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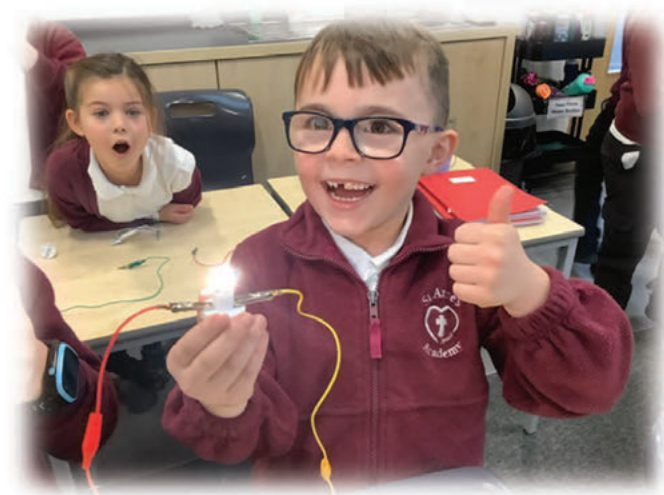


Welcome to my very final newsletter piece. I have clearly written a fair few over the years especially at Priory since 2002 – thank you to the readership!

Clearly, thank you for all the great support and loyalty to our ways of working. I am leaving with the Trust in a really strong place. We now have over 5,000 students with 700 staff spread across nine sites. We have a reserve financial position of £5.2million which will allow the next TPLT leaders to provide even more great facilities and programmes for our staff and especially students and families in our communities.

As we come to the end of T4 my huge thanks for the resilience that our staff have shown in some tough times with COVID-related staff absence. We have, like all schools, and all sectors / businesses, suffered with some staff absence. We have needed to ‘double up’ in some classes and to be very caring of each other as I’d expect from our team. We have made it through as ONE TEAM.

Thank you also to all families who have continued to support – please do follow us on Twitter as you will note here many of the great things, we continue to do across TPLT.



The picture above is a particular favourite of mine – let there be light! It went out on our internal ‘Picture of the Day’ feature - it is from St Anne’s Church Academy.

There continues to be some fabulous things happening across the Trust. If you are a Twitterer (!) you will see these on the various Twitter feeds that our staff, and indeed, some students, run across TPLT. It really is the best way to keep up with all the great things happening across TPLT. Nathan Jenkins, our great Head of School Improvement, now takes over as the Interim CEO. I know he will do a super job. The Trust is thriving. Have a lovely Easter break - again my thanks for your great loyalty and support.

Neville Coles

*CEO and Accounting Officer
The Priory Learning Trust*



**A message from
Nathan Jenkins -
Interim CEO**

Firstly, I would echo Neville’s thanks to everyone for their continued support during what has been another COVID disrupted term. Students and staff

have got on with the job of getting back to normal incredibly well and as always, our parents and carers have been enormously supportive.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Neville for his inspirational leadership of our trust since its inception. His sustained passion and commitment to all our students, staff and communities have made TPLT the organisation it is today and for that we are all very thankful.

Neville has built a family of schools that genuinely cares for and works for its communities, it is on this amazing foundation I am thrilled to be able to continue working with you all and leading TPLT through the next 12 months. As always, our focus will remain on great outcomes for our students, continuing to develop our staff and building strong teams.



Welcome to the spring edition of the TKASA newsletter. As I am writing this piece, the sun is shining brightly and the students are able to enjoy their social times outside under blue skies. Long may it continue!

In this newsletter, you will be hearing from subject leaders, pastoral staff, as well as support staff, about the great things that happen all around the academy. The pages that follow are a testament to the vast array of opportunities we provide for our great students here at TKASA each and every day.

This term has been both a busy and rewarding one with preparations for the Year 11 and 13 summer exams well and truly underway and the launch of extra-curricular activities and other revision sessions around school as part of our P6 programme. We have also been pleased to reintroduce trips and events now that the restrictions have lifted. These are so important for our students to experience as life slowly returns to normality.

You will have also noticed that our site improvements continue. We are passionate about providing the best learning environment in which the students can flourish and achieve. This coming term will see our 'Sixth Form' building extension work begin allowing for an enhanced provision for our superb, ever growing Post-16 centre.

My favourite part of the day though is still the time

I spend with the students both in the classroom, and out and about at social times. My 'Student of the Week' Awards have continued this term, more latterly with a focus on sporting achievements. I enjoy celebrating the accomplishments of our students each week; there is so much to celebrate.

Next term we'll begin the process of welcoming our new Year 6 children (Year 7 for September) from their primaries as part of our transition process. This is always an exciting time for both the children, families and staff at TKASA.

Some really great news: We recently appointed Mr Richard Walker as Vice Principal for Conduct and Culture, he will join us after the Easter break. Mr Walker joins us with vast experience from working in schools locally, most recently from a school in Bristol, and I am confident that he will quickly become an important and integral part of our school community.

I really hope you enjoy reading all about school life this term at TKASA in the pages that follow. So much has happened and will continue to happen at our academy, ensuring we provide the best opportunities for all our children in our community.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of wishing all our students a well earned break over the holidays and thank you, as parents and carers, again for your support as we prepare for the summer terms, which inevitably will be busy, productive and wholly positive.

Dan Milford
Principal



TEACHER TRAINING

If you are looking to train as a teacher, The Priory Learning Trust offers an alternative to traditional university-based teacher training at both primary and secondary level. With our School Direct teacher training programme you train in two schools in the Weston and Burnham area, learning on the job, while working towards a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

If you'd like to find out more please contact Denise Hurr, Head of Training School via email: tsa@theplt.org.uk





It's a particular feeling walking around school after 3.10pm. The school hums with a sense of purpose and quiet determination, across the classrooms students diligently attend P6 sessions supporting their learning in maths, science or whichever subject they have decided to take up extra sessions, on the school fields and astro students apply months of training and practice to compete against local schools.

Our students at TKASA get it. If you want to build something that you can truly be proud of you are going to have to work at it day in day out.

Over the last few weeks I have seen our year 9's work together for a 6-1 football victory, students competing in the Rotary South West Regional Final and year 12 at Cambridge University as part of a hugely prestigious programme for mathematicians.



These aspects of school are celebrated not as one off events where students have been successful, we celebrate these achievements as a community because we know that behind that 90 minutes or day long competition is hours and hours of hard work and a huge amount of determination and belief.

There are times, whether stood at the back of a PE lesson or sitting in homework support at lunch time where I see students take a breath, dig deep and find the resolve to overcome that particular hurdle in their learning journey, in these moments I could not be prouder of what our students achieve.

Another highlight of this term has been seeing so many parents and guardians attend our revision toolkit sessions. These sessions were designed for parents of year 11 students so that they can best support students with revision.

We intend to offer more of this style of opportunity for the community to get involved in learning more broadly and will be in touch with other sessions available to even more parents.



A return this summer of externally assessed year 11 and year 13 exams means also the return of more traditional summer results days. I know that we have a high level of attendance from parents and carers and any of you who have attended these in previous years will know that they are a unique mix of nerves and jubilation. But most importantly to see the smile on a student's face and the shared community sense of pride as students reap the rewards of their hard work is really something I look forward to each year.

As always please get in touch and share any examples of students doing our community proud.

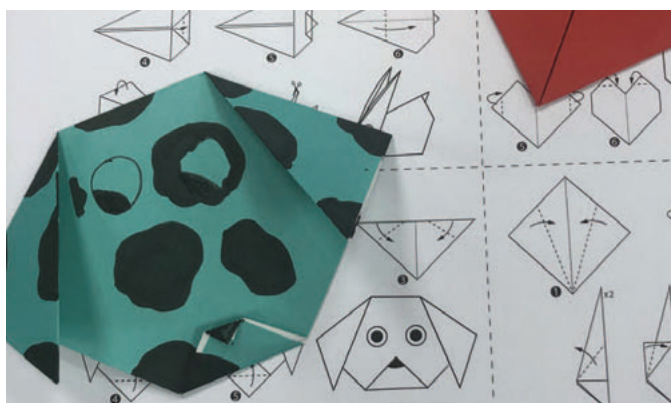
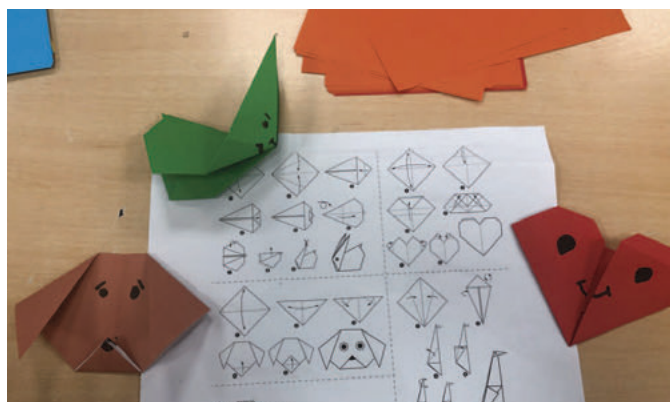


■ YEAR 7 & 8 ADVENTURE CLUB

We are delighted to have restarted Adventure Club (formally our Scout group) this term, with an excellent turn out of students in Year 7 and 8. Under the watchful eyes of Ms Wormald-Kelly, Mrs Owen, Mr Smith, Miss Lodge, Mr Disney, Mr Moore, Mr Maguire and Mr Swaine the group have enjoyed a wide range of activities, such as creating our own star maps to identify constellations, scavenger hunting around the school, learning British Sign Language and creating shapes and animals from paper using the Japanese art of Origami, as well as enjoying some other activities to help develop the soft skills required to help them in everyday life. Our activities are designed around our Adventure Club values of curiosity, bravery, creativity, kindness, awareness and enthusiasm.

