



Maximising our Potential

17th September 2026

Dear Parent /Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support at the start of this new academic year. I have been delighted with the way our students have returned to school. The vast majority have risen to our high expectations and have settled into the new term exceptionally well. Their positive attitudes, excellent conduct and commitment to learning have contributed to a very strong start to the year. I would also like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and their families as they join our community. Starting secondary school is an important milestone, and it has been wonderful to see how quickly our new students have embraced school life and have become part of the KHS family.

Thank you also for your support with the introduction of Yondr phone pouches. Creating a phone-free school environment helps students remain focused on their learning and make the most of every opportunity available to them during the school day to maximise their potential.

I would also like to congratulate our Class of 2026 and wish them all the best for the next step of their journey. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and pleased to report significant improvements across all key measures compared with last year:

- The percentage of students achieving a standard pass (grade 4 or above) in English and maths increased by 5%
- The percentage of students achieving a strong pass (grade 5 or above) in English and maths increased by 3%
- The percentage of students achieving a grade 4 increased by 7% in English and 2% in maths
- The percentage of students achieving a grade 5 increased by 6% in English and 5% in maths

The strength of our school community lies in the partnership between home and school. These outcomes reflect the relationships between parents/carers, staff and students. Together, we can achieve remarkable things for our young people.

As we begin the new academic year, I would like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance. Every day in school matters. Regular attendance ensures that students do not develop gaps in their learning, can build confidently on prior knowledge and are able to achieve their full potential. Attendance is about far more than academic success. It enables students to participate fully in the wide range of enrichment opportunities available, including clubs, trips, leadership opportunities, sporting activities and cultural experiences that contribute significantly to personal development. Last year, at Kirkby High School:

- Students who missed less than seven days performed 47% better than students who were persistently absent
- Students who regularly attended lunch and after school clubs had 14% better attendance than those who did not

We ask for your continued support in ensuring that attendance remains a priority so that your child makes the most of the opportunities available to them, both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I look forward to working with you throughout the year ahead as we continue to provide the very best education and opportunities for your child.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dobson
Headteacher

Resilience

Kindness

Respect

Aspiration

Confidence

