



Triple celebration

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Welcome to the Summer edition of the TKASA newsletter. May I start by saying thank you for all your support to me as Principal and indeed to the whole of our school community. We

endeavour to be a school at the heart of our local community and strive to work proactively and consistently with all our stakeholders. I am pleased to report that our student numbers for Year 7 next year is the highest we have had for some time and, at the time of writing, we are about to welcome over 250 Year 6 children up for their Transition Days at TKASA; always a great time of the year!

We are fortunate to be in a school that has great students and I am sure you will enjoy reading more about them in this edition. The pages that follow are a testament to the vast array of opportunities we provide for our great students here at TKASA each and every day and I am grateful to my staff team who make this happen day in day out for our students; all this in addition to teaching your children brilliant lessons.

This term has been both a busy and rewarding one, and it has been great to see many of the activities that were curtailed last year due to covid, back happening in school. We have thoroughly enjoyed the school production of 'Little Shop of Horrors', some amazing performances from students there, Sports day, RAG week, Proms, celebration assemblies, trips and excursions, to name but a few. All of these important enrichment activities, too numerous to mention in this editorial, have been seamlessly organised around the day to day school life.

We have started work on the new Sixth Form extension, this will be a welcome addition to our site as our sixth form numbers continue to grow. Additionally, September will welcome a new Head of Sixth Form, Mr Radnidge, who will work closely alongside Mr England, Mrs Semple and Miss Silmon.

A Summer newsletter would not be a Summer newsletter without the mention of exams. I have been immensely proud of all those students taking their exams this year, the first time since 2019 students have physically sat examinations. They have approached them with calmness and maturity and I am sure this will be reflected on results day in August. The Year 13 and Year 11 students are a credit to you, as I am fully aware how much support from home they will have required throughout May and June.

As mentioned earlier, Sixth Form numbers continue to grow and I look forward to welcoming many students back to TKASA for their post 16 education. Whether your child plans to return to TKASA following their GCSEs or not, I wish them all the very best for the future, likewise for those students taking their A levels this term, I wish them all the very best as they embark on life outside of TKASA.

As we near the end of this academic year, I am reminded that this year has been my first as Principal. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at the helm and I feel very fortunate to lead such a wonderful school with exceptional staff and students. I look forward to the next academic year, which I am sure will be just as impressive.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all our students a well-earned break with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you in September!



TEACHER TRAINING

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■ MR WITTS

Well here in the summer term it is difficult to believe that we are already at the end of another academic year. Summer term is always an exciting time to be in school, staff and students are approaching the end of their

programmes of study, assessments that provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate and celebrate a year's worth of learning and development of expertise. This term is also filled with lots of unique activities such as sports day or the school production. This year's production is a great example of collaboration across our school community, students from year 7 to year 13 and even some ex-students all working together celebrating their unique talents whether that be on stage, in the orchestra or supporting with tech. Our productions are really a community led endeavour with students taking the lead on so many areas all carefully coordinated by our excellent staff.

This term is also the season for Geography field trips. It is always a great source of pride each year just how many members of the community, bus drivers or shopkeepers always provide such positive feedback on our students. You can tell that students enjoy belonging to a community with such a strong reputation for being kind and considerate. Phrases such as 'the best school I work with', or 'the children are a credit to you' are really all too common and we couldn't agree more.

The Geography staff work tirelessly to ensure that students get an opportunity to engage with the world that they are studying in school. Students' eyes light up as they get an opportunity to apply their understanding of rock formations or coastal defence to what they are seeing in front of them. Seeing things which we may have taken for granted with a new lens of knowledge, expertise and understanding in one of the great moments in education and I'm pleased that so many students got to experience that this term.

It has been good this year to have opportunities to engage with parents at a number of parent forums across the year. This is a great place to discuss developments across the school and get parent input. We run multiple sessions each with a clear theme, if you would like to get involved please send an email to the school email address on our website and we will get in touch. At these sessions we have been discussing upcoming changes to reporting and assessment in year 7-9, in an attempt to increase clear communication and help parents to support students to improve along their learning journey. More information will come to parents and students in September but please keep your eyes peeled for further updates.



■ MR WALKER

It fills me with great excitement to write my first newsletter article as Vice Principal at TKASA. Joining the school after the Easter break, it has been a rollercoaster two terms, which have been very fast-paced

with lots happening around the school. I've been made very welcome by all the staff and students, and feel very proud to be part of the school.

Since starting, I've been bowled over by the amount that goes on in school. From extracurricular clubs, DofE, parent forums, assemblies, RAG week, the brilliant school production and also the fantastic Sixth Form and Year 11 proms. TKASA is truly a fantastic school that serves its community and supports students exceptionally well, not only with

brilliant and engaging lessons, but also the wider opportunities available to all students outside of lessons.

When you start at a new school, especially in a leadership team, you don't have a huge amount of time to get up to speed of how things happen at a school. Leading on culture and conduct across the school, I am so fortunate to have such a fantastic team of year leaders pastoral and safeguarding support, as well as a truly brilliant wider staff body. The sense of togetherness and positive culture at TKASA is exceptional and something we will continue to grow and develop.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for such a brilliant end of the term and to ensure they have a restful, enjoyable and safe summer holiday break.

We look forward to welcoming everybody back in September for another brilliant year.



TKASA SIXTH FORM PROM.

This year's TKASA 6th Form Prom finally went ahead after two years of students missing out. It was held at Clifton Pavilion, Bristol Zoo Gardens. Year 13's dressed to impress and had a fabulous evening. On arrival they enjoyed a mocktail in the gardens before having time to explore the Zoo. This was followed by a three course dinner before dancing the night away with the help of a live band. A great night was had by all and certainly a night to remember. Have a great Summer Year 13's and we will see you on the 18th August!



■ RAG WEEK

The Sixth Form RAG Committee organised a multitude of activities and events leading to another successful year of raising money for worthy charities. The grand total raised for the week was **£2189.88** which will be split between the two chosen charities.

The charities this year were Brain Tumour Research which is The PLT charity of the Year, and the Sixth Form charity is MSF: Doctors without Borders. Claire from MSF came in to talk about what fantastic work they do and we had a previous visit from Brain Tumour Research which really focused our fundraising efforts to ensure we raised as much money as possible.



■ SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Twelve Y12 students have been participating in a prestigious enrichment programme led by the Brilliant Club: the Scholars Programme. In order to prepare students for competitive courses at the leading UK universities and for degree apprenticeships, students enjoyed several small group tutorials from a world expert on biochemistry, Professor Keith Brown formerly of the University of Bristol, which focussed on critical thinking and writing skills.

At the end of the programme students had to complete a degree-level final assignment on genetics and cancer research: two students, Olivia and Taj, received First-Class Honours! Congratulations to all the students who graduated from the programme at the University of Exeter with at least a Second-Class Honours - not bad for Y12 A level students!



ENRICHMENT WEEK

Enrichment Week saw plenty of things happening in Sixth Form; How to write a CV, creating a personal brand, employability skills, preparing for the world of work and a talk on available apprenticeships all delivered by Morrisons people Team. Becky from Russels Group's University of Exeter gave an informative session on UCAS Personal statements, super curricular work, enrichment, transferable skills and how you can stand out to University admissions. Students also participated in mock interviews with Employers. Mr King ran a session on student finance covering general banking, pensions, mortgages, interest rates, taxes etc. Student's found this very insightful and feel better prepared for the next steps ahead. A Fresher's committee was formed to organise activities for the new academic term and to welcome the new Year 12's to TKASA 6th Form.



YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTIAL, 4-5 JULY 2022



Thirteen Y12 students completed the University of Cambridge MasterClass programme (HE+) by participating in a residential course at Trinity Hall College. In order to enhance their applications, students received tuition on interview skills and attended academic lectures in their chosen field. In addition to staying in Trinity Hall accommodation, and enjoying supper and breakfast with current Cambridge students, the programme included a walking tour of Cambridge and visits to other colleges.

The Year 12s are shaping up to be an outstanding year group and we expect a dozen or more to be applying to either Oxford or Cambridge in 2022-23 while many more students will be submitting applications to other prestigious universities across the UK



YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

As the first year group to be sent out into the world of work in two years, the prospect of work experience was a daunting one for many of our year 12 students. Despite this, each and every one of them secured fantastic work placements, all of which offered fantastic opportunities to acquire transferable skills and gain invaluable insight that will aid the students in their chosen next steps. The range of industries in which the students ventured into, was both extensive and impressive: from various healthcare services, performing arts schools, journalism and project management, to leisure, finance, law and marketing! After spending a week away from school, the students returned with a buzz of enthusiasm and positive feedback.

As well as the external placements, we also launched a brand new work experience project within the school, which saw 16 of our Sixth Form students become careers advisors for the week!