As the weather improves, we shall be venturing outside more with planned activities such as a beach clean in Burnham, and racing student made race cars!

Adventure Club runs from 3:15 to 4pm every Wednesday, and is open to any student in years 7 and 8. If you are interested, please speak to any of the teachers above, or your tutor/Head of Year. Everyone is welcome to join us!



■ PREFECTS

I am delighted to have been appointed Student Leadership Coordinator recently, and it has been wonderful to start working with our Prefect Team and 6th form Student Union. Following the easing of Covid restrictions, we have been able to resurrect our prefect duties around the school, giving our young people some excellent opportunities to show responsibility and assist our staff around the school at break time. We have recently canvassed our students for their opportunity to provide a student voice, and we will be convening a meeting of the school council to discuss the opinions and outcomes. Following this, we shall be reporting our findings back to the Senior Leadership Team.

In the coming weeks, our Head Students and Prefects will be coming into various Year 10 assemblies to advertise and explain the recruitment process

Mr Swaine

Student Leadership Coordinator

THE BRILLIANT CLUB

Twelve Y12 students are working with a nonprofit organisation, The Brilliant Club, in preparation to make competitive applications to Cambridge or Oxford: students are participating in the Scholars Programme which includes a series of seven tutorials with a Cambridge graduate and world expert before visiting two leading UK universities and completing an assignment graded at undergraduate level. Starting with an introduction from the University of Manchester, the students are refining their critical thinking and critical writing skills so vital for A level and academic study and they're benefiting greatly from small tutorials of six students followed by one-to-one mentoring on their assignments.

Y12 students applying to leading UK universities are also participating in a prestigious University of Cambridge MasterClass programme (HE+) which involves seminars with university scholars and a residential trip to Cambridge in July. This term students benefited from a visit by Trinity Hall College Admissions Team who provided top tips on the application process. This year we have students applying to read Medicine, Mathematics, Engineering, English Literature, Psychological and Behavioural Science and Geography.

6th Form students have also benefited from visits and talks from successful former students: A* student Shae Clements of the Class of 2018 gave a talk on succeeding in your A levels, enjoying university (Shae read Zoology at Exeter) and life as a young Science Teacher! Another A* student Ismail Abdelrahim of the Class of 2015, and graduate of the University of York, gave a talk on careers in the Police with his colleague, while fellow A* student Holly Sanders of the Class of 2021 delivered a fascinating talk on life as a Midwife!

THE LAW SOCIETY

The 6th Form Law Society was pleased to welcome special guest and former student Ruth Arlow to give a talk about her spectacular career: an Oxford graduate, Ruth (proud mother of top Y12 student Grace Chambers) has enjoyed a successful career in law as a barrister and a judge. We hope to have Ruth back with us to help mentor the students as they prepare for the Bar Mock trial competition

There have been some excellent individual examples of highly motivated students starting to thrive in their chosen field: Charlotte Richer was the only A level Psychology student to attend a British Psychological Society conference on Occupational Psychology at the NEC in Birmingham this term!

Sam Davey and Emily Murphy of Y12 have completed a prestigious PricewaterhouseCoopers careers programme while Emily has participated in Mathematics programmes at both Cambridge and Oxford!



HES

The 6th Form Human Evolution Society (HES) has been very busy hearing from individual students as they deliver their presentations on some of the most important fossil human ancestors (hominins): analysing the fossil skulls for signs of both primitive and derived characteristics, the students have enhanced their knowledge of evolutionary and comparative anatomy - well done to Jacob, Timmy, Taj, Dan, Olivia and Grace this term!



We've also held several talks on mental health and wellbeing this term, one highlight being the talk from special guest Dawn Carey of local charity In Charlie's Memory: thanks to SU wellbeing Officer Hannah Jefferies for organising this one!



STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Abbie Bryant of the Class of 2021 also delivered an excellent talk on Life at the University of Oxford! Abbie is loving studying Biology at Wadham College Oxford and was a welcome guest in Term 3 as she inspired our Y12s to aim high! Abbie was also here to pick up her Student of the Year Award presented by Mr Gaskell: Abbie worked so hard in the 6th Form and took every opportunity to enrich her learning: Abbie was a member of the 6th Form Human Evolution Society and participated in the University of Cambridge MasterClass programme



Key Dates for Terms 5-6

APRIL	
26 April:	Y12 HE+ Conference Day (University of Cambridge MasterClass programme)
29 April:	Y12 UCAS/Careers Convention, Bristol
MAY	
3 May:	Y12 PPEs
12 May:	Y12 Parents' Evening
JUNE	
13 June:	Y12 WEX Week
27 June 2021:	RAG Week
JULY	
1 July:	Prom, Clifton Gardens at Bristol Zoo
4 July:	Y12 Enrichment Week
4th to 5th July:	Y12 HE+ Residential Trip to Trinity Hall, Cambridge
8th-12th July:	Silver/Gold D of E assessed expedition (Wales)
AUGUST	
18 August:	A level Results Day

YEAR 7:



K Miss Dodd - 7K are continuing to excel in school life with a total of 25200 positives (and counting) since the start of the Year. 7K continues to amaze me with their outstanding homework using aspects of dual coding in their learning. It is great to see them take so much pride in their work. Achievements continue to flourish outside of school with Francesca winning gold in Highbridge Festival for playing the bass guitar and Amelia R winning silver for playing the guitar. Charlie continues his efforts in being goalie for Burnbridge Wanderers and has conceded 1 goal in 5 games. Finley is part of the Huntspill and Highbridge Scouts and recently went caving with the group. The students' extra-curricular activities within school also continue with Charlie and Theo being part of the school football team and Amelia H, Lacey, Ayva, Alesha, Esme and Francesca representing the netball team recently winning 2 games! Andrew regularly attends Adventure Club and came 2nd in a scavenger hunt. Well done 7K for all of your efforts so far this year, keep being fantastic! Miss L Dodd

I Mr Robins - 7I have been moving up the positives chart this term, with many more 'Be Proud' badges being earned. Almost 19,000 positives received since September! I am sure that they will continue to demonstrate this fantastic behaviour for the rest of the year. As always, 7I has been continuing to participate and perform well in sports clubs such as football and rugby. Science Club has also been well represented and several students put together a lovely farewell card for Miss Atkins. 7I have been enjoying their new book 'Chinese Cinderella' and learning about the ancient practice of foot binding, which we were glad is not something that is normalised today. 7I have continued to develop their ability to discuss sensitive topics in our PSHE lessons with respect to their peers' beliefs and experiences. Keep up the good work, 7I!

N Mr Bail and Miss Lange - 7N have had another very positive term. This term has come with increasing difficulty but 7N have been able to deal with this change very well. They perform very well in the weekly positive points tally with a large number receiving their 'Be Proud' badges. This term has seen a number of non-school uniform days which the members of 7N, with you, supported these causes and were able to raise a significant amount of money for the respective charities. They have begun their new book now which is the 'Chinese Cinderella' after completing Wonder. The group have welcomed Miss Lange into the tutor for Learning Cycle 3. She is pleased that 7N have also shown great maturity during PSHE, where they have been considerate of each other ideas and we have had great discussion within class.

G Mr Ward - 7G have continued to be consistent, outstanding, and resilient towards their learning here at TKASA. I am proud of every single one of them. Amassing over 19,000 positive points is an astonishing achievement and shout outs must go to Phoebe Poole and Ryley Hodgkin for being at the top in the tutor group. All student's attitudes to learning, behaviour and kindness means they have all settled in very well here at TKASA.

Many students have engaged in the vast extra-curricular programme we offer here at TKASA. Lots of the tutor group have attended the period 6 clubs ranging from football, rugby, badminton and basketball and special shout outs to those of you who have represented the school in fixtures. Well done to Emma Hall who has been selected to participate in the school production 'The Little Shop of Horrors'. Further congratulations must go to Lucas Course who was the winner of World Book Day Hunt out of all the students in KS3 and Alfie Close who was the winner of World Maths Day Athletics challenges from Year 7.

Moreover, many of the students participate in sporting activities outside of school which is fantastic to hear about. I've heard of lots of footballing, swimming and rugby achievements

throughout the winter. Additionally, it has been great to hear about Ellie-Mai Drewett's success with The St John Ambulance service through Scouts. Keep up the awesome work everyone in 7G!

A Miss Lodge - I have been thoroughly impressed with the outstanding attitude and resilience that the students in 7A continue to show each day at school. 7A have collectively achieved over 18,000 positive points since starting school in September. Very well done to Kira Nicholas and Jake Lawrence for achieving the most positive points in the tutor group thus far!

Several of the students have continued to show their enthusiasm by involving themselves in extra-curricular activities at TKASA. Hannah, Holly P, Jack, and Leo have all enjoyed attending Science Club each week. Additionally, Jake, Tom, and Beatrix all attend extra-curricular sports clubs and extend their passion for sport outside of school.

7A thoroughly enjoyed their first World Book Day at TKASA. Well done to Georgie-Mai McCollum and Freya Massingham for being chosen as the winners for best costume in Year 7. A huge congratulations to Kira Nicholas for writing a fantastic war poem for the Burnham Book Festival. Kira has been selected as one of the finalists and her poem is going to be published in their anthology book.

