



KIBWORTH MEAD ACADEMY

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Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer,

I hope your child has settled in well into Year 7 at Kibworth Mead Academy. So far Year 7 have really impressed us with their enthusiasm, engagement and their focus in lessons. As highlighted in the weekly newsletter, they have also achieved a record number of rewards points each week over the past few weeks. We know they will continue to make us proud as they continue to progress through their journey at KMA.

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an overview of key dates and information for the year including enrichment opportunities.

Enrichment Opportunities

There are a host of lunch time and after school activities available for Year 7, designed to ignite or nurture their talents and interests. These include orchestra, choir, drama, basketball, badminton, art and netball. There is even a 'Musical Maestros' beginners' band specifically for Year 7 students for those who have not previously played a musical instrument. As part of our mission to develop the 'whole child' and create young people who work hard, are kind and proud, we would ask you to encourage your child to take the opportunity to participate in some of these opportunities which are an important aspect of secondary school life.

In addition to in school clubs, we wanted to make you aware of upcoming trips. Year 7 will shortly be invited to participate in a team building experience at Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre. This will take place in November/December and tutor groups will get the opportunity to work together to complete various challenges alongside their tutor in order to further develop their strong relationships and bond as a tutor group.

To follow on from this, from 3rd-7th July 2023 we will be running a Year 7 residential trip to the North East of England. This is organised by the Humanities team, linked to the Geography and History curriculum and will provide opportunities for students to benefit academically, socially and develop their life skills. Our aim is that the vast majority of the year is able to attend. Furthermore, Science are planning a trip to the National Space Centre in November. Information on these will be circulated shortly.

We thought it would be helpful to give you notice of other opportunities currently available for older year groups, which we currently intend will also run when your child is in that year group. These are listed below.



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- Year 8 French study visit to Northern France- July 2023
- Year 9 Geography trip to Snowdonia- October 2022
- Year 9/10/11 trip to Krakow/Auschwitz- October 2023 (for the current Year 8/9/10)
- Year 10 French trip to Nice- March 2023
- Year 10/11 Geography trip to Naples- April 2023.

Please note that our enrichment programme is developing all the time, and we anticipate that over your child's time at Kibworth Mead Academy there will be many additional opportunities on offer that have not yet been scheduled. We will endeavour to give you as much notice of these as possible. Additionally, if your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium allowance please contact ekowalski@kibworth-tmet.uk to discuss support available for enrichment opportunities.

Opportunities to update you on your child's progress

Following the Year 7 settling in evening in September, a full parents' evening is scheduled for Thursday 9 March 2023. In this evening you will get the opportunity to make an appointment with your child's subject teachers and find out how your child is progressing in each subject. Your child is welcome to attend this alongside yourself. In addition, you will get a report on your child's progress emailed to you three times a year. These are scheduled to be sent out week commencing 21 November, 6 March 2023 and 3 July 2023.

How you can support your child

At Kibworth Mead we are most effective when we work in partnership to support your child. We appreciate that the vast majority of parents and carers have logged onto Satchel:One and regularly check their child's homework.

In addition, there are knowledge organisers available for the vast majority of our subjects. These can be found on our website. The password is KmaKO. <https://www.kibworth-tmet.uk/curriculum/knowledge-organisers/>. Research shows that regular quizzing or testing of key information, known as retrieval practice, aids memory retention. You can support your child by regularly quizzing them on key knowledge from these knowledge organisers or from their exercise books.

We will continue to update you on news and events through our weekly newsletter so please do look out for this each Friday.

We thank you for working in partnership with us so far on your child's journey at KMA and wish you a wonderful half term when it comes.

Best wishes

Dr P Thompson
Vice Principal