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## ■ MR MILFORD



Welcome to the Summer edition of the TKASA newsletter. May I start by saying thank you, as always, for all your support to our school community, my job would be so much more difficult without the support of parents and stakeholders. I see the relationship between school staff, parents and students pivotal to the success of a school. Successful schools produce successful students and I am proud to say TKASA has really successful students!

Following a really robust application and transition process this year, I am pleased to report that yet again, our student numbers for Year 7 in September remain high and we are going to have our largest Year 7 cohort ever entering the school next academic year. We have been liaising with Somerset County to increase our capacity, so that we can meet the needs of all our incoming students.

I realise I say this every year but it is true; 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 throughout the year; all this in addition to teaching your children to become subject specialists.

This term has been both a busy and rewarding one, with lots of activities in and around school: the school production, *'We Will Rock You!'* what an amazing show that was! Sports day, RAG week, celebration assemblies, the launch of our House system and so many more. There have been so many other activities, too numerous to mention in this editorial, these activities have been seamlessly organised around the day to day school life.

We are proud of our strong relationships with our local stakeholders such as In Charley's Memory, The Royal British Legion, Burnham-on-Sea and

Highbridge Town Council and many others. We are grateful to the Rotary Club for their generous donation again this year, which will go to help establish our sensory garden next year.

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. Your children are a credit to you.

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 also pleased to let you know that we are fully staffed for the next academic year, this in a landscape of recruitment difficulties in this profession nationally. This says a great deal about our school, a place where staff really want to work and give their best for both the school community and the towns of Burnham and Highbridge. As our glowing Ofsted report from this year highlighted, *'there is a strong sense of community at the school'*.

We welcome Ms Mapes in English, Mr Bate in Computer Science, Mr Owen in Maths, Mr Clements in Science, Mrs Aguilera in Art, Mr Watkins in Maths, Miss Burge in Science and Mr Johnson in History. We say goodbye and best wishes for the future to the following staff that leave us in July; Mrs Godwin in History, Miss Wood in English, Mr England in Science, Mrs O'Brien in Art, Miss Day in TAC and Mrs Symis in Site.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of wishing all our students a well-earned break over the holiday period and I sincerely hope you, as families, have a relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.



## ■ MISS CHARLES



Well it is hard to believe we are already at the end of another academic year. The Summer term is an exciting one with various curriculum trips and activities such as sports day, the school production and The Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions alongside students ending their programmes of study for this year demonstrating and celebrating what they have learnt. It is always a source of pride hearing the many members of the community speaking positively about our students. You can tell that students enjoy belonging to our school.

Year 7 are about to complete their first year at secondary school. Now fully embedded into the community and have undertaken our interview challenge. Year 8 have been amazing role models to our Year 7 and have really worked hard on the new homework study skills. Year 9 have been through our new options process and are all ready to begin their GCSE Courses in September. Year 10 and 12 enjoyed a week of work experience with lots of positive feedback from the various employers involved. Year 11 and 13s have worked incredibly hard through their exams and we look forward to celebrating their results in August.

It has been great to engage throughout the year with many parents at our parent forums. This is a great place to discuss developments across the school and get parent input. We run multiple sessions and if you are keen to get involved please send an email to the school address on our website and we will get in touch.

I am looking forward to working with you all next academic year. Have a lovely summer break and as ever please do get in contact if you have any questions.



## ■ MR WALKER



A well done and huge congratulations to all our students for making it to the end of the academic year. It's been a fantastic and positive year for the school and the community, where we have celebrated many excellent events, trips, personal achievements and new developments.

The last week of term has been a truly exciting time as we launch our new House System, Revisiting the school's history from when it opened in 1950, we have reinstated the 4 houses of Brent, Quantock, Steart and Mendip. It's a very exciting time for the school and we have lots of plans and developments for the House system that we will share with students and the community when we return in September.

Alongside the House System we will also be launching our new timetable in September for P6 and Enrichment clubs. TKASA offers such a wide range of clubs, trips and activities and I urge every student to get involved in some element of super-curricular school life, all of which will have some factor of house competition through them for students to earn House Points for their House.

As Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school it's also a very poignant time for me to remind all of our students to stay safe over the summer and be mindful and respectful of others also enjoying their summer break. If you are out later in the evenings with the lighter nights, make sure you go with at least one other friend and share your location with parents, carers or family. Make sure you look after yourself and your friends and contact the emergency services if you find yourself in a situation where you need help.

The summer holiday is a great time to join a sports club, try a new hobby, visit elderly relatives or even volunteer in your community, such as litter picking on the beach or helping at a local charity shop. The King Alfred School, an Academy, feels very strongly about supporting and being part of the community as the only senior school in the town, hence our motto 'serving communities'. I want to strongly encourage all our students to take the opportunity of the summer holidays to try something new, help and support their community and have lots of fun. Have a great summer everybody.



## HOUSE SYSTEM

From September we will be launching a house system to support our, already strong, pastoral structure.

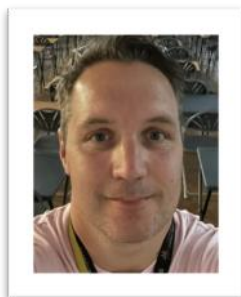
Whilst it is very much in its infancy, Mr Shepherd, House Coordinator and the four Heads of House Mr Smith (Steart), Miss Probert (Quantock), Mr Moore (Mendip) and Mrs Coles (Brent) will be working hard to add House Enrichment to each term.

There are a number of fantastic things happening inside our classrooms and having Houses enables us to showcase and celebrate these. Students will be able to earn 'House Points' for a number of reasons and it will be supported by our Classcharts.

One of the main strengths of the House system is giving students the opportunity to work together with students from other tutors and year groups, creating a truly cohesive environment and ensuring that age is not a barrier to friendship and collaboration. This reflects the life that we are preparing our students for outside of TKASA, where they will be required to work / interact with people of all ages.

With the exception of Mr Milford and Mr Shepherd every member of staff as well as all students will be sorted into a house. They will all be able to earn House points and contribute help win the House Cup.

It is a return to 'yesteryear' as these houses are the original Houses used when the school opened its doors in 1957. If there is anyone in our community that would like to relay their experiences from the original King Alfred School House System then please contact Mr Shepherd at the school.



**Mr Shepherd**  
House Co-ordinator



## MR HARRIS—HEAD OF YEAR 7

It feels really strange writing my last article for the end of term newsletter as a Head of Year. However, I am very excited by my new role here at TKASA. I think our current Year 7 has had a fantastic year. Looking back through many of the photos taken over the last 12 months you can see how much has been achieved, and how far they have come, since those first transition days last summer. So many were ready for secondary school and didn't they show us!

As I write, we are saying goodbye to our Year 11 students (who I was head of year of in 2018/19) and our Year 13 students (who were my first year group back in 2016!). I have watched them grow with immense pride during the last few years. It will be no different for Year 7 and I am so happy that I will be able to still watch them on their TKASA journey over the next 4 to 6 years. Good luck Year 7.



## 7K - MR JOHN

7K have had such a positive term, and have settled into TKASA really, really well. They have enjoyed so many positive memories and have had so many different experiences, from Geography trips, to end of year celebrations, to fantastic sports day events. It has been so lovely to see so many of 7K taking part in extracurricular activities throughout the school. We have also had some excellent feedback from the year 7 interview challenge, which was so well received by many of 7K. I am looking forward to what the next few years will bring, and am sure that all of 7K will continue to bring their game in year 8. Have an amazing summer holiday, and see you in September!

## 7I - MISS STANLEY

Having 7I as a tutor group has made me so proud. They never fail to stand out as the perfect tutor group. There have been several things to celebrate this year, especially how often we have topped the behaviour points chart each week. Many of you have earned your be proud badges because of this, and it has been incredibly rewarding to watch you collect these in assemblies. From reading at tutor time to our PSHCE lessons, they have been engaged and they have shown real maturity.

Our sports stars have been Poppy, Grace and Kayleigh, who never fail to support their peers in their competitions. Jaydon has been our football expert for our weekly quiz, dazzling us with his knowledge of sport and flags. Maisie has been our high flyer when it comes to behaviour points, being the leader of the pack consistently for more weeks than I can count! As well as being superstars for extra-curricular activities, 7I have shown off their outstanding work in lessons. From assessment scores, to Biome design and Drama performances, 7I have really shown they can do it all.

7I conducted some excellent job interviews during the interview challenge, with many showing a real drive to achieve great things in the future. A special thanks to our transition leaders; Lydia, Rogan, Alfie, Kayleigh, Grace and Poppy. You all made a good impression on our year 6's and set a good example, as well as supporting them throughout the week.

I want to thank 7I for working as a team to make year 7 an enjoyable year for both myself and for them. They have welcomed me into the school and really made me feel at home. I could not be prouder of every last one of you. Enjoy the summer break, and be prepared to be an awesome 8I



## 7N - MR MAGUIRE

I am encouraged by the improvement of our tutor group. 7N have become more respectful, more hardworking and much more presentable in both their work and their uniform (without me having to ask.) I had excellent feedback from Mrs Govier about the Year 7 Interviews, lots of 7N came across very enthusiastically.

Many of 7N took part in the recent Year 6 Transition days by being Transition Leaders which makes me tremendously proud that lots of the tutor wanted to represent the school in such a positive way.

Hope you have an amazing Summer and I'm looking forward to see how you've grown and improved into Year 8.



## 7G - MISS NEWTON

Having been timetabled 7G since the end of February has been an incredible privilege and delight. Our mornings are filled with laughter, unity and care for one another. Many in our Tutor have taken part in school transitions, assisting and supporting the year 6's who will join us in September and I know from our conversations that they have done TKASA, themselves and you at home very proud. They've also enjoyed talking about their future careers with Miss. Govier and it fills me with joy to know that we have future Paramedics, Hairdressers, Social Workers, Beauticians, UN Translators and Professional Footballers in our class! Kuba Roper and Matilda Taylor adored their trip to Birmingham for 'The Big Bang Fair' which gave them an insight into all things STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). There were lots of hands-on activities, careers panels and incredible shows! From myself and all here at TKASA, we wish you a wonderful summer and cannot wait to welcome the students back in September for yet another brilliant year!

