

### **BE PROUD**

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

Congratulations to Colette Evans, who has just gained her orange belt in kickboxing. This is a fantastic achievement and she is well on her way to the famed black belt. Well done Colette!

### **The Priory Learning Trust (TPLT) - an update from Mr Coles and Mrs Hurr**

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded £1.2million from the Department for Education Condition Improvement Fund to carry out major works on the flat roofs of the school buildings. This work will likely start in mid-October and take around 6 months to complete. This additional funding will make a considerable difference to our students and the learning environment we are able to provide for them.

### **Auschwitz Trip**

39 students and 4 staff visited Krakow during the first weekend of the Easter holiday. Students listened to a harrowing story from a survivor before visiting Auschwitz Birkenau to see the site of the atrocities committed by the Nazis during the Second World War. During this visit Nina Randall from Year 11 lit a memorial candle near the site of the Birkenau gas chambers; this was done in remembrance of the countless millions of lives lost.

Students also visited the Schindler factory and learnt about the history of Krakow through the story of Oscar Schindler. Visits like this take place because staff like Mr Ellis, Mr Ladd, Mr McBride and Miss Fisher were willing to give up their time, which they are delighted to do, so that students can gain such a valuable life experience. Planning for the 2019 trip has already begun so History and RS students in Year 10 should look out for more details coming soon.



### **Prefects Update**

Following the exciting training session before the Easter holiday, we are pleased to announce that over 80 new prefects, from the current Year 10, have been appointed this year. The students will receive a letter to confirm their appointment in the next couple of days and we intend to hold a celebration afternoon to congratulate the students on their success. Further details regarding specific roles will be finalised later this half term. Congratulations to all the new prefects - they should be very **proud**!



### **Tutor Evenings**

The first of our Spring Tutor Evenings took place this week, with the next taking place next week, on 19th April. Letters were issued to individual parents and carers before the Easter Holiday. This is a vital chance to meet with your child's Tutor to discuss their general progress, as well as allowing you to discuss their latest report in detail. This week's event was very busy and feedback from parents and carers was very positive. Research has shown that meetings between parents and staff are a key part in improving student outcomes (both academically and pastorally) and

Tutors have a holistic picture of your child's progress which enables them to help and support them. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing the remainder of parents/carers next Thursday.

### **DofE**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is now in full swing across the school. Just before the Easter break Year 9 underwent their Bronze Award training focusing on First Aid to camp cooking; information about their Practice Expedition has been given to students, ready for the expedition on 28th and 29th April. Many of you may also have also spotted some of our DofE students showing off their skills on BBC Points West over the holidays – well done all involved! Any students who want to get involved or are already involved and need help organising or signing off any of their requirements please do find Mr Aldred or Ms Harvey for help.



### **Site Entry And Visitors To Site**

A reminder that all adults visiting the school now need to do so via the new Reception located next to the coach bay car park. Please follow the new signage and park in the car park next to the 6th Form Block where there are allocated visitors parking spaces for school users. Students who arrive after the start of the school day or who need to leave during the school day will also be using this Reception. If you need to visit the school for any reason please use the new Reception as the old Reception will be for students only. Thank you for your support in this matter.



### **Year 11 GCSEPod Revision Resource**

Before the Easter holiday we provided students in Year 11 with login details for GCSEPod.

GCSEPod has over 5,000 teacher-written, audio-visual pods which have been produced specifically for learning, homework and revision. The Pods contain all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success. They won't need to use GCSEPod for long to see the impact; in fact, consistent use of just 10-minute chunks is proven to support your child's progress.



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**HOW TO LOGIN:**

- 1) Go to [www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com) and click LOGIN
- 2) Click NEW HERE? GET STARTED!
- 3) Enter your child's details and confirm the name of the school they attend
- 4) Create a username and password

GCSEPod can be viewed on mobiles, tablets and PCs and the Pods can be downloaded for offline viewing. The Pods are mapped to the curriculum and students can access pre-set exam playlists which collate all the Pods relevant to a specific exam into a neatly organised list.

Once your child has activated their account they can browse the Pod library and create their own playlists – just as they would when they're listening to music. We recommend that you discuss GCSEPod with your son or daughter to

ensure that they have successfully activated their accounts and encourage them to make use of this service throughout their GCSEs.

Once logged in, students can search for Pods by keyword, a specific exam or subject area. For more ways you can help support your child using GCSEPod, visit [www.gcsepod.com/parents](http://www.gcsepod.com/parents) where you'll find lots more information and resources.