I am incredibly proud of every student in 7A and know that they will continue to excel throughout the rest of the year. Well done, 7A - keep up the fantastic work!

L Mr Barham - 7L continues to move from strength to strength this term, often appearing high up the class chart points, and attendance charts. Several students have attained their 'Be Proud' badges this term by appearing in the weekly top 10 list. It was members of 7L who got the ball rolling ensuring TKASA had a non-school uniform day to raise money for Ukraine - just one sign of our caring attitudes.

We have welcomed Riley from Bridgwater and Oliver from Canada into our fold.

We have finished our reading book 'Wonder' and have now moved onto 'The Chinese Cinderella'.

We have large numbers of students who have been getting involved in the after school sports activities, which has just changed to rounders.

We have been discussing tricky themes in PSCE such as puberty, grooming, FGM in a mature and understanding way. Most of 7L will be bringing their professional looking bird boxes home just after Easter, so look out for those!

F Mr Smith & Mrs Basnett - 7F have had a great term. They have been very welcoming to Mrs Basnett who has joined for cycle 3 and is enjoying being part of such a lovely tutor group. The class have celebrated many successes both at school and out of school and are continuing to grow and thrive. The class have received lots of positives this term, in particular

Jacob, Alfie and Sam and are leading the group with the most positives. It's also been great to see many of the tutor group maintaining their 0 negatives - well done to Dana, Leah, Lillie, Jacob, Josh, Jorga, Nicole, Noah and Tory.

From a sporting point of view many of 7F have been fortunate enough to represent the school on sports fixtures (Alfie, Jacob and Noah for football and Dana and Lily-May for Netball and football) and we have all been very proud of them. Outside of school there have also been many personal achievements Aaron, George and Rhys play football for Berrow FC and beat Cheddar 3-0, Noah and Jacob play football for Burnbridge and beat Weston Crusadors 6-0. Alfie plays for Burnham Utd and beat Uphill 13 - 0. Dana, Lexie and Lily-May have started playing for the Burnbridge girls football team which they are enjoying and Tory took part in an Acro gymnastics competition in Yate, where she and her team came 4th.

The class have enjoyed starting the new book and we've had many discussions about what it was like to live in China and even looked at pictures of foot binding which none of us were very keen on! Mr Smith and Mrs Basnett have been very proud of all their efforts.

R Mrs Martin and Mr Moore - 7R have had an amazing spring term at TKASA. Firstly Jess, Lily and Ellen have been leading the tutor group for class chart points. Attendance has been great with Neo, Reece, Maisie, Riley D and Max not having a single day off this term and an amazing achievement for Lilia who has attended school every day since September!

We have also had lots of students getting involved in sports both inside school and in clubs in our community. Max, Fin, Neo, Oli, Alex, Riley D, Riley N, Laila T and Phoebe have all done fantastic work for their football teams. Fin has also been playing for the Burnham rugby team and now the weathers improving the Shapwick cricket team. We have some wonderful swimmers in the tutor group too with Lily taking 3rd place in a recent gala doing front crawl, Noah has made improvements on his PB time in front crawl, Mia has been working hard at Burnham swimming club and Ellen also competed well for her club in a recent competition. Harry and Alex have both been improving their skills for their local boxing teams and Lola has been training hard for her dance club. Keep up the good work!

Finally it is not all sporting we have been excelling at! Reece has been attending scout where he has been rifle shooting and recently hand made his own bow and arrow. Taylor won the school world book day treasure hunt event too. As a tutor group we have all taken part in the two recent non-uniform days raising important funds for Ukraine and RND. I am sure these successes will continue in the summer term after a lovely Easter break - well done again 7R!

Year 8 have really cemented their efforts this term and are fully immersed into all aspects of school life. It has been amazing to see them grow and put 100% effort into lessons and extra curricular activities. They are loving experiences they didn't fully get to enjoy in Year 7 such as learning to cook in food technology and being able to audition for the school production. Midway through this term we launched a random acts of kindness challenge and I loved hearing from teachers and students across the school about the reasons they were nominating students for example, helping other students learn to read, helping students with performance anxiety become more confident, holding doors open, handing out books without being asked etc.

Every Friday we have been celebrating selected students of the week, including Oscar, Taron and Chloe. They spent break time with Mr Milford receiving their reward

I have been blown away by the amount of students taking up the massive range of extra-curricular activities we have on offer at TKASA. Sports club has seen students take part in their first football and netball fixtures against other schools, with a lot of the netball players playing up an age group against Year 9s. The resilience, effort and commitment to training and fixtures has been amazing.

We also saw a handful of fabulous students become founding members of the TKASA Orchestra and many of our students were involved in the auditions for the school musical after building their confidence through drama club and dance club.

There are many other clubs for Y8 students to join including maths, science, eco, pride and languages. For more information about extra-curricular activities take a look at the school website under Students and click the 'After School Clubs and Activities' button.

I have no doubt that Year 8 will continue to make me super proud as we enter summer term and I look forward to seeing what they all achieve! **Mrs Puzey**



8K Mrs Whiteoak

8K have continued to achieve amazing things this term A few individual achievements:

Isobel Lightfoot - nominated for random acts of kindness for always doing the small things e.g. holding doors open, helping people to be organised and cheering people up

Antony Ladd - entered for his French GCSE despite only being in Year 8. Antony did a fantastic job of completing his French PPE earlier this month alongside out Year 11 students.

Alfred Bissel - huge congratulations to Alfie for being cast as The Plant in our summer production of Little Shop of Horrors. Alfie was also highlighted on world book day as having one of the strongest costumes - well done Alfie!

Well done to all of our students of the week for this term:

Eleanor Smith, Tegan Edwards, Isabelle Lightfoot, Leah Adler, Cameron Gammon, Antony Ladd, Colby Wright, Taron Speight, Lewis Ashdown

Well done to the students below for achieving the top 5 class charts points in 8K for the term.

1st	Freya Watkins	362 points
2nd	Leah Pike	351 points
3rd	Taron Speight	334 points
4th	Isobel Lightfoot	325 points
5th	Liam Puddy	318 points

8I Miss Milford

Throughout this term, 8I have continued to show enthusiasm, commitment and positivity in both lessons and extra-curricular clubs around school. The many positives on ClassCharts and fantastic achievements the tutor group have continued to receive have made me an extremely proud tutor. In addition to our student of the week which we have celebrated as a team every Fab Friday, I also need to say a massive well done to those that have been acknowledged with random acts of kindness - well done Jason, Zoe, Christian and Charlie!

The tutor group made a great effort to take part in World Book Day and I saw some fantastic book characters. Zoe and Maddison have shown excellent commitment and performance skills whilst attending Dance club and rehearsals for the school production. Riley, Austin, Harley and Liam have been involved in the sports teams for TKASA and Meadow was Year 8's winner for the Maths Pi competition! Well done all!

8N Miss Groves and Mr McBride

We have been so pleased to see 8N grow this term; as young adults collectively achieving lots of positives on ClassCharts and getting many

mentions during assembly, but also literally, as we have welcomed Danny, Imogen, April and Marley! We have thrown ourselves into acknowledging our successes during Fab Friday, including celebrating our pets and hobbies and interests. Well Done Carl for delivering a fantastic presentation on your interest - Daleks! Also, thank you Sydney, Regan, Alex and Ashton for representing 8N so positively by spreading random acts of kindness around the school. Most recently, we have got involved with World Book Day and raising money for Ukraine and Red Nose Day.

8G Mrs Meredith

8G have had another really successful term; we are often topping the Positive ClassCharts for the year group, show outstanding home-learning and are growing into thoughtful, kind and inquisitive young people. We have had so many achievements to celebrate this term but we do have some special mentions. Firstly, Mazie for working on her mentoring skills and helping others in areas she once found challenging herself - well done Mazie, we are really proud of you! Secondly, Florence for joining the Jill Dando News Team and starting to contribute to and produce her own excellent articles about the different events at TKASA - amazing work Florence! Plus many of the group that have been students of the week or are consistently getting it right: Isobel, Annabelle, Kitty, Coby, Kyeron, Phillip, Miya to name just a few! We've had some fantastic contributions to PSHE lessons, engaged in our charity fundraising for Ukraine, Comic Relief and dressed up for World Book Day. I am really enjoying seeing them grow into wonderful young people - keep up the good work 8G!

8A Mr Ellis

8A have had yet another positive term with lots to celebrate. There have been some really good sporting achievements from individuals like Jack H in football and he also became our first Fab Friday double winner. Outside of school there are many positive activities going on from Beau continuing to develop his acting career, several martial arts specialists, including Robyn in Karate and Jocelyn who is one off a black belt for MMA (Mixed Martial Arts). Keltie has contrasted boxing and earring designing and manufacturing which I have been told are very impressive. Jocelyn, Cerys and Sofia have all been playing netball for the school team and have done extremely well. Lexi has excelled in her Art work. I am consistently impressed by the drawings she produces every week - a real talent, I think. Congratulations to Ellie who has done well in gymnastics, coming second place in her latest competition. Our musical tutees include Sam's saxophone, Ollie on bass and a band made up of Ellie, Sonnie, Cerys, Jocelyn and Ollie who practise

at lunchtime and on Thursdays' 'Super Stars Music Club'. Furthermore, Cerys has made hugely positive contributions to our PSHCE lessons and we have been lucky this term to have had Miss Oxman join us from Priory School. What she and I have noticed more than anything is a maturity of approach to difficult situations and how conflicts are resolved much better than in previous terms. Well done, 8A.