## 7A - MRS SEYMOUR

I can't believe a year has flown by already! I remember a year ago sitting in front of all your parents (very nervous), saying how excited I was to meet you all and that I know you will have an amazing year and I think we have!

We may not have topped the charts on class chart points on many (or any occasions) but know that the majority of you work so hard in lessons regardless. I am very proud of every single one of you for taking part in the careers interview - knowing how nervous some of you were, it shows how much you have all grown up and did it anyway.

Well done to those of you who have joined lunchtime and after school clubs. So proud of those students who have become transition leaders welcoming the year 6's to our school and showing them around.

I have really enjoyed being your tutor this year and getting to know you all and look forward to next year.

## 7L - MR WHITEOAK

A really positive term for 7L and I am happy to report that we are improving our ratio of positive to negative classchart points significantly. There have previously been some organisation aspects that have improved over the course of the term and as students begin to enjoy a more positive interaction around the school we are seeing a much happier group of students. It has been a wonderful year and all students of 7L have become assertive with their contribution to school life and are growing in confidence, a significant contrast to the first moments of arriving at the school. I am feeling a sense of community within the tutor with students supporting each other really well. I hope this will continue throughout their years into year 11 which may seem like a long way away but it soon flies. 7L would like to thank Mr Harris for all of his support as HOY in the first and sometimes most difficult year at TKASA. I would like to give a special mention to Evelyn, Bronwyn, Izzy, Byron, Matthew, Isla, Harvey, Jake, Kacey, Shayla and Jade. All students with either no or very few negative classchart points. I look forward to hearing all the fantastic things that 8L will bring to the school next year. Thank you for a great year.

## 7F - MISS WALLIS

I am very proud of how 7F have settled into TKASA and they have had a fantastic term, with hundreds of positive class chart points! We have 8 transition leaders brilliantly helping out the Year 6's! This term, Albert has joined a cricket club, and recently won a match! and Freya has joined a rounders club! Oscar got runner up player of the year for Burnbridge-amazing! Jayden did a backflip on a trampoline..! Mia and Keira got into the semi finals in their football tournament-well done! A few of 7F have apparently played Quidditch in Primary school and are looking forward to playing again soon here at TKASA...?! We have lots of budding athletes in 7F..! Millie was the only year 7 that got the Silver Award in the Junior Maths Challenge-great achievement. Positive phone calls home in the last few weeks have gone to: Keira for English, Ryan and Albert for Science, Millie for Maths and Logan M from Miss Wallis. 7F did a fantastic job with the Year 7 'Interview challenge' with lots of certificates received. I have been fortunate enough to teach some of 7F food technology this term and below feature some of their pancake creations! 7F have now been top of the positive's twice this term - keep up the fantastic work and have a well deserved sunny summer break!



## 7R - MRS RICHARDS & MR PHILLIPS

What a fantastic year 7R have had! We are so proud of the hard work that members of 7R have continued to put into their studies and the commitment to attending after school clubs. 7R have done so well in the weekly quiz all year, Mr Phillips and I have been impressed with the current affairs knowledge! Our sports captains, Kai & Xander, have helped out in sporting events with primary schools throughout the year. Many members of 7R have been recognised for their contributions to the school this year and have been rewarded with trips. Leah & Bella attended a trip to Weston-super-Mare with the Jill Dando team and Joseph attending a sporting event with the PE department. Many of 7R have taken part in the year 6 transition from primary to secondary school. Students from 7R have visited primary schools to talk about their experiences at TKASA with year 6 students who are joining King Alfred's in September. Many more

members of 7R will take part in transition week in July when the year 6 students will come to King Alf's for a taster day. July will be a busy month for 7R with the geography school trip to Watchet, the introduction of the house system and sports day! We hope that you enjoy a lovely summer break and we look forward to another exciting year from September.

## 7E - MISS BIRD

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the school year already! It has been an absolute pleasure being the tutor of 7E this year, introducing them into life at secondary school and watching them form relationships with peers while settling in. There have been some exciting and notable achievements in our tutor group, including Ellis, Aleya and Becca being awarded 'be proud' badges for consistently high positive behaviour points! Many members of the group have also been recognised for their positive contributions to the school through extra-curricular clubs such as Jill Dando and our transition week (welcoming new students into the school). 7E were recently awarded for being top of the positive behaviour charts for the whole of year 7! 7E is now known amongst staff as a kind, hard-working tutor group that is supportive of each other, this positive reputation is something to be very proud of. Looking ahead to the summer break, I wish you all a well-deserved rest! Though, I hope that you find some time to enjoy the (hopefully) warm weather and come back ready to make an even bigger impression as 8E in September.



## MISS BULLOCK - HEAD OF YEAR 8

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Year 8 this year and they have gone from strength to strength. I am thrilled to be sharing my Head of Year role with Mrs Puzey next year and am pleased to report our tutor team is remaining largely unchanged. It has been great having Mrs Coles back from maternity leave and she will continue to work with us in year 9. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and support this year, from parents and carers to the tutors and all of the rest of the staff in school. By working together we can achieve the best for our students. It is an absolute privilege to work with such great students. I hope you all manage to have a restful summer break and I look forward to seeing your raring to go in September for Year 9.



It has been another busy term for Year 8 and students have been working hard both in and out of the classroom. We thought it might be nice to hear from the students themselves before we break up for the summer...

## 8K

*Logan*, 8K - have had a fantastic summer term at TKASA with a huge sum of 4300 positives and counting. They have gained over 25000 positives since the start of the school year. Amelia H, Esme and Lacey have the highest class charts points for this term, WELL DONE GIRLS!! Lots of students in 8K are involved in activities both in and out of school. Taking part in the school production we have Crina as a teacher, Esme as a yuppie and Amelia R and Courtney are part of the singing company. Theo is going through trials for Yeovil Football Club. Lacey, Chloe, Amelia H and Amelia R play for the girls rounders team. Hayden, Fin and Charlie play for East Huntspill Cricket Club. Curtis won an award for MOST improved player in his football team.

## 8I

*Ellie*, 8I - Another terrific year is almost over for 8I. We've had great success with clubs in and outside of school. Most notably; football. Landon, Eddie, Frankie, Roxy and Charlie got "Player of the year", "Players player", "Parent player", "Most improved" and "Penalty shootout" trophies respectively. Also DJ received the "Player of the season" trophy for rugby and Lincoln got many wins in his golfing competitions! Well done guys! Congratulations to Miley for landing a part in the "We will rock you" play this year! Our Tutor has also done well regarding Class Charts points With Ellie at the top of the leaderboard, followed by Lincoln and Noah. Great work this term 8I; let's keep it going into year 9!

## 8N

*Kadie, Mia and Alek*, 8N - The amazing 8N! We have an extraordinary tutor group with a wide range of talent. Currently one of our fellow peers is fishing for England her name is Lexie, go Lexie! Another of our tutees Jaycee has been competing in boxing matches.



Our tutor overall is very well behaved with one student Kadie being at the top of the positives for nearly 3 months there was also Alek who had a record breaking 101 positives in one week! Our tutor is very friendly as we all get along easily, Mrs Probert has been one of the best tutors, thank you Miss! .

## 8G

8G have had a great year, we were sad to see Mr Ward leave us at May half term and hope his new role is going well. We were really pleased that Mr Watkins was able to stay with us as we had enjoyed him working with Mr Ward previously. We are looking forward to year 9 and challenging ourselves, we can't wait to pick our options next year. We are hoping we have won lots of end of term prizes.





## 8A

8A - This year has been an interesting year with many achievements, one being Ellena being a lead role for the school play, We will rock you. Throughout this year our tutor group has had its ups and downs but in the end it was all fun. We have achieved a lot with some of our members being in a band, Chaotix, many members of the band like Leo and Jack have improved significantly. Watch out for them in the future! Congratulations to Jia and Kira as they have both won prizes from Sparx Maths for doing their Sparx maths every time it's set. Well done class 8A good luck next year!



## 8L

8L have had a good year, and welcomed in lots of new additions. We try our hardest with our attendance and have often been at the top of the year group for this. We have enjoyed the tutor reading this year. So far this year we've read 4 books, and right now we're reading Burn which we are enjoying.



## 8F

*Lexie-Marie and Esther* 8F have had such a great year with the best tutor teacher Mr Smith. We won a tutor prize of tutor of the term earlier in the year. Will we win the end of year award? Lily-May has been smashing the positive chart every week. A lot of our tutor are into sports like football, rugby, netball and so much more. Some even do sports outside of school and play for clubs. Tory is also in the school production and we are looking forward to seeing her performance. Esther was also in Les Mis outside of school.



## 8R

8R - We have had a great year and want to thank Mr Cox for helping us in tutor this year. We have made big improvements in the amount of positives we have got and were top for attendance on some weeks. We can't wait to see what Year 9 has in store for us.

## ■ MRS WHITEOAK - HEAD OF YEAR 9

Yet again Year 9 have had an incredible term. As we have approached the end of the school year, our Year 9 students have continued to get themselves involved in a range of activities both in and out of the classroom. Students have continued to earn thousands of positive ClassCharts points and it has been a pleasure to celebrate their achievements in our weekly assembly.

It has been great to see the majority of students involved in some form of extracurricular activities - from PE, cooking club, Jill Dando, Performing Arts and more. Specifically within Performing Arts, we have had our whole school production of "We Will Rock You". Many Year 9 students have showcased their talents within the production. I hope that Year 9 continues to engage with wider school opportunities as they progress into Year 10.

All students in the year group have now chosen their courses for their GCSEs. It has been nice to see all students excited by the prospect of studying subjects that they have chosen. Hopefully this will lead to a strong start in Year 10 from all within the group to maintain the progress and standards set this year.

Well done and keep up the good work!

## ■ 9K - MR SHEWRING

It has been a great year for 9K and it has been an absolute pleasure to represent as their tutor. They have all come a long way since the beginning of the year when I took over as tutor and it's been great getting to know them all individually. Many have participated in school events such as the musical, after school clubs and sports events and done extremely well. It's been great to hear so many positive things from teachers and staff around school.

I've been very impressed with how the individuals of this group have developed the strength and ability to turn it around when the going gets tough and their resilience to keep going. I look forward to starting again in September, supporting students in their first GCSE year and moving forward as a tutor onto bigger and better things!

