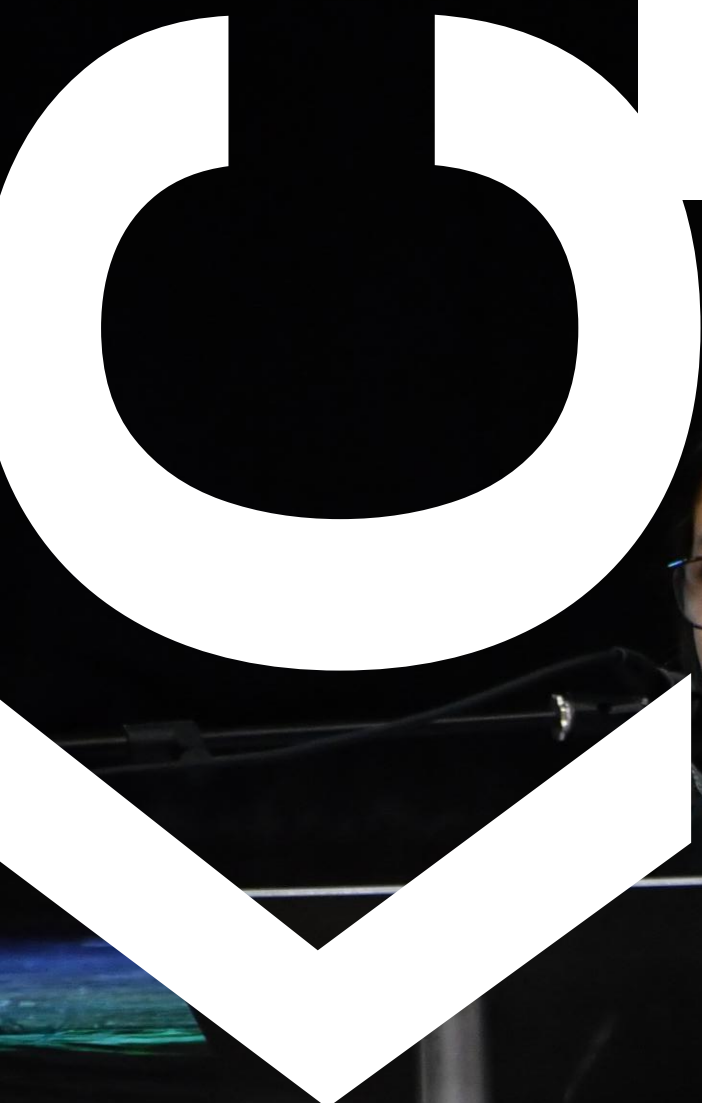




**Thomas Knyvett
College**

Great learning changes lives

17th November 2025



Talk

Where great learning changes lives

Dear TKC Families,

As we finish the final week in the run up to October half term, I just want to take this moment to thank all of those in the TKC community for the real strength shown by everyone pulling together. The communication and support shown by all continues to shape the lives of the children at the school.

Belonging

Since the last publication there have been 2 house competitions that have been a great success with some real team bonding happening in tutor time as the students compete to win as many points for their house as possible. In assemblies this past week all students have been learning and celebrating Black History month led by Mr Carter. In year 11 there have been the appointments of new prefects for the school to which we offer our congratulations and look forward to their contribution to the school community.

Opportunity

The last two weeks has seen lots of sports fixtures take place where there have been some real stand out performances for both boys and girls' teams across the year groups. As the half term fast approaches, we are excited to share that there is a whole host of new clubs on their way ranging from creative clubs to board/card games as well as sport. The timetable for this will be shared after half term with students, parents and carers. Year 11 mocks begin after half-term, and our Student Parliament selection process is underway.

Kindness

This week as mentioned we have focused on black history month in assemblies shining a light on the great achievements everyone can aspire to. All year groups have been learning about health and wellbeing in their PSHE lessons and how to support others with this which has brought a real sense of warmth to the school. The Year 11 Mentoring Programme launched last week, and students are showing renewed focus and determination. Thank you for your continued support. At TKC, we believe **great learning changes lives**—and together, we're building a school where every student belongs, every opportunity is embraced, and kindness leads the way.

Warm regards,

Shyam Dhokia
Principal TKC





Key Dates

YEAR 11

3-21 November 2025 - Year Mocks
20 November 2025 – Apprenticeship assembly
18 December 2025 - Progress Evening

All Years

17 & 18 November 2025 - Flu Vaccinations
9 December 2025 - Flu catch-up session
10 & 11 December 2025 - Cinema Night – **Rewards Event**
12 December 2025 - TKC Enrichment Day
15 December 2025 – Primary School Performance of the TKC Christmas Show
16 & 17 December 2025 - TKC Christmas Show

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Starting after half term we will see the launch of our new extra-curricular clubs run by our staff. Attached will be the schedule for the next half term which will also be shared with students when we return from half term.

Notices

Local Board Members - THPT is committed to supporting the development of strong, effective Local Boards for each of our schools.

If you are interested in becoming a Local Board Member, the following Recruitment Information pack

[Local Board Members pack 101025.pdf](#) , Recruitment Flyer

[Local board recruitment flyer TKC.pdf](#) provide information on the role, together with an application form [Local Board member application](#) if you would like to submit an application.



