



Headteacher Messages

There are no Headteacher messages this week.

General Messages

Domestic Exams

Please see the attached generic mock exam timetables and student instructions for Years 11, 12 and 13. Students will receive the generic timetable via their school email, followed by a personalised timetable closer to their mocks.

- Year 11: 26 November–3 December. When students do not have a written exam, they will be in an exam room for revision.
- Year 13: 18–22 January. Students will be on study leave when they do not have an exam.
- Year 12: 16–23 June. Students will be on study leave when they do not have an exam.

Further information will be provided with the personalised timetables.

For information, Year 10 mocks are 15–21 April. The mock timetable will be shared next week once finalised.

Year 11 Music students will need to complete:

Written exam - Listening and Appraising 90 minutes

Free Composition - submitted by Thursday 22 October

Solo Performance: Will be recorded the week before mock exams. This is their actual GCSE submission, not a mock.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to our students who supported this year's Macmillan Coffee morning. We have already raised over £500. There is still time to donate by following this link [Macmillan Coffee Morning](#).

Beyond Horizons

Opportunities, experiences and activities beyond the classroom

Clubs Are Here!

Due to requests and our lovely KS5 leaders we have a number of club additions AGAIN this week:



- F1 and Motorsport Club
- History Society
- Games Club

The Microsoft Form link is now permanently on the Beyond Horizons Microsoft Team on the Extra Curricular channel for students to access. Please just click on the link to sign up and to check the most recent timetables, click on the shared area in the channel.

Please take a look through the timetable together and encourage your child to get involved. As a reminder, we encourage and expect KS3 students to attend at least two clubs each week and KS4 students at least one, while our KS5 students are encouraged to get involved through participation and by leading opportunities for younger students.

Discover Deloitte school-leaver opportunities: Manchester office (Yr 12 & 13)

Students in Years 12 and 13 are invited to attend Deloitte's Insight Evening at the Manchester office on Tuesday 20 October, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

The event will provide an opportunity to meet Deloitte professionals, learn about apprenticeship and early careers programmes, hear about career journeys, and gain practical application advice.

Location: Deloitte Manchester, 100 Embankment, Cathedral Approach, Manchester, M3 7FB

With limited spaces available, students are encouraged to register early to reserve their place. [You can register here.](#)

*Attendees under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and both must register.

Duke of Edinburgh at WKGS - news round up

We have had another busy start to the term launching both the Gold Award with Year 12 and the Silver Award with Year 11. Please note that we will launch the Bronze Award with Year 9 students in January 2027.

Gold Award 2026

Congratulations to our 39 Year 12 Gold Award participants who headed out to Snowdonia last weekend to complete their trial expedition. The weather was great on Saturday but they experienced some wet and windy conditions on Sunday, however everyone completed this stage successfully. They will do their qualifying expedition in March next year over the Easter weekend.

Silver Award 2026

We have signed up 45 new recruits in Year 11 ready to embark on their Silver level. They will complete a trial expedition next April and then do their qualifying expedition next June after the GCSE exams are finished.



Bronze Award 2026 (Year 10)

We are currently doing bronze award progress checks with each form group over the course of this half term. Students should be aiming to complete a minimum of 2 activity sections by Christmas ready for the expedition phase which will begin in January. A letter has gone out this week as a reminder of dates and with the payment schedule for the coming months.

National Youth Jazz Orchestra's – October Holiday Project

The National Youth Jazz Orchestra are hosting a 2-day October holiday project in Merseyside this year, for young musicians (including vocalists) aged 13 to 18 who are the equivalent of Grades 3+ on their instrument.

When: Tuesday 27 to Wednesday 28 October, 12:00 - 16:00

Where: Future Yard, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 6AB

Register here: [October 2026 Holiday Project](#)

WKGS Futures

This week's ERIC Createch Festival has seen some excellent and diverse creative careers displayed and discussed in the WKGS Futures sessions, and it has been fantastic to see students choosing to give up part of their lunchtime to hear about different careers, experiences and opportunities.

We would also love to hear from parents, carers, alumni and members of our community who might be willing to deliver a future talk. Whether you have an interesting career, an unusual route into your profession or simply a story and expertise that could broaden our students' horizons, please contact Mrs Kimber.

Year 11 Survive & Thrive Evening – Wednesday 14 October

This evening is designed to support both students and parents as Year 11 progresses, with a particular focus on wellbeing, preparing effectively for examinations and making confident choices about next steps.

Throughout the evening, you will be able to choose from a range of sessions, including:

- Positive Psychology – strategies to support wellbeing, resilience and a positive mindset
- Exam Hints & Tips – practical advice to help students prepare effectively
- Surviving Year 11 – navigating the demands of this important year
- Mindfulness & Yoga – a practical wellbeing session for students, running alongside a dedicated Supporting Your Child Through Year 11 session for parents

Parent/Carer Newsletter

Friday 2 October 2026

- University & Apprenticeships – sessions delivered by Liverpool University and Careers Connect, exploring different post-18 pathways
- Choosing the Right A Levels – guidance from our Sixth Form team to help students begin thinking about their next steps

The evening is about much more than exams: we want students to feel equipped to survive and thrive during Year 11, while giving parents practical information about how best to support them.

Booking is now open. Please click on the TicketSource link to view the programme and book the sessions you would like to attend. [West Kirby Grammar School event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

Places in individual sessions are limited, so we recommend booking as soon as possible.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students and families.

Upcoming Calendar Events



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NEXT THREE WEEKS



A vibrant community inspiring brighter futures

	 w/c 5 OCTOBER	 w/c 12 OCTOBER	 w/c 19 OCTOBER
ALL WEEK 	Harvest Week		
MONDAY 	Y9-13 Languages Career Convention Governors Meeting 4.00pm–6.00pm		Y8&13 Normandy Trip Returns
TUESDAY 	Y12 RSE Sessions Y9&10 ESFA Second Round House Bake-off Y8 Information Evening 5.00pm–7.00pm		Prefect Elections Y10&12 Empire Theatre Trip to Mean Girls
WEDNESDAY 	Y7 Residential Trip leaves Y12&13 UKMT Senior Maths Challenge	Y7-12 English Schools Cross Country Y11 Information Evening 5.00pm–7.00pm	Y12 RSE Sessions Y8-13 GB Womens Handball Y12&13 Lung Theatre at Unity
THURSDAY 		Y12 RSE Sessions Y8&13 Normandy Trip leaves	House Dance Y12&13 Playhouse Trip to Present Laughter
FRIDAY 	Y10-13 London Design Study Tour Trip Y7 Residential Trip Returns		Y7 Romeo & Juliet Storyhouse at WKGS Wear it Pink day Y7-13 Theatre trip to Heathers
WEEKEND 		Saturday - Y10-13 Regional Space Design Competition	

 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

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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