#### THE KIDSGROVE SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER BULLETIN

Friday 9.2.24

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to dedicate this edition of the Headteacher bulletin to acknowledge the remarkable work of Mrs. Weaver and her contributions towards our Personal Development curriculum. At KSS, we emphasise the importance of personal development alongside academic progress, and our Personal Development curriculum plays a pivotal role in achieving this goal.

On Monday, February 5th, Mrs. Weaver organised a full day of enrichment activities around a 'Future Steps' theme. The students were provided with a wide range of experiences that contributed to their development. The feedback from the students has been overwhelmingly positive, and they shared their experiences with great enthusiasm.

The day's sessions included a seminar with the Talent Foundary called 'The Big Idea Programme', a Next Engineers workshop called 'Chair Lift Challenge', and an additional session for Year 10 called 'The Rise Programme'.

I am sure that the learning gained will be invaluable as the students think about their next steps post Year 11.

The enrichment did not stop there though and Tuesday saw a visit from the apprenticeship bus, which supported students with ambitions to undertake an apprenticeship in the future. The students were able to ask questions about the specifics around apprenticeships which they found useful. Thursday saw a visit to Stoke College take place. This was the first time that students from KSS had visited to Stoke College to experience a day of hospitality and catering. They were even served a full course meal. What a great way to end the half term!

Lastly, we would like to wish you a relaxing half term break and a reminder that the school will reopen on Monday, February 19th, 2024, for another five-week half term before the Easter break at the end of March. We look forward to welcoming the students back for another action packed half term.

#### Yours faithfully,



Mr S Frost



#### **Upcoming Events:**

Monday 19.2.24 - School Reopens Thursday 29.2.24 - Attendance Coffee Morning Monday 4.3.24 - Year 11 Mock 3 Examinations Begin Thursday 14.3.24 - Year 8 Parents' Evening (Online) Friday 22.3.24 - Easter Whole School Reward Trip





#### HEADTEACHER REWARD LUNCH

I had the pleasure of hosting 24 students for the half-term three Headteacher reward lunch, the largest turnout to date. These students were identified for their exceptional dedication to learning and outstanding academic progress. The kitchen staff outdid themselves by providing a delicious meal that was welldeserved by all the nominees. Congratulations to the following students for their nomination:

- Lilly-Peach
- Thomas
- Amber
- Ava
- Jasmine
- Tyler
- Ben
- Alesha
- Joshua
- Chloe
- Alfie
- Madelyn
- Lillie
- Izzy
- Reece
- Ellie
- Holly
- Phoebe
- Jenson-Leigh
- Harry
- Daniel
- Joshua
- Luca
- Tyler



















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### **KIDSGROVE SECONDARY SCHOOL**

#### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

MONDAY				
Lunchtime 13.30-14.00	ا 🏷 ا	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	<b>.</b>	Multi Sports Club	Open to all	Changing Rooms - Mrs Castrey
	Reisten	Football	KS3	Changing Rooms – Mr Hilditch
		Fitness	KS4	Fitness Suite – Mr Till
THURSDAY				
Lunchtime 13.30-14.00	\$	Science Support	KS4	Room 23 – Dr Ma
After School 15.05-16.05	- <b>*</b>	Open Studio	Open to all	Room 10 - Mrs Mason
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		DofE Sessions	DofE	Room 9 - Mrs Weaver
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		D&D Club	ted, speak to Miss Ayers	Room 14 - Miss Ayers
FRIDAY		D&D Club	10 D.A.	Room 14 - Miss Ayers
FRIDAY Lunchtime		D&D Club Chess club	10 D.A.	Room 14 - Miss Ayers Room 3 - Mr Baldwin
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The electronic tablets are used to develop pupils' digital skills, alongside enhancing subject learning. OFSTED 2023



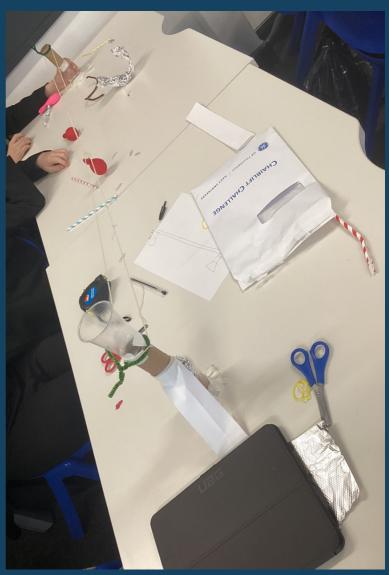
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# ENRICHMENTDAY







