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■ MR MILFORD



Welcome to the Spring edition of the TKASA newsletter. I really enjoy the springtime. It is a time of promise of warmer weather to come and a time where the students start to spend more time outside enjoying the fresh air. Opening up our fields at social time gives students the opportunity to burn off some energy running around or sitting in the sunshine at the picnic tables enjoying conversations.

In this newsletter, you will be hearing from subject leaders, pastoral staff and support staff about the great things that happen all around the school. 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 spring term, since Christmas, has been both a busy and rewarding one with preparations for the summer exams well and truly underway, the re-launch of P6 revision sessions and general extra-curricular activities. This term has seen drama presentations, trips, nominations for awards ceremonies, sporting excellence, university places offered, the re-launch of the Jill Dando Newscentre, planned Easter Conference, and the official opening of the Sixth Form Extension.

You will also have noticed that our site improvements continue. We are passionate about providing the best environment in which the students can learn and achieve. New positive message signage has gone up around the school, refurbishment of classrooms and offices, as well as the exciting redevelopment of the former 1610 Sports Centre. All of these changes help to create a school staff and students can be proud of each and every day.

My favourite part of the day though remains 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, I enjoy celebrating the accomplishment of our students each week; there is much to celebrate. Our P6 provision is so extensive and I am often blown away by the amount of extra curricular opportunities our staff offer our students - additionally our students continue to represent our school so positively in and out of school and are great ambassadors in the community.

In terms of staffing, after the Easter holiday, Mr Hoskins has decided to take a small step back and will be working part-time from Term 5. Many students, and indeed parents, will have been taught by Mr Hoskins and I am sure, like me, you will want to wish him well. To ensure our leadership team is up to full capacity, I am pleased to let you know that Miss Bullock will be officially joining the team from the start of Term 5. Miss Bullock has a wealth of experience as Head of Year and I am very much looking forward to working with her. Additionally, we will be welcoming a new Assistant Principal to the school, Miss Rebecca Griggs, who is joining us from Broadoak Academy in Weston-super-Mare. She will join the leadership team with a focus on Teaching and Learning across the school.

I hope you enjoy reading all about school life this term at TKASA in the pages that follow. The next few months leading up to the summer break will be packed with activity at TKASA, with such events as Sports Day, the school production, RAG week, work experience, proms, field trips and many more. I also really wish all of our Year 11 and 13 students the best of luck over the coming weeks and months as they sit their exams - always a tough time for them, but I have no doubt they will prepare themselves fully for the task ahead. As staff, we will ensure we prioritise them as much as we can and give them the support they require between now and the end of June.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of wishing all our students a well earned break over the Easter holidays and I hope you are all able to spend some quality family time together. I look forward to working with you all into the summer term and updating you again in July about all the great things that have happened in Terms 5 and 6.



MISS CHARLES



I am so very proud of our students at TKASA. They know that if they want to achieve something they have to work hard at it. The students are constantly working on both practical and academic skills that they can transfer across the curriculum and into the wider community.

The atmosphere around the school after 3:10pm is superb as students are training in their sports teams, playing instruments in the music rooms, showing their creative sides in the arts and technologies or improving their academic ability in the classrooms.

I am a firm believer that if you want to achieve something, you can get there with hard work and determination. This is shared with our students as we set high expectations and guide them through the challenges and hurdles.

Our Year 11 and 13 students are only 2 months away from starting their final exams, an anxious but exciting time where they can show off their potential and add more blocks to the pathway of their future. The other year groups are continuously adding to their profiles, highlighting and closing gaps in learning as they too progress through assessments.

It has been great to see parents at the parent forums, revision skills sessions, information evenings and at parents' evenings, with the Year 7 evening to come at the end of May. It is vital we continue to all work together to ensure that the students make as much progress as possible.

In the coming months I look forward to finalising Year 9 option choices, visiting Year 10 students on work experience, Duke of Edinburgh weekends, music concerts, sports day, Junior Maths Challenge, cooking competitions, leavers' days, proms and meeting our Year 6 students and their families ready to start with us in September, to name a few. It is certainly going to be another busy and exciting term.

As ever please do get in touch if you have any questions.



MR WALKER



Happy Easter everybody. To echo some of the words of Mr Milford, it's brilliant to finally have the clocks changed and lighter nights ahead of us. I always personally find the two terms after the Christmas holiday difficult with the dark nights and not being able to enjoy the outdoors and fresh air as much.

Going into the summer term fills me with a lot of excitement about things to come, supporting our Year 11 and 13 students in preparation for their exams, sports days and all of the summer term clubs and trips. It's also a prudent time to remind all members of the school community to be safe whilst out in the later evenings, be aware of their surroundings and ensure they always travel home in groups or at least with one other friend.

In the summer term we also have an exciting week of Transition for all our Year 6 students and families to come and join us and see everything they can expect from being students at TKASA when they start in September. One of the big things we will be sharing with students, both new and old, will be the launch of our new House System from September!

We will be launching our new Houses in perfect time for Sports Day this year. Our student leadership team have had multiple meeting with Mr Swaine about how we can make the House System something everybody can be a part of in the hopes that it drives our brilliant school community even closer together. We will be finalising and sharing the new House names and logo over the next term, so keep your eyes peeled.

Lastly, I'd like to wish everybody a relaxing Easter break, hopefully with some nicer weather.



MR HARRIS—HEAD OF YEAR 7

Year 7 have had another fantastic term here at TKASA. It has been great to see so many students demonstrating excellent attitudes to learning and showing progress across a range of subjects. Special congratulations to all the students who make either a positive difference to our school or contribute to our school community. One such success story is Lewis Thompson, who gained special recognition for raising over £1000 for BARN and the RNLI. If your child is making a difference, please let their tutor know, so we can share the news. Be Proud! Hope all our families have a great Easter break and see you all in the summer term (hopefully with summer weather!).



7K - MR JOHN

7K have enjoyed a fantastic start to the school year, and we can't believe we're already halfway through year 7! We have had a host of assembly achievements, with many of our group getting their 'be proud' badges. It's incredible to see how quickly they have progressed already, and I can't wait to see what they continue to achieve over the next few months.

7I - MISS STANLEY

It is already Easter! Time has run away with us. 7I have achieved so much this year and made me a very proud tutor. From positive points, to winning competitions, and being a delight to teach, thanks to them, my day always starts with a smile. Their Geography biomes were also amazing! They work as a team and I couldn't ask for anything more (well apart from being better at the weekly quiz!). Hopefully our year will close with smiles and laughter, so let's nail cycle 3 and 4, before my lovely year 7's become my lovely year 8's!

7N - MR MAGUIRE

Cycle 1 & 2 have flown by and now half-way through Cycle 3, Year 7 is closer to completion. I am really pleased to say that 7N are improving the most in Year 7 with our positive points increasing week on week. So much so that by mid March, we had the most positives in the whole of year 7. I am also grateful that nearly everyone in the tutor group is presenting themselves. We are always raising standards and that makes me proud, keep it up 7N!

7G - MISS NEWTON

7G and I have thoroughly enjoyed this term and it has been wonderful getting to know them as individuals during our morning tutor time. We have finished reading Wonder and as a class we enjoyed many 'deep and meaningful' conversations about various topics. They provide such refreshing and mature responses that allow for brilliant discussions. We also continue to excel during our weekly quiz and each Friday we nominate 3 'Quiz Masters' to host the event! 7G really do make a brilliant team during our Friday quiz events! We are currently second place overall and have eager eyes set on that top spot! I know we can achieve it if we continue to work as a team! Our tutor group continues to do well in extra-curricular activities such as Kuba Roper and Kitty Hurley continuing their brilliant work in our School Council, whilst Lilly Shaw, Paulina Parszcz, Renee Spence, Matilda Taylor and Kitty Hurley continue to focus well in the Year 7 Netball Club with Mrs Probert. Individual successes in our class begin with Isaac Stewart-Coombes for being invited to an awards ceremony with Mr Milford earlier this month and Kaycie White for winning the 'Real Where's Wally?' competition and engaging with great pride! I am continuously hearing positive feedback about 7G from other teachers and it has been a real pleasure to be their Tutor since the beginning of February. Well done everyone on your individual efforts and keep up the brilliant work!

7A - MRS SEYMOUR

7A has had a great start to 2023 with many achievements in and out of the classroom. Although we are not always the highest on the class chart points I know there is some fantastic work being achieved by you all. It was great to see so many involved in the World Book Day events and around the school and well done to those of you who continue to take advantage of the extracurricular club during and after school. Well done 7A!

7L - MR WHITEOAK

Another really positive term for 7L in many aspects. We have seen many students celebrating success with receiving their Be Proud badges for attaining the most positive ClassCharts points in a single week. We now celebrate a large proportion of the tutor having their badge. Well done to all! We are also keen to improve our attendance as a tutor group and we are very often in the top four for attendance. Hopefully as we begin to enjoy some warmer days, we will continue to improve and reach the dizzy heights of No.1. I would also like to congratulate Evelyn, Bronwyn, Byron, Izzy, Matthew, Kacey, Jake and Harvey for their consistent collation of positive praise points over the last cycle of learning. Well done!

7F - MISS WALLIS

7F have achieved some amazing things this term! Soon Freya Slade will be playing piano in the Highbridge festival then doing her grade 3 exam, we are hoping to hear her in a school concert soon! Elsie Moreno is getting ready to be in the well known musical play - Les Miserables, one of my favourite shows! Lots of 7F have had positive phone calls home this term, including; Henry and Louie for English, Chloe for PE, Logan Flinders and Albert Vjoby for Science, Serena and Jaiden Burrows for Art, and Mia for Maths - well done to all! Hattie Croker, Millie Allen, Logan Flinders, Grace Hackett, Jaiden Burrows and Logan Manning have all joined an extracurricular club this term which is great! Louie Wyton sang on his own on stage! Twice! He sang 'All I want for Christmas' which didn't make it into the last newsletter, but it's incredibly impressive and brave of him. Well done to all of you 7F.