## ■ 9I - MISS MILFORD

9I have continued to show great resilience and positivity this term with a large amount of achievements! A particular shout out to Alex Harvey who completed a Sea Cadets voyage sailing 112 nautical miles and gaining his Offshore Hand Two qualification - a huge achievement and something both myself and the tutor group are extremely proud of. Overall the tutor groups attendance and contribution to extracurricular activities, such as the school production and sports events, has been extremely positive, and the ClassChart points have continued to grow.

Many teachers have expressed what a pleasure it is teaching 9I, with particular students being pointed out for their helpful and caring acts of kindness around the school. It has been a pleasure to see the tutor group find confidence and passion in the subjects they have chosen for Year 10, especially where outside clubs and future goals have been expressed. I feel extremely proud to be taking 9I into Year 10 and I am sure they are going to continue to amaze, impress and succeed in everything they do. Well done for a fantastic year and I hope all the tutor group enjoy a well deserved Summer holiday when it gets here.

## ■ 9N - MISS GROVES / MR McBRIDE

We have come such a long way since the beginning of Year 8 and as tutors we are so proud having watched you grow as individuals. It is so exciting that next year you will get to start studying your chosen subjects, after having the fantastic opportunity of being one of the first years to be able to pick from such a student-tailored options programme. A highlight for Miss Groves this term has been attending Duke of Edinburgh with so many of you from 9N, your resilience and determination throughout that weekend was amazing. We look forward to the final weeks of Term 6, as we will get to continue to watch you play an active role in the school's community through your involvement with extra curricular activities, the school production and sports day!

## ■ 9G - MR GASKELL

I've just joined 9G as their new tutor this term and they've impressed me with their maturity and politeness. While five students have achieved well over 800 praise points from their teachers, most of the class are not too far behind. I'm particularly pleased that the group engages so enthusiastically with the weekly knowledge quiz and their reading ability is also excellent as evidenced during our morning reading sessions.

## ■ 9A - MR ELLIS

I haven't seen very much of 9A this term as Mr England took over when I was doing Year 11 intervention. I was watching ClassCharts during that time though and saw that 9A was continuing to do well. I was pleased to see them all again when they returned to me on 19th June. This year marks a hinge point for Year 9 as they end Key Stage 3 and move to Key Stage 4 having made their options choices. Sadly, I won't be continuing the journey with them as a tutor as I am moving into the Year 11 tutor team from September. It has been a privilege to have spent time with them over the past three years and I will be keeping a close eye on how they are all progressing in the future.

## ■ 9L - MR MOORE

9L have had a great term as we head towards the end of the year. All students have consistently shown a positive attitude towards school life, despite a few hiccups along the way. Mr Moore is proud to see the progress each and every student in the group has made, and the resilience shown when difficult situations may have occurred. Overall, attendance has been good and many positive Class Chart points have been received for students setting a positive example around school. As usual, many in the group have participated in extracurricular activities to gain wider experiences. This is something Mr Moore would like to see more of as we move into year 10.

It was nice to see the group excited by the prospect of studying subjects that they have chosen for their options. Hopefully this will lead to a strong start in Year 10 from all within the group to maintain our high standards.

Mr Moore looks forward to working with everyone in 9L next year! Well done and keep up the good work!

## ■ 9F - MR CLEMENTS

9F have had a fantastic term and a really positive end to the year. Overall, the group has worked hard to ensure that our attendance remains high and that the group continues to maintain high standards. Many positive Class Chart points have been received for students who have produced good work or shown positive behaviours in and around school.

The group is excited to start studying subjects that they have chosen for their options. Hopefully this will lead to a strong start in Year 10. Have a good summer everyone!

## ■ 9R - MR DAY

It has been another successful term for 9R. You deserve all the recognition that you receive for all the hard work and effort you put into your studies. The praise and the positive Class Charts points from a variety of teachers has remained consistently high. The format of completing homework has slightly changed but 9R has risen to this challenge, completing numerous pages of homework every week. This clearly shows a strong commitment to their own learning, which will be vital as they all move into Year 10 and their GCSE's next year. In PSHCE we have recently covered some difficult topics, which we have discussed in a mature and thoughtful way. We have already completed three reading books this year and we are currently reading 'The Graveyard Book'.

Well done 9R for a fantastic year and enjoy your summer holidays.



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## MR BRITTAN - HEAD OF YEAR 10

What an incredible year for year 10 - so much has happened this year and every time they have made me proud to be their head of year. Right from the start in September, year 10 were showing their maturity, resilience and above all their positive attitude. Every week I have been proud to say how well we are doing in terms of class chart positives - mostly third place but often in second place compared to the other year groups. I have even popped into the year 8 assemblies with Miss Bullock when we have been ahead of them! (She has done the same when they have overtaken us back)

In January we had the ski trip - although I don't think we have any contenders for the next Olympics most of them came back in one piece which is always a positive. Similarly for Duke of Edinburgh. It was brilliant watching them all walking up hills and down valleys in the pouring rain, sometimes they have even used a map! And not too many twisted ankles. Another expedition this weekend - apparently we are forecast thunderstorms.

Work experience week was amazing and I was able to visit so many of them; teaching younger ones in primary schools, coaching football to year 2's, working in the hospital, out buying magazines for the salon, icing cakes (well most of it was on the cake) and even looking after a cat (I think she was supposed to be using the computer but the cat had other ideas). And now PPE's (pre-public exams). Currently as I am typing this they are all sat doing their English exams. They have been brilliant, organised and trying so hard to do so well.

And (really proud), I must mention our Student Leadership team. I was so impressed and incredibly proud to listen to their presentations and interview answers. Some interviewed better than I ever could but I wasn't allowed to have 15 head students. Well done to Jasmine, Evie, Olivia and Ryan S our four amazing head students, Bethan, Clea, William, Matilda, Ryan D, Towan, Jacob, Lucas, Hollie, Aaron and Chloe our senior prefects and to all 44 prefects. They are an amazing team together and reflect so well on the whole year group and I am looking forward to next year, such an important year for all of them and one I know they are going to be brilliant, facing every step with determination and as always making me proud to be their head of year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the fantastic tutor team, some of which have been with their tutor groups since year 7! As we move into year 11 and start all the support and intervention programmes many of our tutor team are moving to start again with the new year 7's. I could not have asked for a better, more caring and dedicated team and know that year 10 are the amazing young adults that they have become because of the wonderful tutor team.

I would like to wish the students, the teachers, tutors and all of you all the best and hope for a fantastic summer break ready to hit the ground running for next year.

## MRS HODGIN—PASTORAL SUPPORT

I want to start by saying thank you to all the students and staff within year 10 and what an amazing year group you are.

Year 10 have achieved so many amazing things this term from the success of work experience, musicals, cooking competitions, prefects, Duke of Edinburgh, sports both inside school and out of school and also the huge number of positives they have received. Too many great achievements to individually mention each one.

I regularly speak to many members of staff who teach year 10 and they are always saying that the majority of the students are polite and hardworking. Well done all, great to hear you should be proud of yourselves. Keep up the great work!

I am very proud of each and everyone of you, have an amazing summer holiday. See you all in September when you're 11. Remember with hard work and dedication you can achieve your dreams!

## 10K - MR HARDIE

With the last day of term rapidly approaching, it is with considerable regret that I acknowledge the end of a four year relationship where it was my privilege to be designated the tutor of this fine collection of boys and girls. I will miss each and every one of them and wish them every success for next year and beyond.

All years at school tend to feel busy, but for a year 10 student this year will feel the busiest so far with work experience and mock examinations added to the normal mix of lessons. Organisation and self discipline must rank highly on a scale of new skills being learned in a hurry, whether the setting is a work experience job requiring unexpected responsibility or the raw focus needed to work in silence for nearly two hours during an exam.

Others, by applying to become prefects, have pushed the envelope still further in terms of time management and also in terms of placing themselves in unfamiliar, nerve wracking situations. Yet in every case all seemed to come through the process as stronger, more confident young people. As a tutor I could not be more pleased to see how many students successfully put themselves forward to become the worthy role models I know them to be and I am especially impressed when I know that some of these future ambassadors to the school already have considerable commitments with part time jobs.

All that remains is for 10K to deliver big performances on the field during Sports Day to show that they can, in fact, do it all.

## ■ 10I - MISS KEEBLE

I am so proud of 10I this term, they have shown absolutely fantastic work ethic, positivity and commitment to their studies with their hard work revising and attending P6s recently for their assessments being just one example. They also really threw themselves into their work experience posts and I was so proud of Kieran B getting an award for his outstanding work ethic whilst on placement. It was really lovely to see so many members of 10I applying for Prefect and Head Student. I am so proud that so many were successful in getting Prefects and Senior Prefects and it was a bit emotional seeing them all in their Prefect ties! It has been wonderful to hear about all of their other achievements from swimming to football, to Martial Arts and Music events. A large number of the tutor group have been involved in D of E also which is a fantastic achievement. I am so proud of all of them for continuing their passions and hobbies alongside their GCSE studies.

All that is left to say is that it has been an absolute pleasure to get to be your tutor for the last 3 years and watch you all grow into wonderful young people- I can't quite believe you'll be going into Year 11! I will continue to follow your journeys and keep up to date with how you are all getting on! I know you will all be a big success and I wish you all the luck as you go into your final GCSE year at TKASA.

## ■ 10N - MR SWAINE

It has been a pleasure taking you on as a tutor group this year with, of course, Mr Swaine. You have had a great year with lots of positive experiences and you have approached these with the usual engagement and enthusiasm. You all had worthwhile work experiences this term, which I know you all worked hard and lots of positive feedback from employers. It was evident that you felt these were invaluable memories for yourselves.

It was great to see so many of you apply for Prefects and Head Boy positions. It is lovely to see that we have two Senior Prefects; Ryan and Arron, as well as Prefects; Alisha, Hannah, Serena, Alex. I am certain that you will all enjoy your roles into Yr11.

You have all been working extremely hard during your assessment period this term. It was brilliant to see that Lennon and Kacie were top of the leaderboard on class charts, last week. A few others have been continually on this board - Alisha in particular. A positive time and start to your final journey at TKASA. Lastly, I would just like to say that you are all fantastic role models and best of luck in your final year.

