



Like you, many of us were thrown this week by how cold it's been. Snow at the end of March! What's more shocking is how we go from 18°C and sunny at the weekend, wearing shorts and T-shirt, to 4°C and snowing this week, searching for that thick coat again. The reason for raising this is that

although we have all been caught out and surprised by the sudden change in weather, we have worked hard these past couple of terms across the Upper School not to allow our students to be thrown or impacted by the ever-changing educational world, and to give all students the stability they need to achieve.

Our students continue to come to school and achieve their best daily, despite the recently rising Covid rates and subsequent staff absences. Our staff have worked tirelessly with our students to continue to provide all with the education they deserve and so I want to thank both students and staff for their continued hard work and commitment over these past few months.

Despite occasional year group closures, we have managed to continue to offer our students both remote and face-to-face lessons and additional experiences.

Year 9 have been thinking about what life after KS3 looks like for them, embarking on careers events, job and apprenticeship fairs and Options Evening, all culminating in them selecting their KS4 options for next year (options deadline Sunday 3 April).

Meanwhile Year 10 have been ploughing on through their GCSE course with the realisation that 12 months and they will be sitting exams. With some students already sitting BTEC exams, students are now preparing for their first set of GCSE mocks in the summer.

And, with only 5 weeks to go until GCSE exam season 2022 begins, Year 11s have been busily completing college/apprenticeship applications, sitting their final round of mock exams, opening mock results and attending Parents' Evening whilst crossing off the days until a summer of celebrating can hopefully begin.

It has been, and continues to be, a very busy period across the Upper School and with the academic demands increasing, Covid still present and this now being the longest period students have been back in school since the pandemic began, stress worry and anxiety levels are rising. To support our students with dealing with, and maintaining, their personal mental health and well-being we will be running a series of activities and sessions centred around mental health on Thursday 7 April in partnership with the Mental Health Foundation. This will in turn flow into a non-uniform day and charity raffle, raising money for the foundation, on the Friday (8 April). We hope students get a lot out of this session and we are able to raise some funds for a great cause.

Finally, as we head towards the last week of term and the start of the two-week Easter holidays, we would like to thank you all for your continued support with us here at KOA, and hope you all have a safe and restful break when it arrives. And here's to less changeable conditions!

Kind regards.

Mr A Marshall-Aherne, Head of Upper School

Thursday 7 April

Year 11 Pre-Exam Parents' Information Evening

4:30pm and 5:30pm

Key summer 2022 exam information, curriculum talks, revision strategies and exams access.

Thursday 7 April

Mental Health Awareness Day in partnership with the Mental Health Foundation

Friday 8 April

- Years 7-11 Non-Uniform Day £1 donation
- Charity raffle - £1 / ticket strip

Raising funds for the Mental Health Foundation

Exams Information

Please find below key dates for exams. Please note that AM sessions start at 9am and PM sessions start at 1:30pm, exams can start 30 minutes either side of this time at our discretion.

English Literature

25 May - AM

8 June - AM

English Language

18 May - AM

10 June - AM

Maths

20 May - AM

7 June - AM

13 June - AM

Combined Science

Chemistry - 27 May AM, and 20 June AM

Biology - 17 May AM and 15 June AM

Physics - 9 June PM and 23 June AM

Triple Science

Chemistry - 27 May AM and 20 June AM

Biology - 17 May AM and 15 June AM

Physics - 9 June PM and 23 June AM

Geography

23 May AM

7 June PM

14 June AM

History

19 May AM

9 June AM

16 June AM

21 June AM

RS

16 May AM

26 May AM

8 June PM

French

Speaking endorsement to be submitted by 23 May

Listening/Reading - 24 May AM

Writing 16 June PM

DT

15 June PM

Art

Portfolio to be submitted by 31 May

Performing Arts

Responding to a Brief to be submitted by 12 May 2022

Music - FOR YEAR 10 ONLY

17 May 2022 PM

Hospitality & Catering - FOR YEAR 10 ONLY (plus any Year 11 resists)

