

# NEWSLETTER



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In this final newsletter magazine piece of the school year I want to say a huge 'thank you' to all parents and carers who have supported our Trust this year. Come September, we will have 5,000 students in our care and we will have over 700 staff. We are continuing to

grow wisely. I am delighted to say that things are going really well at all our academies - we are fully staffed and heavily over-subscribed with students as a Trust. I hope you will agree we have a group of really great Heads / Principals who are leading our academies with great passion through putting STUDENTS FIRST.

We have developed a very clear 2019-20 strategic plan. You can see this plan on all websites and on the central TPLT website - [www.theplt.org.uk](http://www.theplt.org.uk). Please do have a look at the plan. It has been drawn up with all stakeholders involved - it reflects our **GO PLT** aims of strong **G**overnance, great **O**utcomes, developing our **P**eople, **L**imited and wise growth and great **T**PLT Business Services. We are delighted to have 330 new students joining PCSA next year - we were asked to go over number by 30 students; whilst WCSA's numbers are up by 17% to a recent record of 290 new Year 7s joining us. Again, thank you for your great support.

One very important new initiative we are introducing in 2019-20 is our 'reading for all' programme. Each morning all secondary aged students in Years 7-10 will be taking part in a reading session led by tutors at tutor time. This will be three mornings a week. We will read books from a set list in all our academies and complete at least 3 books per year. Clearly, we will still be encouraging private reading. Reading is so important in developing vocabulary and we must champion reading in all our academies. The same ethos will prevail within our primary academies - although the exact system will be slightly different.

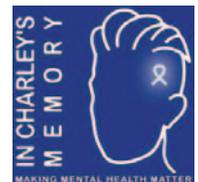


One member of our Central Team who needs a special mention is our Chief Operations Officer (COO) Martin Kerslake. Martin is retiring this year and we wish him well. He will continue to work with us for 40 days next year to mentor and coach our new COO. Martin has worked with us at PCSA since 2003 and been an integral part of establishing the Trust's good financial position. As the New Zealand 'All Blacks' would say Martin, 'leaves the shirt in a much better place'. Thank you, Martin, for your really great work.



Lastly, and on the topic of great work Sunday June 2nd saw over 100 TPLT employees and around 30 students take part in either 10, 20 or 30 miles of walking over the Mendips as part of The Mendip Challenge.

This was for our charity of the year - Weston HospiceCare. As a Trust we will have raised a very significant sum this year for this great local charity. In terms of The Mendip Challenge walk, I was so pleased to see so many employees taking one day out of busy lives to walk for charity. Our TKASA scout troop were a credit to our Trust. Next year we support another great local charity called, 'In Charley's Memory'.



Please enjoy reading about the academy in this newsletter and enjoy the summer holiday period. Looking forward, we again have a two-week October break across TPLT - as always, thank you for your support.

**Neville Coles**  
Executive Principal - The Priory Learning Trust





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 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 each and every day for our students; all this in addition to teaching your children.

This term has been both a busy and rewarding one with the completion of stage one of our roofing project, the refurbishment of the lecture theatre, new security locking systems on the main doors, and many other site improvements around school. We were pleased this term to celebrate Somerset Day with the unveiling of the mural on A Block. There have been so many other activities in and around school and these activities have been seamlessly organised around the day to day school life.

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. They have approached them with calmness and maturity and I am sure this will be reflected on results day. I would like to add that sixth form application numbers are up on last year 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 it is almost a year since I first walked into 'King Alfs' and I can honestly say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year here and I look forward to many more to come.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of wishing all our students a well-earned break and see you in September!

**Nathan Jenkins**  
Principal, TKASA





Having reached the end of a wonderful academic year at TKASA, I have to say I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Vice Principal. It has been a pleasure to be part of a school rapidly improving in all areas of school life and preparing for even more improvements over

the coming months and years. As I have mentioned before, we will be 'relentless' in our approach to exceptional standards and the best possible education for our young people.

There are really too many highlights of the year to mention them all and it would be unfair to miss some out. However, it is important for me to say how proud I am of all our TKASA students who on a daily basis portray such a positive approach to school in a polite and respectful manner.

We have so many wonderful students at school who will all go on to achieve highly I am sure in future years.

The school has and will continue to rapidly improve, I have no doubt, and we will persist in striving every day for high standards in everything we do and we expect that from all our students.

It is important, as we embark on the summer holiday, for all students and families to have a restful break so that when we all return in September, we can once again give 100% each day. I wish all students, parents and carers a wonderful summer break (with hopefully plenty of sun and warm weather) and look forward to seeing you all in 2019-20!

**Dan Milford - Vice Principal, TKASA**



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

- |                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Head Boy</b>         | <b>Josh Tobin</b>     |
| <b>Head Girl</b>        | <b>Grace Huggins</b>  |
| <b>Deputy Head Boy</b>  | <b>Jacob Kemp</b>     |
| <b>Deputy Head Boy</b>  | <b>Fred Salamanca</b> |
| <b>Deputy Head Girl</b> | <b>Erin Murray</b>    |
| <b>Deputy Head Girl</b> | <b>Olivia Earthy</b>  |

## SENIOR PREFECTS

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Izzy Simmons</b>  | <b>Anya Snowball</b> |
| <b>Poppy Cemm</b>    | <b>Will Leader</b>   |
| <b>Poppy Puttock</b> |                      |

## 6TH FORM STUDENT UNION

6th Form students who applied for leadership positions have formed the 6th Form Student Union (SU): these terrific role models are also working with Miss Harvey across the school.

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| <b>President</b>           | <b>Lewis Priest</b>       |
| <b>Vice-President</b>      | <b>Charlotte Slade</b>    |
| <b>Vice-President</b>      | <b>Lily Keely-Watts</b>   |
| <b>Sports Officer</b>      | <b>Charlie Valentine</b>  |
| <b>Education Officer</b>   | <b>Lotty Leader</b>       |
| <b>Wellbeing Officer</b>   | <b>Anya Butler</b>        |
| <b>Community Officer</b>   | <b>Katie-Bea Robinson</b> |
| <b>Environment Officer</b> | <b>Hattie Burt</b>        |

## SOPHY RIDGE, REPORTING FROM TKASA!

SKY news Presenter and journalist, Sophy Ridge, visited the King Alfred School during the visit from Candidate for Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, last Friday.

Ms Ridge talked to the students from the Jill Dando News Centre about their interview with Mr. Johnson, and praised them for their outstanding initiative and interviewing techniques. The presenter also interviewed Boris Johnson in the school classrooms for a serious political interview, which aired on her next show, Ridge on Sunday, on SKY news.

Jill Dando News Centre journalist, Jacob Kemp, said "It was an amazing opportunity to meet Sophie as she is an inspiration for lots of young journalists in this country"





## YEAR 7 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

I cannot believe how quickly this school term has gone. They say ‘time flies when you’re having fun’ and I have certainly enjoyed celebrating success with Year 7 this academic year. I challenged students to ensure they make an effort to ‘belong’ to our school and so many have gone above and beyond to make our school a great place to study and work. A great example of this are the Transition Leaders, who took the time to write an application for the role. Every single one of them has been a credit to the school, by either representing us proudly on visits to primary school, answering questions about student life at TKASA and making sure students had a great experience on the three transition days. I challenge these students to carry on taking opportunities of leadership in the school in future years.

