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The first two terms of the school year have really flown by – it seems it was only yesterday when we returned from the two-week October break; because of this system and as you will know there will be no more ‘one-off’ INSET days this year across our Trust. To keep up with all our news please do follow our schools on Twitter – we have lots of ‘news and views’ on Twitter and we also have our excellent website – <https://goodnewspost.co.uk/>. Here you will find all the great things we have been involved with from September to December; such as visiting COP26, our Remembrance Day activities and the Sovereign Centre Art Exhibition – there is a picture above. Please do have a look – we have been very busy.

We have been moving forward quickly with more site development thinking – for example, we have planned our ‘**Appropriate Provision Centres**’ (APCs) which will hopefully be in place for September 2022. These two new centres will meet the needs of more of our learners in a more appropriate way – behaviourally, socially and emotionally. We are also working on plans to relocate the Priory Pre-School (currently at PCSA) to our Castle Batch site. This will be branded as ‘**Little Learners @Castle Batch**’ and will be set up in the same way as our current provision. We are very fortunate to be in a really strong financial position to make all these projects happen; our end of year accounts showed again some very healthy reserves. All our reserves are now ‘pooled’ centrally to allow these bigger projects to happen more easily. Great work by our central finance team and especially by our Chief Operations Officer – Mark Antoine.

Our main aim into 2022 will be to again relentlessly focus on excellent classroom practice across all our schools – sometimes called ‘quality first teaching’.

This is the main route for our children in ‘catching up’ for any lost learning – effective teaching and effective feedback in classrooms has always been the key to educational success. Mr. Jenkins (Head of School Improvement) and Mrs. Dadds (Deputy Head of School Improvement) are continuing to work very closely with all our Principals to drive our schools forward – even with, and despite the pandemic. You might not be aware, but we have three excellent ‘Directors of Subject’ – Mrs. Sharon Goddard-Lock (Maths), Mrs. Louise Daniels (Science) and Mr. Tom Walker (English) – these



superb colleagues work across all our TPLT schools on curriculum development and assessment. They also coach our subject leaders and get involved in coaching great classroom practice. In recent times they have also been directly teaching within our schools. We also have a brilliant central Director of Careers in Mr. James Wilmot; we are very passionate in the view that effective careers education is a right for all students across TPLT. Careers Education is a real strength of TPLT. So, we have a really strong team of school improvement professionals working alongside our school leaders. Some people news; in Term 1 we were delighted to appoint **Mr. Dan Milford** as the substantive and permanent Principal at TKASA. Dan has previously worked with us at WCSA and will continue the great work at TKASA into the future. He has recently been our Acting Principal at TKASA. Lastly, and on a personal note I will be moving on from TPLT at the end of March 2022 after around 20 years working in W-s-M at PCS, PCSA and latterly as CEO of TPLT. Our Trust Board (Governing Body led by our Chair Katie Dominy) will be taking the lead and appointing a new CEO in due course; it will be an exciting time for all. This will clearly bring another perspective that I am sure will take TPLT into the next stage of its development. The future is very, very bright. I end by noting we have already recruited another 28 colleagues to ‘train to teach’ within our Trust next year. We are very much a ‘doing’ Trust – many of these great new colleagues will stay with us and then teach our children in North Somerset and Somerset.

Please have a great Christmas break and once again – **thank you** for all your super support.
Best wishes,

Neville Coles

CEO and Accounting Officer - The Priory Learning Trust



■ MR. DAN MILFORD Principal

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the TKASA newsletter. I am delighted to write to you in what is my first newsletter as Principal. In my last newsletter, in the summer, we were still in 'bubbles' and movement around the site was restricted. Fortunately, since the start of September, this has not been the case and I have to say it has been a great start to the academic year.

It is always brilliant to see the students arrive in their smart uniforms, ready to learn, making progress in all their subject areas and contributing to all the wider aspects of school life through period 6 enrichment activities. This term has been a busy one, and it has been great to see students 'unbubbled' and able to walk around the school site to experience their lessons in dedicated classrooms. In the following pages, you will be hearing from subject leaders, pastoral staff as well as support staff. I particularly enjoy seeing the photos as they remind me of the vast array of opportunities we provide for our great students here at TKASA.

I have been overwhelmed by the support we get from our local community. A particular mention goes to The Royal British Legion for their support to our school, it was great to share our remembrance service with them and then to take part in the annual parade. We were also pleased to welcome them back along with Burnham and Highbridge Mayor, Cllr Mark Facey, who switched on our Christmas lights.

I receive many emails and speak to parents regularly on the phone, as well as meeting parents in person. Often, ideas and improvements come from our parents and we welcome suggestions. Indeed, I enjoyed our "Meet the Principal Forum" session which we ran a few weeks ago, where we had the opportunity to discuss various aspects of school life and how we can all work together for the benefit of our children.

This term, we have held our PPEs in exam conditions, including a 'results day' where students were given their PPE results at the same time, thus preparing them for Results Day proper. We believe this 'dry run' will inspire them to achieve their potential. Site improvements have continued this term and I was very pleased to see the addition of canopies around the school which will help to provide shelter in inclement weather. We will continue to improve the facilities at TKASA year on year.

It has also been great to welcome students into the Sixth Form, several coming from out of town, travelling to us from Weston, Bridgwater and other areas. Our Sixth Form continues to grow year on year and the success of our sixth form students is something to celebrate. Students who left us last July are now at universities all over the country, from Oxford and Cambridge and many other Russell Group establishments, to many students securing places on very competitive apprenticeships and career pathways.

My favourite part of the day though, is spent with the students both in the classroom, and out and about at social times. A particular favourite time of mine is Friday breaktime, when I present my 'Student of the Week' awards to students who have worked particularly hard, made a difference in school that week, have supported their local community, represented the school, raised money for charity or have achieved lots of praise points for excellent work.

You will see inside this newsletter the many activities that your children are a part of and I hope you will enjoy reading all about school life this term at TKASA.

Finally, following 2021 being another challenging year for us all, may I take this opportunity of wishing you a Happy Christmas and best wishes for a healthy and positive 2022; please enjoy some rest and relaxation with family and friends.

Dan Milford

Principal





MR. WITTS
Vice Principal

Well our students are brilliant. That's it, that's the sentence. There really is no end to all the instances across this term that have made me step back and feel proud of their aptitude and kindness to others. Whether that is the quiet determination of a KS3 student sitting in homework support trying to grasp some difficult vocabulary, a KS4 student tackling their PPE with such maturity or simply our students being so cognisant of each other's wellbeing and working together.

It's clear that our students really are the engine that drives our school. There are times throughout this term that have been challenging for different members of our community for all sorts of reasons, I know, with complete confidence that in each of these instances there will be a student at our school that has helped that student/teacher/support staff through the day.

Many of you will know that we pride ourselves at TKASA on having a broad curriculum that provides students with a range of experiences throughout their time here, whether that's studying a language or taking part in a musical performance. This term our students had all sorts of really unique learning experiences.

Our Drama students, for instance, had the amazing opportunity to be one of only 15 schools in the country that took part in a live Q&A with the cast of the west end hit musical Hamilton. The feedback from the cast of Hamilton was yet another reminder of the maturity and high standards of the conduct of our community and really something to be proud of.

Our year 7 students got their first taste of secondary design technology lessons. Getting students into the workshop, 'unbubbled' and building their own Bird house has been brilliant. Students sometimes join us, unsure of their ability to use tools that they are unfamiliar with and with the great support and teaching from our staff to see students believing in their ability and creating a fantastic piece of practical work is a core part of what we do at TKASA.

This term has also seen us roll out virtual parents evening after a pilot in the summer. We know how much learning conversations were missed over the pandemic and it's so great to hear all the positive feedback around this new format. We are however not naive to the fact that this is a new format and will need to be tweaked and developed. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any feedback so that we can continue to make these conversations as effective as possible.





STUDENT UNION

Congratulations to our new 6th Form Student Union, led very well by President Joe Fountain and Vice President Izzy Simmons; Mollie Croker has joined the team to work on social events and she is helping to organise the Y13 Prom for 2022.

SPOTLIGHT

We launched our new 6th Form magazine this term. 'Spotlight' was founded by Y13 students Jacob Kemp, Abigail Dowell, Samara Sivitar, Amy Taylor, Ben England and Robin Rosser and includes topical articles on world issues and information on universities and apprenticeships.



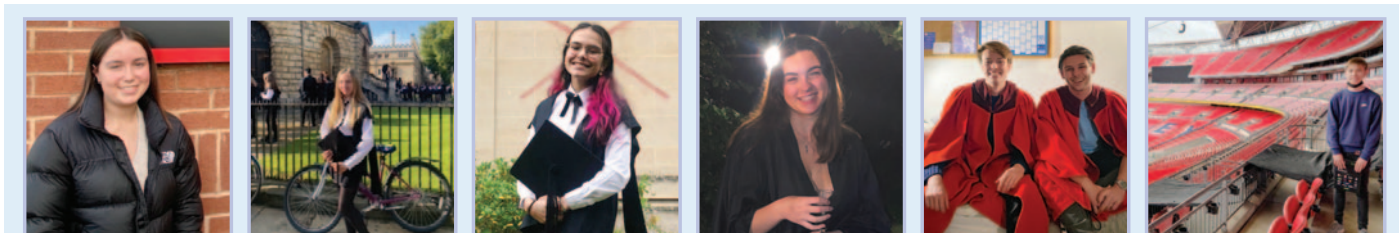
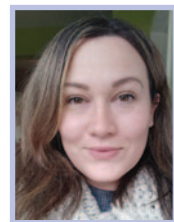
HE+ PROGRAMME

Twenty Y12 students have been invited to participate in the prestigious HE+ Programme led by the University of Cambridge: students benefit from participating in online lectures in their chosen subjects, workshops on admissions assessments and making competitive applications to leading UK universities and at least ten students will be invited to participate in a residential trip to Cambridge next July where they will enjoy a tour of the city and stay in university accommodation at Trinity Hall College.



