

What's Happening at TKASA...?

18th January 2019

Newsletter



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Again, this week we have some fantastic student achievements to celebrate at The King Alfred School Academy (TKASA). Thank you to all the students involved. You make us very **proud**.

Message from Mr Jenkins (Principal- TKASA)

I write to you at the start of the first term of 2019. This is going to be an exciting term as we look forward to the future for all our students here at The King Alfred School Academy. It has been very much business as usual here at school where I have had the privilege of visiting your children in classes to see at first-hand how their learning is progressing. It has been a particular pleasure of mine to see children actively learning and engaged in their work.

For those parents and carers who have children in Year 11, you will know that the exams are coming up on the horizon. Preparations for exams continue here at school. We are introducing revision sessions for Year 11 students in school at the end of the school day and I hope to see as many students as possible take advantage of this time to meet with teachers and gain support in study time. Further details will be available from Miss Charles.

The Sixth Form Open Evening is nearly upon us – further details are in this edition. Even if you have visited college, please come along and find out more about the Sixth Form here at school. There will be an opportunity to speak to teachers, and find out from former students why they chose sixth form here at school & ask them what they are doing now. You will also be able to find out more about subjects and how they work, find out about extra-curricular activities and the support at Sixth Form, including support to plan your next steps Post 18 and into higher education.

We held our second Parent Forum this week. This time we had some great discussions on homework and school life. I value parent voice hugely and I see this as great opportunity for me to link with parents and carers alike.

As always, if you have any queries regarding school, we would be pleased to hear from you, please either phone the main school number or email info@tkasa.org.uk. It only leaves me to thank you for your continued support to school and to wish you all a very happy new year.

Message from Mr Milford (Deputy Principal – TKASA)

I hope all students, parents and carers had a lovely Christmas and New Year. It has been a busy start to Term 3 as we enter the second half of Learning Cycle 2. Students have returned looking smart and keen to learn, which is encouraging.

I would like to mention the assemblies we are delivering to the students this term, across all five-year groups. We will be covering several key topics with many of the assemblies being delivered by students themselves alongside Heads of Year and other staff.

Throughout January and February, we will be focusing our assemblies on racial literacy, the Holocaust, Child Mental Health Week, Sixth Form Charity Week and our Attendance Awards assembly. Assemblies are an important part of the day when we can bring whole year groups together to focus on important and thought provoking subjects. Every term we cover a variety of areas and this term is no different.

It promises to be a busy and productive two terms leading up to Easter. We are all looking forward to continuing the high standards we set in 2018 and taking them through the coming year.

Message from Mr. Neville Coles (Executive Principal – TPLT)

<https://www.tkasa.org.uk/news/2019/1/18/term-3-update-for-parents-and-carers>

Please click on the above link to see an update for Term 3 from Neville Coles – Executive Principal. Newsletter also available online.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

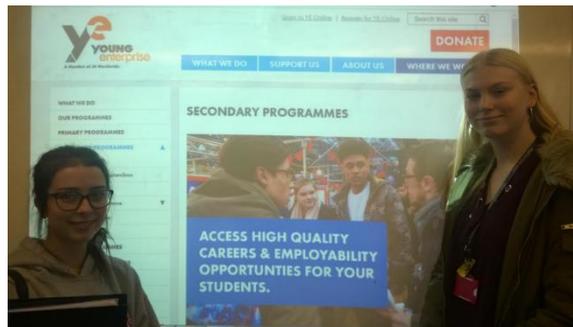
Sixth Form Open Evening

An open invitation for all prospective Sixth Form students and their parents and carers. Wednesday 23rd January 2018 6.00pm – 7.30pm.

Sixth Form News

The forthcoming Sixth Form Open Evening is a great chance for Year 11 students and their parents to become acquainted with our new A Level curriculum. Starting at 6.00pm in the Main Hall on Wednesday 23rd January, the evening will highlight the new subjects on offer in our successful Sixth Form. Specialist teachers and current & former A level students will be on hand to answer questions while Year 11 students will receive new welcome packs and subject information brochures. The Sixth Form enjoys an excellent reputation across Somerset and with our new subjects on offer we look forward to welcoming a large audience of Year 11 students who share our high aspirations.

The **Sixth Form Young Enterprise Company - Jaraholic** - leaders **Charlotte Barton** and **Charlotte Small** (in photo) will be selling their successful gift product at the eat:Vegan Weston-super-Mare Vegan food and drink festival on Saturday 26th January. Based at the Winter Gardens, the festival offers visitors the chance to meet members of the Jaraholic company and to buy their unique gift jars; there will also be dozens of local and regional food and drink producers so make it a family day-out!



The **Sixth Form Committee** have organised an exciting programme of events for Charity Week this year that starts from Monday 11th February. The Sixth Form students will be leading assemblies from Monday 28th January to promote the events and raise awareness of the local charities that will benefit from the generosity of the Burnham and Highbridge communities.

We are happy to announce that **Nina Randall** and **Jemima Johnson** have been accepted onto the prestigious 'Lessons from Auschwitz' programme run by the Holocaust Educational Trust. The Year 12 students will be meeting a Holocaust survivor before visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland. On their return, they will be leading assemblies for younger students on the theme of democracy, human rights, diversity and tolerance.

Good luck to Sixth Form students who will be sitting their PPE exams during the week starting Monday 21st January: do your best!

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The next 2 terms are the busy ones preparing for the summer expedition. Below is the list of dates for the training, practice and actual expeditions:

Saturday, 2nd March 2019	Training in School
Sunday, 3rd March 2019	Training Hill Walk
Saturday, 30th March 2019	Second Hill Walk
Saturday and Sunday 27th – 28th April 2019	Practice Expedition
Friday (evening) to Sunday 7th – 9th June 2019	Actual Expedition

We hope the participants can attend all of these but if there are any problems please do not worry, they can come and see Mr Aldred in the Library during break, lunch or after school on Mondays or contact him on paldred@tkasa.org.uk to discuss.

As previously advised, there is an additional charge of £75 for the expedition section to be paid by **Monday, 1st April 2019**. You can pay this online or by cash/cheque via Student Reception.

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