Not only will it enhance their applications to higher education, but also ensure they leave a positive legacy in our school.

Mr. Bail has wanted me to mention 7N and he says: “Throughout the year 7N have strove for the best, they have constantly worked collaboratively to ensure they are all working hard to achieve their goals. They have constantly had glowing reports from other members of staff and it has been a

pleasure to work with them this year. I wish them all the best with their time at TKASA and really believe they can achieve all of their goals.”

Miss Wallis also wanted to mention some of 7F successes : “Well done to Jake Bamford for making the Yeovil Football Academy; Kylie Perrin raised over £700 for charity for a sponsored hair cut; Thomas Greenway plays with Burnham Rugby under 12s and came second in the Gulliver’s Championship gaining three sixes and 3 fours in Cricket; Rudi Brown and Milton Nomads were unbeaten in the league and won the treble; Luca Buckmaster and Johnny Bell got Nokk & Warden in Rainbow six siege (i’m not tech savvy enough to understand this one) and Lily Fitzpatrick came 2nd in a dressage competition against 20 others!”

On a personal note, it has been great to see great sporting success this summer. The Year 7 cricketers and rounders players have been committed to practice and have represented the school proudly. In athletics, Mia Noad, Lucas Earthy and Ferdy Steele have excelled both in and out of school. It has also been great to see Harry Tregale involved in ‘Guys and Dolls’ and the Atoms performing brilliantly at Sedgemoor Battle of the Bands.

**Mr Harris, Head of Year 7**



## YEAR 8 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Well what a year it has been! Year 8 have jumped at any opportunities put in front of them from sports to scouts, drama to community work and everything in between. ACTIV8 tutor winners this year have been 8A and 8G with a group of around 20 students being recognised for their exceptional efforts throughout the year during the afternoon on Friday 19th July.

We are busy planning our end of year assembly with a number of students performing or being recognised for their achievements.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 8 tutor team for their hard work and I am thrilled the majority of the team remains unchanged for next year.

Year 9 is an exciting year with lots more opportunities to get involved in, there will even be some information on some of these in our final assembly to give the students a taster.

I would like to wish everyone a restful summer break and look forward to seeing Year 9 return in September.

Miss Bullock, Head of Year 8



## YEAR 9 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

What an incredible year this has been for Year 9! It has been an absolute pleasure seeing through another academic year with this fantastic group of young people. I feel that I have really got to know them as individuals, as well as the team they have become. This has been a 'coming of age' year as students have embarked on their GCSE journey with dedication and flair. These students make me proud every day as I wander the classrooms, corridors and outside spaces and they invariably say good morning with a smile.

Particular mention must go to those who braved the elements during the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. It was a pleasure to accompany them across the Mendips and they did so without a moan or grumble. Thank you also to Phil Aldred, our veteran expedition leader and to all staff who gave up their free time to accompany the students. It was a great success.

I also would like to commend Caitlin Hopkins on her triumph in the Bakkavor Cheesecake Challenge! This was a competition judged by local professional John Bowman of Bakkavor Desserts who had nothing but praise for Caitlin's culinary creation.



Well done also to Alex Ellis and Jess Couchman for securing 2nd and 3rd places.

Our Cloud9 competition has been hotly contested this term with students taking part in a wide range of activities, including paper aeroplane throwing, penalty taking and even dancing the Macarena! Students combine points from these challenges with positive Class Charts points and good attendance figures with our final reward afternoon scheduled for the last week of term.

Our dedicated tutor team remain incredibly impressed with their Year 9 groups this year. Miss Ganfield congratulates Tia Taylor, Molly Chapman and Charlotte Richer for representing Sedgemoor in the Somerset Schools Games. Mrs. Appleby applauds Faith Hooper who has been invited to the World Taekwondo Championship in Australia next year. Mrs. Owen is chuffed with 9G, particularly Darragh Joyce's record breaking archery and Emily Murphy's athletic achievements. Mrs. O'Brien was hugely impressed with Riannon Love and Katie Bartlett for their committed participation in the TKASA arts festival where the girls showcased several dance routines with great success. Mr. McPake applauds Drew Seabourne who scored 13 goals for Berrow to ensure they finished above the relegation zone and Sophie Beard who achieved distinction in her latest tap exam. Mr. McBride and Miss Picardo de Sousa applaud their whole group (9R) for a great attitude this term, and Miss Wood is looking forward to seeing Jamie Fear taking part in the school production of Guys and Dolls - taking on the character of Harry the Horse.

All in all, this has been a fantastic year for Year 9 students who are now looking forward to Year 10 and the challenges that lie ahead. I hope they all have a peaceful summer break with family and friends and return refreshed and revitalised in September.

**Mr Penman, Head of Year 9**



## YEAR 10 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of year 10 so soon! It really seems like September was only a few short months away but here we are, getting ready to start year 11 and the final push towards the GCSE's. It is with that thought in mind that I look forward and how important it is going to be for us to start September at full steam. With exams starting in May and all completed by June next year is going to feel even shorter.

So much has happened this year it is hard to pick a favourite highlight but work experience week is definitely one of the key events. I have heard so many interesting stories from students and it has clearly shaped the future choices for so many of them, most confirming this is the future they would like to follow and most realising how hard they will have to work in their GCSE exams to get there. This followed by the 'Interview Day' is starting to shape their future with some very positive and some very optimistic plans ahead.

The pre-public exams fortnight (PPE's) came as quite a shock for some of our students and for the first time they were able to experience a full set of GCSE papers under proper exam conditions. It was good to see how maturely and calmly they all approached these despite some difficult logistics for them to get their heads around. Fortunately, and with some meticulous planning from Mrs. Johnson, everything ran very smoothly with many of the catch up exams being taken during the two weeks, which has resulted in a full set of results for us to look at. The Year 11 teachers will be picking through these with a fine toothcomb to look at the key details, ideas and misconceptions that will make a massive difference when we start back in September. Whilst all students will be at a different level in each subject hopefully, none will be switching off and just accepting their results. I know it is very cliché but there is always room for improvement and every lesson will count - as always attendance is key. Learning next year will be targeted, high intensity and will really boost the grades for all of Year 11.

So many students deserve a mention and I apologise for any I have missed out but would like to mention a few:-

Abigail Dowell through to the semi-finals of the South West Junior Chef competition,

Fred Salamanca has been selected for Regional Rugby with Army Cadets. He competed against 200 others for a spot on the team of nine.

Congratulations to Jude Harris and Daniel Maydew for their athletic success at the Sedgemoor Schools' Meet.

Anya Snowball, Jacob Kemp and Jude Harris undertook 'The Edvocate Programme' and delivered stunning presentations on a topic of their choice to a large audience of parents and staff.

Brandon Kelleher continues to reign as the student with the most amounts of positive points in the whole of Year 10.

Patrycja Foks is using Duolingo, an interactive app, to learn Russian in her spare time.

Chloe Ball, Amelia Adams and Lucha in 10A have now secured jobs with the employers they worked with.

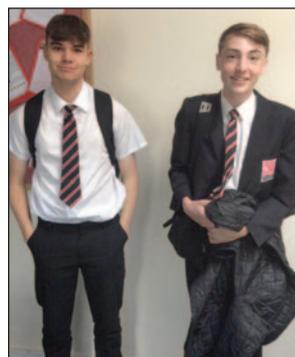
Carrie Simpson has completed an extra 2 days with a children's therapy company in Bridgwater.

