

HEADTEACHER BULLETIN

Friday 3.10.25

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy three weeks since I last wrote to you and autumn is well and truly settling in as we enter the month of October.

What has been amazing to see over the last few weeks is the exceptional teaching and learning in classrooms. As I briefed the staff last Monday I thanked them for the way in which our wonderful team are modelling learning, including difficult secure tasks in all subjects. What is even more rewarding is how students are using this expert teacher modelling to create excellent work and students are quite rightly proud of their progress and are keen to show me their iPads and exercise books. We cannot wait to see how students perform later this term when they undertake their performance assessments, with student progress reports heading home to you in January.

In less than three weeks time we will be welcoming Year 7 parents/carers into the building for the meet the form tutor event. A letter has been sent home with information enclosed about making appointments with your child's form tutor. We have been delighted with the maturity, resilience and hard work that students have shown as they have settled into life at KSS.

As you can see from the list of events below, we have an action packed final three weeks of the half term to look forward to. It has been a real highlight to meet with the student council recently as we have been planning the Halloween disco for years 7 and 8 students. The group have lots more amazing ideas that we are hoping to share with the wider school community soon.

It is our first enrichment day of the year (next Friday), Mrs Weaver has planned an enriching day for all students. There a range of themes such as well being, careers, road safety, cyber bullying, mindfulness and self confidence to look forward to.

Finally, a special mention to our Year 11 students who have shown exceptional determination in the first four weeks of the academic year.

We have the best ever attendance at subject interventions, super engagement in lessons and strong attendance. Over the course of the next few weeks we have our Year 11 residential to look forward to and also our 'Scarefest' trip.

Mr Barker-Brown is leading the year group to what we hope will be strong outcomes next summer.

Yours faithfully,
Mr S Frost



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HEADTEACHER DROP IN

Every Friday
9:00am-10:00am

If you have any queries or questions, feel free to drop into the session and talk to Mr Frost.

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 8.10.25 - Berlin Trip Parents Meeting

Friday 10.10.25 - Enrichment Day

Friday 17.10.25 to Sunday 19.10.25 - Year 11 Residential

Wednesday 22.10.25 - Year 7 Form Tutor Evening

Thursday 23.10.25 - KS4 'Scarefest' Trip and KS3 Halloween Disco

Friday 24.10.25 - Staff INSET Day (School closed to students)

Open Evening

What a turnout and what an event!

Thank you to all of the parents/carers that attended last nights Year 6 open evening, our busiest yet. It was great to see so many excited faces of our year 6's from such a range of feeder schools.

Below are some images from the evening. The staff and students were incredible and the feedback from our visitors blew us away.



