



Kirkburton Middle School

End of Year Parents Bulletin

As we reach the end of another successful school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils, parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year.

It has been a year filled with achievements, opportunities and memorable experiences, and we are incredibly proud of everything our pupils have accomplished both inside and outside the classroom. From academic successes and sporting achievements to performances, trips and enrichment activities, our pupils have continued to demonstrate resilience, determination and a positive attitude to learning.

We would also like to say a special farewell to our Year 8 pupils as they move on to the next stage of their education. We wish them every happiness and success in the future and hope they look back on their time at KMS with fond memories.

We hope all of our families have a restful, safe and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back in September for another exciting year of learning and success.

Wind Band Tour

A huge well done to all the pupils who took part in the recent Wind Band Tour with Mrs Simons and Mr Turner. We were delighted to receive such positive feedback from Mr Kingham of Musica, who said: "The students were fantastic ambassadors for KMS and I was very proud to work with them."

The band performed brilliantly throughout the tour, and pupils represented the school exceptionally well, both during performances and while out in the community, including at McDonald's. We are extremely proud of the maturity, conduct and musical talent they displayed.



Water Safety Visit from West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service

Pupils recently took part in an important water safety presentation delivered by representatives from West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service. The session helped pupils develop a greater understanding of the risks associated with open water and provided practical advice on how to stay safe around rivers, lakes, canals and reservoirs, particularly during the summer months.

The firefighters shared valuable safety messages, including what to do in an emergency, how to recognise potential hazards, and the importance of making sensible choices when near water. Pupils were engaged throughout the presentation and gained knowledge that could help keep themselves and others safe.

We are very grateful to West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service for taking the time to visit our school and deliver such an informative and potentially life-saving session.



House Celebration Assemblies

Pupils in Booth, Moxon and Carter Houses came together for their House Celebration Assemblies, recognising the many achievements and successes of pupils across the school.

Awards were presented to pupils who have demonstrated excellent attainment, outstanding effort and significant improvements in their attitude to learning across a range of subjects. We were also delighted to celebrate those pupils who have shown a commitment to excellent attendance and consistently positive behaviour, making a valuable contribution to school life.

These assemblies provided a wonderful opportunity to recognise the hard work, resilience and dedication shown by so many of our pupils throughout the year. Congratulations to all award winners – your achievements should make you extremely proud, and we look forward to seeing your continued success in the future.



Roman Workshop

Year 6 pupils recently took part in an exciting and interactive Roman Workshop, where they learned more about the Roman Army, including its uniforms, weapons and battle tactics.

The workshop brought history to life as pupils enjoyed dressing up as Roman soldiers and putting their skills to the test by trying out different Roman battle formations against invading Barbarians and their "spears" (foam balls!).

It was a fun, engaging and memorable experience that helped deepen pupils' understanding of Roman Britain while inspiring enthusiasm for history.



Summer Serenade

Our new pupils, who joined us for transition activities this week, were treated to a wonderful glimpse of the musical opportunities available at KMS. Pupils who took part in Come Alive! earlier this year, alongside Mrs Simons and Ms Austin, performed a delightful Summer Serenade, entertaining their audience with a selection of well-known songs and encouraging plenty of singalongs.

The performance showcased the talent, enthusiasm and sense of community that music brings to our school. We hope it has inspired some of our new pupils to get involved, and we look forward to welcoming many new faces to next year's productions and performances.



Summer of sport at KMS

Year 8 Boys Cricket

Due to the quality of all our Year 8 cricketers, we had a very successful run in the Yorkshire cup that consisted of 48 teams in the Yorkshire area. We made it to the final beating Heckmondwike, Whitcliffe Mount, Ilkley and Penistone Grammar along the way. Finals day was held at Barwick-in-Elmet cricket club against a very strong Boston Spa team who won the competition last year and were aiming to retain the cup. We were honoured with a special guest appearance from Sir Geoffrey Boycott who was there watching the whole game and helped present the trophy and the medals. We batted first and set a very good total of 142 after some superb batting from all our players but special mentions go to Henry N (42) and Sammy G (41) who both played brilliantly. Our bowling and fielding were superb and after a couple of key wickets from Isaac P we managed to contain them to 125 which meant, the new Yorkshire Year 8 cricket champions this year was Kirkburton Middle School. A brilliant effort from everyone involved the lads certainly did us proud with some unbelievable performances captained well by Billy M. A special mention for Callum R as well who played a vital role in KMS getting to the final who unfortunately missed out due to Yorkshire commitments.