Scarlett Puddy - Blake Vets, Bridgwater

For my work experience I spent the week at the vets, it was a great insight into the veterinary world. I got to watch operations and consultations. Overall the experience was beneficial for me, and has not only confirmed my desire to pursue a career as a Vet, but has also strengthened my position in terms of applying to study Veterinary Science at university.

Poppy Dinham- CAMHS

For my work experience I spent the week shadowing a member of CAMHS (the child and adolescent mental health services), we worked on different ways the services could be improved and how to encourage young people to seek help, I thoroughly enjoyed it and it has inspired me to head in the direction regarding my career path, I loved that I was able to help young people who are struggling and make CAMHS a more useful service.

Eva Lock - NHS Placement

I chose to do my work experience in Weston General Hospital within the Department of Education. The first day of my work programme was spent observing the graduation of the 5th year medical students. From Tuesday to Thursday I worked within the admin department of undergraduate and postgraduate education, spending time in the Library. This experience has provided me with a valuable opportunity to pick up skills such as: communication, using edexcel, organisational skills and general office work. This work provided key insights into how offices work and what day to day life is like. On the final day of my placement I worked in the Trauma and Orthopaedics departments, shadowing a Doctor, observing the daily duties of medical staff. I was also taught skills such as how to fill in drug charts and how to check ops.

This experience has opened my eyes to the reality of working within the NHS and has also provided me with an opportunity to have influential conversations that have shaped and broadened my potential career path. I have since been researching different medical professions and the routes that can be taken to qualify. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working within the hospital, and am immensely grateful for the opportunity.

Dom Mylett-Haddley - Next Theme

For my work experience I worked at Next Theme, a web design company in Weston-Super-Mare. I chose this work experience because I am hugely interested in computer science. During my time there I learned the basics of photoshop to create graphics for a website I also helped produce. Whilst I was working on the website I faced several difficulties like getting it to look the same on different platforms (like computer, mobile and tablets) but by putting time into solving that issue it was overcome fairly quickly and I ended up producing a fully functional shopping website.

Darragh Joyce - Day Lewis Pharmacy

My work experience was at the Day Lewis Pharmacy on Love Lane.

I worked in both distribution, that is handing out prescriptions to patients, and storage, where I had to unpack and put away shipments of medicine. It taught me how to function as a member of a team in an environment where no two days were the same. Therefore I had to be able to adapt and change to what was required of me in a given situation. It solidified my decision to go into medicine as a career path plus I received a job offer, meaning I can get even more experience in my chosen field.

Jack Clark - Global Action Plan (GAP)

For work experience week, I was incredibly lucky to join the environmental charity Global Action Plan (GAP). GAP is a charity that works to tackle the root causes of climate change through research, campaigns and actions. They have a particular focus on clean air and post-consumerism. I, however, was working on the UK Schools Sustainability Network - an organisation hosted by GAP and one I work with as a student.

My first morning started with a quick catch up with Jess (the lead for UKSSN) and Toni (who works on comms for UKSSN) where we practised for a presentation we were giving to all the GAP staff on what UKSSN does. The meeting followed after, where I was given a quick introduction to GAP and to the staff and then a presentation of what I do as the Chair of the Somerset branch of UKSSN. Throughout the week, my main work focused on social media and creating posts as part of a student takeover.

On Tuesday, I was very lucky to have the opportunity to join GAP's Youth Engagement Officer, Leah. We went to visit two primary schools in Bristol, where she works with groups to complete sustainability based projects. In the evening I then had the opportunity to join a panel discussion for the launch of 'Leadership for Sustainability' - a book all about making schools more sustainable.

Finally on Friday, I had the chance to travel to London for a teacher training day for UKSSN's London branch. Here I had the chance to give a talk on leading effective student committees, talk to lots of teachers about working with students and finally join Jess to talk about the student experience of UKSSN. It was a wonderful experience where I got to learn more about what this great organisation does and how I can work to help them in the future.

YEAR 7

I would like to congratulate Year 7 on a fantastic first year here at TKASA. They have made great progress, both in and out of the classroom. They can be very proud of their achievements in all their academic, sporting, art, or social ventures. I am delighted to hand them on to Miss Bullock, who I know will take good care of them as they continue their TKASA journey.



7K Miss Dodd- 7K have had an amazing first year here at TKASA. Mr Thomas and I have enjoyed co-tutoring the group this year due to the wonderful characters and happy faces we see everyday. I am so proud of all your efforts in school and this is reflected in the outstanding amount of positives the group have achieved. Collectively 7K have an outstanding 35000+ positives so far this year! 7K continue to shine in their efforts outside of the classroom also. Francesca, Esme and Chloe all take part in ballet and have or will have exams this year. Theo and Charlie continue to play football and their team won management team of the year at their presentation night. They also have a football tournament coming best of luck! Courtney takes part in boxing outside of school and will soon be moving up another level, smashing it! Amelia Rose walked a total of 90k throughout all of June to raise money for Sands charity. Fantastic work Amelia! Many students are taking part in this year's school production: Francesca, Chloe, Alesha and Amelia R...we clearly have some drama queens in the group. Both Hayden and Finley enjoy playing cricket outside of school. Look out for Chloe, Esme, Alesha, Francesca and Amelia R performing 9 to 5 in the battle of the bands. You rock girls! We have had an amazing year as a tutor group and I thoroughly look forward to continuing to be their tutor in year 8!



7I Mr Robins - What a busy term it has been! I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing 7I get involved in all of the events that have been happening over the last few weeks. We managed to raise lots of money for charity during RAG week. Well done to 7I for a fantastic effort in the Cricket and Rounders inter-tutor competitions. TKASA welcomed Year 6s this term and I am immensely proud of my tutor group for their participation and helpfulness. You have no doubt made a big impression on these future Year 7s! Special mention goes to James Grogan for his amazing work during transition day. Many thanks to Ellie Skelding for her help in the Science department during open evening. Well done to Esther Chambers for participating in the TKASA Talent Show! No doubt that 7I will continue to make us proud in the upcoming Sports Day!

7N Mr Bail - 7N have made a positive start to their TKASA journey. During another challenging year, the students have settled in well, contributing positively to their lessons and year group. At the time of writing, the group have amassed 27404 positive points which is a fantastic effort and shows the impressive start they have made. Lots of the group have attended extra-curricular activities, representing the school in sporting fixtures. 7N have built the foundations to be a successful group of students who now need to build upon this and continue to be the supportive, caring students they are.

7G Mr Ward - This year has flown by being the tutor of 7G! I am so proud of how they've grown in confidence, maturity and as people this year. The consistency they've shown in their behaviour, attitudes to learning and work ethic has been phenomenal. High standards are definitely apparent within the tutor group in uniform and homework and they've all been a credit to the school. Special mentions must go to Navdip Multani who is the leading classcharts positive point's scorer for the tutor group with way over 1000 points! Followed closely by Phoebe Poole and Mia Janicka who have both become well valued members of the tutor group! Top boy classcharts scorer was Ryley Hodgin. A big congratulations to him on his first year here and all of his footballing achievements outside of school with Burnbridge and North Somerset. Well done Emma Hall for working really hard with the rest of team on The Little Shop of Horrors production. I can't wait to see you all in action. Tyler Course and Ellie-Mai Drewett have participated in school



activities partnered with The Royal British Legion. It was great to see them in their uniforms looking very smart and assisting the school. Well done Freddie Bedford, Ryley Hodgin, and Amelia David for competing for the school in various Rounder's and Athletics fixtures. Finally, a massive congratulations for everyone for completing the interview challenge week, I personally believe one of the greatest weeks in year 7 as you can explore a career, hobbies or interest in detail. All jam packed into one year! I am looking forward to continuing on as your tutor 7G! I hope you have a great summer and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.



7A Miss Lodge - It has been a pleasure to have been the tutor of 7A this year; what a fantastic year they have had! They have all continued to adapt incredibly well to life in secondary school, always with a positive attitude and smile on their face. They always strive to be the best they possibly can and have shown resilience in the face of challenge. I have loved getting to know each member of the group and it has been lovely to watch them prosper over the past year. 7A have achieved over 28000 positive points this year. This is an incredible achievement which they should all be very proud of - I definitely am! Congratulations to Ellena Carey and Kira Nicholas for achieving the highest number of points in the group. Well done on an outstanding year, 7A! Enjoy your well-earned summer break and I look forward to seeing you in September.

7L Mr Barham - 7L made it to the top of the class chart points and attendance charts in the same week this term, which was a lovely surprise when announced in assembly. Several more students have attained their 'Be Proud' badges this term by appearing in the weekly top 10 list. At the time of writing this we are looking forward to winning every competition on Sports Day!

Members of 7L continue to be involved in a wide variety of activities, both in and out of school. From Rounders to Pride club, from winning football trophies, to winning Horse handling trophies. From clearing up areas of The Apex to raising over £1500 for charity.

We have welcomed Safiyah from Hugh Sexey's and Kaydence from East Sussex into our fold. A lot of our tutor have been involved in transition days - helping the Year 6's to not get lost and reassuring them in big school.