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OPEN EVENING

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

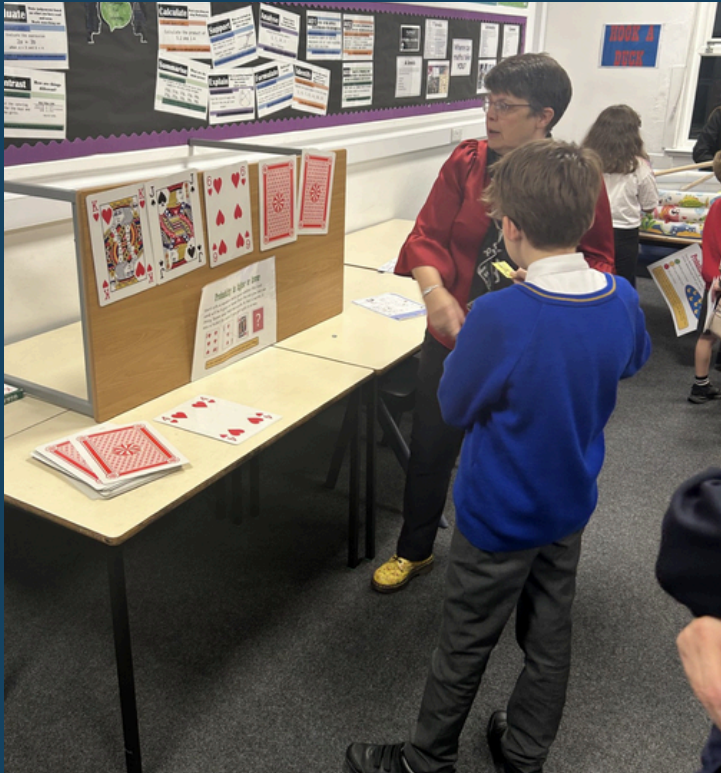
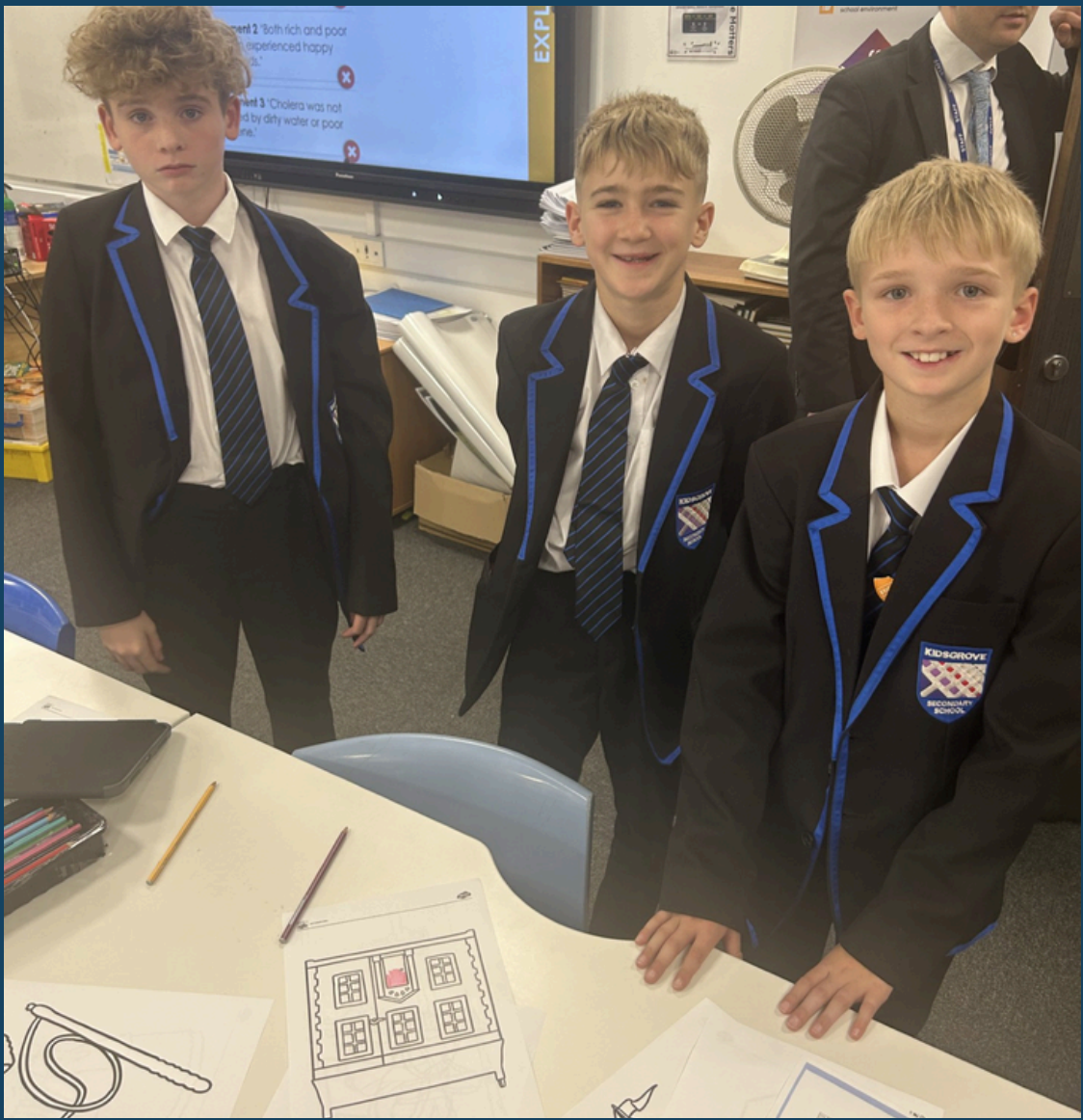
Thursday 2nd October 2025
5-7.30pm
 Gloucester Road
 ST7 4DL

- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet teachers
- ✓ Review curriculum
- ✓ Ask questions