## ■ 10G - MRS WOODMAN

10G have had an outstanding final term and overall an exceptional year 10. Miss Mckenna and I are extremely proud of everyone for your fantastic work experience placements, with lots of positive feedback from employers on how polite, engaged and hard working you all were. Well done to Brooke, Savannah, James, Megan and Evie who have topped the class charts leader board for term 6. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved in school throughout year 10 and are equally proud of all your activities outside of school. Well done to Brook and Chloe for taking on the Duke of Edinburgh Silver award, Luke for all the fantastic work you're doing with the Police cadets, Ollie for your continued dedication to your motorbike racing and Oliver for your continued hard work with sailing and diving. A huge well done to Evie for becoming head student, Chloe for securing a senior prefect role and to Brooke, Megan, Coby, Oliver, Freddie, Poppy, James and Luke on becoming Prefects. You are all fantastic role models to the younger students. It has been a privilege to have been your tutor since year 7, I have seen you all grow into wonderful young adults. I wish you all a very restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all for year 11 in September.

## ■ 10A - MRS CLOUGH

It has been a busy term for 10A and I am incredibly proud of this Tutor group and the journey they have been on over the past two years. It has been great to see many step out of their comfort zone and put themselves forward for roles and responsibilities I know they would have been apprehensive about. Work experience highlighted how hardworking this tutor group were and the positive attitudes many had toward this week. Chloe, Emily, Faith and Evie have shown great commitment and dedication for taking on the Duke of Edinburgh Silver award. Going above and beyond is something Faith and Evie have done yet again with their commitment to Acro Gymnastics and Cheerleading. Competing up and down the country throughout the year but also giving up their time to coach younger pupils; they are fantastic role models. Congratulations must also go to Chloe, Faith and Demi for securing a role as a school prefect; something I know all three of you will do a fantastic job at. Being 10A's tutor has been interesting at times; but you are a fantastic group of individuals and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for you all. Have a fantastic restful Summer.

## 10L - MS KING & MRS O'BRIEN

It has been a pleasure to take on 10L for a large part of this year. They are a fantastic group of people and I shall miss them next year. We had some excellent feedback from work experience employees. Isabella made a big impact to the tenants she assisted during her placement who commented on how 'lovely and polite she was' and her employee said she was an 'absolute star'. Harry also had some excellent feedback from his placement: 'Harry was very polite and helpful when asking for things to do and very keen to learn about each and every job we were giving him. When the job he was doing had finished, he was very eager to move on to the next job we had lined up for him. He was a pleasure to have him as a student'.

A lot of 10L worked in primary schools for the work experience and found it really rewarding. A big well done to Thomas Lock, Lucas and John who are consistently top of the positive leader board. I have been really impressed by 10L's focus on the recent PPE assessments and they have shown a maturity in taking responsibility for their own learning. This is reflected in our new School prefects, Matilda, Beth, Isabella, Sara, Stan and Martha. Martha is performing in Les Miserables at the Macmillan Theatre and we wish her good luck. Good luck to Matilda, Martha and Ryan for the school production, you'll rock it! I have seen some fantastic art work from Ella, Beth, Steven and Connor too - well done! Keep creating!

Just a quick message from me. I want to say a big thank you to 10L for being a great tutor group especially this year. All the support you have given me throughout this year has been very much appreciated. The shouts of "it's Ms King" with big smiles and waves have been a highlight for me returning to school, along with all the "can we have you back, we miss you comments" which I am sure you haven't 'that' much but has been lovely to hear. I have and will continue to miss our morning tutor times full of excuses and "but Ms" comments and chaos that is PSHCE lessons. I look forward to continuing to hear about your progress and amazing achievements!

## 10F - MRS GODWIN & MRS ROBERTSON

10F have had an amazing term to round off what has been a superb year for all involved. Mrs Robertson and I were so proud of everyone during their work experience placements - the comments from employers on how polite, hard working and respectful they all were blew us away. Congratulations to all of the students who successfully applied to become

prefects as part of the student leadership team. We are so proud of you and are sure that you will be amazing role models for the rest of the school.

Well done to Willow, Towan, Ruby, Aimee and Will who have topped the leaderboard for Class Charts points in term 6. It has been wonderful to read the comments that staff have made about students' attitude to learning in and out of lessons, a clear indication of the success which is to come as we look forward to year 11.

Rehearsals for the school musical are well underway - we are looking forward to seeing Laila and Lola in their big performance. We're also keeping our fingers crossed for another excellent performance on this year's Sports Day!

And finally, a big congratulations to James who has spent a week aboard the TS Royalist as part of the Sea Cadets - an amazing opportunity and a huge honour to be involved.

Mrs Robertson and I would like to thank you all for your support this year and wish you a restful Summer break.

## 10R - MRS OWEN

Well done 10R - a super final term of the year. We are delighted that Ryan has been chosen to undertake more training with Bristol Rovers and that Bethan is representing our group in the school musical. Poppy has continued to impress the judges in various young chef competitions and has also been out in the countryside with her Duke of Edinburgh's award group - what a star! Jake received his bronze ClassCharts points award in assembly for topping the table for the whole year and it was wonderful that so many students from 10R put their names forward for the Head Student/Senior Prefect positions. I am delighted that Ryan and Jazz are now Head Students, Clea and Bethan are Senior Prefects and we also have several Prefects in the group. Your contributions to the geography field visits were superb and I particularly enjoyed spending a day working with Jake, Demi-leigh and Louie. I have heard great things about your work experience and look forward to seeing how your plans for careers develop over the next year.

What a group!

## MRS GIBSON - HEAD OF YEAR 11

Year 11, this is probably one of the most difficult things I have had to write. I can honestly, truly say that I have had the best four years as your head of year. It has been my utmost honour and privilege to watch you grow from children into young adults and right now I couldn't be prouder of all you have achieved. You will always hold a special place in my heart as my first year group to see all the way through school and any other year group will have big shoes to fill!

I have so many special memories as your head of year and can't believe how quickly the time has passed from our first assembly in June 2019 until now. I think back to when we launched ACTIV8, Cloud 9 & reading competitions only for all of that to be thwarted by Covid. Remember my emails and online assemblies that I shared - I especially remember calling every single one of you during the summer term of 2020. I remember being told by Mr Jenkins that my year group bubble was being sent home and cried. How strange it was for you all not to be in school for two weeks and the joy I felt when I watched you all walk back into E Block - remember we used to have all our lessons in the same classroom in E Block? And having to choose your option subjects while at home? How amazingly you have all coped with such a challenging time and have come out the other side as incredible individuals.

One of the most rewarding things of all though, is that I have been able to get to know you all as individuals during your time here (some more than others!) Whilst with some of you we may have had our disagreements, I hope you know that every decision I have made is to ensure that we have been the best year group that TKASA has ever had. And you have lived up to this mantra in spades! I knew when I became your head of year that I had an incredible opportunity on my hands to help you grow and develop into young adults and it has been my honour to walk alongside all of you. You are all unique in your own ways and I have endeavoured to forge strong relationships with you in order to carve out a path to your future.

I have no doubt in my mind that on Thursday 27th August 2023 you will make us all proud of you and your hard work will have paid off. Some of you are off to College, VI Form, Apprenticeships; I just hope that you all make the most of every opportunity that will come your way. After all, there is a big wide world out there to explore not just what's on your doorstep. It has been my privilege to spend the last four years with you all - such a vibrant, aspirational and inspirational group of young people.

During our Leavers' Day I was overwhelmed by a sense of pride and a confidence that you will all go on to achieve your dreams and ambitions. What you have faced during your years at school (especially Covid) has only made you stronger as people and as learners. You have faced every challenge that has presented itself and adapted in order to succeed.

1826 days ago you walked into King Alfred's but you're not the same walking out. You have many stories to tell and memories to share and you will remember these moments for the rest of your lives.

So here we are, at the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new one. Please remember that you can come by anytime to say hello, I can't wait to hear your stories of what the next chapter brings. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to be a small part in your life journey. And always remember - YOU ARE THE BEST!



## MESSAGE FROM MR RADNIDGE



My first year within the Sixth Form Centre has been an incredible journey filled with accomplishments and growth. One of the highlights has to be the year 12 work experience programme, which provided our students with valuable opportunities to explore their career interests and gain practical skills. Through strategic partnerships with local businesses and organisations, we secured a wide range of placements that catered to diverse interests and aspirations. Witnessing our students flourish in these real-world settings was truly inspiring. Their positive feedback and testimonials showcased the success of the programme, as they returned with newfound confidence and a clearer sense of their future paths.

Academically, our students soared to new heights this year, and their achievements have been nothing short of exceptional. The diligent efforts of both the students and our dedicated team of teachers paid off, resulting in outstanding examination projections and university offers. Our commitment to providing comprehensive support and tailored guidance ensured that each student received the attention they deserved, leading to impressive progress and personal growth. I look forward to seeing the joy on their faces when they receive their results in August!

Another highlight of the year was the resounding success of our RAG (Raise and Give) week. This week-long event showcased the incredible creativity, compassion, and teamwork of our sixth form community. Students organised a wide array of exciting activities, from charity walks to soak the teacher events, all in the spirit of giving back to those in need. The enthusiasm and engagement from both students and staff were remarkable, and the funds raised exceeded all expectations. Not only did RAG week foster a sense of unity and camaraderie among the students, but it also left a positive impact on the local community, further strengthening our school's reputation as a hub of social responsibility.

Reflecting on this successful year, I am immensely proud of the achievements and growth we have witnessed. From the enriching work experience programme to the remarkable academic success and the heartwarming community involvement during RAG week, it has been a truly fulfilling journey. The dedication and determination of our students, coupled with the support of the staff, have made this year one to remember, setting a strong foundation for even greater accomplishments in the years to come.

## HE + RESIDENTIAL

Students were selected through application by the HE+ programme. Which encourages wider participation to highly selective universities.

The two day residential took place at Trinity Hall within Cambridge University. Students attended academic sessions and stayed within the halls to see what life would be like as a student. They explored the Colleges and the City and really benefited from the experience.



## SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS

Congratulations to all of our students that have secured University or Apprenticeship summer schools over the summer, what an achievement, a fantastic opportunity to gain insights into both fields and will support those post 18 applications.

