

Kirkley Notes

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Key Dates for May 2010:

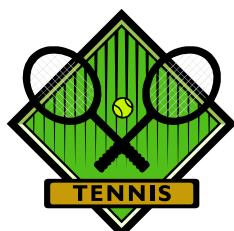
Week commencing:

4 th - 14 th May	Year 10 Exams
5 th & 6 th May	AS Art Exam
10 th May	AS/A2 Photography exam
10 th - 14 th May	Functional Skills AB
17 th May	Year 12/13 Study Leave
17 th May	GCE/GCSE Exams begin
17 th May	Year 10/11 Science Exam
24 th May	Year 10/11 Science Exam
26 th May	Year 10 parent Evening

Sporting Fixtures:

May 2010

6 th May	U15 Boys 7-a side Football
13 th May	U15 Girls Rounders
19 th May	KS3/KS4 Trampoline County Final
20 th May	Yrs 5,7,& 9 Boys & Girls Futsal County Finals
25 th May	U15 Mixed Tennis



During the last month Kirkley High School appears to have been the centre of attention with three major announcements that have the potential to change the whole outlook of the school.

On the 30th March the National Challenge Review of Suffolk was published with recommendations for all National Challenge schools in Suffolk. The report has recommended that Kirkley High School becomes an Academy which is wonderful news for the community, attracting greater investment into the education of our pupils.

On the 1st April the decision was made to consolidate the sixth form provision onto two sites within the consortium. This year has seen a reduction in numbers applying for places in the sixth form which in turn results in a significant reduction in funding. The three Headteachers were faced with two choices, either reduce the number of courses on offer, or maintain the number of courses but reduce transport, admin and leadership costs. We decided that the need to maintain the broad curriculum offering and the ability to provide continuity of courses where possible was far more important than maintaining a student base on the Kirkley site. From September 2010 the sixth form consortium will continue to operate in the same way that it has always done with the exception that:

- students will no longer be based upon the Kirkley site.
- Transport will operate from Kirkley to the Denes / BBHS at the start and end of each day.
- Mr M. Lincoln (Head at the Denes) will take overall responsibility for the sixth form.

It is vital that we continue to operate the best possible sixth form provision as we approach the opening of the new Sixth Form College in Lowestoft.

On Wednesday 21st April the Local Authority announced their intention to accelerate the Schools Organisation Review (SOR) process by moving year 7 and 8 pupils to Kirkley High School a year earlier than planned. Obviously it will be quite a challenge to organise appropriate provision by the 1st September but we will be liaising very closely with both middle schools, their staff, pupils and parents to make sure that the transition is handled as smoothly as possible.

On top of all this we had already planned significant organisational changes to Kirkley High School ready for September of which existing parents will be notified shortly.

I do hope that everyone had a well deserved break over Easter and return refreshed to start the final term.

Richard Pickard,

Headteacher.

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LOW COST LEISURE LEARNING COURSES



Kirkley High School 

A DFES designated Sports College



Kirkley High School, in association with Community Learning and Skills Development is pleased to announce a range of **Leisure Learning Courses** beginning in the **Summer Term 2010**. The courses will run for two hours on **Saturday mornings** and will include subjects as varied as an Introduction to ICT and Belly Dancing.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Farrands at Kirkley High School on 01502 525300. We look forward to hearing from you.

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