



## Work Hard - Be Kind

Thank you to our children, families and local community for your support throughout the term. We hope that you enjoy reading our Term 1 Newsletter to find out more about what we have been up to this term and celebrate the progress and achievements that our children have made. We look forward to welcoming your child back into school for the Term 2 on Monday 30 October.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who donated and contributed to this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning cake sale. We are proud to have raised £152.42.



### Nasal Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

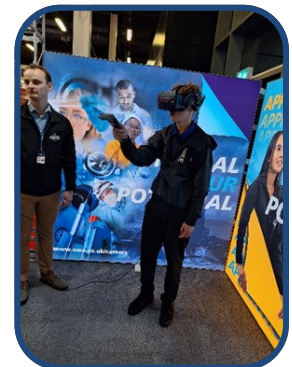
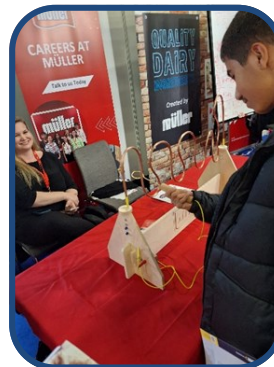
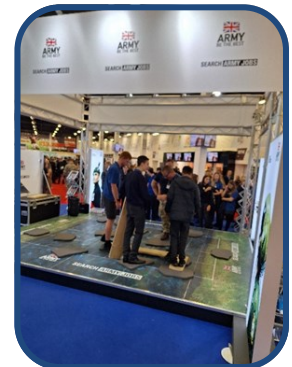
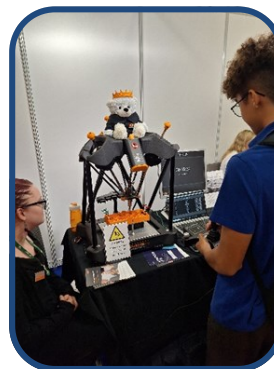
If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or 0300 1245515 for more information.



### Careers at KOA

This term we took some of our Year 11 students along to the National Apprenticeship Show at Ashton Gate Stadium. There were over 50 employers and training providers at the event - sharing information on their apprenticeship schemes and letting the students have a go at practising some of the skills they may use working in industry!

It was great to see our students engage with all the activities on offer, and many managed to pick up lots of freebies throughout the day too!



A reminder that the last day of Term 1 is Wednesday 18 October. Term 2 starts on Monday 30 October

## Active Challenge at KOA

Staff, students, and Friends of King's Oak Academy took on a monumental week of gruelling physical challenges to raise money towards a long-desired school minibus

The King's Oak Academy Active Challenge week saw staff and students take to an exercise bike to complete the equivalent of the 837 mile Land's End to John O'Groats route, before hitting a rowing machine to complete the 220-mile length of the River Severn. They also used a treadmill to cover the 71 miles they would have to travel to visit all sister schools within the Cabot Learning Federation.

By hitting the 1,250-mile total, the King's Oak team raised an amazing £1,890 – nearly double their original £1,000 target.



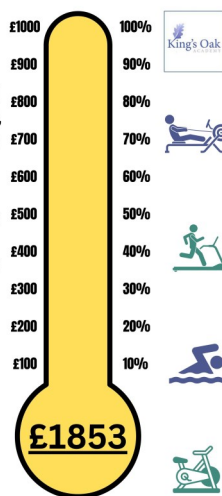
### The KOA Active Challenge

At the start of the week beginning 2nd Oct, we had a huge task ahead of us, to travel a combined distance of **1250 miles** on an exercise bike, a rowing machine and a treadmill. The goal was to cycle the distance from **Lands End to John O'Groats**, to swim and row the length of the **River Severn** and to run the distance between all the **CLF Academies**.

At times it seemed impossible but as a team consisting of the Friends of King's Oak, KOA staff and students, we not only accomplished our goal, but actually went a further **119.5 miles**, giving us a total distance travelled, of **1369.5 miles** in just 5 days.

We also started the week with the aim to raise **£1000** to go towards the new school minibus. Thanks to your generosity and a large donation from **Pam Jones Consultancy**, we have absolutely **SMASHED** our target and raised an amazing **£1853**.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!**



After school on Friday, the Friends of King's Oak held the Active Challenge Finale in the school canteen and offered students the chance to take part in more fundraising activities. They included hook a duck, topple a teacher and lucky dip, while there was also a tuck shop that served hot and cold drinks and much more.

In total, £3,905 was raised from the whole day of fundraising at the Kingswood school.

This has now been added to other fundraising efforts – and support from local businesses, including Pam James Consultancy which donated £1,000 – to enable the school to order a new minibus.

Katherine Ogden, Principal, said: "Following the pandemic, we have been working hard to ensure that our children are able get out and go on trips or participate in wider enrichment activities. This is because we know these opportunities are crucial to deepening the learning experiences and help to create lifelong memories for children as they progress through their time in education.

"The Active Challenge fundraising event was a remarkable team effort from the Friends of King's Oak (PTA), our children and staff who worked together to accrue some impressive distances on the treadmill, rowing machines and bicycle whilst also raising money to help us order a new minibus so we can continue to organise these important enrichment activities for our children in 2024.

"Thank you very much to everyone who has supported us throughout our fundraising efforts. It has been heartwarming to see how well our school, parents and residents work together to support the children in our community."



Together we have raised an incredible

**£3993**

to go towards the new school minibus.



The new minibus has been ordered and should arrive in the winter.

