

Keith Grammar School

Celebration of Success

Term 4 Newsletter | June 2024

Head Teachers Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this Celebration of Success newsletter finds you well. Its hard to believe another school year has come to an end at Keith Grammar School's. As always there is lots to celebrate across the year. Our hugely talented pupils have been busy in and out of school and this newsletter gives a small snapshot of their work, achievement and celebrations over the course of the term. Our recent awards ceremony gave another reason to be proud of our school community with over 70 awards presented at the Senior Award Ceremony it was certainly a night of jubilation.

The next few weeks are a time to relax, spend time with family and friends. It's a time to recuperate and enjoy doing the things that we love outside of school. Its also a time to reflect on the year we have just had. We have faced many challenges this session and as always we have shown the strength of our school community in how we have navigated the many difficulties. I am extremely proud of our school and grateful to all teaching and support staff for their unwavering dedication to KGS and more importantly our young people.

The new school year will bring new opportunities and we are excited to welcome our new S1 pupils who were incredible on their recent transition visit. We hope they are as excited to be part of our school community.

May I wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer break and we look forward to welcoming staff and pupils back in August.

Best wishes
Alan Bruce
Head Teacher

Ambition
Excellence
Respect
Success



Ambitious Community
Excellent Pathways
Successful Futures

Dates for the diary

School reopens
Monday 12th August

Pupils Return
Wednesday 14th August

**Senior Phase Parents
Information Evening**
Thursday 29th August

Parent Council AGM
Tuesday 10th September

S4-S6 Progress Report
Wednesday 11th September

S1 Parents Evening
Wednesday 18th September

S3 Progress Report
Wednesday 23rd October

Term Ends
Friday 04th October

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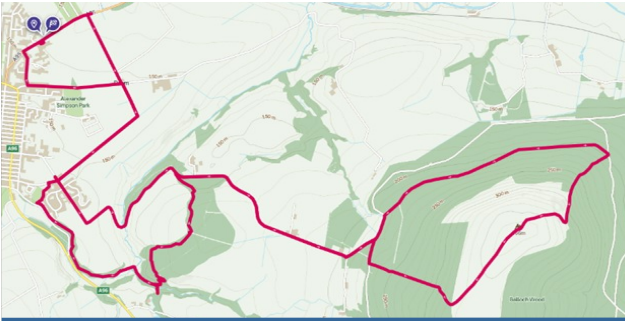
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Activity Days - Hill Running

On 30th May, Mr Paterson and Mr Cowie led the inaugural 'Keith Grammar School Trail Running Club' outing. Lewis Simmers, Cameron Simmers, Duncan Milne and Ryan McWilliam took part in an 11 mile run (well... really it was 12) with almost 1400 feet of elevation. The run took in some road, some trail and some moorland. It was the first time any of the boys had undertaken a run of this distance with this mix of terrain and they handled it like seasoned pros, showing great resilience when it got tough. Well done! We're all looking forward to the next one.



Oceaneering Trip

On the 24th of May, KGS's ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) team ImpROVise visited Oceaneering in Aberdeen.

This gave the members of the team an insight into how ROVs are made and operated in an industry setting, and provided the team an opportunity to give a small presentation about their ROV to Oceaneering.



Royal Highland Show 2024

30 Keith Grammar pupils travelled to the Royal Highland Show. This trip was fully funded by Keith NFU following a successful funding request. We'd like to thank NFU for their continued support and generosity.

The pupils enjoyed the best of Scottish agriculture, livestock and machinery. The Grassmen stand was a popular hit where they stocked up on their favourite hoodies. We had a great time tasting Scottish food samples in the Larder. The pupils met some famous celebrities from the farming world and got selfies- Jim Smith, Cammy from Sheep Game and Grassmen's Donkey.

There was a huge turnout of people and it was great to see Alistair and Kate showing livestock. The pupils loved seeing lots of different types of machinery such as combine harvesters, tractors, 4X4s and quad bikes.





Awards Ceremony 2024



School Dux Session 2023-2024

At this years awards ceremony we were delighted to announce Siena Clarke as our School Dux for session 2023-2024.

Siena has shown consistent diligence to her studies and the life of the school and is a role model for those who aspire to achieve similarly. Prior to the Easter break, Siena was successful in her application to be one of our Head Prefects next session. We are sure, alongside her prefect colleagues, she will do an incredible job.





Awards Ceremony

On Tuesday 18th June we held our annual Awards Ceremony. The event was well attended and it was great to see the achievements of our young people being recognised. Well done to all on your amazing success!



On Friday 21st June the weather held out for us to hold our annual Highland Games. The competition was fierce and many medals were awarded on the day to worthy athletes. The pictures below give a small snapshot of the day.

A huge thank to the PE department for their organisation and Mr Tubbs for the beautifully crafted medals!



Highland Games 2024



Head Prefects

We are delighted to present our Head Prefects for next session. Siena Clark and Amy Noble were both excellent at the Prefect interviews, presenting extremely well on the legacy they wish to leave for KGS. We are looking forward to working with them both in the year ahead, and we know they will do a fantastic job!

Our Senior Prefects, House Captains and Whole School Prefects will be announced in the new session. Well done to all who were successful, the quality of candidate applications was extremely high and the decisions were not easy.



Parent Council AGM

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank our Parent Council for their continued support and hard work in helping make KGS the school community we can all be proud of.

The Parent Council AGM will take place on Tuesday 10th September 2024. All parent/carers are welcome to attend. A reminder will be sent out in the new term.



Modern Studies

Our budding Modern Studies students were recently rewarded for their hard work. Pictured receiving their certificates alongside Mr Akoub is Roman Jarczak, Luisa Watt, Mackenzie Stockdale, Mya Sievwright, Kate Forrest.

Pupils received recognition from Mr. Akoub (Modern Studies) for their dedication, hard work, exemplary behaviour, high-standard of work, active participation in class, helpful contributions to the department. Well done to all pupils, and keep up the great work in the new session!

Dance Success

Ruby Kellas auditioned for a very sought after place on the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's Young Ballet Company in Glasgow and was delighted to be successful! Travelling weekly to Glasgow to train every Sunday since August 2023, Ruby also spent full weekends in December training for The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's performance of the Yellow Club where she performed in two fabulous ballet and contemporary dances.

Ruby was then selected by the Royal Conservatoire to perform in Go Dance 2024 at the Theatre Royal in Glasgow in February, and again selected to perform at Destinations 2024 at the Beacon Arts Centre Greenock in March where Ruby was selected for the main parts in the dance!

Well done Ruby, that's a tremendous commitment to your dance and your talent in this field is being well recognised.

BGE Awards Ceremony

On Thursday 27th June, our pupils in S1-S3 were recognised for their hard work, determination, resilience and academic achievements at the BGE Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to every award winner, your success is richly deserved.

Our BGE Award Winners Session 2023-2024

