



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of term many festivities are taking place for the students' enjoyment and fundraising opportunities. This term students have enjoyed many enriching activities, I hope you enjoy reading about them.

This morning the students were greeted by several members of staff singing Christmas Carols, I hope they agreed that this was a festive start to the last day of term and I thank Miss Wills from our Art, Design & Technology department for arranging this.

Christmas Jumper day has gone well today and £204 has been raised for Save the Children charity.

Our staff have also been raising money for the charity Shelter, by taking part in an Advent Door competition—some examples are below.

As we head into a New Year, it's a timely opportunity to provide a reminder regarding the wellbeing and behaviour expectations, please take the time to read these on pages 2 and 3 of this bulletin.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and send my very best wishes to you and your families for a happy and peaceful festive period.

Tony Segalini
Associate Principal



**£30 raised
for Shelter**



CALENDAR

Wednesday 19th December 2018

Last day of term, 4pm close

2019

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th January

Teacher Training Days

Monday 7th January

First day of Term 3

Thursday 10th January

Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Thursday 24th January

Year 11 Parents' Evening

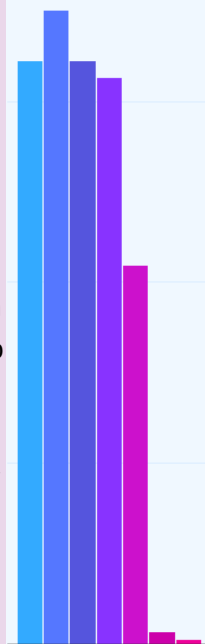
Thursday 7th February

Year 9 Parents' Evening

EPraise

Students are awarded EPraise points for going the extra mile.

Well done to Year 8 who finish Term 2 at the top with a fair lead on Years 7 & 9 in joint 2nd, closely followed by Year 10.





Important Messages - Safety & Wellbeing



Nut Allergies

May we please remind you to avoid sending any nut products in with your children's packed lunches. We have several students with nut allergies, who are susceptible if in the same room as someone else consuming these products, or touched by somebody who has consumed these products. I thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Road Safety

In the New Year all year groups will be receiving an assembly from the fire service regarding road safety. We have arranged this in order to reinforce the message students have been receiving in assemblies and form time, where we have discussed how to be a responsible pedestrian and also about representing the school in a positive way to and from school. Please may I ask for your support in the message that we are giving to all students. Please talk to your children about the importance of crossing the road safely and courteously. It is important that students only cross when it is safe to do so and do not run out in front of cars in the hope that the car will stop. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child understands this message.



Student Support

We encourage students to seek support if they are worried about something. We support the view that:

- We all have the right to feel safe all of the time
- We can talk with someone about anything, even if it feels awful or small



There are a number of ways that students can seek help if they are worried:

- All students have a tutor who they meet daily
- Students can email helpme@ketteringscienceacademy.org and a member of staff will speak to them
- There is an anti-bullying letterbox in the library where students can leave a message
- The school has 20 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors trained as part of "The Diana Award - Anti-Bullying Ambassador" programme
- The Student Support Officers are also available in their office throughout the day
- The School Nurse holds a drop in every Monday from 1pm
- All students have a Head of Year who they can speak to
- The school has a full time Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Stevens, who students can speak to
- Some students have a Learning Mentor or member of the SEN Team they can seek support from
- Emotional Wellbeing is part of the PSHE curriculum which is delivered through Tutor Time and Assemblies/Events



Outside of school students can seek advice from:

- <https://www.youthworksnorthamptonshire.org.uk/Pages/home.aspx>
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/> or telephone 0800 1111
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/>
- <https://www.asknormen.co.uk/>





Important Messages - Conduct & Behaviour



Attendance and Punctuality

It is very important that your child attends school every day on time. The school is open from 8am and all students must be on site by 8.40am at the latest. Lessons start at 8.45am and students need to be in their classroom by this time. Any student arriving after 8.40am is late and will be sanctioned:

- Any student who is late more than twice a week and/or more than 10 minutes late in any week will receive a detention on Monday's after school with Mrs Heighton.
- The length of the detention will vary according to how many times and minutes they are late, but will be at least 30 minutes.
- You will be notified by text if your child is late to school and if your child has a detention should they require one.

Further information about attendance and punctuality can be found on the school's website <http://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/page/?title=Attendance&pid=137>.