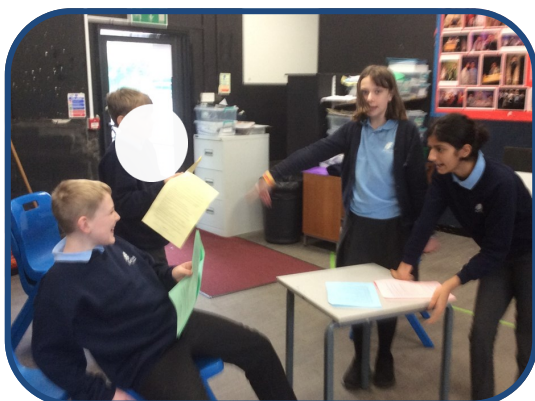
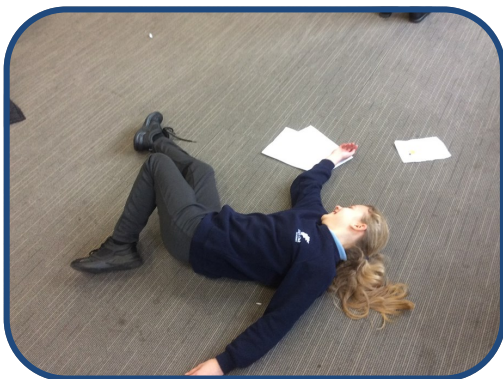
## Drama at KOA

In Drama, Middle school students continue to explore self identity and confidence in the Drama curriculum through looking at basic skills and techniques to use in performance. Year 7s have settled into the practical expectations superbly with high standards of work being shown in our class performances as we build up a theatrical repertoire. Year 8s are responding to using voice skills and discussing the impact of how we can use our voice effectively with passionate debates about the effect of an accent and vocal techniques.

Upper school KS3 are currently looking at the Performing Arts industry, focusing on the methods of acting used by Hollywood actors and the effectiveness of those techniques. Our insight into remarkable performances comes clearer as we dissect the formula for success and impact.

KS4 are excelling in their performance preparation for formal assessment in November and we continue to explore the impact of relationships on stage. Students are working to an exceptionally high standard that we look forward to showcasing to invited audience soon- watch this space!

Extra-curricular: Drama club is happening on Mondays after school in DA1 until 4.15pm with Ms Morrell. If you are interested in developing your confidence and acting skills in a fun and energetic environment with a mix of students from Years 7-10, come along and try it!



## Music at KOA

In the first term of 2023, after an introduction to the Music and Performing Arts department, Year 7 have been concentrating upon Pulse/Beat, Tempo and Rhythm, important starting points for listening , performing and composing.

We have been performing and composing different rhythms working individually and in groups. This material has enabled us to begin to establish positive outcomes of music. We welcome the positive participation of all students!!

In Year 8 we have started to study how music can provide a voice - no pun intended, for equality and progress. We have explored Blues music and started to perform The 12-bar blues, different Bass lines and will soon be composing original melodies and improvisation.....watch this space!

Year 9s are working on songwriting at the moment in music as part of their studies on how music can tell their stories. Students have been learning how to write chord progressions and flowing lyrics. Next, they will be adding basslines and drum beats to complete their songs

Having studied a brief introduction to music theory, the Year 10 music students have been learning about the Delta Blues style. They have been playing in groups and writing some Blues music to include melody, bass, drums and harmony using Cubase music software.

Meanwhile, Year 11 music students are working hard towards their second examination assessment in their course. Students have chosen pieces to play and create using the theme of 'Celebration' and are setting themselves targets each week to improve and develop their skills.

Extra-curricular: Vocal group with Ms Morrell is on Thursdays until 4.15pm in MU3. If you are interested in developing your confidence and vocal skills in a supportive environment, come along and try it - all are welcome!



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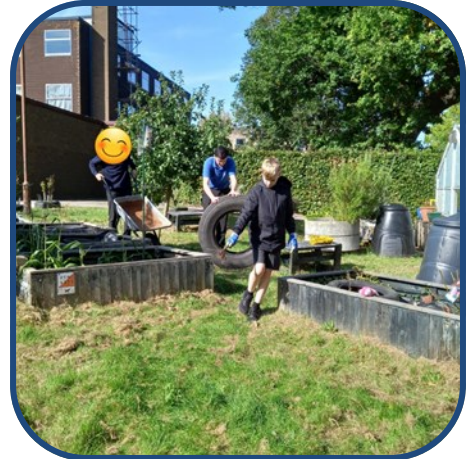
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## Gardening Group at KOA

The Gardening Group have been busy this term planting daffodils and grape hyacinths ready for our Christmas Fayre. We have also picked all the pears and they have been made into different delicious delights to eat, thank you Glenis Grass for your amazing cooking skills with jam and pickle making.

As the garden heads into Autumn and Winter the group will be cutting back and pruning ready for Spring 2024.



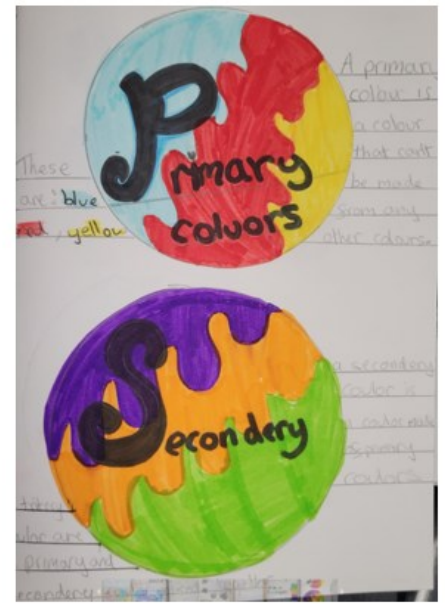
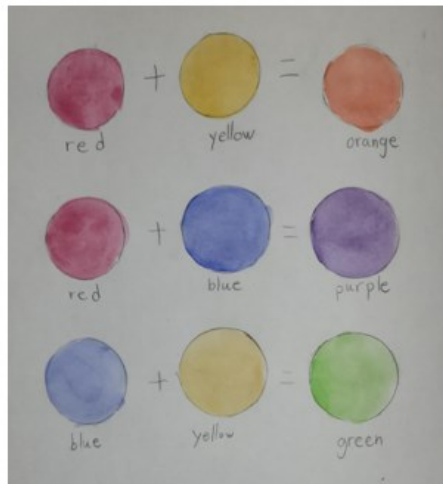
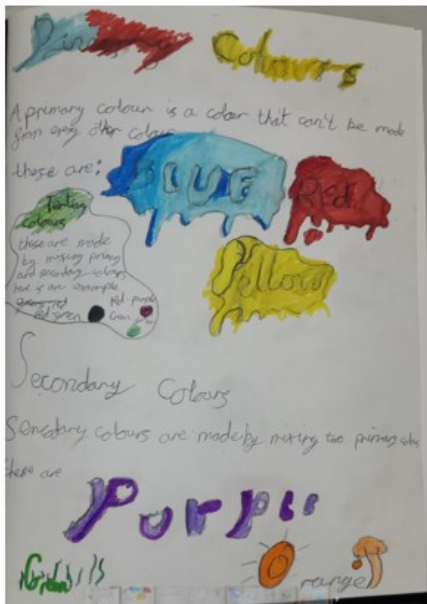
## Creative Technologies at KOA

