



# Kirkburton Middle School



We have had a wonderful lead up to the Christmas holidays and we have put together a bumper newsletter to share all of the details and celebrations with you as we close off a very festive week.

Thank you to all the parents for your support with everything that we have done this term and thank you to all of the pupils for of their continued efforts and enthusiasm.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2024 with many more activities and achievements to be made.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all at KMS*

## Shelley Dance Festival

What a wonderful event at Shelley College on Tuesday 5th December. We had 25 dancers from across the three year groups participate in the KMS 'Barbie' dance. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and all of the dancers should be very proud of themselves. Well Done!



## Grandparents Coffee Morning

**Drama Academy and band** – congratulations and well done to all who were involved in the Grandparents coffee morning on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



You were all amazing and should be very proud of yourselves. I am sure that your Grandparents enjoyed watching your performance of Robin and the Sheriff of Nottingham, listening to the band play, and joining in with singing of carols, our Christmas bingo and quiz together with enjoying a cup of coffee and a mince pie!



## Music News




Congratulations to the following pupils on their music exam success:

**Thomas W** (Year 7) who passed his Grade 1 Trumpet exam with **DISTINCTION**.


**Ethan L** (Year 6) who passed his Grade 2 Trombone exam with **DISTINCTION**.

**Myles M** (Year 8) who passed his Grade 3 Trombone exam.

**Sam F** (7A) who passed his Grade 1 piano exam with **MERIT**.



Congratulations and well done to our wind band, who entertained playing carols and festive music at lunch time on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for all your hard work this term. We meet again in 2024.



Congratulations to Jenson P (Yr7) who is pictured proudly holding one of his trophies that he was awarded at the Holmfirth Music Festival.







## Carol Service


A message from Miss Kaye.

What can I say? Another great, successful event in our school calendar. An event that I look forward to every year and it only gets better. All of you who took part were absolutely amazing and a credit to yourself and the school. You should be extremely proud of yourselves and each other. Every one of you contributed to making the evening special, magical and festive and a time for making memories. I am so very proud of you, and it has been an absolute pleasure working with you all in preparation for this event. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to making music and presenting readings of such high quality. Thanks as always to Musica staff who have worked with most of you each week and staff, for your attendance and your continued support. Sincere thanks also to parents of Pippa N, Daniel R and Elijah M for their help in walking pupils to and from the church for the morning rehearsal.





## Musica Staff Pop Band Recital



On Wednesday 20th December year 8 pupils enjoyed a performance from the Musica Pop Band. Our pupils fully engaged with the band and the variety of songs performed and listened well. The recital featured music from different eras of popular culture and demonstrated the key instruments in pop, rock and soul music including electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, horn section, drum kit and vocals.

We hope that pupils were inspired by what they saw and heard and maybe consider having lessons (*See Miss Kaye for further information*).

Yar 8, you were a credit to yourselves and our school. The members of the band commented on how well behaved you were, so well done!

Further congratulations go to Rudy B, Myles M, Roan P, Thomas, W and Ethan L who were given the opportunity to play in the 'Horn Section' of the Band.

We were also able to host the Musica Staff Orchestra for our year 6 pupils on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December. The orchestra, consisting of over 30 musicians, played a range of different pieces from classical, film scores to recent pop hits. They were able to showcase their instruments and hopefully inspire the next generation of musicians. It truly was a fabulous experience for our pupils, and we'd like to thank the Musica staff for all of their hard work throughout the term.



## GCHQ Christmas Challenge 2023

The GCHQ Christmas Challenge 2023 is up and running, frustrating codebreaking 11-18 (and beyond) year olds across the country.

It's all linked below!

[The GCHQ Christmas Challenge 2023](#)



## Staffing Changes

As you may be aware, Mrs Davies is leaving this Christmas. She is moving back into teaching maths in a high school, and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work and commitment over the last 5 years.

Ms Tedder will be joining us until the end of the academic year to work in the maths department and we very much forward to welcoming her to our school.