Uniform

Please support the school's high standards of uniform by ensuring your child wears the correct uniform to school every day. Information about this can be found on the school website <http://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=59>.

In particular trousers must be tailored, ankle length and have a button and zip. Leggings, jeans, stretchy material is not allowed. Skirts must be knee length and made of non-stretchy material. Footwear must be completely black and can be shoes or trainers with no logos.



Code of Conduct

The 10 step KSA Way for Behaviour for Learning outlines expectations of students within the classroom, as follows:

1. Get to lessons on time and line up outside the classroom, enter quietly and greet your teacher politely
2. Answer names respectfully when the register is called
3. Listen to the teacher and other students politely
4. Put your hands up to speak
5. Be prepared and equipped for learning
6. Try your best at all times, remain positive and take an active part in the lessons whether working on your own, in a group or as a whole class
7. Take pride in the presentation and standard of your work
8. Be responsible for classroom equipment sharing and taking care of it, so it is available for everyone to use
9. Tidy up the classroom and wait behind chairs at the end of the lesson
10. Leave quietly when dismissed.

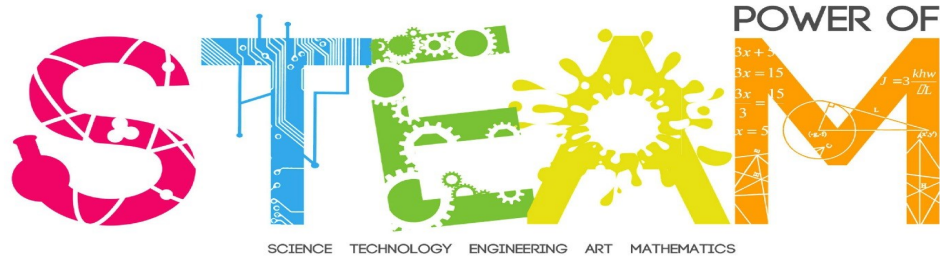


The above points together with the points below form the KSA code of conduct:

1. Move around the Academy in a calm, polite & meaningful way.
2. Respect personal space and refrain from physical contact with other students.
3. Show respect for each other & report immediately to any member of staff any bullying or areas of concern.

Any breach of these expectations will be dealt with as outlined in the Discipline Procedure. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child meets these expectations.





ART + SCIENCE = PROGRESS

Female Students inspired by STEAM

at Rockingham Speedway

A group of female students took part in 'Women in STEAM', an event held at Rockingham Motor Speedway, which encouraged female students to consider STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Design, and Maths) based Higher Education choices by exposing them to the potential career options the subjects could lead into.

Throughout the day, the Years 9, 10 and 11 students took part in a range of exciting workshops and activities, provided by industry experts in the field. The students had a go at building a kit kart with Max Velocity, listened to an inspiring talk from Astrophysicist Dr Rebecca Smethurst who spoke about how she turned her love of space at school into a career, explored crime scenes and forensics with the Metropolitan Police and learnt how to perform CPR.

[To read more about the day please click here](#)





Remembrance

On Friday 9th November all students attended a remembrance assembly led by Principal, Mr Segalini, The last post was played to start the two minutes' silence. Mr Segalini said 'At KSA we hold remembrance of our war dead dear to our hearts and our students and staff are proud to take part in our assemblies and give their respects to our fallen heroes.'



CCF cadet's success at BWT Remembrance Parade and Awards ceremony



The CCF Remembrance Parade and Award Ceremony took place at Corby Business Academy and was watched by parents, our CEO, Principals and senior leaders from the Trust secondary academies. The Banner of the CCF was paraded and the cadets formed up in ceremonial parade order before the wreath was placed and the Banner lowered to mark the start of a two-minute silence.



Awards were presented and when presenting the *Infantry Cup Award* Capt Isherwood said: 'This is handed to the senior cadet who has led, both on parade times at CBA and also out on our field training weekends. I have great pleasure to present this to Acting Sgt Cook.'

Afterwards, Oscar, who is in Year 12 at KSA and pictured above with Principal, Mr Segalini, said: 'This is my third year in cadets. It has given me teamwork skills and I have worked on my individual skills and get to interview some of the cadets when they are signing up. I had hoped, but didn't expect to get the Infantry Cup so when it was awarded to me I was really chuffed!'

