



KINGS NORTON GIRLS' SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a long and busy Spring term, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Your children, our students, have had a brilliant term and a snap shot of what they have achieved and the many opportunities open to them have been captured in our end of term newsletter which I encourage you to read. The newsletter also includes staffing updates, the key update, as we say goodbye to Mr Charlett, is that he will be replaced by Mrs Mugridge (Deputy Headteacher students) and Miss Gregory will be Associate Assistant Headteacher. Miss Gregory will be the schools DSL (designated Safeguarding Lead). Your child's form tutor however will remain your first point of contact with the support of their Head of Year.

To find out more about what your child is learning, please do take the time to look at their work and visit the curriculum maps on our website which can be found here. [Curriculum Maps – Kings Norton Girls' School](#).

Year 11 and 13: I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Year 11 and 13 the very best in their exams. They have been working so diligently; I have no doubt they will do themselves and us proud.

INSET day: A reminder that school will be closed for two remaining INSET days on Friday 23rd May 2025 and Monday 21st July 2025.

Attendance: Thank you for your support with attendance again this year. KNKS attendance is up by 1.9% on this time last year and is 2% higher than current national data. Attendance is key to your child's progress, friendships and wellbeing and where support is needed, school is very well placed to provide this, especially when students are in school. A new report was published in March which analyses the link between attendance and attainment in assessment years. The data shows a stark link between attendance in KS2 SATS and GCSE attainment, indicating that even when a child's attendance is on the lower side, continuing to work to improve will have a significant impact on their potential GCSE attainment, for every additional 5% of attendance achieved.

Uniform: In preparation for the Summer term we have trialled some small amends to relax the jewellery aspect of the school uniform. Moving forward, we expect that these changes are not abused by our students. We will be monitoring this and the rest of uniform closely at the beginning of term. A review of how the changes are working will take place and amends made for September if needed. Please do review the uniform policy, in particular the following points: -

Skirts:

Skirt for Year 7 – 10

Navy blue with back vent or navy blue with all round pleats.



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A material containing a polyester and viscose mix has been selected. Tight fitted, short and/or lycra skirts are **NOT** allowed.

Skirt should be no more than 5cm above the knee

Skirt for Year 11

As above but can be black.

Jewellery:

- With the exception of PE and some practical lessons, students may wear a flat signet ring, **a single bracelet**, wrist watch and **ONE small plain stud** in each ear (all non-hazardous).
- Other piercings are **NOT** permitted. **If a student has a nose piercing a small, clear plastic retainer is permitted.** These are not permitted for any other facial piercing and will be expected to be removed. **Please note plastic spacers MUST be removed for all PE lessons as this is a health and safety issue; the uniform policy will be updated to reflect this.**
- One item of discreet devotional jewellery is allowed but it must be worn under the uniform (please see exceptions in the section on religion and beliefs).
- **One discreet necklace is allowed but should be worn under the blouse.**
- All items of jewellery that might compromise health and safety for practical lessons such as PE must be removed as instructed by staff. They remain the responsibility of the individual student.

The policy can be found on our website [Policies – Kings Norton Girls' School \(knags.co.uk\)](http://www.knags.co.uk/Policies)

Parking: Thank you to those of you that park courteously outside the school. Please can I remind you not to block our neighbour's drives or park on the ZIG ZAG lines at any time, or on the single yellow lines at the time specified on the notices.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming all of our students and staff back to the Summer term on Monday 28th April 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nicola Raggett
WMAT CEO and Headteacher