8L Miss Atkins

What an emotional final term with 8L! Enjoying every last moment with this group as my time with them comes to an end. As a tutor group we have slowly increased positive behaviour points and it's nice to see some students checking their class charts daily looking to get into the top ten! Well done! We have thoroughly enjoyed reading Animal Farm and now currently watching the movie version...great engagement from all for this wonderful classic book. The contributions towards PSHCE lessons from all involved have been outstanding, and there are some very emotionally mature individuals in this tutor group. I hope you have a wonderful time with your new tutor after Easter, and wish you all the best for the rest of your time at TKASA.

8F Mr Clements

Yet another successful term for 8F. You deserve the recognition for the hard work you put into your studies and the respect and consideration you give to each other and your teachers. What is particularly impressive is the wide number of students in 8F who regularly contribute to the Class Charts weekly tallies and the continued excellent attendance in these difficult times. Your contributions in PSHE have been thoughtful and mature and it is always interesting to hear views and considered opinions. I look forward to more of the same - well done.

8R - Mr Day

As the school year goes by, 8R continues to impress me with their attitudes to school. The praise and the positive Class Charts points from a variety of teachers remains consistently high. Choosing a 'Student of the week' has often been a difficult task, as there are so many worthy candidates. Well done to all the winners - there are lots of them! Countless pages of amazing homework are displayed every week, showing their commitment to their own learning.

We have had some difficult topics in PSD, which we have discussed in a mature and thoughtful way. We are currently on our third reading book, Animal Farm, which again has led to some interesting discussions.

On a final note, 8R say farewell and good luck to Robbie and Taron and welcome Enzo.

YEAR 9

It has been a fantastic term again for Year 9 and they continue to impress me as a year group day in day out. This term has been particularly challenging for staff with so much absence due to covid cases and staff losing their free lessons to cover classes but it has been amazing to say that I have lost count of the number of times staff have stopped me to say how lovely covering a Year 9 class has been, how mature and well behaved they have been. I had the pleasure of covering 9F PSHCE this week and they were fantastic. So I hope that as the weather continues to brighten and we move towards the summer, the number of covid cases will start to drop, both for staff and for students and we can slowly move back towards normal lessons and brighter days. I know that Year 9 options is also very much on everyone's minds at the moment and hope that soon after Easter we should have the full plan in place and timetables can start to be prepared. Hopefully more news on this to follow soon but in the meantime a few words from the tutors.

Mr Brittan

9I- Miss Keeble 9I have had a great term with much to celebrate. I have been really impressed with how maturely they have approached their GCSE options and have really enjoyed the conversations about their exciting plans for their futures we have had. It has also been lovely to hear about all the brilliant achievements inside and outside of school 9I have achieved such as winning football matches, achieving distinction in English presentations and competing in top swimming competitions. 9I have also got involved in school events- we had some brilliant costumes for World book day from Charlie,



Lucia, Kieran B, Fred and Ethan. Well done to Kieran B, Keira and Finley who are top for positives this term, I am looking forward to another successful term after Easter!



9K - Mr Hardie With the advent of spring and warmer weather, a sunnier outlook means that many of 9K are thinking of the greater freedom that comes with more benevolent meteorological conditions. Plans are made and friends meet up to spend time outdoors. Other plans are also being made and it is heartening to see so many students take responsibility for their own futures by organising appointments for career guidance with Mr Wilmott. Suddenly, these youngsters are displaying the maturity of young adults and their futures can only get brighter with the proactive mindsets they are displaying.

9N - Mx Profitt 9N have had a wonderful term, we have been involved in lots of different activities, Hope recently won Gold in the Highbridge Arts Festival for her performance of 'can you feel the love tonight'. Charlotte was involved in the KS3 drama club play, and is now involved in the school musical as one of the Ronettes. Archie is our football star of the tutor group, scoring an amazing free kick goal against Haygrove! I have been so proud of the tutor group this term, and what has been especially lovely is that 9N have welcomed school direct trainee Miss Davey to our tutor with open arms and we will certainly miss her when she goes back to Priory at the end of learning cycle 3. Finley H is our positive's leader for the term with 431!

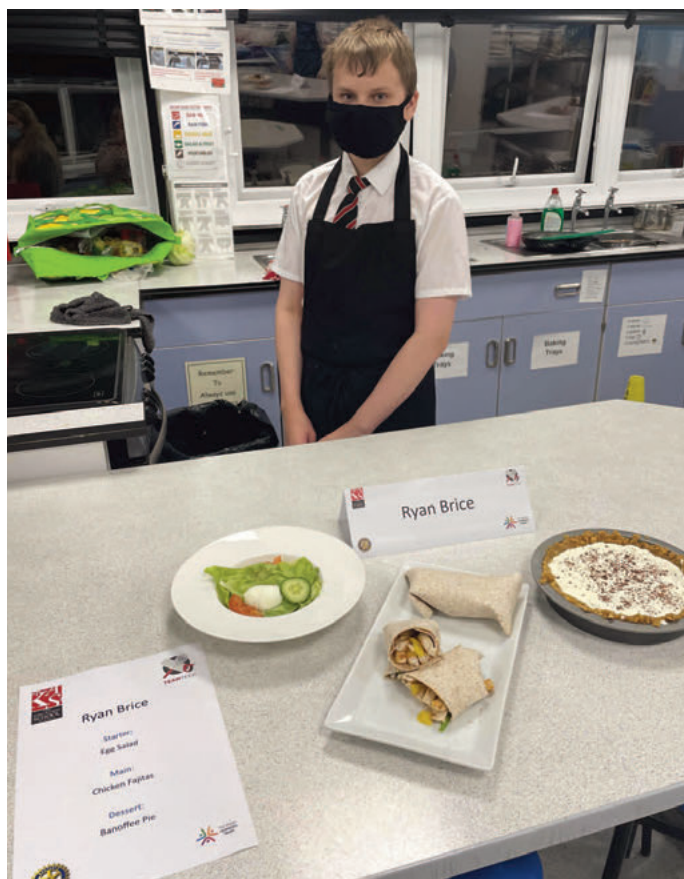
9G - Miss Moore Another fantastic term with 9G. We have welcomed a number of new students into our lovely group and I am so proud of how welcoming and mature they have been to help these students feel at home! Confidence is building amongst the group and they really throw themselves into our sessions; every Fab Friday I am bowled over by the breadth of their general knowledge! I look forward to another successful term.

9A - Mrs Clough It has been an exciting term for 9A in terms of selecting their Options and thinking about the next steps into KS4. Many students in 9A have taken part in the P6 provision provided by the school from PE, Dance through to Music and Drama. Evie Medhurst has been competing regularly for Monarch's and many of 9A are looking forward to the School's Ski Trip next academic year.

9L - Ms King This year seems to be flying by, with the tutor group shining through different opportunities inside and outside of school. Ryan and Jake both taking part in the school Rotary Young Chef Competition and doing so well representing the tutor, year group and the school. Martha getting cast in the whole school production after auditioning and having call backs as one of lead roles! So many amazing things. In school Class Charts is shining with Beth, Stan, Matilda and Lucas well on the way to 400 positives since December!

I am also very impressed by the conversations I have been a part of with 9L tutees in regard to selecting their choices for Year10, some mature, rational thinking about what they want to do and their next steps. They were all also so quick at ensuring forms were handed back in meeting the deadline.

I am looking forward to a sunny summer term with more positives and fun!



9F - Mrs Godwin & Mrs Robertson Well done 9F on another fantastic term. There have been lots of amazing sporting performances, with achievements in a whole range of sports including football, rugby and netball. Mrs Robertson and I always enjoy hearing about your achievements both in and out of school, so well done to all of you who have been involved in extracurricular activities this term.

Congratulations to Aimee, Millie and Maddie who currently top the positives list on Class Charts. There have been an amazing 6,753 positives awarded to 9F since Christmas for outstanding behaviour and effort. We look forward to seeing whether 9F can beat this total in the summer term!

9R - Mrs Owen 9R have had an amazing spring term! It was wonderful to see Ryan and Tommy playing for the school football team in a match against RBSC - Ryan scored one of the goals! Poppy made it through to the regional finals of the Rotary Young Chef Competition with her fabulous cooking and Jake W won the yr 9 prize for the pi day challenge. Charlotte did a great job working with a team to create resources for tackling violence against women whilst Jake R was one of the first students in the Year group to receive a bronze badge for classcharts points. I loved seeing Demi-leigh and Louis in costume for World Book Day and Ailish won a prize for the treasure hunt. Bethan had a great time learning camping and map skills during the first DoFE training weekend and Ryan continues to be an excellent tutor rep for our group. I'm excited to see what the rest of year 9 brings!



■ MRS GIBSON:

As I'm sure you all know, I am very proud Head of Year and incredibly proud of all Year 10s achievements so far. This term has been nothing but exceptional in what Year 10 have achieved so far. Many have completed their Work Experience placements with India, Keaton, Liam and Justin attending an Army Residential in Oakhampton. Macy, Seth and Jack have been working hard in the sports field and Robert has shown real promise in his cooking ability. Skye, Eleanor and Sasha attended a Child Exploitation workshop In Weston-Super-Mare which was a real eye opener. This coming term we are excited to launch the Edvocate Programme with more general updates coming in our termly video.