Here are just a few;

**History @ University College London**

**Geography @ Durham University**

**Psychology @ University of Bath**

**Plymouth Marjon for Sport**

**Murray Edwards College, Cambridge**

**Exeter College, Oxford University**

**UNIQ Summer School, Cambridge**



## ■ YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

Here at the Sixth Form Centre, we reserve one week every year for our Year 12 students to go out into the world of work. Due to Covid putting a stop to their scheduled Year 10 work experience week, this was the first opportunity for our students to get a real perception of the various aspects of working life! Whilst it was undoubtedly a daunting prospect, students had been supported throughout the year with various Work Experience themed assemblies, one-to-one careers advice and our Year 13 students offering up some inspiration by discussing their own experiences.

Come the 12th June, each and every one of our Year 12s had taken the steps required to secure some fantastic work placements. The range of industries that the students ventured into were both extensive and impressive: from healthcare and public services, journalism and project management, to leisure, law, education and software programming! All of which offered incredible opportunities to acquire transferable skills and gain invaluable insight that will aid the students in their chosen next steps.



Staff had the pleasure of visiting a number of employers throughout the week and were lucky enough to not only see the students in action, but were also met with glowing reports from employers regarding just how brilliantly our students conducted themselves over the course of the week. So much so, in fact, that this had led to offers of extended experience, recommendations to other employers for additional experience, and even discussion of Degree Apprenticeships!

### **Simpson Solicitors:**

*"I just wanted to reach out and say what an absolute gem Libbie is. She did incredibly well whilst with us. Dealing with some very grown up subjects and difficult meetings. My own work experience at 15 was in a law firm where my mentor saw a spark in me. I see the same spark in Libbie and I hope she goes on to practice law in the future. If we had a suitable vacancy I wouldn't think twice about recommending her to our recruitment teams. She is an asset and will be wherever she goes. Law is hard work and she is already working at a level beyond most, with a level of understanding of law and empathy (rare) miles above many in the industry."*

### **Sedgemoor District Council:**

*"Lyla was a pleasure to have working with us last week. She was really happy to get involved and I had great feedback from the Wardens and the CCTV operatives. She was happy to get involved in whatever the team was doing and did not shy away from engaging with the public. On Friday evening she attended our VAWG (violence against women and girls) event in the town centre. This was a multi-agency event with police, SWISH, SARI, SARSAS, Nelsons Trust, Street Pastors and MIND. The aim was to engage with people in the night time economy to find out what makes people feel safe or unsafe in our communities. Lyla conducted herself really well and was a credit to herself and TKASA."*

### **Sidcot School:**

*"I Just wanted to say how amazing Belle was last week. Not only did she have a good experience, she got really stuck in and supported us throughout the week in a variety of key events. She is a credit to you and we would consider her seriously for a grad role in the future if she wants to!"*

After spending a week away from school, the students returned with a buzz of enthusiasm and a real drive to succeed. A perfectly timed recipe for Personal Statement writing & UCAS applications!

## RAISE AND GIVE WEEK

Rag week was held on 10th-14th July, with proceeds going toward Highbridge Area Foodbank.

A visit was held at the food bank to raise awareness of the importance of the charity and hunger poverty within our own community. They sorted items and bagged food parcels and have a clear understanding of how money raised from RAG will be utilised.

To launch RAG Week 2023 the Sixth Form students took part in a fundraising walk from Burnham Jetty to Brean Down and back again alongside a high street collection. The fundraising walk was a huge success but a real struggle, it was a big achievement for all crossing the finish line. Well done to all those who participated!

Some fantastic events were organised by the sixth form students within school; Soak the teacher, Bake sale, The Chase, Teachers V Sixth Former Volleyball, Penalty shoot out along with other fundraising events.

A RAG raffle was held each night at the school production of 'We Will Rock You' and some wonderful prizes were donated by local businesses and parents. Thank you to TKASA Drama for supporting us.

We are still counting so please check the socials for an update on the total!



## SIXTH FORM STUDENT UNION



We have had a very successful year with Beau, Katie and Darragh at the helm of the Sixth Form Student Union. They have spent the year acting as the platform from which student voice can be heard and they have liaised with Sixth Form Leadership to implement changes for a sustainably positive learning experience. Their efforts on focusing on the Sixth Form Community as a whole, rather than on their own individual learning journeys have been invaluable and greatly appreciated and the students and staff alike thank them for their contribution. However, having now completed their A Level studies, the time has come to pass the torch onto a new President and Vice Presidents.

After a thorough application and interview process, Libbie successfully secured the position of SU President, whilst Catherine and Mollie also blew the interview panel away, both earning themselves the title of SU Vice President!

The Sixth Form team are very much looking forward to working alongside this new Student Union throughout the course of the next academic year.

## ■ POST 18 DESTINATIONS FOR YR12

Year 12 have attended the UCAS University & Apprenticeship Discovery Fair in Newport which was an opportunity to talk to providers regarding their chosen pathways.

They have benefited from talks to support post 18 applications on;

**TKASA Alumni: Life as a Solicitor**

**An Introduction to Higher Education**

**TKASA Alumni: Burgess Salmon. Degree Apprenticeship in Paralegal/Law**

**A Career in Teaching**

**TKASA Alumni: Apprenticeships in HR and business administration and Policing Degree Apprenticeship**

**TKASA Alumni: Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship**

**How to choose a University Course**

**How to write a personal statement**

**Applying for a Degree Apprenticeship**

**What to expect from University & Student Life including a year abroad and a year in Industry**

**Competitive Universities & importance of EPQ**

**Applications for Nursing and Medicine**

**Support with a UCAS Application**

**Opportunities for Work Experience and Apprenticeships at BMW**

Next year, year 13 students will explore options of Gap Years, further insight into apprenticeship and other career options, Employment and CV writing, and University Finance.

Early Application Deadline for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science alongside applications for Oxbridge need to submit UCAS applications to TKASA by 30th September to ensure the UCAS deadline is met. They are having in house support with applications and admission tests via the Early Applicants Club with Mr Willis.



## END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

On Friday 30th June, our Sixth Form students arrived at Brean Country Club, dressed to impress! Our annual End of Year Celebration is an opportunity to mark the end of exam season, acknowledge the many achievements of all Sixth Form students, as well as to bid farewell to our Year 13 Leavers.

For our Year 13 cohort, this was an extra special opportunity for them to celebrate, as Covid put a stop to their Year 11 prom. For this reason, we knew we wanted to pull out all the stops, and make sure that this was going to be an evening that they would remember for years to come. And that is what we did! The Student Events Committee and staff spent much of their time throughout the academic year organising fundraising events, checking out venues, reviewing menu samples, discussing themes, decorations, entertainment and so much more. We quite literally rolled out the Red Carpet for them!

The evening consisted of a complimentary Mocktail on arrival, a three-course meal - which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and an evening of musical entertainment provided by local DJ, Keith Hards. We can't forget to mention a favourite feature of the evening, which was the photo booth! We found the props and the individual prints to be a wonderfully personal touch to the event, and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by both students and staff alike.

Feedback has been unwaveringly positive, with students saying it a really good way to end the year and that fun was had by all, whilst venue staff were very impressed with the behaviour and conduct of the students exhibited throughout the evening. The Sixth Form Team are filled with pride over how well the evening went, and to receive such glowing comments.



## PRELOVED@TKASA

### Preloved@TKASA

Do you have any of the following gathering dust? If so would you be happy to donate them to our new Preloved@TKASA?

- Uniform
- PE kit
- School shoes
- Trainers
- Revision guides
- Winter coats and jackets
- Toiletries eg body sprays

If you have any donations please drop them at main reception or ask students to bring to the Head of Year office

If you have any queries please contact [preloved@tkasa.org.uk](mailto:preloved@tkasa.org.uk)



It has been another successful year for Preloved Prom with lots of outfits going out not just for the TKASA prom and 6th form celebration but to lots of other local schools as well. All of this means more money raised for Weston Hospice Care. Thank you to anyone who has supported us this year. As always we welcome new donations, although we may need some more rails soon! Make sure you Like our Facebook page for up to date info on open events.

Following the success of Preloved Prom we are pleased to announce we are expanding to Preloved@TKASA and are building a stock of preloved uniform, coats, revision guides and other items that may benefit our school community. This will be launched fully in September but if you have any donations please do get in touch or drop them in. We are really excited to see our new space which the site team are currently doing a wonderful job of converting for us complete with changing spaces.



## READING

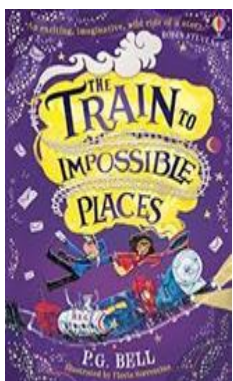
As the end of the academic year approaches, you and your child will no doubt be planning what to do over the summer. This welcome break from routine will provide opportunities for children to go out and do activities they may not have been able to do for a while, as well as exploring interests they may have developed through the curriculum this past year.

In addition, it would be very beneficial for children to continue their reading. Reading benefits many areas of education and life. In addition to the obvious benefits on reading comprehension and attainment, it also impacts upon:

- vocabulary
- understanding of grammar
- spelling skills
- writing attainment
- attitudes to reading and writing
- knowledge and understanding of the world and other people
- achievement in other subjects, including maths
- empathy and understanding of emotions
- mental wellbeing
- development of our sense of 'self' and identity.

To help you and your child select some reading material for this summer, we have collated a range of books which your child may enjoy immersing themselves in over the break. **Please note that unless otherwise stated, the texts are suitable from 11-years-old, but please do research the books before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child.**

### The Train to Impossible Places by P.G. Bell



When Suzy hears a strange noise in the middle of the night, she creeps downstairs to find a train roaring through her house. But this is no ordinary train. This is the magical delivery express for the Union of Impossible Places. Whisked on board by a troll-boy, Suzy's world is turned upside down when she's asked to deliver a cursed package to a fearsome sorceress. And, quite suddenly, Suzy realizes the fate of the Impossible Places is in her hands...

### Featured author: Phil Earle



Despite finding reading difficult when he was younger, Phil has gone on to write many incredible books; his most recent novels are *When the Sky Falls* and *While the Storm Rages* and these have been extremely popular. His new book, *Until the Road Ends*, has just been published – you can find out more about this below! Phil has set you a summer challenge, so do watch his video via the QR code to find out more!