We have finished our 3rd reading book 'The Chinese Cinderella' and are hoping to finish 'A Monster Calls' before the summer holidays. It's going to be close!

I hope 7L get to enjoy a well earned and more normal summer holiday this year

7F Mr Smith - I have been incredibly impressed and proud of how 7F have settled into life at King Alf's.

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.

There have been many highlights over the year, but their performance in the inter tutor sports



tournaments was amazing.

I am delighted to be able to continue as the tutor for this great bunch of students and look forward to seeing them develop further in year 8.



7R Mrs Martin - 7R have had another amazing term here at TKASA with many students taking parts in school events.

Attendance has been really good this term with just over 95%, well done especially to Phoebe, Poppy, Lily, Heidi, Caitlin, Ellen, Neo, Finley, Ollie and Taylor who haven't missed a day this term. Lilia has the best attendance in the group not having missed a single day all academic year - well done!

This term 7R have gained over 5,700 positive points on class charts, an outstanding achievement. Jess, Ellen, Noah, Leila T, Lola, Phoebe and Callum have had no negative points this term - keep up the good work.

7R have had a fantastic year 7 at TKASA and I am certain that this will continue into year 8 and beyond. Well done all and have a great summer.

Head of Year - Mrs Puzey

I am so proud of Year 8 and how incredibly well they have done this year. The contrast between their experience in Year 7 of being in one block and classroom, compared to the experience they have had in Year 8 and the progress they have made, is incredible. They have worked extremely hard in all aspects of school, enjoying a range of subjects getting involved in loads of extra-curricular activities and have set themselves up brilliantly to hit the ground running in Year 9.

This term we launched the Praise 8 challenge and so many students have ensured they have pushed themselves to be the best version of themselves by ensuring their attendance has been 100%, they have been selected as student of the week, recognised for random acts of kindness, gained as many positives on ClassCharts as possible, attended extra-curricular clubs and completed their home learning to a high standard. We have celebrated their successes every Friday in afternoon tutor time with certificates for students of the week nominated by the tutor team, myself and Mr Thomas as well as badges for the highest ClassCharts totals, early lunch passes and the Praise 8 prize box where specific students are able to select a prize as a reward for one of the criteria mentioned above.

They have also enjoyed a brilliant end to the summer term with lots of whole school events happening such as sports day, RAG week, TKASA talent show and the school production.

Looking ahead to next year, I have no doubt that they will continue to do themselves, their parents/carers and all the staff at TKASA proud as they continue their hard work and effort before choosing their options in Year 9.

8K - Mrs Whiteoak

What a fantastic year 8K have had! I have had the most fun being their form tutor and am so proud not only of their individual achievements, but of the wonderful group of young adults they are becoming, so kind and caring, looking out for each other and having created a real sense of community within the group! Together we have enjoyed some superb Fab Fridays, read 4 very different but equally interesting books as part of the TKASA reading programme and covered many topics in PSHCE with mature and thoughtful outlooks as we grow together as young adults.

Just a few of our individual achievements and accolades are:

Antony Ladd sitting his GCSE French exam 3 years early.

Alfie Blssell cast as a lead role in our school production of "Little Shop of Horrors".

Leah Pike leading some class sessions on well-being and mindfulness.

We've had a fantastic year together and I know 8K are going to be equally as awesome when they become 9K next year.

Well done 8K, and thanks for a great year together!

8I - Miss Milford

What a fantastic term this has been for 8I! I am so proud of all their achievements, positive acknowledgements and hard work shown not only this term, but this year. The tutor group have exceeded my expectations with their enthusiasm for extra curricular clubs and 'random acts of kindness' each week. Zoe and Maddison have shown excellent commitment and performance skills during rehearsals for the school production, Christian has attended every after school club offered, Phoebe and Georgina have shown great team skills within Basketball and Adventure club, and Alex even achieved a Stage 2 in sailing! Austin has continued to excel in sport, playing in a national rugby tournament, in addition to working alongside Riley and Zoe to help film for a project with Avon and Somerset Police. I am blown away by the kindness and support that is shown within the group; Jason is always offering to help and be there for others, and on a number of occasions the tutor group has worked together to make a student that is feeling down laugh! I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time as a tutor group each afternoon, reading through ClassChart positives and seeing the students in 8I grow as a team together. I hope to see 8I continue on such a great path as they move into Year 9, where I have no doubt that they will flourish as individuals and as a tutor group together.

8N - Miss Groves/Mr McBride

We have thoroughly enjoyed being part of 8N's journey through year 8 and have no doubts that they will continue to thrive into Year 9. It has been a pleasure to celebrate your achievements each week through the Praise 8 programme. Regularly seeing Lorraine, Sienna and George top the ClassCharts leaderboard. Furthermore, despite the impact of the pandemic causing turbulence throughout this school year, your dedication and enthusiasm towards your education has resulted in many of you achieving 100% attendance during the summer term: Colby, Isla, Darrell, Jacob, Keigan, Regan, Delia, Lorraine and George! Additional to academic success, you have contributed to many of the extra curricular activities on offer. Jacob P, George, Colby and Keigan have all been active participants in Music

Club this year. The Girls Rounders team also did brilliantly in the intertutor events: coming 2nd! Outside of school Regan continues to excel with his interest and success with Boxing! Keep up the great work everyone!

8A - Mr Ellis/Mr Shewring

I remain consistently proud of 8A both inside and outside school. There have been some real success stories across the tutor group. For example, Beau, who has wide ranging talents has got into the school orchestra, has singing lessons, plays drums and continues to develop his acting skills. Music talent is matched by Sam who has become a 'yellow belt' in Karate and is still playing the saxophone. Jack H plays football for Burnbridge and Evelyn continues her acting talents in the Bees theatre group. Jocelyn, is now one step closer to a 'black belt' in MMA and excels at Rounders. Sophia plays tennis, perhaps a future Wimbledon star? and Ellie is cheerleading at Puxton Park. Incredibly, all this is supported by excellent work in school. I must also mention the support and excellent tutoring delivered by Mr Shewring in the past year. 8A will miss him dramatically reading in the morning but what is our loss is 8K's gain. Looking forward to Year 9.

8L - Mr Moore

It has been a real pleasure to get to know 8L since becoming their tutor. I am extremely proud of the attitude, effort and progress made by every member of the group. The group were set the challenge of reducing the amount of negative class chart points they received, while also increasing the amount of positives. Overall, it is safe to say that they have achieved this target. We finished top of the positive leaderboard for the first time ever as a group and received far fewer negatives. This is a great achievement and everyone is working hard to maintain this level of progress. Aside from this challenge, we have many achievements that we can celebrate. Firstly, our home learning is consistently completed to a high standard and many of our students have received the student of the week award (Poppy, Tommy, Danique, Chanelle, Violet, Jared and Chloe). Tommy and Poppy have represented the school in both rounders and cricket fixtures, while Chanelle has a role in the school production (Little Shop of Horrors). It has to be noted that we have many other pupils who are consistently getting it right and are proving to be great role models for others: Reece, Hayden, Maisey, Rebecca, Rylee, Sam and Max to name a few. I am really enjoying seeing each member of the group develop - Keep up the good work 8L.

8F - Mr Clements/Miss Stanley

Congratulations 8F on a highly successful year. You have consistently been at the top of attendance and behaviour class charts all year- this represents an excellent attitude to your learning and school- well done to all of you as it is all of you who have contributed to our success- we are very proud of you.

It has been great to get to know you all this year and it gives me great pleasure to see you flourish and make the most of the many opportunities the school offers you. You continue to be involved in clubs and teams and contribute to the life of the school in many ways.

As I am sure you all agree Ms Stanley has been like a breath of fresh air and we will all be sorry to lose her to another tutor group next year. But I am sure you will all wish her well.

Mr Clements

It has been a pleasure to have you all as my tutor group this year and furthermore, your history teacher. I could not have wished for a more lively and lovely group. Unfortunately I do not get the pleasure of keeping you next year, however, I hope I still get to see you strive for success. This year I have seen you all achieve across all your subjects, and all your teachers tell both me and Mr Clements how amazing you are. Keep up the hard work and positivity!

Miss Stanley

8R - Mr Day

As the school year draws to a close, 8R has continued to impress me with their positive attitudes to school. I am proud of all the hard work and effort that they have displayed across the school this year. The comments from numerous teachers and the Class Charts points awarded have remained consistently high each week. We have had many worthy winners of 'Student of the week', with some pupils winning on multiple occasions - well done to all the winners! The quality and quantity of homework produced each week has been amazing, showing a real commitment to their own learning. We have covered some difficult topics in PSHCE over the year, which we have discussed in a mature and considerate way. Many pupils in 8R have represented the school in sports this year including rounders, rugby and football. We are currently on our fourth reading book of the year, The Book Thief, which again has led to some interesting conversations, due to its content. I am looking forward to seeing how everyone develops further in Year 9 and beyond. Keep up the good work 8R!

