CLUB



AFTER SCHOOL

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

TILL 4:05PM

IN THE READING ROOM



Year 7 and 8 Scout Camp

Thirty year 7 and 8 students took part in a two day residential at a Wilderness Camp near Stone in June. Upon arrival, we were welcomed by the team- given a tour and shown our campsite. After unpacking and having lunch, we went on a wild walk- paddling in the river, climbing over trees and scrambling up a bank. We then learnt how to make a shelter out of basic material, and built fires nearby using wood from the forest and flints. Students spent some downtime playing outside, then we had dinner and pudding in the canteen. After dinner we had a huge campfire and hot chocolate. We camped in bell tents, although students didn't manage to fall asleep until close to midnight.

The next morning, lots of children woke up with the sun, and were already tired by breakfast! We kept busy with climbing and abseiling, coached by Scout leaders. After lunch we returned to school. The students were very excited to have their phones back on the return coach journey!



Year 7 and 8 Scout Camp



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Attendance



**IS YOUR CHILD FACING
BARRIERS TO
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE?**

**KIDSGROVE SECONDARY
CAN HELP!**

**WE CAN
SUPPORT
YOU WITH**

- Breakfast On Arrival
- Uniform
- Equipment
- Transport
- School Meals



Kidsgrove Secondary School

Attendance Matters

#StopTheDrop



Attendance



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

FIRST OFFENCE

1

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

2

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

3

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates; fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education'.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

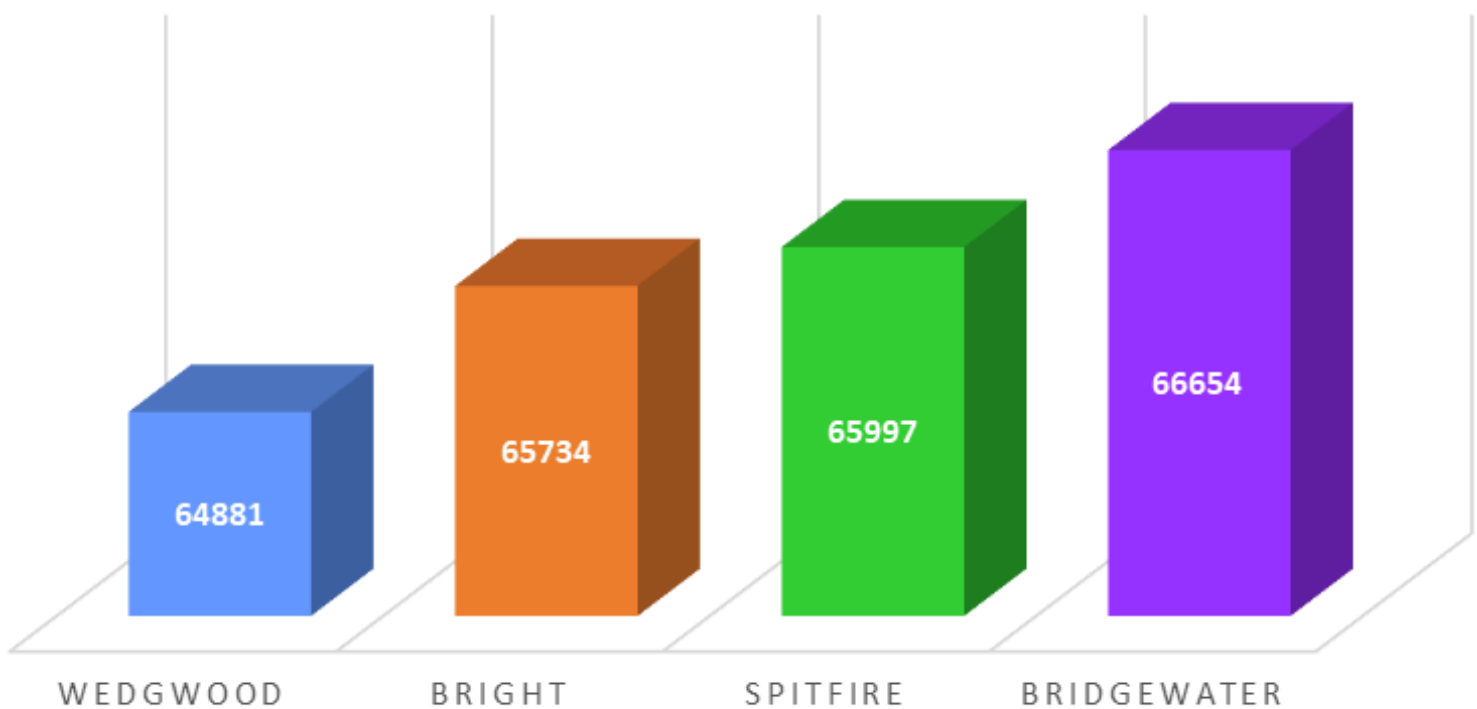
House Update



Below are the House totals for the year so far...

Following Sports Day the points table has really started to heat up!
We only have three weeks left and its all to play for..

TOTAL HOUSE POINTS



Physical Education

PE CLUBS



Tuesday



Y7/ 8 Football

Wednesday



**Multisports club
Y10 & 11 Fitness Club**

Thursday



GCSE Revision Club

Friday



**Y10 & 11 Football
Trampolining (all years)**

Please see a member of the PE department for further details about these sessions.





KIDSGROVE SECONDARY SCHOOL

APR-JULY

EXTRA CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY

Lunchtime
13.30-14.00



Science Support

KS3

Room 23 – Dr Ma

TUESDAY

After School
15.05-16.05



Y10 Performing Arts

Year 10

Music – Mrs Evans

Open Studio

Open to all

Room 10 – Mrs Mason

WEDNESDAY

After School
15.05-16.05



Multi Sports/Rounders Club

Open to all

Changing Rooms – Mrs Castrey

Football

KS3

Changing Rooms – Mr Hilditch

Fitness

Open to all

Fitness Suite – Mr Till

THURSDAY

Lunchtime
13.30-14.00



Science Support

KS4

Room 23 – Dr Ma

After School
15.05-16.05



Open Studio

Open to all

Room 10 – Mrs Mason

Football Fixtures

KS4

Changing Rooms – Mr Till

DofE Sessions

DofE

Room 9 – Mrs Weaver

FRIDAY

Lunchtime
13.30-14.00



Chess club

Open to all

Room 3 – Mr Baldwin

Pride Club

Open to all

Room 14 – Miss Ayers

After School
15.05-16.05



D&D Club

If interested, speak to Miss Ayers

Room 14 – Miss Ayers

Football

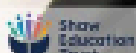
KS4

Changing Rooms – Mr Till



The electronic tablets are used to develop pupils' digital skills, alongside enhancing subject learning.

OFSTED 2025



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