

Term 4

Happy Friday! I hope that you all have been enjoying seeing or hearing about the progress that your children are making this term as much as I have. From the incredible writing that Year 5 have been producing, the intensive focus on improving their maths understanding in Year 6, the work in Performing Arts in Year 7 and the outstanding chefs in Year 8, our children have worked hard to develop their knowledge and skills: we are very proud of them!



Thank you to everyone who has completed the parent survey—it is always really helpful to have your feedback as we continue to work together to provide the best experiences for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support in your children's education. I look forward to seeing many of you soon.



Emma Watts
Head of Middle School

Coffee Mornings for KOA Families

Just a reminder that our coffee mornings are open to any of our families who would like to attend.

These are on Thursdays at 9:00—10:00 am with Mrs Baker. Meet in the Lower School to enjoy some tea, coffee, chat and cakes! Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 23 March	Parents Evening YR – Y6 3:30 – 7:00 pm Classrooms
Tuesday 28 March	Parents Evening YR – Y6 3:30 – 6:30 pm Classrooms
Wednesday 29 March	Y6 Information Evening 3:20 – 4:00 pm Canteen
Friday 31 March	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 17 April	First day of Term 5
Wednesday 19 April	Easter Discos
Thursday 27 April	Y7 Parents' Evening (additional English/Maths night TBC)
Friday 28 April	Family Quiz Night
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday – Academy Closed
Thursday 4 May	Y8 Parents' Evening (additional English/Maths night TBC)
Monday 8 May	King's Coronation Bank Holiday – Academy Closed
Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 May	Y6 SATs

Matilda

The Performing Arts department are proud to present our production of *Matilda* next week. 16 students from our Middle School have attended over 50 rehearsals during lunchtimes and after school, demonstrating tremendous dedication to putting on a

fantastic show. They have worked exceptionally hard to develop their singing, acting, dancing, team work and self-discipline. In addition, every Year 7 student has been learning the final number of *Revoltin' Children* in their Performing Arts lessons, and are all invited to perform in one of the shows.

We have been so impressed with the enthusiasm and confidence we have seen from all of our Middle School students and can't wait to perform to our sold-out audiences next week.



Years 5 and 6

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings are being held in the classrooms on Thursday 23 March 3:30—7:00 and on Tuesday 28 March 3:30—6:30. You can book your slots on Insight. Parents should come into school through the Middle-School gates.

A Focus on PEARL!

In Years 5 and Year 6, our focus this term has moved onto PEARL Power! This is what we are looking out for in school; it would be awesome if you could notice your child when they are showing grit at home, too!



I find connections and make links	I can identify patterns
I recall key concepts and information	I test myself
I check my understanding by reasoning	I answer questions
I summarise my learning to help it make sense	

Enterprise and Employability Skills

The Middle School students in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to demonstrate, gain and understand employability skills through an exciting Dragon's Den Event this term. During this activity, students will be designing a new snack, drink or mobile app and then presenting their idea to their peers. The activity will involve working in teams, problem-solving, creativity and lots of communication skills (Amethyst Power!). These are all important employability/transferable skills that employers are looking for. It is important throughout school that we help students to recognise the importance of these skills and how they can be demonstrated.

During Enterprise Week, students will also have the opportunity to run a small enterprise activity, again demonstrating employability skills and contributing to raising money for the school minibus. An achievement they can be proud of.

Parents Evening

Year 5

Scholastic Live Lesson

Year 5 loved taking part in the Scholastic live lesson on 1 March 2023, as part of our World Book Day activities!



Lexia Reading Support

A number of our Year 5 children have begun the Lexia programme to develop reading skills and fluency. Lexia helps children to read, write, and speak with confidence. It is a learning program that individually targets and accelerates the development of literacy skills.

We look forward to seeing the progress that our children make as they shift from learning to read to reading to learn.