YEAR 9

I have been so impressed with year 9 this academic year, our first full year in school without home learning, video meetings and all the other Covid related issues we have had for the last two years. Year 9 students have been truly amazing, taking everything in their stride and I feel they are really starting to gel as a year group. It has been really wonderful to see them being so positive during social times and first thing in the mornings. One of the key values we have been encouraging this year is 'kindness' and it is so nice to see this demonstrated every day. In lessons they have also continued to impress, with many days where year 9 have the highest positives in the school. Overall we have nearly 180,000 positives (as I type this - and there is still 2 weeks to go until the end of the year) Really fantastic and fully deserved. We are just behind year 8 in second place and I really hope when we come back in September we will be able to keep up the positivity.

I am, as last year, so proud of them as a year group, their resilience, general behaviour and effort in lessons but also I know how much they are going to need to maintain these qualities over the next two years as we head into the GCSEs. I am already looking forward to starting in September and I know how much they are all going to enjoy the option subjects and work that lies ahead of them.

Mr Brittan

9K - A run of wet weather during the last week of June brought an abrupt end to the glorious days of sunshine that had seen 9K take full advantage of a warm weather dress code without blazers. Fingers are now crossed that the recent deluges will mean the weather will behave itself for sports day so our fledgling champions can perform to their potential - special thanks are due to Megan for her powers of persuasion in organising the team. The end of a year, but definitely exciting times ahead as 9K say goodbye to Key Stage 3 and rise to the challenges of a GCSE curriculum.

Mr Hardie

9I - 9I have had a great term, with much to celebrate. We have been really proud to see students from our tutor group in the top positives for the year group and have enjoyed congratulating them in our fab friday sessions! Well done to Harley, Charlie and Riley who are top of the tutor group for this term for positives points and Zach who is top for the tutor group for this year! We have also loved hearing about 9I's achievements outside of school such as all the football matches many of the boys of 9I have been involved in, Lillie and Keira's involvement in their bronze D of E and Zach qualifying to compete in two national swimming events. As a tutor group we are very proud of all the brilliant things 9I are doing inside and outside of school! Also this term was GCSE options and a tutor it was very lovely to see how maturely the group approached this, asking important questions,



coming along to options evening and carefully researching their possible career options in the future. I cannot wait to see how they get on next year as they take their next step in their education journey. Overall it has been a brilliant term for 9I and I hope they are proud of all they have achieved this year.

Miss Keeble

9N - It has been an amazing term and an amazing year for 9N, we have been top of the tutor board more times than I can remember (and way more than last year), and we have had far fewer negatives.

Stand outs of the term have been Charlotte Lee who has been cast as a Ronette Team member in the school production of Little Shop of Horrors, and Archie Smith Finch who has won several awards in his football career outside of school.

Overall I am extremely proud of every student in 9N. This term marks my last term, and as I am writing this I am getting emotional thinking about saying goodbye to my amazing tutor group. They have grown so much over these two years and I can't even begin to put into words how proud I am of them. Each one of them deserves great success in the future. 9N I have loved being your tutor, and I look forward to seeing all your successes in the future.

Mx Profitt.

9G - What a year for 9G! We have gone through so much change from new tutors to a re-arrangement of students and we have also been lucky enough to have been joined by a number of new and fantastic students! They have taken all of this in their stride and have welcomed every single one of us. Throughout the year they have been involved in all sorts of amazing things from alopecia awareness interviews to muddy runs for charity and have been such outstanding role models for the rest of the group. I have no doubt that next year, 9G will jump straight into their GCSE year with enthusiasm, positivity and maturity.

I am grateful I was able to assist this amazing group on their way.

Miss Moore

9A - This term has seen 9A take the next steps in preparation for KS4. With Options made and discussions regarding work experience next year, I have no doubt 9A will continue to make the most of all the opportunities TKASA provides. It has been great to see Ashley, Harrison and Ruby consistently make the Top 20 for positive Classcharts points, a reflection of the effort they put into every lesson.

Individually so many of 9A are dedicated to clubs and training outside of school; this was evident when I was lucky enough to watch Evie demonstrate all her hard work at the Monarch's Annual Display. I was a very proud tutor!

I look forward to being a part of 9A's TKASA journey as their tutor next year.

Mrs Clough

9F - 9F have had a fantastic term to round off an amazing year. They have once again impressed with their brilliant attitude to learning and both Mrs Robertson and I have been so proud of their efforts this year. A particular well done to Aimee, Millie, Towan and Nate, who end the year as our highest achievers on Class Charts. We have to also have a special mention for Lucas who has topped the Class Charts leaderboard for the majority of this term - a whopping 188 positives achieved in 4 weeks!

There have also been some really special extra curricular events to note. Well done to Millie who won the Team Tech Easter competition. Congratulations to the members of the Burnham United football team who finished top of the Taunton Youth League - an amazing achievement. A huge well done to both Towan and James who took part in the Paddlesports Regatta with their Sea Cadets Unit. Towan won a silver medal in the kayak time trial, and when partnered up with James for the tandem kayak sprint event won another bronze medal each. We are hoping that this sporting success continues for the upcoming Sports Day!

Finally we would like to wish 9F and their families a restful Summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for the start of year 10 and the beginning of your GCSE courses.

Mrs Godwin & Mrs Robertson

9R - Well done to 9R for another excellent term. Jake R has dominated the leaderboard for positive points, with Sid not far behind. Bethan has not only been out and about with the school Duke of Edinburgh's Award group but has been involved in our production of 'Little Shop of Horrors'. Ryan C continues to thrive in the Bristol Rovers football academy and Ryan S has been working hard in his Sports Captain role. Poppy wowed us all with her cooking skills, taking part in the South West Chef of the Year finals, receiving compliments for her hassleback potatoes. We have also been delighted to welcome Karon to our group. As we end year 9 we are sad that wonderful Miss Davies is leaving us, but are really pleased she has got a job in our Trust. She has been an exceptional co-tutor and we will really miss her.

Mrs Owen



This term has been another incredible one with lots happening for the Year 10s. We've had Head Student interviews, PPEs, Geography Field Trips, School Productions, Cheesecake Challenge and coming up, our Advocate Evening Presentations.

Most recently most of the year group took part in Work Experience and a Mock Interview day. The feedback I have had from employers has been phenomenal and I can't thank you enough for sharing your children with the local community. Looking ahead I will be welcoming back our students into Year 11 in September so please enjoy the summer holidays and be ready for what's ahead next academic year.

Mrs Gibson

10K - have enjoyed a fantastic last term, with many of our group going above and beyond and excelling in all that they do. Two of our fantastic students, Lucy Falber and Dawson Panter-Wray have achieved the position of Head Student, with Eleanor Partington achieving the role of senior prefect and Charlotte Avery achieving the role of prefect. 10K have sat their PPEs and have excelled! Which they should be incredibly proud of! Ollie Cohen took part in the end of summer acoustic concert, as well as playing beautiful acoustic music for the art and photography private view on Monday 4th July, as well as playing in the pit band for Little Shop of Horrors.

10K are looking forward to their final sports day, and enter their final bittersweet days of year 10. Have the best summer holiday, and see you next year!



10I - A fantastic term for 10I, lots going on, with field trips in Geography, work experience, career events as well as many personal sporting achievements. Special mention to Macy Noad, Aiden Roberts and Seth Barnshaw for their contribution to sports this term. Several students applied for the prefect and head student positions this term, and should be very proud of their achievements. I will be very sad to say goodbye to you all at the end of the term, but I am proud of you all and I know you will smash yr11, I'll be keeping an eye on you! Thank you for being an amazing tutor group and my first at TKASA. Have the best summer.



10N - I have been so impressed with 10N. With the build-up to the PPEs, I was impressed with the amount of our tutor attending P6 sessions preparing themselves in the best way possible.

When it comes to presenting ourselves in the best light, I believe we did that during Work Experience.

Shout out to Justin Jones, who for Work Experience already completed a placement with the Army earlier in the year and then arranged a second placement for July.

And finally a large group of 10N applied for prefects, senior prefect and head students, and I just wanted to say how proud I am for those taking the opportunity and trying your best.

Thank you 10N for being the best Tutor Group in the year. I'm going to miss you talking about reading in the mornings. Wishing you well into year 11.

P.s. Helin, today's favourite colour is Orange and favourite animal is a Raccoon.

10G - We had another fantastic term in 10G. The students successfully navigated their first set of PPEs. They had their first work experience and mock interviews which is always quite daunting. However, the feedback I have received from the employers was outstanding, their conduct was impeccable and made me so proud.

Sky Marsden was chosen as a head student so huge well done to her! Well done to Michael Coleman and Louis Fear for working hard on the student production of Little shop of horrors.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your tutor this year and I am proud of all of you. I will miss you next year and wish you all the best in year 11.

