



# The Knox Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Christmas is looming and I suspect, like many of us, you still have loads to do. One of the traits of humanity seems to be always in the looking forward and yet, having an opportunity to look back is a good thing, too. Looking back on the first full term this session makes me catch my breath – everyone has done so much. Already we have raised over £1000 for charity; Young Enterprise groups have devised, and are selling, their products; we've had parents' evenings; and celebrated youngsters' sporting success. In the last couple of weeks alone we've had dances, charity events, Scottish Country Dancing, and concerts. At the time of writing we still have a parents' preview of our panto (oh yes, we do!) and the three pupils' performances to go. I'm exhausted just thinking about it!

This term we have also spent a bit of time gathering the views of parents and pupils about how we are doing at Knox Academy. We have put out surveys at parents' evenings and are collating the results as we go. You can see the parental results on the school website [www.ka-net.org.uk](http://www.ka-net.org.uk). We really appreciate the time that you take to complete these forms, and the responses genuinely form part of our improvement planning agenda. In general, please check out the website as there are regular updates and reminders posted.

When we return in January the Prelim Examinations for the S4, S5, and S6 pupils will be upon us. The pupils should all have got their timetables before the holidays begin, so they will be able to plan their revision. If you have any concerns about the Prelims don't hesitate to get in contact with your child's Guidance Teacher or House Head. When thinking about January, remember to put Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January in your diaries – it's our Burns' Supper and tickets do tend to go quickly. Make sure that you have your youngster primed to get tickets—they are already available from school (£10 adults, £5 senior pupils).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank pupils, parents and staff for making this long term such a success. The pupils have worked hard and played hard (with some excellent sporting and musical results); parents have been unstinting in their support of their children; and staff have gone above and beyond the call of duty in a number of ways (raft racing, driving minibuses and ensuring that the Christmas Concert was brilliant, to name but a few).

I look forward to seeing everyone happy and healthy in 2014.

S Ingham

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 6th January	All resume	Monday 17th February	In-Service Day
w/c 13th January	S4 Prelims begin	Tuesday 18th February	Pupils resume
w/c 20th January	S5/6 Prelims begin	Thursday 20th February	S3 Parents' Information Evening
Thursday 23rd January	S3 Reports issued	Tuesday 25th February	Dip/Tet/Men C Injections
	Burns' Supper	Wednesday 26th February	S3 Parents' Evening
Monday 27th January	S3 Photos	Thursday 27th February	S4 Reports issued
Thursday 30th January	S1 Progress Reports	Monday 3rd March	S3 Coursing Appointments
Tuesday 4th February	S1 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 4th March	S4/5 Parents' Information Evening
Wednesday 5th February	PSP Meeting	Wednesday 5th March	S3 Coursing
Friday 7th February	All Break	Friday 7th February	S3 Coursing



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