

3 July 2026

Dear Parents

A few reminders and notes for your consideration.

Academic Tracking

Academic Tracking takes place on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 July 2026. Tuesday 21 July is the last day for students to attend Knole Academy for this academic year, and the school closes at 3.30pm. Online virtual appointments open for booking on Monday 6 July: <https://knole.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Monday 6 July Trust INSET day

A reminder that Monday 6 July is a staff INSET day and therefore the school is closed to students. Obviously at parental discretion, this allows students to watch the England game with no expectation that they attend school the next day. This was not planned just a fortunate coincidence.

Uniform Tuesday 7 July - Friday 10 July inclusive

As the weather is forecast to be warmer next week, although not to the levels we had last week, students are not required to wear ties and blazers. I shall review this on Friday 10 July for the following week. Students should ensure they still have all their necessary equipment which can be contained in their bags.

Lockers

Students will need to ensure lockers are cleared before the end of the summer holiday as in many cases they will be reissued a new locker.

Term Time Holidays

Please be aware that the guidance from the Department for Education is very clear, Headteachers should not authorise term time holidays regardless of any perceived mitigating factors. Their line on this matter is "education is compulsory, holidays are not." Holidays taken in term time will be marked as unauthorised absence and the Kent Attendance Service may pursue a penalty notice fine. Students taking holidays when their peers are in school are missing content and teaching which will impact on their achievement.

Sports Day

A reminder that on Wednesday 15 July, we intend to hold the school sports day and would like to extend an invitation to parents of the current Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students to watch the activities. Viewing is restricted to an area of the field at the top end of the site and no seating is available. I am afraid there is **no parking available on the school site**; please be considerate towards our residential neighbours if you are parking nearby.

For Year 9 and 10, the event starts at 10.10am to 12.15pm, **please do not come on to site before 10.00am.**

For Year 7 and 8, the event starts at 1.10pm, **please do not come on to the site before 1.00pm.** At the end of the Year 7 and 8 event parents may, if desired, take their children home with them.

The event requires the assistance of the weather and therefore, if we must cancel on the day, we shall send out an Arbor message alert and place a pop up on the school website.

Best wishes



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