### Until the Road Ends by Phil Earle

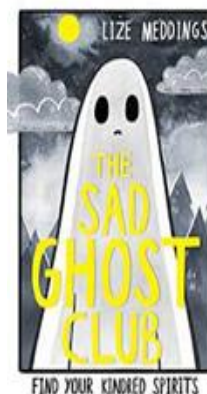


When Peggy saves a stray dog from near-death, a beautiful friendship begins. Peggy and Beau are inseparable: the only thing that can ever come between them is war. Peggy is evacuated to the safety of the coast, but Beau is left behind in the city, where he becomes the most extraordinary and unlikely of war heroes.

Night after night, as bombs rain down and communities are destroyed, Beau searches the streets, saving countless families. But then disaster strikes, changing Peggy's life forever. With her parents killed, both she and Beau are left alone, hundreds of miles apart. But Beau has a plan to reunite them at long last...



### The Sad Ghost Club by Lize Meddings



This is the story of one of those days - a day so bad you can barely get out of bed, when it's a struggle to leave the house, and when you do, you wish you hadn't. But even the worst of days can surprise you. When one sad ghost, alone at a crowded party, spies another sad ghost across the room, they decide to leave together. What happens next changes everything. Because that night, they start the The Sad Ghost Club - a secret society for the anxious and alone, a club for people who think they don't belong

## CAREERS

As we approach the end of the academic year we find ourselves reflecting on the year gone by, and boy has it been a busy one in the careers office. The careers activities have come along thick and fast this year, but the highlights have to be Year 10 WEX Week and the Year 7 Interview Challenge.



In May all of our year 10 students had the opportunity to spend a week out of school and experience the workplace, hopefully in an industry that they are planning on pursuing when they leave secondary education next year. The feedback that we received from employers and students was fantastic, so congratulations once again to year 10. I am looking forward to year 10 Mock Interview day on the 14th July to see how you bring your experiences to the interview table.



During the first few weeks of June, year 7's took part in the Year 7 Interview Challenge. It was fun getting to know this year group and gaining some indication on the future careers they were aspiring towards. The whole year group impressed us every single day with their maturity and creativity in the interviews, preparing some fantastic CV's and answering the interview questions so well. So, a huge congratulations to year 7.

As we look forward to next year we will be hosting a Careers Fair in the first term, which will be the first careers fair since Covid. So, exciting things to come.

Have a great summer.

Mrs Govier



## ■ SILVER AND BRONZE AWARD CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following who achieved their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

*Congratulations*



**SILVER:** Joseph Ridgway  
**BRONZE:** John Smith  
Evie Medhurst  
Faith Hands  
Bethan Rose  
Charlotte Avery

We look forward to presenting more certificates next term as this year's Bronze, Silver and Gold participants complete the Award.

## ■ EXPEDITIONS

Expeditions took place this term and what a contrast in the weather.

Bronze groups practised on the Mendips and did their qualifying expedition on the Quantocks in glorious sunny weather.

Silver and Gold ventured to the Quantocks for their practice and to the Brecon Beacons for their qualifying expedition. They did extremely well in what could only be described as stormy conditions. The weather was not very kind to them but they ventured on to achieve their expedition section of the Award.

Well done!

For more information about [TKASA DofE](#) please go to the school website.

Information about The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award will be sent out to Year 9 during Term 1.

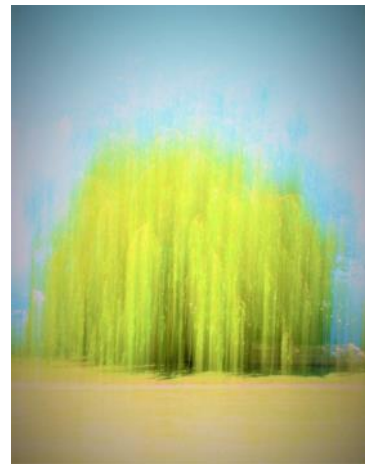


## ART





## PHOTOGRAPHY



## ■ 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 and/or our new A Level economics option which I am delighted to be offering for the first time.

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. I was pleased to be able to visit some of my Year 12 business students during their recent work experience placements where they were able to make connections between what they learn in the classroom and how real businesses operate.

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 manufactured a range of sustainable jewellery which they have been selling in the local area. They competed against other Young Enterprise teams across Somerset and won **three** awards: most sustainable business; best trade stand and best company report - 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 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 how the cost of living crisis, rising interest rates and ongoing global geopolitical tensions are impacting businesses. Students 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.



## ■ COMPUTER SCIENCE

It has been a busy period for all of our year 11 and 13 computer science and year 11 iMedia students. We have been impressed with the attitude from all students preparing for their examinations and how they have worked tremendously hard on the run up to these exams. Our A level students were well motivated to do well with many destinations for our KS5 moving into computer related subjects. We are, as always, sad to see them leave but we take comfort in knowing we are in great hands with so many talented students engaging with our future in technology and design. Good luck to all in their future endeavours.

Year 10 Computer scientists have shown great initiative in their recent project with many extending their knowledge of coding to include the development of a Graphic User Interface, a new addition to the project expectations. We have been really impressed with the independence and sense of community from the year 10 students as they show fantastic team working skills in developing these projects. A special mention to Ondrej who has excelled in his understanding of Tkinter and databases and is in the process of developing a piece of software that we may see used in other departments in the school. He is also the first to help students with developing their solutions using Tkinter. We welcome our new Computer Science teacher Mr Bate to the department to work alongside the current team. Mr Bate brings a wealth of knowledge in computer studies and has already begun to push our students at all key stages in their learning and development within the subject. Our NEW KS4 coding club that Mr Bate is leading begins on a Tuesday after school and is a perfect opportunity to stretch coding skills that will prepare students well for GCSE's and beyond.

Our year 10 iMedia students have completed their first unit and we will get their results in the autumn term. In September students will embark on their second assignment. We have been extremely impressed with the designing and creations based on their PPE assignment, a four hour controlled assessment.

At present our year 9 students are understanding computer security and we are highlighting the dangers of malicious efforts to gain information from us and how to recognise and repel such attempts. This is an important message as our students start to become more independent with their own finances.

Our year 8 students are reinforcing their understanding of computer components and I am sure that many of them will have the skills needed to recognise the individual components of a modern computer with some insight into how these devices are used.

Year 7 are engaging with the much publicised area of AI. It is clear to see that since we visited this last year with previous year 7's, how significantly technology has developed with much discussion around the development of programs like Google Bard and Chat GPT. It has been interesting to consider how their own parents and carers experiences of engaging with computer science and in fact how the interaction with the subject may change in the future. Perhaps a whole classroom of Interactive VR goggles for all, although with Apples VR vision pro advertised at £2800 each, I am not sure that will be happening soon.

## ■ COMPUTER SCIENCE VISUAL IDENTITY

New computer science visual identity from Zach Powell



## ■ YEAR 12 A LEVEL PERFORMANCE

In May our Y12 students performed their real A Level component 1 piece in which they had to devise an original piece of work in the style of an established theatre practitioner. Our Year 12s chose a really sensitive topic and delivered their piece incredibly. We are so proud of all their hard work!



## ■ YEAR 10 GCSE PERFORMANCES

In June Year 10 performed their real GCSE component 1 pieces in which they had to devise an original piece of work to perform from a stimulus. We also had a number of designers who also showcased their work, creating costume or lighting designs to aid the devised performances. We are so proud of our wonderful students and the mature work they produced!



## ■ LES MISERABLES LONDON TRIP

We were very lucky this term to have the amazing opportunity to be invited to go and see a special performance of Les Miserables in the Westend with a Q&A afterwards with the cast, production team and crew. Our Year 9, 12 and 13 students really enjoyed the day, not only getting to watch this hugely popular and unforgettable show, but also gaining valuable insight from theatre professionals afterwards.



## ■ THANK YOU MISS BORTHWICK AND MR WATKINS!

It has been great to have Miss Borthwick join us as our Drama/Music technician this year and Mr Watkins as our School Direct Drama trainee. They have done so much to support the students this year and it has been great to see them throw themselves into TKASA Drama life! Miss Borthwick will continue as our technician into next year and we wish Mr Watkins all the best as he moves over to teach maths at TKASA next year.



# DRAMA



## WE WILL ROCK YOU 2023

We performed our annual whole school production in July of 'We Will Rock You' and it was a huge success! The students worked so hard along with staff to put on this fantastic show and both cast and band absolutely smashed it! Our feedback from our audiences was incredible and the students were absolutely thrilled with the reception they got each night. Thank you to everyone in the community who supported us through sponsorship, equipment hire or coming to watch, it really was a spectacular show!



## ■ GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION



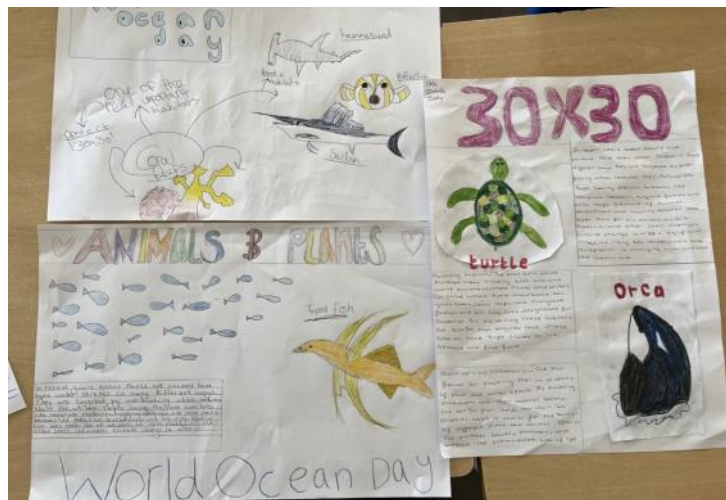
Miss Bird and Mrs Owen headed to Sheffield during the Easter break to the Geographical Association Conference.

On the first day they were delighted to be presented with a 'Centre of Excellence' certificate for the TKASA Geography Department by Alan Kinder (CEO of the GA) and thoroughly enjoyed a street art tour of Sheffield, led by a local teacher.

Over the next two days they attended a variety of workshops and lectures. Miss Bird formed part of a panel answering questions about how we can support students in moving to university, then to teacher training, then to teaching. Mrs Owen led workshops on encouraging students to read, climate change education and learning from different people around the world.