In Food this term, Year 8 have made sausage rolls this term in Food Technology. They focussed on presentation and using probes to ensure meat was cooked to the correct temperature.

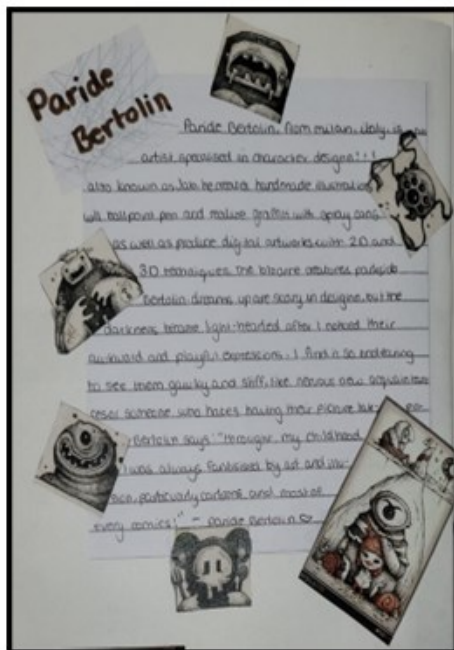


## Art at KOA

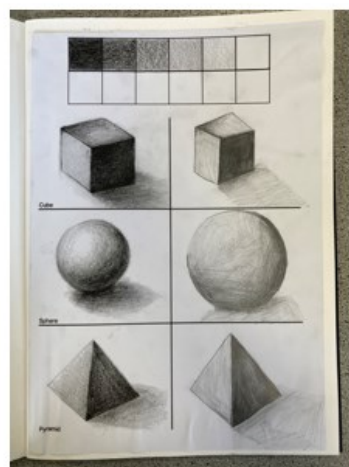
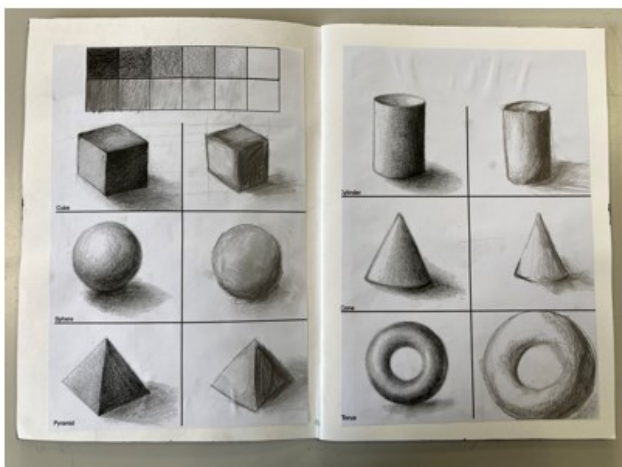
Year 7 have been learning what Primary, Secondary and Tertiary colours are and how to make them.



Year 8 have been researching the artist Paride Bertolin and have created art inspired by this artist using various marking



Year 9 Have been learning about still life, creating their own artwork inspired by Micheal Martin.

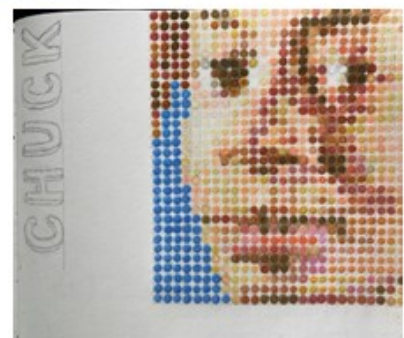
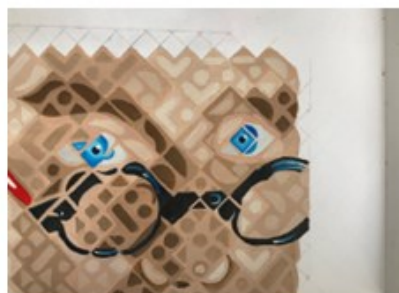
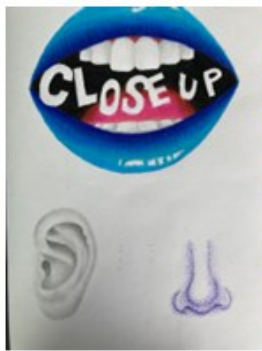


## Art at KOA

Year 10 have started working on their first GCSE project – Blue Planet. Students have created their title page, mood board, ideas page and we also looked at an artist page for Angie Lewin. Currently students took inspiration from Lewin's work and started to create their own lino print inspired by Lewin.



