



23rd October 2024

S1 Parent / Carer Information Evening







KHS Buddy Committee

BUDDIES

- All SIs have a 'Buddy' that we meet with every Monday morning.
- Some S6 have more than one buddy, but 'buddies' are often sat with a group of friends so everyone is included and chatting together.
- The Buddy system is very positive as it helps SIs to speak to new people and gives them the support of having an S6 to talk to if they need any help.





WHAT WE DO

Our goal is to support SI students.

We are here to assist them with any questions they may have.

We also aim to enhance their first year of high school by organising enjoyable activities with their buddies.

Our priority is to ensure they feel welcome and cared for.

OUR GOALS

Our aim is to provide support to SIs during their first year, as transitioning to high school can often feel overwhelming.

Having a buddy can make it easier for SIs to navigate their way around the school



THE BUDDY SOCIAL

- We have planned a Halloween buddy social as a fun night for S1 and S6
- Tickets for this are on parent pay but cash is also accepted as a form of payment (£5)
- There will be food and drinks available, prizes to be won and the opportunity to have your face painted
- It would be great if you could encourage your child to go as this is always a fun and memorable night for the S1s as well as the S6s





FUTURE EVENTS

We are looking to host more S1 and S6 events such as a Games Night and a cinema trip.

In the past the cinema trip has been a trip loved by all and a great Kelso High School tradition that we hope to continue.

We hope to have a Games Night which will be a lot of fun, so please encourage your child to take part in these activities as the more the merrier

These events are only able to happen if we raise money from things like the Buddy Social!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.



English

Mrs Cameron-Lyle

MATHS

Mr Andrew Dickson

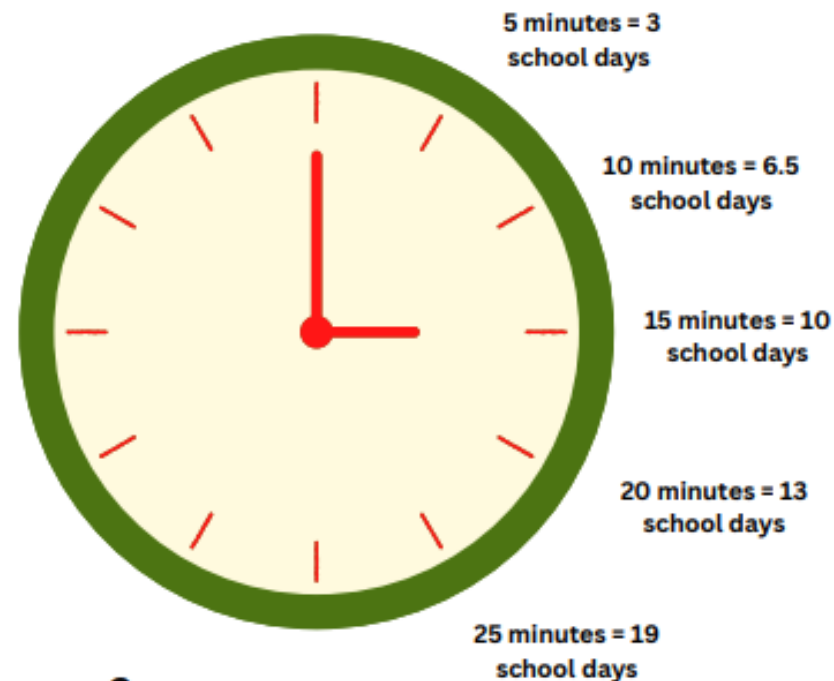


KHS Dress Code

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Every circumstance is different. Please contact your child's Pastoral Teacher or Pastoral Support Assistant to discuss any concerns.

If you are late every day...