PiXL Code (Phonics)

Miss Eacott and Miss Hicks have been busy this term, assessing all of our Year 5 learners for any gaps in their phonics. Your children will be popping out of class to work with our wonderful TPs as they take groups to target specific gaps in their learning. We look forward to seeing the impact of this on the children's fluency, confidence and enjoyment of reading.

We know that a secure phonics understanding underpins successful word reading and therefore, plays a vital role in developing confident reading and spelling. It is important to ensure that all children are given the opportunity to catch-up on any gaps in their phonics learning through interventions, to ensure that they can be successful in literacy and use these skills to access the wider curriculum.

Year 9 Reading Partners

This term, Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh and Book Club students have been listening to some Year 5 readers in the LRC at the end of the day. The Year 9 students have been talking to the Year 5s about the stories they are reading and giving them lots of praise and encouragement!

Year 5 Transition Walks

Having listened to feedback from parents, last term we trialled a new initiative for our Year 5 learners **who have siblings in Lower School.**, in order to support their transition from parents collecting children from their classrooms, to children walking to the Lower Site independently, when parents and children decide they are ready for this next step.

We have had positive feedback from this. If you would like your child to have this bespoke support, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be able to explain how this will work and add your child to the list.

Thank you for your continued support and feedback around how we can continue to develop our provision to further support our learners and families.

Year 5 Handball Enrichment

We really enjoyed our Sports Enrichment Day today, where we used our Amethyst Power, working in a team to develop our Handball skills.



Year 6

Maths Tutoring with Mrs Watts and Mrs Eacott

Mrs Watts and Miss Eacott have been busy this term, teaching a group of Year 6 learners all about dividing, calculating with fractions and solving percentages after school. Some of our Year 8 students even popped in this week to provide extra support! It has been an absolute pleasure to see the children's Grit Power growing as they practice to improve, and to see their confidence sky-rocketing! Well done team—keep going!



Third-Space Tutoring

A large number of our Year 6 students are now working with online tutors to develop maths skills, understanding and application. The students have really engaged with it and have been using so much Sapphire Power.

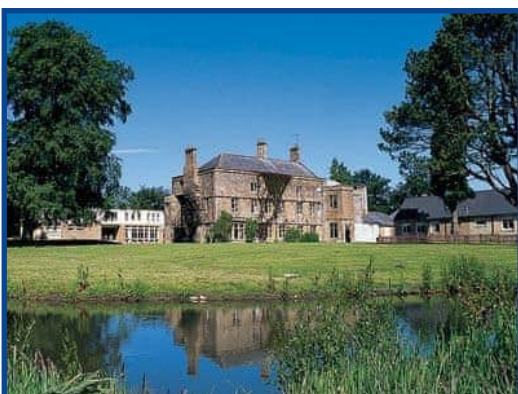
Transition and SATs

Year 6 have been working hard preparing for the upcoming end of KS2 assessments (SATs) which will take place during the week 9—12 May. You may see the children bringing some short pieces of home learning to complete and bring back to school. This is to help embed the learning we have covered in school and prepare the children for their transition to Year 7 later this year.

There will be a meeting for parents and carers in the canteen on Wednesday 29 March to share information on the KS2 assessments and the Year 6 to Year 7 transition from 3:20 to 3:45. Please enter through the Middle School gate at 3:10 where you will be directed to the canteen.

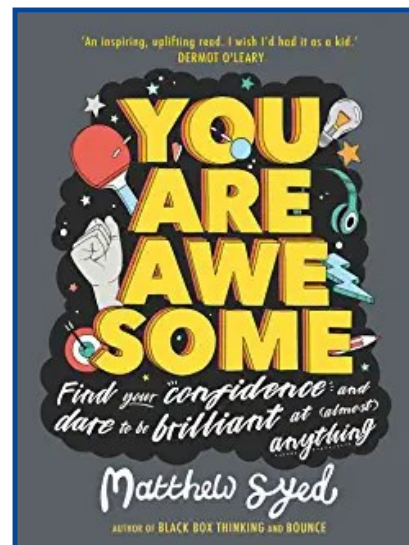
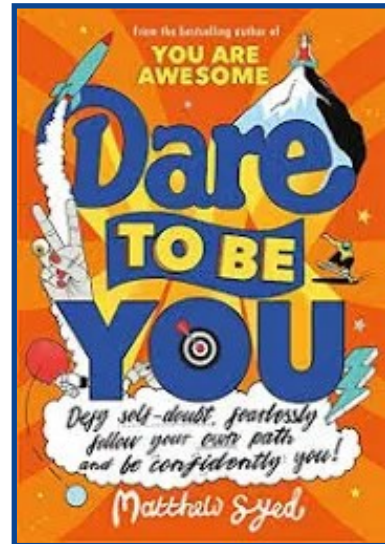
Camp