Bridgwater College were so impressed with Callum that they have offered him an apprenticeship in construction for September 2020.

Christiana Panteli promised me she would email me a picture of her with Katherine Jenkins after she won VIP tickets in a singing competition but I think she forgot - Christiana!

The last key highlight for me to mention this year is the appointment of the Year 11 leadership team, led by head boy Joshua Tobin, head girl Grace Huggins and the four deputies and supported by the prefects. I have every confidence that this will be a fantastic team, a fantastic Year 11 group and a fantastic set of results in August.

**Mr Brittan, Head of Year 10**



This was always going to be a tough year, the final one of your school education. Year 11 students started in September very positively, working hard with great determination and teamwork which continued throughout the year. They went through 2 sets of PPE exams, Post 16 applications and interviews and then finally their real GCSE exams. They have been a delight to work with and I am sure they will achieve the great results that they deserve.

After all of the exams were over, we were able to celebrate on their leavers day. Students had a lovely morning with breakfast and shirt signing, followed by their final assembly and then on to Prom in the evening. There were lots of memories made this day and I am sure they will hold on to fantastic stories over their time here with us.

GCSE Results day is on Thursday 22nd August. Students can collect their results from the school canteen between 8:30am and 10:30am. If students are unable to collect their results on this day they must provide a written note, signed by them, giving permission for a named person to collect them on their behalf. Any results not collected will remain in the School Student Reception and are able to be collected from Tuesday 27th August until Friday 30th August between 10:00am and 2:00pm. 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.

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. We hope that the students have enjoyed their time at King Alfred School Academy, having made many memories, friends and learnt knowledge and skills to assist in making them into well-rounded young adults. We look forward to hearing of their future success and wish them all the best.

**Miss Charles, Head of Year 11**



## MASQUERADE BALL GLAMOUR FOR YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS

Sixth Form students from TKASA Highbridge celebrated the end of their school year with a lavish prom at the end of last month.

Dozens of pupils and staff from the King Alfred School Academy Sixth Form gathered at the Winter Gardens, Weston-Super-Mare for their special night, where the sea view provided an excellent background for some fabulous photographs.

The event marked the end of A-level exams for those Year 13's and their time at the school, also joined by Year 12 students, who also enjoyed a fantastic and memorable time to mark the end of their first year before the preparations for the final year become in full swing.

Students dressed up elegantly for the masquerade ball themed evening on June 21st which was partnered with a two-course sit down meal, social wall, disco, photo booth and red carpet entrance to the venue. Students also were clearly entertained by the Sixth Form quiz, which gathered up all the 'sayings' that had been heard around the sixth form centre over the last year or so, one of which was known by all students that was often heard on a regular basis, "The future of the country is at stake".

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

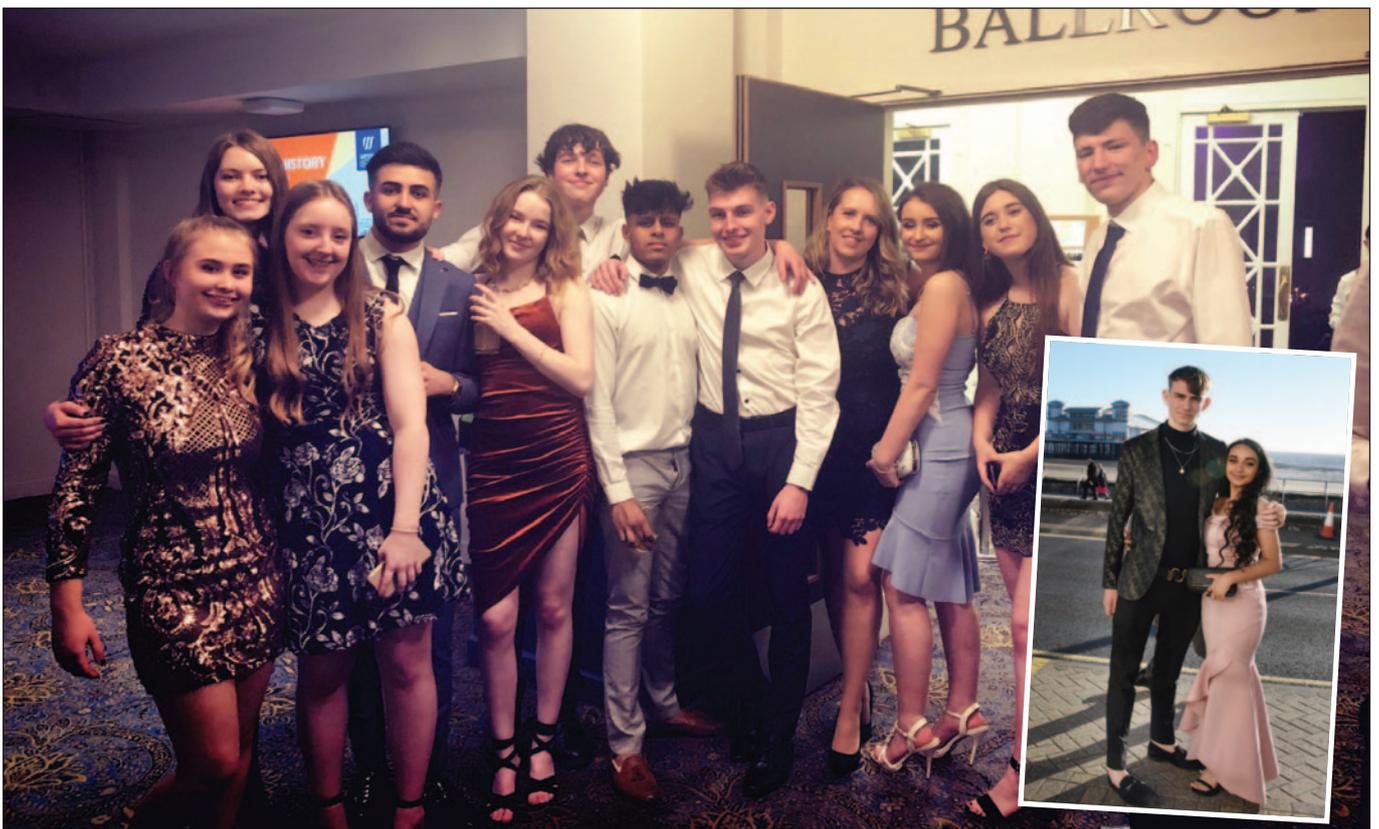


Our Year 12 Young Enterprise Company, JaroHolic, was a social enterprise set up with the ambition of raising as many funds as possible for charity, in memory of Joe, an inspiring and influential member of our year group who sadly lost his battle with cancer in 2015. As the programme has now come to a close we are delighted to announce that we have raised a total of £800 to donate to Love Musgrove in the coming weeks.

This could not have been achieved without the support of family, friends and sponsors, not to mention the close help of our business advisor, David Baum. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed and donated to this amazing cause, be it through our initial fundraisers at the Year 7 disco or the four selling events we attended across Somerset.