■ MRS JONES:

It has been so lovely to be back with you all this term. We have welcomed a few new starters to the year group that have gotten off to a great start too!



10K - Mr John - have had a fantastic spring term so far. The amount of class charts points amassed have been a fantastic improvement on the previous term. We have welcomed new members, who have settled in well. Some members of our tutor are spending time developing their employability skills by getting part time jobs in the local area. We thoroughly enjoyed reading our last book, 'Into the Void', and have now started on our next.

10I - Mrs Kascheck - Well done 10I another great term completed into your first year of GCSE's- This term we have welcomed three new students to 10I, Milena, Kalay and Aleshia. We have been working hard in 10I to prepare for the upcoming Work experience, with many students returning forms and ready to attend in July. We have supported two non uniform days this term, wearing blue and yellow to fundraise for Ukraine as well as showing our annual support for comic relief. Congratulations to; Kieran Lynch, Lilly Caulton, Macy Noad, Alfie Dawes, Jack Neal, Frazer Hine, Ruby Woodward and Phoebe Mclean on successful completion of their first Sports science exam.

Outside of school Phoebe Mclean got involved in creating a memorial bench for a local father who sadly passed away, showing her skills in woodwork! And Macy Noad competed in the National Cross country against over a thousand other contestants, placed 104th! We wish her well, as she enters the triathlon season. Well done 10I- keep it going.

10N - Mr Maguire - I am very proud of 10N. Lots of our tutor group are ready and raring to go for work experience, with one member (Justin Jones) has taken part in an Army retreat already.

10G - Mrs Appleby - What a great job you have done this term! We have warmly welcomed 2 new members to our tutor group Shanel and Aspen. Our classchart numbers are looking great! Well done India for achieving the most classchart points. Great effort at supporting Ukraine and Comic relief by donating money on the non- uniform days this term. Let's keep the ball rolling until the end of the school year!!

10A - Miss Dix - Another great term for 10A! Joey, Oli and Ewan continue to train and participate in matches for Burnham Rugby Club. Sam and Harry have scored secondary characters in the new school production. Many more students have secured work experience placements for July.



10L Mr Whiteoak/Mr McPake - 10L has enjoyed a really positive term. Lots to celebrate including some significant improvements in positive classchart points. Students have been working hard to avoid negative points to ensure entry into the Fab Friday randomiser. Lots of chocolate (no honeycombe) to be won. We have been sharing our ratio of positives and negatives with students and 10L are often in the high 90% for positives. Some of our students had a fantastic time doing Army training with Keaton and Liam being put through their paces and thoroughly enjoying their experience. A special mention for Georgina, Kerry, Max and Alfie who are consistently and regularly in the top 4 of achievers every week. Great effort from all. Well done 10L.



10F - Miss Wallis - Well done to 10F, lots of exciting things have happened this term - Connie along with two other students from her year group phoned the police and helped to rescue an inebriated man from the train tracks at Highbridge train station at 10:30PM!! An amazing achievement. 10F made a brilliant effort on Friday 11th March, wearing blue and yellow in support with Ukraine. Congratulations to Robert Dowell who has made it through to the Rotary Young Chef Regional Final and is competing on Saturday in Portsmouth-good luck Robert!! Luca has learned Clair De Lune on the piano! Amy has earned her pointe shoes for ballet - well done to her! Quite a number of 10F have received either Friday phone calls home this month, a voucher or a postcard - well done to all.

10R - Mr Owen - A big thank you to 10R for taking me on board and accepting me as their new form tutor this term. They are all missing Miss Fisher, who has definitely got big shoes to fill, not being here. We all wish Miss Fisher a wonderful maternity leave and hope to see her for a brief visit at the end of the Summer term. I am really proud of all 10R have achieved this term from Fab Friday winners and Tassomai winners to all the students who have worked hard to arrange a quality work experience placement. I am pleased to see students getting involved in period 6 activities, revision sessions and music rehearsals. In particular Silas Cooksley with his band rehearsals, Emily Wills with the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and Leo Landolfi with his 3-D printing. Thank you to Cerys Webb for helping with the collection of our non-uniform day charity donations.



■ YEAR 11 - MISS BULLOCK

Year 11 have made me incredibly proud yet again this term. Since Christmas they have been working hard in the classroom as well as in a range of extracurricular activities. I am thrilled to see so many Year 11s wanting to get involved in this year's school production as well as continuing to represent the school in sports and other areas. I also really enjoy hearing about the student's achievements outside of school and from gymnastics to cadets and music and drama to volunteering Year 11 are getting their teeth into it all.

■ PPES AND DEADLINES:

Students worked extra hard during their final set of PPEs. Students behaved impeccably throughout and built their confidence in the exam conditions ready for their summer exams which start in May. In practical subjects students are working hard to complete last bits of work ahead of deadlines and remain positive and determined to complete work to the highest of standards.

■ REVISION SESSIONS:

Many students are continuing to attend Period 6 sessions with different departments across the school and it was lovely to see so many Year 11 students attending Mrs Pickford and Mr Witts sessions in the library on the 16th and 30th March. Staff are also putting on a selection of sessions during the Easter holidays for students to attend. I would like to thank parents and carers for their support in encouraging their children to attend these sessions and make use of the additional time with their subject teachers.

■ ROSSLYN PARK RUGBY 7S:

Mr Bail and Mr Shepherd worked incredibly hard this year to help a group of students attend the Rosslyn Park Rugby 7s tournament on the

23rd and 24th March. The group were due to travel and represent the school in Spring 2020 just as the pandemic hit. The group understood how lucky they were to be given a second chance to attend this year and they stuck to a robust training plan in the lead up.

■ PREFECTS:

Our prefect team has been hard at work this term and have started duties at break time. This is allowing the students to interact more with the younger year groups and also build on some valuable skills that they can take on to their next stages of education and out into the world of work. Fingers crossed for lots of sunny days moving forwards!

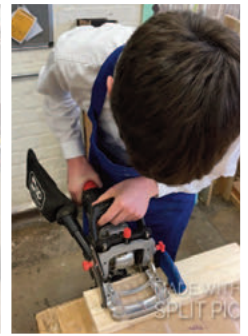
■ END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS:

Hopefully parents and carers of Year 11s have already read my letter including all of the details for the end of the year for Year 11. This includes important information about the prom, leavers day and other key information for the year group. We are really looking forward to celebrating with the year group at the prom, leavers day and final results day in August which will be on Thursday 25th August.

■ SIXTH FORM:

A large number of students in the year group took part in a Sixth Former for an afternoon session back in February. This was a mainly student led event and allowed students to get a real feel for life in our Sixth Form. As well as finding out about the different subjects on offer students also heard first hand from current sixth formers about the large range of extra curricular opportunities available to them







Year 9 Art



Year 10 Art





Year 11 Art



Year 13 Photography

YEAR 11 EXAM PERFORMANCES

In March we had our GCSE and RSL final exam performances and the students were absolutely amazing. We have been so blown away by all their hard work and commitment to this final performance and we're so proud of them all!



KS3 PRODUCTION

In January we had our KS3 production of 'Grey Gull Rising' written and directed by Mr Shewring. The cast consisted of students from all KS3 year groups and they all worked brilliantly together at lunchtimes and after school to rehearse and learn this fantastic play to perform. We had an exciting outdoor site specific performance helping encapsulate the seagull theme!



Y13 EXAM PERFORMANCES

In March we also had our A Level final exam performances. Alongside our performance students we have two design students who worked hard to design, and create set designs for the performances. We have been so proud of the hard work all our Y13 students have put into making their performance/design a success. There were some tears after we saw them all perform/design for the last time!



BLOOD BROTHERS TRIP

In March our Year 11 students went on a trip to The Theatre Royal Bath to see a live production of 'Blood Brothers'. It was great to be able to give them the opportunity to enjoy live theatre and it has also meant the students can write about the show in their component three exam. We had a brilliant time and the students are still singing the soundtrack in lessons now!



WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Rehearsals have been well underway for our summer whole school production 'Little Shop of Horrors'. We were blown away by the talent we saw at auditions and casting was very difficult! It has been so joyous to be directing a production again after two years and the students are working really hard to make it an amazing show. Tickets will be on sale after half term! Don't miss out!



YEAR 11 / 12 / 13 EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCES

In March our fabulous RSL MUSPRA music students completed their external assessment performances. Hundreds of students across KS3 were treated to some excellent mini performances by students in the upper years and some excellent performance portfolios were produced.

GRADE 3 TRUMPET

Well done to Joseph Ridgway (Year 10), who passed Grade 3 trumpet with a merit.

ORCHESTRA

This term saw the introduction of the brand new TKASA Orchestra! A number of students have joined up and begun learning their very first notes on their instruments as we work towards our debut public performance this summer.

The orchestra is open to all students regardless of experience - even complete beginners. We rehearse every Wednesday in D5 at 3:10 - 4:00 - see Mrs Whiteoak for more information.



HIGHBRIDGE ARTS



The following students achieved success in the Highbridge Arts Festival. We are incredibly proud of them and their achievements and thrilled that they are representing themselves so confidently out in the community! Huge well done to all!