7R - MRS RICHARDS

7R have had a fantastic term! We are so proud of what 7R has achieved this term. 7R have continued to be a part of our school community by attending a variety of the after school clubs that are on offer, including sporting clubs, cooking club and being a part of the Jill Dando news team. 7R have shown great commitment to events that have taken place in school, including the World Book Day event. Students from 7R dressed up as 'Wally' and Leah won best dressed in 7R - well done Leah! We are extremely lucky to have been joined by Mr Phillips who is the co tutor of 7R. Mr Phillips and I visited 7R whilst making their biomes in Geography and we were blown away with how fantastic they were! Amelia J worked extremely hard on her biome at home and the hard work paid off as it was brilliant! It is a privilege for Mr Phillips and I to be the tutor of 7R, we are always hearing so many positive comments from members of staff about their great conduct and enthusiasm in lessons - keep it up 7R!



7E - MISS BIRD

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the academic year already! Time is flying by both for me and 7E, it is a great time to share their many achievements in school. First, I'd like to celebrate the consistent praise I receive as their tutor for the outstanding effort and attitude to learning in lessons. It is fantastic to see so many students taking an active role in extracurricular activities at King Alfred; particularly Aleyna who has been participating in the Jill Dando journalism club, writing articles to share news to the local community. Ellis has also been leading the P.E. department through his role as sports captain, I'm sure there are many more fixtures and competitions to come! As a Geography teacher, I feel a need to celebrate the hard work 7E have been putting into their biomes projects; decorating boxes to represent different environments from around the world. The creativity and dedication from 7E has been recognised by the head of Geography Mrs Owen! Looking ahead to the second half of the school year, I am looking forward to seeing the class contribute more to the school community and continue to make me (and you) proud!

MISS BULLOCK - HEAD OF YEAR 8

Yet again year 8 have had an incredible term. We are now over half way through the school year and the students have continued to get themselves involved in a range of activities both in and out of the classroom.

Students have continued to earn thousands of positive ClassCharts points and one of the highlights of my week is celebrating these and other achievements on Monday mornings in assemblies. Students are currently earning raffle tickets for our final assembly of the term by showing kindness, doing the right thing and being involved in extracurricular opportunities. Keep an eye out for updates on our big winners. We are really looking forward to lots of exciting opportunities to get involved with in Terms 5 and 6.

Thank you Year 8 for your enthusiasm and hard work. Thank you to the tutors for their ongoing work supporting Year 8.



8K - MISS DODD

8K are smashing it with the positives having a total of 17000+ since the start of the year. Time and time again coming at the top of the leaderboard in assembly! Well done to Lacey, Alesha, Amelia H and Amelia R for taking part in the girls netball team! Theo did the school proud, competing in the cross country for PE. Esme is leading the positive board with over 800 positives closely followed by Amelia H and Lacey. Toby B has the highest positives for the boys with over 600. Keep up the great effort for the rest of the year!

8I - MRS BONNETT

It was fantastic to finish last term with winning Tutor of the term. This was down to the hard work this tutor put in receiving lots of positive class charts points. Please keep this up 8I as I am a little competitive and would love us to win this again. Special well done to Lincoln for receiving some sponsorship towards his Golfing career and to Ellie for the highest class charts point in tutor.

8N - MISS PROBERT

Last term we finished a close second behind Mrs Bonnett's tutor for Tutor of the Term, which just demonstrates how hard 8N have been working, in terms of attendance, positives and effort in lessons and around the school. This term, we are still determined to take the top spot! A special mention to Hazel Lynham and Kadie Brown who continue to participate in and make the most of the opportunities and competitions that TKASA have to offer! Well done to Lexie Groves who has been selected for the England fishing team, and best of luck to Jaycee Neale who has taken the next steps in her boxing career with her upcoming fight! Keep up the good work 8N!

8G - MR WARD

8G has been working excellently over the last term. Having different names constantly appearing in the top positives of the week is a consistent feature. Progress has been made by lots of students participating in different extracurricular activities such as football, drama and Science. Special mention to Freddie Bedford who represented the school in a regional cross country competition competing against both state funded and privately educated schools. Keep up the good work all of 8G.



8A - MISS LODGE

8A have had another fantastic term and have achieved over 12000 positive points collectively. Well done to Ellena and Kira for achieving the most points! Several of the students have been making the most of the activities that we offer here at TKASA. Beatrix and Ellena have been showcasing their musical talent and have dedicated a lot of time to the Music and Drama departments. A huge well done to Kira, Holly, Connor, Jia-Li and Zac for coming first in the Athletics competition. Well done 8A - you are all brilliant!

8L - MR BARHAM

We broke up for the Christmas holidays as winners of the best attendance award in Year 8 - proving we are a resilient bunch.

We are on it with our morning reading too, having been only the second group to finish 'The Graveyard book' and we are onto our next book called 'Burn'.

We have said goodbye to Logan, Annabelle and Leland and hello to Ava, Peyton, Joshua, Kian and Holly.

Filip has the most class charts points at the moment - he is 9 ahead of Xezra. Filip also won the Pi day for Year 8 - reciting Pi to 130 decimal places!

8F - MR SMITH

It's been another great term from 8F in which they continue to take advantage of the opportunities available to them at TKASA. It is great to see so many representing the school at various sports. It was also a pleasure to welcome many of 8F to the year 8 cooking club, the trip to Maisey's Bakery was a particular highlight. Continue being awesome 8F!



8R - MR COX

8R have had a great term often being the top group for attendance. We have just finished reading Animal Farm and there were some great discussions around this. It is good to see more students getting involved in the extracurricular offer and enjoying the different aspects of school life. I would also like to give Ellen a special mention for stepping in as a new tutor council rep and sharing our ideas so well. Great work this term and onwards and upwards for Term 5 and 6.



■ MRS WHITEOAK - HEAD OF YEAR 9

Year 9 have continued to build on their fantastic start. Students have worked with their tutors, subject teachers and Mrs Govier (Careers) to complete their option forms. It is an exciting time where each student has ownership over their future. We look forward to seeing where their choices take them as they progress through their remaining school years and beyond.

It has been great to see the majority of students involved in some form of extracurricular activities - from PE, cooking club, Jill Dando, Performing Arts and more. Specifically in PE, our boys rugby team recently represented our school at the Rosslyn Park National Schools Competition – a fantastic opportunity. Additionally, 4 students were able to attend the Somerset Anne Frank Youth Awards for their fantastic contribution within English. We hope that Year 9 continues to engage with wider school opportunities. Many students have received Student of The Week and Student of the Term awards for their effort and contribution around school.

Mrs Whiteoak and the year 9 team would like to thank our students for a positive term and would like to wish you all a happy Easter!

■ 9K - MR SHEWRING

It's been another great term for 9K and I am continuously impressed by their unique talents, efforts and general all round awesomeness. We are a tutor group who have welcomed a number of new members and have done so with ease. This is an attribute to the friendly, inquisitive nature of 9K and their ability to make others feel welcome. I could highlight individual talents but this term I wanted to make a point of congratulating the group as a class and let them all know how valid and intrinsic they all are to the dynamics and the success of this tutor group. Well done!



■ 9I - MISS MILFORD

This term 9I have continued to show an excellent attitude to learning and commitment to doing their best in lessons; this has been reflected each day in ClassChart positives and verbal praise from many teachers.

In addition to this, I thoroughly enjoy our tutor times where we discuss the latest news in the world and hear all about their interests and achievements from each weekend.

I'm so proud to see a tutor group that continually works together to create a safe and welcoming environment, encouraging each other and celebrating goals they have achieved.

I am excited to see 9I continue to flourish as they take the next step choosing their options and move into the second half of the academic year.

■ 9N - MISS GROVES

9N have been busy preparing for Key Stage 4. Lots of you attended Year 9 Options Evening, which was great to see! We have welcomed Miles and Kyeron to our tutor group and been able to pick lots of you for Student of the Week for lots of great reasons. Well done: Harrison, Kyeron, Keigan and Jack.

Many of you have also been acknowledged throughout the school receiving positive phone calls and emails.

Well done Lorraine and Regan for being recognised for your efforts in Maths! Also, congratulations to George for winning the photography competition.

Lots of great stuff to celebrate and already half way through the academic year, keep going!

■ 9G - MRS MEREDITH

9G have had another fantastic term and as usual are working very hard. We've had great fun discussing their options and future careers as well as celebrating their various achievements. This term we have had Carl working very hard on his YouTube channel and gaining views for his latest videos, more dramatic success with Casey being cast as Madame Thénardier in a local production of Les Miserables, and a lot of random acts of kindness that have made me incredibly proud of so many of them - too many to list! I'm very sad to be leaving them shortly due to Maternity Leave but look forward to introducing them all to baby Meredith in due course. I am sure they will continue to thrive and make me proud next term as they always do!

9A - MR ELLIS

I am proud to write that since Easter, 9A have accomplished a huge amount in the way of progress. Special mention must be made of Jocelyn and her taking part in the Young Chef competition. Her dishes looked delicious! All students are still happily enjoying our tutor time reading especially the book 'Refugee Boy'. I have also seen some exceptional homeworks from many in the tutor group. I would like to mention Lexi whose art work is incredible. I am sure that Art was first choice on her options form. Also special thanks to Robyn and Sofia who should be recognised for their contributions to tutor reading every morning by making sure that everyone has a book. I continue to be a very proud tutor of 9A. They are a mature and popular group. Many colleagues have expressed this view over the past couple of months. Long may it continue. Well done, 9A!

9L - MR MOORE

9L has had another positive term where the tutor group has shown a positive attitude towards school life. We have continued to build upon targets from last term by trying to increase the number of positive Classcharts points we receive. Every pupil is making a conscious effort to contribute positively. Although we don't always get it 100% right, I am proud of the groups progress. With Year 9, being their options year, we have had many conversations around which path pupils within the group may wish to take. It has been insightful to hear all of the group's potential ideas around their future. Many of the group have participated in wider school activities. Tommy, Reece, Jared, Stephen, Jayden, Chad, Poppy and Chloe have successfully involved themselves in football, rugby and netball where all have competed against other schools. Overall, it has been a really positive term with very few negative events. Keep up the good work 9L!



9F - MR CLEMENTS

Well done to 9F on your continued excellent attitude to your learning. You continue to impress with your uniform, equipment, timekeeping and application to your learning in lessons and at home. As you have now taken your options you will have a clearer view of where you are going, certainly over the next two years. If you continue to apply the good habits you have exhibited over the last 3 years you will do well. I look forward to hearing about Finbar's volunteering, Grace's acting journey, Miley's stories and the Duke of Edinburgh adventures some of you have signed up to over the coming months.

