



Kirkburton Middle School – Parent Bulletin

5th – 12th June 2020

Headteacher Update

“Life will be okay in the end. If it’s not okay, it’s not the end”
(John Lennon)

Welcome to the final half-term of the academic year, one which will live long in the memories of all. I hope you and your family are well and you managed to enjoy the lovely sunny weather we had over the half-term break. As the country slowly and cautiously starts to return to a new sense of normality, we have been very busy in school preparing for the next chapter in the history of Kirkburton Middle School. Yesterday we welcomed many staff, at a social distance, back into school as we prepare for the wider opening to Year 6 pupils on Monday. It was great to see everybody again and we are all really looking forward to the next six weeks. Schools are amazing places to work; they are full of energy, enthusiasm, dreams and hope. This is all down to the people inside the building – pupils, staff, parents, community representatives, visitors. Without people a school is just bricks and mortar and so it was lovely to see our school building start to come alive again once more. I am even more excited to see our first pupils return on Monday (apologies colleagues!). As we welcome our first cohort of returning Year 6 pupils, we will also welcome back the children of our key worker families who have been attending Scissett Middle School for the last 11 weeks – for many including all holidays. I know staff can’t wait to stand in front of a class again. In our communications with parents we’ve made it clear that we have had to make some changes to the school layout and the school day and as such it won’t be business as usual. We will endeavour to ensure our on-site provision is as close to business as usual as possible however the health and safety of everybody on site is paramount. Mr MacIntyre and I have made a [short video](#) which highlights some of the changes we’ve made. I don’t think it’s going to win any Oscars, it was very much a one take wonder, however we hope you find it informative and it provides some reassurances for those families whose children are set to return to KMS. The school site will undergo one last final inspection from an external health and safety expert this afternoon and at this point we will know for sure whether or not we will definitely open on Monday. We’re very confident this will go well. We will place a copy of our final site risk assessment onto the [policies section](#) of the school website over the weekend should you wish to read it. You can also click [here](#) to find out the latest information from the Department for Education in relation to the wider reopening of schools.

Whilst we have been very busy preparing for the reopening of school, we have also spent a great deal of time looking at ways in which we can continue to support those pupils who are still working remotely. In fact, we have probably spent more time on this than on our plans for the opening of school. For the foreseeable future and quite possibly beyond, we are going to be in a position where we will have many pupils continuing to study remotely, potentially on a rolling rota. As such a large part of our staff training yesterday was taken up with looking at new ways of working in order to best support remote learning. This is quite a challenge as our on-site provision is very staff intensive and, as such, the more people who come to work on site the fewer we have working remotely to support those pupils working at home. Full details about our proposals can be found further in this bulletin. Our key challenges are finding ways to effectively communicate with parents about their child’s completion of the work set and ensuring that pupils receive high quality feedback on the assessment tasks set. We think we’ve found some good solutions however time will tell – your feedback as always is very welcome. We are also hoping to hold our first Microsoft Teams well-being tutorial sessions very shortly. If you feel your child would benefit from one of these sessions, please raise this when their form tutor phones home next. For most families these phone calls will now be fortnightly.

We are also in the early stages of planning our wider support to those pupils who are not due to attend school until September. For our Year 8 leavers, we are hoping to hold leaving assemblies for small groups of pupils so they can come in and say goodbye to friends and staff and also collect any belongings they may have in school. We also have lots planned for our Year 5 pupils including the opportunity to respond to a letter sent out by their new form tutor. We also hope to be able to offer some small group tutorial sessions via Microsoft Teams so pupils can introduce themselves to their new class. We also hope to be able to run some welcome assemblies during the last week of term so all pupils get the chance to visit the school before the summer. Finally, we've not forgotten Year 7 but at the moment we don't have any capacity to offer additional support at this moment in time. We hope this may change over the coming weeks. All the events mentioned are in the early stages of planning and as soon as we have more information we'll provide you with firm dates and times.

Once again the school social media channels have been packed with lots of examples of pupils achieving great things. We've had golf, art, baking, yoga, computer coding, DT, electronics and much, much more. Well done to all involved, it's lovely to see what you've been up to at home – keep up the fantastic work. There has also been lots of really useful information posted over the past two weeks including careers advice, well-being support and online safety tips.