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| Amelia Rose (Year 8) | Francesca Strong (Year 8) |
| Will Rigg (Year 8) | Hope Fisher (Year 9) |
| Tom Rigg (Year 10) | Seth Barnshaw (Year 10) |
| Jack Richardson (Year 11) | |

WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION

As in Drama, Rehearsals have been well underway for our summer whole school production 'Little Shop of Horrors'. Our amazing pit band made up from students across the key stages has been busy learning the parts with Mr John, whilst our cast have been working hard on their vocals with Miss Gardener and Miss Meredith.

Make sure you get your tickets as soon as they go on sale for what promises to be an excellent show!



ENGLISH

As our third learning cycle of the year comes to an end it is hard to believe that we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the academic year!

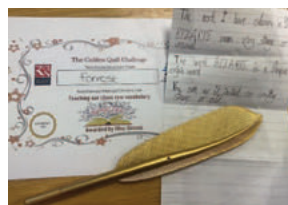
This term we promoted and celebrated the love of reading by inviting KS3 and KS4 to engage in a range of activities for World Book Day. Numerous staff members across the school participated by sharing their most influential book for a range of personal reasons, showcasing the ample experiences reading offers. Posters were put up around classrooms and offices for the students to discover as part of our Book Treasure Hunt!

As a result, many certificates, chocolates and books went out to those students who engaged and successfully completed the treasure hunt.



The overriding theme for KS3 this learning Cycle has been poetry. Year 8 have been focused on improving their writing skills through our unit on 'Dystopia' - they will hopefully be able to tell you what a super sentence is and how it improves their writing!

In Year 7, we moved from *The Tempest* to studying World War poetry - the great poets Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon proving their eternal relevance in these turbulent times where many the students have independently made parallels with the ongoing conflict in Russia and the Ukraine. The students are remarkably mature and are aware of Global issues and always prove they know a lot more than we sometimes give them credit for.



Year 7 have also been wowing us with their positive engagement with the 'Golden Quill Challenge', implemented to facilitate expanding vocabulary. The students

involved have been incredibly enthused by the responsibility of teaching their peers, learning new words and improving their vocabulary in their work. They have exceeded all expectations by preparing a range of resources in a variety of mediums to present their chosen word!

Similarly, in Year 9 the 'Culture and Conflict' theme has proved to have great resonance with the students - with the study of more modern poetry including the late great Maya Angelou' and her

inspirational poem 'Still I rise' - evoking applause from some of the groups by the end of the her video performance. Year 9 also took part in an exciting and empowering poetry competition this term. Part of the Young Writers competitions run throughout the year, classes in year 9 wrote poems based on the idea of being 'empowered', allowing them the freedom to be creative and thought-provoking in a structured and specific writing style. The poems are currently being adjudicated and we will hear back shortly if we have any budding poets that are winners of the competition! We had some excellent entries and we are very proud of the effort shown by our year 9's well done! Stay tuned for more exciting competitions in the future...

Year 7 and 8 have been making great progress in their Bedrock lessons. Once a fortnight, they use their library lesson to enhance their vocabulary knowledge. This is a valuable tool to their learning as it plays a central role in reading comprehension; a student's ability to understand a text allows them to access challenging texts and improve their own writing. Furthermore, we have re-energised our use of the library and have begun utilising the books we have on offer at TKASA, encouraging students to take books out to read at home and at the start of their English lessons.

At the time of writing, we are gearing up for our novel reading in Key Stage 3. Year 7 will be reading 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' - a story of how we should learn from the past and not make the same mistakes; Year 8 will be studying the hard-hitting novel *Trash* by Andy Mulligan and Year 9 will be reading the classic 'Of Mice and Men' possibly for the last time.

KS4 - Years 10 have moved on to explore their War and Conflict poetry in advance of their exams next year. Pupils are building on their poetry skills from previous years and expanding their understanding of context, as well as confidently comparing method and meaning. In Language they have commenced their War and Wildlife unit to analyse and evaluate a range of 19th Century and modern texts. Pupils have also continued to wow teachers with their fantastic creative writing skills, putting the methods they spot and explain in other texts fluidly in ones of their own.

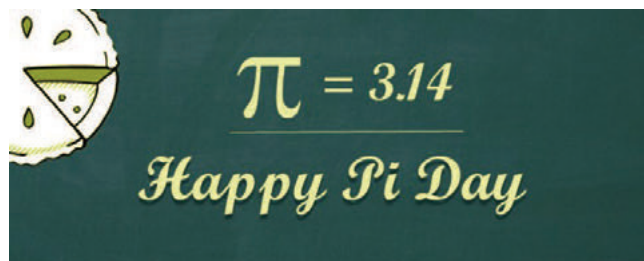
Year 11 are in the final throes of their countdown to GCSEs. In these final weeks pupils are recapping and revising the course content in both Literature and Language using their own PPEs and exemplars for relevant and accurate feedback. Revision sessions are still available Wednesday (Lit) and Thursday (Lang) and attendance for all is highly encouraged.

Mrs Wormald-Kelly

PI DAY

The maths department held a pi day competition on the 14th March to see who could recite the most digits of pi. 104 digits was our highest recital!

Well done for those who took part and got a certificate. A special well done to our winners:



Year 7: Filip Ficek



Year 8: Meadow Weston



Year 9: Jake White

WORLD MATHS DAY

Wednesday 23rd March was World Maths Day which is one of the world's largest global educational events. Its aim is to connect the global learning community and foster friendships between children of different cultures as they learn to excel in mathematics together.

Years 7 and 8 had the opportunity to take part compete against each other in a range of 60-second online games designed to test their mental maths skills. Over a million participants that took part and these were from 235 different countries all around the world. Well done to our students who took part and represented TKASA!



AFTER SCHOOL TIMETABLE

We offer an after school session for each year group. Come along for some extra maths and bring your friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

Day	Year Group	Teacher / Room
Wednesday	9 & 10 Higher Maths	Mrs Owens D10
	9 & 10 Foundation Maths	Mr Ward D11
Thursday	7 & 8	Mrs McLennan D1
	12 & 13	Mrs Owens & Mrs Perry D4/10
Friday	11	D block
	11 Further Maths	Mrs Coulson-Clarke D8

■ BUSINESS STUDIES

In Business Studies Year 10 students are well into their GCSE course. They have completed the first two units (Business in the Real World and Influences on Business) and are currently studying the operational functional area of business including production methods, supply chains, quality and customer service.

The Year 11 Business students have completed the course and are busy revising for their final exams on 20th May and 13th June. A reminder that all students have been issued with a revision guide that covers the entire course content, which they can keep until they have completed their final exams at the end of Year 11. They have also been issued with a revision workbook which they are completing in lessons and at home. Students also have access to useful revision material through the student shared area, google drive and the Seneca website.

The sixth form business students are working hard on their A level studies. The Year 13s have completed their course and are revising for their three final exams on 25th May, 9th June and 16th June. Along with many other schools across the

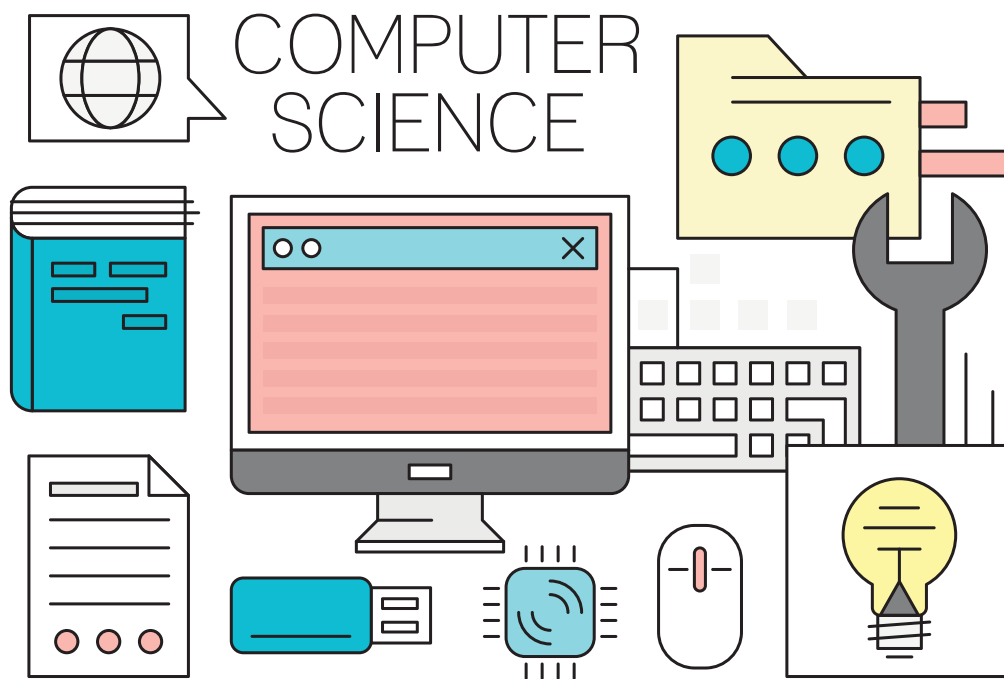
south west they have also recently attended a revision course in Bristol run by a specialist external firm. Meanwhile the Year 12 class have just completed all the 'Year 1' A level content and are reviewing what they have learnt in preparation for their PPEs before moving on to the Year 2 material ahead of schedule.

Several business students from the sixth form are also involved in the Young Enterprise company called World Tour. Having sold shares to finance their start-up costs, allocated roles and responsibilities and designed their product (ethically manufactured tote bags) they have now sourced supplies and are busy selling their stock. They will be attending the area final in Exeter in May.