10A - 10A had a great 4 days of work experience with some really positive feedback from their employers. It was great to see so many involved in the interview process as well. Well done to Harry and Sam for their efforts and dedication with the school production. It was great to see those students go through the prefect process and congratulation to those who were successful. Well done to Chloe for her who has completed her DoE expedition. It has been a very busy last term and year. Good luck to all of you in Y11, thank you for putting up with me for the last 4 years. I look forward to seeing you around school and catching up with how you are all doing!

10L - A really busy term for 10L with PPE's and work experience week. It was fantastic to hear all of the positive comments from employers on how well students had adapted to the work environment really well and had made a positive impression in their workplace. Outstanding efforts from Freya, Kerry, Max and Georgina for their consistent collection of positive classchart points. We also have fantastic representation from 10L for the student prefects with a special congratulations to Molly for being chosen to be a part of the Head Student team. I know Mrs Gibson had a very difficult job choosing from the outstanding students who applied. Thank you 10L for another fantastic and positive term. I wish you all well in their year 11 journey.

10F - have had a brilliant week of work experience, and Thomas, Connie, Molly, Alesha and Ben managed to achieve certificates from the employers that came in to interview them on Friday 8th-very well done to all of those who participated in this.

Millie - "work experience was very good. I helped with all three year groups, sports day, helped paint pictures for the queen's jubilee and assisted with helpful jobs".

Thomas "I went to Dowty Propellers and helped build them for a c130 Hercules".

10F managed to raise £75.73 for RAG week from baking amazing cakes - super proud of all of those that took part - including Neve and Lucia from 10A! Well done to all and wishing you every success in Year 11!



10R - Thank you to 10R for another excellent term and welcome to Chantelle who joined 10R this term.

The tutor group have improved their attendance, organisation and extra-curricular involvement this term which has been reflected in students achieving top ten positive behaviour points and fab Friday winners. I was really proud of all the positive feedback given by employers during work experience week, you did yourselves and the school proud. Cerys not only organised her own excellent placement but helped two other students with theirs and was a well deserved work experience award winner PPEs were also handled very positively by all and were a good indication of your organisation and attention to detail moving into year 11. A big thank you to 10R for working with me this year and for supporting each other through the last 2 terms. Best wishes and kind regards for a great Summer break and a positive start to year 11 when you return to TKASA in September.

This academic year was always going to be a tough one, but I am really pleased that Year 11 have made me proud every step of the year.

We have been faced with a number of challenges which they have met with hard work, determination, teamwork and a positive mindset.

We have been through PPEs, the process of applying for their Post 16 options and the return of external exams. The behaviour and efforts throughout the exam period was exemplary and I am looking forward to celebrating the results with students in the summer.

We had a lovely leavers day on Friday 24th June with an assembly, shirt signing and an ice cream. After a week of glorious weather we were treated to some delightful British drizzle which helped to mask some tears.

This year also saw the return of Prom at Batch Country House on Thursday 7th July. Everyone looked amazing and it was another opportunity to celebrate the successes and the end of five wonderful years at TKASA.

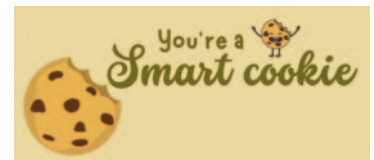
GCSE Results day is on Thursday 25th August and a letter was posted on the school website confirming the arrangements for this. If you have any questions please get in touch by email. It is important to note that this is a printout list of their results. The official certificates do not arrive until the Winter Term, when they will be invited in to collect them from main school reception. These are important documents that future colleges and employers may wish to see as proof of results and they do cost around £40 for replacements.

If students have any unwanted textbooks, revision guides, school blazers, PE kits or Prom outfits we would be extremely grateful for them to be donated to us so that we can help support upcoming

students through their school career. Please hand these in to the main school reception. Thank you to anyone who already donated items on leavers day.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a final thank you for all of your support and for working together with us over the last 5 years. I can honestly say it has been a pleasure to work with the year group and I am pleased so many are staying to study with us in 6th Form. We hope that the students have enjoyed their time at TKASA, having made many memories, friends and learnt knowledge and skills to assist in making them into well-rounded young adults.

Miss Bullock





Thank you to Ms Davey, Jess and Jack in the Sixth Form and Maven for capturing the evening.

Photographs by Maven can be found here
www.maven.pixieset.com/tkasa22/

Photographs taken by Ms Davey, Jess and Jack will be available to view and download on results day.

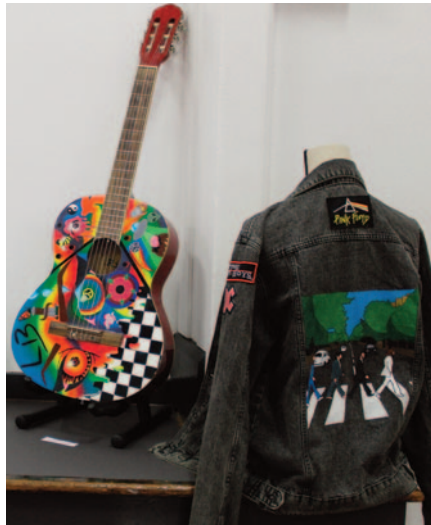
If you were at the prom and took any photographs we'd still love to see them. Please email to myself and Mr Shepherd.

Miss Bullock

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ART EXHIBITION JULY 2022

We were pleased to see so many people attend our art exhibition in July 2022 which showcased our excellent A Level and GCSE Art and Photography students' work.





THE TKASA MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The TKASA music department has enjoyed a wealth of student success this term. Students across all key stages have been hard at work preparing for concerts and showcases, as well as multiple events to celebrate the end of the academic year.

Our Summer concert was a huge success, boasting 40-plus students participating and performing in multiple events. Our Jr. Orchestra made their debut performance, playing the hit title song from the film 'James Bond' and opening the performance with a tremendous start. Our brass band, led by our Peripatetic Brass teacher, Sarah Alsop, gave a fantastic rendition of 'Ode to Joy', 'Metalheads', and 'What Shall We Do With A Drunken Sailor'.

Our fantastic musicians from our extended-curricular group 'Superstars!' mentored by our older students in Key Stage 4, made their performance debut with a fantastic performance of 'Seven Nation Army, by White Stripes'. Finally, leading and closing the second act of our concert, our incredibly talented musicians from our Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE classes performed outstanding songs by some of their favourite artists and bands.

As part of the RAG week events, the Music and Drama department hosted a joint event of 'TKASA's Got Talent', where students were auditioned to showcase their musical, dance, Lego building and Rubik's cube-solving abilities to a panel of judges. The evening concluded with a well-deserved, but incredibly close win by Holly Pike in year 8, who

stole the performance with her rendition of 'The Fresh Prince of Belair'.

Each and every person who took part in all of our events really outdid themselves and should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved - we certainly all are!

Something new has started here at TKASA. Our fantastic music students have been hard at work preparing to play as the pit band for our summer production of 'Little Shop of Horrors'. Many of these students do not read music, and have learnt the entire show by ear, which is a huge accomplishment which should be highly commended.

We also have a few very special celebrations to mention:

Seth Barnshaw (year 10) has recently completed his Grade 2 Piano Examination, and was awarded a distinction. Robin Rosser completed her Grade 5 Trombone with a Merit and Izzy Thomas completed her Grade 6 Trombone with a Merit - massive congratulations to all of them!

We've had an incredibly busy term here at TKASA, but we don't stop there! Up to the end of term our musicians will be taking part in Battle of the Bands and our school production of Little Shop of Horrors.

We've thoroughly enjoyed working with and developing our students as musicians over the last year, and we can't wait to see what they go on to accomplish next year as well.



GOODBYE Y11 AND Y13!

This term has been an emotional one as we said goodbye to our brilliant Y11 and Y13 cohort. We have absolutely loved working with them and are so proud of all they have achieved. We had a wonderful time in our last lessons together looking back over all their past performances and celebrating how far they have all come.

We wish our Y13s all the best as lots of them begin their next steps into University and although we're very excited to have some of Y11s staying with us into A Level next year, we wish all the rest of our Y11 cohort big good luck in their next steps too!



THEATRE AND MOVEMENT WORKSHOPS



We are very excited this term to welcome the professional company 'State of Trust' who are coming to lead some theatre and movement workshops with our KS3/KS4 and KS5 students around culture and identity. We are so pleased we can give students opportunities to work with professional companies and are

already planning lots more opportunities in the next academic year!

Y12 PERFORMANCE EXAM

A big well done to Y12 who have been hard at work devising their first A Level performance exam. We are very proud of all their hard work and dedication to their performances and cannot wait to see them.

WELCOME MR SHEWRING!

We are delighted to have appointed Mr Shewring as our full time drama teacher starting in September. Mr Shewring has been training with us this year and has contributed so much to our department and been a huge part of our student's studies this year. We are excited to have him join us permanently and be able to continue to be a brilliant drama role model for the students.



