

## Welcome to Term 3!

I hope that you all had a relaxing break and were able to enjoy spending time together. It was so lovely to see all of the smiling faces that came through the gate this morning and hear about what they your families have been up to over the holidays.



Teachers have been busy planning interesting lessons and learning opportunities ready for the coming term and we are very much looking forward to welcoming many of you in over the coming terms to share in and celebrate our children's learning.

Next week, I will be sending you a parent survey and would really appreciate it if you could complete this: as a school, we value your feedback so that we know what we are doing well (and so should keep doing!), and what we need to improve.

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

## Special Opportunity for KOA Families

South Glos. Family Learning are hosting a workshop for supporting anxiety in children Reception to Year 6. This will only be open to KOA parents as this workshop involves direct work with the parents, followed by parents and children working together within the session.

This will be held on Friday **13th January 1pm-3pm.**

## End-of-term festivities

**THANK YOU** to all of the amazing adults who made our Christmas Shows, Festive Lunches and End-of-term Disco possible. It was so lovely to see our children having fun and celebrating together and having such a great number of our wider school community in attendance —this is the first time we have been able to hold these events for over two years!



## Uniform

Just a reminder for the new year that uniform is compulsory throughout our academy—from Reception to Year 11. I have included more detailed information on pages 3-4.

Heads of Year, class teachers and tutors have checked uniform today and will be working with parents / carers to support our children and families in meeting this expectation.

In Years R—6 only, children are currently able to wear their school PE kit on PE days. Non-school hoodies are not permitted to be worn at any time within the academy, including on PE days. In Years 7—11, children must wear their school uniform every day and must bring their PE kit to school in their bag. Please remember that jewellery (including earrings) are to be removed before Years R-6 come into school; in Y7-11, students will need to be able to remove jewellery when changing for PE.

## Parking

We have received reports from our neighbours on Brook Road of unsafe parking such as obstructing driveways and partially obstructing the road.

Please can we ask that parents / carers who wish to use Brook Road to park to drop off or collect their children do so by parking respectfully and legally, ensuring that driveways and roads remain clear for residents and emergency vehicles if required.

There are a limited number of parking spaces available in the carpark accessed by Deanery Road for parents / carers to use and you are able to use the space in here to ensure safe turning of vehicles.

## Year 7 Reading



To support our young people in developing the essential skill of reading, we are renewing our focus in this area.

To support this, we are asking that all Year 7 pupils to bring a book to school with them every day. This can be either a book that they are currently reading at home or a book which has been borrowed from our school library. This will become part of the Year 7 learners' expected equipment and tutors will, as part of ready-to-learn checks, be supporting their groups in developing and maintaining this expectation.

If you have any questions around how you can support your child in continuing to develop as a reader, please let us know.

## A Focus on GRIT!

In Middle School, our focus this term will be on GRIT! In Years 5 and 6, we will know this as *Grit 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!

**Grit...**the ability to engage with practise and to give maximum effort

- Practice
- Have grit
- Have goals
- Show commitment
- Show determination



## Years 5 and 6 Open Door

We are holding our next Open-Door Event for Years 5 and 6 on **Wednesday 25 January 2023**.



This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom from 15:05 – 15:30 to look at your child's recent learning and explore it alongside them. You can visit more than one classroom during the time. You will also have the opportunity for your child to show you around other areas that they regularly use, such as their play-spaces, the canteen and the LRC. Some of our children visit The Hub for support; they will be able to show you this and introduce you to the famous Mrs Spicer!

Please enter via the Middle School gate as usual. Children will be released as usual from class (Year 5 at 15:05 and Year 6 at 15:10) then will welcome you into their classrooms. Please leave site via the Middle School gate by 15:30.

## Books



We would really appreciate it if you could have a little search for any AR Books as we are currently running low! Please have a look in bags / in cupboards / under beds and pop these onto Mrs Gilardoni's desk in the LRC. Thank you!