## ■ WORLD OCEANS DAY



World Oceans Day was on 8th June and was celebrated in assemblies, geography lessons and the library.

Mrs Owen visited each year group to talk about the importance of oceans to us as a coastal school and the 30x30 challenge agreed on by world leaders - to protect 30% of the oceans by 2030. Mrs Williams and Miss Thackstone created a beautiful and informative display in the library which combined information about the oceans and also about water safety. The aim was to show our school community how we can act locally but make a difference globally.



Year 9 geographers have been studying the hydrosphere this learning cycle, so were the key year group to look at World Oceans Day. Students produced informative posters on a theme related to the day and these were put on display around the geography department.



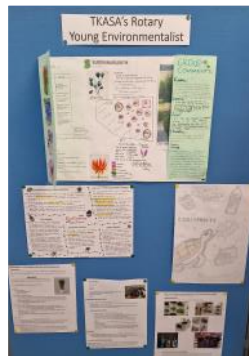
## YEAR 7 VISIT TO WATCHET



In June and July year 7 geographers headed to Watchet to investigate how human and physical processes have shaped this coastline. Since our visits last year the coastline has changed dramatically in places, with a major rockfall having taken place just to the west of the beach. Students investigated the geology of the area to find out why the cliffs are retreating so rapidly and how coastal management is being used in places to slow this retreat.

## SUSTAINABILITY SOCIETY

The sixth form Sustainability Society has been working hard to improve biodiversity in their block. Having created a plan as part of the Rotary Young Environmentalist of the Year competition, students came into school during half term to create display using recycled pots and materials. These are now on display on the decking area outside the sixth form block.



The group were pleased to present their ideas to Mrs Parkinson from the operations team and have been working closely with Mr Boundy and the site team to discuss their next steps. They will be using funding from the Rotary Club to start creating a wildflower area outside the 6th form block in the autumn/spring and will be liaising with Mr Barham from the D&T department to find homes for bug hotels around the school site.

We look forward to welcoming new year 12 members to the society in September.



## YEAR 10 LYME REGIS FIELDWORK



Once again, the year 10 geographers basked in the sun whilst carrying out their GCSE physical geography fieldwork. They visited Lyme Regis in June to investigate the question '*Is there evidence of longshore drift on Monmouth Beach?*'

Students carried out measurements of beach profiles and sediment size and shape at regular points along the beach, then had some well-earned free time on the seafront. On their return to school they wrote up their fieldwork, drawing conclusions and evaluating their research. They will be examined on this in paper 3 in June 2024.



## JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Students from Year 7 and 8 sat the Junior Maths Challenge again this year and achieved 38 certificates between them. 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.

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



United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust

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



Zac Fear



Millie Allen  
Filip Ficek  
Kira Nicholls  
Dillan Peacock  
Lacey Bell  
Ellis Wood  
James Cozens  
Kaden Shaw



Riley Adlam  
Jack Carter  
Noah Spottiswoode  
Noah Batt  
Lily-May Popham  
Xezra Metcalfe  
Thomas Cook  
Josh Bliss  
Arturas Hilliard  
Alesha Hayward  
Brooklyn Huxtable  
Matilda Taylor  
Crina Grigoruta  
Eliya Hughes  
Miley Burnell  
Curtis Finch  
Hayden Moore  
Julia Chat  
Poppy Norman  
Freya Bush  
Noah Phillips  
Harrison Macrae  
Logan Flinders  
Bryon Reed  
Ash Dyer





## THE BIG BANG FAIR

On the 21st June 27 year 7 and 8 students were invited to visit the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. This event had lots of hands-on activities, shows and experiments from across the world of science, maths and engineering. Students got to discover exciting possibilities and connect to inspiring role models in STEM.



## SPARX MATHS

**43%**

of students that it has been allocated to have improved, or are now considered confident, in their times tables.

Well done to the students that achieved their extra special Sparx Maths badges for gaining the most XP in the school across the year!

**Sparx Maths**

**377, 805**

questions correctly answered by students at TKASA.

**6,301**

hours of personalised practice completed by students at TKASA.

## ■ BATTLE OF THE BANDS



TKASA music department has seen a phenomenal couple of weeks, with year 11s and 13s completing their exams, the pit band performing in an amazing version of 'We Will Rock You', and our Battle of the Bands 2023 students storming the stage with amazing renditions of the best songs from the last 100 years. We're so very proud of all of our students, and we can't wait to see what they bring next year!





## ■ PE

It has been a whole year since we have implemented our Concept Curriculum and as a Department we really are starting to see the positive impact it has had on students' effort, attitude and comprehension on what we deliver and why we deliver the content we do. We truly believe we are providing our students with the tools to access Sport and Physical Activity for life through our curriculum. It is no coincidence that students utilising and enjoying our P6 provision has increased by 37% this Academic Year; a provision that has been a very busy this term.

So many fantastic opportunities in the form of competitive fixtures, recreational clubs, leadership and transitional support. As a Department we are incredibly proud of the commitment, effort and attitude shown by our students.

## ■ NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK

National School Sports Week was back for 2023, and this year the focus was on making sure that all children in the UK are active for the Chief Medical Officers' recommended minimum time of 60 minutes a day. National School Sports Week was a huge success, in which students were provided with an opportunity to participate in a range of activities from boxing, trampolining, Quidditch, Zumba, Softball and many more. Students took responsibility over their learning as they got to choose what activity they wanted to participate in during PE lessons. This linked really nicely with our Concept Curriculum. The focus was on mindset and how to approach activities with a positive outlook. The students were engaged, enthusiastic and had great fun!

## ■ SPORTS DAY

Sports Day was a wonderful way to end the 22/23 Academic Year. Each student contributed to gaining points for their new 'House' through events hosted both on the day and during their PE lessons building up to Sports Day.

Every year group was exceptional throughout the day, with a few track records being broken! We finished the day with the whole school out on the field to compete or support the House Relays, a first in 40 years. It was a wonderful atmosphere with fierce competition, great support and camaraderie. The day finished with a fantastic end with our sixth form and staff relays!

## ■ SPORTS CAPTAINS



Our TKASA PE Sports Captains have been busy this term. In early June, TKASA hosted some local Primary Schools for a 'Quad Kids' athletics events. Here ALL our Sports Captains were involved in running and officiating the events, as well as collating the results. The event had a fantastic atmosphere and ran smoothly, all down to the Sports Captains.

Well done to all those who have been Sport Captains for the 2022 - 2023 academic year!



## ■ STEARNES AND PARDEY AWARD

Congratulations to Kieran Blain and Harriet Hobbs, the worthy winners of the Stearnes and Pardey Award. Their commitment to Sport in and out of school has been second to none. They are brilliant role models and exemplary Sport Science students.

Well Done from the PE Department!

## ■ ROUNDERS

### Year 7

What a season the year 7 rounders squad have had. It has been an absolute pleasure to have been a part of this team and watch the girls grow in terms of their confidence, knowledge of rules and their skills. The commitment from the year 7's has been phenomenal this season, with regular, high attendance every week. Each and every one of these girls should be so proud of themselves. Their attitudes, efforts and team morale has been incredible and I cannot wait to see what you accomplish in year 8!



### Year 8

The Year 8 Rounders team have grown in confidence throughout the season. It has been so lovely to see you develop your understanding of Rounders and enjoying each other's company at the fixtures against the local schools. Lily and Matilda; you have both shown great commitment to training and fixtures and have developed greatly with your leadership. With many of the team having additional commitments due to the school production, it will be lovely to have you all out and enjoying P6's in Year 9. Well Done!



### Year 9

The year 9 rounders season has been fantastic; from commitment to training, communication on pitch to having plenty of fun alongside!

There has been a core group of girls who have committed to training and fixtures which has led to results that they should be extremely proud of! Chloe, Leanna, Matilda, Jocelyn, Poppy, Charlotte, Ella, Beth & Venice, you have been an amazing group of girls to oversee, and I look forward to seeing what you accomplish in the year 10 rounders season next year!



## ■ ATHLETICS

Year 7 and 8 students have relished the opportunity to take part in our athletics club this term. They have spent time developing both their running and throwing techniques across a plethora of athletic activities. We have attended two separate events at Brymore and Haygrove where our students were able to take part in some inclusive, developmental and low level competitive athletics. All students have worked hard and everyone in PE looks forward to seeing how they develop in the future.



## ■ TRANSITION EVENTS



There were multiple Transition events across the Priory Learning Trust during the week commencing 23rd June.

Firstly, our year 7 & 8 Sport Captains assisted the PE Department during the Year 6 Community Transition Event. Here they hosted challenges for the year 6 pupils to try and be on the leaderboard. The Sports Captains were fantastic, professional and enthusiastic. It was a lovely evening!

Then throughout the week the year 10 Sport Studies groups led 'teambuilding' activities for the year 6 pupils using their leadership skills they have developed throughout this year within their course. This was to encourage communication and to allow the year 6 pupils to work with different students who they hadn't met yet. The year 10 students were outstanding, the atmosphere in both sessions was fantastic.

Finally, our Year 12 Sport students visited Worle for a morning to run some transition activities for their year 6 pupils. The year 12's planned their activities in detail, which led to sessions which were organised, professional and engaging. Well done to all involved!

## ■ TENNIS

Tennis over the last few summer months has been amazing. So many new students from KS3 have turned up to this recreational after school sports club. Students have been consistent in turning up in large numbers. They have been able to learn the basics of the sport as well as develop some of the more difficult tennis skills which was greatly helped by the sun shining.

It has been great to see some of the students getting themselves into small games to show others the skills they have learnt and their independence grow. It has been wonderful to run the club.

## ■ CRICKET

### Years 7 & 8

Cricket practice at BASC on a Thursday has again proved very popular. Every week there has been great numbers improving their batting, bowling and fielding skills. They have also played some high quality, self-led games of pairs cricket that has developed their tactical awareness. This has been very evident in the matches they have played against our friends from BCA, Brymore, Haygrove and Chilton. We are looking forward to moving the Year 8 students onto hard ball practise next year, while the Year 7s continue their progress with the soft ball. Thanks to Burnham-on-Sea Cricket Club for allowing the use of their facilities.