21 June PM

Year 10 Mocks - 27 June - 7 July

Once I have made the exam entries for Summer 2022, all students will have a bespoke timetable that I will post on Insight.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to Exams please email me Zoe.Side@clf.uk

Year 9 Football

The Year 9 football team played a number of competitive games against local schools in the South Gloucestershire competition. Despite looking the better team in the majority of fixtures, an inability to take chances resulted in games being drawn instead of won. They remained unbeaten however until the final game, when a much-depleted squad due to illness and unavailability took on group winners Mangotsfield, and eventually lost due to two late goals. In total, 19 students have represented Year 9 this season with a potential game still to come. These local fixtures followed on from our national cup games where the team went as far as any King's Oak team has in recent history, eventually losing to Beechen Cliff (who have, after further rounds, reached the national final).

Avon Schools Golf Competition

This term Kings' Oak PE department took two Upper School students to the Avon Schools Championships held at Bristol and Clifton Golf Club. This is a very prestigious event that is held annually where the best golfers from across the county come to play for a place in the Regional Finals.

Both Students played exceptionally well with Haydn V (Year 11) going around in 86 shots and Ashley M (Year 10) winning the event with a round of 69. This is a fantastic achievement with Ashley now be joining the national team for the finals at Carlyon Bay in Cornwall in May and the national U16s final in Chesterfield Golf Club. We congratulate both students on their fantastic achievement and wish Ashley the best of luck for the National finals.



Art

Year 10 artists are making excellent progress with the Food project. They have been working on A4 acrylic paintings inspired by the artist Sarah Graham. Lino cuts are also progressing well. Many students have printed 2 colours and are now completing intricate carving before printing the final black outlines. Amazing work Year 10!



Amelia



Magda

Four Year 11 students have submitted artwork for a competition by the Royal Academy of Arts in London. If successful, their work will be displayed in an online exhibition soon ... Watch this space for updates!

Year 11 are now in the final stages of their final project inspired by the starting point of 'My World'. It's fantastic to see so much variety and personality in these projects, where each student has investigated images they are interested in.

Here is a selection of work in progress for you to enjoy!



Tristan



Ruby



Flora



Lavinia



Madi



Bethany

RA Young Artists' Summer Show

King's Oak Academy's submissions

Fractured
Lee Hodge
Status: submitted

RA Young Artists' Summer Show

Carp Cat
Katie Lamb
Status: submitted

RA Young Artists' Summer Show

Sunglasses
Bethany Brown
Status: submitted

RA Young Artists' Summer Show

Friends with Ghosts
Ruby West
Status: submitted



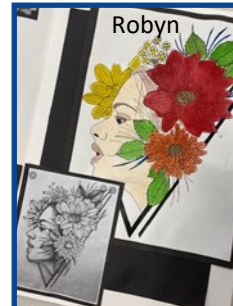
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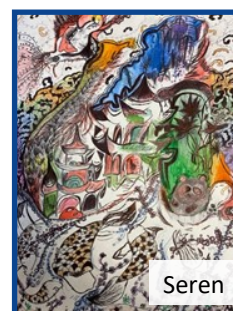
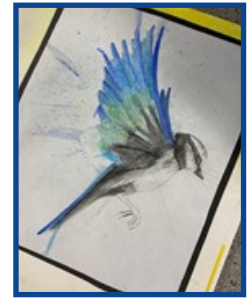
Becky



Ellis



Robyn



Seren



Yasmin



Bethany

Science

During this term, Science have been celebrating British Science Week! British Science Week is celebrated between the 11 - 20 March and our students in all year groups were lucky enough to participate in many exciting science activities.