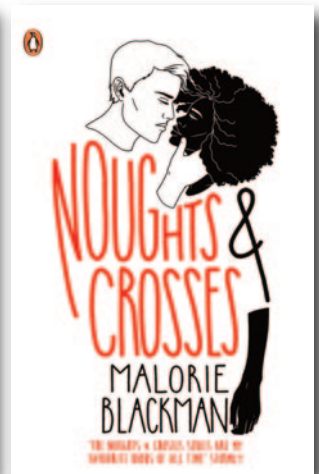
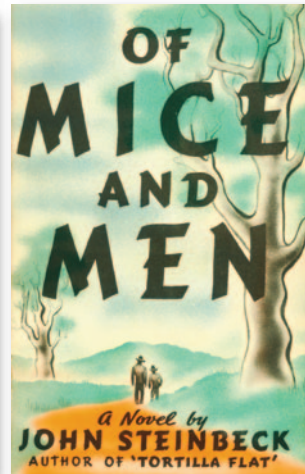
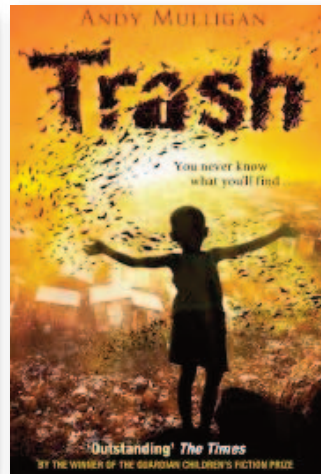
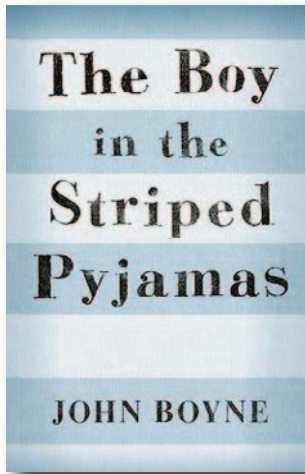
WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Rehearsals have been going strong for our production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' this term. The cast and band have been outstanding and shown such dedication, passion and enthusiasm throughout the whole process. A big mention to the Y11 and Y13 students who have continued to rehearse with us throughout their exams and are using their time now to come in and help us in the run up to the show. We are sure this production will be our best one yet!



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS





ENGLISH

As we move closer to the end of our most 'normal' academic year for a while, the students have once again wowed us with their resilience and diligence.

For Key Stage 3, the focus of this cycle has been our novel study. The Year 7s have just finished reading 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' (John Boyne), a book set in the Holocaust which tells the story of two eight year old boys. Based on this, they have produced creative writing of their own, and analysed the writing style of the author. They have engaged with the book and been moved by its finale - well done Year 7!

Year 8 have studied 'Trash' (Andy Mulligan), a multiple first person narrative set in the fictional Behala, a third-world shanty town and is a homage to the power of society and camaraderie. A selection of Year 8s have been looking closely at phonics and have excelled and enjoyed improving their linguistic skills.

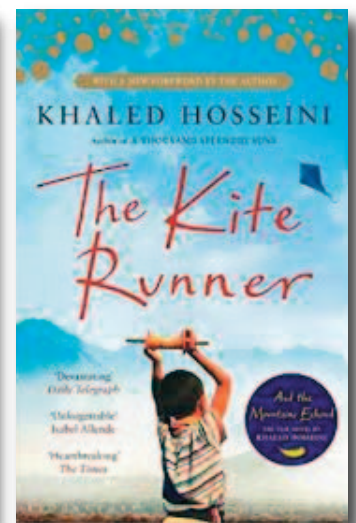
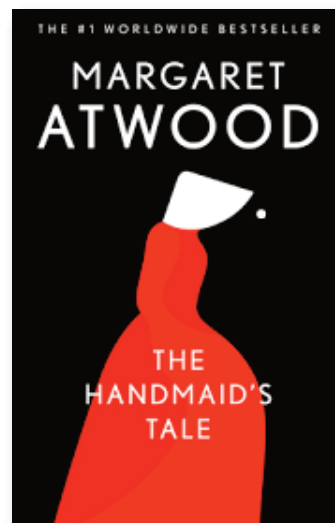
We also studied 'Of Mice and Men' for the last time with Year 9 - the story of how George and Lennie go looking for their American Dream. Next year we are having a refresh of this text with 'Noughts and Crosses' by Malorie Blackman - a more modern read - set in an alternative history where black "Cross" people rule over white "Noughts".

In KS4, Year 10 have worked incredibly hard completing their GCSE Speaking and Listening examinations - we were privileged to witness some fantastic presentations on topics that inspired our students. Following on Year 10 worked hard in preparation of their PPEs where they sat the non-fiction Paper 2 for English Language and a 2 hour 15 minute examination (!) for Literature on A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls and Unseen Poetry.

Our Year 12s continue to work hard, with English Language students tackling their big and fascinating NEA projects from analysing the language bias of the media during the Depp vs Heard trial to how social media promoted racist language during the 2020 Euros. Literature students continue to read the novels The Kite Runner and The Handmaid's Tale, where they explore human nature through unfortunately very topical issues.

We were very sad to say goodbye to our exam years (Year 11 and Year 13) but were so proud of how calmly and impressively they tackled examinations. We cannot wait to share in their successes come results day in August!

Mrs Wormald-Kelly



MATHS TRIP THE BIG BANG FAIR (HC)

On Friday 24th June, Mrs Coulson-Clarke and Mr Brittan took 14 Year 9 students to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC Birmingham. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to see STEM subjects in real life situations as well as applied to careers. They were able to get hands-on experiences and came away with new skills and creations. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day and their behaviour and participation was out of this world!



CALCULATORS

We kindly encourage students to have their own calculator for their math's lessons. Here is all the information you need:

Where?
School website
via scopyay
Supermarket
Amazon

Why?
Used in many
maths topics
Used in other subjects
Practice before exams

Which?
Any
scientific
calculator



MATHS VS ENGLISH CHALLENGE RAG WEEK

Well done to Mr Swaine, Mr Maguire and Mrs Coulson-Clarke for representing team Maths and winning the quiz! The team had to answer various general knowledge questions where they had to be quick on the buzzer. There was also an English round where they had to name 10 Shakespearean characters. Team English need to revise their prime numbers!



IN MEMORY OF JULIE EVANS

The maths department is sorry to say that Mrs Evans passed away in the Easter holidays. Mrs Evans joined the maths department in 2011.



She was a valued member of the maths department and worked as a classroom assistant supporting students within lessons. Mrs Evans often took small groups to help them progress within maths and regularly helped students to prepare for their exams. She will be sadly missed by staff and students at TKASA.

■ BUSINESS STUDIES

In Business Studies Year 10 students have now completed the first four units of their GCSE course. Having had a break from learning new content to focus on their PPEs they have now begun the fifth unit (marketing). They will finish this unit in the autumn term and then study the final unit (business finance) before reviewing everything and starting their revision for the final GCSEs next summer. 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 also have access to useful revision material stored on our Google Drive and through the Seneca website.

Year 11 students all worked hard in the lead up to their final exams and I wish them well. I look forward to continuing to work with those students who are returning to study A Level business.

Year 12 students have completed all the first year material and have now started studying material relating to the second year of the course. This gives them a head start on students who are attending colleges, as they will not begin these topics until the autumn term.

The final A-level exams went well for the year 13 students and I look forward to seeing their hard work reflected in their results in August.

Several business students from the sixth form have been involved all year in the Young Enterprise programme, which contextualises much of what they learn in the classroom as they set up and run their own company. This year they designed and sourced a range of organic tote bags which they have been selling in the local area. They competed against other Young Enterprise teams across the south west and won the award for best company in Somerset - congratulations! Young Enterprise is a great example of 'learning by doing' and the students have gained a huge amount of knowledge and experience during the programme. My thanks go to Bakkavor for sponsoring this initiative and to David Baum of ABL for providing advice and support to the students.

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. Recent discussions have included the cost of living crisis and the ways that Brexit, Covid and the war in Ukraine have impacted businesses. I look forward to welcoming many Year 11 students back to the sixth form in September and I wish good luck to all business students in Years 11 and 13 who have left us.

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After a very busy schedule of exams, students at all key stages are impressing with their focus and effort to finish the year really well. Year 9's are demonstrating a deeper understanding of AI and how we can bring information from the real world into digital information to enable computers to interpret and make decisions based on human criteria. This will be more relevant to them as technology begins to bring in more automated aspects in to our lives; driverless cars becoming more popular.



Tesla Driverless Car

Students in year 7 and 8 are also reinforcing their understanding of language, computer components and cybercrime. Students are gaining a greater knowledge of how criminals target people in a range of ways using many different techniques. Please rest assured, we are not giving our students a manual of how to become cyber criminals.