Year 11- GCSE Art, our preparation for Y11 mock started in September. Students have 10 weeks of preparation time before entering their 10 hours mock exam to create their final piece. Students are looking at one of the past paper questions "Close up". They had been asked to create a title page, moodboard, ideas page and observational drawings before we started to look at our first artist Chuck Close. Currently students have done their own drawings in the style of Chuck Close

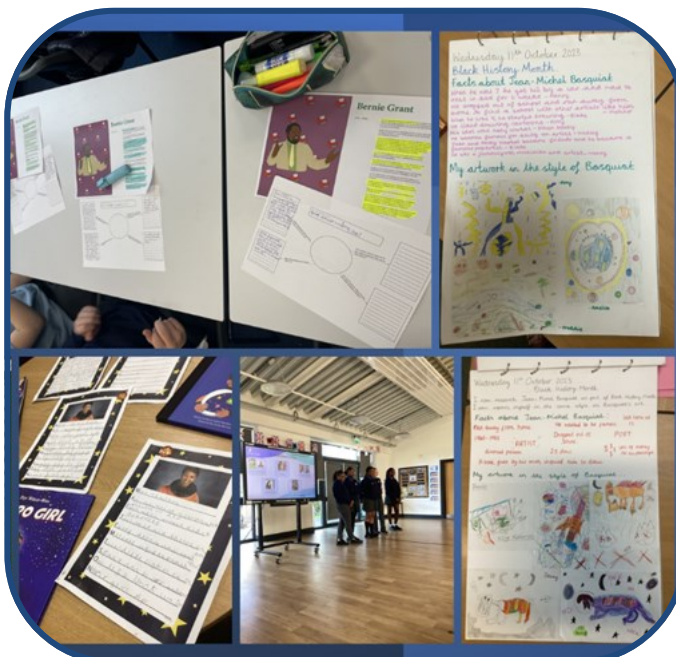
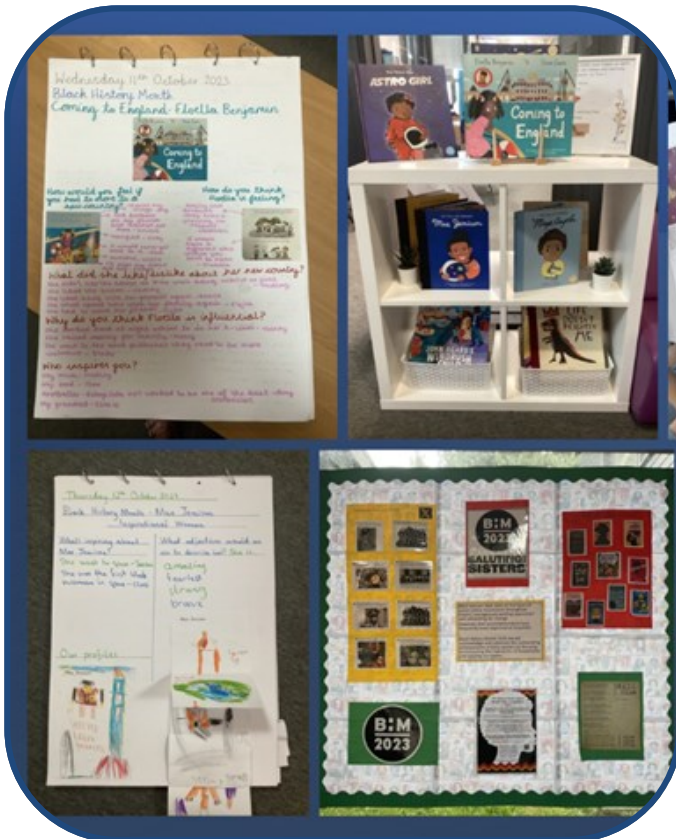


## Black History Month at KOA

This October we have been celebrating Black History Month.

Across the school we have had assemblies run by our Year 11 students, made art work inspired by black artists, written poems and learnt all about inspirational black females who have changed our world or inspired us.

There is still time for students to enter the national poetry competition. Find out more here <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/black-history-month-poetry-competition-2023/>



## Sport at KOA

### Boys Rugby

There have been many successes with the boys rugby club this year. Over this term, the boys have put in some amazing performances and some fantastic displays of discipline and skill.



## Sport at KOA

### Girls National Cup

The girls football has started at King's Oak Academy. The girls have entered into 3 age groups of the National Cup; U13, U14 and U15 age groups.

The teams have put in some fantastic performances over the competitions and look forward to progressing into the next rounds.



### Boys National Cup

The boys have competed in this year's National Cup. With some tough fixtures in the mix, the boys' work rate and commitment until the final whistle was second to none.





## NEWS FROM LOWER SCHOOL

### Progressive Sport Enrichment Days

All Lower School classes participated in Progressive Sport Nerf sessions this term and have had lots of fun exploring team strategies, their aim and space management. Even some of our teachers joined in! Next term, Lower School children will enjoy 'Boxfit' enrichment sessions.



### Reading at Home

Thank you for reading with your child at home. It is always a joy to have conversations with children about their reading routines and opportunities they have to practise reading at home with their adults.

We ask that all children are read with at least four times a week in order to develop their fluency and understanding of the text. Frequency of reading and regular practice is particularly important between the ages of 4 and 11, when children are still learning to be readers. In school, we read with all of our children in daily reading lessons, phonics lessons and one-to-one, through both our Class Teachers, Teaching Partners and our wonderful volunteers.

**These are some of our proud Reading Raffle winners:**



## Pre-loved Uniform Sale and Donations

Our Term 6 uniform swap and sale was a great success! I'd like to use this opportunity to thank our dedicated Friends of King's Oak Academy group for their commitment and dedication to organising events that benefit our school's community.

The group are working hard behind the scenes to plan and organise our next uniform sale event at the beginning of Term 2, on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. We would appreciate all uniform donations; thank you to those of you who have already been able to donate!

# PRE-LOVED UNIFORM WANTED

UNTIL FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, YOU CAN  
DONATE YOUR UNWANTED UNIFORM ITEMS BY  
DROPPING THEM INTO THE LOWER, MIDDLE &  
UPPER SCHOOL OFFICES.



THANK YOU!

# PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER  
IN THE YEAR 1 GARDEN ROOM  
(SAME PLACE AS LAST TIME)  
FROM 2.45PM



ALL ITEMS WILL BE PRICED AT £3 OR LESS.

CASH AND CARDS TAKEN.

## KOA Coffee Morning

KOA Coffee Mornings are back again this year and will continue to take place on the Lower School site between 9am and 10am every Thursday. If you have young children below the school age, they are more than welcome to attend these sessions with you.