As always, I encourage all business students to follow business news stories on a daily basis so that they can relate what they are learning in the classroom to the real world. Inflation rates and the impact on businesses of the situation in Ukraine have been regular topics of discussion this term, replacing previous conversations about the impact of Brexit and Covid. Students can also follow me on twitter: @TKASAMrKing.

Mr King





At Year 7 and 8, we are enjoying some significant skill development on the scratch platform. Students are developing their understanding of how variables, operators and loops are used to manipulate sprites and game play to excite the interest of the gamers' interaction. We have had a fantastic response from students with some really creative game concepts and look forward to the outcome of this project. Our future game designers in the making!

I am pleased to report that the Year 9 as a whole are engaging with the python scheme of learning exceptionally well. Year 9 are developing their skills of coding in Python significantly and we are enjoying great success in their understanding of how to manipulate a computer using their own coding skills. We often consider that our future coders have a super power and the potential to change our world for the better.

Year 10 iMedia are near to completing their first unit. Students are tasked with creating an album cover according to an assignment brief. The task is to create a 'retro' album cover and the results are

beginning to take shape. We had no idea how students were so astutely aware of the style of this era...Disco Inferno! We look forward to sharing the results of their creations with you once complete.

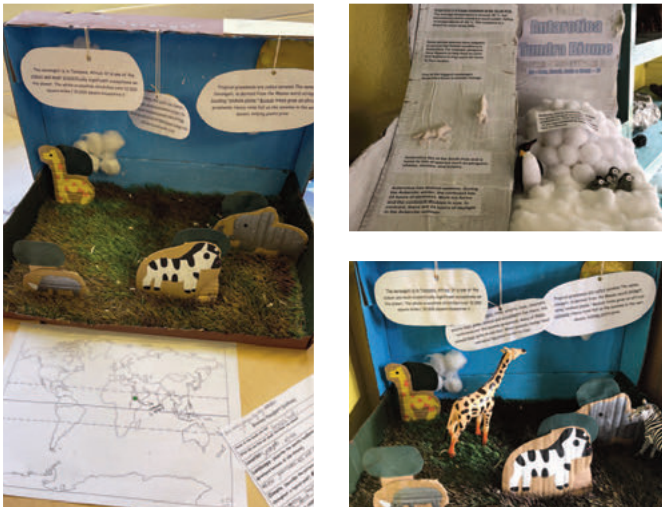
Year 11 iMedia are beginning to sense the end of the course with their final assessed unit near completion and preparation to sit the final exam in the final round of examinations at the end of the year.

We are excited to see the outcomes from the Year 13 NEA projects. Students have shown great resilience and aptitude in designing and implementing their individual projects. We are also impressed with the diversity of the projects with an 'Ultimate Decider' to help with making choices for those needing help deciding which film to watch or takeaway to choose, a music recognition program to assist with piano skills, as well as a grocery organiser amongst many others. All projects created and coded by students. With the projects nearing completion, students can focus on their exam preparation in the final cycle.

Mr Whiteoak

BIOMES IN A BOX

Year 7 geographers have been studying extreme environments in learning cycle 3, so have had the opportunity to research and build their own 'biomes in a box'. The aim of this activity is for students to carry out research into one of the global ecosystems and present key information to other students through their models. Last year we were unable to make models due to lockdown, so it was wonderful to see such great work from students this year.



COASTS TALK

The TKASA geography department was delighted to host a talk by Professor Gerd Masselink from University of Plymouth on 1st March. Current and future A level geographers attended the talk to hear about his research into the impact of storms on sediment on beaches in the south west of England. This was particularly relevant for our students, as the start of the research area is in Berron, just up the road from our school. We hope this will be just the first talk by an academic geographer for our A level students this year - other talks are in the pipeline!



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022



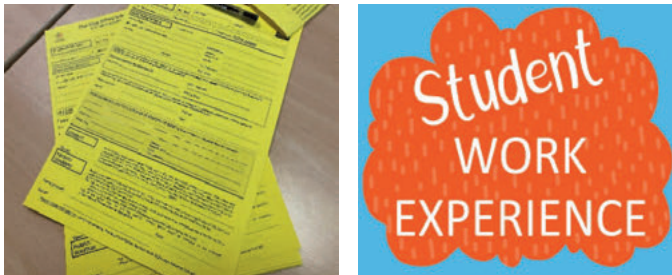
The TKASA Geography department celebrated International Women's Day 2022 by taking photographs of wonderful women working in support roles around the school and sharing them via the department Twitter account (@TKASAGEOG). People often don't realise how much work goes on behind the scenes in schools and how important these members of the support staff are, so the department wanted to highlight their work and say a massive thank you for all they do. Photographs included the learning support team, the canteen team, science technicians, cleaning staff and more.

Mrs Owen, Head of Geography

CAREERS

January to Easter is always a busy time for student 121s and this year has been no exception.

Year 11 students have displayed remarkable insight and ambition with their plans for further education.



Year 10 students have also planned their work experience placements and have shown great courage and resilience when speaking to employers. We are really looking forward to sending the entire year group out to work in the summer to help build confidence and employability skills.

Year 9 options also went well for students with a great range of subjects on offer. The last 2 years has been a real challenge, so our advice was clear... don't just follow your friends, choose subjects you will really enjoy and really embrace Year 10 & 11.

In addition to our 121 work, events, activities and social media posts The trust's careers team have also created a YouTube channel full of conversations and content that we hope students and families will find useful. You can subscribe here- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPnhpTjloPmumqijHQwY5kg> It's a work in progress, so please be kind!

Year 5 interviews were great fun at our nearby primary schools. Students created their first CV and explored different career paths before having a job interview with the careers team.



We hosted an online Apprenticeship academy during National Apprenticeship week in February with some great employers to help give our students all the information they need to progress to an apprenticeship when they finish school, college or 6th form. Students can watch the conversations back on our YouTube channel.



National Careers Week also ran very well with assemblies and tutor time activities designed to inspire and inform students. The Jake Humphrey's High Performance Podcasts were particularly popular.

Looking forward to next term, we will be finalising work experience week, arranging taster days and invention challenges and well as Year 7 interview challenge and more!

James Wilmot - Director of Careers



PE DEPARTMENT

It has been a fantastic term for the PE Department. From the opportunities being provided with our 6th Form Leadership Programme through to our links with the Local Primary Schools. It has been brilliant to see so many students taking advantage of our P6 provision. Dance Club started this Half Term with the wonderful Miss Milford. Due to the good weather we have had we have also been able to play most of our fixtures which provide a great opportunity for students who want to experience sport at a competitive level. We look forward to the summer term where Athletics, Rounders, Cricket and Tennis will be part of the curriculum and P6 provision. Have a great Easter! TKASA PE Department.

NETBALL

Mrs Clough, Mrs Puzey & Miss Shire

Netball is back! Netball club has been running on a Wednesday after school since January, open to all year groups. It has been fantastic to see so many students attending, and committing themselves to developing their knowledge and understanding of the game.



All year groups have had competitive fixtures against numerous secondary schools including Haygrove, BCA, Robert Blake and Chilton Trinity. With many games being closely contested!

Netball club has also had two fantastic 6th Form Sport students assisting with the running of the club each week, as well as attending all the fixtures! We cannot thank Harriet & Lucy enough!

Mrs Clough, Mrs Puzey & Miss Shire have all been extremely proud of how all students have conducted themselves during training and fixtures, and look forward to the Netball season next year!



FOOTBALL

Mr Bail and Mr Harris



It has been great to get back to being able to play football against other schools. Across all year groups we have had over 100 students represent TKASA against the other Sedgemoor schools, offering the opportunity to our students to develop their skills in games.



Year 7 and 8 fixtures have consisted of Central Venue Fixtures where they have played small sided tournaments where they have been able to challenge themselves against fellow players across the region. The 7 a-side games have allowed a large number of players to represent TKASA on numerous occasions, improving each time they attended the fixtures.



Year 9,10 and 11 have played 11 a-side games against the other schools, as previous years employing the 50/50 philosophy, whereby every player plays at least 50% of the game, to increase participation of all students. We have seen some fantastic progress within each of our teams this year, with our students transferring skills from training and lessons into school games and grassroots fixtures outside of school.

It has been a pleasure to take the teams to fixtures and they have all represented the school, their families and themselves fantastically well and are a credit to the community.

■ BADMINTON – Miss Shire



Badminton club has been a key feature of our extra-curricular provision since September, attended by over 30+ KS3 students each week!! It has been fantastic to see so many year 7, 8 & 9 pupils coming along, being physically active and enjoying time with their friends!

Badminton club is on a Tuesday afterschool 3.10 - 4.00pm in the sports hall, if you are in year 7, 8 or 9 and would like to come along, please bring your PE kit in and come down to the changing rooms at the end of the school day. We always love seeing new faces!

■ BASKETBALL

It has been great to see the development and confidence of the students who have attended KS3



Basketball Club on a Thursday afterschool. A great group of students who support each other and work hard each session to improve their skills, knowledge and tactics. We look forward to next half term and hopefully some friendly fixtures.

■ LEADERSHIP AND PRIMARY – Miss Shire

TKASA Primary School Sport Festivals

The Year 13 Sport students have been busy over the last 2 terms, leading a variety of events.

