

16th March 2025

Dear all

It has been a fantastic week at KSA, filled with reflection, discussion, and action around inclusion and ensuring that every child's experience at school is one where they can thrive.

◆ Ensuring a Consistent Student Experience

📌 On **Monday**, we dedicated time to mapping out what we believe every child's experience at KSA should be—both in terms of learning, wellbeing, and safety.

📖 This will serve as our '**playbook**' for everything we do.

👥 We are now in the process of developing **child and parent versions** so that we all have a shared understanding of what this means in practice.

🏠 Brooke Weston Trust Inclusion Conference

🇬🇧 **Tuesday** was a big day for inclusion across our trust, as we hosted the **Brooke Weston Trust Inclusion Conference**.


✅ **200+ school leaders** from across Northamptonshire attended.


✅ **Three KSA staff** led workshops, all of which were **well received**.

✅ I was privileged to both be the compere for the day and to deliver the **closing address**. (If anyone is interested in hearing this, please reach out to Lindsay and she'll be happy to share. Her email is Lindsay.rayment@ketteringscienceacademy.org)

While I missed being on site at the start of the week at school, I thoroughly enjoyed **reconnecting with our children on Thursday morning**, spending time visiting lessons and speaking with students about their learning. As ever, it was wonderful to see the **engagement and enthusiasm** of our young people and a lovely way to spend my birthday!

Uniform & Punctuality Reminders


 **Uniform:** A reminder that students should be **in full uniform** every day. We understand that reasonable adjustments may be needed in some cases, and we are always happy to discuss these on an individual basis. However, students should **not** be leaving home in **non-regulation uniform**.

 **Punctuality:** We have noticed a number of students arriving **late to lessons after lunch**, particularly for **Period 5**. Students must plan ahead if they wish to get a drink before their next lesson and ensure they **start moving when the warning bell sounds**.


 **Your support in reinforcing these expectations at home is greatly appreciated.**

Recent Student Experiences

Dance Workshop with Moving Together

 On **Wednesday**, 21 students participated in a **Contemporary Dance workshop** led by **Moving Together**, a professional dance company.


 **Throughout the day, students worked on choreography, movement expression, and building confidence in performance.**


 By the end of the session, they had put together a **fantastic final performance**—stepping outside their comfort zones and showing incredible dedication!

 This same group will **perform at Corby Cube in June**, and we are so proud of their hard work and enthusiasm.

Supporting Mental Health & Wellbeing

 On Wednesday, we welcomed **Lucien Moon from The Prime Agency**, who delivered an **engaging session on mental health and healthy lifestyles** for our Key Stage 3 students.

 Alongside his **powerful message**, he brought year groups together through **music and performance**, encouraging students to **sing, dance, and step out of their comfort zones**.

 It was fantastic to see everyone **coming together, embracing the moment, and supporting one another**.


💬 **His key message:** *Talk to someone if you're feeling worried or concerned.*

✅ **Who can students talk to?**

- Their **tutor, year team, or pastoral staff.**
 - **Any trusted adult** in school.
 - **Martha, our school counsellor**, who offers **regular drop-in sessions** at the **Rainbow Wing** (details available on posters around school).
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Construction Partnership & Kettering General Hospital

 We have formed an **exciting new partnership** with **Sir Robert McAlpine and King & Moffatt**, who are currently working on **major development projects** at **Kettering General Hospital**.

 As part of their **commitment to education and community engagement**, they are eager to provide **our students with first-hand insight into careers in construction, engineering, and project management**.


 **This partnership will include:**

- **Work placements & site visits** for students
- **CV writing & interview workshops** with industry professionals
- **Support for Design Technology & Construction students**, helping them link classroom learning to real-world applications


 **Next steps:**

- **On Thursday**, we will be meeting with **industry representatives** to discuss **specific opportunities** for our students.
 - We will also be exploring **their offer to help fund and support the transformation of one of our outbuildings into a dedicated bricklaying workshop**.
 - This will provide our students with **hands-on vocational learning experiences**, preparing them for future careers in the industry.
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Expanding Our Visits & Trips – KSA Sixth Form

 This week, our **Year 12 and 13** students visited the **Cranedale Centre** for **advanced fieldwork**, as part of their **Biology studies**.

- ✓ They applied **investigative sampling techniques** across **diverse ecosystems**.
- ✓ They developed **practical & mathematical skills** and gained **real-world experience**.

 **Year 13 Art & Photography** also had a fantastic **trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge**, for their **A-level externally set assignment**.

They spent the day exploring **exhibitions** and gathering **inspiration** for their projects.

★ We are always thrilled to provide **these enriching opportunities** for our sixth formers and will continue to **expand these valuable experiences** for them.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Tuesday 18th March – Year 9 Immunisations

✓ Parents of students involved have received separate information.

Thursday 20th March – Year 10 Parents' Evening

◆ We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day

✓ Wear a red item such as a jumper, tie, t-shirt or headband. Normal school uniform should otherwise be worn. £1 optional donation. **This is not a non-uniform day.**

Wednesday 26th March – Raising Achievement Evening (Year 10 & 11)

📖 This event will help parents and students learn about **effective revision and study skills**, ensuring they are prepared for **upcoming exams**.

! **Note:** This event has been **moved from Thursday 27th March**.

Thursday 27th March – Brain Play Performance

🎫 As part of the **National Theatre programme**, students will perform **Brain Play** in front of a **supportive KSA audience** before their **big performance at the Royal & Derngate Theatre in Northampton** later this month. Tickets can be purchased on Wisepay.

Need More Information?

If you have any **questions** or need **further details**, please don't hesitate to **get in touch**—we are always happy to help.

I look forward to updating you again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli

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Optional
donation to
Comic Relief

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