



# **What's Happening at TKASA...?**

## **5<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

### **Newsletter**



#### **Be Proud**

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

#### **Message from Nathan Jenkins – Principal**

So much has happened since the last edition of 'What's Happening' and as we approach the end of the school year, it is great to see business as usual. We are by no means winding down here at TKASA. You will have seen much of our news on social media over the last few weeks and I am sure like me, you have been thrilled to see so many of our students featuring in tweets, posts and articles because of all the great things they have been involved in. We have seen students taking part in 'The Battle of the Bands', the Cheesecake Challenge, the Cream Tea, and many more activities, not forgetting meeting and greeting and, in some cases, chatting to Boris Johnson. All these opportunities will stand our students in good stead as they progress through the school and we are incredibly proud of them all for representing the school so well.

Next week, we turn to transition and meeting all the current Year 6 students. I am really looking forward to meeting them and of course all the Year 6 parents. Speaking as the father of a current Year 6 student, I can empathise with you as you watch your children move to 'big school'. I am sure they will settle in well and we will do all we can to make the transition as smooth as possible for them.

As always, if you have any queries regarding school, please feel free to phone in on the main school number or email [info@tkasa.org.uk](mailto:info@tkasa.org.uk)

#### **Message from Dan Milford – Vice Principal**

The past few weeks have been incredibly busy with the Year 11 having both their Leavers Assembly and their Prom on last Wednesday followed by the Sixth Form Prom.

Last week, we also held our second Parent Safeguarding evening of the year. This was a really successful night attended by over 25 parents who received presentations from a selection of highly trained professionals who focus on the many areas of mental health, safeguarding and support.

Next year we plan to hold three separate evenings due to the response we have had from parents this year. Please look out for those dates when we return in September for the new academic year. Please can I remind all parents and carers about the uniform expectations for September, explained in Mr Jenkins' recent letter home. All students are to be in blazer and tie and footwear must adhere to our footwear poster expectations.

Finally, with just over three weeks to go of term, I would like to say how **proud** I have been with how all the students have conducted themselves this term so far. I am sure we will all continue in the same way until we break up in July.



Please note that the school will finish at 12.40pm on Wednesday 24th July. School transport has been informed.

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## **BAKKAVOR CHEESECAKE CHALLENGE 2019**

Congratulations and thank you for your hard work to the twelve students who completed the 2019 Bakkavor Cheesecake Challenge on 21st June. They were tasked with researching, designing and making a cheesecake and presented costings, packaging ideas and market research with their final product to the judges.

Thank you also to John Bowman, Sandra Blake and Anwen O'Brien from Bakkavor for giving up their time to judge.

Congratulations to: the winner Caitlin Hopkins, Jessica Couchman (2nd), Alex Ellis (3rd) and everyone else who took part: Sophie Bell, Katie White, Molly Bishop, Millie Jones, Sienna Field, Christiana Pantelli, Scarlett Bailey-Hooke and Owen McDade.

The amazing prizes provided by Bakkavor were presented during Y9 assembly on 1st July. Photos left to right: 1-Anwen O'Brien tasting Caitlin's winning Eton Mess cheesecake, 2-Jessica presenting the costings for a chocolate orange cheesecake, 3-Alex explaining his vegan gluten free Pina Colada concept to John Bowman, 4-all entrants and judges.



## **Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

### **Bronze**

What a great expedition, all 36 passed their expeditions in style. The weather did its best to spoil the mood - heavy rain, wind and hail before we left TKASA. Once we were on the way everyone's spirit remained high though. We arrived on Exmoor and the storm gave us a window long enough to let us get our tents up and get all the kit safely stashed away. An early night and then Storm Miquel hit. Heavy rain and wind made for an interesting night but apart from 3 boys being washed out, all survived and were up and ready the next morning for their expeditions.

Two great days, some sore feet and sore shoulders but all finished their hikes in great spirits, moreover, full of enthusiasm. There were no moans, no one wanted to drop out even when the conditions were really awful. They should all be very proud of what they achieved, they were a true credit to the school. Well done to all of them.

### **Silver and Gold**

The Award never stops and it will soon be time for the Silver and Gold Expeditions in the Brecon Beacons. All the routes have been planned and submitted to the Welsh Panel and all five groups (2 Gold and 3 Silver) are ready. Roll on the 15th July when I am sure they will also prove as successful and to be another credit to the School and themselves.

## **King Alfred's in the county final of South West Junior Chef of the Year 2019**

Congratulations to Abi Dowell on her success getting through to the county final in this prestigious regional competition. This is the first time King Alfred's have entered the competition and we are proud that Abi coped with nerves, pressure and cooking in an unfamiliar kitchen. Entrants were tasked to submit a menu, explain their choices and sources of ingredients and then to cook two covers in 90 minutes.



The standard of the competition was exceptionally high and we extend our warmest wishes to Munopa from Queens College Taunton for the regional final in



October. The organisers were keen to know if Abi will enter again next year; unfortunately she will be too old, so budding chefs out there in years 7-10 for 2019-2020, watch out for information about next year's competition. Photos from left to right: Abi at work while being judged, the winning dish.

**Dates for the diary** – Weston super Mare RNLI Lifeboat Station Open Day – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

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