The young enterprise programme has taught our whole team amazing teamwork skills and showed how rewarding it can be to give back to a cause so close to our hearts, despite the setbacks we may have faced along the way. We would strongly encourage future years to take on the same opportunity we have to build their own business around their passions and interests.

**Charlotte Barton and Charlotte Small.**



## 6TH FORM UNIVERSITY & CAREERS NEWS

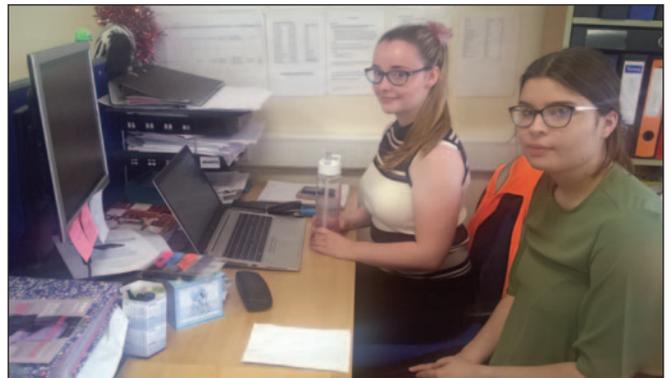
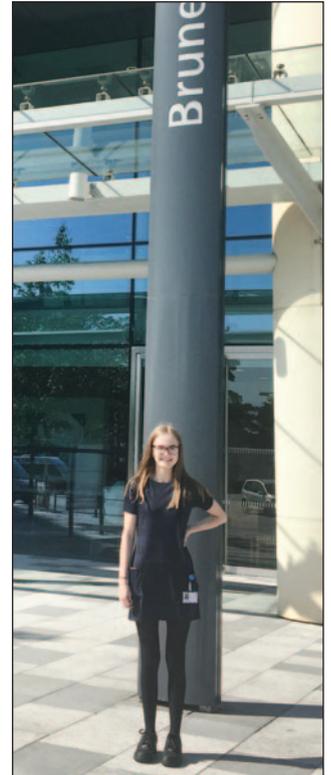
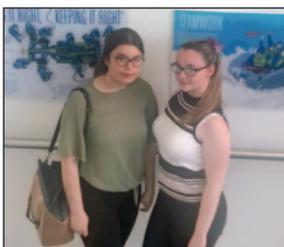
As we come to the end of the busy academic year, we are now focused on ensuring our new Year 13 students make competitive applications to universities and apprenticeship providers. Students have started their UCAS applications including their personal statements and we can start to send them off from 4th September. While the deadline is 15th October for Oxbridge/Med/Vet students, we would like all the other applicants to have completed and sent them off by 18th October. There will be more information for parents at our Year 13 Information Evening on 17th September. Furthermore, in order to help prepare our students for the world of work we have organised mock interviews with employers for the first day back, 3rd September.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 12 students enjoyed a taste of working life by developing their transferable and employability skills during Work Experience Week, 1st-5th July. The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) highlight the following vital skills that employers prioritise: self-management, teamwork, business and customer awareness, problem solving, communication and literacy application of numeracy, application of information technology, entrepreneurship and underpinning all skills - a positive attitude.

The Y12 students were able to enhance their skills at a range of prestigious work placements, for example: Avon & Somerset Police and Crimes Commissioner, Bakkavör Group plc (international food production company), Barclays plc, Burnham Memorial Hospital, Councillor Tessa Munt (Liberal Democrat Party), Edwards Motorsport, Hall & Woodhouse Ltd (Dorset brewery), James & Co (Independent Legal Specialists), James Heapey MP in Westminster (Conservative Party), Musgrove Park Hospital, Rotamec Engineering Solutions, Somewhere House Rehabilitation Centre and Southmead Hospital Bristol

Mr Gaskell Head of Sixth Form



## ■ BUSINESS STUDIES

In Business Studies Year 9 students completed their second GCSE unit (Human Resources) during learning cycle three and they are now studying the functional area of operations.

The Year 10 Business students have completed the fourth unit of their GCSE (marketing) and are now learning about the financial functional area, having taken some time out to revise for their PPE in June. 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 through the Seneca website.

Year 11 students all successfully completed their BTEC Business course and already know their results. Yet again, the results for this subject were outstanding with almost every student achieving or exceeding their expected grade. I look forward to continue working with those students who return to study A Level Business.

Year 12 students have completed their PPE and have now started studying material relating to the second year of the course. This gives them a head start on students 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. They have a lot to live up to as for the second year running last year's cohort significantly outperformed schools generally across the country. Two of the Year 13 business students are planning to study business-related subjects at university and three students have secured higher-level business apprenticeships.

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 - more details about this appear in a separate article in this newsletter.

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. They can also follow me on twitter (@TKASAMrKing). 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.

## ■ MORRISONS VISIT

To help students understand some of the operational and logistical issues which retail businesses face Sixth Form business students visited the Morrisons Distribution Centre.

Students walked around the vast warehouses, including the freezer section which operates at -23<sup>o</sup> and watched workers unloading lorries in the Goods Inward section and picking items from the various sections for loading and delivery.

The site, in Bridgwater is operated and run by worldwide logistics company DHL and includes a large vehicle maintenance unit and also a recycling centre which generates additional revenue for the company. The site harvests its own rainwater which is used for many purposes including washing the trucks, and it generates its own electricity from 6000 solar panels.

DHL also took the opportunity to profile their apprenticeship schemes, which may be further researched on their website:

<https://www.logistics.dhl/gb-en/home/careers/dhl-apprenticeships.html>

All students agreed that the trip brought to life many business theories and concepts that they have been learning about in the classroom.

## ■ COMPUTER SCIENCE

In Computer Science Year 7 students have moved on from scratch programming and are now learning how to create a database using Microsoft Access. This has real practical value as we experience the use of databases so much in our daily lives: social media platforms rely on data management to file and cross-reference posts; businesses manage stock levels, store customer data and use data to focus their e-commerce and marketing activities; the NHS stores our healthcare records, and schools record the performance of their students to name but a few!

Year 8s have completed their modules on advanced spreadsheet skills and are now learning how to use HTML to code websites and also investigating digital literacy and internet safety.

In our GCSE classes, Year 9 students are currently studying the legal and ethical implications associated with computing technology while Year 10 students have been putting their Python programming skills into practical use as they plan for their 20 hour controlled assessment.

Year 11 students have now finished all their exams. They are the first cohort to take the new, challenging GCSE in computer science and we wish them every success.

In the sixth form A-Level students in Year 12 have now begun planning their complex programming project which is worth 20% of their final A Level grade. Year 13 students worked very hard in the run-up to their final exams and we look forward to seeing that hard work pay off when they receive their results in August.



## ■ DRAMA

A massive congratulations to all the cast of Guys and Dolls who had 4 spectacular shows. Students and Staff have been working relentlessly since December to deliver a high quality and outstanding performance.

Show week, 8th - 11th July, was a huge success and everyone involved in the performance, on stage and behind the scenes, should be immensely proud.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the show, giving up evenings and weekends to make sure it was a show to remember.



## ARTS FESTIVAL

It was fantastic to host our first every Arts Festival this year at the Princess Theatre. In our first year as a faculty together, it was a wonderful celebration of both the exceptional standard and also diversity of creativity within TKASA. It was also wonderful to welcome Dance students from the P.E. department - thank you for loaning them to us.

We look forward to this being an annual festival and look forward to watching it grow over the coming years!