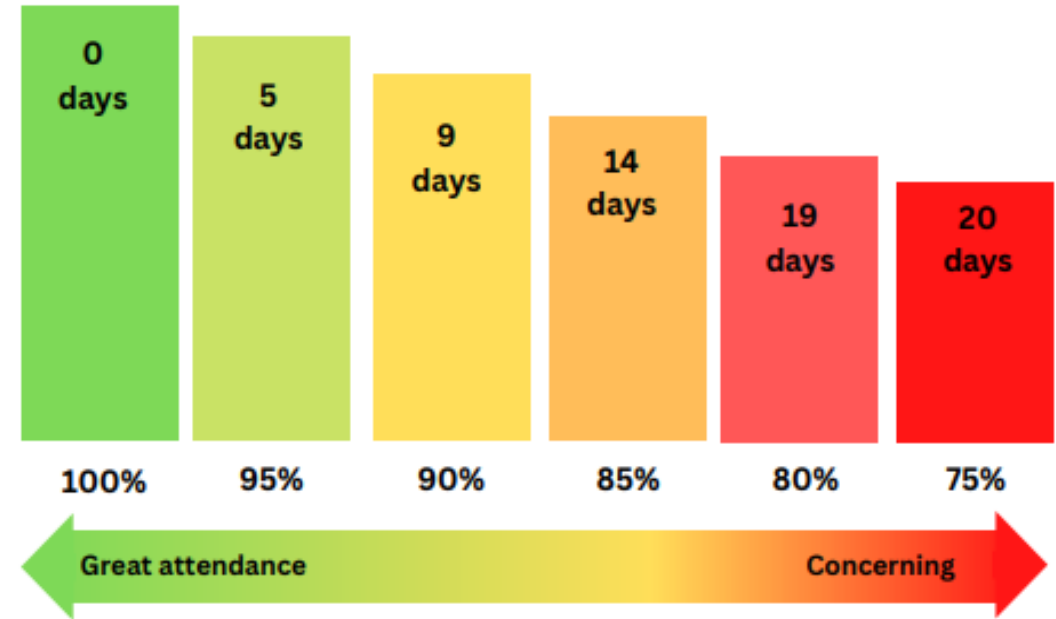
Did you know...?



Being 15 minutes late every school day means you miss two weeks of school

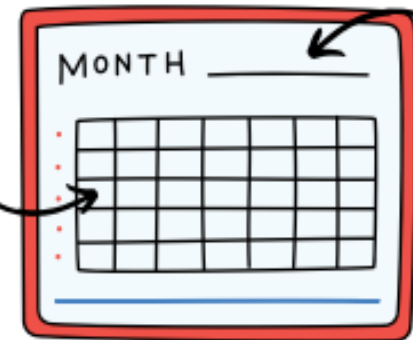
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Did you know...?

A two-week holiday in term time means you can only achieve an attendance of 94.7%



There are 365 days in a calendar of which 190 are school days

SBC Attendance Policy



ATTENDANCE POLICY

A POSITIVE APPROACH TO PROMOTING
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



APPENDIX 5: MONITORING AND TRACKING PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOLS – FLOW CHART

STAGE 1

- Attendance <90% in 4 week period (without acceptable explanation/ notification)
- First contact made with home and Attendance Letter 1a/b (appendix 7) posted or groupcall. Phone call may be made depending on which is most appropriate for context
- Key staff: Home School Link Work, Attendance Officer, Pastoral Support Assistant, Pastoral Teacher, SLT
- If attendance improves no further action – continue to monitor attendance. Issue letter 1c/d

STAGE 2

- Attendance continues to be <90% at 8 weeks
- Issue Attendance letter 2 a/b posted or groupcalled, inviting parent/carer to meet to discuss potential barriers and concerns.
- Planning meeting held to identify support needs and plan to restore attendance.
- Consider access to interventions from key partners as appropriate
- Recorded using Attendance Support Plan (appendix 6)

STAGE 3

- Attendance not improved, still <90% after 12 weeks
- Attendance letter 3a/b issued
- Meeting to review and update Attendance Support Plan.
- Referral for additional resources/partner interventions as required

WHERE TO FIND US:

Angraflat Road,
Kelso, TD5 7NL

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday – Thursday:
8.15am – 4.30pm
Friday: 8.15am – 1.30pm

Weekends: Closed

PHONE & EMAIL

01573 227440
kelsohs@scotborders.gov

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WELCOME TO KELSO HIGH SCHOOL

We are very proud of our school and our values are at the heart of everything we do.