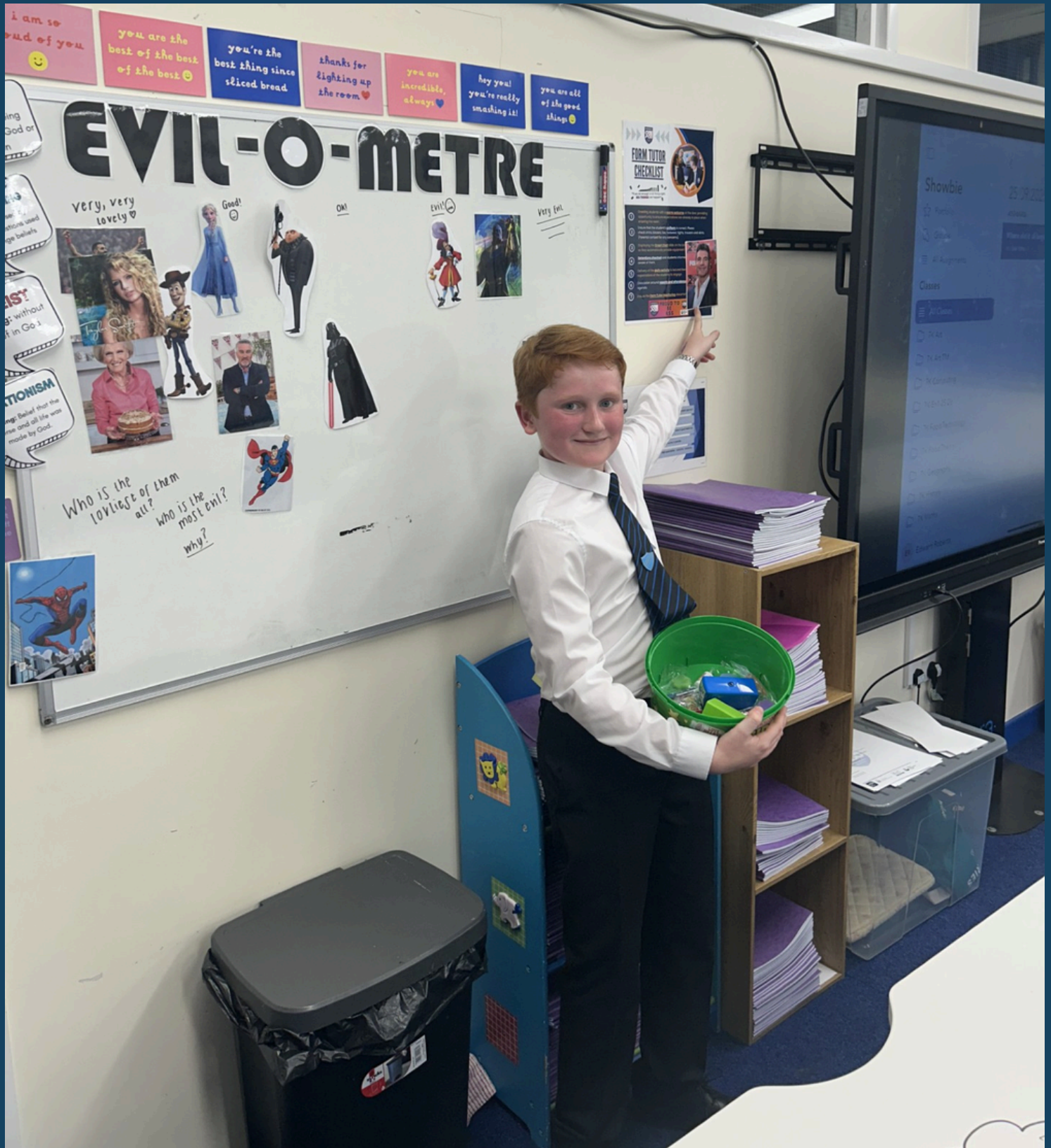
For more info:
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 Email: communications@kss.set.org

Open Evening





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MEET THE FORM TUTOR

YEAR 7 'SETTLING IN' EVENING



Wednesday, 22nd of October 2025
4pm to 7pm
(Appointments to be scheduled via
Arbor)

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



Food

A highlight of my lesson visits recently have been observing students learning food practical skills. This was one of my favourite lesson visits so far. Well done Year 7, learning safe knife skills is the first step in your food technology journey.



