

## Message from the Principal

Welcome to the new academic year.

We have had a very busy start to the new academic year and our students have responded positively to the changes that we have made. I would like to thank all parents for supporting the academy with the new uniform this September. The students look amazing and are a credit to the academy and themselves.

LGAT continues to support the academy strongly, this week I met with architects to finalise the redevelopment of the PE changing rooms and Science classrooms. It's a really exciting time to be a student here at our academy.

This week we held an open evening for prospective Year 5 & 6 students. The event was well attended, thank you to all those that came to visit us during the evening. We were able to showcase the very best of Kirton.



Kind regards

Mrs E Ricketts

Principal



Open evening

## Site Improvements

LGAT invested heavily in Kirton Academy over the summer. As you can see from the photos below the academy has undergone significant site improvement to give our students the best possible start in life. Over the course of this academic year we will be renovating the PE changing rooms and science classrooms.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank LGAT for their hard work and support in of the last year.



Music Room



Assembly Hall



ICT1 (Eng Block)



Library

## Core Behaviour Routines

Over the last year the academy has worked hard to improve student behaviour.

We feel that student behaviour has significantly improved and we would like to thank all parents for their support in what we are trying to achieve.

We have nine core routines at our academy to help improve student behaviour. Over the next few newsletter editions we would like to provide you with a brief overview of all these routines.

### #1 Core Routine: Start of Day



We greet the students as they disembark the bus. Its important to give the students a warm welcome as they arrive at the academy.

As they pass through the gate we check their uniform and ensure that they have their planner with them. We ask our students to wish the member of staff at the gate a confident “Good morning”.



If the student uniform does not meet our expectations, we will support them to ensure that they are ready for the day.

## #2 Core Routine: Lining up students at the end of break and lunch

The corridors in the humanities block are relatively narrow, previously students entering or leaving this building when the bell rings could lead to bottlenecks and made students feel unsafe.

To ensure a calm end to break and lunch, students that have lessons in the Humanities block are asked to line up on the tennis courts. Teachers at the front of the line raise a hand to ask for silence, student reciprocate by raising their hand too. Once all students are silent then they are escorted one class at a time into the building.



## Student Photographs

All students will have their photographs taken by Tempest Photography on 20th September 2024.

The photographs will be available for purchase through Tempest. The photos taken will be stored electronically in the student files.

**SEND**

The [SEND@kirtonacademy.co.uk](mailto:SEND@kirtonacademy.co.uk) email address is now functional. Sorry for the issues encountered over the summer break.

## Promoting a love for reading

The benefits of reading are obvious. Our renovated library will be an ideal space for our students to enjoy at break and lunch times. There is also an after school Homework Club Monday to Thursday until 4.00pm run by Miss Bass, the librarian.

Each week, during tutor time, students will be reading a book. The teacher will read at the front of the class with all students following with their copy of the book.

These are the books that we are currently reading:

Year 7	The Sky is Falling by Kit Pearson
Year 8	No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen
Year 9	The Recruit by Robert Muchamore
Year 10	We are all Made of Molecules by Susin Nielsen



Mr Mee reading to his Year 10 form group on Thursday.

## Class Charts



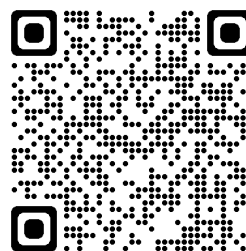
At Kirton academy we use Class Charts to monitor student achievement.

Class Charts is an online system which teachers use to track achievement throughout the school day. One of the key benefits of using Class Charts is that we are able to securely share your child's achievements with you and to keep you up to date in real-time.

Each child has a unique access code which we will issue to parents / guardians.

The access code for your child is in the password section of their planner.

The link to the class chart website is here:



## McMillan Coffee Morning



All Year 7 Parents are invited to the Macmillan Coffee morning on September 27th 2024, 10.00pm-11.00pm. It will also provide an opportunity to meet some teaching staff and members of the Senior Leadership Team.

We hope that as many of you as possible are able to attend the morning.

## Key Dates

Event	Date
Year 7 -9 Curriculum evening	26th September 5.00pm-6.00pm
Year 10 Curriculum Evening	26th September 6.30pm-7.30pm
Macmillan Coffee Morning	27th September 10.00am-11.00am
Year 11 Revision support	17th October 5.00pm-6.00pm
Parent Consultation Evening	30th October