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Head of Middle School

Middle School students have had a great start to Term 1. Students are ready to learn and participating well in lessons. We are fostering an environment where students listen carefully to the speaker to enhance their knowledge and embed it. I look forward to working closely with the students and helping them develop their confidence across all subjects.

If you think we could be of further support with your child please do not hesitate to get in contact with their class teacher or tutor.

Have your say

Parent/ carer voice is important to us and we value the feedback that we receive from families. We would really appreciate it if you could complete the following questionnaire to give your views on the academy: <https://forms.office.com/r/mXJeYgq7av>

End of Day Timings

In 2020-21 we worked closely with South Gloucestershire Road Safety Team to explore how we can encourage more students to walk or ride to school to:

- A. promote healthy living in our community
- B. improve pedestrian safety on Brook Road
- C. reduce air pollution and congestion outside the Academy.

Whilst we have made positive steps towards target A and B, there remains a large amount of traffic congestion on Tennis Court Road at the end of each school day and we have received feedback from several parents in our community about this concern.

Furthermore, this year we reached full, all-through status, therefore there will now be up to 1170 students / families arriving and leaving the site each day. As a result, to manage both student safety and traffic congestion leaving the academy site at the end of the school day, we need to stagger the finish time slot for the Lower, Middle and Upper School.

We understand that for some families who have siblings in both the Lower and Middle School, the 10-minute staggered finish might be less convenient and that you would prefer to be able to collect both children at the same time. We hope that you understand the rationale for why the staggered time slot needs to remain in place, however, to support you and your collection arrangements, our Lower School Class Teachers are able to supervise your child until 3.10pm.

To help us know which Lower School children are likely to remain on-site to wait for their sibling to finish school, it would be helpful if you would be able to let your child's class teacher know that you would like to take up this offer so that they are aware of this arrangement.

Teachers are Learners too!

During our recent Inset days and afterschool training sessions, teachers have been practising techniques to enable our students to 'Learn Like a Champion'. So far this term we have focussed on routines to build relationships with students and maximise learning time during lessons. You can learn more about the two techniques 'Threshold' and 'Do Now' in the short clip here by Vice Principal Mr White: <https://youtu.be/dnkVFQjDLsc>



Year 7 News

Year 7 have done a fantastic job starting this week! We have been so proud of how they have adapted to the new school environment and have met so many challenges. Their resilience has been outstanding and we cannot wait to see our Year 7s continue to shine!

Year 6 News

Welcome back



It has been great to welcome back Year 6 to King's Oak this year. They have had an amazing week getting back into school routines and meeting all of the new

teachers they will be having for a variety of subjects. Miss Southcott and Mr Blake have been very impressed with their attitude and behaviour to the new routines. We've been thinking about our Hopes and Dreams for Year 6 and the Middle school and reminding ourselves about what we discussed on our transition day.

Geographers

Our big question for this term is "How do locations help life to thrive?". We have started out being Geographers and are currently thinking about where in the world we are (see picture) and exploring maps of the West Midlands, the North West and the North East. This will lead us into thinking about significant highlands in the UK and allow us to really explore this before taking our trip to Malvern Hills on Monday 11th October. The Malvern Hills are a highland area about an hour north of Bristol. We are hoping that this trip will allow the pupils to see for themselves the different parts of a highland area and begin to gain an understanding of the different habitats and physical features that are part of these areas.



KOA Middle School Sport Clubs (Term 1)

Day	Year Group	Activity (Staff Member)	Location
Monday	7	Rugby (TBC)	Grass Gym1/Gym2 Courts
	7/8	Footlights Dance (SHY)	
	7/8	Couch to 5k fitness (ESE)	
Tuesday	8	Rugby (GTR)	Grass Courts
	7/8	Netball (ESE, JKY, LTY)	
Wednesday		Fixtures – Rugby/Netball/Cross Country	
Thursday	8	Dodgeball (NWR)	Gym 1



Instructions for clubs

- Bring PE kit to school on the day of your club.
- Come to the PE Department after P5
- Clubs finish 4:00—4:30 pm
- All clubs are free
- Speak to any member of the PE Department if you have any questions.

Learning Resource Centre

Our fabulous Learning Resource Centre has now been relocated to the ground floor of the Middle School. Students will have the opportunity to use the LRC at break times and lunch times in addition to their timetabled lessons



Tutor Challenge

Year 7 were set a challenge to write a poem explaining their first week at KOA. Here are some great pieces.

Imani and Lillie:

Our first week at King's Oak,
Each child's voice filled with happiness as they spoke,
whether rain or sun,
It will never stop our fun,
For we are King's Oak,
The place full of hope.

Harley and Ethan:

English, Maths
We go down different paths
Science, art,
Things can fall apart,
Drama, music,
Makes you wanna do it
History, geography,
Is all you ever want to be,
So join us at King's Oak Academy!

Reuben and Ellis:

Roses are red violets are blue
here are some reasons I love the school-
I love the teachers and all of their features
I love their lunches too and I will keep on trying through
and through,
Up to tutor and down to science I will always be with you
and for one last time these are the reasons I love the
school.

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