



# Newsletter 17.01.2025

## Parent Newsletter

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### **Tickets for *Six – The Musical***

We are excited to remind you that tickets are now available for our upcoming production of *Six – The Musical*, running from 5–8 March. Tickets can be purchased at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-kirby-grammar-school](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-kirby-grammar-school).

This promises to be an incredible show, showcasing the hard work and talent of our students and staff. Rehearsals are in full swing, with significant time and effort being devoted to every aspect of the production, from technical preparations to costume creation.

We are also hugely grateful to those members of the community who have already purchased tickets—your support means so much to us. For those who haven't yet secured theirs, we'd love to see as many of you as possible in the audience. It will be an evening of unforgettable performances that reflect the creativity and dedication of our school. Don't miss out—secure your tickets now!

### **Mobile Phone Usage**

We are taking this opportunity to re-establish our expectations around mobile phone usage in school. To help students regulate their use of phones and social media, our policy is that phones should be switched off and away from 8:50am. Staff will not be asking students to use phones during the school day for any reason, so there should be no need for phones to be out at any time.

If a student needs to urgently contact home, they should go to Reception or Thrive, where staff can either make the call on their behalf or supervise them while they use their phone to do so. Similarly, if parents/carers need to urgently contact their child/ward, they should call Reception, who will ensure the message is passed on.

Attached to this newsletter are the details of our mobile phone confiscation protocol. We ask for your support in ensuring students adhere to these

expectations, as this helps us to create an environment where students can focus fully on their learning and wellbeing.

### **Celebrations**

It has been another fantastic week of achievements at WKGS, and there is so much to be proud of within our community. This week, we hosted our Headteacher's Hot Chocolate and Pastries breaktime for students in Years 7–11 who achieved the highest number of Celebration and Community Points in the last half-term. These events are always a joy, offering a chance to recognise and celebrate students' hard work and positive contributions.

Our U16 badminton team has made history by reaching the 5th round of the National Badminton Competition, the first time this has ever been achieved by the school. On the football pitch, our U16 football team continued their impressive run by securing a 2-0 win, advancing to the 6th round of the ESFA National Cup. In athletics, Ella in Year 11 became the U17 Northern Indoor Athletics Champion in her discipline, an incredible individual accomplishment that highlights her talent and determination.

Meanwhile, our commitment to supporting others in the wider community has continued, with students and staff working together to deliver the second session of our Maths Masterclasses for local primary school students. These sessions are a brilliant way of inspiring younger learners and building connections within the local area.

Congratulations to all students involved in these wonderful achievements. We are so proud of their efforts, and it's a privilege to see their hard work and talent being recognised.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful and exciting week ahead!

**Mr S Clarke**

*Headteacher*

General messages:

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### **PTA AGM**

The PTA AGM will take place on Tuesday 21 January at 5.30 pm. If anyone is interested in what the PTA has been up to or in becoming involved as a key member of the committee or as part of its support network, please come along to find out more.

### **Y9 - GCSE Options**

The second half of the spring term is an exciting time for our Y9 students, as they will be making their GCSE option choices. The deadline for this is 28th March 2025. In the lead up to this there will be lots of opportunities for students, parents and carers to ask questions and gather information about different GCSE subjects, discuss ideas and find out about the logistics of the process. In the first week back after February half term Mrs Fairclough will be delivering an Options Assembly to Y9 students to talk them through the process. Following this is the Y9 Progress

Evening on 26th February, this is an opportunity for parents/carers to discuss progress in each subject with teachers. The GCSE Options Evening is on 11th March, 5.30 - 7.30pm, where there will be a talk in the Main Hall and the opportunity to visit subject areas to ask questions and find out about each subject from Heads of Department. All Y9 students will have individual advice and guidance discussions with members of the senior leadership team, these will take place between 3rd and 21st March. Students are encouraged to talk about their option choices at home, with subject teachers and form tutors in order to make informed decisions. More information about each event will be emailed home closer to the time.

### Y13 Mock Exams

Good luck to our Y13 students who are studying for their mock exams, taking place Monday 20 - Friday 24 January. Students only need to attend school for their examinations, however there is plenty of quiet space for them to study in school if required.



## What we've been up to...



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# upcoming events



## Y13 Mock Exams

20th January - 24th January



## Year 12 Spanish Study Afternoon, Liverpool University

21st January



## Y11 Progress Evening

22nd January



## Y10 Art Residential

24th January - 26th January



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