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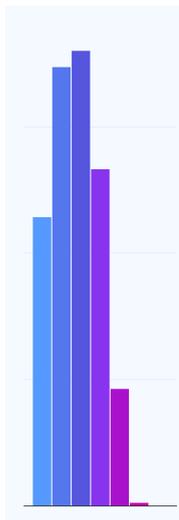
CALENDAR

Monday 22nd February

First day of Term 4—school open to students

Thursday 3rd March, 4—6.30pm

Year 8 Parents Evening



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

EPraise

Well Done to Year 9 for keeping hold of their lead, and to Year 8 who have overtaken Year 10 for second place.

WELCOME!

Dear Parents

I am very grateful that so many of you have been very patient and understanding when I have explained to you the difficulties we have experienced with our Music provision. I am delighted to tell you that our collective patience has been fully rewarded and our search over the last few months has resulted in the appointment of a new Lead Teacher for Music and a Teacher of Music also. These really are excellent appointments which will help to transform our curriculum. Once again can I thank you for trusting me to do the best thing by our students. Further on in this bulletin you will find a full description of how we intend to re-introduce Music across the Academy and within all year groups including a range of extra-curricular activities.

Another key improvement is the introduction of our new online homework service - Show my Homework. Thank you to all those parents who have contributed to the consultation and to those who came to the presentation on Tuesday evening. I really do feel this is another step forward for the Academy.

With best wishes for a restful half term,

Paul Davies
Principal

NEWS

Year 8 Parents Evening

Please note the change of date for parents evening to Thursday 3rd March, letters and booking forms will be sent out in due course.

School Lunches - Wise Pay

The restaurant food on Fridays is always very popular and we're finding many students are running out of money on their Wise Pay accounts. Please can you ensure your child has enough money on their wise pay account to last them the week, we can only pay for food in emergency cases.



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Performing Arts Faculty



An exciting new phase of Performing Arts provision at Kettering Science Academy begins in 2016. Over the past two years the Drama department has been building from strength to strength, as a result we will now be introducing a full Performing Arts Faculty into the curriculum provision we offer our students here at KSA.

Performing Arts has always been a popular option for our students at Kettering Science Academy. As separate subjects Dance, Drama and Music has been popular with students at KS3 and we have been increasing the uptake at KS4 and KS5. With the newly formed Faculty, this will provide our students with an integrated curriculum of Performing Arts subjects from year 7 - 9 with the popular options being available for students to choose at KS4 and KS5.

From September 2016 KS3 students will have one lesson of Drama/Dance a week and one lesson of Music a week. Drama will be studied for 4 terms of the year with 2 terms of Dance. The curriculum will enable students to access the key skills necessary for each subject area, a taste of performing arts history, performing arts across the world; as well as ensuring that students are suitably prepared in approaching the variety of KS4 programmes of study.

At KS4 we are exploring the opportunities in offering a range of BTEC programmes in Music, Dance and Acting. In addition to this there will be GCSEs available in each subject area (subject to uptake at options choices in Yr 9).

The KS5 provision will also be increased to offer KS5 curriculum in Dance, Drama and Music (subject to uptake).

Please keep an eye out for exciting opportunities including:

- Clubs
- Variety Shows
- Performances
- Extra Curricular Music Tuition
- Trips



This is an exceptionally exciting time here at Kettering Science Academy and as the Head of Performing Arts, I look forward to the exciting and rewarding possibilities this will bring to our students. If you require any further information about the Performing Arts, please feel free to email me:

Miss J Mallard,
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Sports News



Well done to our Year 8 Students who took part in their year group's recent Sports Festival hosted by Corby Business Academy. The team competed against other Year 8 students from across the Trust schools and won the festival overall.

Congratulations also to our Year 11 Student, Sophie Moss and Year 12 Student, Hannah Winstone who competed in the last round of the county's cross country championships last weekend and have now qualified for the All England Cross Country Championships final to take place in Nottingham on 5th March. Good Luck Girls!



Harry Potter Party

Students at the Academy were celebrating everything Harry Potter in the library on Thursday 4th February.

<http://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/news/?pid=6&nid=1&storyid=1079>



Bake Off Practice

A group of 16 students from Years 7-10 have started baking and preparing for this year's Great Brooke Weston Trust Bake Off.

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Norfolk Trip

Our GCSE geography students have returned from a trip to Norfolk equipped with all the essential information they require to successfully complete their coursework.

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British Library Trip

Fifteen of our Year 11 students joined students from Corby Business Academy on a visit to the British Library this Monday, 8th February and their digital research skills were tested. To read more, please click on the link below:

[http://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/news/?
pid=6&nid=1&storyid=1077](http://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/news/?pid=6&nid=1&storyid=1077)



Loughborough Trip

Some of our Year 11 students spent a day at Loughborough University last week and were really impressed by the world-class sporting facilities on site.

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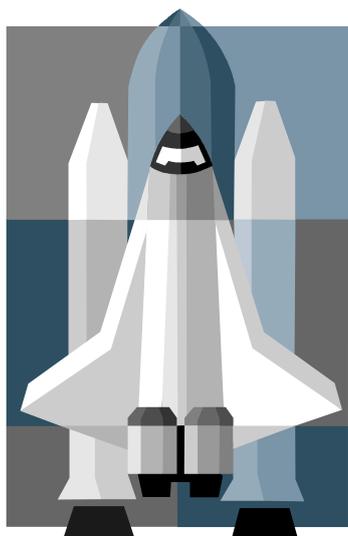
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Space Mission

Fourteen of our Race To The Top students from Years 7, 8 and 9 were set a special space mission by the National Space Centre. For more information about their day, please click on the link below:

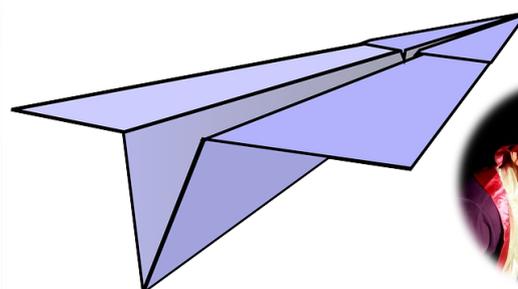
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Glider Challenge

More than 40 of our students have taken up the challenge to design and effectively fly a glider. This is part of a RAF schools event to take place in March.

<http://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/news/?pid=6&nid=1&storyid=1073>



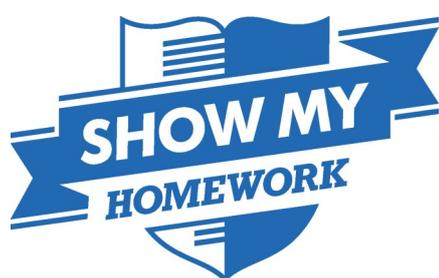
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Show My Homework

Show My Homework is being launched at Kettering Science Academy on Monday 22nd February. The online service is being introduced at the Secondary Phase and will provide parents access to a homework calendar which will provide better visibility for students and their parents of the homework being set and deadlines for work to be submitted by. For more information please visit our website using the link below:

<http://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/news/?pid=6&nid=1&storyid=1074>



Year 10 Injections—forms to be returned

If your Year 10 child hasn't yet returned their form for Meningococcal (Yellow form) and Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio (Green form) please can they bring it in completed on the first day of Term, **Monday 22nd February.**
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 regards 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.

They must vacate the building by these times.

Thank you.