Finally, I'd like to once again say a huge thank you and well done to all those who took part in our first ever Burton's Got Talent competition. The standard of entries was phenomenal and I know, deservedly so, there will be some very proud parents out there. Thank you to everybody who took the time to vote and particular well done to our top three Freya, Poppy and Ava. Everybody who entered has set the bar extremely high for future events. Let's hope our next Burton's Got Talent showcase will be on site. Something most definitely to look forward to.

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing support and as always, please let us know if there is any way we can support you further.

Well-being

Although schools are closed to the majority of students, we remain here to help. **Please be sure to make contact with school if you need support.** Please see the end of this bulletin for a list of further support services available to you at this difficult time. We've added an extra section this week, Kirklees Support for families in need, which has been shared with us by Kirklees Council.

School safeguarding support

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Year 6

Hello all. Well done with all your hard work this half term especially with all your home-schooling. Seeing all your projects, baking and hard work has been really inspiring to us all.

Being kind to one another is also very important, especially during these unusual times. You as a year group are a very kind and support each other in School. However, now more than ever we are connecting with each other online. This means it is very important to think before you post or message someone else - is it kind and is it necessary? You may remember we have discussed this idea in assembly. Let's spread kindness. If it makes just one person feel better, it is a wonderful thing to do.

Before you...



THINK!

T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?

Year 8

Welcome back to school, albeit a virtual school for many of you. For the year 8s I know that you are now thinking about your next step and moving on from Kirkburton Middle. For some this is an exciting idea but for others it can be worrying. It is completely normal to be worried about change. A new school is however, also an opportunity to try new things, meet some new people and do things that you might not even be able to imagine at the moment. No matter which school you are moving on to, all schools have been working hard to make sure that when you return it will work smoothly and safely, having spoken to Shelley College I know their plans are well underway for welcoming you as a new year group. We know that starting year 9 can feel daunting, so don't bottle up how you're feeling. Instead, make sure you tell someone so we can support you. Year 9 can also be an exciting fresh start, and we can't wait to see you flourish!

Year 8s you should have had an email, but in case you haven't, please look at the following as soon as possible, the closing date is Tuesday 9th June.

This is a year like no other and when Y8 leave us, it will be an end to their time at KMS unlike any previous year group. Depending on circumstances at the time, we will do whatever we can to say goodbye to each other. With that in mind, we would like your help and ask that both parents/carers AND pupils complete the following form ASAP. It will help us put together a presentation that we can share online as a memory of your time, with us, at KMS.

As we require this information quite quickly, we are sending it out via a variety of formats. Please only fill it in once per year 8 pupil even though you may receive it a few times.

We have put a date of Tues 9th June on having it completed by, but that is just in case some parents do not see this until the Parent Bulletin. If possible, please do this ASAP, should only take a few minutes.

If not submitted on time, we cannot be sure that we can include your child.

Please click the link here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKn_JHpMZFFfVcfq00louPQ5Dr_0ynjgiQiYvqMoJtvLx1MQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Timetable

As we now have a significant number of our staff working on site with key worker children and year 6, we will need to change our subject timetable slightly and the way we set work. All work will now be uploaded to Class Charts at the **beginning of the week** and will remain on the system for two weeks. Work will now not necessarily be set by your child's subject teacher but by another member of the department. **We would encourage your child to still follow the same timetable as before, as this will be more manageable and help form good working habits:**

Monday- English and Maths

Tuesday- RE, PSE,

Wednesday- French, Science, Technology

Thursday- History, Careers and Music

Friday- Geography, Art

Most other subjects will remain the same in terms of quantity set, however at this time we will not be setting Computing or PE work.

Work will still be set via ClassCharts and we would ask that you please ensure your child follows the instructions carefully about how and when to submit work.

Most work will now be assessed via a Google quiz and your child will receive a whole class feedback sheet to respond to. Teachers will ensure that feedback caters for all children including work to correct where relevant and extension tasks.

Well-being remains a key priority for us all. Staff will still be making phone calls home to you and your children once a fortnight on either Wednesdays or Fridays, we would like to speak to both a parent and child where possible. In most cases this will be the form tutor but in some cases will be another member of staff.

During this call we would like to discuss whether your child is completing the work set; we will be using information from class charts and Google forms to monitor this, how they are finding the work and how they are coping with lockdown.

We are looking to introduce some Microsoft Teams meetings for small groups of children who may be finding circumstances challenging at the moment, do please let us know if this applies to your child during these calls or via email to your child's PAL.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader are giving pupils access to 7,000 digital books during lockdown. Please follow the links below:

Renaissance myON Access: <https://readon.myon.co.uk/>

[Parent guide to myON](#)

[myON Video Tutorials](#)

Careers

Hope you are all well?

