
Knowle DGE Academy Term 1 2026-27

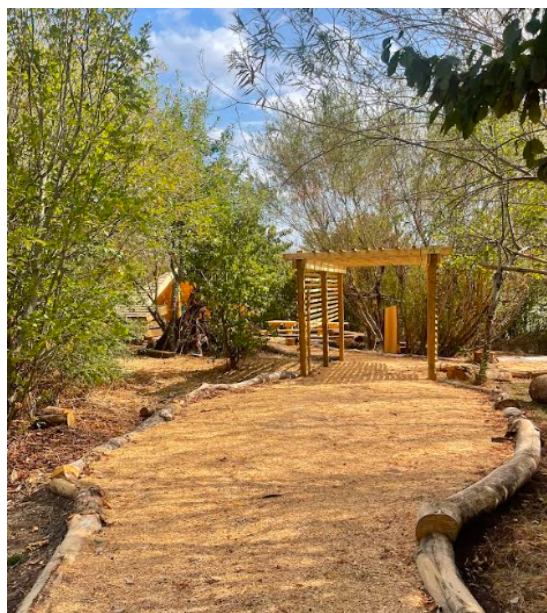
Welcome to a new school year. A couple of weeks in and it has been wonderful to see new pupils join the Knowle DGE community and existing pupils returning eager to see each other and following the school standpoints of **'Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Ready to learn'**. An especially warm welcome to all of our new families.

Exams

We are incredibly proud of the fantastic achievements of last year's Year 11 and Post 16 pupils. Their exam results were incredible and were indicative of all of the hard work they put in themselves, the support from their families and the dedication of staff. We had a significant amount of pupils gaining GCSEs at or above Grade 4 across all subjects. We also had lots of pupils on the Entry Levels pathway achieving the top grade. Pupils averaged leaving with 8 different qualifications, some have gone on to college or apprenticeships and others have returned for Post 16. A big well done to them!

Site developments

As always, the site team has been busy over the holidays. Freshly painted walls, new carpets, toilets and sensory circuits are looking great. The addition of a brand new forest school area is also a welcome addition and will be available for use in all weathers as part of the forest schools curriculum.





Parking

We are a large school, with a high proportion of pupils travelling to and from school by car or school transport. Over the past couple of years, we have allowed parents and carers to use the main bus bays for drop-off and collection, recognising that using a designated 'park and stride' point, as is expected in many schools, can present challenges for some of our families.

We share our site with the neighbouring nursery and continue to have a residential building site and associated construction traffic alongside the school. With this in mind, we would really appreciate your support in helping to keep everyone safe and traffic moving smoothly during the particularly busy drop-off and pick-up periods.

If you are driving your child to school, please:

- Follow the one-way system at all times.
- Observe the speed limit and drive with particular care around pedestrians.
- Avoid blocking residents and access to properties on Novers Road.
- Where possible, please consider walking to school or using one of the designated 'park and stride' points.

If you are coming onto site during school hours, you will need to park outside of the gates unless you have a blue badge. Inside of the gates where the 'Plaza' area is, is kept traffic free as it is a space used by Post 16 and pupils crossing between buildings.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support in helping us to make the start and end of the school day as safe and manageable as possible for our whole school community.

Parent Sessions

Coffee afternoons run on a Tuesday afternoon 1.30-2.30 where we have a schedule of activities, but also the opportunity to have a cup of tea and chat with other parents and carers. Please come along!

Uniform

Well done to everyone in uniform. We provide the first polo shirt and fleece or jumper for free. Branded polo shirts, fleeces and jumpers are available to purchase from school reception. Plain navy blue versions are available from most large supermarkets and clothing shops. We also have sensory friendly adaptations as well as the community wardrobe free to use to ensure that all young people are able to be wearing the correct uniform.





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. You will have seen that the government has issued guidance regarding school attendance of which we have sent out the details earlier this term. We recognise that some young people have barriers that impact their attendance and we will always work with you to support you as a first port of call.

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office to inform them on 0117 370 8030

Mobile Phones

A reminder, we are a mobile phone free school. This means that any pupils up to and including Year 11 who have mobile phones must hand them in or into one of the designated lockers.

Key 2026-27 Dates

Insets

- 22nd October 2026
- 23rd October 2026
- 4th January 2027
- 5th January 2027
- 22nd February 2027
- 12th April 2027

Warm wishes for the term ahead.

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Nick Lee-Wells, Interim Headteacher

