

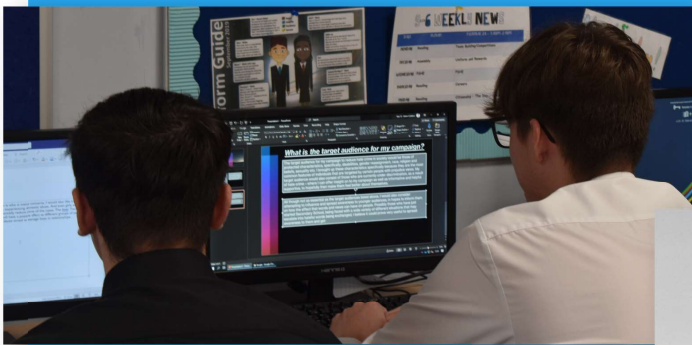
POST16 news LETTER

Dear Post 16 Parent / Carer,

We have finally reached the end of what has been a very busy and tiring half term. Even though we have only completed 7 full weeks of lessons, our Year 12 students are actually now 11 weeks into their courses, as we managed to complete 4 weeks of induction lessons at the end of the summer term. This has given the students a real head start on their courses and allowed them to hit the ground running.

That is not to say they have found it easy. There is a steep learning curve from Year 11 to Year 12 and another step up from Year 12 into Year 13. Many of our former students tell me that they actually find the first year of their university courses easier than their A Levels! Our Post 16 tutors have been supporting students with their VESPA activities in tutor time to help them develop an 'A Level mindset' and Post 16 teachers will continue to support the students with the increased demands of their courses.

It has also been good to see the return of some extra curricular activities. Young Enterprise has started again for Year 12 and our newly formed company, Invictus, are already planning to conquer the business world!



We are working on our first debate of the year, with a Question Time style panel on the topic of Climate Change to take place on 12 November, to coincide with COP26.

We already have secured Paul Bristow MP, the Mayor of Peterborough Cllr Stephen Lane and a representative of Extinction Rebellion to take part in this debate. We are also looking to involve business representatives and scientists. Our whole sixth form will be taking part in this debate and I am sure it will be fascinating to hear the opposing points of view.



I would like to say we have got back to 'normal' but this is far from the case and the spectre of Covid-19 still hangs over us and influences our day to day lives. The recent data, both locally and nationally, does not look promising and I urge all of our Post 16 students to continue to take precautions and do their bit to stop the spread of this dreaded virus. I am aware that some of our Post 16 students have been quite severely affected by post-Covid complications and the Local Authority and Public Health England strongly recommend that all of our students take advantage of their opportunity to be vaccinated.

Mobile Phones

We adopted a mobile phone ban across the school from September and the sixth form have adapted well to not using their mobile phones around the campus. Thankfully there have been few Post 16 confiscations and I would like to keep it this way! They still have the privilege of using their mobiles in their dedicated Common Room and Study Room but need to continue to be positive role models for the lower school by keeping their phones and headphones out of sight.



Post 16 attendance and phoning in sick

Post 16 students are expected to attend the vast majority of their lessons. Any absence can have a detrimental impact on a student's progress and this is all the more important in the sixth form where teachers cover a vast amount of course content in a very short space of time. After half term, we will be writing to the parents of any student whose attendance to their academic classes has fallen below 90% this half term. Students whose attendance does not improve over the course of next time risk being made parental entries, with the cost of their examinations being paid from home. This is a last resort but we need to challenge absence and underachievement if students are going to achieve their best outcomes. I also wish to remind you that Post 16 students (or their parents/carers) must still phone in **every day** they are not in school. There is a dedicated Post 16 absence line which Miss Kingston checks and uses to inform staff if students will be missing from lessons.

Post 16 Bursary

I am aware that some parents have had their incomes affected by the pandemic and the ending of furlough. I continually promote the Post 16 bursary fund to students. This is not just available to students in receipt of Free School Meals or on Universal Credit but to all families of Post 16 students in financial hardship. The bursary can provide for a range of educational support, including bus fares, educational visits, course textbooks and equipment. If you feel you may benefit from this support, please contact me in confidence.

Free Breakfast Provision

Mr Erwin has done some excellent work to secure a free breakfast provision for all students across our school. I am delighted this also applies to Post 16 students. Please see further information about this at the end of this newsletter.



First Round of Post 16 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)

Next half term we have the Post 16 PPEs coming up in the last 2 weeks of term. These will take place from 6th to 17th December. The PPE timetable is included in this newsletter.

Students will be assessed on topics they have covered and the PPEs represent the opportunity for us to assess what students can do and also to identify any gaps in their understanding, i.e. what they can't do... yet! It should now go without saying that Post 16 students should take these assessments very seriously. I am sure they have come to appreciate that PPEs can be used as key assessment evidence if the final examinations do not go ahead. I hope it will not come to this again but failure to prepare is preparation to fail!