We kicked off the week with information and poster sessions; this year's theme was growth! Students learnt about different forms of growth and have been tasked to make a beautiful and informative Growth poster (deadline 8 April). On Monday we signed into online talks for Mars' Day and designed our own Mars rover. On Tuesday selected Year 7 and 8 groups were visited by Wessex Water, learning the 'Process of Poo'! Our KS3 classes also created spaghetti towers and newspaper bridges - testing which bridge was the strongest! Finally, on Friday, all year group met some awesome animals at the Animal Club. Look out for the whole school newsletter, where there will be more information and photos!

MAKE A POSTER ON...

All entries:
Achievement points!

Winners:

- Prizes!
- Submitted to the BSW Competition!

 **BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK**
11-20 March 2022

Deadline: Friday 8th April

GROWTH

Summer Musical

After the unfortunate 'Covid' cancellation of the proposed musical in April we are hoping to present a musical towards the end of the school year in July. Rehearsals for this are taking place, initially on a Monday, directly after school.

We welcome any input from parents and carers. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact either Mr Warren, Mrs Free or Miss Sibley.

Music

A BIG thankyou to everybody involved, both on and off stage, in the recent Upper School talent contest. Almost £500 was raised by the Upper and Middle School contests for Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA) and Breast Cancer UK.

Congratulations and well done to all performers. The prize winners were:

First prize: Lola-Mae D (Year 11)

Runners up: Joe C (Year 9) and Kodi A (Year 11)

Rising Star: Rueben P (Year 7)

The Year 11 Music BTEC students should feel proud of their achievements in producing such successful shows

Maths

On 8 March 2022, eight of our Year 10 students participated in a national mathematics competition called FEAST, which was hosted this year at JCA.

The competition consisted of four rounds which tested our learners' knowledge of Key Stage 4 mathematics in a variety of problem solving challenges.

The students were a credit to KOA and tried their best in all of the rounds against fierce competition, and we are very pleased that one of our teams placed 3rd overall!

We hope to join more mathematical competitions in the future with more year groups involved, and we will certainly be looking forward to taking part in FEAST23 with our future Year 10 students.

Bronze Awards

Congratulations to more than 50 students who have been awarded Bronze Awards for gaining more than 50 achievement points:

Joe C 9.1, Daniel M 9.1, Harry P 9.1, Reggie S 9.2, Sienna C 9.3, Leah M 9.3, Finley J 9.3, Benjamin M 9.3, Aisha A 9.4, Gracie B 9.4, Scarlet G 9.5, Blake G 9.5, Ellie K 9.5, Oliver P 9.5, Archie B 9.5.

Ellie E 10.1, Sasha S 10.1, Ellie B 10.1, Lucy A 10.3, Ruby G 10.3, Olivia K 10.3, Karolina W 10.3, Ellie B 10.4, Kelsey C 10.5, Stefani G 10.5.

Courtney B 11.1, Sydney A 11.1, Mia S 11.1, Lee H 11.1, Taniya A 11.2, Amber H 11.2, Kayleigh L 11.2, Flora R 11.2, Charley S 11.2, Hannah S 11.2, Ruby W 11.2, Aiden C 11.3, Bianca M 11.3, Lucy B 11.4, Grace D 11.4, Sienna M 11.4, Lavinia P 11.4, Nam B 11.5, Lola-Mae D 11.5, Cassie C 11.5, Chella F 11.5, Kumba M 11.5, Ruby 11.5, Alana 11.5, Emily 11.5, Ollie 11.5.

Year 9

This term the Year 9 students have continued with their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Students have continued to volunteer in various settings such as working in the LRC, and helping with clubs in the Lower School. At the end of this term all of the students are involved in a practice day's expedition to test their map reading skills.

In order to encourage more females into the world of STEM we have partnered with Cajigo, an education provider, working with schools across the UK, supporting girls with their career development and pathways into STEM, technology and digital careers. The Year 9 girls had the unique opportunity to be involved with this. They were able to talk to and ask questions of leading females in the STEM industry in jobs which has hopefully given them a better understanding in this area and inspired them.