In February, we were delighted to have the return of the TKASA Primary School Sport festivals, hosting a variety of different local Primary Schools



at TKASA. We focused on ball handling skills and coordination, through the game of Endzone (similar to Netball). It has been fantastic to see so many year 5 pupils up at TKASA experiencing our sporting facilities, as well as seeing our Year 13 students thrive in leading sporting sessions.



■ DANCE

It has been absolutely brilliant to see so many students taking part in Dance club this term as a new club lead by Miss Milford. Lots of students have enjoyed learning new choreography in a variety of styles and some have been selected to be part of the Dance team for the school's production this summer! A massive well done to all of those who have committed to Dance club this term, we look forward to this continuing after Easter.

■ BOCCIA TOURNAMENT



On Friday 18th March, TKASA PE collaborated with SASP and hosted a Boccia tournament for Primary & Secondary Schools.

Our Year 13 Sport students had development sessions with SASP prior to the tournament to learn how to run the tournament and officiate the game. A game that was new to all of them! As always, they were professional throughout which led to both tournaments running seamlessly.

It was fantastic to see so many young people experiencing a game that's not widely known, but once grasped the competition was fierce! Thank you to all schools that participated.

■ SIXTH FORM FITNESS

Our sixth formers have had the opportunity of using the 1610 fitness suite after school as part of the extra-curricular provision this term and it has been fantastic to see so many of them balancing their studies with looking after their wellbeing and taking advantage of the facilities available to them.





ROSSLYN PARK NATIONAL SCHOOL 7S

12 year eleven students joined with over 10,000 boys and girls from over 850 schools and competed in the the auspicious Rosslyn Park National Schools Rugby 7s competition that ran from March 21st to March 24th.

A significant number of current and recent international players, leaders of industry and even Peter Phillips (the Queen’s Eldest Grandson) have tasted competitive rugby at the tournament.

We first tried to enter when the students were in year nine but sadly that tournament in 2020 and last years in 2021 were lost to Covid 19.

This year the tournament went ahead and we joined 191 other schools on Wednesday and Thursday in the National Sevens Colts Tournament.

We had a tough draw against three private schools: Canford School, of Wimborne, Dorset, Colfes School from Greenwich, South East London and the birthplace of Rugby Football, Rugby School, Rugby Warwickshire; who were eventually knocked out at the quarter final stage.

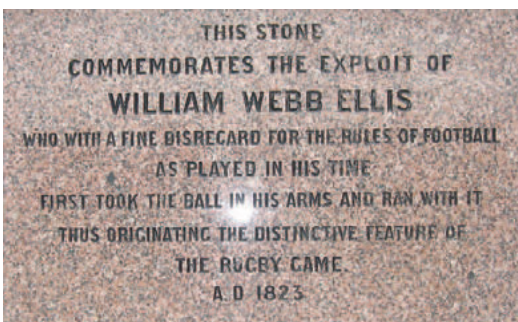
The students were a credit to the school and our local community both on and off the playing field and certainly gave a decent showing; scoring points in each game and revelling in the fantastic opportunity to see other famous rugby schools in action.

Thank you to Brendan Steer of Holley and Steer Solicitors who sponsored the kit, Sarah Davidson who sorted all the necessary paperwork, payments and insurances



and lastly to Mr Bail whose commitment, help and enthusiasm made the organisation and undertaking of the event incredibly enjoyable for all.

We hope to make the National School 7's a yearly event in our sporting calendar.



ROSSLYN PARK | HSBC National Schools Sevens

THE KING ALFRED SCHOOL ACADEMY - 2022
 F. Needham, K. Hawkes, A. Salamanca, L. Llewellyn, N. Lee, A. Laoutaris
 T. Baker, O. Timms, J. Radford (Co Capt), R. Lewis-Kemble (Co Capt), M. Rickard, F. Hatchard



■ ROTARY YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION 2022

January 2022 saw the return of the 'Rotary Young Chef Competition' in the Design and Technology Food Department. This year's competition, for students in Years 9 to 11, was led by Ms King, alongside the Rotary members David Stickles and Bernard Raines.

For the competition students are tasked with planning, preparing and cooking a three course meal for two people with a budget of £20 and a two hour cooking time.

Five students, Robert Dowell, Poppy Mackay, Ryan Brice, Kieran Moore and Jake Bartlett, battled it out for a place in the Rotary Southern Region Young Chef Final. The judging was done by Mr Milford and local hotel owner Carol Chalmers.

Robert Dowell (Y10) finished in first place and Poppy Mackay (Y9) in second place and both were selected for the Regional Final. Robert cooked up a menu including; honey BBQ chicken wings, hunters chicken and poached pear. In contrast, with a meat free menu, Poppy Mackay came in second with her menu of Bruschetta with mint and raspberry mock tail, chickpea burgers with sweet potato fries and a vegan chocolate mousse. Before the Regional Final both Robert and Poppy took the opportunity to adapt and practice their menus and further enhance their skills.

At the Rotary Southern Region Young Chef Final held at The Havant and South Downs College in Hampshire, thirteen students competed for the South West Shield using an industry style kitchen to prepare and cook their food.

The competition was of a really high standard and judged by chefs from establishments in Hampshire. The chefs observed the students cooking and preparing their dishes then spent what seemed like a very long time looking at presentation skills and tasting the dishes. Comments from the chef's

before giving the prizes were that they were amazed at the quality of food produced from the students and were excited in seeing the students' progress further in their chef journey.

Robert and Poppy were well supported by their family and the two Mrs King's. They both showed amazing confidence and ability, making the most of the opportunity and enjoying the day. Both had a real sense of achievement and pride in what they had managed to do.

Robert served up a menu of BBQ chicken wings, Pollock wrapped in Parma ham and Panna cotta. Poppy moved away from her original vegan theme serving up Bruschetta, smoked salmon and red pepper ravioli with a trio of lemon desserts.

Poppy was awarded the 'Judges Award' (4th) received a certificate and a Vegan inspired cooking book, and Robert coming runner up receiving a certificate and a Pasta cooking book.

Robert is taking Hospitality and Catering as a GCSE and this competition has really supported his learning within the classroom and we hope Poppy continues with her passion for cooking.



CHILD EXPLOITATION CONFERENCE

Students attended a conference at Portishead Police HQ that was organised by Andri Nicolaou of Avon & Somerset Police.

We listened to the experiences of a survivor of child exploitation.

Deputy Chief Constable Nikkie Watson spoke to the group about her career within the police force. This was then followed up with the rare opportunity of seeing how the police dogs and horses are trained to carry out their varying roles.

As ever our students were an absolute credit to the school and it was a pleasure to spend such an informative day with them.



Andri will be presenting sessions in school regarding Child Exploitation in late June and we hope to offer an after school session for parents/carers - please keep an eye on the school website for dates and times.



PARENTING WORKSHOP



We were delighted with the attendance at our Parenting Workshop on the evening of Monday 28th March. The Workshop was facilitated by Ruth Gavenlock and Jo Staples of Young Somerset.

We will be definitely hosting more of these workshops as we see it as important to empower parents/carers to feel confident in having what can be very difficult conversations with their children.

The feedback from our post workshop evaluation was 100% positive with 100% of those attending saying they would recommend others to attend.

COLLABORATE DIGITAL WORKSHOPS

Please visit the school website to hear a sample of the work produced by Year 9 and 10 students.

We are very pleased to have been able to work alongside this great organisation to educate young people on hard hitting topics such as knife crime, county lines, violence against women and girls and other topical subjects

On Saturday 12 March we held a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award training day for fourteen Year 9 students. The sessions covered were rucksack packing, first aid, map reading and using Trangia stoves to prepare a meal. The map reading section involved contours and features, distance calculations, grid references and taking a bearing from a map. The students involved worked collaboratively and supportively in 3 groups. This training is the beginning of the preparations for their Bronze practice expedition which will take place on 7 and 8 May 2022.

Mr Owen



This year's prom is booked *Thursday 7th July 2022*

■ PRELOVED PROM

We are currently having a refit so please check the school website for opening times.

If you would like to come and have a look at Preloved Prom with a view to borrowing a dress or suit then please go to the school website and register your interest. You will be asked to provide your details and we can then contact you to discuss time slots. We have lots of beautiful dresses and extremely smart suits. We ask that a donation is made to Weston Hospice Care when borrowing.

We are always looking for more gowns, suits, shoes and bags.



Term Days
 INSET Days
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Academic Year 2022

TERM 3	Starts Tuesday 4th January 2022 Ends Friday 18th February 2022
TERM 4	Starts Monday 28th February 2022 Ends Friday 8th April 2022
TERM 5	Starts Monday 25th April 2022 Ends Friday 27th May 2022
TERM 6	Starts Monday 6th June 2022 Ends Friday 22nd July 2022 21 July and 22 July 2022 are INSET days

Term dates have been set for 2022-2023 and once again, we will be having a two week break in October, to give parents an opportunity to take holiday time away from the more expensive traditional half-term week.

Academic Year 2022/2023

TERM 1	Starts Thursday 1 September 2022 Ends Friday 14 October 2022 Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September and Friday 14th October are INSET days
TERM 2	Starts Monday 31 October 2022 Friday 16 December 2022
TERM 3	Starts Tuesday 3 January 2023 Ends Friday 10 February 2023
TERM 4	Starts Monday 20 February 2023 Ends Friday 31 March 2023
TERM 5	Starts Monday 17 April 2023 Ends Friday 26 May 2023
TERM 6	Starts Monday 5 June 2023 Ends Friday 21 July 2023