

18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear all

I hope this newsletter finds you well after another sunny week.



### Respecting Our Shared Spaces

It's been great to see so many students making use of the field at lunchtime. We've reminded all year groups of the **importance of looking after our environment**, making sure litter goes in the bin and that **football matches are played in a way that's ready, respectful and safe**, including finishing games promptly and kindly.



### Exam Season in Full Swing

Formal exams are now well underway for Years 11 and 13, and we continue to be impressed by the **determination and maturity shown by our young people**. Every lesson still counts and those final subject sessions are focused on honing exam technique and reinforcing key learning. We encourage all students to maintain full attendance to make the most of this final push.



### Mental Health Awareness Week – “The Power of Community”

This week, our brilliant school counsellor, Martha, delivered a thoughtful and engaging assembly as part of **Mental Health Awareness Week 2025**. She encouraged students to reflect on how we can all look after our mental health and how community plays a central role in that.

This year's national theme is **“The Power of Community,”** which resonates strongly with what we're building here at KSA. Whether it's supporting one another in lessons, being kind during social times, or helping someone feel like they belong, we know that how we treat each other shapes the mental health of our whole school.

Martha reminded students that we all have a part to play in making KSA a place where everyone feels safe, included and valued - not just during Mental Health Awareness Week, but every day.



Learn more about this year's campaign: [mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week](http://mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week)



### Spotlight on Journalism – Aspiring Reporters at KSA

This week, a group of more able students from **Years 7 and 8** took part in a **Journalism Workshop**, giving them a hands-on introduction to the world of news and media.

The workshop explored why journalism matters, the impact it can have, and how to identify fake news in an age of information overload. Students learned about the role of a journalist before stepping into the shoes of one themselves by developing article ideas and pitching them in a mock editorial meeting led by professional journalist, Kim.

They then had the opportunity to draft their own news stories. Our Year 7 students chose to write about the **Eco trees** planted on site and how they should be protected from football damage, while Year 8 students focused on the upcoming **KettFest**.

It was a brilliant opportunity for our students to practise their writing, critical thinking, and communication skills, all while exploring real-world issues through a journalistic lens.

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### Celebrating Year 8 and 9 District Athletics

A couple of weeks ago, our Year 8 and 9 athletes represented KSA at the District Athletics Tournament and we're delighted to celebrate their achievements now. Students were a credit to the school, demonstrating impeccable behaviour, strong team spirit and impressive sportsmanship.

 A special congratulations goes to the **Year 9 Boys' 100m winner** with a fantastic first-place finish!

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### KSA Dance Success at Corby Cube

On Saturday 17th May, **14 students from Years 7–9** performed in a dance competition at the Corby Cube. Their piece, "**The Power of Purple**," was inspired by the hit show and film *The Color Purple* and wowed both audiences and judges.


The performance, which was an expressive fusion of **Street, Jazz, Musical Theatre and Contemporary**, scored very highly and was praised by the panel. The students had the incredible opportunity to perform on a professional stage, complete with lighting, sound, costumes, and a full audience.

A huge well done to our fabulous KSA dancers for their dedication, creativity and confidence! And of course a special shout out to Miss Heath and Mrs McNaughton-Brown for their artistic direction and support of all things dance at KSA.

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### Year 6 Transitions – Information Pack Reminder

If you have a child currently in Year 6 who will be joining us in Year 7 this September, please look out for a text message that was sent earlier today. It serves as a reminder that we require your child's information pack to be returned by **Friday 23rd May**. This is essential for safeguarding purposes.

 Thank you to all families who have already sent it back.

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### Stay Connected – Download EduLink

A reminder to all parents to download the EduLink app to stay up to date with your child's achievement and behaviour notifications.

 Download here:

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I look forward to updating you again after what I am sure will be another busy and rewarding final week of the half-term.

Mrs Giovanelli