MISS LIBBY SILMON

This academic year we have welcomed our new colleague Miss Libby Silmon who is the new Y12 Learning Mentor. Miss Silmon is very experienced at working with this age group and she will be supporting our Y12s with all aspects of their academic progress and wellbeing.



FORMER STUDENTS

After a fantastic set of A level results from the incredible Class of 2021, it's been lovely to receive news that they're all having a great time at some outstanding universities or on terrific apprenticeship programmes: Tilly Lawrence visited the 6th Form to talk about her new life at King's College London ("The best decision of my life") while Chloe Purchase and Grace Thomas delivered excellent talks on their degree apprenticeships in mental health and law respectively. Receiving matriculation photographs of our three students who went up to Oxford and Cambridge was also a

highlight this term: Abbie Bryant is reading Biology at Wadham College, Oxford and Natasha White is reading Theology and Philosophy at Regent's Park College, Oxford while Katie Clarke is reading Geography at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

We're also delighted to hear that Owen Channon and Ben Youd are having a wonderful time studying Economics at St Andrews: the UK's number 1 university according to The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide. We also enjoyed hearing from Archie Mills who is based at Wembley Stadium in London studying Football, Media and Journalism.



■ SOCIOLOGY SOCIETY

Sociology Society was launched for 6th form students in September with a cake and conversation session with Katie Clarke, who achieved an A* in A level sociology this summer.

Since then sessions have included:

- Discussion of violence against women and priorities to tackle this
- Advice from Mrs Kaschek on writing a social sciences dissertation
- A review of key perspectives in sociology
- A presentation from Mx Profitt about the importance of having Pride groups in schools
- Discussion of the issues surrounding the Kyle Rittenhouse exoneration in the USA

Sociology students were also involved in a fascinating session during lesson time with Prevention Officer Andrei Nicolaou from Operation Topaz, the Child Criminal and Sexual Exploitation team.



We are grateful to Abi Dowell who has played a vital role in organising Soc Soc sessions and sharing information with students and Kirsten Mylett-Haddley who helped market the society to 6th formers. We are looking for more students to get involved in running this society - please get in touch if interested.



■ [WORLDTOUR] - YOUNG ENTERPRISE COMPANY

The Young Enterprise Society runs the Company Programme where we set up and run our own business. We comprise twelve year 12 students and we aim to produce a successful company which thrives within our chosen market. Within the last month, we have begun to establish a brand for ourselves, assign roles within the business and start to work on developing a product. Our current aims are to produce clothing and apparel which represents a variety of nations around the globe. In order to receive the preferences and ideas of students in TKASA we have recently conducted a survey and the results will help us to produce a successful product range, with an emphasis on sustainability!

We will be using our social media accounts to document our progress as we work to establish the business so please follow us to stay updated: @WORLDTOURYE on Instagram and Twitter.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

This term has seen Y12s enjoy extra-curricular activities:



The Law Society are welcoming guests from the legal sector, including a Taunton solicitor and former AAA A level student from TKASA, Mr Sam Harkness, and preparing to defend and prosecute two criminal cases as part of the Bar Mock Trial competition; the Debating Society, led by Timmy Xu-Britton, participated in the prestigious English Speaking Union's Schools' Mace debating competition, proposing the motion that 'This House would require fathers to take paternity leave'.



The Human Evolution Society, chaired by Olivia Finch, welcomed Ivy League professor Dr. Jeremy DeSilva of Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, who delivered an excellent talk on his new book 'First Steps: How Walking Upright Made Us Human'.



KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

(subject to change)

- **6 January '22:** Y13 Parents Evening
- **7 February:** Deadline for exam boards to publish advance information for all A level exams
- **14-18 Feb:** Y13 PPEs
- **8th March:** HE+ University of Cambridge Conference Day
- **1st-3rd April:** Silver/Gold D of E practice expedition (Exmoor)
- **28 April:** Y12 UCAS Exhibition, Bristol
- **12 May:** Y12 Parents Evening
- **13 June:** Y12 Work Experience Week
- **27 June:** RAG Week
- **1 July:** Y13 Prom, Clifton Pavilion at Bristol Zoo Gardens
- **4 July:** Y12 Enrichment Week
- **4th to 5th July:** HE+ Residential Trip to Trinity Hall College, Cambridge
- **8th-12th July:** Silver/Gold D of E assessed expedition (Wales)
- **18 July:** 6th Form Trip
- **18 August:** A level Results Day

MR HARRIS - HEAD OF YEAR 7

Our 2021 - 2026 cohort have made a fantastic start to their TKASA journeys. We had excellent reports from our feeder primary schools and the students are proving them correct, by making good progress immediately and demonstrating excellent conduct around school. Many have also embraced the fantastic extra-curricular activities that are on offer in school. Activities like these allow students to thrive and feel like they belong. My tutor team is amazing and have worked brilliantly with the students. Here are their end of term reports:

7K MISS DODD

7K have made a brilliant start to school life at King Alfred's. 7K had 6 weeks consistently at the top of the class charts points for the year group, record breaking! Altogether the students have managed to achieve an outstanding total of 11662 positives since 1st September (and counting)! The top 3 students for class charts positives in total are: Amelia H, Natalie and Esme. Amazing work girls! Below are some individual achievements to celebrate:

Well done to Finley who took part in the remembrance service in his scouts' uniform. Well done to Chloe, Charlie and Ayva who have received their bronze award in Science. Theo has moved up a year in South Somerset Football Academy due to his amazing football skills. Curtis is continuing to put lots of effort into his football playing for Burnham Utd under 12s. Andrew enjoys playing for Burnham Rugby Club in his spare time. Esme got a merit in her ballet exam, bravo! Amazing work from both Chloe and Francesca who have taken part in events to raise money for charity. Chloe, alongside her family, raised £1300 for Breast Cancer Now by having a fun day event with a tombola, raffle and cakes! Francesca completed a tapathon where she completed a tap dance routine to raise money for Children in Need.

I thoroughly enjoy welcoming their happy faces to school every morning and I feel proud as a tutor of all their amazing achievements so far.

7I MR ROBINS

It has been a pleasure to get to know 7I since September. It has not been an easy time for anyone, but I am proud of how they have taken on the challenges so far. A special congratulations to: Lincoln Aston on becoming Sports

Captain; Esther Chambers on becoming Tutor Representative; as well as the many other tutees I have seen attending after school sports clubs or other extracurricular activities. You are all contributing to the positive, friendly culture at TKASA. As we move into December I would love to see you all continue with the excellent standard of effort and behaviour in lessons and to see an even greater involvement in after school clubs.

7N MR BAIL

7N have started TKASA fantastically well. Collectively they have dealt with the big changes with maturity and are enjoying secondary school life. I have been a proud tutor on many occasions this term, particularly with the number of 7N students who have attended an extra-curricular club and represented the school against other Sedgemoor schools. This builds on the academic success within the group who are regularly towards the top of the positive behaviour points each week. They are creating a very good learning environment for themselves and their peers, ensuring that they are supportive and confident in class. It has been a challenging but rewarding term and I hope 7N continues to be successful.

7G MR WARD

Wow! I have been blown away by how well the whole of 7G have settled into their TKASA journey. Every single one of them will have been different, but all have showed character and stood in the face of adversity. Special mentions must go to Elsie-may Fellows, Phoebe Poole and Mia Janicka who have all received be proud badges. Furthermore, the top three Class Charts point holders are Mia Janicka (3rd), William Heald (2nd) and Phoebe Poole (1st). Additional mentions must go to the people who represented the tutor group at afterschool clubs/fixtures and to Lucas Course and Emma Hall who participated in this year's talent show. It's been fantastic to teach them for PSHE and see them every morning and afternoon for tutor time and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year where 7G will continue to smash it!

7A MISS LODGE

The pupils in 7A have made a fantastic start to secondary school life at TKASA. All of the pupils have demonstrated an excellent attitude towards their learning, and this is reflected in the group accumulating over 9000 positive points. Congratulations to Ernie for achieving the most points in the group so far! 7A have also shown their



enthusiasm by involving themselves in the wider school community, with many of the students attending extracurricular activities, sports fixtures, talent shows, and others involving themselves in open evenings. Special mentions go to Thomas C who was recently chosen to be a Year 7 Sports Captain and to Beatrix, Louise, and Maisie for their efforts in the school choir performance. 7A have formed a fantastic tutor group who show kindness and support to one another. I am very proud to be their tutor and am looking forward to seeing them flourish even more as the year progresses.

■ 7L MR BARHAM

7L have settled well into TKASA life and I hear good things from teachers around the school. For every negative incident recorded for the class this term there have been 77 positive comments.

It's incredible to think they all only started here in September. The group have listened and followed intently as we have read 'I am David' and we are now onto our second book 'Wonder'.

Members of 7L are up to all of these things and more ... Stage 9 swimming (Annabelle) Cricket, Hockey, Drama Club, Boys and Girls Football, Boys and Girls Rugby, Youth Club, Adventure club, Guides, Rookie Lifeguards, Science Club, Scouts ...

A big up to Isla who represents Somerset at Girls Football and to Matilda for being elected Year 7 Girls Sports Captain.

Happy Christmas 7L!

■ 7F MR SMITH

I have been incredibly impressed and proud of how 7F have settled into life at TKASA.

The feedback from their teachers has been positive. 7F have collected huge amounts of positive points this year and have received numerous Friday positive phone calls

home. This is an incredible achievement which they should be proud of.

One of the highlights for me with 7F was during a history lesson on the feudal system which saw the class act it out to a high level.