9R - MR DAY

It has been another successful term for 9R. All the hard work and effort you put into your studies is clearly being recognised by all your teachers. The levels of praise you receive plus the positive Class Charts points reflect this. Numerous pages of amazing homework are displayed every week, showing their commitment to their own learning. Some of the drawings are exceptional! Options has been the focus recently, with Options Evening and booklets. 9R have carefully considered their 'next steps' and chosen subjects that they will, both enjoy and help with their future endeavours. In PSHCE we have recently covered some difficult topics, which we have discussed in a mature and thoughtful way. We have already completed two reading books and we are currently reading 'Touching the Void', a story of triumph over adversity. We have had some new additions to 9R. Kayci and Emma have had great starts and settled in well. The other new addition is Mr Gunduz, he is currently thrilling 9R with his spectacular and very entertaining reading! Well done 9R - Keep up the good work!



MR BRITTAN - HEAD OF YEAR 10

Yet again Year 10 have continued to impress with their mature, hardworking and positive attitudes and it makes me so proud to be their Head of Year. We have an ongoing competition now with year 8 to see which year group can get the most positives and it is a real credit to both year groups how close they are and clearly shows how they continue to go above and beyond expectations on a daily basis. This positive approach and mature attitude is really going to set them up well for the rest of year 10 and on into year 11. Next on the horizon is their work experience - hopefully a fantastic first step into their future aspirations which should inspire them into putting 100% effort into the year and a half left. As exams loom on the horizon I know they will continue to impress as a year group and I am confident that so many of them are going to continue to do themselves proud.

10K - MR HARDIE

A busy term for all in 10K with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, looming work experience placements as well as the ever present academic demands of a year 10 student all combining to challenge the students' time management and organisation skills. When I take into account that many of my tutees also have part time jobs it's hard not to admire the resilience and positive attitude that many of them are displaying. Never was an Easter holiday more deserved for these troopers!

10I - MISS KEEBLE

It's been a great term for 10I! It has been great to hear about what the students get up to inside and outside of school with many football and rugby game wins to joining local martial arts to rehearsing for their drama exam! We have been really pleased to see Emily M not only at the top of the tutor group for positive points but the top of the whole year group! Others on the leaderboard include Paige and Riley too. Well done to Zach P and Fred for representing the tutor group on the year team school council and to Kieran B, Charlie and Zach P for their commitment to being sports captains. I have been so impressed with the tutor group's drive to find a placement for their upcoming work experience week with lots of interesting conversations about their futures and what they would like to do after school. I am really looking forward to hearing about their placements after they happen. Well done 10I for a brilliant term!

10N - MR SWAINE

10N have been working hard this term, with lots going on outside the classroom too. Mason represented the group on the school council, and provided some excellent feedback to the rest of the year. Lots of sporting activities are happening at weekends, with boxing, football and rugby high on the list. I continue to be impressed by Alisha, Alfie and Archie each week when we talk about our sporting weekends. As a group we have been working hard on our GCSE subjects with some impressive results in Hospitality and Catering in particular (I like food... hint). There are some very interesting work experience placements, I look forward to hearing all about them! Keep up the good work!

10G - MRS WOODMAN

10G have continued to make Miss McKenna and I incredibly proud tutors. They continue to impress us with their continued dedication to their GCSE courses with positive, mature and hardworking attitudes. Well done to Sam, Lilly and Coby for their continued hard work to top the leaderboard on class charts this term. Outside of the classroom this term we have the school musical in full swing with Ryan representing our tutor group in the band. Ollie continues to shine across Europe with his bike racing. Thank you to Oliver and Jack who are helping to organise and run a D&D club in school. Oliver, Brooke and Chloe continue working towards their Silver DofE with their expeditions coming up. Next term we have lots to look forward to with work experience fast approaching, 10G have lots of fantastic placements organised with lots of opportunity to learn and grow. Well done 10G for another brilliant term.



10A - MRS CLOUGH & MRS O'BRIEN

10A Have continued to approach KS4 in a very mature manner, which is reflected in their Attitude to Learning and attendance to P6's. A special mention to Evie who still dedicates her time to Monarch's Gym in a coaching and training capacity and Faith is the Cheer Captain for Bellatrix Dance Company well done girls! We have had some excellent discussions about work experience, becoming more independent and taking the next steps. Good luck 10A and keep up the good work.

10L - MS KING

10L have been working hard this term on their GCSE courses and have continued to uphold their high standards and attitude to their own learning. Harry has been doing well with his football and was awarded man of the match for this season at Burnham United. Stan is progressing well at Cadets and is working towards his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. He has been practising cooking on a stove, route planning and running through equipment checks. Ryan and Ivy have been dedicated to their drama rehearsals for their GCSE performance piece and have been attending p6's regularly with their cast members. John has had an active role in starting up a TKASA Dungeons and Dragons club that runs on Wednesday P6 in E3. It has been really successful with lots of players attending.

Well done 10L.

10F - MRS GODWIN & MRS ROBERTSON

We are so proud of how well 10F have approached all aspects of school life again this term. The students are continuing with their GCSE courses in a very mature manner, with several students regularly attending P6 sessions. Well done to Ruby, Willow, Aimee, Towan, James and Millie for attending the Maths P6 and Millie for her work in the Photography P6. This stands them in good stead as they head towards Year 11 and their final GCSE exams. A special mention for Aimee, Willow, Lola and Nate who top the positive leader board on classcharts this term. Outside of the classroom this term we have the school musical in full swing, with Lola and Laila representing the tutor group and attending the many after school rehearsals for this. Finally we would also like to take the time to congratulate Isaac who was given a special Hero's award in school this term. Well done Isaac.

10R - MRS OWEN

Another great term from 10R! We are extremely proud of our Poppy for not only competing in the Rotary Young Chef competition, but also getting through to the regional final in the Springboard Futurechef competition in February (finishing in the last 8 of around 2000 students). Ryan continues to shine at Bristol Rovers, playing in the U15s team against Cardiff City in January. Leah, Joe, Poppy, Demi-leigh, Ailish and Fred were our top ClassCharts points scorers over the spring term and Ryan and Jaz also deserve praise for their work on the year and school councils - they particularly enjoyed taste testing new food ideas from the canteen as part of this role! Well done to everyone in 10R for your positivity and hard work.



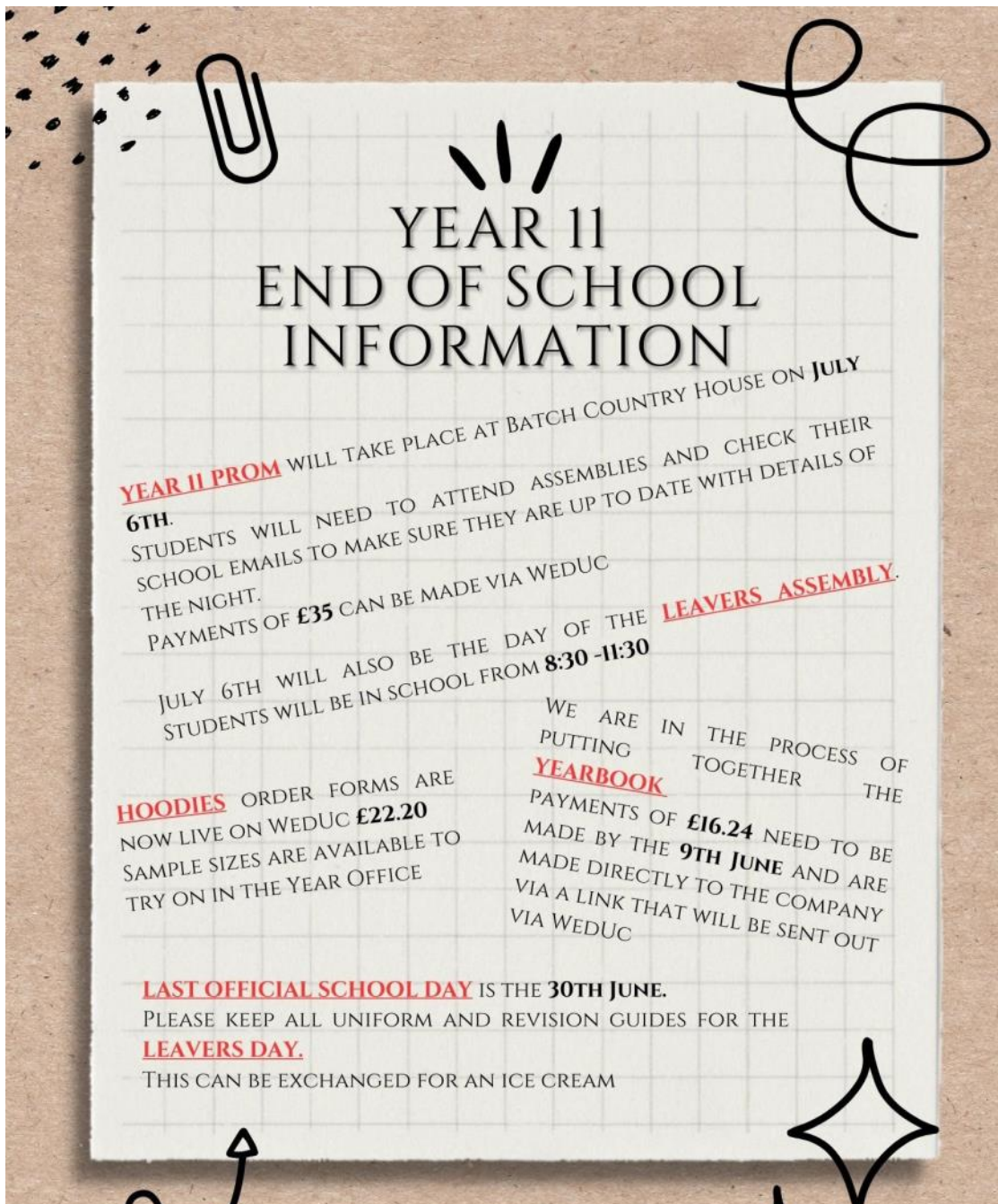
■ MRS GIBSON - HEAD OF YEAR 11

As we near the end of Y11 everyone, staff and students, will be filled with a mixture of excitement and nervousness. Excited about all the plans for Prom, Yearbooks, Leavers Hoodies and the eagerly anticipated Final Assembly.

