

## Message from the Principal

Welcome to another addition of our newsletter.

We have been busy over the last few weeks welcoming parents of our students into the academy. The Parent Information Evening and Macmillan Coffee morning were well attended and provided an opportunity for parents to meet members of the Senior Leadership Team. We strongly believe that this academy should be as accessible as possible for all in the local community.

Later on this half term we will have a Year 11 revision session for parents. This evening will be held to enable parents to speak to Curriculum Leaders and learn how learning happens and how to support their child at home with their studies.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all parents that attended Macmillan coffee morning last week. We raised £60.26 for a worthy cause.



## An addition to the Senior Leadership Team

We are pleased to announce that Mr Watson will be joining the academy on 7th October 2024. Mr Watson is a highly experienced pastoral leader having worked at Waltham Tollbar for 17 years

Mr Watson :

*“I join Kirton Academy at a crucial time in it's upward direction of travel. Having spent over 17 years as a senior pastoral leader and then Assistant Principal - Behaviour at one of our large sister schools, I intend to bring all of this experience to Kirton to further boost our Academy's footprint in the wider community.*

*As a proud resident of North Lincolnshire, I cannot wait to give back to our young people. Having grown up in a very disadvantaged, difficult background in Scunthorpe, I fully appreciate the importance that great schools have on student life chances.*

*As an Assistant Principal, my approach will be warm , fair and consistent. I will work hard to ensure that all our routines and expectations are clearly understood and followed by our students. In time, I will get to know the students under our care and provide them with the additional support that they may need.”*



### #3 Core Routine: Silent Bell Task



Students will undertake a 'Silent Bell' task at the start of each lesson . This is a short activity used to activate prior learning to help the student learn new content in the lesson. Teachers may use mini whiteboards (pictured) to help deliver this activity to enable the teacher to make a quick assessment for learning

### #4 Core Routine: Assemblies

The purpose of an assembly is to ensure that we have a calm and orderly start to each day. It is also an opportunity to reinforce our key values and highlight events of a local, national or international significance.

Students are expected to enter the hall in silence and remain in silence for the duration of the assembly.

The assembly will be delivered by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

## Rain Days

We have all experienced poor weather recently. Heavy rain can be particularly difficult in small academies like ours.

When we know that the rain will be particularly heavy during the course of the day, we will ensure that the students will remain dry by using the hall at break and lunch and providing them access to the covered area in the “KS4 quad”.

As the weather continues to get colder we recommend that student come into the academy with a suitable jacket. If you are having difficulty in purchasing a jacket , please contact the academy and we will support you.

## Year 11 Parent Information Evening

On 17th October 2024 5.00pm-6.00pm, we will be holding an information evening for Year 11 parents. During the event we will

- ◆ Provide guidance on how to support your child at home;
- ◆ Issue key dates for the year ahead;
- ◆ Help you understand how learning happens;
- ◆ Issue your child with revision resources from a number of subjects.

If you would like to attend the event, please complete the form [here](#).

## Our website

We are currently updating our website. Information will be added to the website during the course of the year. Here are some links to our website that you may find useful:

[Assessment](#)—Summary of our assessment procedures and key dates. (please note the first Parent Consultation Evening is on the 30th October.

[Term Dates](#)- Our calendar

[Curriculum](#)- Outline of our curriculum including the long term plans for 2024-2025

[Behaviour Policy](#) An overview of our behaviour expectations.

[Uniform Policy](#)- An overview of our uniform expectations.

## Uniform

The academy has acquired a number of KA ties. Ties can be purchased from the academy for £6, this is the same price as those from Uniform Direct. If you would like a new tie, please contact the Head of Year.

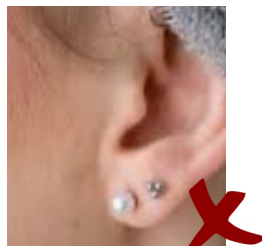
Our Uniform policy states that students are permitted to only have “a small single stud piercing allowed in each ear”.



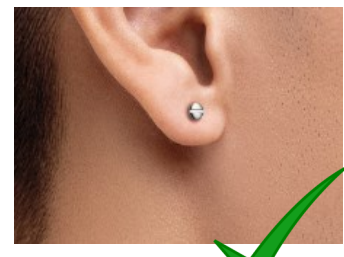
Too big



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Two studs



Small single stud.

Skirts should be “plain black, fully pleated, knee length”, if a student has to be asked to unroll their skirt three times in a half term, then it is expected that they come in to the academy in trousers for the rest of the term.