We are also introducing a new extra-curricular club aimed at students with an interest in building and coding. Our new Arduino kits will enable students to begin understanding how computational thinking and problem solving can be a fun. Our new club, run by year 12's will begin in September. Maybe we will see some mini robot wars toward the end of the year.



CAREERS

Firstly I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Govier and I am the TKASA Careers advisor. I joined the school in April and have hit the ground running. We have had a very busy term. At the end of May year 7's took on the Interview challenge with confidence and really gave it their all. Yr 10's and 12's successfully completed a week of work experience and we have received amazing feedback from employers. A small group of yr 10's have attended a Taster Day at Weston College and completed a day of employability skills workshops run by Ask Apprenticeship. Finally, yr 10's and 12's have completed a mock interview with a local employer and they did not disappoint, once again the feedback was very positive so well done



everyone. Time for me to start planning next year's activities. I hope everyone has a fantastic summer break and when we return to school in September 121 careers interviews with yr 11 will be my main priority.



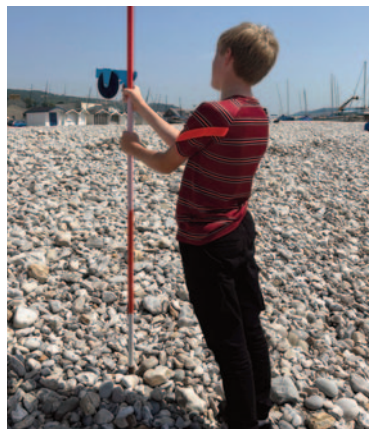
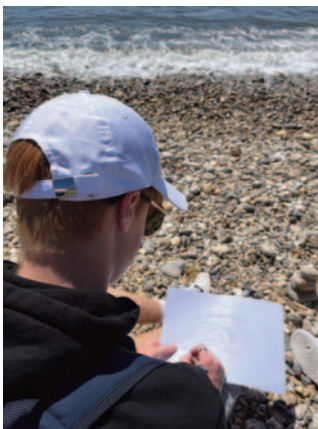
LYME REGIS TRIP

The geography department was delighted that the sun shone when they visited Lyme Regis with year 10 students in June. Around 180 students visited the Dorset town over four days to carry out physical geography fieldwork as part of their GCSE course.

Students started their day on Monmouth Beach, measuring beach profiles and pebbles to see if there was evidence of longshore drift. They then walked to the main sea front for some free time and ice cream. The students' behaviour was excellent - it is a shame we can't say the same for the chip stealing seagulls!

The understanding students gained from this fieldwork will be assessed in their GCSE Paper 3 exam next year.

Massive thank you to Mrs Robertson for organising the field visit and to the staff who came along, including some of our wonderful Schools Direct trainees.



MR WITTS RECEIVES NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY AWARD

Congratulations to Mr Witts, who was awarded the Geographical Association Outstanding Service Diploma in April for his work with the GA International Special Interest Group. His nomination read:

'Seb has been an active member of the GAISIG for over 6 years. He played a key role in creating and developing our link with Uganda and setting up the Kampala GA Branch. Seb has co-written journal articles for both Teaching Geography and Primary Geography, resourced schemes of learning on Kampala and Uganda and the 'GCSE Revision Toolkit' book. He has presented sessions at GA conferences in the UK and organized a day GA conference in Kampala attended by around 50 Ugandan teachers. Since March 2020 Ugandan schools have been closed; Seb has kept in close contact with our geography colleagues there and kept our SIG informed of their situation, including ideas for support as schools reopen.'



YEAR 7 WATCHET FIELD TRIP

It was wonderful to be back in Watchet with year 7 in July, carrying out a fieldwork investigation into how this coastline is shaped by physical and human processes. Students collected data using field sketches, bi polar surveys, geology surveys and a land use transect to allow them to answer their enquiry question. However, these visits weren't just about geography; they also gave students the chance to spend time with their friends in the great outdoors, making memories. Thank you to the staff that made these field visits possible.



GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS' PUBLISH NEW REVISION BOOK

Mx Profitt and Mrs Owen from the TKASA geography department were delighted to see their AQA Geography revision guide published by the award winning PG Online in April.

The book includes summaries of the information students need to know for the course, along with model answers for exam-style questions and questions for students to have a go at themselves.

Mx Profitt said 'It was amazing to work with Mrs Owen on my first publication, it was a great experience and fantastic to have already seen students using the book around school, can't wait for the next project!'

If students would like to purchase the book with a 40% discount they can order it from the school website (the teachers involved aren't on commission) - see the KS4 revision guide tab on the menu for students.





■ NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK

National School Sports Week was the week commencing 20th June. During this week we ran our Inter Tutor competitions in the form of Cricket and Rounders. The theme this year was belonging, and being a part of Physical Education in any form (official, coach, captain, manager etc). The weather was kind to us and the atmosphere around all lessons during this week was fantastic! All games were run, scored, played and officiated by the students and it was all done in good spirit!

■ ROUNDERS

It has been a real joy to see the progress students and teams have made throughout the season. Development of skills and the understanding of rules and tactics at training has enabled the teams to grow in confidence and performance with each fixture. Staff from other schools have also commented on the impeccable way our students have conducted themselves at fixtures; as a department this makes us incredibly proud. We look forward to seeing the journey the teams make during their time at TKASA.



■ CRICKET

Cricket has been hugely successful this year. We have been lucky enough to use the BASC ground for our training and games which has provided us with the opportunity to show our students what facilities a cricket club has and what they can offer. We have seen over 20 year 7 and 8s attend training and a variety of fixtures, playing pairs cricket where each pair will bat for 2 overs, even if they are out, they will also bowl and wicket keep in pairs. This has allowed the students to develop in each role. The Year 9 and 10 team have also had a successful season, some playing with a the leather cricket ball for the first time. We have seen cricket fever sweep across the players, many who are now playing at their local cricket club which is fantastic to see. They have represented the school brilliantly in fixtures this season.



■ BASKETBALL

Attendance at Basketball club has been consistently high throughout the last term. All students that have attended have shown a real enthusiasm for the sport, and have been eager to gain a better understanding of the game. Students have had the opportunity to develop their knowledge of the rules through small sided games, improve their technique when performing game specific actions, and have time to socialise. Overall, students have had the chance to try a different sport in a really positive environment.

■ BADMINTON

Badminton club has provided students with the opportunity to engage with badminton outside of PE lessons. Attendance has been consistently high with a core group of students attending every week. The club has allowed students to turn up and play badminton for leisure, but also allow those who wish to develop their game specific skills to have teacher input when they wish to. Students that have attended regularly have shown clear progress in their understanding of the game and have created an inclusive, fun and relaxed environment to take part in some physical activity with their positive attitude.

■ ATHLETICS



Athletics club has been well attended each week, with students keen on developing either their all round athletic skills, or improving in a

specific event. This has resulted in students being selected to represent the school in some local competitions. Back in May a team attended the Sedgemoor Area event at Brymore school. Then in June, a Team attended the Somerset competition at Yeovil Athletics track. Both competitions were a 'try me' event, where students could participate in a number of events across an afternoon. There were some great performances, but more importantly, excellent conduct and representation of our school.

■ PRIMARY/ LEADERSHIP

This term we welcomed many of our local/ feeder Primary Schools up for some Physical Activity sessions focusing on developing their striking and fielding skills. It was brilliant to see so many Year 6 pupils enjoying our vast facilities and experiencing what their PE lessons may look like if they are joining us in September. These sessions were lead by our Year 12 OCR Sport students who focus on Coaching development as part of their course. It was fantastic to see the progression in their leadership throughout these events!



The TKASA PE Department also collaborated with SASP in running a Primary Quad Kids Event for Years 3 & 4 pupils in June which welcomed over 80 pupils from Primary Schools from Bridgwater. Over the course of the day the Primary School students participated in Athletics orientated events (standing long jump, sprint, howler throw and a middle distance run). These events were led and officiated by our Year 7, 8 & 9 Sports Captains. It was a fantastic day to see our younger students further developing their confidence, communication and leadership skills. As well as, developing our community links with different Primary Schools. We look forward to hosting more of these events in the future!





TEAMTECH

■ BIRD BOXES

We are excited to announce that there are now 9 bird boxes up around the school site with many more to follow in the future. In Partnership with the TKASA Eco group.



■ YEAR 7 FOOD

Some Year 7 Food lessons have proven more popular than others this Year!



■ Y10 HOSPITALITY AND CATERING PRACTISING THEIR PRESENTATION TECHNIQUES



■ SOME SUCCESSFUL PEN HOLDERS MADE THIS YEAR



SOMERSET JUNIOR CHEF 2022

Poppy Mackay (Y9) entered into the South West Junior Chef 2022. Poppy’s menu wowed the judges with her getting through to the Somerset Regional Final on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at Bridgwater and Taunton College.