Nervous about the next steps, the summer exams and the future.

We are looking forward to supporting you through both sides and we know that when the dust settles that you will be fine.

It has been an incredible journey and one that we hope you look back on with happy faces.



YEAR 11
END OF SCHOOL
INFORMATION

YEAR 11 PROM WILL TAKE PLACE AT BATCH COUNTRY HOUSE ON **JULY 6TH**. STUDENTS WILL NEED TO ATTEND ASSEMBLIES AND CHECK THEIR SCHOOL EMAILS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE UP TO DATE WITH DETAILS OF THE NIGHT.
PAYMENTS OF **£35** CAN BE MADE VIA WEDUC

JULY 6TH WILL ALSO BE THE DAY OF THE **LEAVERS ASSEMBLY**. STUDENTS WILL BE IN SCHOOL FROM **8:30 - 11:30**

HOODIES ORDER FORMS ARE NOW LIVE ON WEDUC **£22.20**. SAMPLE SIZES ARE AVAILABLE TO TRY ON IN THE YEAR OFFICE

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING **YEARBOOK** TOGETHER. THE PAYMENTS OF **£16.24** NEED TO BE MADE BY THE **9TH JUNE** AND ARE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE COMPANY VIA A LINK THAT WILL BE SENT OUT VIA WEDUC

LAST OFFICIAL SCHOOL DAY IS THE **30TH JUNE**. PLEASE KEEP ALL UNIFORM AND REVISION GUIDES FOR THE **LEAVERS DAY**. THIS CAN BE EXCHANGED FOR AN ICE CREAM



MESSAGE FROM MR RADNIDGE

On Friday 3rd March 2023, the official opening of our £250,000 expansion to our thriving Sixth Form and the launching of the Jill Dando News Centre @TKASA6th took place. The Rt Hon James Heapey, MP for Wells and Minister for the Armed Forces, opened the multi-room extension. Students between the ages of 9 and 18 from the Jill Dando News Centres from across The Priory Learning Trust attended and Mr Heapey unveiled a plaque to signify the official opening. Our ever popular Sixth Form Centre has been so successful that it has attracted an ever increasing number of students from the local area, as well as Weston-super-Mare, Bridgwater and even Italy, Germany and Switzerland.



During the launching of the Jill Dando News Centre @TKASA6th, we also welcomed Nigel Dando, Jill's brother, to the Centre. The scheme now has over 100 reporters across Somerset with some in Malawi, East Africa. Nigel and other professional journalists help to train the reporters who are aged 8 to 18.



Our very own Olivia Finch, one of the founding members of the Jill Dando News Centre, joined the Sixth Form from Worle Community School Academy and said 'everyone is supportive of each other at this Sixth Form and of our aspirations'.

SIXTH FORMER FOR A DAY

On Tuesday 7th March 2023, we welcomed our new intake into the Sixth Form Centre for a day. All students were able to experience what life is like as a Sixth Former and students took part in a full day of activities to ensure that they are enrolled onto the correct courses. We even had our Year 13 Sports Leaders on hand to conduct some afternoon enrichment activities.

If you are interested in submitting an application to join our ever improving Centre, please go online and complete an application form - demand is high, so we would encourage early applications.

Please email Mr Radnidge, Head of the Sixth Form Centre, for further information.



■ UCAS

UCAS applications closed for the equal consideration deadline on the 25th January for standard entry courses, although it's not too late to apply. Year 13 have been inundated with offers from their chosen Universities. They do not need to confirm choices until June 8th so it is recommended to attend applicant holder days before making any final decision.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Year 13's who have been given an offer, but universities do not need to respond until May 17th so students are encouraged not to worry if they are still waiting for replies.

■ UNIVERSITY FINANCE

University finance is open! You don't need to confirm your University place before you apply, use the one most likely but it's easy to change if needed.

Check this university finance explained video for guidance;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xd4aDyNe3P8>

Apply for university finance here;

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>

Remember this is something you will need to do every year whilst at University!

■ HE+ CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

HE+ is a collaborative programme between the University of Cambridge and its Colleges, working together with groups of state schools and colleges in 19 regions of the UK.

The programme is a sustained year-long initiative running from the autumn or spring term of Year 12 through to the autumn term of Year 13. They provide access to super-curricular activities designed to stretch and challenge the students academically and their outreach practitioners also deliver a comprehensive programme of information, advice and guidance sessions and study skills support in order to help ensure students make both a successful application and also a successful transition to highly selective universities. Students have attended two conference days at their Somerset Hub and are looking forward to an overnight stay at Trinity Hall College at Cambridge University in early July, more details to follow.



■ YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY OUTREACH AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

The deadline for Sutton Trust Summer Schools for University or the Apprenticeship pathway has now closed. Well done to all that applied. Decisions will be announced late April - May so please keep us posted if you are successful!

Year 12 have been very successful in securing University access courses in the winter and spring term;

- Exeter Scholars Law programme
- Access to Bristol; Psychology, Engineering & Computer Science.
- Pathways to Health Science; Veterinary Science
- UNIQ Summer School Cambridge

This will give them valuable opportunities to experience University and undergraduate study, as well as access support to enable them to make competitive applications at Post 18.

■ APPRENTICESHIPS

We have recently welcomed Apprenticeship guest speakers and TKASA alumni students from a variety of industries to inspire our sixth form students to consider the apprenticeship route as an alternative to University.

Year 13 Apprenticeship applications are underway, please keep a close eye out for new apprenticeships that are released daily.

Higher Degree Apprenticeships are very sought after and competitive so apply early, make sure you are the best applicant by listing those super curricula activities you have undertaken, Work Experience and transferable skills.

<https://careers.southwestwater.co.uk/roles/early-careers/apprentices>

<https://jobs.bt.com/content/Students-and-Graduates/>

<https://theswac.org.uk/>

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/nhs-apprenticeships>

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes-and-apprenticeships>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships>

[Policing degree apprenticeship route](#)

■ YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

In preparation for releasing our Year 12 students into the world of work for the week from 12th - 16th June, we have been providing a range of advice, inspiration and support to aid them in their search for work placements. Since January, every single student has benefitted from having a one-to-one careers appointment with Mr Wilmot, in which they had the opportunity to discuss their Post-18 and career aspirations allowing them to recognise and pursue the most beneficial placements for them. Following these appointments, a number of students have successfully secured placements within animal care, education, marketing, computer programming and public services!



For those students who have not yet been able to secure a work placement, we are now running group workshops to offer further support and will continue to do so until all students have confirmed placements. With the deadline to secure placements quickly approaching (21st April) we recently held a Work Experience assembly, hoping to motivate and enlighten the students in terms of the opportunities that can be available to them should they take a proactive approach. To achieve this, we invited a selection of Year 13 students to present their experiences, how they secured their placements, the type of work they were required to do, and the opportunities and positive outcomes that can come from a successful work placement. We heard from Jack Clark who spoke about his time with Global Action Plan, how the role required him to work from different locations, including Bristol and London, and even deliver a presentation at a teacher conference day on the topic of the importance of student-led eco committees in schools. He discussed the benefits of the placement in terms of networking and the avenues it has opened up in terms of his Post-18 route.

Rhys Anderson also joined us, sharing a selection of his published articles that he had written during his work experience week which saw him working alongside the editor of a local newspaper. This placement was key in Rhys recognising that journalism is in fact a career he would like to pursue, and the work that he was able to produce during this time helped him build a portfolio that assisted him in securing an unconditional university offer from Gloucestershire University.

We hope that hearing some of our success stories from last year will help our year 12 students recognise that they have the chance to form some strong foundations for their future careers if they take full advantage of the opportunity!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Above; Gaia- Italy, Falke- Switzerland, Giada- Italy

Welcome to our International students that arrived in January. We feel like you have been here a while but not since the last newsletter so we would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome you and it will be a sad day when you all leave us!

LESSONS FROM AUSCHWITZ



Five of our students with a passion for history were lucky enough to take part in a project delivered by the Holocaust Educational Trust, who work to ensure that people from every background are educated about the Holocaust and the important lessons to be learned for today. As part of the project, the students were provided with the opportunity to travel to Poland to visit concentration camps. Grace Anderson shares her thoughts on this rare and eye opening experience, as well as her involvement in the project itself:

“We had an online seminar before and after the visit. One was about Jewish life before the war and we were taught about Jewish life styles.

We visited two camps Auschwitz I, the main camp in Oświęcim and Auschwitz II-Birkenau, a concentration and extermination camp with gas chambers; On the tour we travelled to the camps and during the first part we had head phones on which linked to a specialist tour guide to give us an insight around the camp and explaining what happened in each area we visited and then for the other camp we had the same tour guide caring on telling us more information, we also had a Jewish rabbi telling us how it is still relevant today.”

The purpose of the whole project was for us to be more aware that the holocaust is relevant today because issues of hate crimes and minority groups are still marginalised in society and we are responsible for changing this to make society a safer place for us all. It also gave us a chance to see victims more than just number that they were humans just like the rest of us. We gained an understanding that the holocaust had a global impacts which were very long lasting . We had to write a 500 word essay and a next steps project to demonstrate what we learnt.”



YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Our Journey So Far...

Seastainable has rapidly grown over the past 6 months and we are really excited to share with you our highlights and best bits throughout our journey.

We started off selling our handmade sea glass necklaces at our local school and made a BANG in the young enterprise competition. A lot of students and parents got in contact allowing us to expand as a company, we are ever so grateful.

After this some of our team travelled to Taunton to compete in the young enterprise Dragons Den. As a result their feedback was positive and just what we needed to really boost our company to the best that it can be. "I like your story so far and I have hopes that you will go far in this competition" from one of the dragons. They also gave us feedback such as "To expand our product choice" therefore we took this action straight away. We then brought to the table our very own Sea Glass picture frames.

Finally, our most successful sale happened Saturday the 4th of March in Taunton, Orchard Centre, where we sold our new products as well as our original. We sold 2 of our new frames and 30 necklaces, many customers left feeling like they have helped save the planet and loved our designs. We are so excited to continue Seastainable and can't wait to see how far it can go.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us get to where we are today!

