Parent/Carer Newsletter

Friday 6 November 2026



Headteacher Messages

There are no Headteacher messages this week.

General Messages

Home, Heritage and Community Languages - GCSE or A level Entry 2027]

A small number of students each year take a qualification in a language they speak at home or within the community. If you would like your child/ward to be entered for such a qualification, please complete the Microsoft Form here: Home, Heritage and Community Languages : 2027 Entry – Fill in form

If you are not sure whether the language they speak is available as a qualification, please complete the form and I will get back to you.

Any queries can be sent to Mrs Cooper rcooper@wkgs.net

Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11 November

We will be hosting a remembrance service involving Y10 & 11 students on Wednesday 11 November. Where possible, we would encourage students to come to school wearing a poppy.

Beyond Horizons

Opportunities, experiences and activities beyond the classroom

Deloitte Women in Business Webinar – Y9-13 students

Deloitte, one of the big four professional firms in business and finance, is offering a free webinar covering online work experience and insight programmes to apprenticeships, university placements and graduate programmes.

Date: Thursday 12 November 2026, 5.30 – 7pm

To attend, select the joining links below and complete the registration form to reserve a spot. Zoom links will be shared once students have signed up to attend.

Women in Business Webinar - Schools Event - 12.11.26

Discover Oxford Talk & Q&A

St Peter's, Oxford is hosting the above event at Calderstones School, Liverpool on Wednesday 25 November from 5.30 pm until 6.45 pm. Students in KS4 and KS5 together with their parents and carers, are welcome to attend. Please refer to the attached flyer for further details.



Donations for Winter Wonderland

Preparations are well underway for our Winter Wonderland on **Saturday 21st November**, and we're hoping you can help make this year's event another fantastic success!

Last year, we were overwhelmed by your generosity, with an incredible number of donations for our raffle and tombola. We're hoping to match that wonderful support again this year!

We would be extremely grateful for donations of raffle and tombola prizes, whether that's chocolates, bottles, gift sets, unwanted new gifts or anything else that would make a lovely prize. Every contribution, large or small, really does make a difference.

Please send any donations into school as soon as possible and ask students to bring them to B5. With the event fast approaching, we'd love to start collecting prizes straight away.

Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support. Winter Wonderland is a highlight of our school calendar, and we couldn't make it happen without the generosity of our school community.

We look forward to seeing you on 21st November! Places for Santa's grotto can still be booked online here: https://www.ticketsource.com/west-kirby-grammar-school/santa-s-grotto-at-the-west-kirby-winter-wonderland/e-oleldx

Duke of Edinburgh payment reminder

Bronze award (Y10) - the next instalment is due at the end of this week. Please could parents make the payment of £90 by Friday 6 November

Silver award (Y11) - the next instalment is due at the end of this month. Please could parents make the payment of £110 by Friday 27 November

Gold award (Y12) - the next instalment is due at the end of this month. Please could parents make the payment of £125 by Friday 27 November

Explore careers at KPMG

Want to learn more about a career in **Audit or Tax**? Join our upcoming **Career Essentials** virtual sessions and hear directly from KPMG professionals about their experiences, career journeys and our Graduate and Apprenticeship opportunities.

🔮 **Dive into the World of Audit with KPMG**

🗓️ 18 November 2026 | 4:00pm to 5:00pm

💡 **Beyond the Balance Sheet: Why Tax is the Perfect Launchpad for Your Career**

🗓️ 26 November 2026 | 4:00pm to 5:00pm



You'll also have the opportunity to ask your questions to the **Student Recruitment team and KPMG professionals**.

👉 Find out more and register your interest [https://ur...kgeMVxa6Q$]

Ready to apply?

The **2027 Graduate and Apprenticeship programmes are now open**. Search our opportunities and apply.

Musical Advent Calendar

We are looking for talented musicians to help us spread some festive cheer by taking part in our Musical Advent Calendar! We would love you to record a performance of a Christmas-themed piece or traditional Christmas carol. You can perform as a soloist, duet, trio or small ensemble – everyone is welcome!

Please complete the attached Microsoft Form Musical Advent Calendar Once you have practised and are happy with your performance, record it on your phone in portrait orientation or speak to Mrs Gilbert to arrange a time to record it on the school ipad. Email your video to Mrs Gilbert.

🎥 **RECORDING DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2026**

All recordings must be submitted by this date to allow time to put together our Musical Advent Calendar.

Let's fill December with music and give everyone a wonderful musical surprise every day in the lead-up to Christmas! 🎄 🎵

Student Leadership – Junior Prefect Challenge Morning

We were delighted by the response to this year's Year 10 Junior Prefect recruitment process. Following nominations from Form Tutors, students submitted applications outlining their strengths, experiences and aspirations for contributing to school life.

On **Wednesday 4 November**, applicants took part in a Junior Prefect Challenge and Assessment Morning, working together on a series of team activities designed to showcase their communication, collaboration, problem-solving and leadership skills. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to get to know one another, demonstrate their individual strengths and show the different qualities they could bring to the team.

Our new Junior Prefect Team will take on responsibilities across the school and work collaboratively on an exciting school improvement project. Students will identify an area of school life they would like to



improve or change, develop proposals and present their ideas to the wider student body, who will have the opportunity to vote on which proposals they would most like to see taken forward.

A huge well done to everyone who put themselves forward and embraced the challenges with enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing the positive contribution our new Junior Prefect Team will make to the school community!

The WKGS Young Artist Award Returns!

We are delighted to announce the return of the **WKGS Young Artist Award**, open to all Key Stage 3 students!

This exciting opportunity encourages students to explore their creativity, develop their confidence and pursue their individual interests in Art and Design. Along the way, they will build valuable transferable skills that will support their learning and future aspirations.

To achieve the award, students will complete a series of independent creative challenges, including visiting and exploring an art exhibition, discovering inspiration from artists and designers, and creating their own original piece of artwork.

The award is a fantastic opportunity for students to express themselves, discover new ideas and celebrate their artistic achievements.

Students interested in taking part should speak to Mrs Portbury for further information.

Year 9 – dot-art Schools Competition

We are excited to invite our **Year 9** students to take part in this year's dot-art Schools Competition, a fantastic opportunity for young artists to showcase their creativity and potentially have their artwork exhibited at the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool!

We are encouraging students who enjoy drawing, painting or creating to spend some time between now and Christmas producing an original piece of artwork that reflects their own interests, ideas and artistic style.

This year's optional theme is *Nature Needs Us! — Art Inspired by Biodiversity*. The theme encourages students to explore one of the most pressing issues facing our planet, using art to raise awareness of biodiversity loss and celebrate the natural world. However, the theme is entirely optional, and students are welcome to explore any subject that inspires them.

Artwork requirements:

- **Theme:** Any subject or the optional biodiversity theme.
- **Media:** Original 2D artwork, including drawing, painting, printmaking, collage or mixed media.
- **Size:** We recommend A4–A2.



- **Deadline:** Completed artwork should be brought into school by 5th January.

We will also be considering artwork produced during lessons when selecting our school entries. However, it is worth highlighting that last year's winning entries were students' own unique pieces, created independently outside the classroom!

We would love parents and carers to encourage their students to get creative over the coming weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to experiment with new ideas, develop their artistic confidence and produce something truly personal.

We can't wait to see the creativity and talent of our Year 9 artists!

Upcoming Calendar Events



West Kirby Grammar School



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

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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