[Have a look at this](#) - there are some great tips for skills you can be working on to land yourselves great careers in the future.



Burton's Got Talent

RESULTS ARE IN! After 248 votes, every amazing act got well into double figures which is great to see. Thank you all & well done for entering.

3rd - Ava M (Piano)

2nd - Poppy F (Singing & Playing)

1st - Freya L (Singing) 🏆

See all the entries here - <https://youtu.be/J3fn1WuurXo>



Telephone Calls

As I am sure you are aware, form tutors have been contacting parents over the last half term to check in with parents/pupils and offer support and advice. When school staff are ringing from a home number we have asked them to block their caller ID. This means when a call is made to a parent the call will often be shown as "withheld number". We know that "withheld number" calls are unsolicited sales/marketing companies attempting to contact you. However from next week school staff will be normally calling parents/pupils on Wednesday or Friday to check in with you. If you can support our work by answering, if possible, "withheld number" calls on these days we would be most grateful. We truly value the opportunity to have a conversation with parents and pupils during this time and from the feedback we have received we know many of you value the opportunity to speak to school and discuss any queries or concerns.

Please remember you can also contact us via email if you have any queries or need advice or support.

Catering

Please can all outstanding balances be paid particularly for Year 8s, cash can be brought into school (there is a postbox on the turning circle if you place in a named envelope or top up on ParentPay. The School Kitchen is also open from Monday for pupils returning to school for packed lunches – sandwiches, fruit boxes, biscuits and fruit juices.

Many thanks.

Healthcare Science Career of the Week



Allied Health Professional RADIOGRAPHER - DIAGNOSTIC

Pay Scale: Band 5 to 7: £21,000-£40,500

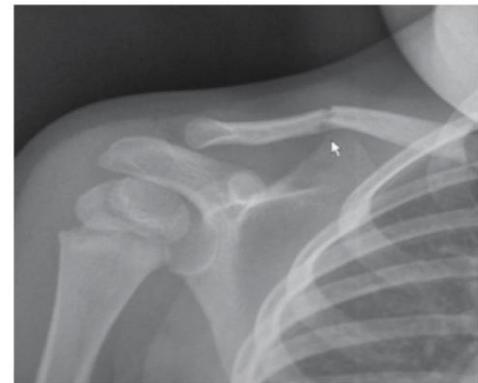
AMAZING FACT

There are around 26,000 diagnostic radiographers in the UK and you spend 50% of your time when training in a hospital, learning on the job!

The most common machine and test a Diagnostic Radiographer will use is an X-Ray machine. But you may not know they are also trained to use the following bits of kit:

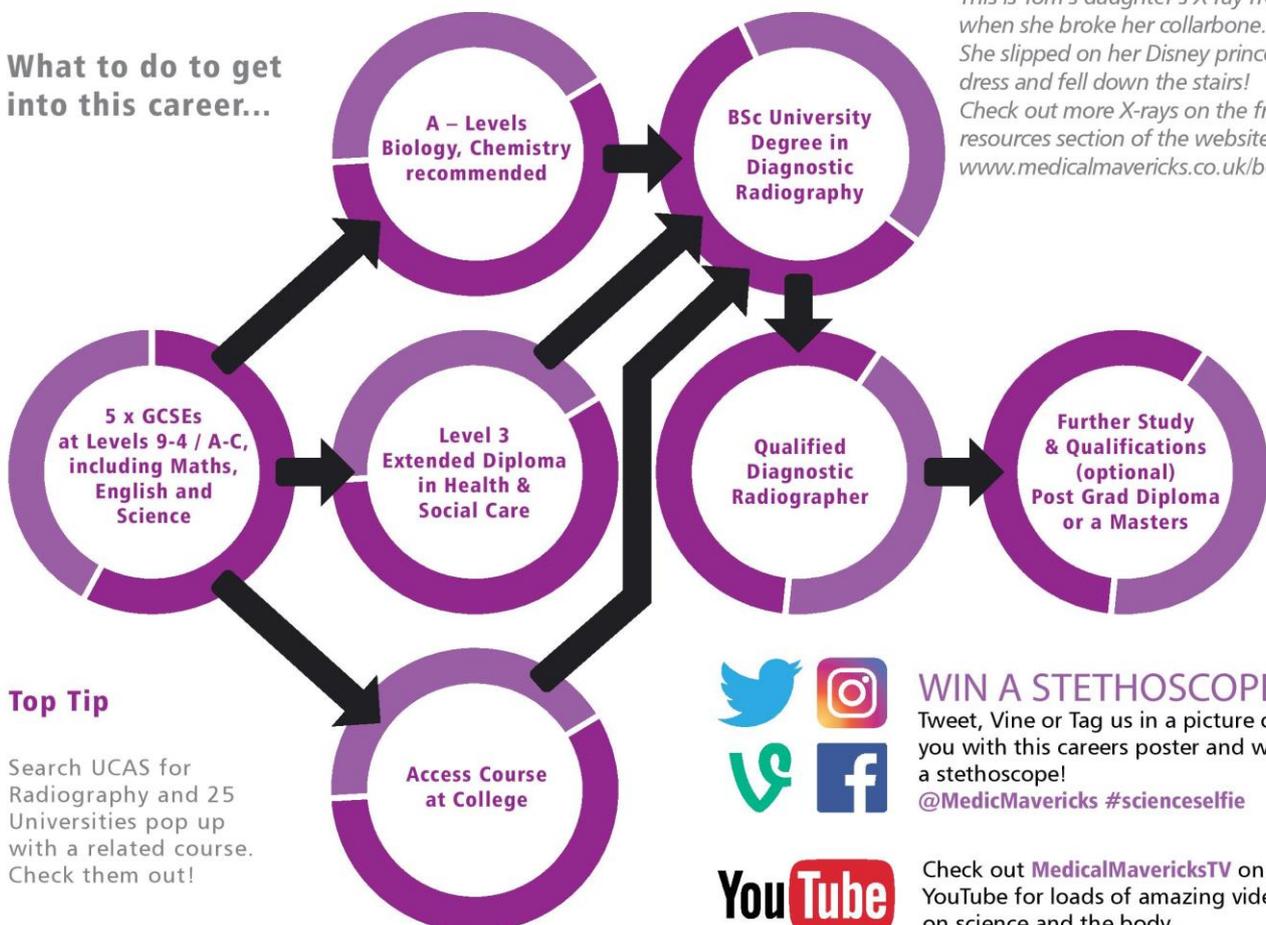
- Fluoroscopy. This allows them to image the digestive system
- CT Scan to provide cross sectional images of the body
- MRI scans to create 3D images
- Ultrasound to image organs quickly and check circulation

They work with many departments from A&E, to critical care and normal wards. When training, one of the main subjects you will study is Anatomy, which is the study of the structures in the body.



This is Tom's daughter's X-ray from when she broke her collarbone. She slipped on her Disney princess dress and fell down the stairs! Check out more X-rays on the free resources section of the website. www.medicalmavericks.co.uk/book

What to do to get into this career...



Top Tip

Search UCAS for Radiography and 25 Universities pop up with a related course. Check them out!



WIN A STETHOSCOPE
Tweet, Vine or Tag us in a picture of you with this careers poster and win a stethoscope!
[@MedicMavericks](https://twitter.com/MedicMavericks) #scienceselfie



Check out **MedicalMavericksTV** on YouTube for loads of amazing videos on science and the body.

Something for the family

Can you unscramble the food and drink anagrams?

DEMONALE

TERRBILE WALSH

FREE BOATS

POETIC GATE

BAD MAN GNASHERS

RATE MOAT

ALE QUIT

HEW I SKY

Whiskey

Tequila

Amaritto

Bangers and mash

Cottage pie

Roast beef

Welsh rarebit

Lemonade

Answers

School Uniform

Top Class School Wear

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Due to the current climate we have done a thorough risk assessment and feel the following will keep customers and staff safe whilst giving the best customer service we can.

Our 'New Normal' for summer 2020 will be orders only via our website

www.termtimewear.com

- *Orders may take 14 - 21 days please order as soon as possible.
- *You can pay online via worldpay with most credit/debit cards.
- * At Checkout you can choose 'home delivery' or 'Collect in store'.
- *If you have a special request please add to comments box.

Should you have any vouchers (collection only) don't pay for your order online you will be able to pay and redeem vouchers in store on collection.

Returns will only be accepted in original packaging within 7 days of purchase.

Store will be open for collections on 1 in 1 out basis, please wait till we advise that your order is ready before coming in, come alone & be prepared to queue.

Opening hours may differ as the summer progresses please check on facebook or google for times.