Keep up the good work 7F

■ 7R MRS MARTIN AND MR MOORE

7R have made a great start to life at TKASA. Although some have found it harder than others to adjust to Secondary School life, the whole tutor group has settled into TKASA well. Mr Moore and Mrs Martin are very proud of everyone. As a group, they have accumulated over 6550 positive behaviour points since the start of September - a fantastic effort from all. A special mention must go to Finley who has achieved a Headteacher's Award for his outstanding effort. It is great to see so many of the tutor group participating in extracurricular activities within and outside of school. We have had representatives for Hockey (Lily, Laila, Caitlin, Ellen and Phoebe), Rugby (Fin, Neo, Riley D, Riley N, Reece and Alex) and many have taken part in Adventure Club or Science Club (Maise, Olivia and Heidi). We also have a few keen swimmers who take part outside of school (Lily, Ellen, Noah). It is great to see so many pupils who have wider interests to support their academic studies. After a strong start, It is exciting to see how 7R will progress throughout the rest of the year.

Keep up the good work 7R

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Miss Lennox-Gordon, who is leaving us at the end of this term. You have made a huge difference to so many Year 7 students during your time here and you will be missed by all at TKASA. Good luck with your new adventure.

Take care everyone and have a great holiday!



■ MRS PUZEY - HEAD OF YEAR 8

Year 8 have had a wonderful start to the year. I have been so impressed and proud of how well they have adapted to moving around the school site and being in different rooms and groups for the first time at TKASA, after a heavily restricted Year 7 due to covid. One thing I have been most pleased to see is that so many Year 8 students have been taking as many opportunities offered to them as possible, including lots of extra-curricular clubs such as drama club, adventure club, pride group, a variety of sports clubs and many more! Students have had the opportunity to represent TKASA in their first ever set of sports fixtures in Rugby and Hockey and have done us so proud. A number of students have also been selected as Year 8 Sports Captains and Vice Captains, a huge well done to: Tommy Tregale, Jared Baynham, Isabelle Burrow, Venice Winstone, Austin Pike, Harley Poolton, Sydney Jordan and Leah Pike, who I'm sure will do a brilliant job. A massive well done to you all Year 8 for a fantastic start to the year, keep up the good work!

■ 8K MRS WHITEOAK

I was delighted to join 8K as their form tutor in September and have had great fun getting to know each other this term - especially on Fab Fridays! We really enjoyed reading 'A Monster Calls' together as we started our reading programme and were sad to get to the end! We have now started reading The Ruby in the Smoke together, providing us with a great opportunity to look at life in Victorian England during our Thursday afternoon book club sessions.

In September, 8K elected Eleanor Smith as our tutor group representative on the school council. Well done Eleanor! Followed by Leah Pike being successful in her application to be a Sports Captain in November.

A number of 8K students also represented different community groups at the Burnham Remembrance Parade on Remembrance Sunday.

Finally, a big well done to the students below who have been chosen as 8K student of the week since September: Ava Boley, Leah Pike, Antony Ladd, Isobel Lightfoot, Cameron Gammon, Aaron Hill, Freya Watkins, Alfred Bissell, Paris Coles, Liam Puddy.

■ 8I MISS MILFORD

As a tutor group 8I have absolutely smashed their Drama Lessons this term! Having multiple emails from Miss Keeble, the class have shown a huge amount of enthusiasm and commitment to their characterisation and performance skills each lesson

which has been fantastic to hear. In addition to this, twice this term the students have filled the Year 8 board for most positives and great attendance! There have been many sporting achievements with Allysha Major being part of winning the girls rugby for TKASA and Austin and Riley playing for the boys' rugby team in beating Brymore! Aaron won for his National Swimming Club and both Phoebe and Oona have gained many skills in Scouts. Charlie taught French at Bridge Primary School and Alex walked in the Remembrance Service. All fantastic achievements! Many tutor group members have attended after school clubs, helped teachers and family members and I am a very proud tutor. Well done 8I!

■ 8N MISS GROVES AND MR MCBRIDE

As a tutor group we have celebrated many sporting achievements including boy's rugby, represented by Enzo, Ben and Zac, and mixed tag rugby, represented by one of our Y8's Sport Captains, Sydney and fellow tutee Amy! We have seen two of our fantastic students meet with Mr Milford and be awarded with Y8 Student of the Week, well done Alex and Sydney. Furthermore, many of the group have received multiple certificates for their effort in Science (George and Jacob) and Drama (Kiegan and Brac). Lastly, Lorraine has been our top runner for an amazing amount of positives each week.

■ 8G MRS MEREDITH

What a wonderful group of young people! Taking over as tutor can be a bit nerve-wracking but 8G have been so welcoming and friendly that it made the transition a joy. 8G are a very talented and dedicated group; often topping the Class Charts points and attendance leagues in Year 8, I am very proud of them. Individually, we have had a lot of success this term; Casey has successfully auditioned and gained a role in Robin Hood at The Princess Theatre, Florence also successfully auditioned for the KS3 drama club play and has been given a part. Coby took part in the Remembrance Day parade in Burnham-On-Sea, a very poignant day for all. Kobe, our star swimmer, has recently reached a new milestone of 5000m - wow! Finally, Oscar has been educating and amazing us with his plethora of random facts - did you know, cockroaches can live for weeks without a head? Thank you 8G for such a dazzling start to the year - I'm excited to see what you achieve next term!

8A MR ELLIS

I have been incredibly impressed by 8A as they made the jump from Year 7 to Year 8. This year, with the help of the amazing Mr Shewring, 8A have gone from strength to strength. There has been some incredible work done outside of school, such as Jack Hale developing his football skills, Imogen doing Boxing, Jocelyn learning Karate and Ellie continuing to flourish in Gymnastics. Additionally, Drama performances are strong with Evelyn taking part in Alice in Wonderland. Alongside this, Beau is continuing to do well in his acting and magic skills. Cerys has excelled at swimming and music. One mention must be Sam's mastery of Origami. Not a day goes by without a new paper creation being produced. Great work, 8A - keep working hard.

8L MISS ATKINS

8L have been an interesting group to get to know, we all really enjoyed reading 'a Monster calls' and now 'Ruby in the Smoke'. After awards during Fab Friday we play some team building games and this can be really funny at times. We have Tommy and Jared as wonderful Sports Captains and a really strong passion for sports amongst the boys. We have really interesting and insightful PSD lessons and this is always a great opportunity to see how they are all getting on. We use a plastic pig that we throw to each other, and whoever has the pig has the opportunity to speak and discuss their thoughts - this is something we look forward to during PSD. Overall, a wonderful, polite and exciting bunch of students.

8F MR CLEMENTS

A polite, helpful and kind group of young people, 8F have made an exemplary start to Year 8. Consistently towards the top of the group and individual Class Chart points Year 8 leagues they produce homework of a high quality and I am constantly stopped by other teachers praising one member of the group or another. It has been great to hear their many successes during Fab Friday as well as Miley's puns and tales of Murphy (Tyler's dog).

8R - MR DAY

Whenever you take over a tutor group it can often lead to an awkward 'getting to know each other stage'. Fortunately, 8R are such a friendly and welcoming bunch that there has been no awkwardness. 8R have had such a great start to Year 8 and I have been really impressed by their attitudes to school. There has been lots of praise and positive Class Chart points from numerous teachers with Orla and Sam leading the way. Countless pages of wonderful homework appear every week. We have had some really interesting PSD lessons with some thought-provoking discussions. We have already read one book during tutor time, A Monster Calls and are currently reading The Ruby in the Smoke. On a personal note, congratulations to Isabelle Burrow who became a Sports Captain, representing all of Year 8.



■ MR BRITTAN - HEAD OF YEAR 9

I have been really impressed with year 9 so far this year. It has obviously been a difficult two years for them since starting at King Alfred's and they have always adapted and managed the ever changing situations well. It always gives me great pleasure to mention how many positives they are receiving and great to report how often we are in second place overall with the other year groups. Always leading the way with the highest positives are Conner Pike 9L, Ivy Meager 9L, Alex Worley 9N and Madison Pike 9G so a massive congratulations to them but there are so many others I could mention who week in week out continue to impress with their maturity, good behaviour and fantastic efforts in learning. I am really proud to be their head of year and am looking forward to the rest of this year and onwards throughout their GCSE studies. A really great year group.

Messages from the tutor team;

■ 9K MR HARDIE

9K continue to advance through the autumn term and take challenges in their stride whether they be academic or of a more practical nature such as keeping warm when all the classroom windows are open. I suspect many of them are actually quite happy with the permission to wear overcoats in classrooms when outside temperatures drop to single figures - some of these coats could double as duvets! In any case, a huge thank you from me for maintaining high standards of school uniform thus far. Joyeux Noel! .

■ 9I MISS KEEBLE AND MRS BOLGER

9I have had a great autumn term with lots to be proud of. We are so chuffed that both Zach and Charlie have been appointed Sports Captains and Taylor has been working his way up to the gold award in science. Outside of school we are really proud of Robyn who is performing in a local theatre production this weekend, as well as Zach coming 16th in the country for swimming and the local football team in which lots of 9I play in, winning their matches. Well done to Amber, Zach and Finley who are top for positives for the whole tutor group this term! Both Miss Keeble and Mrs Bolger have been so impressed with the resilience the group have shown with the changes that have taken place and we can't wait to see what they achieve next term!

■ 9N MX PROFITT

9N have had an absolutely amazing start to the year, and for the first few weeks were on the top of the leader board for positives, which is such an improvement on last year! Special mentions have to go to Alex, Hannah and Seb who are the top three for positives so far this year. Archie Smith-Finch was also announced as the student of the term for the first half term as well, after an amazing term with no negatives and lots of positives.

■ 9G MISS MOORE

9G I am really excited to have the opportunity to be a tutor for 9G, especially after teaching them art last year! They are a great group with a good range of personalities and are always keen to get stuck in. I look forward to our time together this year!

