

28 March 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

End of Spring Term

As we approach the end of the spring term, I would like to update you on recent activities and achievements, as well as looking forward to a busy summer term. The all important exam period will be upon us after the break and we would encourage all learners to continue working hard and take advantage of all the support available from their teachers.

Dates to note

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| Thursday 29 March | last day of spring term |
| Monday 16 April | return to school for summer term |
| Wednesday 25 April | year 8 parents' evening 4-6pm |
| Monday 14 May | official start of GCSE exam season |
| Friday 19 May | last day for year 11 (only need to come in for exams after this date) |
| Friday 25 May | last day of school, break up for half term |
| Monday 4 June | return to school |
| Wednesday 20 June | year 10 trial exam period begins |
| Tuesday 3 July | year 10 trial exam period ends |
| Monday 15 July | school show begins (3 nights) |
| Friday 20 July | last day of school, break up for summer at 2.50pm |

Outstanding Achievement

Congratulations to Emily Watt who attended Kepier last year. She maintained five years of 100% attendance and achieved possibly the best results in the whole of the North East in last year's GCSEs. In recognition of this, she won the Sunderland Young Achievers Award 2018 for the 14-20 Yrs 'Academic Achievement Category'. Well done to Emily and well done to all staff who supported her whilst at Kepier. We wish her well for the future.

Outstanding Citizenship Awards

The Easter term saw Mrs. Cooper award prizes to learners from each year group who were chosen by staff for having made a real difference in school but also in the local community.

Charlie from Year 7 has carried out an enormous amount of fundraising, managing to raise over £1000 for cancer charities; Ethan and Cameron in Year 8 were chosen for their all round great attitudes, being excellent citizens on a daily basis, and being wonderful role models for other learners.

From Year 9, Gabriel and Sam were chosen for their roles in helping a local lady find her dog which had run off; Clayton and Kyle for helping to save a man's life who had suffered an epileptic fit in Houghton town centre, putting him in the recovery position and supporting his head whilst an ambulance was called.

Lauren from Year 10 has supported the school community with many different activities, including working on reporting and recording our new school build.

Finally from Year 11, Bailey was chosen for his powerful poetry, which targets racism in all forms and shows maturity well beyond his years.

Kepier is proud to have these and so many other learners who are prepared to make such a difference to other people's lives.

Outstanding Attendance, Effort and Achievement Awards

Over the last week of term, we celebrated with those learners who have made a significant effort with regard to attendance, attitudes and achievement. Well done to all!

Extra Curricular Activities

We are fortunate to have a very pro-active staff who seek out developmental opportunities for our learners. This term we have seen activities linked to World Book Day, careers, college and apprenticeship events. There have also been many sporting achievements including accomplishments in cross-country and football national events. Recently, we have been given the opportunity to nominate four learners to take part in the Tall Ships Event. Places have been funded by the Local Authority and a private sponsor - we look forward to hearing all about their adventures!

Uniform

We have had many positive comments about our new uniform. We have listened to your feedback and have sourced school trousers which are cheaper, have a better range of fit and are slightly darker. We want to support local firms and, as such, Total Sport have assured us that they can supply the trousers at the best price possible. Please note that trousers purchased last year will still be acceptable as part of our uniform.

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Uniform can be purchased direct from Total Sport at the address below. Alternatively you can order it online. Over the summer term, we will be holding sizing events to ensure every learner has the opportunity to try on the uniform and order it in advance of the next academic year.

We appreciate your continued support on school uniform matters. Should you have any issues with uniform, please contact your Year Manager in the first instance.

Total Sport address and email:

Hendon Road, Sunderland SR1 2JD- Telephone: [0191 567 9043](tel:01915679043)

Website: <http://totalsport-ne.co.uk/>

Email: sales@totalsport-ne.co.uk

Attendance

Whole school attendance is marginally below the national average of 95%. There are a number of strategies the school is employing to raise attendance and we would encourage families not to take holidays during term time, as prosecutions from the Local Authority could be enforced.

Prom 2018

As you will be aware, the cost of the prom is quite significant. We would like to support learners and their families with this. If you have any prom outfits or accessories you would like to donate to us, we will ensure they are allocated to learners. This will be done in confidence and sensitively. If you are able to donate items via the front office, we would really appreciate your support.

New Build

The recent snow days have not impacted on the scheduled plan for opening our new building, as the BAM team have worked tirelessly over weekends to catch up. They have been extremely helpful and cooperative, including sending footballs back over the fence to us! They also helped us clear the car parks of snow, ensuring we could open safely after three days of closure in February. Sharon Eley, one of the senior members of our catering team, created a wonderful thank you cake for them.



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We look forward to seeing your child on 16th April, for a busy summer term!
With every best wish for a happy Easter holiday,

Yours faithfully

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