### Years 9 & 10

Net practice at BASC on a Thursday has been well attended and a number of students have been committed to developing the consistency of their bowling and quality of their batting. This has been evident in the games that have been played. The highlight was a fantastic game against our friends from Brymore. For the second year running, the fixture went down to the last ball and was played with great respect and sportsmanship. We look forward to seeing the 9s take the lead in practice and in games next year, and wish the Year 10s well, hopefully continuing their cricket career with one of our local clubs.

## SCIENCE



### TASSOMAI—ONLINE LEARNING

The commitment by years 10 and 11 to home learning using Tassomai has been fantastic.

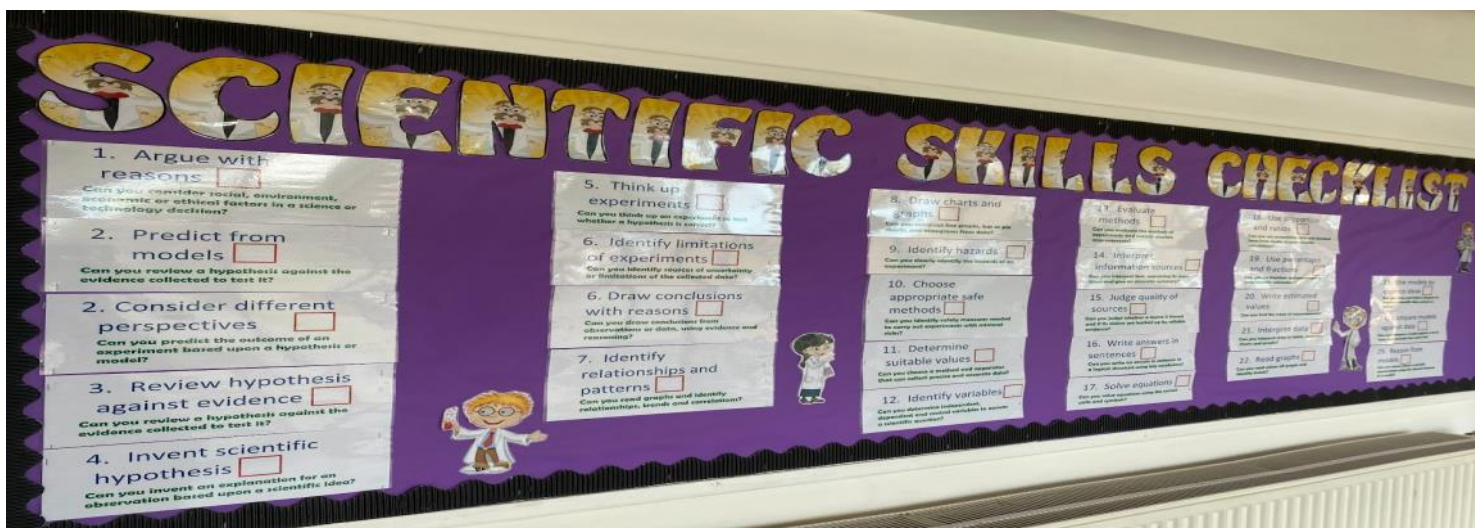
Year 10 students have collectively completed over 1,800 hours on the on-line platform and answered over 580,000 questions. Research has demonstrated that regular use of this package will improve your GCSE results so keep up the good work.

### NEW SCIENCE PREP ROOM

We are proud to announce that we have a completely new Science prep room. This will help us to ensure our students get the practical equipment they need. We currently have another prep room being refurbished in the Science department which is great news.

### NEW CORRIDOR DISPLAYS

We continually update our corridor displays in Science to support the experience of our students as they walk to and from their lessons.



## ECO GROUP

We are aiming to get the Eco Schools Green Flag by the end of the year! Having only started this year our Eco Group has come on leaps and bounds. We have had a very dedicated group of students who have led the way with how we should run the group and what our aims should be.

We have recently created our new Eco Board which we will be continuously updating.

**Reduce** **Recycle**

**Re-use**

**TEAM GREEN**  
@TKASA

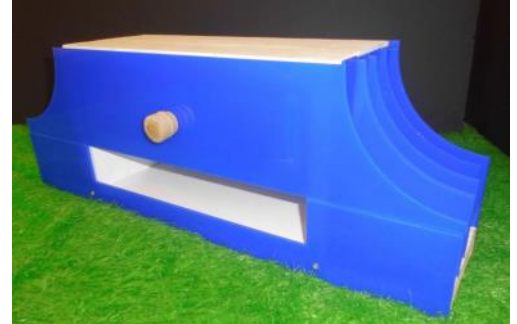
Every Wednesday in A15 3:15-4:15

Upcoming events:  
Beach clean - TBC  
Bug hotel decorating! - TBC  
Hedgehog house making! - TBC

Green flag pending!

Topic	How we want to help:	What we want to achieve:	Is it possible?	How we are going to monitor it?
WASTE	Battery recycling More litter picking Soft plastic waste bins	We will hopefully reduce the amount of litter around school and have less hard to recycle items going in the black bins	We think this is attainable as its only a few small changes around the site that will hopefully make a big difference!	We will look at how often we get the waste collected and estimate in Kg how much there is.
BIODIVERSITY	Improve the amount of different animals around the school	We want to improve the environmental area and increase the habitats available	We have already got some bug hotels that we can put around the school and we have some areas we are looking to re-visit	We will look at how used the habitats we have created are and where the most popular areas are.
GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP	We want to increase the schools level of diversity	We hope to be able to be able to hold a national diversity week	We are always looking for ways to promote diversity around the school.	We will look at the number of posters around the school showing diversity and look at how often diversity is considered when planning events.

## GCSE YEAR 11 D&T COURSEWORK PROJECTS



## YEAR 9 COPPER LIGHT PROJECT



## YEAR 8 TRINKET BOXES AND LED



## YEAR 10 HOSPITALITY AND CATERING



*Practising presentation techniques*



## YEAR 7 PANCAKE CREATIONS



## YEAR 9 COOKING SKILLS CLUB



This term cooking skills club was the turn of Year 9. We had a great visit to Maisey's Bakery where we made biscuits and bread. The students were amazed with the equipment.

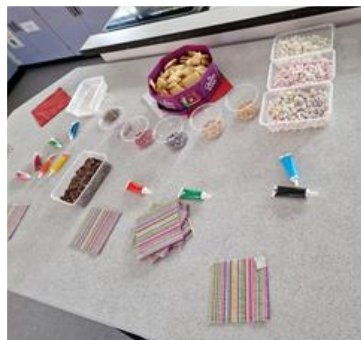
A big thank you to our additional member of the team Mr Smith who ran the Cooking Skills Club this year alongside Mrs King when Ms King was absent from school. Mr Smith had a great time!



## YEAR 6 TRANSITION

Food technology welcomed over 200 students and their families to decorate biscuits during the year 6 transition community event. Ms King spent the morning baking the biscuits then seven lovely year 10 students all supported the event by being on hand to help the new students decorate the biscuits, talking to them about TKASA and food lessons.

Thank you Ailish, Bethan, Jazz N, Jazzy, Ruby, Brooke and Aaron from 10AHC.



## NATIONAL ROTARY YOUNG CHEF 2023 FINAL



Poppy Mackay, in year 10 travelled to Alchester on Saturday, 29th April to participate in the National Rotary Young Chef 2023 Competition. Poppy won 'Best Dish of The Day' for her main dish of pan-fried duck breast. Poppy started her journey by winning the local heat back in October 2022 against other students from the school, being awarded with a space alongside second-place Jocelyn Lacey (Year 9). The regional final was held at school on 25th February. Poppy then moved on to the South West and South Wales District Finals held in Cardiff on 1st April, where she beat off competition to win a place in the National Final. Poppy had to cook a three course meal for two people on a budget of £22. Poppy's menu consisted of a smoked salmon and spicy red pepper ravioli starter, pan-fried duck breast with spiced orange and cranberry sauce with mashed potatoes, pomme puree, creamed cabbage and celeriac main, followed by a raspberry creme brulee served with lemon shortbread.



## SOMERSET JUNIOR CHEF 2023

South West Junior Chef 2023 was held at Bridgwater and Taunton College on Friday 30th June. Poppy Mackay got through to the local final after submitting a menu and method. Poppy cooked a main dish for two people in 90 minutes. The dish was crispy veal sweetbreads with beetroot ice cream, beetroot soil and yoghurt. Poppy received great feedback from the judges on her professional manner and technical ability but missed out on the top winning spot this time.





## TEACHER TRAINING

If you are looking to train as a teacher, The Priory Learning Trust offers an alternative to traditional university-based teacher training at both primary and secondary level. With our School Direct teacher training programme you train in two schools in the Weston and Burnham areas, learning on the job, while working towards a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). If you'd like to find out more please contact Denise Hurr, Head of Training School via email: [tsa@theplt.org.uk](mailto:tsa@theplt.org.uk)



**TKASA communication and finance system.**

**If you have not yet registered please contact the school for the enrolment details**

### Label it!

Please label items so we can return lost property!

**Especially water bottles, ties, blazers,  
jumpers and PE kit!**

Any unclaimed items will be used to help those who need it or recycled.

**To claim any lost property please  
contact the school.  
Thank you!**

### Support Signposts

We understand that the cost of living crisis is affecting so many people, and so we have pulled together some links across North Somerset and Somerset, with the aim of signposting available support.

*If you are reading this online please click the QR code to go to the website or alternatively scan the code.*



### 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



# TERM DATES 2023/24

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**Tuesday, 5th September 2023**  
 Year 7 and Year 12  
 return to school

## Academic Year 2023–2024

<b>TERM 1</b>	Monday 4 September—Friday 13 October 2023 <i>Monday, 4th and Tuesday 5th September, Friday, 13th October 2023 are Staff Training Days</i>
<b>TERM 2</b>	Starts Monday 30 October 2023 Ends Wednesday 20 December 2023
<b>TERM 3</b>	Starts Thursday 4 January 2024 Ends Friday 9 February 2024
<b>TERM 4</b>	Starts Monday 19 February 2024 Ends Thursday 28 March 2024
<b>TERM 5</b>	Starts Monday 15 April 2024 Ends Friday 24 May 2024
<b>TERM 6</b>	Starts Monday 3 June 2024 Ends Wednesday 24 July 2024