■ 9A MRS CLOUGH

9A have made an impressive start to Year 9 and have really stepped up to the challenge of this year. Mia, Fred and Ashley have consistently found themselves in the TOP 20 for Positive Classcharts points, which is a fantastic achievement. It has been great to hear about the achievements of Evie Medhurst and Faith Hands with the Monarchs Gymnastics Team. These girls dedicate so much time and effort and are very dedicated to this sport. I know as a tutor group we are very proud of you. Have a lovely Christmas!

■ 9L MS KING

9L We have had a brilliant start to the year and new term with lots of positives. Conner is flying high with the most positives in the year group flying the flag for 9L with another 6 of the tutees in the top rankings! AMAZING! Keep it up 9L

■ 9F MRS GODWIN & MRS ROBERTSON

9F have had an amazing first term back at TKASA. Mrs Robertson and I have been so impressed with the maturity and resilience that they have shown, and have loved seeing the progress that they have been making in their lessons. A particular well done to Millie, Aimee, Laila, Will and Emily G, who are currently our top 5 performers in Class Charts. I must also include a special mention to Towan and James who recently took part in the local Remembrance parade as part of the Burnham Sea Cadets - it was fantastic to see them representing the school so beautifully at such an important event.

Mrs Robertson and I are so looking forward to seeing the amazing things that 9F are set to achieve in 2022 - we can't wait to share these with you next term. Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!

■ 9R MRS OWEN & MISS DAVIES

9R A highlight of our teaching timetables is our PHSCE lessons with 9R. The class is great at discussion work and empathising with others. It has also been wonderful to see the quality of homework improve over learning cycle 1 as students have integrated the ideas we have looked at during tutor times on Mondays into their routine. Take a look at Leah and Poppy's homework books if you want to see some great homework! We are also delighted to have Ryan as both our Tutor Group Rep and a Sports Captain - what a star!



■ MRS GIBSON - HEAD OF YEAR 10

Year 10 have made an incredibly strong start to this year. I have been so impressed to see how maturely they have begun their GCSE journey. Back in September many of our year group embarked on the Duke of Edinburgh Award, what an epic adventure that was and will continue to be!

I have recently relaunched the Edvocate Programme which gives the students an excellent opportunity to present on a topic that they are passionate about. Don't forget we also have the incredible opportunity later this year for students to be involved in Work Experience.



■ 10K MR JOHN

10K have started the term incredibly positively! Jacob has learnt to cook (steak and asparagus). Dawson is learning how to glide. Eleanor learnt how to crochet and made an incense holder. Tymek has learnt to play rugby and regularly partakes in games. Lots of the tutor group have gotten jobs ahead of their work experience.

■ 10I MR ENGLAND

10I have had a great start to Year 10. I am extremely impressed how welcoming 10I have been to me and Ms Kascheck. I am particularly impressed with the uniform I see every morning, I think 10I are the smartest tutor group in the year including Tom and

Connor! Well done to Ruby for volunteering in a variety of roles so far and for being one of the first to secure a work placement. I am also very impressed with how some individuals in the Tutor group have coped with adversity this year and are learning to overcome it, with great resilience. Congratulations to Kieran, Seth and William on completion of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Good luck too Emma, Seth, William, Kieran and Jake as you embark on The Silver DofE Award this year!



■ 10N MR MAGUIRE

10N have got off to a flying start this term. Coming back fresh and ready to go. We are continually at the top of the leader board for our attendance and positives. I am extremely impressed how mature the whole of 10N has shown themselves to be this year. As Work Experience draws close 10N have a number of people that are ready with completed application form, before the December deadline.

I am sure that in March they will show that maturity in the public domain.

A special shout out to Rosie MacBeth who was featured in Burnham-on-sea.com after supporting a charity event for 'Breast Cancer Now', showing confidence and kindness and hard work.

Keep up the good work 10N



10G MRS APPLEBY

10G had an amazing start to a new academic year. As a new tutor of this group I relished the opportunity to get to know them better. We warmly welcomed three new members to our tutor group Bobby, Ardan and Reece. Amelie participated in a swimming competition and achieved a new PB!

Well done!! Toby got a new scooter and learned new tricks. Dillon, Michael W, India and Skye won the Fab Friday prizes for great starts to a year and for being wonderful human beings. I am excited for what amazing achievements the rest of the year will bring.

10A MISS DIX

10A have had a brilliant start to Year 10 and it is great to see so many students returning to sports outside of school. James, Joey, Flynn, Fin, Ewan and Oliver have all gone back to Rugby or Football over the recent weeks. Adam has taken part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and hopes to complete this soon. Many of 10A have work experience placements sorted and well done to Finley who was the first in our tutor group to secure his. Many students have won 100% attendance awards in which they receive an early pass to lunch. Henry was one of the first students to win the Fab Friday gift token for 'getting it right every day' and Lucia won it most recently for an excellent parents evening.

10L MR WHITEOAK

Lots of celebration for success in 10L. Fantastic achievements and positive comments highlighted below on FAB Friday. It is always fantastic to see 10L contributing to the wider school community from in particular Molly, Seth, Kieran and Lucas with TV interviews, Sports leaders, and students supporting the Royal British Legion with the selling of poppies. Also a special mention to Georgina who has been consistently the highest achiever in the class chart point achievements. It is always great to see the race on a Friday to be the highest achiever with consistent efforts from Max and Kerry. Keep up the great work 10L!



10F MISS WALLIS

Well done to Ronnie, Ben, Tom and Jay who had an interview in school for a work experience placement at Musgrove Park Hospital - and special congratulations to Ronnie who secured the place. Well done to Amy who did a 'tapathon' (tap dancing) to raise money for Children in Need. Connie came first in her gymnastics competition in the South West, and Matthew was headhunted for Bristol Bears Somerset trials in rugby! Connie, Millie, Tom, Robert and Thomas did exceptionally well completing their Bronze DofE at the start of the year and had a great time! Luca has started learning the piano and is performing already! Very exciting things happening in 10F - I'm very proud of them, well done to you all.



10R MISS FISHER

10R have had a fantastic start to year 10. The whole tutor group has shown dedication and a mature attitude towards their GCSE subjects. Some members of 10R took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award at the start of the academic year, which they thoroughly enjoyed. 10R have been busy organising their work experience placements which they are keen to attend in March. Well done to Emily for being the first person in the year group for securing her placement! I can't wait to hear how they all get on in their placements.



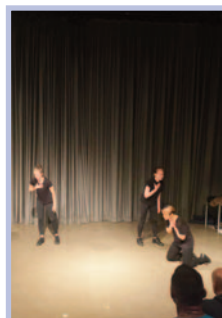
YEAR 11 - MISS BULLOCK

It has been another really busy term for year 11 and the students have thrown themselves into every challenge.

From PPEs to careers appointments and attending open evenings it has been great to see such determination, resilience and motivation from the year group. Period 6 sessions as well as even some morning training sessions have been well attended and the commitment from students has been incredible.

Despite working hard in lessons, students have also been committing time to sports and other hobbies and the prefect team did a wonderful job showing prospective parents the school site on open evening. I was incredibly proud of the prefects who attended the town's remembrance event and read out the names of the fallen so confidently and respectfully.

I am hoping all of year 11 get a restful break over Christmas and come back in January with the same positive attitudes we have seen this term. Well done Year 11, as always I am very proud to be your Head of Year.



ART

On October 1st we went to Bristol on an Art and Photography trip. We explored Bristol Museum, the M Shed, and the Arnolfini.

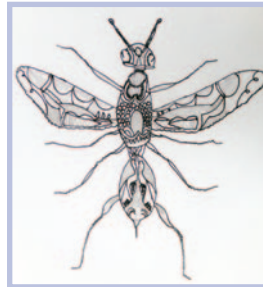
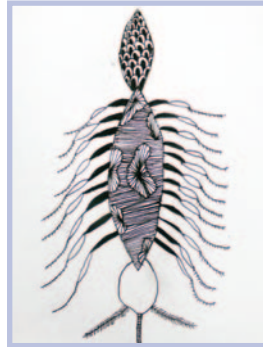
We really enjoyed the M Shed because of the displays and the fact that we saw the infamous Edward Colston statue. It was amazing to see how colourful and vibrant the city is due to its culture and street art.



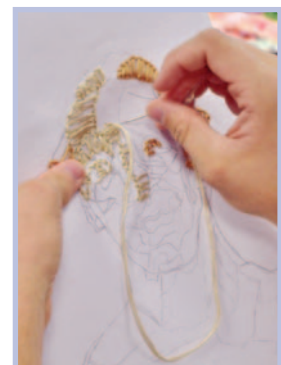
Art Exhibition - Weston super Mare



Year 8



Year 11



6th Form

■ DRAMA

Year 11 Exam performances



Our Y11 GCSE and RSL students performed their exam pieces in October and we were blown away! GCSE students performed a devised piece and RSL students each performed extracts from Willy Russell's 'Blood Brothers'. We have been so impressed with their hard work and commitment and are so proud of what they produced!



KS3 Drama Club

It has been so great to have KS3 Drama club up and running again after nearly 2 years! Run by Mr Shewring, the Y7, 8 & 9 students have been learning lots of Drama skills as well as working towards a KS3 only production in January!



6th Form Drama Society

It has been great to have Drama Society up and running again! Our mix of Y12 and Y13 students have been working on our annual 6th form pantomime which they direct, produce and perform in. This year's panto is Aladdin and is due to be performed at the end of January.

Hamilton Westend!



We were very lucky this term to have the amazing opportunity to be invited to go and see a special performance of Hamilton in the West End with a Q&A afterwards with the cast, production team and crew. Our Y10, Y12 and Y13 Drama students really enjoyed the day, not only getting to watch this hugely popular and unforgettable show, but also gaining valuable insight from theatre professionals afterwards.

Talent Show

We were blown away by all the amazing acts who came and auditioned for the talent show earlier this year. From singers, to magic acts to live coding and more! Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, we have had to postpone the November talent show to later in the year when it is safe for our acts to showcase their brilliant talents to an audience.