Well done to Oscar who was promoted to Acting Sgt, and also to Cdt Paul Ile, who was promoted to Acting Cpl and was also flag bearer for the Remembrance Parade and drill.

[Click here to read more on this story](#)





Odd Socks Day to support equality and individuality

We held our first ever ODD SOCKS DAY on Monday 12th November, where staff and students alike wore ODD SOCKS. The campaign supported Anti-Bullying week showing that it is good to be different and that everyone is equal and unique.

The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying week is 'respect'. Students participated in assemblies focused on the theme with an input on cyber bullying – where students learnt about 'STOP, SPEAK, SUPPORT'.

At the beginning of the week, Mr Crane our Anti-Bullying Ambassador lead teacher who ran the week said 'I am more than pleased with the efforts students and staff went to wearing their ODD SOCKS. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have a lot of activities planned this week including an assembly to highlight and raise the profile of KSA's Anti-Bullying Campaign.'

During the last academic year KSA successfully achieved the Bronze Accreditation from The Diana Award for its work on Anti-Bullying and currently has a team of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors leading on campaigns and support.

Top of the Bench Competition

Students from Years 9 – 11 represented Kettering Science Academy in the county heats Top of the Bench chemistry competition.

The STEM event was held at the University of Northampton in conjunction with the University of Leicester and the Royal Society of Chemists.

The students were given a tour of the brand new University of Northampton Waterside campus, then taken to the university's Creative Hub to take part in the competition. They were given a quiz booklet of chemistry questions, which they had to answer as a team and visited the university's laboratories to perform an experiment. The team were also given the opportunity to talk to and ask questions to some of the lecturers and students from UoN and found out about university life, their jobs and the qualifications and pathways that they took to get into their careers.

Science Teacher Miss Oliver said: 'All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the event and exploring the campus.' Student Asia said: 'This was a really great experience. Not only did we get to take part in the competition and do an experiment, but it was also useful and interesting to visit the university, see the facilities and meet some of the people who work and study here.' Results of the competition will be announced at a future date. The winning teams will then be invited to attend the East Midlands competition in Derby in January.





Year 10 Student in Takeover day at KGH

Darcie was recently selected as one of four Young Healthwatch Northamptonshire volunteers to participate in Takeover Day at Kettering General Hospital.

Takeover Day sees organisations across England open their doors to children and young people who take over adult roles. The day allowed Darcie and other Young Healthwatch volunteers to gain an insight into the work the staff do at Kettering General Hospital and the organisation was able to hear a fresh perspective from the young adults.

During the visit, Darcie attended a patient experience and took part in a meeting with senior staff about a new leaflet for patient. She also toured the Clinical Skills Lab and Pathology department to see what happens to a blood sample once it has been taken. Darcie and the other Young Healthwatch volunteers then presented their report of children's service to staff of Kettering General Hospital.

Darcie said: 'The day was really insightful and gave us the opportunity to make an impact and promote change within the hospital. The meeting about the patient leaflet allowed us to discuss what could be adapted to make it more appealing and easy for people our age to understand. We suggested things such as bullet points, shorter paragraphs and more visual elements.'

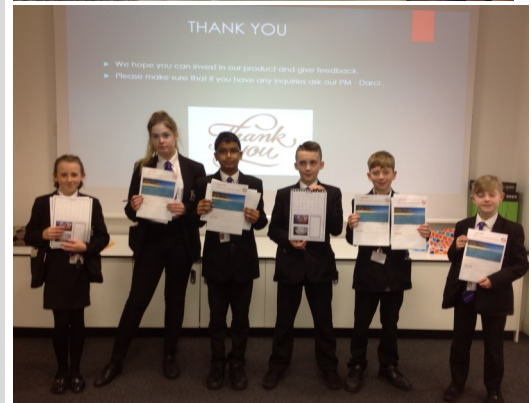
Darcie has been part of Young Healthwatch for 3 Year after her mum, who works in the NHS, suggested it. Darcie wants to become a combat medic or engineer in the army.

'Participating in Takeover Day and being part of the Young Healthwatch group has really helped me to gain a greater understanding of the medical profession. It is also really nice to be able to give something back and help people my own age. I have worked on projects based around Mental Health and Eating Disorders. Conducting surveys around these topics has enabled us to produce reports which can provide detailed information to Health Care professionals to help inform their work.'



