

12 December 2025

Dear Parents

Free School Meal Holiday vouchers

The government, through KCC, have instructed the school to issue vouchers to eligible families to cover the Christmas period. The amount for the Christmas period has been set at £60 per eligible child. The school will be issuing these vouchers on Monday 15 December.

Academic Tracking all years

A reminder that 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 is still open for those who have yet to book an appointment. 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.

Year 7 students will also be issued with the outcome of their Quest results which is the baseline English and maths testing they undertook in September. Form tutors will be issuing these in tutor time next week. The results sheet gives a nice summary of their strengths and weaknesses, and I ask parents to make sure they get sight of these results, and they don't end up lining the bottom of school bags!

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 stationary, lunch fobs and PE kit where appropriate on this day. **Rules for makeup and jewellery remain the same as the normal uniform policy.**

January Start 2026

A reminder that students return to school on Monday 5 January 2026. 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. This is very important for Year 7, where students will be set in the core subject areas, and everyone will have a completely new timetable.

The Story of Knole Park

Thank you to Mr Bob Ogley for donating a copy of his new book The Story of Knole Park. If parents are interested in last minute Christmas ideas, I accept probably not on most students Wishlist, it is available in all good book shops.

Best wishes

David Collins