

20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent

Over the last four weeks the school has been full of activity! We've enjoyed Year 7, 8 and 9 Sports days, an amazing Band night, Dance and Drama night, Comedy night, an art exhibition, Shakespeare day, Shakespeare off by heart competition, Lake walks, Latrigg walk, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, field trips, theatre trips, Higher education events and university visits, EBL presentations, careers activities, research projects, Keswick School Mile and an i-Perform day. And that is only half of what goes on...!

Such opportunities build pupils' confidence and self-esteem. They also help create a unique and exciting learning atmosphere and bring our school community together. None of this is possible without the dedication and encouragement of an exceptional and highly professional team of teaching and associate staff. The sheer amount of planning and organisation needed to run such opportunities is hard to describe. When a student says 'thank you' it makes all the effort well worthwhile.

In education we like to be optimists. Let's hope that we can continue to resume all the extra-curricular clubs, activities, events, competitions and trips that help students to develop holistically into pleasant, confident and highly articulate young people. Amongst excellent academic teaching these are the advantages we can give them as they progress through school. To do this successfully we also rely on parents reinforcing the same values and expectations at home. Together we can guide our students to a bright and rewarding future, whatever their chosen field of interest.

I hope you have a very happy and restful summer break.

**Mr S Jackson**  
Head teacher

**Staffing**

We say farewell to the following members of staff who are leaving at the end of this term. I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the pupils and the school:

Sue Larkin	Biology Teacher
Kay McDonald	Chemistry Teacher
David Melling	Drama Teacher
Clare Morley	School First-Aider
Gillian Walker	Pastoral Assistant



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We welcome the following staff in the autumn term:

Bethany Winwood	Personal Development with RPE Teacher
Jenna Fisher	Drama Teacher
Olivia Goedluck	Chemistry with Biology Teacher
Katie Maudsley	Sixth Form Learning Supervisor (started Easter 2022)
Katie Pepper	Teaching Assistant
Daisy Clement	Teaching Assistant
Sarah Green	Teaching Assistant
Samantha Scott	Teaching Assistant
Annie Hodson	Teaching Assistant

Internal Appointments are:

Helen Westle	Head of Drama
Neil Godden	Biology Teacher
Marcela Jackson	Librarian
Marion Baker	EAL Co-ordinator

### **Exam Results**

A-level results will be available to collect from the Sixth Form Centre on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7.45am.

GCSE results will be available to collect from school (Queen's Hall) on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am.

### **Exam Dates**

GCSE English Language and Mathematics                      Monday 31 October – Monday 7 November

### **Internal Exams**

Year 11	Monday 21 November – Friday 2 December
Year 9	Monday 16 January – Friday 20 January
Year 13	Thursday 9 February - Friday 17 February
Year 12	Monday 27 February – Friday 3 March
Year 10	Friday 29 April – Friday 6 May
Year 7	Monday 15 May – Friday 19 May
Year 8	Monday 5 June – Friday 9 June
Year 12	Monday 26 June - Friday 30 June

### **Term Dates**

Term dates for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 are now available on the school website.

### **Start of term**

School re-opens for Year 7 and Year 12 pupils on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September.

All pupils will be back in school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### **School Instagram**

Keswick School now has an Instagram account where we will be posting good news stories, sporting fixtures and extra-curricular activities, please follow is on **keswickschoolofficial**



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### Student timetables

Students will be given their timetables for the next academic year when they return to school in September. They do not need to worry about not having their PE/Games kit for the first day back as the PE department are aware they will not have seen their timetable in advance.

### Uniform

A copy of the required school uniform can be found here:

<https://www.keswick.cumbria.sch.uk/information-for-parents/uniform>

Girls' shoes should be sensible and offer appropriate protection to the foot; they **must have some form of tread or grip on the sole** and should be either flat or a heel no more than 3cm. They should be black and leather or "leather look" i.e. synthetic. They **must not be made of canvas or be any sort of trainer or plimsoll.**

Boys' shoes should be black polished (capable of taking polish; some are "self-polishing"; not suede or canvas). Shoes should not have trainer style stripes or markings down the side or have any sports tags anywhere on them. They should have a conventional sole and not a trainer type sole.

I would like to remind you that the guidelines on school uniform are very clear, especially regarding trousers for girls. These **must not** be a legging/lycra (or similar) type material and should not be tightly fitted. Additionally they **must not** be made of a denim/jeans/cord type fabric and should not be cropped or ankle grazer length. Please check the school website for the full uniform list.

The school will lend ties only in exceptional circumstances. If a pupil forgets to bring their tie they will be asked to pay for a new one. These cost £4.50. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support with uniform.

Please note that incorrect school uniform, including jewellery and acrylic nails, will be dealt with following the school's Behaviour policy, which is available on the school website.

### Confidentiality and Data Protection: Privacy Notice

Keswick School holds basic information on pupils in order to support teaching and learning. **Please let the School know if there have been any changes in contact details.** Parents have the right to be given access to personal data held on their children.

### Biometric System

The school uses biometric systems for site access. Parents are required to complete a biometric consent form to enable students to access the school buildings. If you have not completed a Biometric consent form please contact pupil reception.

From September, we will continue to use the contactless card system for pupils to purchase food in school and would strongly advise parents to top up lunch money using the online Parent Mail facility at: <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk>



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If a pupil has no lunch money on their account they may, in an emergency, go to the Finance Office where £2.50 loan will be added to their account. Current students should retain their contactless card and lanyard. If a student loses their card they must notify pupil reception. New cards will be available to purchase 48 hours after they have been reported lost.

### **Medical Update**

If your child requires any essential prescribed medication please contact the School Nurse, to discuss their specific needs.

### **Mobile Phones**

Pupils in Years 7-11 should **not** have mobile phones in school. If they do bring in mobile phones due to participating in an activity/event after school they should hand these into pupil reception for safekeeping. The school does not take any responsibility for the loss of such items if not lodged in pupil reception. Confiscated property, including mobile phones used by a pupil or that ring/make any noise during the school day, are held by the Head teacher's PA. These items are only returned to parents in person or to the pupil after one week so that they can be taken home.



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