BRISTOL ART TRIP

In March, students from art and photography travelled to Bristol for a day of inspiration. The trip included visits to galleries, public art works and Bristol Cathedral.



BRONZE AWARD CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to Isabelle Brafield, Chloe Slade, Alec Disney, Connie Skinner, Thomas Grant and Ferdy Steele who were presented with their Bronze Award certificates by Mr Milford and Mr Swaine. Well done!



TRAINING WEEKEND

Participants attended a training weekend in March which included a practice walk. We are now looking forward to participants putting their skills to the test during the expeditions next term.

Information about [TKASA DofE](#) can be found on the school website.





selected students were nominated for many different reasons whether it being brave, being thoughtful, having a spectacular moment or doing something silly. They had to wear a ski helmet cover which they wore the next day - purely a bit of fun. It was a great trip and lovely to see them learning new skills and conquering some fears. Great memories were had.

Mrs Gilbert-Muir

Thank you to Mr Bail who organised the trip and to Mr Hoskins, Mrs Bonnett, Mr Ward and Mrs Gilbert-Muir for looking after everyone and making it such a great trip.

2023 SKI TRIP

40 students, some of whom had never been abroad or been away from their families before, had a wonderful time skiing in San Sicario, Italy.

Most had never skied and took on the challenge willingly. We all had to be assessed for our abilities and put into their suitable groups. The ski instructors were very good at teaching every group and helping us all to progress onto the next level. Some found it easier than others, but all put in a great effort to be the best skier they could and enjoy the whole experience.

We conquered magic carpets, and the heights of the chair lifts - the scenery was spectacular. We lost one ski and a few poles from the chair lift, luckily they were rescued by the instructors. There were a few wobbles on exiting the chair lift, which can be very amusing to the onlookers. The grand finale was the night ski from the restaurant where hot chocolate was enjoyed before the torch lit descent by most of the students from TKASA, Worle and Priory. Quite spectacular to witness.

We enjoyed entertainment most evenings, a disco to get to know the students from the other two schools - a great time was had by all. We went ice skating outside on real ice, great fun for those who were brave enough to participate followed by a hot crepe - yummy! We had a quiz night organised solely by Jamie Ham, he organised the questions, the music, and even the prizes - it was great fun and everyone participated. Well done Jamie!

Bum boarding, and snowball fights - very funny when most of the students were against Mr Ward - he put up a good fight! Pizza night was a favourite too! Some



1963 SKI TRIP - 60 YEARS

A photo from the school archives shows students enjoying a ski trip to Engelberg, Switzerland in 1963. The equipment may have changed but the experience hasn't!



ART MURAL

Miss Jefferies' Gifted and Talented Art group comprising of students from years 7 to 10 were challenged with designing a mural for outside of the Art block. The winning design by Matthew Bartlett and Liv Eveleigh, was chosen by the then Principal Nathan Jenkins.

Thank you to the following students Matt Bartlett, Liv Eveleigh, Amy Badland, Poppy Cem, Shera Akma, Sam Olbrechts, Will Jones, Tia Cox, Demi -Leigh Cox, Sam Fisher, Reece Maxwell, Tia Taylor, Robin Rosser and lettering by Caitlin Hopkins, Carrie Simpson and the following staff Miss Jefferies, Miss Moore and Miss Thackstone who dedicated many hours of their time to the mural and to the site team who installed it.



The mural was erected in November 2022 and can now be viewed outside F Block.

ROTARY YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

This year we have participated in the Rotary Young Photographer competition.

The 35 entries were of a high standard and gave the TKASA staff and Rotary members a challenge to judge. Eleanor (yr11) and George (yr9) were selected to go through to the district competition which Eleanor has won and she is now through to the national final.

Congratulations to everyone who entered.

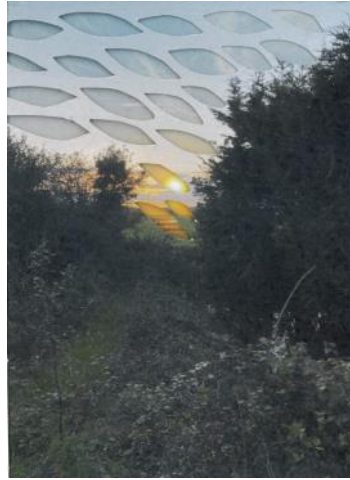


George Whale - 9N



Eleanor Partington-11

YEARS 10 & 11 PHOTOGRAPHY



KS3 DRAMA PRODUCTION

In January we had a very successful performance of 'The Ages of Man' performed by KS3 Drama club. The play consisted of extracts from different texts and songs which all explored the different life stages of mankind from childhood through to old age. Each scene was cleverly linked together with a poignant choral speech written by Year 13 student Ellie Brazier. We are so proud of all the hard work Drama club put into the production and are very grateful to Ellie Brazier for all her time to help the students!



SIXTH FORM PRODUCTION



In January we had three successful nights of our devised 6th form production of 'All Roads Into Burnham'. Written and produced by the sixth form Drama Society, under Mr Shewring's direction, the play was a satirical look at the lives of people in Burnham-on-Sea. The student's smashed their performances and we are so proud of the poignant and engaging work they created.



YEAR 11 EXAM PERFORMANCES



March was our Y11s final GCSE performances and we could not be prouder of them! It was emotional watching them perform their socks off and we know all the audiences really enjoyed their performances.

YEAR 13 EXAM PERFORMANCES

Our wonderful Year 13 students did their final ever A Level performance in March. They performed a monologue/duologue and also a group piece. We are so proud of them all for their hard work and were emotional at the fact it was the last time we were watching them perform!



We were also really proud of Ria who decided to go above and beyond for her performance, creating a set design in her own time to go with her group piece.



■ YR11 BLOOD BROTHERS TRIP

In March Year 11 went to see 'Blood Brothers' for the live theatre review section of their GCSE exam. The students loved the performance and have come away with lots to write about!



■ WHOLE SCHOOL MUSICAL REHEARSALS

The whole school production of 'We Will Rock You' has been in full swing this term with fantastic commitment from the students! It has been great to have Miss Jones working with us on choreography, Miss Gardener and Mr John on singing and Miss Borthwick on some directing! The show is really coming together. Ticket information will be released after Easter!



■ MUSIC CONCERT



TKASA Music department has enjoyed a fantastic term, with over 50 students from across the school taking part in our termly 'Headliners' music concert, showcasing the wealth of talent displayed by our KS3-5 students.



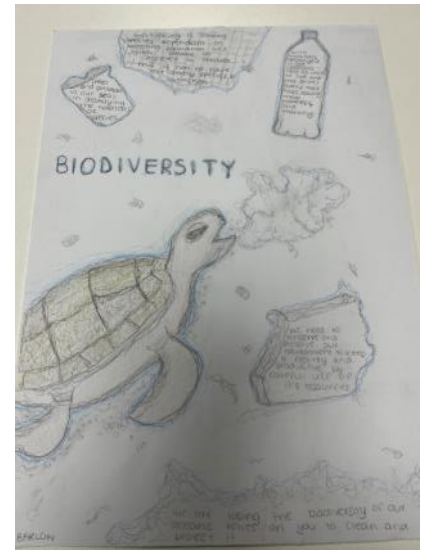
We hope you will join us for our next concert

**An Evening Of Music
from Stage & Screen**

4th May 2023

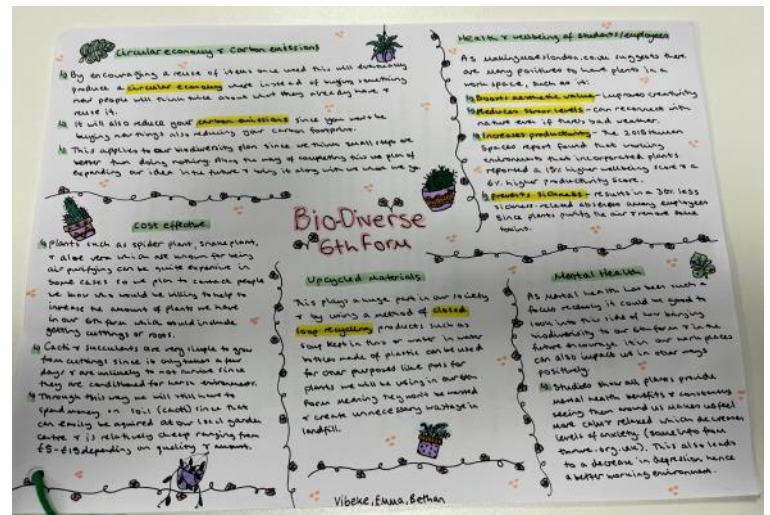


The King Alfred School an Academy took part in this competition for the first time this year, with students submitting entries for the Intermediate and Senior categories. Students were asked to produce a report or image related to biodiversity.