Great work!





Y10 & Y11 REWARD TRIP



THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

96% ATTENDANCE

LESS THAN 5 BEHAVIOUR POINTS



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Further Education Open Evenings 2025/2026

Alsager Sixth Form

Thursday 9th October

Time: 5.00 pm.- 7.30 pm

Cheshire College South and West

Wednesday 7th October

Time: 5.30 pm.- 8.00 pm

Wednesday 19th November

Time: 5.30 pm.- 8.00 pm

City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College

(Fenton)

Wednesday 8th October

Time: 5.00 pm.- 7.00 pm

Tuesday 18th November

Time: 5.00 pm.- 7.00 pm

Thursday 12th March

Time: 5.00 pm.- 7.00 pm

Macclesfield College

Thursday 23rd October

Time: 5.30 pm.- 7.30 pm

Saturday 22nd November

Time: 10.30 am.- 13.00 pm

Newcastle Under Lyme College

Thursday 9th October

Time: 5.30 pm.- 8.00 pm

Wednesday 12th November

Time: 5.30 pm.- 8.00 pm

Saturday 24th January

Time: 10.00 am.- 12.00 pm

Reaseheath College

Saturday 27th September

Register online

Saturday 18th October

Register online

Saturday 29th November

Register online

Stoke On Trent College

Wednesday 15th October

Time: 5.00 pm.- 8.00 pm

Wednesday 19th November

Time: 5.00 pm.- 8.00 pm

Wednesday 11th February

Time: 5.00 pm.- 8.00 pm

The Kings Sixth Form

Thursday 25th September

Time: 5.30 pm.- 8.00 pm



Pre-Registration for Open Days

Alsager Sixth Form

No pre-registration necessary

Cheshire College South and West



REGISTER NOW

City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College (Fenton)



REGISTER NOW

Macclesfield College

October



REGISTER NOW

November



REGISTER NOW

Newcastle Under Lyme College



REGISTER NOW

Reaseheath College



REGISTER NOW

Stoke On Trent College



REGISTER NOW

The Kings Sixth Form

No pre-registration necessary



KIDSGROVES GOT TALENT

Kidsgroves Got Talent is returning for its third year hoping to promise all the excitement and fun of its previous success.

AUDITION INFORMATION

MUSICIANS

Rm 26 - Tuesday 30th
September at 1:20 - 2:00

DANCERS

Fitness Suite - Wednesday
1st October at 1:20 - 2:00

OTHER ACTS

Rm 26 - Thursday 2nd
October at 1:20 - 2:00

Please speak to Miss Wagstaff if you have any questions.

You must attend all auditions at the very start of lunch. As soon as your audition is done you will be able to return to lunch.



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ATTENDANCE



WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.7%



YEAR 7- 97.7%

YEAR 8- 95.4%

YEAR 9 - 91.8%

YEAR 10- 92%

YEAR 11- 94%



NATIONAL AVERAGE: 93.1%

BEST FORM YTD: 7SW

BEST HOUSE: Bridgewater



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning last week. It was wonderful to see so many staff, students and families come together for such an important cause. From baking and donating cakes, to attending and making contributions, your generosity and kindness have helped us raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We are so proud of our KSS community – events like this really show the power of coming together.



Macmillan Coffee Morning



COME FOR COFFEE AND CAKE

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CREDIT SUPPORT

Coffee morning

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
8.50AM-9.30AM
SCHOOL HALL



Let's eat
CAKE!

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**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



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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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Year 10 and 11

History and Geography Trip

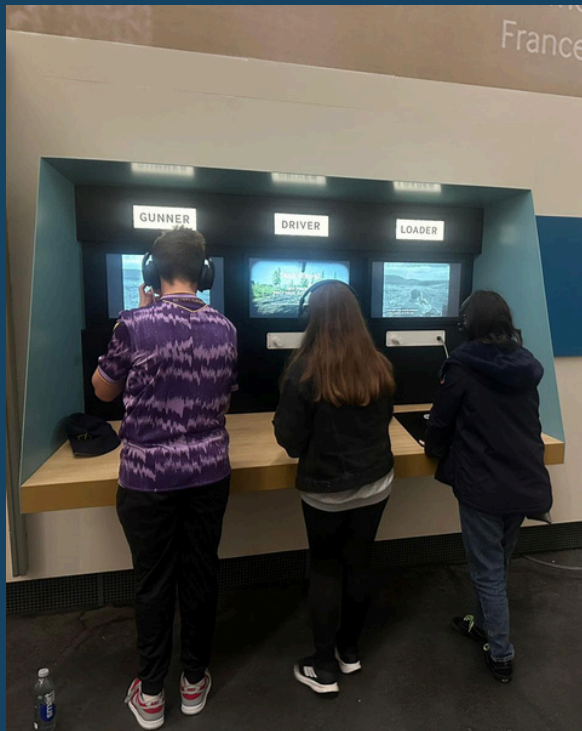
What a great day in Salford!