Coffee mornings are a great opportunity for you to meet other parents/carers, share successes and concerns or simply have some coffee and cake. It is also an excellent opportunity to find out about school events and other services available to you and your family.



## World Mental Health Day Assembly

To mark the World Mental Health Day this year, our Mental Health Support Team (MHST) practitioner, Bea, delivered a special guest assembly to Lower School children. Bea is an Education Mental Health Practitioner who works across South Gloucester schools to support children and families with emotional wellbeing from Reception to Year 6. Children found out more about the World Mental Health Day and had an opportunity to discuss emotions, and the importance of recognising own feelings and those of others.

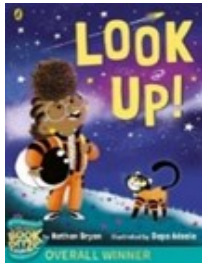
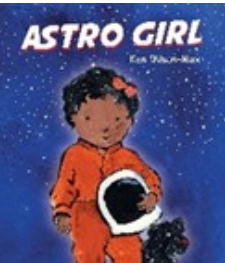


## Black History Month at KOA

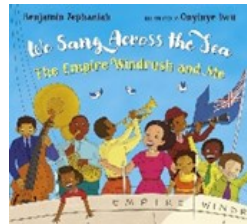
This year the focus of Black History Month activities has been on celebrating the exceptional achievements of black women. On Thursday 12 October Lower School children engaged in an afternoon of learning about influential female figures. Though the key texts such as 'Look Up!' and 'Astro Girl', KS1 children learned about Mae Jemison and her tremendous achievements as she became the first African-American woman to travel into space when she served as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour in 1992.



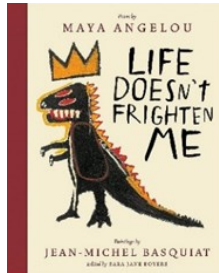
Earlier in the term, our Black History Month learning was kindly introduced in a very special assembly by Miss Briden and some of our Year 11 students. It was really heart-warming to hear them talk about women in their lives who inspire them – Lower School children demonstrated their values of kindness and respect when listening to their Year 11 peers and were shining brightly with Topaz Power when asking curious questions and linking their learning to our gem powers. We'd like to say 'thank you' to our wonderful Year 11 students who were enthusiastic, informative and inspirational!



In KS2, children read 'Coming to England', 'John Agard's Windrush Child' and 'We Sang Across the Sea: The Empire Windrush and Me' and learned about Windrush, Baroness Floella Benjamin and her achievements in the field of TV presenting and politics, through research and drama.



Additionally, all Lower School children engaged in various collaborative art opportunities and explored the illustrative style of Jean-Michel Basquiat



## Environmental Group and Eco Schools' Committee at KOA

We are very pleased to tell you that the Eco-Committee at King's Oak Academy, comprised of pupils and key adults, have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. The three themes we focused on last academic year were:

- **Biodiversity - each class to grow and be responsible for pollinator-friendly flowers.**
- **Litter - all children to be actively engaged in a litter pick each week.**
- **School grounds - each class will have a lesson outside once a term.**



Below, are some of the comments from our official Eco-Schools report:

*'We have really enjoyed reading about your journey this year and we think that the inclusivity of your Eco-Schools programme, and wide-scale of participation and enthusiasm from your pupils and staff is a real strength of your application, and so it gives us great pleasure to award you an Eco-Schools Green Flag – congratulations!'*

*'Your curriculum links are both practical and creative and provide a clear context and application for your pupils' learning. Building bug hotels to promote biodiversity on your school grounds is a great example of taking the focus of learning outdoors and engaging your young people with the natural world.'*

*'Displaying your healthy living posters in your local medical centre shows a strong commitment to supporting your wider community and shows that your young people are working hard to involve and educate all around them.'*

Many thanks to Miss Tattersall, who has been leading and supporting our Eco-committee on the Lower School site and has worked tirelessly on delivering on our aims and earning our first Green Flag!

## Active Challenge

We'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to all who donated towards, participated in or helped organise the KOA Active Challenge this term. It was an incredibly ambitious affair and we are very lucky to have such a supportive Friends of King's Oak Academy group who didn't just work tirelessly to make the challenge happen but also put in many miles towards the target. I am sure that you will all join me in collectively thanking the unbeatable **Rachel Lewis** for not only her incredible organisation of this fundraising event but also for becoming a professional cyclist for the week and dedicating many, many hours of her time to clocking in many, many miles on the bike!

Many of our KOA staff joined in with the challenge, including our very own Miss Baber (with Chester), Mr Cornick, our Head of Health department, and Steve Taylor, the CEO of the Cabot Learning Federation.



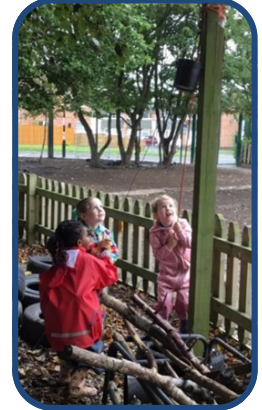
The Grand Finale to the Active Challenge was made extra special by the visit from a women's cricket legend and current Western Storm player Fran Wilson who helped us reach our target!



## News from Reception

Reception have had a fabulous first term at King's Oak. We have really enjoyed making new friends, learning the classroom routines and, of course, having lots of fun discovering in the classroom learning environment.

Every Monday we have donned our waterproofs and had fun in the Forest School area. Our favourite part was toasting marshmallows on the fire washed down with delicious warm hot chocolate! Take a look at us in action.



## News from Year 1

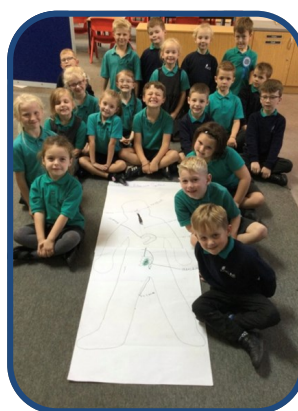
Year 1 has had a fantastic start to the year. As authors we have explored the three Little Pigs, imitating the story and writing descriptive sentences of the pigs' houses. As scientists we have been busy exploring everyday materials, testing the best material to build a house safe from the big bad wolf. As designers we built towers to keep the three pigs safe and as artists we have explored drawing skills including tone and texture. Now we are making sandwiches to learn about ordering instructions in our writing!



