

NEWSLETTER

15th Sept 2017

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Useful Dates

18 Sep	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
19 Sep	Year 11 Army Outreach Day
20 Sep	Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Hunstanton
21 Sep	Fresher's Fair
22 Sep	Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Hunstanton
26 Sep	Year 7, 9, 11 & 12 School Photographs
27 Sep	Duke of Edinburgh Registration Evening: Bronze: Year 9 & 10 6.00pm Silver/Gold: Year 11-13 8.00pm
28 Sep	Year 12 Sports Leaders Event
28 Sep	Year 9 Art National Centre for Craft & Design Workshop
29-30 Sep	A Level Psychology Trip to London
29 Sep	Year 7 Resilience Day
29 Sep	PTA Year 7 & Year 8 Pizza and Movie Night



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A very Happy New Academic Year to you all!

As you can see from the photograph below, Year 7 starters have been a shiny new addition to the school and have impressed us with their positivity and enthusiasm. There is something really positive about the start of a new school year for all students and it has been good to hear of summer holiday successes and adventures from Years 7-13.

During the holidays the site team have been hard at work improving facilities for students. The toilet area in the K block has been completely refurbished providing a bright and airy washroom with all new fittings. The new lockers are all in situ and repositioned making for wider corridor spaces in the Moore's building especially. Students are already making the most of the new canopy, a welcome extension to the dining room and an undercover outdoor space between the popular Library and dining area. The Year 12 students are also enjoying using the new Year 12 common room area in the main school with space to work, relax and leave possessions in lockers. Elsewhere classrooms have been painted all ready for the year ahead.



In the next week or so we will turn our attention to encouraging as many students as possible to get involved in the many extra-curricular opportunities available to them. For the third year running our fantastic Fresher's Fair gives all students the chance to tour stalls in the hall signing up to a range of clubs. From Rock Challenge to Biology club, from a range of Sports Clubs to Musical participation we hope there is something for everyone.

More details will follow in the newsletter in due course. In the meantime if you have any concerns about how your daughter is settling in to the new academic year please don't hesitate to contact her form tutor in the first instance.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

Year 7 2017/18



Welcome To Our New Teachers

Mr P Cozens

I return to the school this year as a Teacher of English. Perhaps it would be obvious to say that I am an avid lover of literature, but I cannot stress it enough. Yet I do also have a wide range of other activities including: films (I have been watching a number of foreign language films recently); sports, though I play little nowadays (some golf and bowls). I also used to sell wine.

Mr S Mitchinson

My name is Mr Mitchinson and I am the new Head of Music (Extra-Curricular). I was Head of Music for 14 years in London, and more recently in Derbyshire. I worked at KSHS two years ago and loved it so much I have returned more permanently! I look forward to encouraging all students to join in our many opportunities for making music throughout the school.

Mr C Savage

Hello, my name is Mr Savage and I am the new Ethics and Philosophy teacher at KSHS. Alongside my primary role I will be supporting the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and as a department we will be introducing a lunchtime Philosophy Club.

Miss E Shales

My name is Miss Shales and I'll be teaching both French and German this year after studying both at the University of Sheffield and then teaching in York. I'm very much looking forward to teaching the girls at KSHS.



School Term Dates and Holidays

The school term dates are published on the school's website. We would respectfully request that holidays are not taken during term time and requests will not normally be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. Please use the form on the KSHS website when making such requests. We look at each request on a case-by-case basis and nationally, Government policy is to encourage schools to minimise the amount of teaching and learning time lost as a result of term-time holidays.

For further information about the school's position on absences, please see our Attendance Policy on the Robert Carre Trust website.

Cashless Catering

Cashless catering is in place in the school's Dining Room. Please could parents ensure that sufficient funds are uploaded onto ParentPay for their child's lunches. You should be aware that overdrafts are not permitted except in extreme circumstances.



Robert Carre Trust Trip to Zanzibar from Friday 21st July to Friday 5th August 2017

23 students from the sixth form of Kesteven and Sleaford High School and Carre's Grammar School left Heathrow bound for Zanzibar, via Doha, on the first Friday of the school holidays. Bright sunshine and a warm welcome from the tour company's local staff greeted us on arrival.



Our days were packed with snorkelling trips to the local reefs around the islands off the coast of Zanzibar, as well as visiting local businesses, development initiatives and tourist attractions.

One group grew seaweed and used it to make soap and body scrubs to sell to visitors, whilst another used recycled materials to generate art work and crafts.

We had opportunities not only to observe the rich variety of sea life under water, along with dolphins, but also the endemic Red Colobus monkeys and a range of butterflies from the local forest. The importance of the mangrove forests and marine conservation was explained to the group in addition to them learning something of the history and culture of the island.



Our Swahili lessons were put to good use as we moved around the island and were especially helpful when shopping.