The Year 9 students have made a contribution to a time capsule relating to the Covid 19 pandemic. South Gloucestershire Council asked for a collection of memories relating to the pandemic so they could be placed in the time capsule and buried in front of the council offices during a ceremony in the Spring. All of the Year 9 students wrote or drew their memories of that period of time to be included in the time capsule.

The Year 9 students have continued to be involved in the Bossing It project where they have worked on different case studies and worked on budgeting in order to develop their problem-solving and team work skills. The Bristol Bears Project, Bear In Mind has also continued and has given our students some exciting opportunities. The students have recently gone on a stadium tour of Ashton Gate and met some of the Bristol Bears women's team to discuss their journey from school to premiership rugby. They are also going on a trip at the end of term to visit one of the major sponsor's offices to see how they run and what is in place to ensure employees wellbeing.

We are currently in the process of choosing our options for next year. All students should have filled in the options form and then will have a meeting next term with the Year 9 team to finalise their options and ensure they have made the correct choices for them to be successful.

Mrs Holtby, Head of Year 9

Year 10

During this term, a number of Year 10 students have received exam access testing. This allows students who may need further support during exams such as extra time, a reader or a scribe, to be assessed ensuring that all students can access exams so that they can perform to the best of their ability. Thank you to students for going through this process including a number who came in on our INSET day so that this could be done in time.

Year 10 have also been returning their Work Experience forms. Please make sure that those that haven't already done so, get this completed so that they are able to participate in a valuable occasion in school life later in the year. Should you have lost your form, please contact Mr Heath or Mrs Alam-Lloyd.

It has also been pleasing to see students taking part in intervention sessions during tutor time allowing students to catch up on missed learning and further enhance their ability in the rest of their lessons. As we move deeper in to the year, we are looking at more opportunities for sessions such as these to make sure that students achieve the best as they can.

The usual termly awards took place at the end of Term 3. Congratulations to all of our winners for their progress/attainment. Nominations have been coming in for the Term 4 awards to be presented next week. These are a great opportunity to recognise the hard work and kindness displayed by our students and are won by a wide variety of students each term.

Mr Heath, Head of Year 10

Year 11

Year 11 have succeeded in their second set of mocks this year, and again built on their knowledge to help them secure their best possible grades in the summer. We are still revising hard every week in tutor, with a daily Maths, English and Science question, plus Monday Core revision and Friday Options revision.

There were two fantastic talent shows held by the BTEC Music groups, and some amazing talent shown by Year 11 students in there too!

We've also had some other achievements in Year 11; Isi qualified for the British Gymnastics Finals with her team, Lauren made the semi-finals in her first Moto Championship for three years, and was also the youngest competitor! Tiah has also got some more boxing wins under her belt! If you have any out-of-school achievements to share, please let me know, we would love to share your success and be proud of all you do.

The end of mock exams coincided nicely with British Science Week, and we were lucky enough to spend Friday tutor time with some animals in the Hexagon, everyone was so engaged and happy.

Don't forget that there are a range of after school sessions to help with exams, and we had Parents' Evening on Thursday 31 March. There is a further Exams and Revision Information Evening on Tuesday 5 April.

Remember: It's okay to take breaks, and it's okay to make mistakes - time your routines carefully and learn from your mistakes. You've got this! 😊

Miss Pearch, Head of Year 11



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The competition is open to Year 9,10,11 pupils in Bristol. To enter, we would like pupils to create a recipe to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).



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Enclosed to this email is the competition entry form. Entries need to be submitted by

Friday 8th April at 11.59pm

via marketing@affinityworkforce.com

The six winners will be decided by Olivia Barry, who will judge on creativity and attention to detail!

The winners will be announced on Monday 25th April.

Good luck!



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Your entry will need to be submitted by Friday 8th April to marketing@affinityworkforce.com.

The winners will be announced on Monday 25th April.

Name: _____

School: _____

School Year: _____

Form Class: _____

Good luck!

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