

Dear Parents

It was wonderful to welcome you to our Parents' Social and Information Evening on Wednesday, our first of many events of the academic year. The positive ambience was palpable at the reception drinks, with canapés, cava and pleasant company in abundance. It was uplifting to observe you relishing the opportunity to catch up with each other and our staff, and I am sure that you enjoyed the additional pieces of inspiring music played by our talented new music teacher.

Please note that as part of our safe return to School, we will be allowing visitors and spectators to large-scale events after school and at the weekends only. This is continually under review and we are hopeful that this restriction will be lifted after the October holiday. All being well, we look forward to our Junior Christmas Celebration and Infant and Pre-School Production being performed to a live audience of parents and extended family.

Our J3 pupils are extremely excited about their Bushcraft residential on Wednesday. Such excursions are key elements of our curriculum, as they provide opportunities to learn vital life skills, such as independence, initiative, teamwork, problem solving abilities, perseverance and leadership qualities. They also help the year groups to bond and work as a team, with much greater maturity levels being observed upon their return to KGS. Additionally, it gives both our staff and pupils the opportunity to see each other in a different light, as well as providing an invaluable boost of self-confidence and self-esteem. This enhanced feeling of 'can do' being essential to success as they navigate childhood and beyond. For our J3 parents, please encourage your child to pack their own bag so that they know where everything is. I will also reiterate the importance of what Mr Lewis has said about them wearing old clothes and comfortable shoes. It is natural for you and your child to feel a little nervous, but please do rest assured that our KGS teachers will take great care of your son/daughter, and that we will all be very proud of them when they return!

You have all received your Kirkham Grammar School Organiser today; we have made some amendments to assist with your day-to-day planning, such as an area for Google Classroom codes, in addition to a section for you to record when your child/children have PE. There is one amendment at this stage, with the Harvest Assembly for our pupils now taking place on Thursday 30 September. Should you need any additional copies of this organiser, then please do visit the School Office where we will be happy to provide you with extras.

I do hope that you now feel a little more relaxed from an organisational perspective after Wednesday's event, and that you are clearer about collection points from the various co-curricular clubs after school. Should you have any additional queries then please get in touch with the relevant member of staff or the School Office at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Mrs K L O'Donoghue
Headmistress