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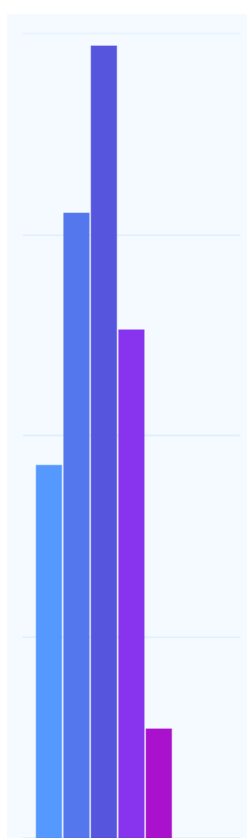
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## CALENDAR

Tuesday 5th July, 6 - 7pm

Parents Forum



Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11 Year 12

## EPrise

Congratulations to Year 9 who appear to be way in front, and to Year 8 in second place. Points are awarded on the EPrise system for good attendance and behaviour.

## WELCOME!

Dear Parents

I hope you had a good half term break.

Please note that our term dates for 2016-17 have been amended slightly, these were amended on the website last week with a text home to all parents to make you aware. To view the term dates please click on [term dates](#).

I am pleased to report that Year 11 students have worked incredibly hard through the exam period. They all seem very positive and I'm sure their dedication will be rewarded with what I expect to be the best results in the history of the Academy or any of its predecessor schools. It's been a really positive year and I'm proud to lead such a good school.

With best wishes,

**Paul Davies**  
Principal



## NEWS

### Parents Forum

Our next parents forum is taking place on Tuesday 5th July at 6pm. If you have an agenda item that you wish to be included please send these to [jtomkins@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:jtomkins@ketteringscienceacademy.org)

### Lunch Money

Have you checked your child's lunch money balance recently? Wisepay instructions are at the back of this bulletin showing how to pay online. Keeping your child's account topped up saves them having to queue at lunch time to load money on to their card.

### Lost Property

As the end of the school year looms, any lost property that hasn't been claimed will be discarded. Please ask your child to check lost property for any items they have misplaced.

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## Author Talk Inspires Our Creative Writers

Successful author and screenwriter Andy Briggs spent time talking with some of our Year 7 students at the end of last term.

[Creative Writers](#)



## High Hopes For GCSE Drama Students

The Head of KSA's Performing Arts department has high hopes for this year's GCSE drama students as they showcased their acting abilities through a series of exceptional examination performances. Please click on the link below to read and see more:

[GCSE Drama](#)



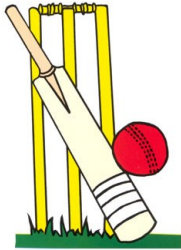


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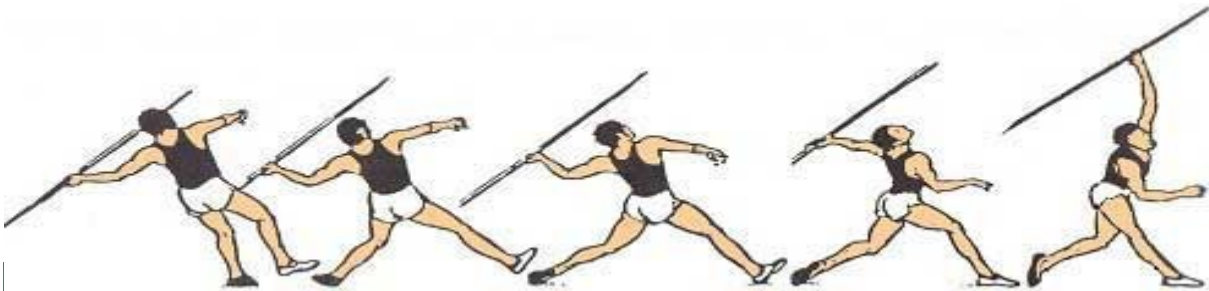
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## League Win Looms for Cricketers

Please check out the link below to see how our under 15s cricket team is getting on. PE Teacher Mr Baines has established some fantastic teams that are on a real winning streak and their sights are currently on claiming the league title.

[Cricket](#)



## Success At County Level For Our Athletes

Two of our Year 9 athletes have made it successfully through to the regional finals of the Athletic Championships this weekend.


Congratulations to Annabel and Joe, to read more about their achievements so far please click on the link below:


[Athletes Success](#)



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## Rewarded For Excellent Project Work

Certificates in recognition of good effort with project work have been awarded to three of our Key Stage 3 Students.

