

23rd March 2025

Dear All,

Championing Neurodiversity Every Day

Last week we marked **Neurodiversity Celebration Week**, but at KSA, our commitment to inclusion goes far beyond a single event. We are proud to be leading the way across Brooke Weston Trust in championing neurodiversity every day - creating a school where every child and adult is seen, heard, and valued.

Throughout the week, Mrs Redmayne-Addison led assemblies across the school, delivering the key message that **everyone's brain is wired differently**. She also leads our girls' neurodiversity group, something particularly close to her heart as a neurodivergent woman herself. The group provides a space where students can connect, share, and feel seen in a world that often doesn't recognise the ways neurodivergence can present differently in girls.

Our approach at KSA focuses on **removing barriers** and **nurturing strengths**:

- The **Rainbow Wing** provides a dedicated space for support, including a sensory integration room and a Cubbie sensory pod, offering personalised sensory experiences that promote self-regulation and wellbeing.
- We work closely with **speech and language therapists and occupational therapists**, and continue to equip staff with strategies that promote inclusive classrooms for all learners.
- We are developing our work on **executive functioning** — helping students with skills such as time management, emotional regulation, and flexible thinking.
- We embed inclusive approaches into **everyday teaching**, so support isn't reliant on individual adjustments alone.
- We take a flexible, child-centred approach to areas such as **uniform and classroom environments**, working with families to make adaptations where needed.

As a neurodivergent leader myself, I believe this work is essential.

I want every child to have a voice, to be seen for who they truly are, and to know their differences are a strength. Our differences are not deficits - they are part of who we are. Every child deserves to feel seen, heard, and that they belong.

Natural Ise Talk – Year 10

On Thursday, we welcomed **Martin Toms, Chairman of Natural Ise**, who spoke to our Year 10 students as part of their Preparation for Adulthood course. His talk explored **local wildlife** and the importance of **conservation**, offering an engaging and informative perspective on the natural world around us.

Year 10 Parents' Evening


Thank you to all the families who joined us for Year 10 Parents' Evening this week. We hope the evening was helpful in understanding your child's progress and next steps.
If there's anything outstanding or you'd like to follow up, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

'Brain Play' – School Performance This Thursday

Rehearsals have been in full swing for our school performance of Brain Play, taking place **this Thursday** as part of the National Theatre Connections programme.

National Theatre Connections is a **nationwide youth theatre programme that brings together young people, professional playwrights, and theatres** across the UK. Each year, the National Theatre commissions ten new plays, written especially for young performers, and schools and youth theatre groups are invited to perform them.


Participants first stage the play in their own school or venue, and then take it to a partner theatre for a public performance — in our case, **The Royal & Derngate**. The programme offers students the chance to experience high-quality theatre-making, work with professional directors and artists, and perform in real theatre spaces, building confidence, creativity, and collaboration.

 Tickets for Thursday's performance are available now via Wisepay.

Dance Showcase – Date for the Diary

Dance Showcase preparations are well underway. Please **save the date**:

 **Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm**

 Tickets are available now via Wisepay.

Achievement Evening – Now Online

In response to your feedback, our upcoming Achievement Evening will now take place **online**.
Mr Reid will share the full details with you shortly.

Comic Relief – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported Comic Relief by wearing red last Friday.

We're still waiting for the **final fundraising total**, but your generosity will go toward a fantastic cause.
Wishing you all a good week.

Mrs Giovannelli