## News from Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic first term. We have been scientists, learning all about our bodies and how to keep ourselves healthy. Children really enjoyed learning facts about our amazing bodies and how all our organs work together to keep us alive!

This term we have also engaged in forest school sessions and ended our term with hot chocolate around an open fire. Well done everyone for a great start to the academic year.



## News from Year 3

What a great first term of Year 3 we have had!

As Scientists, we have learned all about magnets and friction, including conducting our own magnet hunt and experiment to test the effect of friction.

As Historians, we learned all about the Tudor period which included a Tudor day where there were some fantastic Tudor outfits.

As Artists, we have been investigating and imitating the work of the noted artist, Paul Klee. The final pieces will be displayed on the learning walls outside Year 3.

We can't wait to get stuck in to Term 2 after a well-deserved break.



Juniper Class Tudor Day 2023



We had a great time being Scientists yesterday in Juniper class. We did a magnet hunt around the classroom to find which materials are magnetic and which aren't.

### We are scientists

We have been exploring magnetism. We have been looking at materials that are magnetic and non-magnetic. We have also been exploring magnetic fields.



### We are Artists

This term, we have been learning about Paul Klee. We took inspiration from 'Sensasi' and designed ourselves in the same style. We tried to use cross-hatching, stippling, and lots of shapes to replicate some of his work. We thought about warm and cold colours too.



Pine Class  
Tudor Day 2023

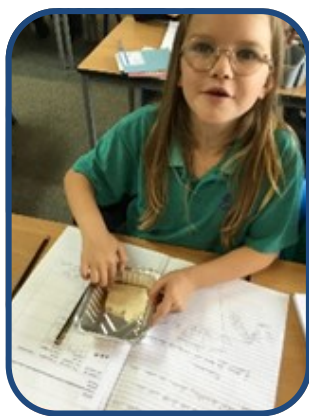
## News from Year 4

We have had a fantastic start to Year 4. The children have been very settled and have worked extremely hard.

As artists, we have studied line, tone and texture when drawing. We studied the artist Hong Chun Zhang and tried to recreate some of her work.



As scientists, we have been looking at how materials change state when heated or cooled. We have carried out several experiments heating and cooling different materials and observing their changes.



As part of National Poetry Day, we took part in a zoom lesson with hundreds of other schools. We learned all about poetry and wrote our own poem for Remembrance Day.



In week 5 we had an enrichment afternoon. We had great fun playing Nerf wars. We had to think carefully about strategies and used our hand eye coordination to help us be more accurate.



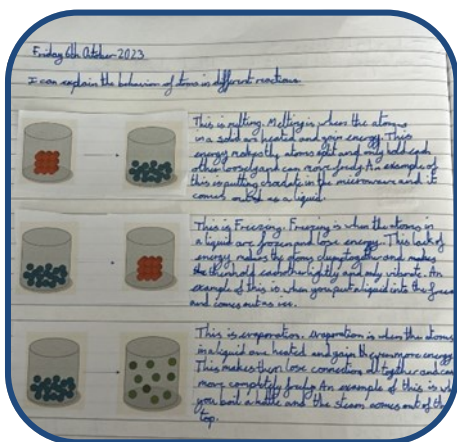


# NEWS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL

## News from Year 5

### Science

Year 5 have taken part in different experiments this term to understand reversible and irreversible solutions. They have also learned lots about how atoms move in different states of matter.

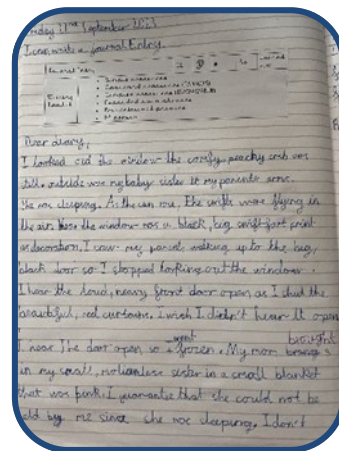
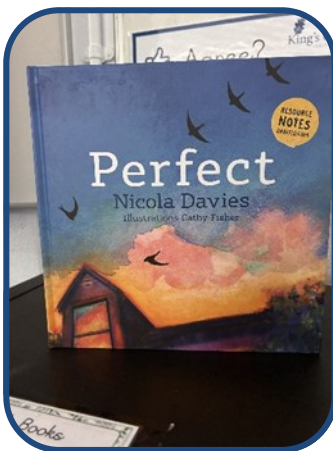


We were lucky enough to visit a science lab and take part in an experiment with Mr Broomsgrove to consolidate our learning about states of matter and atoms this term!



### English

Year 5 have been studying the text Perfect by Nicola Davies. They have written some great journal entries, poems and non-chronological reports using the text for inspiration!



### Enrichment

All students in Years 1-5 have had the great opportunity to take part in enrichment sessions with Progressive Sports. This term's enrichment has been Nerf Wars which all children (and teachers!) absolutely loved taking part in! Next terms enrichment will be Boxfit!



## Year 5 and 6 Football

Our Year 5/6 football team have started playing their league games this term! We had an unfortunate loss against Barrs Court but both coach Mr Gregory and the opposing team's coach said that the team played exceptionally well and were impressed with their performance!

Our second game at home was against The Park and the team were amazing again. They walked away with a fantastic 2-1 win! We are looking forward to more home games next term.



## News from Year 7

As we approach the end of the first term, I am thrilled to share some highlights and accomplishments from our Year 7 students.