MUSIC

Back to normal

It was great to welcome all students back to the music department this year to do practical lessons again. Students have really enjoyed developing skills on keyboard, guitar, bass, drum kit and vocals this term!



Vocalize

Our new singing company 'Vocalize' began rehearsing with Miss Gardener in September. They had their first public performance at open evening back in September and have recorded a number of songs for our '12 Days of Christmas' project.



Acoustic evening

October saw the launch of our Acoustic Evenings. Students from all years came together to perform a set of light acoustic music to a selected audience. The evening was a great success and we are looking forward to hosting more of these later on in the year.



Christmas concert

Whilst we were disappointed not to be able to welcome a large audience for our annual Christmas concert, we were very excited to record our "12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" video concert. Featuring students from year 7 to 6th form, we spent the day recording TKASA students performing your favourite Christmas tunes.

Superstars

We had great fun launching our new "Superstars" club led by Mr John, where our younger students learn from our older students. Students in KS4 and KS5 are proving to be excellent mentors to our KS3 students and we are seeing some fantastic musicians developing through this club.



Peripatetic lessons



Peripatetic teachers have returned. After 18 months teaching via video we are thrilled to welcome Mr Groves (drum tutor) and Miss Alsop (brass tutor) back to TKASA. Joining them this year will be Mrs

Owen (piano / woodwind) and Miss Gardener (vocals), who you already know through her work with us in music and drama. Please contact Mrs Whiteoak if you would like more information about instrumental tuition.

ENGLISH

As we approach the end of 2021, the English Department can look back over the last term with much joy and satisfaction: English classes are back in C block; English lessons are happening in classrooms and not online; our students continue to impress with their diligence and enthusiasm!

KEY STAGE 3

We would like to begin by welcoming our new Year 7 - after a rocky few years, they have made a fantastic start to their time at the school. In our travel writing unit, they have been journeying around the world visiting far flung and exotic places as well as destinations a bit closer to home. In Learning Cycle Two, they have started studying 'The Tempest' - a Shakespeare play with all the exciting ingredients of magic, betrayal, love and forgiveness.

Year 8 have been enjoying and analysing love poetry in its many different forms. During Cycle Two they are studying a comedic play about misunderstandings, love and deception in 'Much Ado About Nothing'.

Year 9 have explored classical literature looking at Greek mythology - including the case of Pandora's Box and Medea, in preparation for investigating the tragedy - 'Romeo and Juliet' and following the journey of our eponymous 'star-crossed lovers'.

As Shakespeare himself said "O this learning, what a thing it is!" (The Taming of the Shrew) - and it's definitely a big thing in Key Stage 3 during this learning cycle.

As you can tell, Shakespeare is a big theme in our Key Stage Three at the moment!

KEY STAGE 4

The Bard is a continued focus in KS4 too, for Year 11 who are preparing their final GCSE Literature text, Macbeth. As well as exploring context and critical readings in Language to support their understanding and develop their critique of Shakespeare's methods.

Year 10 have enjoyed learning about the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge and his eventual redemption in Charles Dickens' classic novella A Christmas Carol, and have now started to learn about the sorry saga surrounding Eva Smith's death in the play An Inspector Calls.

Both year groups continued to fully embrace challenge, and thrive.



CAN'T FIND THE WORDS
HE'S LOOKING FOR



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OF THEM

JILL DANDO NEWS CENTRE

The Jill Dando News Centre students have made a fantastic start to the term. The students have been working on their reporting, writing, interviewing, and photography skills. Sasha and Charlotte reported on the COP26 events taking place and attended UN accredited climate teacher Mrs Owen's talk on environmental change at St John's Church. Dawson filmed and reported on the school's moving service for

Remembrance Day, joined by members of the British Legion. Samara has written her own novel, 'The Other Side', which has now been published. The students have exciting projects that they will be working on over the next term, including working alongside journalists from the Burnham-On-Sea News.



THE PRIORY TRUST SUMDOG MATHS CONTEST

Sumdog's maths contests are a fun way for students to compete against other classes, locally or nationally. This year many primary and secondary students from across the trust competed against one another to see who could be top dog!



This contest ran from Thursday 7th October to Thursday 14th October and students were able to play at any time during this period. The scores are based on accuracy, and questions tailored to each pupil's level to ensure that everyone had a fair chance. Well done to all of the students who got involved with the competition! Below are more results to celebrate...

Out of all of the classes that entered within the trust, TKASA groups dominated the leader board with the following groups making the top 10:

★
LEADER BOARD
★

8X2 - 2nd place

8Y1 - 4th place

7X4 - 5th place

8Y2 - 7th place

8Y4 - 10th place

The following TKASA students made it within the top 3! A special well done to:

★
TOP 3
★

Velvet Cullum 8A

Beau Plested 8A

Tylo Lloyd 8I

HEGARTY MATHS

Hegarty maths is a great tool we use at TKASA for students to improve their mathematical skills. Below are the students who have answered the most questions correctly since September, well done to:

★
HEGARTY MATHS
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Caysi Perrett 7L

Samuel McNulty 8R

Jake Randall 9R

Bobby-Joe Hurley 10G

Charles Buckton 11G

P6 MATHS TIMETABLE

Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group	Year 10	Years 7, 8 & 9	Year 11
		Years 12 & 13	Further maths (Yr11)

MATHS PUZZLE

See if you can solve the following countdown puzzle:

491

50

25

2

1

6

3

1. Try to use the 6 numbers available to make the big number
2. You can only use each number once
3. You do not have to use all of the numbers
4. Share your result with Miss Dodd for your chance to win a prize!

(ldodd@tkasa.org.uk)

SCIENCE CLUB

Great to see so many students already involved in Science Club this year.

Miss Atkins and Mr Robins have been busy preparing weekly sessions which have included:

- Water rockets
- Making slime with pumpkins
- Heart and kidney dissections
- Making copper salts
- Protect the egg!



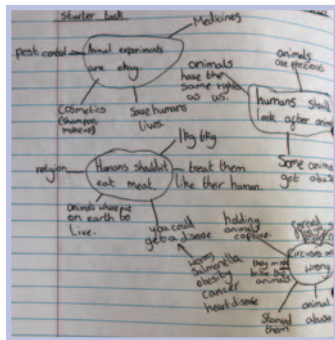
OPEN EVENING

Once again, I was delighted to see so many young scientists supporting the department at our Open Evening. All students were fantastic and did a great job discussing Science with our visitors.



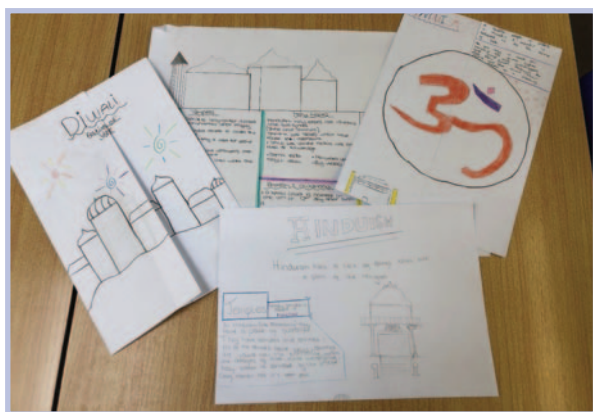
YEAR 7:

Year 7 have had a fantastic start to Religious Studies at King Alfred's. They have studied a variety of ideas within the Animal Rights topic, including whether it's permissible to eat meat and whether testing on animals for medicine is acceptable or not. Students are studying Judaism throughout cycle 2 where they will study Shabbat, Bar Mitzvahs and the importance of the Synagogue. The effort shown by our year 7 students has been fantastic.



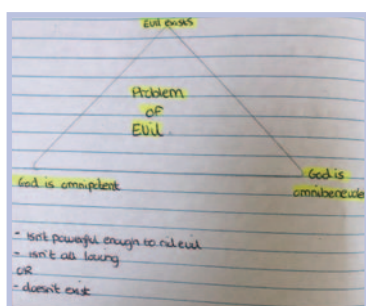
YEAR 8:

Year 8 have continued to develop their knowledge of religious Studies. Year 8 focuses upon Eastern Religions including Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism. The year group have created some fantastic work, including creating a leaflet for a Hindu Mandir.



YEAR 9:

Year 9 have begun studying Philosophy and Ethics this year which has allowed for lots of discussion, debates and opinions to be shared. Students have studied a wide range of philosophical ideas such as the inconsistent triad and Paley's analogy of the watch. The ethical side of study that will continue during cycle two will include gender equality, human rights and the death



penalty. Year 9 have put absolute effort into their religious studies lessons this year and we are looking forward to welcoming many students to studying GCSE RS next year.

YEAR 10:

Our year 10 students have made a fantastic start to their GCSE course. They have shown commitment to their studies, engaging with the topics in class and attending afterschool revision sessions. Year 10s have begun to study the Christianity sections of the course before moving onto Islam. Next year, students will study Philosophy and Ethics, they will study the different viewpoints on war and weapons of mass destruction; racism; the death penalty; and marriage. We are looking forward to developing students' knowledge of religion, philosophy and ethics in preparation for their GCSEs.

YEAR 11:

Our year 11 students have shown absolute dedication and resilience as they make their way through the final year of the Religious Studies course. The hard work they put into their studies is admirable, outstanding and as their RS teacher, I am extremely proud of them. Our year 11 students have sat a set of PPEs and I am very impressed with the effort our students put in. Over the coming year we will continue to study Philosophy and Ethics including topics such as the death penalty, euthanasia, war and weapons of mass destruction.

6TH FORM

YEAR 12:

Our year 12 students have made a brilliant start to their A-Level. Our students have shown passion for the subject and have worked really hard throughout the course so far. Our year 12s have been working really hard both inside and outside of class where many of our students, and students from other courses, are participating in the 'RS debate society' which was set up and has been run fantastically by James. I am looking forward to further developing students' knowledge of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics as they go into year 13.