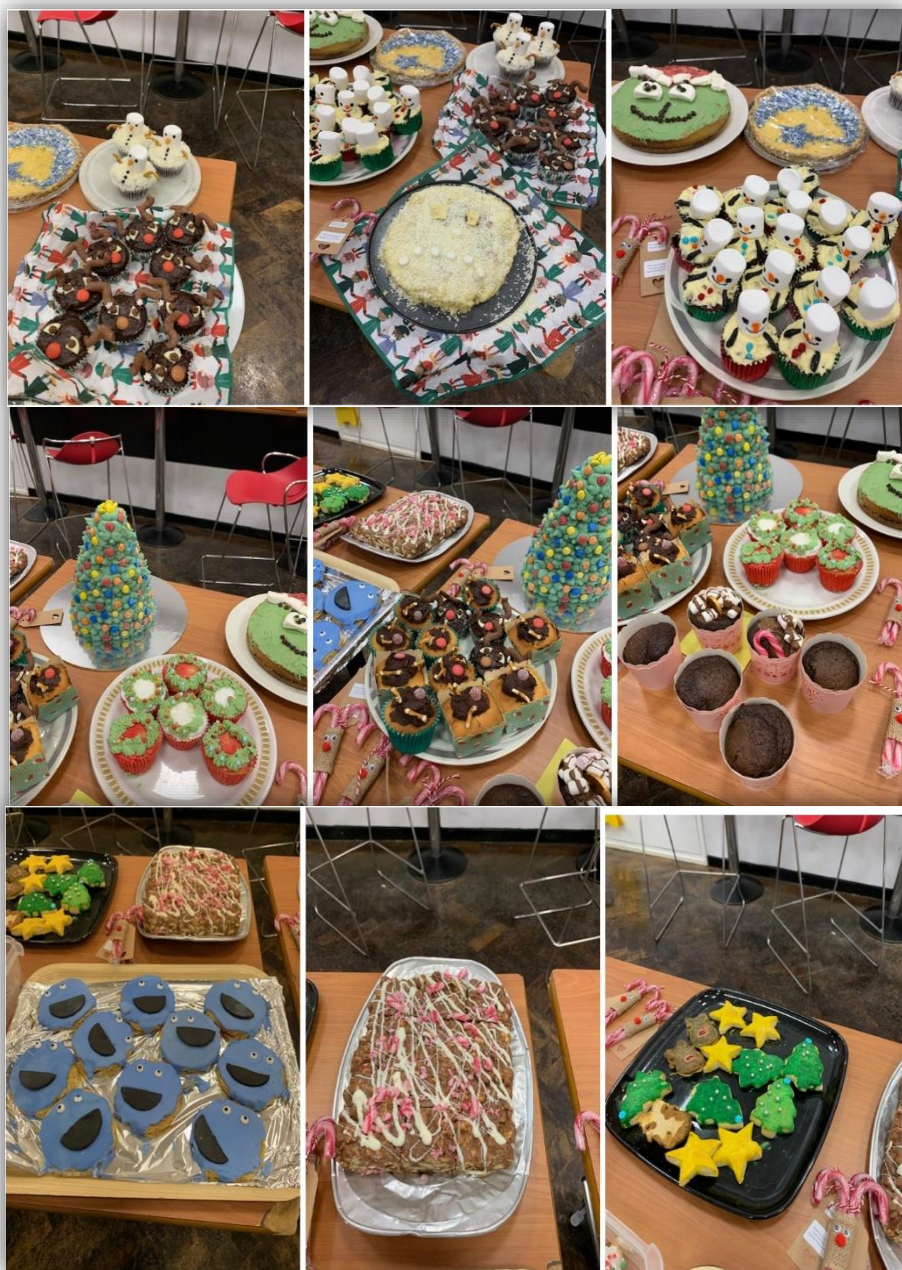




## Carter House Charity Week

Thank you to everyone for your donations to the foodbank and the monetary donations on Winter jumper day. We had some great entries to our Bake off/Bake sale on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The items brought in went down very well.

A total of £431.64 was raised by KMS.





## Bake off Winners!

3<sup>rd</sup> – Kitty 7F



2<sup>nd</sup> – Isla, Elsie & Evie 7C



1<sup>st</sup> – Greta & Anya 7A







## Awards Ceremonies

Over the course of this week, we have had our 3 individual House awards ceremonies. This is a celebration of the achievements made by our wonderful students with some added festive cheer.

Thank you to Miss Roulson's Guitar Group for performing in our House Celebration Assemblies this week. Here, pictured in Moxon House Assembly, Monday 18th December, playing a festive carol, 'God Rest You Merry Gentlemen'.



Thanks also goes to Miss Austin and the Drama Academy for their contribution to ALL our House Celebrations Assemblies. Your hard work in preparation for our festive events is greatly appreciated.



Among the many subject and house awards, a bronze award was handed out to those students who have collected at least 200 achievement points. Over 300 of these certificates handed out which I am sure you will agree, shows how hard our students have been working.

The assemblies were a full of cheer, music and drama performances, and everyone congratulated one another on their achievements.

It was a perfect way to wrap up 2023 at KMS.





## Useful Contacts

### Thriving Kirklees

Healthcare advice, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Support, Healthcare Signposting

[www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk](http://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk)

0300 304 5555

### Kirklees Children's Services

Safeguarding Services and Duty and Advice

[www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk](http://www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk)

01484 456848

### Childline

<http://www.childline.org.uk>

0800 1111

### Northorpe Hall – Kirklees

Children's mental and emotional health service

<http://www.northorpehall.co.uk>

01924 492183

### Thriving Kirklees – Chathealth

Text message services for young people – direct link to School Nurse

07520618866

### NSPCC

Support for Parents and Children

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Parents/carers – 0808 800 5000

Children – Via Childline 0800 11 11