## STUART BRAYSON VISIT

West End composer Stuart Brayson paid a visit to the cast of Guys & Dolls rehearsal. Stuart shared with students his experiences as a top composer/song writer and discussed his recent musical 'From Here To Eternity', which he co-wrote with Sir Tim Rice.

Stuart said: "The talented students showed huge promise. I wish I could have stayed to see their Guys and Dolls which looked fantastic. I hope to return soon to see them perhaps perform one of my musicals. The future of musical theatre in Somerset looks very bright indeed." We are looking forward to welcoming Stuart in the future for some joint projects - watch this space!

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### GRADED EXAMS

Congratulations to the following students who have recently passed the following exams:

**Sam Elton (Yr 7):**  
Grade 3 Cornet

**Isabella Thomas (Yr 8) :**  
Grade 4 Trombone with merit

**George Simmons (Yr 12)**  
Grade 7 Trombone with merit.

All students were highly praised by the examiners in their feedback and we are very proud of them!

## APOLLO 5 SINGING WORKSHOP

Our singers had a wonderful time working with the fabulous Apollo 5 vocal group. It was fantastic to welcome musicians of this calibre to TKASA and our singers took away lots of helpful tips to develop their technique, in addition to having fun! Thank you very much Apollo 5 - looking forward to welcoming you again soon!





## SEDGEMOOR BATTLE OF THE BANDS VICTORY!

On June 26th, blood, sweat and tears lay ahead of the music department as we focused our efforts on bringing the most coveted trophy in all of Somerset to Highbridge for the first time in its history. It was a tall order as this was our debut appearance at this event, with strong competition from BotB veterans from Robert Blake, Chilton Trinity and reign-ing champions Haygrove, but Canvas Moon and The Atoms threw everything they had into this competition - they were on a mission to win!

In the key stage 3 section of the competition, THE ATOMS took to the stage with absolutely outstanding performances of Zombie by the Cranberries and Hysteria by Muse. Whilst they were unlucky not to be in the prizes, they received exceptional praise from judges and audience members, with Oliver Cohen in Year 7 being highlighted for his excellent handling of the notoriously difficult bass guitar part in Hysteria. It is quite unbelievable to listen to this band in the knowledge that not one member had played an instrument this time last year - the standard they have achieved both individually and as a band is testament to their exceptional dedication and practice! A special mention must also go to Amy Dunn in Yr 8, who delivered a fantastic vocal performance to consolidate her position as The Atoms new lead singer! Watch closely - this band are definitely one to watch!

Canvas Moon represented TKASA in the key stage 4 section of the competition. They wowed the audience “When September Ends” by Greenday and Nirvana’s “In Bloom”! The standard of bands from all schools was excellent, leaving the judges with an extraordinary difficult job in deciding on

a winner. Whilst they deliberated, we were treated to a stunning performance from Priory School’s Kezia Povey accompanied by our very own Jack Millier! Eventually, the judges were able to reach a decision, and TKASA’s CANVAS MOON were crowned KS4 champions and Sedgemoor Battle of the Bands Overall Champions 2019, with Yr 7 drummer Joshua Ford also picking up the award for best instrumentalist! In addition to the trophy, CANVAS MOON have also won a session in a professional recording studio later on this year - we look forward to sharing the end product with you!

A big thank you to all who took part and to all staff, students and parents who travelled to Bridgwater to cheer us on! We are looking forward to next year!



## PRESTIGIOUS BAKKAVOR CHEESECAKE CHALLENGE FINAL SUCCESS



TKASA food students took part in the prestigious Bakkavor Cheesecake Challenge final and was hailed a success! Food students at The King Alfred School an Academy were challenged by the international food manufacturing company, Bakkavor, to make a new cheesecake design and flavour on Somerset Day at the end of May when the task was introduced to a group of keen volunteers from Years 9 and 10.



Students then developed their ideas and designs in their own time and during after school sessions over six weeks to create the very best selection of cheesecakes to go into the final. They also researched target markets, costings and packaging ideas. The judges for the final were from the Bakkavor Production team; John Bowman, Sandra Blake and Anwen O'Brien. They marked students on the quality of their presentation, their research into costings and packaging and equally the attractiveness and taste of the cheesecake they presented.



Entries included: Mint and Chocolate Chip by Sophie Bell (Y9), Rainbow Pride by Katie White (Y10), Tropicool (pina colada) by Alex Ellis (Y9), Aerosistabubble by Christiana Pantelli (Y10), Little bit of Lime by Lauren Lewis (Y9) Chilli Cheesecake by Owen McDade (Y9) and Strawberry by Scarlett Bailey-Hooke (Y9).

All of the entries were outstanding but the judging panel finally decided that Caitlin Hopkins (Eton Mess Cheesecake) from Year 9 was the ultimate winner of the Bakkavor Cheesecake Challenge 2019 with Jessica Couchman (Chocco Orange Cheesecake) coming 2nd and Alex Ellis (Tropicool Pina Colada Cheesecake) coming 3rd.



Our sincere thanks to Bakkavor for their support organising the competition, providing most of the ingredients for practices and the final and for providing prizes. Caitlin was presented with a tablet and an engraved shield and the judges were so impressed with the level of entries that this year they are giving every finalist a voucher.

Miss Chainey (food teacher) quoted, "It's been a great event; everyone enjoyed developing flavours and ideas then making their final cheesecakes, well done to everyone who entered!"





## KING ALF'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. The



focus was to showcase local ingredients, demonstrate cookery skills, balance tastes and flavours and demonstrate quality and creativity. The competition is organised by Presteign Marketing and Michael Caines in partnership with Springboard Futurechef; the Somerset final was hosted by Bridgwater and Taunton College and sponsored by The Michael Caines Academy and Lympstone Manor with judges from BTC, The Castle Hotel, Taunton and The Olive Tree, Queensberry Hotel, Bath.

This is the first time King Alf'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. Abi worked exceptionally well under the pressure of judging and explaining to cook a Somerset Chorizo pasty and apple cider chutney.

The standard of the competition was exceptionally high and we extend our warmest wishes to Munopa Nhete from Queen's College Taunton for the regional final. 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.

## COOKING CLUB NEWS

We held an afternoon cream tea to raise funds for our TKASA Cooking Club on the 28th of June. It was well attended with staff students and our guests. A special thank goes to Mrs. Gilbert-Muir, Mr. Hoffmann, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Jones for their support. I would also like to thank our entertainment Jack Hiller, Jessica Smith (also Burnham on Sea's Carnival Queen), Eleni Markoutsas, Holly Sanders and Hannah Murdoch. Thank you to Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Salter for the donations towards our cream tea. In total we raised £303 for the club.



**Any Year 7, 8, 9 or Year 10 students wanting to join our Cooking Club at the end of September please see Mrs. Timmins for details.**

## ENGLISH - MRS. PICKFORD

As we come to the end of another busy year, it is great to be able to end with celebrating the success of lots of students.

Inspirational Year 10 young speakers took on The Edvocate™ Programme. A group of 10 students completed the English challenge on Monday 10th June. Eight students delivered a presentation on a topic of their choice - with subjects ranging from Islamophobia, This Girl Can and the Royal Family - to an audience of 50 including staff members and parents. Students had been preparing for the evening for weeks, working with assigned mentors who are teachers at the school. Huge congratulations to: Anya Snowball, Jacob Kemp, Izzy Simmons, Liv Earthy, Jack Taylor, Carrie Simpson, Abigail Dowell, and Jude Harris.