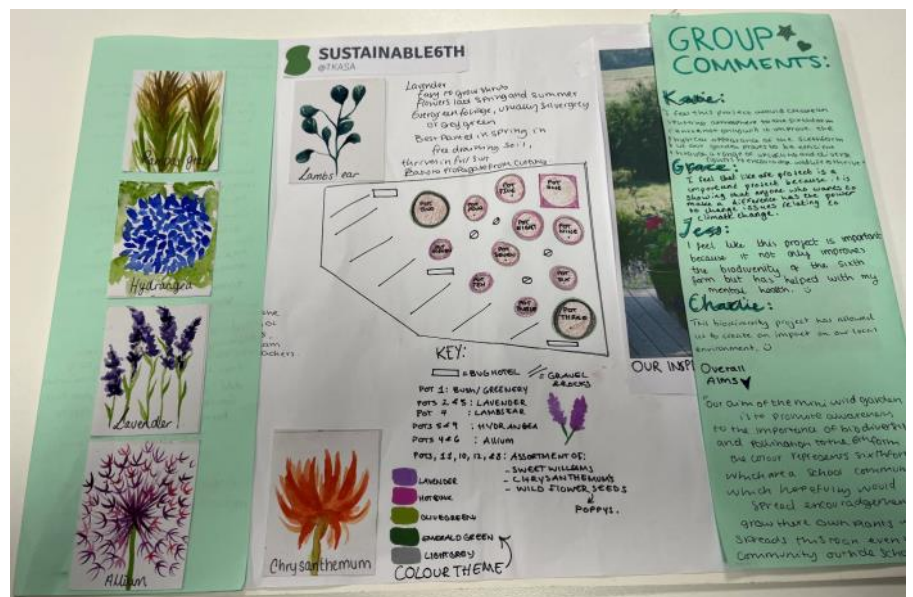
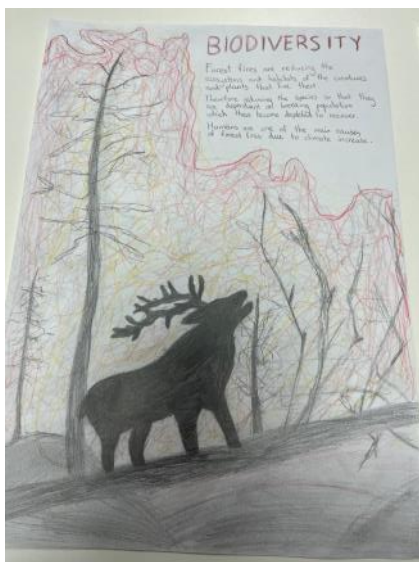


A large number of students submitted entries in the Intermediate category, with the entries by Ava, Katherine and Keira in year 9 being shortlisted. Katherine's poster about plastic pollution was submitted to our local Rotary Club to be put forward for the District competition.

The sixth form Sustainability Society produced two entries for the Senior category, both exploring how biodiversity could be increased in the context of the sixth form block. One team focussed on bringing plants into the block, whilst the other team focussed on the outside of the block, with both teams aiming to upcycle pots and bottles to form containers for plants. Both entries were submitted to the local Rotary Club and they have decided which to put forward for the District competition.

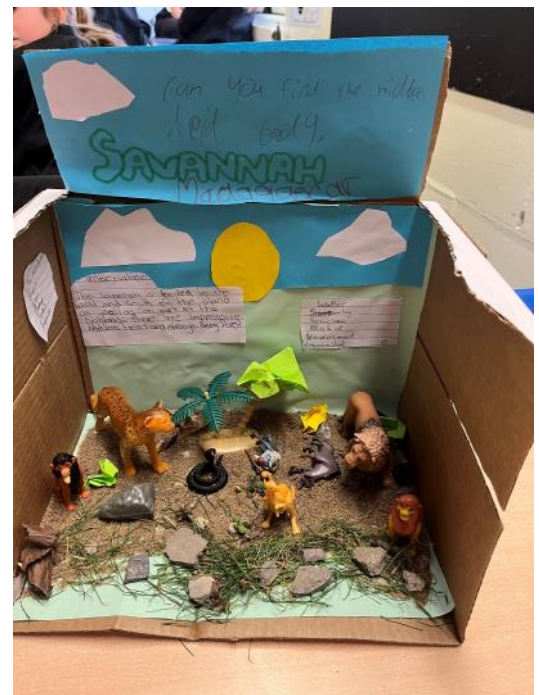
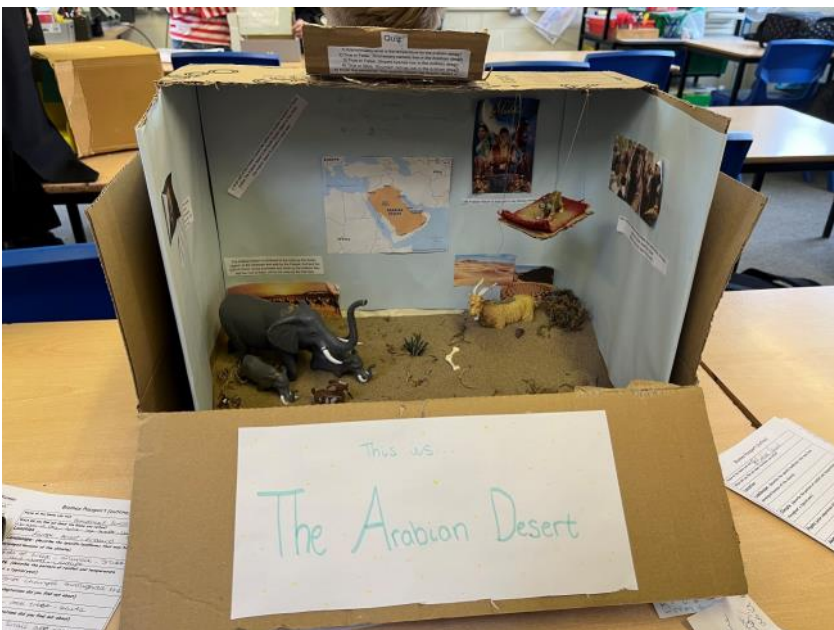
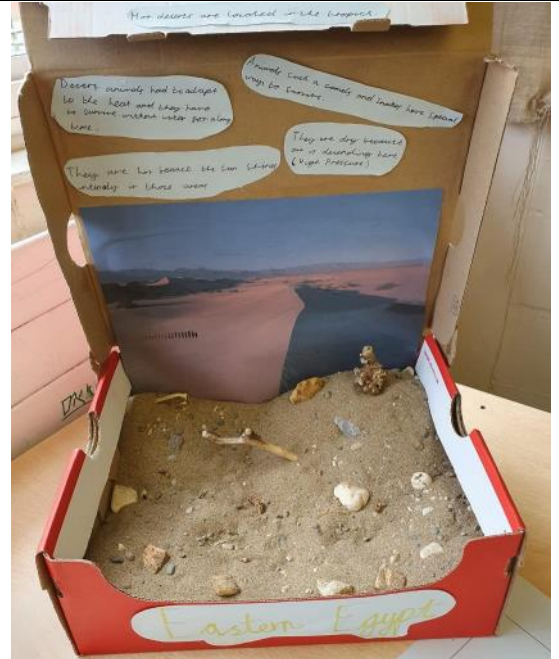
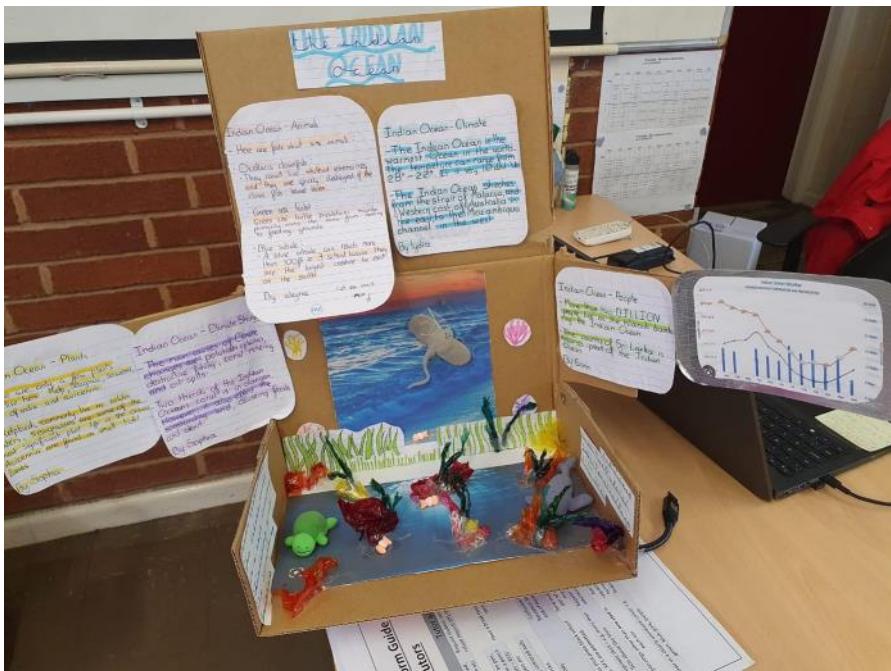


We are looking forward to hearing feedback from the District judges and to finding out if our entries will be put forward to a Regional competition.



YEAR 7 BIOMES PROJECT

Year 7 geographers have been learning about biomes by working in teams to create an informative 'biome in a box' display. The students did a great job in researching, designing and producing their displays over two lessons, then sharing their displays with others in the third lesson so that everyone could learn about a range of biomes. It was wonderful to see the students working so well in their teams and supporting each other to produce great work.



■ BUSINESS STUDIES

In Business Studies Year 10 students are well into their GCSE course. They have completed the first three units (Business in the Real World, Influences on Business and Business Operations) and are currently studying the human resources functional area of business including organisational structures, recruitment & selection, motivation and training.

The Year 11 Business students have completed the course and are busy revising for their final exams on 18th May and 12th 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 including practice papers and a key terms checklist through the student shared area on the 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 23rd May, 7th June and 14th June. They recently enjoyed a trip to the Morrisons Regional Distribution Centre to see logistics and supply chain activities in practice. Along with many other schools across the South West they will shortly be attending 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 Seastainable. Having sold shares to finance their start-up costs, allocated roles and responsibilities and designed their product (handmade jewellery) they are now busy producing and selling their jewellery. They will be attending the area final in Yeovil 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. The cost of living, rising interest rates, industrial action and the ongoing war 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.



WORLD MATHS DAY

Well done to all of our KS3 students who took part in the World Maths Day Mathletics competition! Below are the top 10 groups:

A total of 65 students managed to get over 1000 points, earning them a bronze certificate!

TOP TEN GROUPS		
Place	Group	Total Points
1 st	8Y1	32800
2 nd	8X1	25310
3 rd	7Y1	19830
4 th	9Y1	16572
5 th	7X1	16254
6 th	9X3	14630
7 th	8X2	13224
8 th	8X3	13020
9 th	9X1	11403
10 th	8Y2	10950



Pi DAY

Thank you to all staff and students that came along to our Pi Day competition on the 14th March. Our new school record is an outstanding 201 digits of Pi!