Year 6 have an upcoming meeting for parents and carers about our camp to Hooke Court (week beginning 12 June). Our meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 29 March from 3:45 to 4pm in the canteen.



Year 6 PSHE

As part of our PSHE work this term, we have been looking at two books by an author called Matthew Syed: 'Dare To Be You' and 'You are Awesome'. Read below to find out what they are about. You may want to talk at home about some of the issues raised.



Drawing examples from sport, science and even business, *Dare to Be You* empowers young readers to follow their own path, love what makes them different and question the world around them.

If you believe you *can't* do something, the chances are you won't try. But what if you really *could* get better at maths, or sport or exams? In fact, what if you could excel at anything you put your mind to?

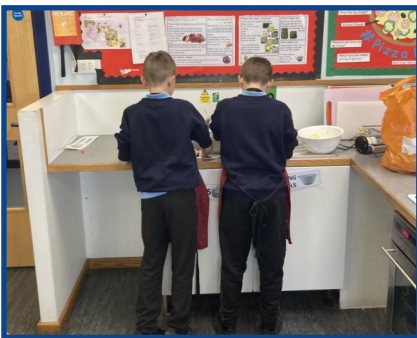
You Are Awesome can help you do just that, inspiring and empowering young readers to find the confidence to realise their potential.

Year 7

It's been another busy few weeks in Year 7, with lots of hard work going on.

It's been a privilege to see some fantastic learning across lessons, and we have Parents' Evening coming up at the end of April to tell you all just how amazing our students are.

Mr Jackson has been 'amazed' by his Health and Wellbeing classes.



Mrs Salvage and Mrs Harrold have coached the Year 7 Girls' football team to victory and we are so proud of them! U12 ESFA Regional Cup Final Winners!



The boys have also been getting super involved in all sorts of different sporting fixtures, and it's great to see everyone so enthusiastic.

The Year 7 Boys' Football team had their first victory this evening versus John Cabot.



They were brilliant and worked so hard. We are really pleased for them as they had two really tough games previously.

In tutor time, we have done a British Science Week activity, our Grammar and Numeracy Ninja work is going well, and we have started planning our Tutor Team Projects for Enterprise Week at the end of the month. We have also reflected on our progress since Christmas, and set ourselves new, personal targets to work towards.

At the end of March, we will be having an Online Safety session - this will be really important because as we get a little bit older and become teenagers, our online presence becomes more important to us, but it is essential that we manage this safely and appropriately.

Finally, the Year 7s work in Performing Arts is an absolute credit to them, they have been given such a fantastic opportunity to perform one of the numbers at the end of Matilda- The Musical, and I cannot wait to see their final performance. If you haven't confirmed your attendance already - please do fill out the form as soon as you can!

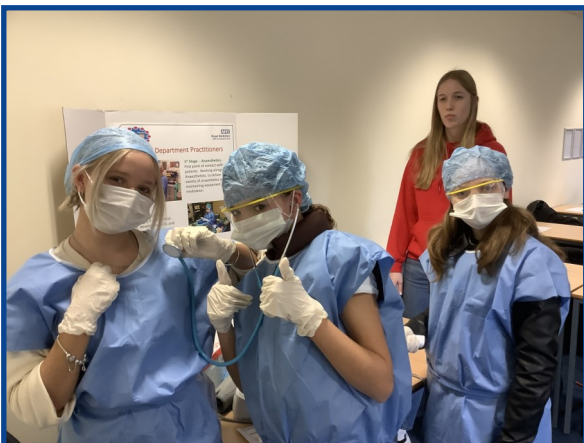
Year 8

Medicine Day

A select few students from various year groups who have an outstanding commitment to a future career in NHS careers were able to go on a trip to the University of Reading to experience one of their student healthcare days.