We also now have an amazing total of 24 Reading Millionaires! We have also had great success with our 'Golden Ticket' competition.

And we mustn't forget our fabulous Year 11s, who worked so hard in completing not one, not two, but FOUR English GCSE exams. It was great to be able to celebrate with them all at the Prom.

However, two exceptional Year 8 students really made us proud recently. Isobelle Aylward and Mollie Ford got the surprise of their lives when prospective Prime Minister Boris Johnson visited their English lesson. The two girls spoke so eloquently and confidently to him about the political corruption present as a key theme in their class novel 'Trash'.



**Revision cards for sale £2.50 each  
for every KS4 set text:**

A Christmas Carol

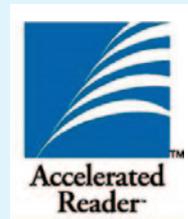
Macbeth

Conflict Poetry

An Inspector Calls



**See your English teacher for an order form.**



Congratulations to all our fabulous Year 7 Accelerated Readers who have read over 81 million words!

### Well done to our Word Millionaires!

Bethany Pelling  
Ferdy Steele  
Ashleigh Barrett  
Molly Joyce  
Kylie Perrin  
Joseph Ridgway  
Silas Cooksley  
Kieran Moore  
Duncan Speight  
Tom Grant  
Poppy Fewtrell  
Ellena-Louise Pendry  
Naomi Lourenco  
Charlotte Avery  
Lucy Falber  
Emily Wills  
Freya Coulson  
Joseph Aylward  
Will Harris  
Alexander Dumelow  
Macy Donaghy  
Ben Varghese  
Lucas Earthy

**Have a lovely summer holiday - if you need any good book recommendations please see our KS3 and KS4 suggested reading lists on the Academy website (under Literacy).**

## ■ GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

Year 7, 9, 10 and 12 geography students have been making the most of opportunities to learn outside this term.

Our A level geographers visited Cheddar to trial different ways of collecting data for human geography investigations in advance of starting their individual investigations in September.

Year 9 geographers visited Temple Quarter in Bristol to investigate the question 'Is the regeneration of Temple Quarter sustainable?' They used environmental surveys, field sketches and a land use transect to collect data to enable them to draw conclusions on their return to the classroom.

The sunniest fieldwork took place when Year 10 geographers visited Lyme Regis to test the hypothesis 'There is evidence of longshore drift on Monmouth Beach'. Students gathered beach profile and sediment size data before heading to the promenade for ice creams.

The GCSE geographers will be assessed on their application of fieldwork skills in their GCSE exams at the end of Year 11.

Finally, Year 7 geographers headed to Watchet Harbour and Beach to investigate the impact of human and physical processes on this coastal town. They carried out a geology survey, sketched the rapidly eroding cliffs, used a bi-polar survey to judge the effectiveness of the sea defences and carried out a land use transect to investigate these processes. For many the highlight was the chance to buy lovely locally made ice creams and eat them overlooking Watchet's beautiful harbour.

Thanks to Mr. Clements and Mrs. Robertson for organising these opportunities for our students and to all the staff who came on the visits. Also thanks to our geography students for being such a pleasure to work with, it makes us so proud when members of the public compliment us on your excellent behaviour.



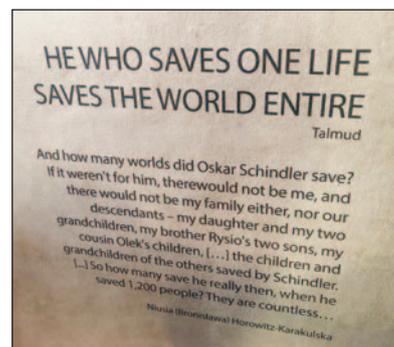
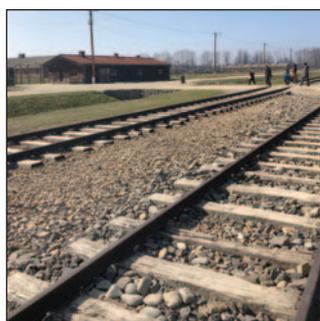
## KRAKOW 2019

At the end of March a group of Year 11 History and RS students took part in a three day visit to Krakow in Poland.

During the visit, the group spent time in the former Jewish quarters of Kazimierz and Podgórze where the ghetto was located; here the group saw parts of the original ghetto wall, which is preserved in remembrance of the events that took place there in the Second World War.

At the Galicia Museum we met Anita D. Panek, a survivor of the terrible events which took place in Krakow. She and her family escaped Krakow to France in 1939 and then fled to South America. It took 70 years for her to return to her native Poland where she had to face the horrors of the past, particularly learning about members of her family who did not survive Auschwitz.

At Auschwitz-Birkenau, we saw the place where the Nazis murdered millions. Jess Smith, A Year 11 student, described the experience as 'truly heart-breaking' but would be an experience that she would never forget. Jess spoke about the inspiration she had garnered from hearing the stories of Anita Panek and reading about the experiences of others who had survived the terrifying experience of life in Krakow during the war. One of the most poignant memories I shall take away is standing at the site in Birkenau with a photograph of the selection process taken in 1942. The buildings haven't changed and we tried to imagine the thoughts and conversations which were taking place amongst those who were in line contemplating their fate.



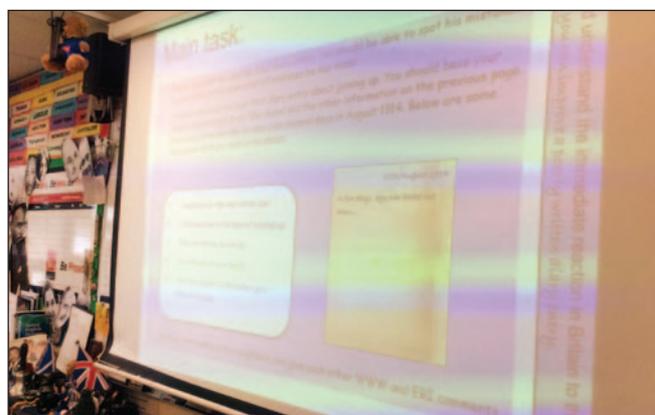
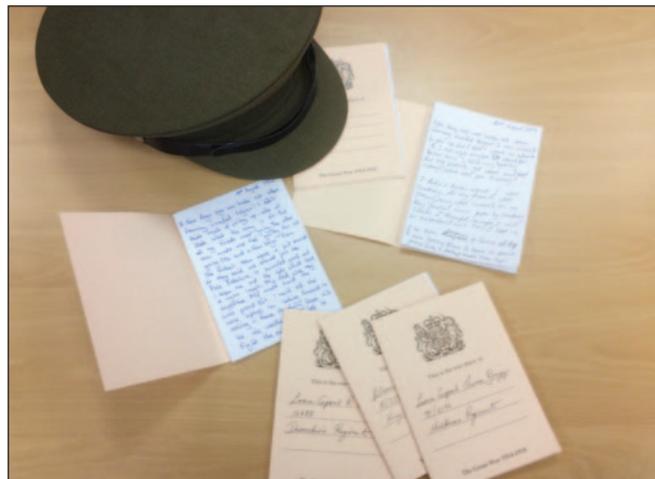
Of particular note was our visit to the Schindler Museum which is housed in the building which was the former business of Oskar Schindler. History students had studied the story of Schindler for their GCSE History and recognised some of the locations around Krakow which were used during the production of the film 'Schindler's List' in the early 1990s. Interestingly, we heard the stories of many men and women like Schindler who were not as high profile but certainly equalled his bravery and effort to save the lives of thousands.