1st place – Meadow 9I – 201 digits

2nd place – Filip 8L – 138 digits

3rd place – Maria 7A – 80 digits



■ JILL DANDO NEWS CENTRE



Our Jill Dando News Centre was relaunched in November! Following assemblies rolled out to KS3, Miss Groves and Miss Lodge have welcomed an overwhelming number of new reporters to the team. As a team we have worked on our news reporting skills and put these into practice to cover a number of stories. Grace and Kyla visited Maisey's Bakery, Kandra and Skye reported on our young entrepreneurs from sixth form, Kaden hosted a successful Google Teams interview with an ex-King Alfred student and now political journalist and Leah, Henneh and Aleyna were all part of interviewing high-profile entrepreneurs as part of a business podcast. Furthermore, we have covered many stories within TKASA including: Movember, the annual Christmas Light switch on, the KS3 drama show and World Book Day. Keep an eye out on GoodNewsPost.co.uk for more published stories from our young reporters!



■ ROTARY YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION

Well done to Poppy Mackay who won the District Rotary Young Chef competition held at TKASA in February. Poppy now goes to the Cluster Final of the Rotary Young Chef competition in Cardiff on 1st April.

Poppy, also a Regional Finalist in the Springboard Futurechef competition, recently she spent the day in school perfecting her 3 course meal with the help of her one to one tutor, James Stamp, Development Chef at Griffiths Foods. Good luck Poppy!



The District Competition at TKASA

(L to R) Bev and Sarah Milner-Simonds, Richard Hunt Executive Chef at Courtyard by Marriot, Poppy Mackay, James Stamp Development Chef of Griffiths Foods, Mayor Cllr Lesley Millard and Natasha King

COOKING SKILLS CLUB

Our second Cooking Skills club to run this year was made up entirely of Year 8 students. The Year 8s were able to mirror our Year 7 group from earlier in the year, and go to Maisey's bakery after school. Here they saw, and used a real industrial kitchen and were able to cook their own amazing pizzas in the bakery ovens. The students, Maisey's staff and the pizzas were all amazing!

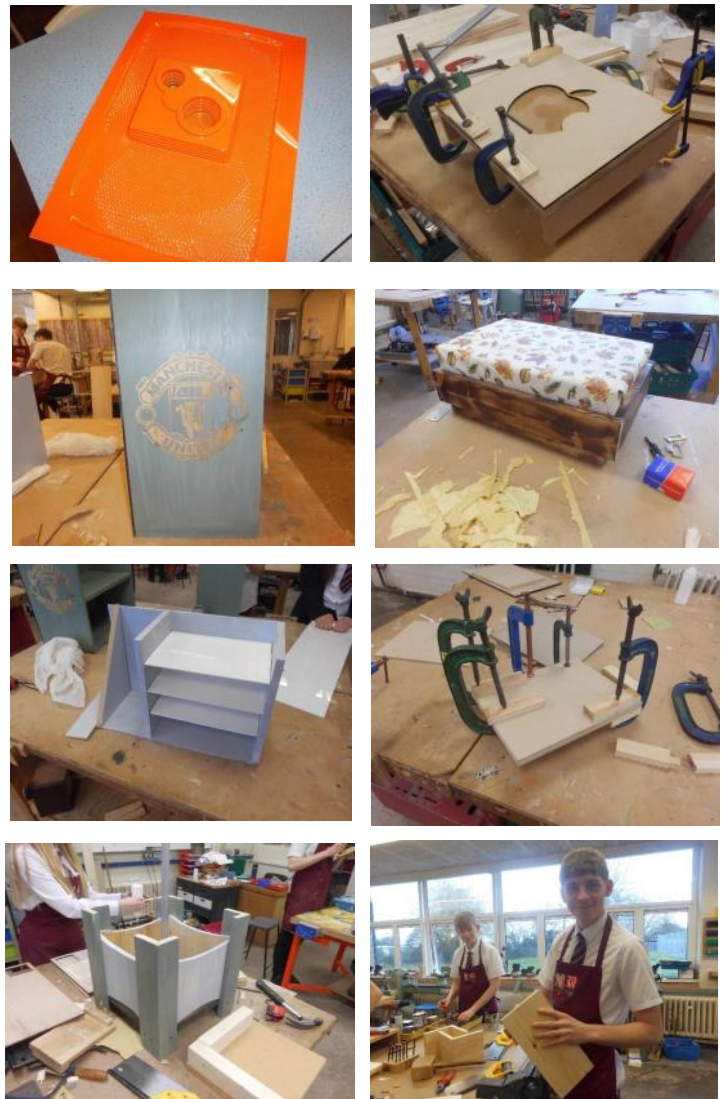
We're hoping to repeat this before the summer holidays with Year 9 students who have chosen Hospitality and Catering at KS4.



YEAR 11 D&T COURSEWORK

Year 11 Design & Technology students have been making their final projects since February.

The coursework is worth 50% of the entire GCSE. Here is a selection of photos of work in progress for your viewing pleasure.



TEAMTECH

YEAR 12

Year 12 are currently making foot stools, using a variety of hardwoods and joining techniques.



KS4 HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

It has been fantastic to have some many students choose Hospitality and Catering, with a staggering four groups in Year 10 and two groups who moved up to Year 11. Two hour cooking lessons enable students to practise more challenging cooking and presentation skills.



Year 7 Bird Boxes

It has been great hearing from Year 7 and Year 8 about the successful bird nests that have taken place in gardens around the area.

During February half term we put some more boxes up on the school site, taking it to 12 in total. No sign of any bird action yet though!

KS3 FOOD AND NUTRITION



Year 8 and 9 have been demonstrating some amazing plate presentation skills for a chocolate biscuit.

Year 7 created playful pancakes.

Parents — We love seeing students having a second go at recipes at home. Please make sure you share photos of any recipes your children make at home.





■ TEAM GREEN

Our KS3 and KS4 eco group have started an environmental review of the school, looking at what our current strengths and weaknesses are in terms of sustainability. This will guide us in planning projects to improve biodiversity, waste and global citizenship across the school and achieve eco schools status.

'Team Green' hosted a successful meeting with the town Mayor Cllr Lesley Millard and Mandy Wallington from Somerset Wildlife Trust on Wednesday 22nd February. They discussed how our projects can have a wider impact on the local community, as well as the sustainability action plan for Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge.

■ NEW POST 16 COURSE

We are excited to announce the upcoming launch of our post 16 course called Applied Science. The course will cover aspects of Biology, Chemistry and Physics and will be accessible to many students currently in Year 11.

■ NEW GCSE REVISION RESOURCE

The Science Department has launched a new revision resource for all GCSE students to support them with their revision. It is called **Butler's Revision**.









To access this new resource students can find it on Google Classroom, Class Charts and by using the link below.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1o_izo8MqE2N8JEewCyHaU_BASU47ko83Z612yL_ZZTik/edit#gid=291380884

Butler's Revision	
Hello Here you will find some useful resources to help you revise and succeed in GCSE Science. Red- go here to start revising Green- these are useful documents (See also 'useful' tab at bottom of page) Dr. Butler	
Year 11 Combined Science Everyone apart from set 1	
Click on tabs at the bottom of this page to start revising	
Exam specification	This shows exactly what you will be examined on.
Physics equation sheet	This is the equation sheet which you will be given in your exam. You don't need to learn it but you do need to learn how to use it.
Year 11 Separate Science Set 1 only	
Click on tabs at the bottom of this page to start revising <small>You will need to learn the 'Separates only' tab as well</small>	
Exam specification- Biology	This shows exactly what you will be examined on
Exam specification- Chemistry	
Exam specification- Physics	
Physics equation sheet	This is the equation sheet which you will be given in your exam. You don't need to learn it but you do need to learn how to use it.

READING

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S READING AT HOME?

-  Sharing your experiences about why reading is important for life and work, whilst being mindful not to add to any negative feelings, can help children to see that everyone struggles with certain things but it's worth persevering.
-  Avoid reading being seen as a chore through requests such as 'if you read for 15 minutes, you can...'. Whilst this may work for some young people, it is unlikely to lead to reading being seen as an enjoyable activity.
-  Research by the National Literacy Trust showed that reading for pleasure increased during the 2020-2021 lockdowns; one of the reasons young people gave for this was having the time to read and having fewer distractions. This would suggest that helping your child to balance their time and factor reading into their schedule in a quiet environment would be beneficial.
-  Help your child to be proactive in their wider reading. For example, if they are covering World War II, explore age-appropriate texts on this through poetry, online articles or novels.
-  Take an interest in what they're reading and studying at school by reading around topics as well so that you can engage in discussion about their texts/areas of learning, whilst modelling an interest in reading.
-  Help your child to experience feeling successful with reading. Praise and encourage them, whilst showing interest in what they've read.
-  Support your child with selecting age-appropriate texts for them to read for pleasure, rather than only encouraging them to read for schoolwork.
-  Often younger children enjoy reading with their parents and their interest wanes when it becomes an independent activity and they no longer share a connection with someone over a book. Read with them or listen to audiobooks together as a family.



EASTER READING



Please see below for a selection of book recommendations that cover a range of reading ages and topics of interest which your child may like to read. Please note that the texts are suitable from Year 7 and up, but please do research the books before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child.

Whatever you and your child choose to read, we hope you enjoy it!



The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander

Eleven-year-old Kofi Offin has dreams of water, of its urgent whisper that beckons with promises and secrets. He has heard the call on the banks of Upper Kwanta, where he lives. He loves these things above all else: his family, the fireside tales of his father's father, a girl named Ama, and, of course, swimming. But when the unthinkable – a sudden death – occurs during a festival between rival villages, Kofi ends up in a fight for his life. What happens next will send him on a harrowing journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves. Yet Kofi's dreams may be the key to his freedom...



Keeper by Alan Gibbons

New boy Shane Logan has a temper, but he's also a talented goalie. When Peter and his friends invite Shane to join their football team, he delivers a star performance in the first match. But Shane's not the only one who makes an impression. Hanging over him like a shadow is his dad, Mick, who yells orders and insults from the side lines. What is Mick's problem? And why does Shane seem afraid of him? The more Peter gets to know Shane, the more he worries that something is wrong...



The Terror of Hilltop House by Dan Smith

When Pete, Krish and Nancy read a story in the local paper about weird gunk being found in a field where sheep have gone missing next to Hilltop House, they're sure there's a mystery to be investigated. The new research farm at Hilltop is working on the creation of new bio-fuels, but when a storm knocks out the power in the local area and something escapes from the farm, it's clear that the research has gone horribly wrong ... Can the brave trio save the village in their most terrifying adventure yet?