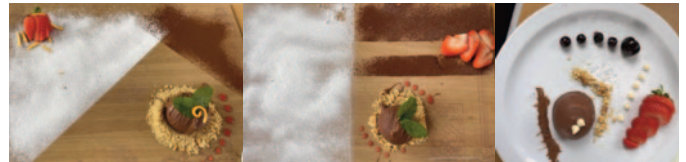
Poppy created a dish of locally produced pork loin served with hasselback potatoes and seasonal vegetables which she had to prepare and cook in 90 minutes, all from locally sourced produce.

The judges: Chris Cleghorn - Head Chef, The Olive Tree, Queensberry Hotel, Bath, Andrew Swann - Head Chef, The Castle Hotel, Taunton, and James Jones - Chef Lecturer, Bridgwater and Taunton College were all really impressed with Poppy’s dish giving amazing feedback on her skill level and flavours. In a field of six really strong competitors, Poppy was a very proud runner up.



YEAR 9 TEA CAKE CHALLENGE

In learning cycle 4 some year 9 students have had an introduction to Hospitality and Catering in their D&T Food lessons, this has meant introducing new skills and expanding knowledge. ‘The Tea Cake Challenge’ which was hugely popular allowed the students to be creative with food and try a range of decoration techniques.



D&T JUBILEE COMPETITION

Kerry Pullen (10L) and Annabelle Kempton (8G), were the deserving winners with these two amazing looking cakes of the D&T Jubilee dessert competition. We are very sure the Queen would have loved to be served these two desserts during her celebrations. Well done to them both.



EASTER D&T COMPETITION



Year 7 – Jack Carter (7A)

Year 8 – Orla Rackstraw (8R)

Year 9 – Millie Sheppard (9F)

Year 10 – Summer Pashley (10A)



100 YEARS OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE AND 40 YEARS SINCE THE FALKLANDS WAR

In July the school hosted the Royal British Legion and the Mayor of Burnham-on-Sea for an amazing triple celebration of 100 years of the Royal British Legion, The Queen's Jubilee and 40 years since the Falklands War.

Joined by special guests and dignitaries, students and staff created an emotional tribute.



First they marked the 100 years of The Royal British Legion with the planting of a Rowan Tree - which produces the school's colours through the year with blossom and bright red berries. Then they unveiled a plaque for The Queen's Jubilee. Finally, they enjoyed a wonderful cream tea afternoon where they were served by students. There were also displays of each of the three celebrations.

Students and staff had made dozens of displays from 100 years of history connected with the area, the school and the events.

John Crosby, Chairman of Burnham and District Royal British Legion, was the guest of honour along with Mayor Lesley Millard and others from the RBL. Mr Crosby was Royal Air Force Police for nine years from 1957 to 1966. He said at the event: "I'm delighted to dedicate this Rowan Tree, chosen because of its blossom in the spring and bright red berries in the autumn - all school colours. I hope it grows and flourishes for many years to come."

Mayor Lesley Millard said: "I was privileged to attend the commemoration celebrations and enjoyed the opportunity to meet the students. It was good to see the work that the students had done around the British Legion and the Falklands War. It is these life stories that help us to remember the sacrifice so many of our armed forces make every day, somewhere in the world.

I think that getting different generations together builds a joint understanding. I would like to see more of our community joining together to work to improve our town. We can learn so much from each other."

Principal Dan Milford said: "This was a really lovely event. It was a real honour to host our special guests and to commemorate three massive events in the history of our school and country."



■ CHANGES IN THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mr Walker joined us at the start of the term as our new Designated Safeguarding Lead

From August 8th 2022 Miss Saunders will be working alongside Mr Walker and the rest of the Safeguarding Team as the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Miss Saunders has lots of experience having been the Manager of the Parent & Family Support Advisors and previous employment within Somerset County Council Early Help agencies

■ COLLABORATE DIGITAL



Year 9 students took part in workshops run by Collaborate Digital. They took the format of learning and discussing the issues faced by girls and forming a better understanding of the part we can all play in changing attitudes. The second part of the workshop consisted of the students making podcasts that can be used to play at schools to promote better attitudes. Collaborate Digital went into lots of schools in the South West. All the podcasts were then judged and one of our groups came second in the region which is fantastic.

■ ESCAPELINE



Escape Lines have presented to Year 7, 8, 9 & 10. Escape Lines offer support to young people who may be in danger of being exploited by peers or those older than them to follow the path of County Lines - general criminal and/antisocial behaviour.

■ TOOTOOT

Week commencing 13th June 2022 saw the launch of Tootoot at King Alfred School Academy. This is an app that can be accessed via mobile phone or desk top. Tootoot enables students to report concerns they have anonymously. We recognised that students did not have the ability to directly report so we are delighted to have now filled that gap. More info on school website

■ ANDRI NICOLAOU - TOPAZ - AVON & SOMERSET POLICE

Andri is a regular visitor to King Alfred School Academy,. We had to cancel a whole school presentation but Andri held a Parenting Event on 29th June which was open to all parents in the area. The feedback was really great and we will be holding the event again. Please keep an eye on the school website for details.



■ STUDENTS INVOLVED IN AVON & SOMERSET PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

We were approached by ex-student Ismail Abdelrahim who is now a serving police officer in Avon & Somerset. It is early days but students will be writing, filming and acting in this video. We look forward to being able to share more as time goes on.

■ MEDICAL REQUESTS AND REMINDERS

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

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

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

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

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

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Mrs Butler

■ GOLD AWARD

Congratulations to Amber Dinham, Katie-Bea Robinson and Lilly Keeley Watts who attended a garden party event at Buckingham Palace to celebrate their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

“We had really lovely weather which was lucky as it had been raining all morning! Had a speech from Prince Edward and from James and Oliver Phelps who played the Weasley twins in Harry Potter. We had tea, cake and a travel mug which was nice! We had a really lovely time”.



Left to Right: Amber Dinham, Lilly Keeley Watts and Katie-Bea Robinson

■ 48 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Congratulations to Phil Aldred who received a certificate in recognition of over 48 years of service to The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Mr Aldred, who retired from TKASA last year, received his certificate from Mr Milford. Photographed with him are students who were setting off on their Silver and Gold expeditions with Mr King and Mr Swain. Well done!



ADVENTURE CLUB

Adventure Club have been busy over the last term.

Mr Swaine, Mr Smith, Mr Disney, Mr Moore, Mr Maguire, Mrs McLennan, Miss Lodge and Mrs Owens have all enjoyed a variety of activities including baking Chocolate easter baskets, learning sign language, sewing Face masks, Painting Jubilee Crowns for a Highbridge community Trail, becoming astronomers using Star maps and outside sport activities and scavenger hunts.

With the weather improving we are hoping to complete more outside activities over the summer term.



PRELOVED PROM 2022

This year has been our best year yet.

Massive thanks to Year 11 students Lyla and Katie for helping Mrs Lawrence set up the new look space. A big thank you also goes to Miss Davidson & Mr Boundy for the enthusiasm in planning in making the space happen with the money that was provided from the Priory Learning Trust to ensure that Preloved Prom could be shown off to its best.

We have had students from all over Somerset and North Somerset come and borrow dresses and suits alongside our own students. The usual response when people come and visit Preloved Prom for the first time is "Wow". People are always surprised by the amount of choice we have.

Anyone who borrows makes a donation to Weston Hospice - there is no fixed amount. The ethos behind Preloved Prom is sustainability, community and kindness.

If you would like to donate a dress or suit simply drop off in reception or contact the school - 01278784881. Opening times will be added to the School Website and people can book by following the link to Eventbrite. Also please call school if none of the times fit and we can try and accommodate.



TKASA PRIDE GROUP

TKASA Pride group has had a lot of fantastic times over recent months! We have got a permanent pride section in the library to encourage students to read some queer focused literature, and introduce more diversity into TKASA.

Pride group has also worked with The Princess Theatre in Burnham on Sea to submit some entries into the pride art exhibition being shown in June. There are some amazing pieces pictured below.

In the pride group we have been exploring the ideas

of media representation (we may have watched Heartstopper a few times), but we have also had the wider discussion around representation in assemblies.

I have had an amazing time working with the TKASA pride group over the last year. I am very proud to hand the pride baton over to Miss Stanley (humanities) and Miss Davies (science technician). They are going to continue to provide a safe space for queer students.



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Term Days
 INSET Days
 Holidays
 Bank Holidays

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

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023		
TERM 1	Starts	Thursday 1 September 2022
	Ends	Friday 14 October 2022
		Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September and Friday 14th October are INSET days.
TERM 2	Starts	Monday 31 October 2022
	Ends	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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Open Evening - Thursday, 22nd September 2022	
6th Form Open Evening - Thursday, 29th September 2022	
6th Form Open Mornings - Saturday, 8th October and Saturday 3rd December 2022	
Parent Evenings	
Year 7	16th March 2023
Year 8	9th February 2023
Year 9	2nd February 2023
Year 10	8th December 2022
Year 11	17th November 2022
Year 12	18th May 2023
Year 13	5th January 2023