UCAS deadline

The final deadline for students applying to university next year is 26 January 2022. However, our UCAS Lead, Mr Walji, will be working with students to get all of their applications sent before Christmas. Remember, the quicker the UCAS form is sent off, the quicker students can start receiving their university offers! UCAS applicants should now be completing the online form and working with their tutors on their Personal Statements.

Parent Survey

If you have not done so already, I would appreciate you completing the parent satisfaction survey. It only takes a few minutes and we really do value your feedback. The link to the survey is here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/grinBGKwL9>

There is also a QR you can scan using your phone camera later in the newsletter.

Mr Abbott & Miss Kingston

POST 16 PRE-PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS, 6 – 10 DECEMBER 2021

Day	Time	Examinations	Location	Room
Monday 6 December 2021	08.45 - 10.45	Maths A2 (5) 120m	Assembly Hall	B
		Sociology A2 (13) 120m		
	11.25 - 13.55	Sports Science L3 BTEC Yr 13	Assembly Hall	L
		31815 Set Task (6) 180m		
	11.25 - 13.55	English Language A2 P1 (8) 150m	Assembly Hall	L
		Politics A2 (7) 120m		
	11.25 - 13.55	Biology A2 (6) 105m	Assembly Hall	L
Tuesday 7 December 2021	08.45 - 10.45	Economics A2 (6) 120m	Assembly Hall	R
		Chemistry A2 (5) 105m		
	11.25 - 13.55	History A2 (12) 90m	Assembly Hall	U
		Eng Lit Yr 12 (12) 60m		
	11.25 - 13.55	IT Yr 12 (17) 90m	Assembly Hall	U
		Maths Yr 12 (13) 90		
	11.25 - 13.40	H&SC BTEC 31491 (6) 90m	Assembly Hall	U
Wednesday 8 December 2021	11.25 - 13.40	Geography A2 (6) 135m	Assembly Hall	N
		Media Studies A2 (3) 120m		
	11.25 - 13.40	Business Studies A2 (14) 120m	Assembly Hall	N
		Applied Psychology 21333 Yr 13 (14) 120m		
Thursday 9 December 2021	08.45 - 10.15	English Language A2 P2 (8) 150m	Assembly Hall	A
		Sports Science L3 BTEC Yr 13 31814 (6) 90m		
	11.25 - 12.55	Chemistry Yr 12 (7) 90m	Assembly Hall	C
		Geog Yr 12 (6) 90m		
	11.25 - 12.55	Bus St AS (15) 90m	Assembly Hall	C
		App Psych Yr 12 (19) 90m		
	11.25 - 12.55	Physics Yr 12 (4) 90m	Assembly Hall	C
		Sociology AS (20) 90m		
Friday 10 December 2021	11.25 - 14.25	Enterprise Yr 12 (17) 180m	Assembly Hall	H
		Sports Science BTEC Yr 12 (13) 90m		

POST 16 PRE-PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS, 13 – 18 DECEMBER 2021

Monday 13 December 2021	08.45 - 10.45	French Yr 12 (3) 120m H&SC BTEC Yr 12 31490 (14) 90m History Yr 12 (21) 90m	Assembly Hall	B	11.25 - 13.10	Politics AS (13) 105m Biology Yr 12 (5) 90m Economics AS (8) 90m Eng Lang Yr 12 (7) 90m	Assembly Hall	L	“ ”
Tuesday 14 December 2021	3 hrs 3 hrs 3 hrs	Criminology CA Yr 12B (18) Units 1, 2 & 3 Criminology CA Yr 13B (17) Units 1, 2 & 3 Criminology CA Yr12A (22) Units 2, 3 & 4	4U07 4U08 IL50	R		Criminology CA Yr 12B (18) Units 1, 2 & 3 Criminology CA Yr 13B (17) Units 1, 2 & 3 Criminology CA Yr12A (22) Units 2, 3 & 4	4U07 4U08 IL50	U	?
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Thursday 16 December 2021	All Day 08.45 - 10.15	Criminology CA Yr 12A (22) Law Year 12 20168 Set Task (25) 90m	4U06 3U23	A	All Day	Criminology CA Yr 12A (22)	4U06	C	Criminology CA Yr 12A (22) All Day 4U06
Friday 17 December 2021				K	11.25 - 13.25	Law Year 13 20170 Set Task (18) 120m	4U07	H	!

CLUBS

Lots of students have joined our after-school clubs, if your child is interesting in joining any of the clubs listed below, please ask them to just turn up, they are always welcome. See below the up-to-date clubs across the school.