The day involved students engaging with a range of different equipment which enabled them to live a day in the life of a medical professional.

Students also got to experience day to day life in a university setting. Feedback from the University was that these students were the “best behaved student group that we have ever hosted”. A massive thank you to Ms Salvage who led the trip and all of our students



Year 8 Food

Year 8 have been working hard to become outstanding chefs in food technology. This term they have been creating Chillis and working to understand what a balanced diet looks like.



Camp

This is a final call for Year 8 camp at the Mendip Activity Centre in Somerset. If you have not yet paid, there are still a limited amount of places left. If there is any issue with payment or capacity to pay, please let us know and we will be able to support and enable your child to take part.

Camp is a valuable time of year to build confidence, teamwork and independence and we would like as many students as possible to experience this.

Please contact Mr Nathan at Chris.Nathan@clf.uk if you have any further questions.

Clubs

Many of us are now attending clubs that are on offer! If anyone else would like to join us, please let your class teacher (Y5/6) or Head of Year (Y7/8) know as we would love to have more friends join us. Watch this space for updated club lists as these change from term to term.

King's Oak Academy | Clubs for Year 5

After School Clubs

Daily: After-School Club (Teddy Bears)

Tuesday: Football (Sporting Chance)

Wednesday: Homework Club

Thursday: Y5/6 Dodgeball

King's Oak Academy | Clubs for Year 6

Lunchtime Clubs

Monday: Music Support/Instrumental Time

After School Clubs

Daily: After-School Club (Teddy Bears)

Tuesday: Football (Sporting Chance)

Wednesday: Homework Club

Thursday: Y5/6 Dodgeball, Y6-9 Art Club

Students in Years 5 and 6 have the great opportunity to attend Sporting Chance after-school clubs. Please visit <https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/> to book on to Football on Tuesdays or Athletics on Thursdays. If you are a PP family you have access to funded spaces—speak to your class teacher who will be able to share the code to put in at check-out for this.

King's Oak Academy | Clubs for Year 7

Lunchtime Clubs

Monday: Music Support/Instrumental Time

Tuesday: Blue Peter Badge, Environmental Group

Wednesday: Gardening Club, The Morrellodies, Book Club

After School Clubs

Monday: Benchball, Girls' Rugby

Tuesday: Girls' Football and Boys' Football, Dungeons and Dragons Club

Wednesday: Homework Club with Miss Pearch

Thursday: Table Tennis, Art Club, Pride Club

King's Oak Academy | Clubs for Year 8

Lunchtime Clubs

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Tuesday: Blue Peter Badge, Environmental Group

Wednesday: Gardening Club, The Morrellodies

Thursday: Book Club

After School Clubs

Monday: Benchball, Boys' Football, Girls' Rugby,

Tuesday: Girls' Football, Dungeons and Dragons Club

Wednesday: Homework Club

Thursday: Table Tennis, Art Club, Pride Club

Club information

The Morrellodies on Wednesday lunchtime with Ms Morrell. This is a vocal group more suited to female/higher or unbroken voices. Students should bring their lunch straight to MU3 if they have packed lunch and if they are using the canteen, they should get to MU3 by 1.15pm. A packed lunch would be ideal on this day to make the most of the rehearsal time.

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Important Dates for your diary

EASTER DISCOS RECEPTION-YEAR 8
WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT
FRIDAY 28TH APRIL

TICKETS ON SALE SOON



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You can search the directory of HAF schemes running locally by visiting a dedicated website :[HERE](#)



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