Throughout its long history Kelso has enjoyed a reputation for high standards in education. Our ultimate aim is to develop the full potential of all our young people. Our success stems from the way we value every young person by providing them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to meet the challenges of our ever changing world. We do this in an atmosphere which is happy, purposeful and

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Upcoming Events

OCT 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
18 **S1 Getting To Know
You Evening**

OCT 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
26 **Buddy Social**



Reporting an Absence: Choose your Option

Email

Email the office at kelsohs@scotborders.gov.uk with the subject line "KHS Absence" and provide the following details:

- Pupil's name
- Year group
- Reason for absence

Click the button below to create a pre-filled email, ready for you to complete the required information.

Send an Email 

Telephone

Call the office on **01573 227440**.



Groupcall Xpressions App

Use the app to send the School Office a message directly



CHRISTMAS LUNCH
DAY WE

14th

Merry Christmas

WELSH HIGH
SCHOOL
Staff



Drop-off and Pick-Up



KELSO HIGH SCHOOL Show your #pridekhs beyond the classroom!

Day	WHAT?	WHEN?	WHO/WHERE?
Monday	Games Club - board games galore and more	Lunchtime	Mrs Everett - 1004
	Glee Club (S1-3 only) - singing, dancing and lots of fun!	1.30-2.00	Miss Ward - 2041A
Tuesday	Strings Group	Lunchtime	Mrs Borthwick - G013
Wednesday	Dungeons & Dragons Club - see daily bulletin for eligible year groups	Lunchtime	Mr Charlton - 2025
	Guitar Group	Lunchtime	Mr Borthwick - G013
Thursday	Gardening Club - gain a saltire award!	Lunchtime	Ben meet at school Garden gates
	Choir	Lunchtime	Miss Riley - G013
	French Club	Lunchtime	Miss Boufi - Modern Languages
Friday	Computing Club: For anything connected to computing, including game making, building robots, taking computers apart, running your own servers, how security works.	1.20-3.30	Dr Warner's Room



Get involved...

Extra-Curricular Clubs



LUNCH TIME CLUBS KELSO HIGH SCHOOL

MON

- Badminton 1.30-2 pm Games Hall Mr Rutherford
- Craft club 1.30-1.55pm Room G024 Ms Poole
- SFL Multi-Sport 1.30-2 pm Gym Hall Annabelle & Jamie-Louise
- Nat 5 French Study 1.15-2 pm Room 1004 Miss Boufi

TUES

- Girls football 1.30-2 pm Outdoor Miss Stevens
- Table Tennis 1.30-2 pm Games Hall Mr Brown
- Film club S1-S3 1.15-2pm room 2021 Miss Mallon
- Dungeons & Dragons S1-S4 rota 1.15-2 pm room 2023 Mr Charlton
- Nat 5 & Higher study 1.15-2 pm room 1008 Dr Robertson
- String Group 1.30-2 pm G009 Miss Riley/ Mr Borthwick

WED

- German Club 1.15-2 pm room 1002 Miss MacLennan
- Netball 1.30- 2 pm Games Hall Miss Rout
- Guitar group 1.30 - 2 pm Room G013 Miss Riley/ Mr Borthwick

THURS

- French Club 1.15-2 pm room 1001 Miss Boufi
- Football 1.30-2 pm Outdoor Mr Macleod
- Choir 1.30 music G013 Miss Riley/Mr Bortwick

FRI

- Drama club 1.45-3 pm Hall Miss Riley



Wider Achievement
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S1 Parent / Carer Information Area - Website

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PRIDE
Participation, Respect, Included, Determination, Excellence
#PRIDEKHS

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PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

We hope that all our pupils will thoroughly enjoy their time at Kelso High School. The **Parental Handbook** explains the way in which the school works.

It is important that parents too should have the opportunity to get to know our school and the staff. We like to think of Kelso High School as a community of pupils, staff and parents. Support from parents is an integral and essential part of the educational process.

School Handbook

Important information for parents & carers about KHS.

Download

S1 Parent/Carer Information

Download

Severe Weather Protocol

What is the procedure when severe weather impacts our school and transport?