During the last 3 days the students volunteered at the Creative Solutions community centre giving them the chance to help to teach the pre-school classes in the afternoons and make handicrafts, recycled art and do service projects in the morning.

It was an unforgettable experience and the students took away so much from their visit.

Miss J Woolley
Teacher of Science

Growth Mindset – Recognising the Positive Learning Attitudes of our Students

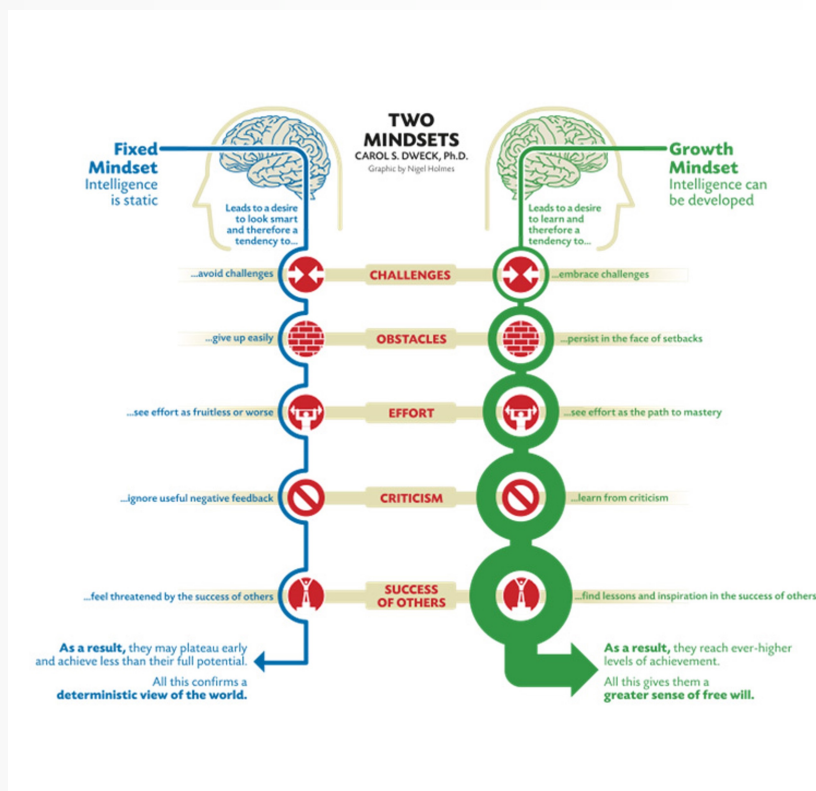
Our staff training and development sessions are designed to engage staff in the latest pedagogical research. For the past 2 years we have considered, amongst other topics, how the credible and thought provoking research on 'Growth Mindsets' can influence learners of all ages and abilities, in all subject areas at the High School. Last year we were lucky enough to work with Jackie Beere OBE and since then we have spent time as a staff discussing how we translate theory into practice across the school.

What we have learnt has informed assemblies for students; shaped the language we use as teachers in our feedback to students, both verbal and written and influenced the way we support students in and out of the classroom when concepts aren't easy to grasp first time.

This year our emphasis is on raising students' awareness of just how powerful it can be to have a Growth Mindset. As part of our focus we are launching a new initiative to add to the many ways we publically celebrate student success. In addition to the awarding of house points, praise letters home, twice yearly awarded subject badges and Headteacher awards, students in every year group can now be nominated by staff for demonstrating a growth mindset. Nominations will be made every two weeks with every member of staff able to nominate a student of their choice who has especially impressed them by demonstrating a growth mindset. Nominations will be listed in the bi-monthly newsletter for parents and friends of the school to see and every student nominated will be entered into a monthly draw to receive a £10 Amazon voucher.

We look forward to sharing with you the first nominations in the next edition of the newsletter.

If you would like to know a little more about what it means to have a growth mindset you may be interested in reading <https://www.mindsetworks.com/Science/Default> or watching this 5 minute clip https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUWn_TJTrnU



School Uniform

It is lovely to see the new Year 7s looking smart and very grown up in their uniform. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents of some of the uniform details that we have to reinforce most frequently and ask for your continued support in trying to enforce them.

- * Skirts should be knee length
- * Socks must be green
- * Black V-neck jumpers can be worn not cardigans
- * No make-up Years 7-10 and subtle in Year 11
- * Only one pair of stud earrings
- * Shoes should be black and not plimsoll type e.g. Vans, Converse

Mrs C Tipper
Assistant Headteacher Pastoral



Returning to School with a Fracture

Before returning to school, parents of students with a confirmed fracture need to liaise with the school's First Aiders or SEN team to complete a form which details the injury and any special arrangements that need to be made. Any hospital documentation (or copy of) should also be brought in.