PE After School Clubs

Monday	BASKETBALL ALL YEAR GROUPS: Mr Bradley & Mr Reed FITNESS Year 7 & 8: Mr Hutchings & Mr Morrissey
Tuesday	FITNESS Post 16
Wednesday	FOOTBALL Year 7 & 8: Mr Brennan & Mr Ground FITNESS Years 9, 10 & 11: Miss Marley & Mr Midson BADMINTON ALL YEAR GROUPS: Mr Morrissey
Thursday	NETBALL ALL YEAR GROUPS: Ms Sothmann, Miss Marley & Post 16 FOOTBALL Years 9, 10 & 11: Mr Steward, Mr Ground & Mr Brennan
Friday	FITNESS & SPORTSHALL Years 11 & Post 16: PE staff and Mr Midson



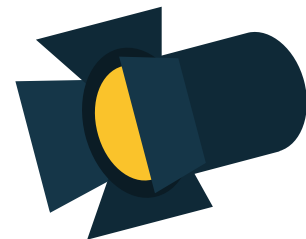
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PERFORMING ARTS EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AFTER SCHOOL

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Activity 1	DRAMA CLUB 5L17 MR BILLET YEARS 7 – POST 16	PERFORMING ARTS OPEN STUDIO MUST BOOK VIA MRS PURDY	DANCE CLUB 5L47 MRS PURDY YEARS 7-11	GCSE DANCE CATCH UP MRS PURDY YEARS 9-11
Activity 2	MUSIC CLUB 5L22 MISS WARD YEARS 7&8		DRAMA REHEARSALS 5L17 MR BILLET YEARS 10-POST 16	

Breaktimes: The practice rooms are bookable on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays only

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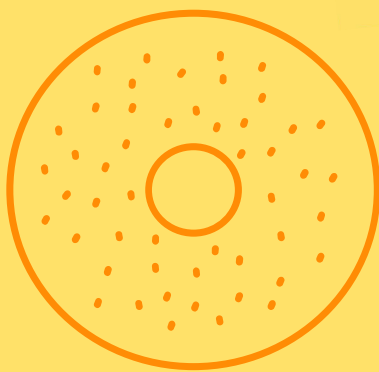
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BREAKFAST Time

I am pleased to announce that we will be offering daily a free breakfast provision starting with Years 7,8 and Post 16 from Monday November 1. To ensure we get the service and provision correct, we will not start serving Years 9, 10 to 11 until Monday 15 November.

The breakfast provision will be:

1. A hot bagel (dry or with spread and/or jam)
2. Cereal (Cornflakes, Rice Crispies, Shreddies and gluten free cornflakes)
3. A hot drink (chocolate, tea and decaf coffee)



It is a free entitlement for all students and will be served in the canteen from 8.00 to 8.25 am. The serving of a hot drink will cease at 8.20am.

The canteen will be staffed each day and the facility will be segregated into lower and upper school areas.

I hope that this service will be actively taken up by the students.



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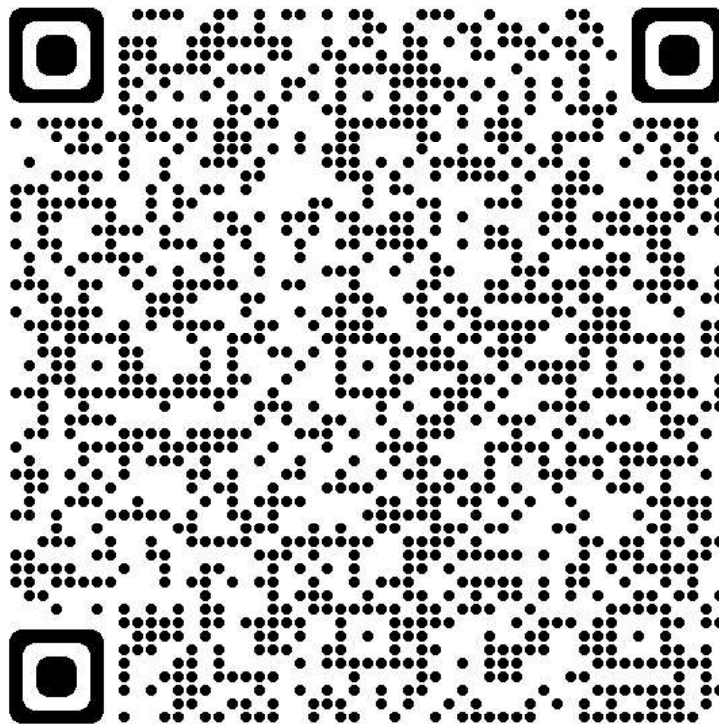
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KSCS Parent Satisfaction Survey 2020 -2021 (September 2021)

Thank you for taking time to complete the important survey below. If you have more than child at the school then please feel free to repeat the survey. We value your feedback and will use this to help us to further improve standards at KSCS.

Bryan Erwin (Principal)

To access the survey open the link below via your QR reader or phone camera:



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