The Year 10 historians and Year 11 geographers had a really informative visit to Salford Quays today. The Imperial War Museum is always a great visit to support the students study of warfare and the quays is great for geography field work.

Below are some images of the trip.

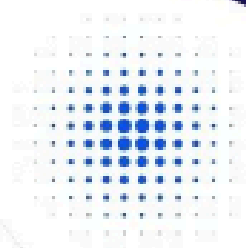


Year 10 and 11 History and Geography Trip





Meet Our Learning Support Team



Ms Hambleton
SENDCo



Mrs Beard
HTLA



Mrs West
Teaching Assistant



Miss Tucker
Teaching Assistant



Miss Longmore
Teaching Assistant



Miss Nicklin
Teaching Assistant

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



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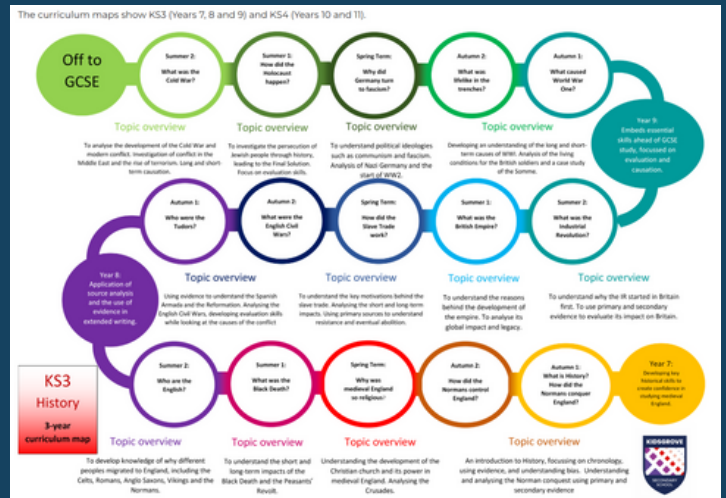
KSS Curriculum

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.

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.

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CLICK HERE



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BIG THINGS can happen"**



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Darts Club

Congratulations to James, the winner of our first darts tournament of the year.

In a tense and exciting final, James narrowly beat Harry in a brilliant game between Team Frost and Team Gillespie.

Well done to everyone who took part – great skill, focus and sportsmanship on display all round! It is 1-0 in the Frost v Gillespie league table.



SEPT - OCT

EXTRA CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Lunchtime Clubs – 13.20–14.05