U13 Girls Cricket Patsy Ackroyd Cup

The Girls team made it through to the second round of the cup and travelled away to Aysgarth School. This was a rare experience for all of the team, competing against a private school with outstanding facilities and two cricket coaches for the opposing team. The girls batted well with Alice T receiving the 'batter of the match' award. They bowled well but faced some exceptional batters from Aysgarth who took the lead in the 19th over and won the game. They went on to play Woodhouse Grove in the 3rd round and we wish them well in the next round.

Year 7 and 8 Athletics

Our Year 7 and 8 athletics teams have been extremely impressive this year. Year 8 competed on Thursday 18th June followed by Year 7 on Wednesday 24th June 2026 at Spenborough athletics track. Both events were attended by over 20 secondary schools in the Kirklees area and displayed very high level performances. Both Year 7 and 8 teams were the overall winners of their competitions which is incredible! It shows the talent, hard work and dedication of our amazing pupils and is something the whole school is very proud of.



KMS Sports Days

The 2026 KMS sports days were incredible, every single child in school contributed to their house points by taking part in a range of athletic events. Pupils had prepared for these in their PE lessons and demonstrated great skill and determination when running, jumping and throwing to the best of their ability.

All events contributed to house points and the overall results were as follows:

3rd place with 96 points were **Moxon House**

2nd with 103 points were **Carter house**

1st place with 111 points were the mighty **Booth House**.

Congratulations Booth House!

Thank You from the Children's Commissioner

I am writing to you because I have heard from 157 children and young people at your school as part of my national survey, The Big Future. I want to say a huge and heartfelt thank you for taking the time to share the survey and get your pupils' voices heard.

With the summer holidays fast approaching, I am making one final push to ensure that as many children and young people as possible in every school and college take part before the end of term.

I am asking for your support in ensuring as many pupils from your school as possible complete the survey here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

It is crucial that I hear from as many children as possible in every school and college, in every community, across the country.

I would be grateful if you could make time for one final push before the end of term by:

- sharing the survey directly with pupils through your school or college email system;
- sharing it with parents and carers across your wider school community
- setting aside time during form, tutor periods, assemblies or lessons for pupils to complete the survey.

Many schools have found that completing the survey during the school day has been the most effective way to ensure as many children and young people as possible can take part. To make this as easy as possible, I have created a slide pack which can be found on [my website](#).

Thank you for helping to ensure that the voices of children and young people at your school are heard before the summer holidays.

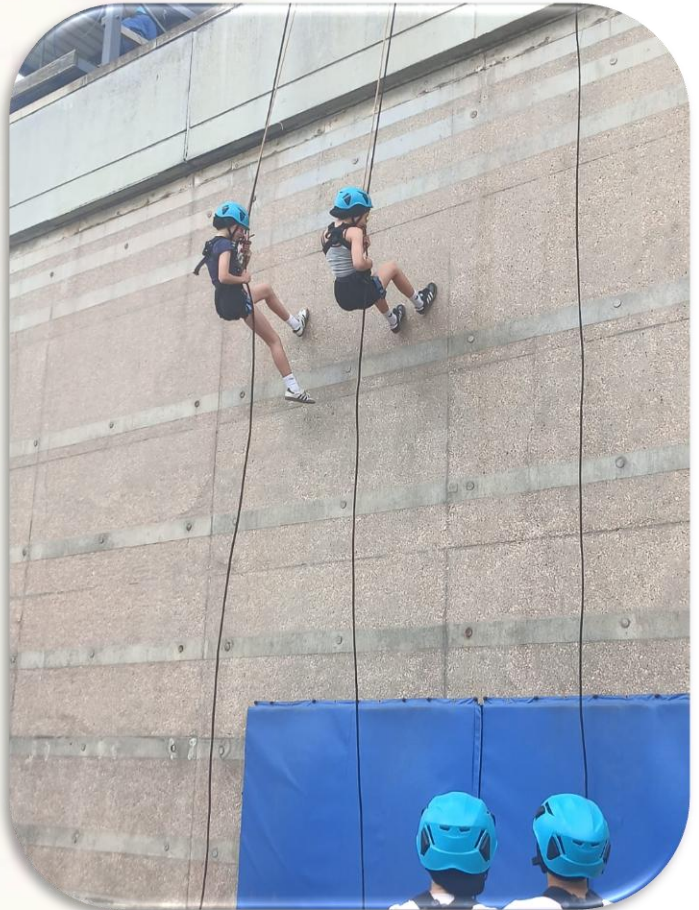
Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

