

Dear Parents,

With the first half of our Summer term having whizzed by, we look back at all the great things our students have achieved and prepare for the exciting final part of our school year.

Ofsted

We are all extremely proud of our Ofsted inspection report. Our glowing report meant we also featured in the *Bucks Free Press* which was very exciting for our students! Both the report and the article can be viewed on our school website.

School life

The students have been looking at the story of *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes, and have worked on this in English as well as linking it in with AQA certificate work and ICT. They have all enjoyed the story and film, and have shared some interesting discussions about it. At the end of half term we are hoping to finish filming our 'KRS News Report,' which we have been preparing in ICT, about the mysterious events in the book!

Our students continue to enjoy accessing weekly activities outside school. These include swimming at the local leisure centre, visiting and helping on farms, horse riding, various citizenship trips and work experience activities.

Students benefit from a fortnightly visit from Ruth, Children's and Families' Minister at All Saints Church in High Wycombe, who runs a Religious Assembly for us. Ruth has become part of the team at Kite Ridge and has built a great rapport with students. Sadly Ruth will soon be leaving, but we are confident her replacement will be just as good. Andy, our Music Therapist, continues to spend every Wednesday with us, and each student has a tailored one-to-one session with him. Lewis, our Street Dance Instructor, comes along each Thursday afternoon to run energetic sessions for the students which is a real highlight.

Work experience

This term students have continued to work at the All Saints Church in the centre of High Wycombe. On Thursday and Friday mornings you can find Kite Ridge students helping to keep the church clean and tidy, doing a range of jobs such as restocking sugar pots and candles, wiping tables, vacuuming, organising the bookshelves and cashing up in the coffee shop. One of our students has been contributing to morning worship by reading a prayer he has written himself.

Our older students have been busy at their individual placements in the community. This term a new placement has been created at Fast Break Sports in Chesham. Work here has involved helping to unpack boxes and price up items. Another placement is at a local hair salon where our student helps to keep the salon clean and tidy; sweeping up hair, and making cups of tea and coffee for clients.

We are extremely grateful to our community partners for providing these opportunities for our students to develop essential skills and make positive and valued contributions to our local community.

KiteFest

Our Quiz Night in April raised £857 for KiteFest which is a wonderful achievement! Thank you to all those who attended and supported the evening. KiteFest 2018 takes place on 27th and 28th June, so please do

come along to join in and support our students and other performers. We look forward to welcoming duo "1+1" on Wednesday, and we are proud to announce that "The Deps" will be joining us again to close the festival on Thursday.

New Logo

We are excited to present our new Kite Ridge School logo (see top of page). We will gradually rebrand so this appears on our website, and all other documents at school.

GDPR

As you are probably aware the new General Data Protection Regulation becomes live on 25th May. If you would like more information about how our school complies with this, information is available on our website.

Staff news

Megan joined us at the beginning of term and has already become an invaluable member of the team; building great relationships with students and staff alike.

I wish you all a pleasant half term break. School re-opens as normal on Monday 4th June.

Best wishes,

Steven Sneesby

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

May

23rd School finishes for half term break (inclusive of inset days on 24th and 25th)

June

4th School re-opens

14th Sports day

27th KiteFest

28th KiteFest

July

11th Parents' Evening

24th School finishes for summer break (3pm)

2018-19 term dates are available on our website.