YEAR 13:

What an incredible journey our year 13 students have had! They have been outstanding and dedicated to their studies and continue to show drive as we work up to the summer exams. Our year 13 students have sat PPEs this year and I am very impressed with the effort they put in. Over the next few months students will continue to develop their knowledge in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics.

■ BUSINESS STUDIES

In Business Studies Year 10 students have made a great start to their GCSE course. They have completed the first unit (Business in the Real World) and have learnt about the purpose and nature of business, what it takes to be an entrepreneur, different types of business ownership, different stakeholders, business planning and how to grow a business. They are currently studying the importance of external influences on business such as e-commerce, the economic climate, globalisation, ethical & environmental issues, legislation and competition, and how businesses change in response to these influences.

The Year 11 Business students have completed the fifth unit of the GCSE course (business marketing) and, following their PPE, they have now begun studying their final module which looks at business finance. We plan to have completed teaching all the curriculum content by February half term which will leave us with plenty of time to revisit some of the trickier areas of the course and work on developing expert exam technique. The provisional dates for the two final exams are 20th May and 13th June. A reminder that all students have been issued with a revision guide that covers the entire course content, which they can keep until they have completed their final exams at the end of year 11. They will also be issued with a revision workbook once we have finished teaching the final unit. Students also have access to useful revision material through the student shared area, google drive and the Seneca website.

The 6th form business students are working hard on their A level studies. The Year 13s are currently studying the external forces that affect business strategy. The provisional dates for their three final exams are 25th May, 9th June and 16th June. Meanwhile the Year 12 class have made a great start to the course and are currently studying the marketing functional area,

having already learnt about business aims and objectives, different ownership formats, management and leadership styles, decision making and the relationship with different stakeholders.

Several business students from the sixth form are also involved in the new Young Enterprise company called World Tour. They have sold shares to finance their start-up costs, allocated roles and responsibilities and have been discussing a range of business ideas. Like all businesses, the students running this company are having to adapt to the current restrictions, giving them fantastic life skills. More details about Young Enterprise will appear in future issues and on the sixth form pages of our newsletters.

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 impact on businesses of Covid and Brexit have been regular topics of discussion this term. Students can also follow me on twitter: @TKASAMrKing.

Mr King



■ COMPUTER SCIENCE AND iMEDIA

We have welcomed students back into the computer suites and students have really engaged well with this environment upon their return. The ICT team has worked extremely hard to replace all the computers in the computer suites and our students are enjoying the use of these brand new computers. Year 7's are all engaging well with the google classroom and have a great understanding of how to use the Google suite. In the first cycle year 7 have looked at internet safety, outlining steps students can take to ensure they enjoy a more secure interaction with the internet and social media.

In year 9, students have reacted really well to the challenge of engaging with a level 2 (GCSE Standard) assignment brief and they are now beginning their design process, engaging with Adobe Fireworks and Photoshop to develop significant skills that will equip them well for a potential journey through year 10 with iMedia or Photography. Later in the year we will be giving students an insight into coding by understanding how to create programs using Python to give insight into the computer science course at GCSE. We are fortunate enough to have Photoshop on a number of our computers to allow year 8 to also develop their knowledge based on the current scheme of learning 'Creating Digital Graphics'.

Our iMedia students are working really hard on their R087 assignment 'Creating an Interactive Multimedia Product'. For this students are asked to design an application to support a healthy lifestyle in both exercise and diet. Students are showing excellent design skills within Photoshop and they are creating some fantastic designs. Our computer scientists are also engaged with the preparation for their examinations in June.

Our year 10 students have settled into the course very well for both Computer science and iMedia. In iMedia they are developing their understanding of Photoshop really well. Students are preparing for both mandatory units that will be completed this academic year. In a joint venture with the creative department, students are creating a single cover of a festive theme. Their initial ideas look fantastic and we look forward to their creative responses. Year 10 computer science students are working hard in developing their knowledge of how to create programmes using Python and visiting the content for paper 1.

This is an important time for our year 13 students to develop their NEA projects. We have been really impressed with the diversity shown in the project ideas and students have developed their projects significantly within the first cycle and we look forward to the realisation of these fantastic projects. With some of the best GCSE results we have seen from last year's year 11 Computer Science group, it is no surprise that they have all impressed with their knowledge and skills in the first cycle at A level. A fantastic start from all students in year 12.



Here are some excellent examples of the response for a book cover design for the mandatory unit response 'Creating a Digital Graphic'.

Head of Department: Mr King

TKASA GEOGRAPHY

It has been absolutely wonderful to be able to take our TKASA geographers out on fieldwork after so long!

YEAR 12

Year 12 geographers headed to the Quantock Hills in October with Mr Clements and Mrs Leatherby, investigating infiltration rates at different points on valley sides and bringing soil samples back to school for testing. This class has also been out and about on the school site, investigating infiltration rates on different surfaces and the types of soil on site.



YEAR 10

Year 10 geographers travelled by train to Bristol's Temple Quarter to investigate the sustainability of the regeneration scheme, including Temple Quay and Paintworks. They carried out environment surveys, a land use transect and sketching activities to find out if the area fits the Egan wheel. Staff at Temple Meads Station commented on the excellent behaviour and positive attitude of our students.



YEAR 13

Year 13 geographers are carrying out their data collection for the non-examined assessment (NEA) which forms part of the A level course. They spent two days in December out and about, collecting data in the local area.



We are very grateful to the staff who worked hard to make these fieldwork visits happen, particularly Mr Clements and Mrs Robertson, who were key in organising the visits. We look forward to further fieldwork in the summer term.

CAREERS WITH MRS LEATHERBY



This term had a significant focus on year 11 students to help them explore their further education options and plan their next steps. Appointments ran throughout the term to

offer support with the post 16 options. This support is open ended and appointments are offered as often as needed.

The year started by launching year 10 work experience with assemblies and 1:1 appointments.



The whole year group is really on board with the opportunity and we are hoping to see every year 10 student leave school in March for valuable days in the workplace.

We also like to reward our student heroes for their acts of kindness and bravery at home, in school and in the community.

Looking ahead to after Christmas break, we will continue to support year 11 students with their progression plans and continue to meet with year 10 students to help plan work experience. We also have lots planned with year 7 students with their spring interview challenge, year 8 students will take part in a business invention challenge and we hope to give year 9 students a taste of university.



TEACHER TRAINING

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

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



■ PE DEPARTMENT REFLECTION MRS CLOUGH

It has been a great start to the Academic Year and as a Department we have loved getting back into the swing of training, clubs and fixtures. During lessons, students have been engaged and shown real enthusiasm towards the subjects. We look forward to next term and all the exciting opportunities in place for our students.



Extra - Curricular Hockey Mrs Clough

Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, many of the Hockey matches have been against only Chilton Trinity School. Nonetheless, the girls have consistently turned up to training and represented the school in a fantastic manner at every game they have played. It has been great to have our 6th Form Leaders Coaching sessions and our students' skills, technique and understanding of the game has come on tremendously. Myself, Miss Shire and Mrs Puzey look forward to the last few games of the season; we have loved seeing active students enjoying Hockey again!



Extra - Curricular Rugby Mr Shepherd

As we return to some assimilation of normal, we have once again enjoyed fixtures across our Bridgwater Schools Family. Opportunities under the cloak of COVID have been limited but numbers to club nights have been impressive.

As a department we have tried to degender our club nights with great effect. A hard-core of ten, Y7 girls have joined the boys on a Tuesday night and we've had a couple of Y8 girls that have attended their night too.

This has enabled us as a school to work with SASP and attend four TAG rugby events. Other opportunities are in the pipeline after Christmas.

As always we have been indebted to the work of both Mr Bail, Mr Shepherd and Mr Harris without whom there would be considerably less opportunities.

Extra-Curricular Football Mr Bail

County Cup fixtures have begun this term with our Year 10 team representing the school fantastically. They have demonstrated brilliant attitudes and came away winners in the first round. They now travel to Millfield School for the next round. They have shown great determination to improve, attending the P6 sessions on a Thursday. Moving forward all year groups will have ample opportunity to represent the school in football fixtures and attend our P6 provision after the Christmas break.



Extra-Curricular Basketball/Badminton Mrs Puzey

We have been so pleased with the numbers at our KS3 recreational clubs this term. This provides our students with an opportunity to take part in an activity they enjoy after school, whilst also enjoying the social benefits in a relaxed setting. We look forward to these two clubs continuing after Christmas.

**Primary PE / Leadership / Inspired Playgrounds
Miss Shire**



Over the summer, our area behind F-Block had a makeover with the addition of an Inspired Playground. These playgrounds are often seen in Primary Schools, we are the first Secondary School in the country to incorporate one into our playground area.

In October, some of our PE Department and our Year 12 & 13 sport students, participated in some great training from members of Inspired Schools on how to use this fantastic resource. We have also had the CEO of Inspired Schools, Ben Kirk, visit TKASA to film segments of our leaders leading some of our younger students, to be role models for other schools.

This training has resulted in the playground being utilised in both lesson and recreational time for the students, with the 6th Form students leading on the activities.

We look forward to using our Inspired Playground more in lesson and will continue to enjoy seeing the students use it in their recreation time!



TKASA Primary School Sport

This term we started the competition element of the TKASA Primary School Sport Festivals. With 6 local Primary Schools bringing up their year 5 students to not only compete against each other, but also experience some of our fantastic TKASA facilities!

All games were officiated and managed by some of our 6th Form TKASA Sport students, which were fantastic role models to the younger students yet again!

Feedback has been wholly positive, with the year 5 students having fun and enjoying being physically active, as well as being in a brand new environment. It has been great developing our inter trust links with the Primary Schools.

