Parent/Carer Newsletter

Friday 16 October 2026

Headteacher Messages

There are no Headteacher messages this week.

General Messages

Curriculum information

All of our curriculum maps from Years 7 to 13 have now been updated on the school website, along with unit context sheets to go with each unit/topic. Unit context sheets give detailed information about what students will be learning, as well as how they will be assessed and where to find further information. Please visit: https://wkgs.org/academic/curriculum-maps-and-unit-context-sheets/art and you will see the whole subject range in the menu on the right of the page. Alternatively, from the homepage, select 'Academic' from the menu, you will then see 'Curriculum Maps and Unit Context Sheets' and the subject menu will open underneath.

Halloween and Bonfire Night

Merseyside Police have shared the attached resources and information for Parents, Carers and Students in advance of Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 12 November, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Students & families in Year 10 & Year 11 are invited to our Sixth Form Open Evening on **Thursday 12 November** from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Life in the Sixth Form is distinctly different to Years 7 to 11. We encourage all of our students to come along and learn more about what our 6th Form offers. Places can be booked here: West Kirby Grammar School event tickets from TicketSource.

Y10 Curriculum Changes

The deadline for any Year 10 curriculum changes is **Friday 23 October**. Requests for changes are considered on a case-by-case basis, recognising that students are now well into their GCSE courses and any change would involve a significant amount of work to catch up on, which could impact their ability to make progress in the new subject.

Year 12 GCSE Certificate Presentation Ceremony

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of our Year 12 students at the GCSE Certificate Presentation Ceremony on **Tuesday 10 November 2026 at 9.00am** in the Main Hall.

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Students have been informed of the arrangements and may invite **one guest only** to attend the ceremony. Students have been asked to complete a Microsoft Form by **Saturday 31 October** to confirm whether they will be bringing a guest.

Invited parents/carers should arrive at 8.45am via the entrance in the centre of the school, near the Main Hall. The ceremony is expected to conclude by 10.00am.

Beyond Horizons

Opportunities, experiences and activities beyond the classroom

British Army Newsletter – free events, resources etc.

Please find attached the latest British Army Careers Newsletters (Soldier and Officer).

Anyone wanting to receive early access to updates, open days and event, should register their interest here: BRITISH ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Head Prefect Elections – Tuesday 20 October

Over the next few weeks, students and staff will be heading to the polling stations to vote for our next KS5 Head Prefect Team.

Year 12 students interested in standing for election are encouraged to start speaking to staff and fellow students to collect nominations and build support for their candidacy.

Following the vote, those receiving the highest number of votes will be invited to interview with the Senior Leadership Team before our new Head Prefect Team is appointed.

It's a fantastic opportunity to represent the student body, influence school life and make a real contribution to WKGS.

Good luck to all our candidates – let the campaigning begin!

Headteacher for the day!

As part of our **WKGS Wins** initiative, one of our Year 11 students, Mika, has collected enough Celebration Points to become **Headteacher for the Day**. To celebrate this achievement, Mika has chosen to allow all Year 11 students to wear their own clothes on **Monday 19 October**.

Students are reminded that, although they may wear their own clothes, the usual school expectations regarding appearance and safety still apply:

Clothing: All clothing must be appropriate for a school environment. Strappy tops, crop tops, bare midriffs, short skirts or shorts, see-through leggings and nightwear (including onesies) are not permitted.

Footwear: Sensible footwear must be worn to ensure safe movement around school.

Make-up, jewellery and false nails: These remain prohibited, in line with our usual school rules for Years 7–11.

Congratulations to Mika on collecting so many Celebration Points and earning this special privilege!

Years 10 to 13 Students – Pharmacy Open Afternoon

Please refer to the attached flyer for details of the above event taking place at Arrowe Park Hospital.

Wear It Pink Day – Friday 23 October

We'll be supporting Wear It Pink Day on Friday 23 October, raising money for breast cancer research.

Students are invited to add a pink accessory to their full school uniform for the day – the brighter the better!

Donations can be made via SCOPAY, with all money raised supporting this important cause.

We can't wait to see WKGS turn pink!

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NEXT THREE WEEKS

A vibrant community inspiring brighter futures

	w/c 19 OCTOBER	w/c 2 NOVEMBER	w/c 9 NOVEMBER
ALL WEEK			
MONDAY	House Pumpkin Competition Y8&13 Normandy Trip Returns	Senior House Badminton	
TUESDAY	Prefect Elections Y10&12 Empire Theatre Trip to Mean Girls	A-level Lancaster University English Lang Lecture	Y12 GCSE Certificate Presentation Y9 RSE Sessions Y7&8 Tramere Rovers Utilita Girls Cup
WEDNESDAY	Y12 RSE Sessions Y8-13 GB Womens Handball Y11-13 ESFA Second Round Y12&13 Lung Theatre at Unity	House Christmas Card deadline Y8 Schools Sport Badminton Cup Y10 Drama Theatre Trip	
THURSDAY	House Dance Y12&13 Playhouse Trip to Present Laughter	Y9&12 RSE Sessions Bonfire Extravaganza Library Quiz	Y11 Sixth Form Taster Day Y10 Maths Inspiration Trip to Manchester Sixth Form Open Evening
FRIDAY	Y7 Romeo & Juliet Storyhouse at WKGS Wear it Pink day Y7-13 Theatre trip to Heathers	Edukid Bake Sale at lunchtime	Y13 Oxbridge Interview Practice House Drama
WEEKEND			

Community | High Expectations | Opportunity | Innovation | Curiosity | Endeavour

Together we make a difference

Useful Contacts and Regular Information

School Office

Online contact form: https://wkgs.org/contact
Email: office@wkgs.net
Telephone: 0151 632 3449
Website: https://wkgs.org/

Finance

Email: finance@wkgs.net

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Reporting Student Absence (Illness)

Please leave a message on our answerphone by phoning 0151 632 3449 and selecting Option 2. Alternatively, email: attendance@wkgs.net

Leave of Absence/Medical Appointments

Please use this email to request a Leave of Absence or to notify us of medical appointments: requestforleaveofabsence@wkgs.net

Lost Property

Lost property is located by the stairs in the H Block. We endeavour to return all named items to students, so please ensure belongings are clearly labelled.

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