



Aspirations and interests of your child

We are always truly interested in the wonderful achievements of your children outside of school. Each Monday we have an item in our staff meeting on Champion Shout Outs. This term we have shared sporting and community achievements together. Thank you for sharing the super achievements of your children with your child's tutor.



Book Club

We're excited to launch the KDS Rebel Book Club for Years 9–11, where students can explore great literature, enjoy lively discussion, and connect with one another.

KDS REBEL BOOK CLUB

NOT YOUR AVERAGE BOOK CLUB

WHERE CURIOUS MINDS MEET

Yr 9-11 | MEETING MONTHLY

Good books • Good refreshments
Good conversations



OUR FIRST BOOK:

The often banned, regularly censored literary classic

Steinbeck's OF MICE AND MEN

EXPLORE • LEARN • HAVE FUN!

Be part of something different.

Safeguarding your child - Fire Drills & Lockdown procedures

The safety of our students and staff are our highest priority. You may have read about local school / college evacuations this week. We want to assure you that we have strong and well rehearsed emergency procedures in place to handle a variety of situations. This term we have completed two successful drills which helps ensure our students and staff know exactly what to do in an emergency. A full site evacuation drill is planned for term 2.

Learning Lounge

Completion of home learning has a significant impact on students' progress in all year groups. To support our students, we run a home learning lounge in the library Tuesday to Friday until 3.30pm. This is open to all students where they can receive support if needed and have a quiet space to complete their work.

Parent Portal

Thank you for taking the time to review the Parent Portal. This can be accessed at the top of the school website or on the link [here](#). Here you can find the contact details for your child's Tutor as well as curriculum maps for the topics they will be studying throughout the course of the year as well as key information from school events.

Rewards

It's been great to see over 22755 achievement points awarded so far this term. Our students have returned to term 1 with such high levels of engagement which has been super to see. Please congratulate your child on such a positive start to the year.

Open Evening Early School Closure

We have our annual Open Evening on Thursday 25th September. Students will be dismissed at 12.15pm.

Medical Needs

Please do link with our front office to share any new medical needs of your child.

SPARXs - Maths app to support your child

Practice outside of the classroom is key for improving outcomes in Maths. Our Sparx Maths curriculum is designed to support the learning students do in the classroom.

Sparx Maths

Building maths confidence through
personalised homework

Future events and important dates

- 25.09.25 - Open Evening 5.00 - 7.00pm - school closes to students at 12.15pm,
- 16.10.25 - Year 7 - Meet the tutor evening - Main Hall - 5.30pm - 6.30pm - no booking required
- 22.10.25 - End of term 1 - school finishes at 2.45pm
- 03.11. 25 - T D Day / River Learning Trust whole school meetings - school closed to students
- 04.11. 25 - Start of term 2 - All students return at 8.15am and go to their roll call areas
- 10.11.25 - Literature Festival (all week)

With our continued thanks.
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information.
Please be reminded that we have a 5 day response time.

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