

6 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to provide details of events and opportunities being promoted in the school this month.

Tuesday 11 October 7.30 – 9pm: Parents' Focus Group, KLB PTA and School Vision

This informal meeting will be split into three half-hour sessions, with light refreshments provided. All parents are welcome to attend.

Part 1: Welcome and introduction to the new KLB Friends Team (our PTA).

Part 2: Following on from last summer's communication survey, I would like to share the findings and provide the opportunity to develop some of the points raised within the comments section of the survey e.g. the school's use of different platforms to share information and the school's use of social media.

Part 3: We are excited to start a consultation process to build a new set of guiding statements which reflect our identity as a school, considering and determining our vision and values and reflecting our whole school priorities. We have devised two exercises that we will be completing with groups representing all stakeholders and would like to work through these with a group of parents on Tuesday evening.

Please come straight to reception at the start of the evening. There is no need to confirm attendance in advance.

Wednesday 19 October 7 – 9pm: Drugs talk for parents

The 2021 NHS survey reported 18% of 11 – 16 year olds have ever taken drugs; 12% took taken drugs in the last year and 6% in the last month. Our school surveys show a similar picture. There is no specific profile which fits a young person who is likely to experiment or become a frequent user. For each age group there is no dominant gender, academic or sporting ability.

Simon Leigh, a renowned drugs education speaker, has visited the school twice in the past six years. Feedback from his sessions was overwhelmingly positive, so we are keen to engage Simon's support again. He returns this term to talk to all pupils in years 9 – 13. In addition, we have asked him to present to parents on Wednesday 19 October from 7 – 9pm. All parents are welcome to attend this session which will take place in the drama hall. Please just turn up – there is no need to confirm attendance.

Black History Month at KLB

As a school, we recognise the significant role we play in celebrating diversity and challenging racism through education and making clear statements about the school's values which must be understood and demonstrated by all members of the community. We have launched our work for this year to coincide with the start of Black History Month. Last year's message of 'Proud to Be' has been revisited and we have focused on this year's theme of 'Time for Change: Action not Words' in assemblies and tutor activities. Our updated Black History Month Padlet will appear on our website home page at the start of next week and the pupils' diversity team will meet before the end of term to plan their work for the year.

World Mental Health Day: Tutor activities and Non-Uniform Day

Assemblies and work during tutor time next week will focus on mental health. To support the work of TIC+ www.ticplus.org.uk/ pupils will be able to wear non-uniform on Monday 10 October. Parents are welcome to contribute to the charity on Scopay. We ask that pupils wear clothes that are suitable for the school environment, so there should be no hair dye, cropped tops or very short skirts. Hats and coats must be taken off in lessons and the usual jewellery rules apply because of health and safety. We look forward to a successful day of fundraising. Our updated Wellbeing Padlet will be posted on the website home page at the start of next week.

I hope to see you at the meeting on Tuesday and at the drugs talk the following week.

Best wishes



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