Congratulations to Abiee Blackford, Mark Auty and Tyler Beardsley. To read more about their efforts please click here: [Project Work](#)



## Unique Debating Opportunity

A group of four of our students have been selected to represent KSA at a debating competition being held at Warwick University on Monday. Three of the students are pictured to the right, to read more about the competition please click on this link

[Debating competition](#)

Good Luck for Monday!



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Congratulations to all our Duke of Edinburgh Students that successfully completed their practise expedition walk in the half term holidays. The students walked from the Village Green in Gretton at 9am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and navigated a route to their final checkpoint in Oakham just after midday on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Students took part in the navigational challenge as part of working towards their DofE Bronze Award. Lead staff member for KSA's Duke of Edinburgh programme and English teacher, Miss Rachael Davies said: "The practise expedition was a very successful one which tested the students' navigation, map reading, team work and cooking skills. All students navigated well and made it to the final checkpoint. The students' survival skills were put to the test too as they camped at a halfway point overnight on the Thursday and had to set up their tents and do their own cooking."

She added the real expedition for their bronze award will take place on KSA's challenges days of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July.

The students will then be asked to map out a route for themselves through the Rutland area. Later this term, Miss Davies will be introducing the DofE scheme to our current Year 9 students. Letters will be sent out to parents nearer the time.





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## KSA Staff Get Muddy For Charity

A group of our staff members had great fun taking part in a Pretty Muddy event earlier this month in aid of Cancer Research UK. Click here to read more:

[Pretty Muddy](#)



## Challenge Successfully Completed


For a second year a team of KSA staff and students took on the Three Peaks Challenge at the weekend. To read more visit the website via this link:

[3 Peaks Challenge](#)



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## Letters Home

We have not sent any whole year group letters out over the past two weeks.

If you are unsure whether you have missed a communication please contact [enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org) and we will be happy to supply you with a copy.



## Contact Details

Please remember to let us know if your contact details change so that we can keep our system up-to-date. You can email [reception@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:reception@ketteringscienceacademy.org)

with any changes.

Thank you.



## Car Parking

Can we please remind all parents/carers to consider others when parking your cars at dropping off and collecting times at Kettering Science Academy.

We have recently received complaints from residents in the area who have been inconvenienced by parents' parked cars left in the way of driveways and limiting the access to their homes.

We would ask for you to consider others with your parking decisions in the residential streets in the area around both the Primary and Secondary Phases.

Thank you for your co-operation with regard to this matter.

## Students Staying after School

Students are more than welcome to stay after school but they must sign in and out at Reception, their form tutors will have advised them of this procedure.

**Please be reminded that school closes for students at 5pm Monday to Thursday and 4pm on Friday.**

Students **must** vacate the building by these times.

Thank you.



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## WisePay - A Useful Guide

Further to comments received at the recent Parents' Forum we are including a reminder on how to use the WisePay account. We have also enclosed menus and price lists in the hope that this information is helpful to you.

WisePay enables you to be able to top up your child's ID card for use in the restaurant at breakfast and lunchtimes. It also enables you to pay for other services such as trips, revision guides, etc. You will need your login details - username and password, if you need reminding of these please contact the school via [enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org)

To access WisePay open up the Kettering Science Academy website. Click on the parents tab and WisePay, then click on the WisePay symbol at the bottom of the page. You will then be taken to the login page.

Login in using your username and password, this will open up the main screen.

### View Balance

If you want to see the balance of your son/daughter's account, from the home screen click on My WisePay Account. This screen will also allow you to see a brief summary of what they have bought.

### Merging students accounts

From the home screen click on My WisePay Account, then Merge an account. The student that you are currently logged into will become the master account. We suggest that you have the younger student as the master account so it is still active when the older sibling leaves.

When prompted enter the username and password for the second account you want to merge and click Find a Student.

### Topping Up Card

To top up cards click on the food and drinks payment icon. Click on view details within the pay for food and drink box. You then have the option of topping up by £5, £10, £15, £20, £30, £50 or select your own amount to pay. Click on purchase. At this stage if you have another student at the Academy and have merged their accounts, you can click on 'my merged accounts' and go through the same procedure again.

At the top of the page is your shopping basket where you can check the right amount has been selected. If all is ok, click proceed to checkout, you will then be taken to the checkout screen. Please remember to complete section 4, Terms and Conditions.

### Paying for a Trip

Click on the Trips and visits icon. A list of trips available for your student will be displayed.