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Join our Local Board

*Do you share our passion for life-changing education for every child?
Do you have the time and skills to make our school even stronger?
Can you help better connect our school and our local community?*

Our Local Board focuses on how well our school is delivering for children and young people, their parents and our staff. Now more than ever, we believe that schools have a vital role to play in the community and we are looking for Local Board members who can help us better serve the local area.



We are looking for volunteers to join our Local Board. The Local Board is responsible for ensuring that we stay true to our values and for building even stronger links between the school and the local community.



As part of a multi-academy trust, The Howard Partnership Trust, we do not have a traditional governing body focused on policies and procedures. Instead, our Local Board shapes and supports our bold strategy to offer every child a life-changing education.



If you think you could be part of this vital group, please send us an email to contact@thpt.org.uk for an application pack or to ask any further questions.

Local Board Membership will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).



The Howard Partnership Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Notices

Copy of Mobile Phone Pouch letter shared earlier this week

Dear Parent/Carer,

Creating a Focused Learning Environment – New Mobile Phone Pouch System

At Thomas Knyvett College, we are committed to providing an environment where Great Learning Changes Lives. To help all our students thrive academically and personally, we are introducing a new mobile phone pouch system starting from **Monday 3 November 2025**.

This new approach supports our core values of Belonging, Opportunity, and Kindness by promoting a focused, respectful, and distraction-free learning culture for every student.

Why This Change?

Mobile phones can often distract from learning and social interaction. Evidence from research and other schools shows that reducing phone use during the school day improves focus, increases classroom engagement, and enhances student well-being. By creating a phone-free school day, we aim to:

Maximise learning time in lessons

Reduce distractions and online pressures

Encourage face-to-face communication and stronger relationships

Support mental health, wellbeing and positive behaviour

How the Phone Pouch System Works

Each student will be issued a personal lockable phone pouch at the school gates every morning.

Phones must be switched off and sealed inside the pouch upon entering the school site.

The pouch will remain with the student throughout the day but cannot be opened until the end of the day.

At the end of the school day, students will unlock their pouches at designated stations before leaving the site.

Emergency Protocols

We understand that in rare situations, students may need urgent access to their phones. In such cases:

Students may request to visit the Safeguarding Office, where a designated safeguarding lead (DSL) can unlock their pouch.

Safeguarding staff are authorised to unlock pouches from any location on site if needed in an emergency.

All emergency requests will be logged and monitored to ensure appropriate use.



Notices

Contacting Your Child During the Day

If you need to urgently contact your child:

Please call the school reception.

A member of staff will collect your child from their lesson and bring them to reception.

The student's pouch will be unlocked, and they will be given a private space to return your call.

Consequences for Misuse

To uphold a consistent and fair approach:

If a student is seen using or handling their phone on the school site (whether inside or outside the building), this will be considered a direct breach of our phone policy.

The student phone will be confiscated and will need to be collected by parents / carers from reception.

If the student does not comply with the initial request for a confiscation, the phone will be collected by leadership / SLT, and the student will spend the rest of the day in the ISR.

Repeated breaches may result in further sanctions and parental meetings.

Supporting Our Community Values

This policy is rooted in our values:

Belonging: All students have the right to a safe, focused space where they can thrive.

Opportunity: Minimising distractions means more time to achieve academic and personal goals.

Kindness: Respecting the rules protects everyone's right to learn without disruption.

Next Steps

Students will receive training and clear instructions on how to use the pouches.

Parents and carers are invited to attend a Phone Pouch workshop on **Thursday 6 November between 5:00pm – 6:00pm.**

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide a calm, purposeful learning environment where all students can succeed.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Dhokia
Principal



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Extra-Curricular Timetable

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| W/C | Lunch Time | | | After School | | |
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| | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Tuesday | Thursday | Thursday |
| 03-Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knitting Club (ABA/TJO/RLO) Youth Dance Company (ESA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensembles (KPU) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball (ESA/EGO) Drama Club (SWI) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS4 Art Club (VAD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Company (ESA) Football (RED/EKA/JMC) |
| 10-Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knitting Club (ABA/TJO/RLO) Youth Dance Company (ESA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensembles (KPU) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Games (LGO/JME) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Film Club (GWE) Netball (ESA/EGO) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama Club (SWI) KS4 Art Club (VAD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Company (ESA) Football (RED/EKA/JMC) |
| 17-Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knitting Club (ABA/TJO/RLO) Youth Dance Company (ESA) Ecology Club (KHE/JFR) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensembles (KPU) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Games (LGO/JME) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Film Club (GWE) Netball (ESA/EGO) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama (SWI) KS4 Art Club (VAD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Company (ESA) Football (RED/EKA/JMC) |
| 24-Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knitting Club (ABA/TJO/RLO) Youth Dance Company (ESA) Science Club (MJO/GOB/AMI/NEG) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensembles (KPU) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Games (LGO/JME) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Film Club (GWE) Netball (ESA/EGO) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama (SWI) KS4 Art Club (VAD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Company (ESA) Football (RED/EKA/JMC) |
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| 15-Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knitting Club (ABA/TJO/RLO) Youth Dance Company (ESA) Ecology Club (KHE/JFR) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensembles (KPU) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Games (LGO/JME) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Film Club (GWE) Netball (ESA/EGO) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama (SWI) | Year 11 Progress evening |
| 22-Dec | Christmas Break | | | | | |
| 29-Dec | Christmas Break | | | | | |