Information about the 2020 trip will be available from Mr. Ellis for History and RS students who will be in Year 11 next year.



## YEAR 8 WW1 COLLABORATION

In History recently, Year 8 have been using the work they have been doing in History and in Drama. Each Year 8 student has the name of a soldier who fought and died in the First World War. In History lessons, each student is writing the diary of that soldier as he moves through the war from 1914 to 1918. The soldiers were chosen from the Commonwealth War Graves records and have, where possible, the same surname of the Year 8 student. At the end of the enquiry, students will find out what really happened to the soldier they have 'been' over the learning cycle. This memorable activity has been enhanced by Miss Harding and Miss Keeble in their Drama lessons where students have brought their soldiers' stories alive in reconstructions of events during the First World War.



## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

In Year 10 we have had a very successful round of PPEs with results looking extremely positive for students taking exams for the first time.

Year 9 have completed the Christianity topic of 'Beliefs and Practices' and have been putting this knowledge to the test through an enquiry into world poverty. Students were given two weeks to pitch a new charity to the Head of Careers and Head of History/RS and were all successful in creating a superb vision and plan for a future charity project.

From September ALL Year 9 pupils will be following a new learning programme in RS which will cover topics such as; Why are we here?, Design argument, What is evil?, Free will, Sanctity of life, Abortion, Euthanasia, Animal testing, Death penalty and War.

Mrs. Gibson and Miss Fisher are also going to launch a new lunch time club from September for key stage 3 linked to Philosophy and Art so watch this space!

## JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Students from Year 7 and 8 sat the Junior Maths Challenge again this year and achieved 3 Gold, 8 Silver and 19 Bronze certificates between them with one going forward to the Junior Kangaroo. Over 270,000 pupils from across the UK sat the challenge with the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze. Approximately 9200 of the top students are invited to sit a follow-on competition, the Junior kangaroo or Maths Olympiad.

### TRY THIS ONE

Jamal writes down a sequence of six whole numbers. The rule he uses is, "after the first three terms, each term is the sum of the three previous terms."

His sequence is  $\_ , \_ , \_ , 8, 13, 25$ .

What is his first term?

A 0      B 1      C 2      D 3      E 4



Some of the certificate winners in Year 7 and 8



A particular well done to Molly Joyce in Year 7 who achieved the best in school result and went through to the Junior Kangaroo competition where she achieved a Merit.

### Well done to the following students that performed well and received a certificate.



#### Gold

Max Adams  
Fred Hewlitt  
Molly Joyce



#### Silver

Evie Jones  
Nell Douglass  
Costello  
Polly Tottle  
Corryn Speight  
Luke Baker  
Catherine Taylor  
Sam Ludwik



#### Bronze

Lucas Earthy  
Chris Nullmeyers  
Liam Burrow  
Melissa Hunt  
Rhys Lewis  
Kemble  
Ruby Clements  
Isabelle Aylward

Lili-Anne Salter  
Emily Channon  
Eleni Markoutsas  
leaun Holbrook  
Harvey Fisher  
Jacob Porter  
Jacob Radford  
Lara Phillips

Naomi Lourenco  
Ryan Price  
Joseph Ridgway  
Sommer Barkle



## PI DAY

We celebrated Pi day toward the end of last term on 14 April because of the Americanisation of the date 3.14. Arguably and more precisely the celebration should wait until 22 July (22/7). Either way we had some amazing entries into a completion to recite  $\pi$  from memory to as many decimal places as possible, the winner recited more than 80 places and the runner up more than 50.



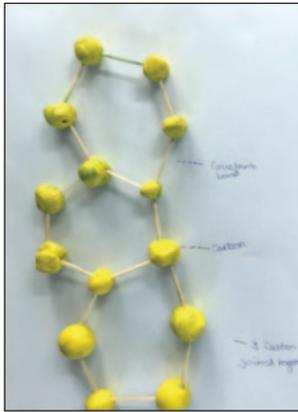
Shae Clements also came back to help the Maths and Science departments this term. Shae has just completed his first year in Zoology at Exeter University and achieved an A\* in Maths with us.

## SCIENCE CLUB

Our enthusiastic members have been busy this term exploring concepts in chemistry, biology and physics.

Science Club created graphene models from plasticine to show the hexagonal arrangement of atoms. This was to help them understand how graphene can be used in nanotechnology.

This Year we have been lucky to have some Sixth Form students joining us in our scientific endeavours and they supported the younger students in making a wave machine. This was to illustrate the transverse movement of a wave. Many jelly babies where required for this experiment, some of which were scientifically tasted!



A dissection exercise allowed the students to examine the internal workings of a kidney. They enjoyed being pathologists for the afternoon. Who knows, we may have some budding surgeons in the making!



## BOYS PE

During the summer term the boys have moved onto Cricket Club. We have been lucky enough to be able to use the facilities at the BASC ground and this has had a really, positive impact on the attendance. Students who have attended the club have had a variety of tailored support and been able to use some state of the art equipment, including a bowling machine. It has been extremely positive to see the progress the students have made over the term in cricket and have represented the school in local fixtures fantastically.

**Mr. M Bail**  
Teacher of Boys' PE



## COUNTY JUNIOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE BILL WHISTLECROFT ARENA - YEOVIL

Wednesday 5th June

Jessica Longley, Macey Noad and Lucas Earthy achieved the County Standard in their events to enable them to be entered into this elite competition against the best athletes in the county at their age group.

Jessica Longley achieved a personal best in the 100m. Macey Noad had an amazing debut and came second in the 1500m and Lucas Earthy at the same distance came fifth.

These are magnificent results and deserve our praise for their efforts.

Mrs. Mussett



## DANCE

The Dance Department were proud to accompany a selection of talented Year 8 and 9 students who performed a range of choreographies differing in dance styles. The performances took place in celebration of the arts at TKASA and was hosted by The Princess Theatre on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th June 2019. Well done to all the dancers, you did the Dance Department proud!

Miss Lamb



## SAFEGUARDING EVENING FOR PARENTS & CARERS



We held our second Parents Safeguarding Evening on 20th June 2019. We were delighted with the support of parents and carers and received great feedback.

Parents were able to hear from professionals from a number of organisations that we are fortunate enough to have excellent links with:-

- **CAMHS** - Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services
- **Young Somerset** - Young Somerset is the largest youth work charity in Somerset and our mission is to put young people first.
- **School Nursing Team** - School nurses are public health nurses who will work with 5 to 19 year olds. Their primary aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of this age group, and identify those who need early help. They can assist in managing interaction between health and education.
- **SHARE** - SHARE wants to improve the mental health and emotional well-being of our young people in Secondary and Middle Schools in Somerset.
- **Somewhere House** - Somewhere House Somerset's mission is to provide a therapeutic service for anyone who chooses to access support in the local community.
- **Avon & Somerset Police** - Andri Vai Nicolaou from Operation Topaz talked frankly and knowledgeably about the risks all young people are at from exploitation.