All students that have a confirmed fracture that is not supported by a full cast are at risk of further injury by being in school. These students are advised not to attend school until they have had a follow up appointment and a full cast is applied. Exceptions to this are upper arm/shoulders which do not require immobilising with a full cast, fingers, toes and small bone fractures of the hand or foot.

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International School Award Accreditation



We were very happy to receive news that our application for accreditation to the International School Award had been approved and that we are accredited for the next three years.

Mrs Pankhurst and I coordinated this application to recognise the work being done across the school to raise the international awareness of our students and to encourage this to be celebrated. The activities being completed across the school range from a letter exchange with a school in Germany for the 6th form students, the opportunity to take part in the 'Dress a Girl' competition which Mrs Fleming runs each year, to a lesson on Nibbana which all students in Year 7 experienced in Religious Studies. All of these activities contribute to the international awareness of our students and encourage them to think on a global scale.

Now we have accreditation, we need to continue to develop these and other activities and we hope your daughter/son will be involved in some of these over the next 3 years. We are very much looking forward to attending the award ceremony and collecting our certificate.

Mr L Rooke
PSHE Coordinator

After School Attendance



In line with the safeguarding of students on the school premises I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the procedure within school for after school attendance at these clubs. The students register at the school Reception at 3.40pm, identifying who the teacher responsible will be for the activity that they are attending. The students should then proceed to the allocated area of the school and remain there until the end of the activity. Once the club has finished the students must ensure that they sign out on Reception before leaving to go home by whatever means has been arranged with the parent.

Mrs C Tipper

Assistant Headteacher Pastoral

KSHS CLUBS

KSHS CLUBS FOR TERMS 1 & 2 (SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Show Choir 1pm in V1	Writing Club 1-1.30pm M8 YR 7-10 (starts 26 th Sept)	Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.40am All Year Groups	Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.40am All Year Groups	Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.40am All Year Groups
Sixth Form Book Club 1-1.30pm M8 (starts 2nd Oct)	Youth Speaks 1-1.30pm V5 (Junior & Senior Club)	Vocal Group – Yr9, GCSE & A Level 1pm V1	Library Club 1st Thurs of every month All Year Groups	Biology / Nature Club Yr. 7 12.50- 1.20pm S1
Dress A Girl M4 All Year Groups 12.45pm – 1.25pm	History Club M12 1-1.20pm All Year Groups	Snack Attack! Yr. 7's – Food Club 12.40pm – 1.20pm	Mindfulness M5 12.45pm – 1.20pm All Year Groups	Games Club S9 12.50pm All Year Groups
Girls News Team (GNT) see Miss Natley	Rock Challenge Hall 3.50pm – 5pm (information through form tutor)	Find Your Voice 3.45pm – 4.30pm (Yr. 7)	Yr. 10 & 11 Textile Club 3.45pm- 5.30pm	Interact Club – Dates on the notice board. All Year Groups
Shakespeare Schools 3.50-5pm In the Hall (allocated roles)		Food Club – Yr. 7-11 3.45pm – 5pm	'Culture Club' MFL in L2 1pm All Year Groups	School Band- Friday 1pm V1 All Year Groups
		Yr11 Photoshop & Illustrator 4-6pm		KS4 English Clinic M10 1-1.30pm

**Physical Education
Extra-Curricular Timetable 2017
Term One**

	Lunchtime 12.40-13.10	After School 3.45-4.45
Monday	Netball Year 10 & 11	Football League Fixtures and Netball Club - Key Stage 3 (unless a fixture is scheduled)
	Dance Year 7 & 8	
	Table Tennis All Years	
Tuesday	Netball Year 8 & 9	Netball League Fixtures and Basketball Club - Yr9-11
	Fitness KS 4	
Wednesday	Gymnastics All Years	Multi-Sports Club Yr7 & 8
	Football Year 9, 10 & 11	
	Netball Year 7	
Thursday		Netball League Fixtures and GCSE Volleyball @Carre's
	Hockey KS 3 & 4	
	Running Club All Years	
Friday	GCSE Intervention	
	Rock Challenge	
	Football Year 7 & 8	
	Badminton All Years	

**Please Note: After school clubs do not start until w/c 18th September.
Monday night Netball club will begin Monday 25th September due to
fixtures before then**

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ASSISTANT SITE MANAGER

25 hours a week - Salary: £17,410 (pro rata)

We are seeking a flexible and hard-working Assistant Site Manager to join our friendly secondary school team. We are looking to appoint someone to perform:

- General site and grounds maintenance
- Key-holding and portage duties
- Supervision of the cleaning team

Opportunities may exist to work additional hours to cover holiday/sickness. Flexible working hours to suit school calendar.

Closing date: Monday 25 September (Noon)

Please return application forms available on our website: www.kshs.uk to Mrs H Gill, PA to the Headteacher (email: helen.gill@kshs.uk).

As part of the Robert Carre Trust we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo enhanced DBS checks.