Our Raising Standards Leader for KS3, Ms Watson, has been working with NCOP (National Collaborative Outreach Programme) to provide plenty of activities to help inspire students and raise aspirations.

Year 8 students experienced a Marine Biology day where they were challenged to use marine science to make boats to support as much weight as possible.



HMP Manchester attended together with police dogs where some Year 7 and 8 students learnt about keeping safe and the detrimental effects of violence and drugs.

Some of our top year 7 students took on a challenge to make and sell a calendar to make a profit. They produced an excellent calendar and did such a great job selling them they have raised over £200 for charity.



Year 9 took part in adventure science days—bringing science to real life experiences.



KS3 Activities



Skills Show helps students find their career paths

There was lots of help available in regards to work experience

There were lots of people to talk to

A group of our Key Stage 4 students visited the nation's largest skills and careers event 'The Skills Show' at the NEC.



The students learnt about a wide variety of careers, apprenticeships and traineeships as well as work experience and voluntary opportunities. Over 200 local and national companies were on hand to give students information and advice on the different routes into a range of industries, which included Engineering and Technology, Construction and Logistics, Health and Hospitality, Digital and Business and Creative, and Design.

It was amazing

Through an exciting and interactive environment, students were able to explore jobs of the future and test their skills in different jobs such as plastering.

Spotlight talks from industry leads also gave students an insight into specific industries and professions.



Senior Assistant Principal Mrs Watson said: 'The students had a fantastic day and had the chance to have a go at many careers first-hand. There was lots of information available and the students were inspired by the staff. The students were fully engaged in the day and it was a very worthwhile experience which has been highlighted by the feedback we have received.'



I could have stayed there all day

I now know what paths I need to take for the career I would like.

I was able to participate in lots of activities throughout the day



Term Dates for 2019-20

Please note that the term dates for the next Academic year, commencing September 2019 are now available on our website. Please ensure that you consult these dates when booking holidays as absence from school for holidays cannot be authorised.

[2019-20 term dates can be found here](#)



The first very successful term of BRIT Kids Saturday classes will be rounded off with a celebration event on Saturday 15th December, to which prospective students and their parents are invited. It will be an opportunity to see an end of term show, hear more from Director of BRIT Kids@Brooke Weston Trust Mr Clive Wears and tour different faculties which offer classes in art and fashion, theatre, dance, singing, film and music production.

The hour long classes, which run each Saturday morning, are for students aged 8 to 15. The timetable is designed so that those who wish to study multiple disciplines can do so with many of our students signing up for two or three different disciplines.

Clive Wears said: 'It has been an extremely busy term at Brit Kids @Brooke Weston Trust and the students have made incredible progress. We will be delighted to welcome along the parents of existing students, and also those who may wish to come along to find out more about what we offer. The Open Event will start at 11.30am at Corby Business Academy and will last for approx an hour. It will be a chance for our students and staff to showcase the excellent work that the first cohort have been involved in.

For more information about the programme, or how to sign up, please click [here](#)



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We have several students in the Academy who have severe nut allergies. May we please request that you are mindful of this when sending your children in with their packed lunches and avoid sending in nut products. Thank you.



Safeguarding information

Please be assured that if you or your child have a safeguarding concern this can be taken to any member of staff who will be able to record and report it securely so that it can be handled by our safeguarding team, who are:

Mrs Greaves - Designated Safeguarding Lead (Vice Principal)
CGreaves@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Mr Segalini - Deputy Safeguarding Lead (Associate Principal)
TSegalini@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Mrs Stevens - Deputy Safeguarding Lead (Safeguarding Officer)
DStevens@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Mrs Farrar - Deputy Safeguarding Lead (Vice Principal)
KFarrar@ketteringscienceacademy.org



Collecting Students for Appointments within the school Day

Collecting Students for Appointments within the school Day Please be reminded that if your child has an appointment within the school day, you must notify us in advance and they must be collected from reception by a person who is listed as a nominated contact on your child's records. Please notify reception@ketteringscienceacademy.org of the appointment time and who will be collecting your child as soon as you are able to. 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 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 also ask for you to drive with care within the school car park, speed restriction signs have been added as a reminder. Thank you for your co-operation with regard to these matters.

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 with any changes:

reception@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Thank you.

