

20th July 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on how well Transition week is going; our new students are settling in very well and thoroughly enjoying lessons and activities. Our aim is to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, achieving the best possible outcomes, whilst also ensuring access to a wide range of extra-curricular activities and visits throughout their time with us.

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The future continues to look very positive for Kelvin Hall; we are fully staffed with specialist teachers in all areas from September. We have a number of Newly Qualified Teachers starting with us and we will also have our largest ever cohort of trainee teachers, which demonstrates our commitment to supporting teachers of the future.

Before the term ends, I would like to give you key messages and dates, most of which you will be aware of from Induction Evening and from reading the Transition booklet ...

Start of Term Arrangements – Our new Year 7 students return to Kelvin Hall on **Wednesday 6th September 2017** at 8.40am.

School Day Timings - The school day starts at **8.40am** and ends at **3.00pm**. Punctuality is excellent for most students, which we are pleased about. However, we would really like it to be outstanding for all students. We know you will understand that punctuality is crucial for success in school and students need to understand that every minute of every lesson is vital. Please ensure that your child is in school by 8.40am every day, at the very latest.

Equipment for School - We expect all students to be fully equipped for school and to take responsibility for looking after their equipment. Students must have a blue or black pen for writing, a red and green pen for marking and feedback, a pencil, ruler, rubber and a suitable bag for school. We will again provide all students with a red and green pen in the first instance; replacements must be provided by students themselves. Sadly, despite our best efforts a number of bike thefts have taken place from our site. Please ensure your child has a high quality lock and they use this to secure their bike in the sheds, furthermore encourage the use of a cycle helmet as all routes around Kelvin site are very heavy with traffic.

School Meals - We are delighted that so many of our students enjoy our healthy and tasty school meals and we really appreciate the co-operative and sensible way they use the dining area. From September the price of the 'meal deal' remains the same at £2.10. We believe this represents great value for money as students eat a healthy main meal, dessert/fruit and drink for this price.

Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term: Wednesday, 6th September - Friday, 27th October 2017
Monday, 6th November - Thursday, 21st December 2017
Spring Term: Tuesday, 9th January 2018 - Friday, 9th February 2018
Monday, 19th February - Friday, 23rd March 2018
Summer Term: Monday, 9th April - Friday, 25th May 2018
Monday, 4th June - Friday, 20th July 2018

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Head Teacher: Sarah Smythe
Deputy Headteachers: Pat Cavanagh and Ray Khan



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Uniform - Our students look very smart in their uniform and we do appreciate all the support parents give us with this. As you know, we work hard to ensure that our uniform is the best value possible. As always, I am taking this opportunity to remind parents that it is a clear expectation that parents **fully support** the guidelines for the school uniform. Please contact your child's Year Leader if you need advice or support on any aspect of uniform, particularly regarding whether individual items are acceptable or if you are having difficulty providing uniform.

Jewellery, Hairstyles and Make-up - one ring, one pair of small stud earrings and one bracelet are allowed. No other piercing is allowed under any circumstances. We allow sensible make-up and accept a fairly wide range of hairstyles. We ask parents and carers to ensure that hair and make-up choices are reasonable in a school setting and do not include hair colours that would not occur naturally. We try to be as tolerant as we can, but we must have the final say on whether hair or make-up is reasonable for school; we ask parents/carers to support this.

Student Support - Mrs Ford-Bentham is your child's Year Leader and together with Mr Cussons, will provide support for students in Year 7 regarding day to day issues. Please contact Mrs Ford Bentham directly should you have any concerns or issues you would like to discuss.

Multi Academy Trust - As you will be aware, in the summer term Newland School for Girls joined our Multi-Academy Trust. At the present time the Trust now also includes Chiltern, Stepney, Ings, Priory and St George's primary schools. Therefore, as of September 2017 there will be some changes to the Senior Staff Structure at Kelvin Hall as we aim to drive outstanding outcomes for all our children in our Trust. Mrs Smythe continues as Chief Executive Officer for our Multi Academy Trust, leading all the primary and secondary schools in the Trust. From September 2017, Mr Cavanagh will be the Executive Head Lead for the secondary schools in the Trust, Kelvin Hall and Newland School for Girls.

As I mentioned at Induction Evening, I will now assume responsibility as Head of School at Kelvin Hall supported by Mrs Grandidge as the Senior Director of Standards and Achievement, providing the management of the daily operation of the school through the supervision of students, staff and the school premises. We will **ALL** continue to work closely together to ensure Kelvin students experience the best opportunities and attain the highest outcomes possible.

I would like to wish you all the very best for the summer. We look forward to seeing students refreshed and ready for the new school year on Wednesday 6th September 2017.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr R Khan
Head of School