Unfortunately, due to some of the extra COVID restrictions, some of the competitions have had to be rescheduled, however we can't wait to have the year 5's up at TKASA again!





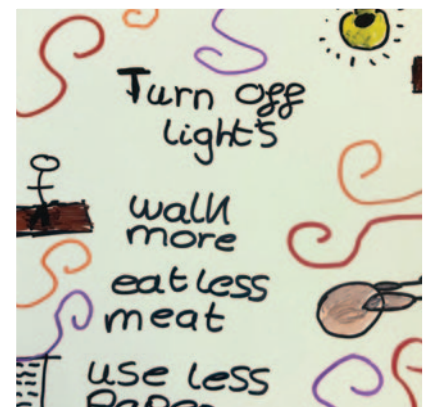
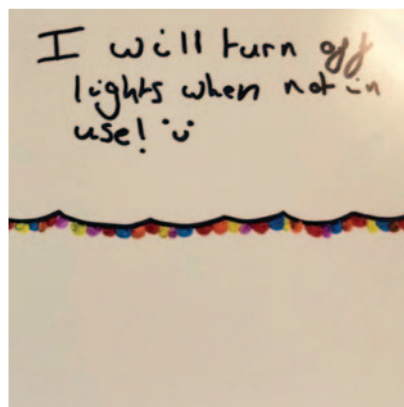
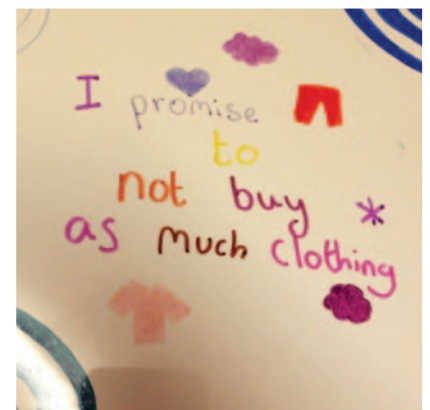
COP 26

The Geography Department at TKASA was keen to raise awareness of climate change during the period of COP 26 in November. An assembly was shared with all year groups, prompting several students to start their own schemes to make a difference through actions such as clothes swaps. This wasn't the first time the department had led environmentally focussed assemblies this term; in September Mrs Owen and Mx Profitt spoke to all year groups to encourage them to get involved in beach cleans to tackle plastic pollution.

Mrs Owen was delighted to also be able to speak to the community about climate change during Climate Sunday at St John's Church in Highbridge on 7th November. She spoke about how students at TKASA learn about the science of climate change and how we can both take small steps to tackle climate change and can ask questions of organisations to find out what they are doing.

The school's Adventure Club took part in an activity to make climate change pledges, decorating tiles with their pledges which they took home as reminders. Mrs Owen and Mx Profitt also visited Cub Scouts in Highbridge to talk about climate change and enable them to create their own pledge tiles.

Climate change can seem scary and overwhelming, but there is a great deal we can do to make a difference. Please contact Mrs Owen if you would like to know more.





ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AND REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021

On Thursday, 11th November 2021 at 11am the school was privileged to have the representatives of the Burnham-on-Sea branch of The Royal British Legion join us at our annual remembrance service.

This year The Royal British Legion celebrated 100 years of providing lifelong support to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

Delving into the archives we were able to find several local news articles of interest over the past 100 years and here are a few.

THE CENTRAL SOMERSET GAZETTE, December 23, 1921

On Saturday evening the Burnham-on-Sea Permanent Memorial Committee came to a final decision respecting the form of the War Memorial. The tender of Mr. F. L. Roberts, of Burnham, was accepted at £2,393 to erect a cottage hospital on land already purchased for that purpose. The scheme was put in hand on Monday.

The Home Office suggests uniformity for hiring policemen throughout the country, fixing the charges of constables at 3s., sergeants at 3s. 6d., and inspectors at 4s. 6d. per hour.

ARMISTICE DAY.

The two minutes' silence at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning was very generally observed in the town. It had been arranged for the hooters and sirens in the town to give the signal and the time of quiet was most impressive and will be long remembered. Work at the Locomotive Sheds was stopped for five minutes and there was a general suspension of business.

Highbridge, November 1919

EX-SERVICE MEN'S XMAS GIFTS.

The widows and children of local fallen men were entertained to tea and entertainment last week, by the local branch of the Comrades of the Great War. The Burnham branch of the National Federation of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors have presented each widow of an ex-service member of the organisation with ten shillings as a Christmas gift. Some of the ladies are honorary members of the organisation.

January 1920

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

In connection with Lord Haig's British Legion, which comprises all Forces, Armistice Day in Burnham-on-Sea will be celebrated as Remembrance Day. The town has been divided into sections and Poppy sellers will be very much in evidence. The proceeds will be in aid of the above. Every British subject will be wearing the red Poppy on that memorable anniversary.

Burnham-on-Sea, November 1921

THE SHEPTON MALLETT JOURNAL—FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1901

BURNHAM-ON-SEA.

THE MARINE LAKE.—At a meeting of the Burnham Urban Council on Tuesday evening, it was decided that the opening of the marine lake and extended parade should be held on Saturday, May 16th. There will, however, be boating on the lake at Easter if the weather is fine.

FORGING AHEAD.—Colonel Paterson, D.S.O., president of the British Legion in Burnham, took the chair at a public meeting of women, when, after an address by Mrs. Lilian Eliot, of the South-Western Area, it was decided to form a women's branch of the British Legion in Burnham-on-Sea. On the proposal of Mrs. T. Holt, the first president of the new branch chosen was Mrs. L. Tomkinson; Mrs. E. Gardner, hon. secretary; Mrs. G. Clapp, Miss M. Lavecour, Mrs. L. J. Egerton-Smith, Mrs. G. S. Elliott and Mrs. L. S. Hauser to be the executive.

The Central Somerset Gazette

GLASTONBURY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1941.

BURNHAM GIFT FUND'S NOVEL TOKEN FOR MEN SERVING OVERSEAS.

Not the least appreciated tokens sent to local men serving overseas at Christmas proved to be small packets of Burnham sand, it was reported at a meeting of the Burnham-on-Sea Gift Fund Committee. It was further stated that 65 postal orders and 12 service packs were dispatched.

One man who received his parcel after returning to a home port sent it back to the Committee expressing appreciation for the gift, but stating that he could no longer be said to be overseas.

It was agreed that further parcels up to £2 each in value should be sent to local prisoners of war and internees. A balance in hand of just over £92 was reported.

THE COURIER, WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1921.

HIGHBRIDGE.

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Highbridge July 6th, 1921
The Courier



We hope you enjoy our photos from a brilliant first term of work from our students of all ages here in Design and Technology.

Year 7 Pen Holders



CHEESECAKE CHALLENGE

Budding Mary Berry food students at The King Alfred School Academy were challenged by international food manufacturing company, Bakkavor, to make a new cheesecake design and flavour.

All of the entries were outstanding but the judging panel declared a joint-winner, Year 10 student Seth Barnshaw with a Lavender and Blackberry Cheesecake.

Year 11 students Ellie Biddle, Korben Noble and Hoshi Speight won with a Tequila Rose Eton Mess Cheesecake. Second place was Paige Batt and Elisha Holbrook with a Chocolate Orange Deluxe Cheesecake. All received prizes.

Judges included principal Dan Milford and staff from the Bakkavor Production team, General Manager, John Bowman and Ann Clutterbuck. They marked students on the quality of their presentation, their research into costings and packaging and equally the attractiveness and taste of the cheesecakes.

Mr Milford said: "We saw some sensational cheesecakes being made which looked too good to eat! Students developed their ideas and designs in their own time and during after school sessions over six weeks. They also researched target markets, costings and packaging ideas. Well done to everyone involved."



Year 7 Book Bags

These textile bags will keep morning registration time reading books safe and warm until the end of Year 9!



Year 7 Bird Boxes

Our TKASA logo bird boxes will be going up around the school ready for spring. We wonder if any will be nested in during 2022!



Year 10 Bug Towers

These will be auctioned off on eBay for charity.



Year 8 & 9 LED Night Lights



Year 10 Hospitality and Catering

A SELECTION OF DISHES COOKED BY YEAR 10 HOSPITALITY AND CATERING THIS TERM



SAFEGUARDING

Continuing to respond to concerns regarding Harmful Sexual Behaviour in Schools we have been conducting surveys with parents, staff and students. Following our initial survey of a small group of students and parents we have now extended that. All staff have been surveyed and we will be surveying all students. Year 10 and 11 have already completed their surveys with the younger years and 6th Form to follow after Xmas.

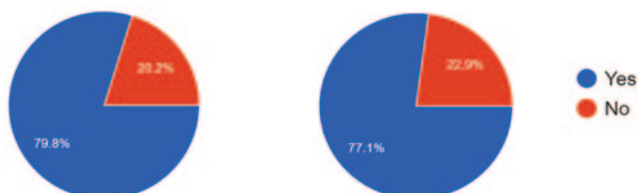
It is imperative that students help us to tackle this very serious issue which has grown as a result of social media and changes in youth culture. The responses we have received so far have been really insightful and we have had students keen to be part of a working group going forwards.

A quick snapshot of the Year 10 & 11 surveys tell us-

- The majority of students in both years would, if worried about something, feel able to report to someone in school.

We want ALL students to feel confident to report so will be looking at how we can ensure all students know who they can go to or have the contact details of appropriate agencies to report.

- Students in both Year groups see the sharing of inappropriate images as a problem



The sharing of images is a criminal offence. This is covered as part of the curriculum. When students get it wrong we will be supporting them, contacting parents/carers and seeking more support.

For more information about this ongoing piece of work please contact Mrs Lawrence slawrence@tkasa.org.uk

You will also find our Harmful Sexual Behaviour Protocol on the King Alfred School Academy website.

Students and parents can report a concern to any member of staff they feel comfortable talking to and they will follow our safeguarding procedures to ensure this is followed up.