We will be hosting another evening when we return in September when Andri will present more on the serious topics of Child Exploitation and grooming.

Thank you to the parents/carers and professionals that attended to support this event and it has proved to us that events like this are a valuable opportunity for all to share best practice and learn about the issues our young people are facing.

We received positive feedback not only from parents and carers but also from the representatives of the agencies that attended. Kate Rufus of CAMHS emailed this message the following morning:-

*I just wanted to say thank you for last night's event. It's fantastic that you are organising time like this for your students and their parents. I learned things I didn't know, and it's heartening to see parents caring enough to give their time to try and better support their kids.*

Thank you to all who helped make it a success

## PARENTING A TEENAGER

It is rarely easy to glide through the teenage years with no issues arising. An excellent website with practical advice is: **Relate** - Go to Relationship Help - Parenting a Teenager

You will find sections on:

- Sex and Relationships
- Mental Health
- School & Work
- Behaviour
- Family Issues
- Communicating with Teens
- Alcohol & Drugs

Also parents share their own experiences.

## YOUNG SOMERSET WELFARE WORKSHOP

Mrs. Woods hosted a two-hour workshop on 13th June 2019, which was lead by the team from Young Somerset. This was the first time we had hosted such an event and we had thought it may be a big ask expecting parents/carers to attend for two hours to talk about and share experiences of parenting, alongside learning new strategies to tackle the normal challenges every parent/carer faces. We had an excellent turn out and a considerable number of parents and carers attended. It was a lively and engaging evening - the resounding message was that all parents question if they are getting it right and it was refreshing to hear that many share the same concerns and challenges.

The feedback was 100% positive and we have been asked to run the event again - dates to be confirmed.

Massive thank you to Hannah Woods, Sam, Ruth Ed, Ruth, Barney & Ed

## CONGRATULATIONS



I would like to start by congratulating two of our former pupils who went to Buckingham Palace to collect their Gold Awards from Prince Edward. They had both worked amazingly hard to achieve their Awards and really deserved their day in London. They are Shaun Wood and my son Andrew Aldred. They are the latest in an ever-increasing number who have achieved their Gold through the school.

## 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.

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 Miguel hit. Heavy rain and wind made for an interesting night but apart from three 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 and 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 and 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, submitted and approved by the Welsh Expedition Panel and all 5 groups (2 Gold and 3 Silver) are ready.

Roll on the 15th July when I'm sure they will also prove as successful and to be another credit to the School and themselves.

## GETTING READY FOR NEXT YEAR

Plans are already progressing for recruitment of next year's Year 9 a letter will soon be sent explaining about the Award and how they can join. Let's hope next year proves to be as successful as this year's Year 9. I am also very hopeful that many of the current participants will complete their Bronze over the summer and carry on to do their Silver next year.



Scouts have gone from strength to strength this year with regular weekly meetings where we have worked towards our gardening, science, pioneering and orienteering badges, oh and as well as having lots of fun!

On top of the fantastic activities in school we have also had lots of outdoor adventures. Firstly, we all climbed Brent Knoll to renew our promise. It was a struggle with a combination of the slopes and the fighting wind but all felt a great sense of achievement when we summited.

We also hiked in the Mendip Challenge, a 10-mile hike in what was horrendous weather! It was a great resilience builder and the Scouts raised just short of £700 for the Weston Hospice Charity. Well done!

We also went on our first camp as 1st King Alfred, which also for many Scouts was their first ever camp! We visited Woodhouse Park Scout Activity Centre where we tried archery, climbing, shooting, tomahawk throwing to getting VERY muddy on the adventure course, as well as many other things. Scouts also slept in tents and cooked their own breakfast over fire pits!

Thank you to all our leaders for giving up their time to volunteer with the group. It's because of your dedication we get to do such cool things!

Scouts is open to all pupils under the age of 14 and meet on Wednesday's after-school. New members always welcome. See Ms Harvey for more information.



## PRELOVED PROM

This year's Year 11 Prom was a wonderful event with students celebrating the end of their exams and taking time to enjoy themselves with their friends and also staff who have played a huge part in them developing in to the young adults we are all so proud of.

This year's Prom was also made special by the fact a number of students chose to wear an outfit from Preloved Prom. The Preloved Prom initiative was started by Ella Dollery (Year 13) & Lilly Keeley Watts (Yr 12) with the support of Mrs. Lawrence.

They only started promoting the initiative in March 2019 and since then have had two interviews on the BBC Somerset Radio Breakfast Show together with being featured on BBC Somerset Facebook page. This publicity, together with determined promotion by the girls, resulted in the profile of this initiative rising. Mr. Jenkins, Principal was so impressed by their efforts that he has given them a space within the school to permanently display the dresses and suits. This space has been turned in to a fairies' grotto due to support from Mrs. Puddy who cannot resist buying decorations for it!!

A number of students who have just completed Year 11 and will be moving on to 6th Form are now committed to joining Lilly in promoting this initiative - the driving force is sustainability - these dresses and suits are in excellent condition and for them to be worn once is shameful. It is about choice not charity. We are always looking for donations of suits and dresses and the "shop" is open to all - not just students of King Alfred School Academy and not just for Proms.

We look forward to welcoming the current Year 10 to come and have a look at what we have to offer ahead of their 2020 Prom!

Finally we wish Ella Dollery every success as she embarks on the next chapter of her life at University.



Lovely tweet from Lilly summing up the spirit of Preloved Prom



**DO YOU KNOW A HERO?**

Prizes are available for students at King Alfred School who make a positive difference to their school and community

To nominate, send the student's name, school, year group and the reason why you think they're a hero to: [hero@tkasa.org.uk](mailto:hero@tkasa.org.uk)

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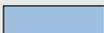
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Th	5	12	19	26	Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	7	14	21	28	
F	6	13	20	27	F	3	10	17	24	F	1	8	15	22	29	
Sa	7	14	21	28	Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	2	9	16	23	30	
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26	Su	3	10	17	24	31
<b>June 2020</b>					<b>July 2020</b>					<b>August 2020</b>						
M	1	8	15	22	29	M	6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24	31
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24	W	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26	
Th	4	11	18	25	Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	6	13	20	27	
F	5	12	19	26	F	3	10	17	24	31	F	7	14	21	28	
Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su	7	14	21	28	Su	5	12	19	26	Su	2	9	16	23	30	

KEY	
	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

TERM DATES SUMMARY		
Term 1:	02 September - 18 October 2019	(35 days)
Term 2:	04 November - 20 December 2019	(35 days)
Term 3:	06 January - 14 February 2020	(30 days)
Term 4:	24 February - 03 April 2020	(30 days)
Term 5:	20 April - 22 May 2020	(24 days)
Term 6:	01 June - 22 July 2020	(36 days)
		<b>TOTAL = 190!</b>

BANK AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2019/2020			
Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2019	Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2019
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2020	Good Friday	10 April 2020
Easter Monday	13 April 2020	May Day Bank Holiday*	08 May 2020
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2020	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2020
* The early May Bank Holiday moved to 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day			
• The 3 INSET Days in July are directed for all staff. These are working days for staff but not students.			
• The INSET days in September and October are only for staff that work INSETs			