### Royal Navy Engineering Day: A Day of Exploration and Discovery

One of the standout experiences this term was our Royal Navy Engineering Day, where our students delved into the fascinating world of engineering. The day was filled with hands-on activities, problem-solving challenges, and interactive sessions led by professionals from the Royal Navy. It was truly inspiring to witness the enthusiasm and curiosity displayed by our Year 7 students as they explored various aspects of engineering. We believe such experiences are instrumental in broadening their horizons and sparking an interest in STEM fields.

### Team Spirit Shining in Girls Football and Boys Rugby

Our Year 7 sports teams have been nothing short of exceptional this term. In girls' football, we've witnessed remarkable teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship. The girls have showcased their skills on the field, making us proud with each practice completed. Similarly, our boys' rugby teams have displayed incredible resilience and determination, proving that hard work pays off. I commend all the students who have participated in these sports for their commitment and commendable team spirit.

### Excellent Starts in Lessons: A Strong Foundation for Success

Being great learners is at the core of our mission, and I am delighted to report that Year 7 has made an excellent start in their lessons. The commitment to learning, engagement in class activities, and positive attitudes displayed by our students are truly commendable. I would like to express my gratitude to both the students and carers for their dedication to creating a vibrant and stimulating learning environment.

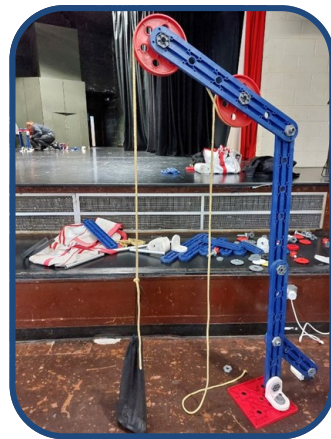
As we reflect on the achievements of this term, let us also look forward to the exciting opportunities and challenges that the upcoming terms will bring.

Mr Nathan, Head of Year 7

## News from Year 8

September focussed on our Topaz gem power, which is all about being loud and proud, and using our communication skills in and out of lessons. Tutors have awarded certificates to students for using their Topaz Power. We have also had students helping in assemblies, speaking clearly to a large audience, and Year 8 have been keenly joining in in our new singing assemblies.

We started the year with a visit from the Royal Navy. Lots of students did a really good job of speaking and presenting to a large group of students and designed and made some useful models of things that could be used in Navy operations. Even a swing could be useful, as when the Navy do humanitarian work, they might build things to help children have a better life when disaster strikes.



We also held elections for this year's Student Council, with lots of students writing lovely manifestos. It was great to see how much thought and willingness had gone into this. We had our first year group meeting and first whole-school meeting where two representatives attended. Well done to our elected members: Billy, Callum, Will, Natalia, Frankie, Toni, Kyla, Bailey and Layla!

21 Year 8 students also helped staff and PTA members reach their run-row-cycle goal to raise money for the minibus. We couldn't have done it without you!

In lessons, it has been lovely to see amazing work going on; making sausage rolls, writing speeches as the characters from Animal Farm, discussing food and drink in French, learning cricket skills in PE, practising accents and using voice in Drama, and lots more! Year 8 have been working really hard on their homework routines, it's been impressive to see every morning and teachers looking in lessons too. Keep up the good work Year 8!

Our new gem focus is Ruby – which focusses on kindness and how we talk about our feelings and respect others.

An amazing example of this came from our girls' football team - we were winning 6-0, and one of the girls from the opposing team scored an own goal and was upset. Caitlin and Libby rather than celebrating, went up to the girl and reassured her that it was okay and asked the referee to not count the goal. Additionally, at the end of the match when we pick the opposition's player of the match, the girls chose the girl who scored the own goal because she kept on trying and showed resilience by not quitting. The other school commented on their kindness and also how talented our girls were. Well done girls for being amazing representatives of our school!

In Year 8 we have continued to show off our competitive side in our Tutor Challenge – this year on a Friday it has been a race to answer a series of questions which create a password to send to Miss Peach. At the time of writing, the results are:

1st 8.3; 2nd 8.4; 3rd 8.5; 4th 8.1; 5th 8.2



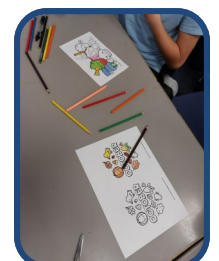
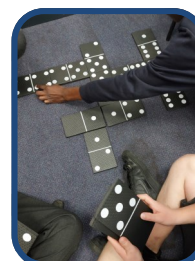
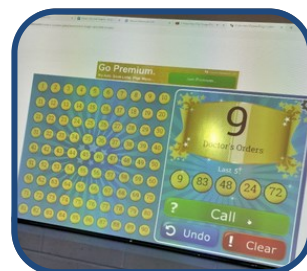
We have been working really hard on our attendance, and so far 8.2 and 8.3 have won Apollo the Middle School Attendance Bear for a week



each for their attendance effort and improvement! Keep up the good work – Apollo has enjoyed being with Year 8 and would love to spend more time with us!

We finished the term with our awards assembly, and a games afternoon for the 32 students with the most achievement points and 0 behaviour points. Miss Peach wants a new job as bingo caller, a great time was had by all!

Miss Peach, Head of Year 8



## NEWS FROM UPPER SCHOOL

### News from Year 9

Our Year 9 students have made a positive start to their Upper School journey having managed to accrue exactly 2500 positive behaviour points. Our three highest point scorers are Hendree 9.3, Logan 9.5 and Shylah 9.5. Congratulations to all of you and I look forward to seeing who our top points scorers are in Term 2. We also have our reward event in the second week of term where we will be able to reward our year group for their kindness and hard work so far this year.

Year 9s have also been involved in a number of sports fixtures this term. It has been great to witness students playing both rugby and football against other schools representing King's Oak in a very positive way that was recognised by opposition teachers and parents. It is great to see another positive that our year group has shown.

I have also had the pleasure of being able to get into lots of lessons this term to see the outstanding work that takes place amongst our year group on a daily basis. The majority of our students are focused, inquisitive and work hard to further their knowledge. We need to continue this over the next three years so that all students can achieve their potential.