After School Clubs – 15.10–16.10



EVERYDAY



Reading Room

Open to all

Reading Room

Learning Support Team

MONDAY



German Club

Y7 and Y8

Room 6

Ms Hud



Science Support Club

KS3

Room 23

Dr Ma



KS3 Cooking Club

Invite

Food Technology

Ms Tipping–Brown

TUESDAY



KS3 Board Games Club

Y7, Y8 and Y9

Room 1

Miss Wright



Science Support Club

KS4

Room 23

Dr Ma



Crochet Club

Open to all

Room 12

Mrs Price



KS3 Open Art Studio

Y7, Y8 and Y9

Room 10

Mrs Mason

WEDNESDAY



Wk 1 – KS3 Fitness

Wk 2 – KS4 Fitness

Changing Rooms

Mr Barker–Brown



Netball

Y10 and Y11

Changing Rooms

Ms Hambleton



Handball

Y8, Y9 and Y10

Changing Rooms

Mr Till

THURSDAY



Debating/Politics Club

Y10 and Y11

Room 7

Mr Hilditch/Mr Jessup



Wk 1 – KS3 Basketball

Wk 2 – KS4 Basketball

Changing Rooms

Mr Barker–Brown



Trampolining

Y10 and Y11

Changing Rooms

Ms Hambleton



Duke of Edinburgh Award

DofE students

Room 6

Ms Hud/Mrs Weaver/Mr Till



Switch Club

Open to all

Mr Frost's Office

Mr Frost



KS4 Open Art Studio

Y10 and Y11 Art

Room 10

Mrs Mason

FRIDAY



Crochet Club

Open to all

Room 12

Mrs Price



Chess Club

Open to all

Room 2

Mr Old



Wk 1 – Y7/Y8 Football

Wk 2 – Y9/Y10/Y11 Football

Changing Rooms

Mr Barker–Brown



Darts Club

Open to all

Conference Room

Mr Frost



Fitness Club

Open to all

Fitness Suite

Mr Till



Trampolining

Y7, Y8 and Y9

Changing Rooms

Ms Hambleton

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

The votes are in and the student council form representatives for 2025-2026 are decided.

Congratulations to the elected council members below:

7BJE – Archie

7SW – Willow

7MH – Fallon

7EG – Junior

8BW – Bentley

8EPR – Cassidy

8MO – Joseph

9NM – Elsie

9SB – Tommy

10TM – Finn

10SM – Zara Mae

Council Clerk - Amy

Vice Chair - Logan





HALLOWEEN PARTY



Yr7 & 8 Halloween party

Thursday 23rd October 2025 at 4:00pm to 5:30pm

There will be a non uniform for all year groups (£1 donation).

Students attending the disco can go home and get changed before the disco into spooky costumes.

No more than 5 negative points allowed to attend from 29th of September

Tuck shop available in the conference room!



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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,
Big things can happen!"



Uniform bank



Breakfast
bagels



Equipment
shop



Free sanitary
products



Mental health
support



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.





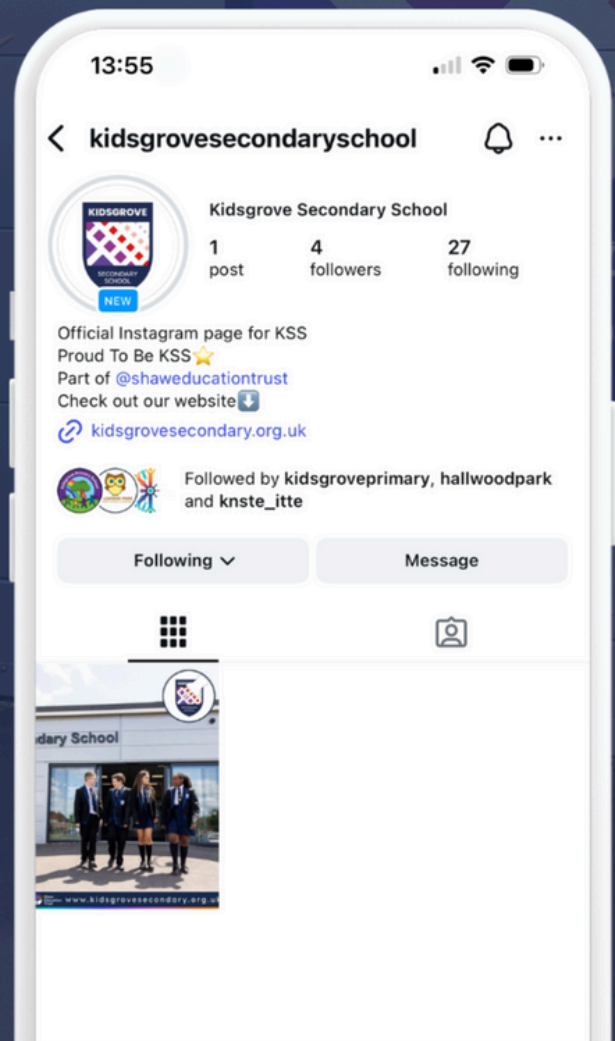
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Attendance

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**IS YOUR CHILD FACING
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**KIDSGROVE SECONDARY
CAN HELP!**

**WE CAN
SUPPORT
YOU WITH**

- Breakfast On Arrival
- Uniform
- Equipment

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The poster features a torn paper effect for the main text, a school bag, a school uniform, and a pencil case. The background is a mix of red, purple, and blue.

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Attendance Matters

#StopTheDrop

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A stylized illustration of a rocket ship launching, with a purple and white color scheme.