## Middle-School Parent Evenings

Parents  
Evening

Parents' Evenings are always a great opportunity to meet the adults who support your children in their learning, find out what they are learning about, learn more about their strengths and understand the next steps in their learning. We hope that everyone who attended the Year 7 and Year 8 evenings or had phone appointments found this to be informative and enjoyed being able to share in our children's successes.

Our next Middle-School parent evenings will be during Term 4 - more information will follow in our next bulletin.

## Operational Updates

### Office

I am excited to share that our Middle School office is nearing completion! I know that lots of you are patiently awaiting this milestone, which is now within our sights. We have an outer door, walls, internal doors, windows and furniture! We are currently waiting on the ramp, which is being created for us by an external contractor and I am assured that this will be with us shortly. I will share an update with you soon.

### Y5 Transition Walks

Having listened to feedback from parents, this term we are trialling a new initiative for our Year 5 learners **who have siblings in Lower School**. This will support the 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.

If you would like your child to have this bespoke support, please speak to Mrs Watts on the gate, 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.

## 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)

**Thursday:** Athletics (Sporting Chance); Y5/6 Dodgeball

## King's Oak Academy | Clubs for Year 6

### After School Clubs

**Daily:** After-School Club (Teddy Bears)

**Monday:** Warhammer and Music Performance

**Tuesday:** Football (Sporting Chance)

**Thursday:** Athletics (Sporting Chance), Y5/6 Dodgeball, Y6-9 Art Club and Production 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

**Tuesday:** Blue Peter Badge

**Wednesday:** Girls' Singing Group

**Thursday:** Boys' Singing Group

### After School Clubs

**Monday:** Benchball, Girls' Rugby, Warhammer and Music Performance

**Tuesday:** Girls' Football and Boys' Football

**Wednesday:** Homework Club with Miss Pearch

**Thursday:** Table Tennis, Production Club and Art Club

## King's Oak Academy | Clubs for Year 8

### Lunchtime Clubs

**Tuesday:** Blue Peter Badge

**Wednesday:** The Morrellodies (choir)

**Thursday:** Show Choir

### After School Clubs

**Monday:** Benchball, Boys' Football, Girls' Rugby, Warhammer and Music Performance

**Tuesday:** Girls' Football

**Thursday:** Table Tennis, Production Club and Art 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

**Show choir** is on Thursday lunchtime with Ms Morrell and more suited to male/breaking or broken 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

**Production club** is on Thursdays after school until 4.30pm with Ms Morrell, Mrs Free and Mr Warren. This is a Performing Arts club for drama and musical theatre production. If you are interested in any aspect of production - acting, singing, dancing, costume design, make up, set and props or set design then this is the club for you.

**Music performance club** is on Mondays until 4.30pm with Ms Morrell and Mr Warren. If you are interested in performing in the Christmas Concert and other school events or if you want to learn more about playing the keyboard or developing your musical skills, come along to find out more.

# Uniform

## Middle School (Years 5 – 8)

- Sky Blue – King’s Oak Academy / plain polo shirt with King’s Oak Academy Iron on logo.
- Navy round neck sweatshirt or cardigan with optional King’s Oak Academy iron on badge.
- Charcoal Grey Trousers
- Charcoal Grey Shorts
- Pleat Monkhouse skirt only
- White / Grey Socks
- White / Grey Tights.
- Plain black trainers / black shoes.



## Lower Body and Footwear

All students from Reception – Year 11 can choose to wear either:

- Grey tailored, regular fit trousers or shorts (can be purchased from Monkhouse or alternative uniform shops). Shorts must be knee length and trousers must cover the ankle.