WHERE'S WALLY?

Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated in our successful Where's Wally? World Book Day 2023!

In conjunction with World Book Day, we recently held our very first Preloved Book Fair. Thank you to everyone who donated books – we had a wide range of genres and authors to choose from.

Amazingly, nearly a whole Conference Room full of books was nearly empty by the end of the day, which means lots of students and staff have plenty to read over the upcoming Easter holidays!

Due to the success of the book fair, we are looking to expand and restock our preloved books. Please feel free to donate any used books to the school – watch this space for the next book fair date.



SPORTS HALL



After a number of months without the Sports Hall or Fitness Suite we finally have these facilities back in circulation. Staff and students have adapted so well to having limited space and as a Department we are really excited for the future plans of this building and we are already enjoying delivering our lessons in what is now a fantastic space.

SPORTS CAPTAINS

In both February and March, TKASA hosted Primary School X-Country events. For these events, the year 7 and 8 Sports Captains assisted by marshalling and stewarding. The Sports Captains were fantastic throughout, with many of the Primary School teachers commenting on their willingness to aid and assist, as well as their kind and friendly nature. Over 400 Primary School students participated in the events, and it would not have been a success without the support of the Sports Captains.

Well done to all Sports Captains involved, you are a credit to TKASA.



PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENTS



Throughout term 3 & 4 TKASA hosted many Primary School events which were run by some of the Sixth Form Sport students. Throughout the events there were sessions which focused on skills involved in Tag Rugby and Netball, followed by a competitive element.

Throughout the sessions, the Sixth Form students were excellent, developing their leadership and communication skills towards younger students.

It has been great to have so many different Primary Schools experiencing TKASA and the vast facilities we have. Well done to all involved!



BADMINTON

Since the beginning of the year Badminton has experienced a great turn out of numbers which have been consistent every week. The improved access to the sports hall facilities after its closure for refurbishment has further enhanced the number of students participating in the club.

By having a recreational sport club it has allowed students from KS3 to develop new skills and to apply them in friendly badminton games. It has been wonderful to oversee the club.

FOOTBALL

Year 7

The Year 7 footballers have conducted themselves fantastically well in their first few rounds of fixtures. They have represented the school professionally and have been a pleasure to take to their fixtures. They have been playing against all the other schools across the county at central venues in 7-a-side tournaments. We have had over 20 students represent the school football team so far this year.

Year 8

Year 8 Football club has proved very popular this year with anywhere between 20 and 30 students looking to improve their football skills every week. The students who have had the opportunity to represent their school in our away fixtures have done so proudly. However, it was great to be able to host some home fixtures on 9th March where 26 players turned up and played brilliantly! Special thanks to our Sixth Formers, Josh and Kieron, who kept the Football club running even when Mr Harris was taking some students to away games. I know the players appreciate it.



Year 9

Our Year 9's have had a very promising start to the year. We have had a great turnout to training each week since Christmas with everyone showing a great level of enthusiasm. The boys gained a hard fought 1-0 win against West Somerset in the County Cup before we were drawn to play Millfield School. Although the boys battled well in the game, unfortunately Millfield grabbed the win. It has been a real pleasure to witness the passion and commitment shown by every pupil that has involved themselves in our games so far. We have an upcoming futsal tournament and fixtures against other local schools to look forward to.



Year 10

Although Year 10 results have been a mixed bag, there is no doubting the talent we have in the year group. Unfortunately, our County Cup run was halted prematurely away in a very close game at Millfield. However, the team has bounced back, especially in our recent Sedgemoor Futsal tournament at BCA.

Year 11

In their last year of TKASA football, the Year 11 football team were unfortunately knocked out of the County Cup by Millfield, but have continued to work tirelessly in their other fixtures to improve and achieve a positive outcome. Playing against other schools across the county has allowed the players to test their skills and resilience against lots of other players. They have been an outstanding group of players who have brought a lot of happiness to TKASA and are completing an enjoyable experience.

NETBALL

Year 7

Netball has been a huge success this year. Every week the girls have shown enthusiasm, commitment and determination to their training. Attendance has been incredible every week, in which we have been able to enter 2 teams to every fixture. The girls' knowledge and skills have developed tremendously over this learning cycle, and they have been an absolute pleasure to coach! The squad always carry themselves professionally, and respectfully during fixtures, and come win or lose, they learn from their experiences, and always enjoy themselves. I am very proud of all of you, WELL DONE!

Year 8

The Year 8 Netball team have been an absolute delight to take this season. They are an incredibly kind and thoughtful group of students. Their knowledge of the game, positions and tactics has developed greatly this season and they have enjoyed all the central venue tournaments they have taken part in. Well Done!



Year 9

The Year 9 Netball team have excelled in many areas throughout the season. They all have been committed to training, developing their understanding of tactics and positional play. During competitions, they have had fantastic teamwork with plenty of enthusiasm, which has resulted in winning many games. All of the girls involved should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved this season, it has been a pleasure to see the group develop.



YOUR TIME INITIATIVE

The girls involved in this initiative are making excellent progress through their learning modules. They have explored competitive sporting events, participated in research about understanding their participants, and have had opportunities to reflect on their own skills and qualities. Currently, the girls are well underway of planning and organising their competitive sporting event.

ROSSLYN PARK NATIONAL SCHOOL 7s



12 Year Nine Students headed to The Rosslyn Park National School 7s Rugby Tournament, the world's largest rugby tournament with some 9,500 boys and girls aged 13 – 19 competing annually from over 800 schools. There are now well over 1,100 matches on the 5 groups of pitches.

Handed a tough pool with two power house Welsh schools in the form of Whitchurch High School, whose alumni include former Wales and British Lions Rugby Captain Sam Warburton, International Footballer Gareth Bale and Olympic Gold Medallist and Tour de France Winner Geraint Thomas and Brynteg school from Bridgend who have current Welsh Internationals Josh Navidi, Rhys Webb as well as 1970s Welsh Rugby Royalty in the great JPR Williams in their Old Boy network.

Whitchurch High, showed their class and prowess against our novices but Team TKASA rallied to score the final points of the game, they then ran Brynteg very close, losing by just three points. Having learnt a great deal in the first two games the boys went out on a high with victory over Birkenhead School in our final pool game.

During the trip we had a very special supporter, former TKASA teacher and now Dubai resident Emma Andrews nee Nation was in attendance as her daughter and son were playing in the festival representing Dubai College.

Thank you to Brendan Steer of Holley and Steer Solicitors for your sponsorship and ongoing support.



Mr Shepherd and Mrs Andrews



CROSS COUNTRY

12 students across Years 7 and 8 travelled to Kings College Taunton to represent TKASA in the annual cross-country championships. The students; Amara Gamwell, Sky Denahay, XP, MT, Ellis Cook, Elena Carey, Phoebe Poole, Thomas Cook, FB, Eddie Garret and Theo Evans, competed very well in freezing conditions and were true ambassadors of our school. Competing against some of the most prestigious schools in the county, our students worked incredibly hard and enjoyed the experience.



PRELOVED PROM

It has been a busy few months in the Preloved Prom shop, we have accepted lots of new donations and would like to thank the local community for their support.

We opened to the public over February half term and had 3 families visit in the first five minutes. We raised around £100 and look forward to opening again over the Easter break.

Year 11 students from TKASA have been coming in on Tuesdays after school and many outfits have been reserved as prom fast approaches.

If you would like to borrow an outfit for a prom or any other formal event please email us on preloved@tkasa.org.uk and we can book you an appointment. We have been thrilled to welcome families from within The TPLT but also from Kings of Wessex and other local schools.



We are always looking to accept new donations and these can be dropped to Main Reception. Due to an influx of recent donations we are in desperate need of hangers, if you have any tucked away in the corner of a wardrobe gathering dust we would love to put them to use.

Our Preloved stars Katie and Lyla received Hero awards on Monday 6th March for all of their hard work in Preloved Prom. We are incredibly proud of them for all that they do and their dedication to the cause.

We have some exciting discussions currently underway around some summer events. Watch this space and make sure you follow us on Facebook for updates. <https://www.facebook.com/TKASAPreloved>



Photos from February half term - A very satisfying spring clean and our first public open day of 2023!



What a great day! The sunshine has unfortunately disappeared but the donations pot is up £100 and some dresses have gone off for another adventure 🥳

It has been lovely to have visitors from KOW and PCSA
Remember to email preloved@tkasa.org.uk if you have any questions or would like to book to visit us





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 areas, 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



TKASA communication and finance system.

If you have not yet registered please contact the school for the enrolment details

Label it!

Please label items so we can return lost property!

Especially water bottles, ties, blazers, jumpers and PE kit!

Any unclaimed items will be used to help those who need it or recycled.

**To claim any lost property please contact the school.
Thank you!**

Support Signposts

We understand that the cost of living crisis is affecting so many people, and so we have pulled together some links across North Somerset and Somerset, with the aim of signposting available support.

If you are reading this online please click the QR code to go to the website or alternatively scan the code.



MEDICAL REQUESTS AND REMINDERS

Don't forget to update the school on any medical conditions your child may have.

The only medication we keep in the school for students to use is paracetamol in tablet form.

If your child requires any other medication during school e.g. inhaler, hay fever medication, Calpol then please bring these into school at the beginning of the new term and complete a medication form at reception.

If your child has brought home any blue gel ice packs or purple fleece heat packs this year please return them to the school.

If you have any outgrown/unwanted uniform e.g. trousers, skirts, shirts, PE kit or new tights and new underwear please consider donating them for the medical room. These items are a real help to students in emergency situations.

Have a safe and happy holiday!
Mrs Butler

TERM DATES 2023/24

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Academic Year 2023—2024



TERM 1	Monday 4 September—Friday 13 October 2023 Monday, 4th and Tuesday 5th September Friday, 13th October 2023 are Staff Training Days
TERM 2	Starts Monday 30 October 2023 Ends Wednesday 20 December 2023
TERM 3	Starts Thursday 4 January 2024 Ends Friday 9 February 2024
TERM 4	Starts Monday 19 February 2024 Ends Thursday 28 March 2024
TERM 5	Starts Monday 15 April 2024 Ends Friday 24 May 2024
TERM 6	Starts Monday 3 June 2024 Ends Wednesday 24 July 2024