

26 November 2025

Dear Parents

A few advance notices.

Year 13 Parents' Evening and early closure Wednesday 3 December

The Year 13 Parents' Evening will take place between 2pm and 6.30pm on Wednesday 3 December. The event will be via SchoolCloud and appointment slots are still open. As a result, the school will close at 1.20pm on this day with the normal early bus services running:

Go Coach

S7 (+ S8) – to Sundridge, Brasted and Westerham

S10/S12 – to Swanley, Crockenhill, Hextable and Wilmington etc

S32 – Chelsfield and Orpington

Coming onto site at approx. 13:35 will be our route 3 service which shall operate the S3 (displaying route 3 Locksbottom).

NOT coming onto site but serving Bat & Ball shall be a route 6 which will serve Seal and Kemsing like an S6 would.

Everything else shall serve the school grounds at normal time.

Red Route

408 will be 1.30 on Wednesday

308 will run at normal times eg. 3.45pm

Academic Tracking all years

Academic Tracking takes place on the evening of Thursday 18 December and the morning of Friday 19 December. The appointments are virtual via SchoolCloud, and the booking window opens next week. The last day for students to be in school is Thursday 18 December where the school will finish at the normal time, 3.30pm. The purpose of Academic Tracking is to provide an oversight of how students are doing across all their subjects and guidance on the level of performance in termly tests and advice on how to improve. Generally, appointments are held with form tutors or someone else who has a connection with each year group. Prior to Academic Tracking, students are expected to fill in self-reflection forms in tutor time, which should be available for the appointment.

Non uniform day

There is a non-uniform day scheduled on Wednesday 17 December and we would appreciate a £2 donation which will support the Knole Community Store. The store is looking to supply Christmas Hampers to some of our most vulnerable families. Students may continue to wear school uniform if they wish on this day. All non-uniform should be presentable and weather appropriate, it is often cold in December! Students need to ensure they still bring in the required equipment such as stationery, lunch fobs and PE kit where appropriate on this day. Rules for makeup and jewellery remain the same as the normal uniform policy.

Christmas Dinner

The student Christmas dinner will take place at lunchtime on Wednesday 17 December. The lunchtime will be slightly amended to allow all students to sit down and have a lunch if they desire. On the 17 December, a more limited offer will be available to allow the catering staff to concentrate on the Christmas lunch; students wanting something else to eat should purchase their food at breaktime or bring in a packed lunch.

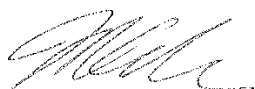
January start 2025

Students return to school on Monday 5 January 2025. The first period on this day will be spent with form tutors to go through the timetable and to issue student planners. May I ask that all uniform is in good order and compliant for the return in January. Students should check their Arbor to ensure they have the required equipment; we return on week one of the timetable cycle.

Christmas Trees

Our school Christmas trees are provided by Stonepitts Farm in Seal Chart www.stonepitts.com If you intend to purchase a tree from Stonepitts, please show a copy of this newsletter, as they donate £2 for every tree sold to Knole Academy parents, which we will utilise in the community store. In addition, Stonepitts also make a donation to Demelza Hospice Care for Children.

Best wishes



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