Year 7 PGL

Our Year 7 students returned from their residential full of stories, smiles and a well earned sense of achievement. We had a wonderful few days which allowed them to grow in confidence, strengthen friendships and enjoy experiences that they will remember for a long time. The activities were a real highlight, whether tackling the high trapeze, working together to build a raft or abseiling down the side of the sports hall, students showed courage, team work and determination. There were countless moments of, 'I don't think I can do that' but they did! Staff were incredibly proud of every single child.



Celebrating Our Year 8 Class of 2026

Our Year 8 Class of 2026 treated us to a truly memorable leaving assembly, filled with outstanding musical performances, heartfelt reflections and exceptionally well-delivered speeches. The celebration perfectly captured the spirit, talent and character of this wonderful year group, creating many special moments that will be remembered for years to come.

The assembly was followed by a fun-filled BBQ afternoon, where pupils enjoyed football matches, emotional goodbyes with staff and the traditional shirt-signing. With the sun shining throughout the afternoon, it was a fantastic opportunity for pupils and staff to come together and celebrate the end of their KMS journey.

We would like to thank our Year 8 pupils for the positive contribution they have made to school life and wish them every success and happiness as they move on to their new schools and exciting next chapter. We are incredibly proud of them all and look forward to hearing about their future achievements.



House cup winners 2026

Our final announcement for the 2025/2026 school year is the winners of this year's house cup.

Thank you to all the pupils who have participated in events and competitions to earn points for their house.

In 3rd place with 47 points, we have **BOOTH HOUSE**.

In 2nd place with 48 points, we have **MOXON HOUSE**.

In 1st place and this year's cup winners, with an impressive 64 points we have **CARTER HOUSE!**

Congratulations to all of you in Carter House.

Who will be the winner next year?

Start of the Autumn Term

A reminder we will once again be running a staggered start to our autumn term as follows –

Monday 31st August – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1st September – Inset Day

Wednesday 2nd September – Year 6 only

Thursday 3rd September – Y7 & Y8 return – full school attendance

We ask that pupils arrive on site no later than 8.50am each day so they can be sat in their seats ready for the start of the school day at 8.55am. Pupils who arrive after 8.55am will receive a late mark.

Communications from school

We are moving away from using Edulink as our communication platform.

As of September, all school messages and updates will be sent via email or through the Arbor app.

Emails containing attachments and larger amounts of information will come straight to your email inbox and quick notification messages will be sent through the Arbor app.

To ensure you continue to receive important information, please make sure your contact details are up to date and that you have access to the Arbor Parent app. If you require any support with logging in or setting up the app, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help. If the email address that we have for you is not your main email address, please let us know so we can update it.

Thank you for your cooperation as we make this transition to streamline communication and improve the way we share information with you.

Appointments & Attendance

Could we please remind parents to let the Office know of any appointments with as much notice as possible. If your child needs to leave part way through the day, we can arrange for them to be at the office at the time you have requested to make the sign out process as smooth as possible. For all attendance issues including absences, medical appointments, and reasons for being late or out of school, could you please email. This will go straight through to our Attendance Officer who can ensure all records are up to date.

Thank you.

Useful Contacts

Kirklees Children's Services

Safeguarding Services and Duty and Advice
www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk
01484 456848

Childline

<http://www.childline.org.uk>
0800 1111

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