Styles such as carrot, tapered, seven/eighths are not permitted

- Jeans, cords, chinos, stretchy fabric, flares, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, sports shorts or zip pockets are not permitted.
- Monkhouse grey tailored school skirt. **This will be the only, approved uniform skirt.** Please do not seek to purchase skirts from alternative
- Plain black school shoes or trainers
  - White/coloured logo based trainers, boots, high heels **are not acceptable forms of footwear.**

If your child attends school and is wearing one of the prohibited items listed above, they will be asked to change their clothes into the official uniform before attending lessons.

## Reception – Year 6

- King's Oak Academy Blue King's Oak PE T-shirt
- King's Oak Academy Blue King's Oak Hoody
- Black shorts or joggers/leggings
- Trainers



Blue King's Oak Academy PE T-shirt



Blue King's Oak Academy Hoody

## Years 7 – 11



Kings Oak Academy Unisex PE Polo Shirt



Kings Oak Academy Fitted PE Polo Shirt



KOA royal blue and white reversible rugby shirt



King's Oak Academy PE 1/4 Zip Top



King's Oak Academy navy PE shorts



King's Oak Academy navy PE skirt



King's Oak Academy navy slim training trousers



King's Oak Academy navy leggings

## Parent Workshops in the Community

**Connect: School Anxiety and Avoidance (EBSA)**  
**Monday 23rd January**  
**10:00am - 11:00am**

Emotionally based school avoidance (EBSA) is on the rise, so what can we do about it?



**Connect: School Anxiety and Avoidance -EBSA**

Looking at how we can guide our young people through this challenging time

Monday 23rd January  
10:00-11:00am

Crossways Junior School, Thornbury

Free funded by SGC

Book at [www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk/events](http://www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk/events)

This session will explore what might cause EBSA and what we can do to help. We look at the first signs of EBSA, the triggers that cause school avoidance and how we can guide our young people through this challenging time. We will think about ways to support and communicate when things get tricky, with a closer look at anxiety.

If your young person or a young person in your class has experienced EBSA, come along to this interactive session at Crossways school.

Places are limited. Please book your place in advance.

[Connect: School Anxiety and Avoidance booking link](#)

**Connect: Speech, Language and Communication**  
**Tuesday 28th February**  
**10:00am - 11:00am**

Do you observe difficulties in attention, listening and following instructions; a difficulty in making sense of language heard around your young person?

Does your young person find it difficult to follow or engage in social conversation?

Do you have a young person who finds it difficult to express their ideas, wants or feelings?

Speech, language and communication are central life skills. These are linked to learning, attainment, behaviour, social and emotional development as well as mental wellbeing. This awareness session will help you to identify speech, language, and communication difficulties experienced by your young person and will introduce you to the foundations and tools for supporting them.

Places are limited. Please book your place in advance.

[Connect: Speech and language booking link](#)



**Connect: Speech and Language**

Introduction to speech and language difficulties for communication and learning

Tuesday 28th February  
10:00-11:00am

Almondsbury C of E Primary School

Free funded by SGC

Book at [www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk/events](http://www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk/events)

# WHO'S WHO ON THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GATE?

**Miss Ogden**  
Principal



**Mr White**  
Vice Principal



**Mrs Watts**  
Head of Middle  
School



**Mr Blake**  
Head of Year 5/6



**Miss Pearch**  
Head of Year 7



**Mr Nathan**  
Head of Year 8



## Year 6 Teachers

**Mr Blake**



**Mrs Worth**



## Year 5 Teachers

**Miss Southcott**



**Miss Guy**



## Year 5/6 Teaching Partners

**Miss Doyle**



**Miss Barrett**



## 1:1 Teaching Partners

**Miss Harris**



**Ms Hicks**



**Miss Hibbert**



**Mr Warren**



## PPA Teachers

**Miss Jones**



**Mrs Smith**



**Mrs Roscoe**  
SENDCo



**Miss Side**  
Safeguarding and  
Pastoral Lead



**Mrs Spicer**  
The Hub



**Miss Jackson**  
Mental Health and  
Wellbeing



**Miss Gast**  
Learning Mentor



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