Download

S1 Modern Languages

Welcome to the Modern Languages Faculty S1 presentation. The purpose of this presentation is to tell you about what your child will learn and the skills they will develop over the course of S1 in Modern Languages and to provide some guidance on how best to support your child with their learning.



Course Structure:

- In S1, you have 2 periods of French and 1 period of German each week. You have different teachers for each language.
- In S2, this will switch: 2 periods of German and 1 period of French.



Topics Covered:

S1 French:

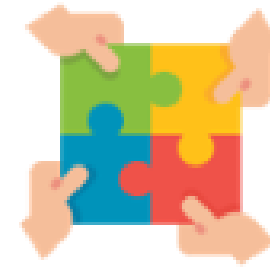
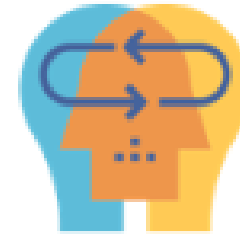
- Revision from Primary
 - Basic greetings; calendar; numbers; etc.
- All About Me!
 - My likes and dislikes; my family; pets; describing people.
- World Traditions and Festivals
- My Hobbies
 - Sports; ways I spend my time; online activities
- My School
 - Subjects, opinions, talking about the school day

S1 German:

- Introductions to German
 - Basic greetings; the alphabet; numbers; German culture
- Family and Pets
 - “Superpets”; colours; skills focus



Skills Developed



- Literacy Skills

- Reading and writing strategies for Modern Languages that apply to all reading and writing in English or any other language
- Understanding how language works

- Communication Skills

- Confidence with speaking aloud, particularly when it feels a bit uncomfortable or strange! A very transferable and useful skill.
- Communicating what you know: how to express your ideas accurately and clearly

- Collaborative Skills

- Working with others, both friends and those you are less comfortable with
- Supporting each other: asking for help from others; working kindly and sensibly with others; respecting others; helping others to understand

- Problem-Solving Skills

- Understanding complex concepts
- Applying known concepts to new scenarios or information

Modern Languages – Ensuring your Child is Ready to Learn

You Will Need:

- Ipad (charged!)
- Charger (just in case)
- A pen or pencil
- Your jotter or workbook
 - *These are taken home in most cases, although some teachers may keep pupil jotters in the classroom*
- A selection of stationary - e.g. a ruler, colours and glue - are helpful but not a necessity and can be provided.



Modern Languages – How to Support Your Child's Learning

- **Talk to your child to ask about what they were learning that day.**
 - This will help your child to think about their learning, helping to consolidate it and store it in their long-term memory (or at least until next lesson!).
 - Your child can also show you what they are working on on Showbie. In French, work for each lesson is uploaded so you can see what your child has completed. At intervals through the year, pieces of work will be marked by the teacher so you and your child have some feedback on classwork.
- **Homework will also be flagged on Showbie, so you can support your child to complete homework when it is issued.**
- **In French, there are also extension tasks throughout the classwork that pupils can choose to do in class or at home to challenge themselves or help them to understand and revise key information. These can be written exercises or online vocabulary games, for example. Great practice before an assessment!**
- **At regular intervals, assessments of the key skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) will take place.**
 - The results of these and the teacher's feedback for next steps will be shared with you on Showbie through the Showbie portfolio function. Discussing these with your child can really help them to understand and improve!

S1 Modern Languages

If you require further information about our S1 Modern Language courses please contact:

Greta Scott-Larsen

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S1 Reporting & S1 Parents' Evening

Reporting Window
1: December 4th
2024

Reporting Window
2: April 21st 2025

S1 Parents' Evening:
Tuesday 13th May
2025

Levels achieved in
Literacy and
Numeracy

Progress in
Learning

Ready to Learn -
arrives on time /
brings required
resources /

settles quickly to
task / phone out of
sight / respectful to
others

Strengths in
Learning / Areas for
Development in
Learning - Showbie

KHS Parent Council

- **Next Meeting: Thursday 7th November 2024 – online**
- **Focus: Technology / Mobiles Phones**



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