

1 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to provide information about KLBespoke, KLB's exciting programme of alternative and enriched provision at Katharine Lady Berkeley's School. Whilst we spoke about this in a recent assembly to Year 8, I am keen that all families in year 8 are fully aware of the opportunities it provides for Year 9 students next year

KLBespoke

As stated in our school vision, we are committed to providing a calm and inclusive environment where every student thrives, and which nurtures students to become confident, ambitious and compassionate young people who make a positive contribution to the world. To support this vision, we introduced a new initiative in 2025, KLBespoke, which we created to broaden the range of experiences available to our students. For some young people, a more flexible curriculum helps them to flourish, develop confidence, and explore areas of interest beyond the traditional timetable. Last year was a real success and we are delighted to be able to offer it out again.

Opportunities for Year 9 Students

This year, students who are moving into year 9 will be able to take part in a series of short courses designed to extend learning and provide a taste of future pathways. These include:

- Animals and Countryside – practical experience in small animal care, countryside skills, and farming, delivered at a local partner site.
- Creative and Performing Arts – opportunities in music, drama, and art, with progression towards the nationally recognised Bronze Arts Award.
- Beauty and Skincare – an introduction to this field, led by a local professional, based at the new training salon on site at KLB.
- New to 2026! Hospitality – a short course in the skills needed to work in the hospitality industry, delivered on site.

Courses are delivered in small groups and run for a specific number of weeks – ranging from 4 to 8 weeks. Some sessions will be off-site, with transport provided by the school. While students will miss a small number of timetabled lessons, we will ensure they are supported to remain on track in their other subjects.

Next Steps

All Year 9 students are invited to express an interest in one or more courses using the form below. Groups will be organised carefully. Whilst there are limited places on the courses, they run through the year so we will do our best to provide these opportunities for all students who we feel will benefit and who express an interest.

Please complete the form on the link below with your child and submit by **Friday 10 July**.

[KLBespoke - Year 9 2026-2027 – Fill in form](#)

We are confident that KLBespoke will enrich the experience of our Year 9 students and support them in considering future opportunities. This is very much a whole-school initiative, reflecting our shared priorities and school vision.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any specific questions at this stage, please direct them to me (hkhan@klbschool.org.uk) and Sarah Hind (shind@klbschool.org.uk)

Best wishes

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