



Knowle DGE Academy

Unbelievably it is almost time for the summer holidays. What an incredibly busy year it has been. We have had so many successes from Duke of Edinburgh trips, Auschwitz trips, outdoor education, enterprise fair to name a few. Pupils have continued to apply themselves well in class and we are very proud of how well they have done this year.

Key Dates 2025-26

Insets

- Monday 1st September
- Tuesday 2nd September
- Friday 26th September
- **Friday 24th October (please note this is a changed date)**
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Monday 20th April 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026
- Tuesday 21st July 2026

Term Dates

Term 1

Monday 1st September 2025
Friday 24th October 2025

(Wednesday 3rd September Induction Meetings)

Term 2

Monday 3rd November 2025
Friday 19th December 2025

Term 3

Monday 5th January 2026
Friday 13th February 2026

Term 4

Monday 23rd February 2026
Thursday 2nd April 2026

Term 5

Monday 20th April 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026





Term 6

Monday 1st June 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

September

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September. On Wednesday 3rd September we will be inviting you to an induction meeting, this will be a chance to meet the new class staff, see your child's new classroom, complete paperwork and ask any questions you may have.

You will be sent a message with the time of the meeting.

You will also be sent paperwork-if you can fill this in online before the meeting it will be helpful. If you need help, we are able to do this with you at the appointment.

Celebrations

We have had phenomenal success with Duke of Edinburgh trips this year, including a very challenging trail last week. Well done to all of the pupils involved in this, they really have challenged themselves and should be very proud. Pupils have enjoyed end of year celebrations trips and lower and middle enjoyed a magic show and disco!

Site Changes

There are lots of exciting developments you will see in September.

We will be using the Leinster Avenue entrance in September for both entering and exiting the site, this is due to the neighbouring building site as they will be digging up Novers Road. Please take extra care on entering and exiting the site if you collect your child or park locally and use a park and stride.

Uniform

The school uniform is a Navy Polo shirt/T-Shirt and a navy fleece and/or jumper/cardigan. You will have been provided your first one free at induction in September. Further ones can be purchased via parentpay or free ones are available from the community wardrobe. A range of supermarkets also sell plain navy sweatshirts, T-Shirts and polo shirts. Black trousers or joggers and black shoes or trainers should be worn.

We are aware that with the hot weather pupils which may last into September pupils may choose to use summer options-Navy or black shorts and blue gingham dresses/shorts are available at most supermarkets.





This uniform applies to **all students** except Post 16 who have a dress code. We are able to provide spare uniforms on arrival for any pupils who need it. Should finance be a barrier, please contact your form tutor and we may be able to assist.

Staffing

This term we say farewell to John Massiah, Mayhill Class Lead who is retiring. He has worked at Knowle DGE (which was then Florence Brown) since 1996! We wish John all the best for his next chapter of life.

We also say farewell to Karen Baker, Office manager who is also retiring and wish her lots of luck in her retirement.

Ruby Fleming our Art Teacher will be leaving to go on her travels to New Zealand and Laura Wooten, HLTA will also be leaving us.

We are thankful for all of their hard work over their time with us.

Attendance

You will know that regular attendance at school is essential in order to ensure your child is able to settle well, establish positive routines and relationships and learn successfully. Please contact the academy if your child is unwell.

Thank you for your continued support this year. I hope you have a lovely summer break.

Warm wishes,



Kate Lee-Wells

Headteacher