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#### **Y11 ACADEMIC FOCUS**





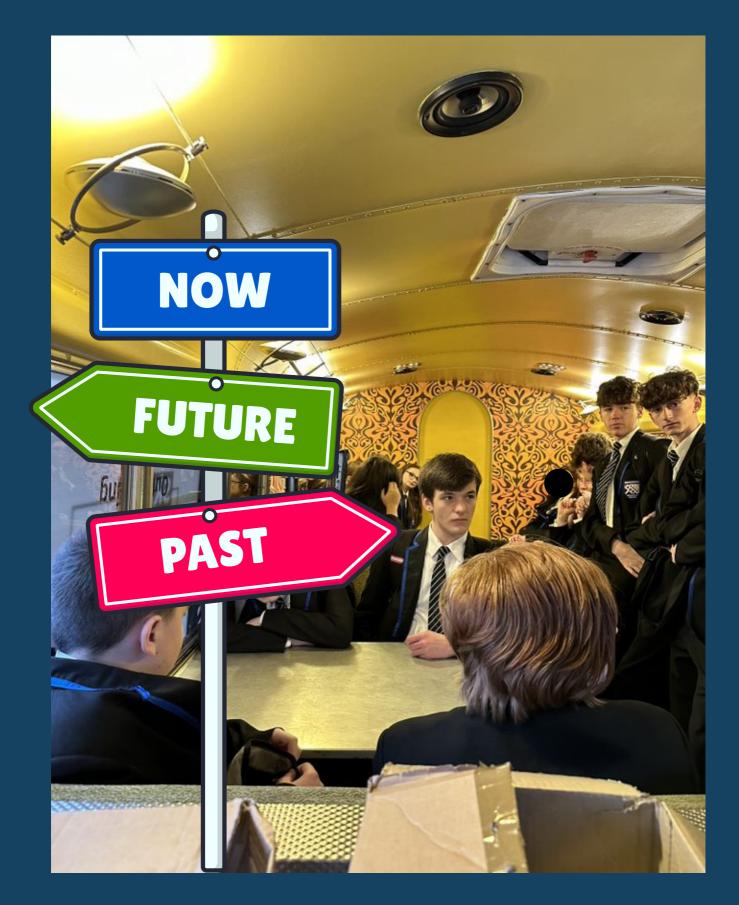
Year 11 continue to have the opportunity to attend intervention at lunchtime and after school.

The timetable above is also supported by a compulsory form time intervention schedule. form time intervention schedule.

We are confident that if students attend these sessions it will have a huge impact on their progress.



#### **APPRENTICESHIP BUS**







## Attendance





#### **STOKE COLLEGE VISIT**













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#StopTheDrop

## **'FEBRUARY FIREWORKS' ATTENDANCE DRIVE**

#### LETS CREATE **FEBRUAR** FIREWORKS AND ROCKET YOUR

#### ATTENDANCE



Students who's attendance is 96% or above during February will be invited to a Smash Bros or Just Dance afternoon. 1 period per year group

middle!







# Year 11

# YEAR II **REVISION HUB KIDSGROVE** Now Open Daily from 3.05pm to 4.30pm

A place to revise in a quiet environment each afternoon.



## 'JANUARY JUMPSTART' REWARD EVENT

Mrs Hume set a challenge to 28, Year 7 and Year 8 boys this half term to improve their attendance over the five week half term. This was because this group of students were the only group that were below the national average in the autumn term.

I am delighted to share that the 64% of the 28 boys have achieved 100% attendance for the last five weeks and were invited to an extra-special gaming reward event organised by the brilliant student council.

Well done to all of the boys that have aced this challenge.



















### YEAR 10 RESULTS DAY

Year 10 has spent the assembly this week opening results from their recent mock examinations in December.

It was great to see the students' reactions as they opened their personal envelopes to reveal their grades.

Let's hope that the students use these results as an incentive to continue their excellent rates of progress.

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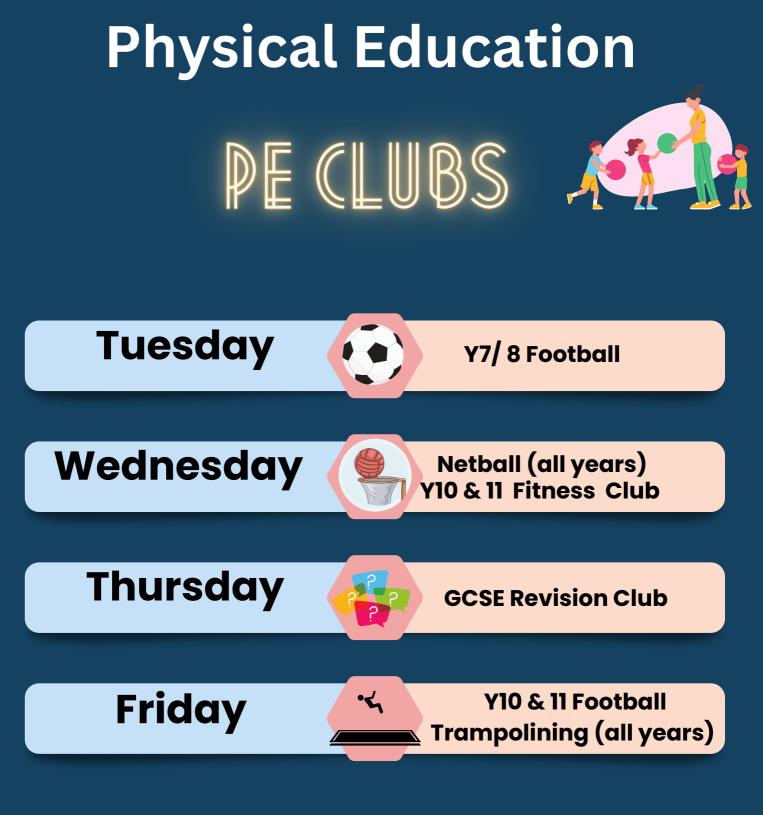




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#### Please see a member of the PE department for further details about these sessions.









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## **HEADTEACHER DROP IN**

A reminder that every Friday morning, we hold a Headteacher drop-in hour from 9am until 10am.

This is a great opportunity to come and see me regarding any queries or questions that you may have about the school.

Please just call in as there is no appointment required at this time.

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#### **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.