SAFEGUARDING SESSIONS

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) & County Lines

Years 7 - 10 inclusive will be having a presentation from Andri Nicolaou about the important topic of exploitation of young people.

Andri is employed by Avon & Somerset Police and gives presentations at school, junior and secondary, work places, and hotels and many more venues. She is passionate about this subject and passionate about safeguarding young people.

If you would like to know more about the content of these sessions please do contact me on the school phone number 01278 784881.

Mrs Lawrence



To Report any concerns regarding the safety of a young person.

You can contact:-

**Safeguarding Team at King Alfred School Academy
01278 784881**

**or email
safeguarding@tkasa.org.uk**

Fearless.org

**Childline
<https://www.childline.org.uk>
or phone 0800 111**

Crimestoppers - 0800 555111

**Avon and Somerset Police
101 or in emergency 999**

**Children's Social Care
0300 123 2224**

TKASA SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mr Milford - Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Please ensure all safeguarding referrals are forwarded directly to Mr Milford

Office in Admin Block



Ms Carey
Safeguarding Governor

Contact



Mrs Lawrence
Designated Deputy Safeguarding Officer

Office in Main Reception



Mrs Johnson
Designated Deputy Safeguarding Officer

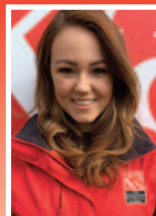
Office in C Block Support

Look after yourselves and each other



Mrs Leatherby
Safeguarding Officer

Office in Student Reception



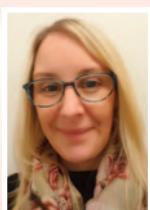
Mrs J Jones
Safeguarding Officer

Located in HOY Office



Mrs L Jones
Safeguarding Officer

Located in C Block Support



Mrs Woods
Safeguarding Officer

Office in C Block



Mr Shepherd
Safeguarding Officer

Located in HOY Office



Miss Lennox-Gordon
Safeguarding Officer

Located in HOY Office

If you're worried about something or someone please contact

**Mr Milford, Mrs Lawrence
or one of the safeguarding team.**



KEY STAGE 3



Subject

Maths
English
Science
Computer Science
Art
Drama
Music
MFL
Geography
PE BOYS
PE GIRLS
History
Religious Studies
Design & Technology
Head of Year



Winner

Maryam Abdelrahim
Dawson Panter- Wray
Molly Joyce
Charlotte Gosling
Paige Batt
Lana King
Louis Fear
Joseph Aylward
Eleanor Partington
Lucas Earthy
Macy Donaghy
Charlotte Avery
Izzy Croker
Zak Jones
Molly Joyce



KEY STAGE 4



Subject

Maths
English Literature
English Language
Science
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Computer Science
Business
Art
Drama
Music
MFL
Geography
iMedia
Sports Science
History
Religious Studies
Design & Technology
Head of Year Award
Principal's Award
Head Boy
Head Girl



Winner

Sam Davey
Phoebe Laws
Grace Reading
Grace Simmonds
Kizzie Barnshaw
Thomas Hicks
Tajwar Tarafdar
Emily Murphy
Charlotte Richer
Freja Fleuriot
Ellie Brazier
Jack Pearce
Samuel Grant
Fleur Tarran
Scarlett Puddy
Lucy Smith
Jamie Fear
Isaac Neale
Danielle Scott
Ruby Porter
Emily Murphy
Darragh Joyce
Grace Chambers



KEY STAGE 5



Subject

Maths
English Literature
English Language
Media
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Computer Science
Business
Art
Drama
Music
Psychology
Geography
Sociology
Sports Science
History
Religious Studies
Design & Technology
Health & Social Care
Head of Year
Principal's Award
Community Service Award
Student Union Presidents



Winner

Owen Channon
Billy White
Natasha White
Izaak Strong
Sophie Fenegan
Abbie Bryant
Oliver Farnham
Jack Hinton
Ben Youd
Elliott Chapman
Charles Hewlitt
Jack Millier
Jessica Reed
Oliver Clarke
Katie Clarke
Holly Sanders
Summer Woods
Grace Thomas
Emily Robson
Ellie Edrich
Abbie Bryant
Owen Channon
Jack Millier
Jack Millier & Mia Nisa



■ EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR PRELOVE PROM.

We are revamping the facility and having it transformed into a more fitting space. We will also be relaunching our Facebook page - please like and share when we are back in business.

Our vision is to also have a preloved uniform section.



We now have approximately 120 gowns, a growing number of suits and we are always happy to receive more. We recently received a fantastic donation of over 20 brand new dresses in all shapes and styles from Sarah Hackett, Rookery Bridal. Thank you Sarah.

Last year, whilst we were unable to have our Year 11 Prom, dresses were still borrowed and celebrations were still had. This picture sums up the beauty of Prelove Prom. This young lady striding confidently to the Indian Restaurant in Burnham-on-Sea looking amazing in the dress she had borrowed hoping to wear to prom.



Thank you to everyone who donated to Weston Hospice, a link we will continue.

ADVENTURE CLUB

We are delighted to have restarted Adventure Club (formerly our Scout group) this term, with an excellent turn out of students in Year 7 and 8. Under the watchful eyes of



Ms Wormald-Kelly, Mrs Owen, Mr Smith, Miss Lodge, Mr Disney, Mr Moore, Mr Maguire and Mr Swaine the group have enjoyed a wide range of

activities, including some treasure hunts, vegetable bowling, Christmas carol singing, stop go animation, litter picking and an Eco pledge to help climate change to name but a few. In the coming weeks and months the group will be revisiting activities around climate change and the

environment, with the students decorating plant pots and planting succulents, as well as enjoying some other activities to help develop the soft skills required to help them in everyday life. Our activities are designed around our Adventure Club values of curiosity, bravery, creativity, kindness, awareness and enthusiasm.

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





The newly formed TKASA eco-group goes from strength to strength. The eco-group is run by students to promote environmental awareness and a more sustainable school community. Earlier this year an Environmental Review was carried out and from over 200 responses to a survey, the eco-group was able to identify 4 main areas of concern. These were the use of energy, waste, healthy living and biodiversity. This term the eco-group has



organised several initiatives to involve students and staff in thinking about and acting upon their environmental impact in school and at home.

We took part in the Great National Switch Off where students and staff were encouraged to reduce

their energy use. A vegan cake sale was held to raise awareness of alternative but tasty dietary approaches that help the planet. A competition was held to design a logo for the TKASA eco-group, the winners will receive a durable reusable water bottle and students are now involved in recycling paper waste around the school and we hope to expand this into other areas of recycling.



Next term the eco group will begin to work on increasing biodiversity around the school site whilst continuing to look at ways to reduce waste, manage energy use and promote healthy living.

If you would like to get involved, all years welcome, and make a difference, keep an eye on the TKASA eco-group board outside the library for meeting times and events.

PRIDE GROUP

TKASA Pride group has started off a resounding success this year, with around 20 students in KS4 attending every week and upwards of 50 students attending the KS3 pride group.

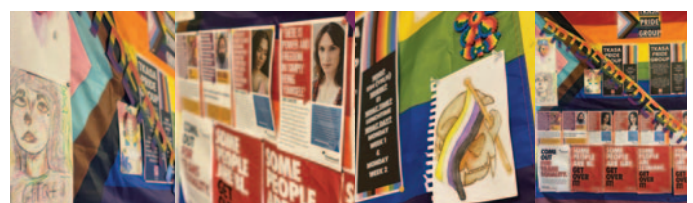
In our sessions so far we have discussed

- 1) LGBTQ+ representation in the media - is there enough representation, is it good representation and what do you recommend! We had some amazing discussions across both key stages, and Mx Profitt definitely got some amazing recommendations for movies, tv shows, books and video games to look into for good representation.
- 2) The importance of gender pronouns - We have been talking as a group about why it is important to use a person's correct pronouns and done some work on what to do if you are having an issue with misgendering in school.
- 3) Creation of safe space rules - As a group we created a set of rules we need to stick to so that the environment we create is a safe space for all. We had some really mature conversations about these rules which was amazing to see.

- 4) LGBTQ+ student voice - Mr Milford approached Mx Profitt and asked if they could conduct some student voice with what TKASA can do to be even more inclusive and the students came up with some amazing ideas and we are looking forward to working with the school to get some changes made and making TKASA even more fabulous!

Mx P is also so impressed with the amazing artwork produced by some members of the pride group from across the school, and these go fantastically with our Stonewall posters!!

We are so excited to continue our work in Pride Group over the next couple of terms, and we have some exciting plans, such as LGBTQ+ History Month Workshops, Queer representation around the globe, What is LGBTQ+ Pride?, and creating the LGBTQ+ Library!





BRONZE EXPEDITION 2021

We were so proud to be able to (finally!) take our fantastic year 10 students on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition. Our students did so well and represented TKASA beautifully. They perfectly demonstrated teamwork, resilience and maturity and we look forward to many of them joining us for their Silver Award expeditions later this year.



If you are interested in doing The Duke of Edinburgh Award please visit <https://www.dofe.org/> or visit our school DofE web page where you will find links including the online application form and link to our school payments.

BRONZE

Volunteering 3 months	PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.
Physical 3 months	
Skills 3 months	
Expedition 2 days 1 night	

SILVER

Volunteering 6 months	Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections if you haven't got Bronze.
Physical one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months	
Skills one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months	
Expedition 3 days 2 nights	

GOLD

Volunteering 12 months	Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or longer of the Skills or Physical sections, if you haven't got Silver.
Physical one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months	
Skills one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months	
Expedition 4 days 3 nights	

Residential **5 days 4 nights**

Term Days
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Academic Year 2021/2022

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

Academic Year 2022/2023

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

Due to Covid testing there will be a phased return to school in January 2022 for all year groups. Please refer to the school website for the relevant time and date for your child.

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