At the start of term we held our Year 9 Parents' Information Evening where it was great to be able to meet parents and discuss their child/children. This has helped us to get to know families further and understand the needs of students whilst being able to provide information on how the next year and even the next three years will run. Later this year, we will, of course, have our regular Parents Evenings but also our Options Evening in the new year where students will be able to receive information to select their subjects for their GCSE years.

Mr Heath, Head of Year 9

### News from Year 10

Hey Year 10, I would like to congratulate you all for your exceptional hard work and commitment during the first term of your GCSEs. Your dedication to your studies and determination to succeed have been truly superb. We are proud of the progress you have made and the effort you have put into your coursework and exam subjects. As we look forward to the next term, we are confident that your continued perseverance and focus will lead to even greater achievements. Keep up the excellent work, Year 10, and we wish you all the best in the upcoming term!

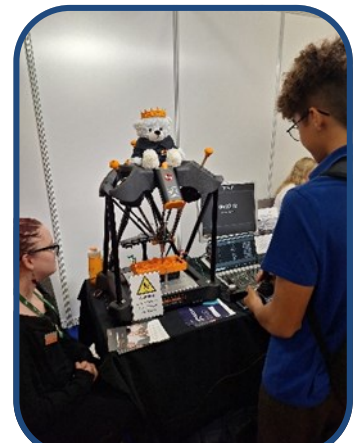
Mr Mannin and the Year 10 team.

### News from Year 11

Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard over the course of this first term. They have started this year with real maturity and have shown dedication and a hard-working attitude towards all of their subjects. We have started intervention sessions in both tutor time and after school and the students have engaged with these.

This term we have been preparing the Year 11 students for life after King's Oak academy. We have had various assemblies from Post 16 providers such as CLF Post 16, Digitech and ASK apprenticeships so the students understand course and entry requirements and also have a better understanding of the different courses available to them. Year 11 will all also receive an individual careers interview with our Careers Adviser Mrs Larkin so they can find out further information for specific courses related to them. These have started this term and will continue into Term 2.

To further support students they had the opportunity to attend the National Apprenticeship show at Ashton Gate. The students had the opportunity to meet with future employers and training providers to discuss potential pathways and opportunities.



To celebrate Black History Month a group of Year 11 students carried out a week of assemblies talking to Lower School pupils in Year 1 up to Upper School students in Year 10. The theme this year focussed on 'Saluting Sisters' so these students talked about females that had inspired them to achieve.



This term has finished with a mock exam, and these continue into the start of Term 2. Students have taken exam papers in a range of both core and option subjects. Due to these exams our termly rewards event has been re-arranged for Wednesday 8 November. Here we will celebrate the highest achievers in the year group and celebrate the amount of positive prom points they have received this term.

Well done for making such a positive start to Year 11. Keep up the good work.

Mrs Holtby, Head of Year 11



Tuesday Y2-6 3.10pm-4.10pm  
**Survival Skills**

Thursday Y3-6 3.10pm-4.10pm



Sign up using their website. Scan the QR code.



Monday Y3-6 3.10pm-4.10pm  
**Dodgeball**

Friday Y5-6 3.10pm-4.10pm  
**Football Team**



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## Year 5 and 6 Extra Curricular Clubs Term 2



Teacher run clubs

Monday – Y5-6 3.10pm-4.10pm

**Multi- sports**

Thursday 3.10pm-4.10pm

**Table Tennis Y5-8**

**Girls Football Y6-8**

**Art Club Y6-11**

Sign up using [sports clubs](#) letter and return to Miss Southcott.

**Come along and support our Y5/6 football team in their league games this term!**

All matches are on the school astro straight after the end of the day on the following dates:

Friday 10th Nov VS Pucklechurch

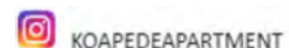
Thursday 16th Nov VS Blackhorse TBC

Friday 24th Nov VS Beacon Rise TBC

## KOA Sport Clubs (Term 1/2)



Day	Year Group	Activity (Staff Member)	Location
Monday	7-11	Netball (RHD/AJS)	Courts
	7-11	Fitness (JCK)	Gym 2
	7/8/9	Boys Rugby (AHH/DJN)	Field
	10	BTEC Sport Support (SHY)	EG6
	5/6	Multi-sports (AST)	Gym 1
Tuesday	9/10	Duke of Edinburgh (ESE/RHD)	Various
Wednesday		Rugby Fixtures	
		Netball Fixtures	
		ESFA National cup football fixtures	
Thursday	5-11	Table Tennis (AWN)	Gym 1
	6-10	Girls Football (ESE/RHD)	Gym 2
Friday	11	BTEC Sport Support (AHH)	EG5



# Extra Curricular Clubs – Terms 1 and 2 2023-2024

LOWER SCHOOL	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	Y1 – Y2	Superstars	KS2 Playground	15:00 – 16:00	Sporting Chance
Tuesday	Y2 – Y6	Survival Skills	KS2 Playground/ Forest School	15:10 – 16:10	Sporting Chance
Wednesday	Y1 – Y2	Football	KS2 playground	15:00 – 16:00	Sporting Chance
Thursday	Y3 – Y4	Football	KS2 playground	15:10 - 16:10	Sporting Chance
Friday	Y1 – Y2	Gymnastics	Lower School Hall	15:00-16:00	Sporting Chance

MIDDLE SCHOOL	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	Y7 – Y8	Maths Homework Club	C18	15:20–16:10	ABE
	Y7 – Y8	Drama	DA1	15:30-16:15	JML
	Y7 – Y8	Netball	Courts	15:15	RHD/AJS
	Y7 – Y8	Fitness	Gym 2	15:15	JCK
	Y7 – Y8	Boys Rugby	Field	15:15	AHH/DJN
Tuesday	Y5 – Y6	Multisports	Gym 1	15:15	AST
Wednesday	Y7 – Y8	Homework Club	C18	13:10-13:45	HPH
Thursday	Y7 – Y8	Homework Club	C18	13:10-13:45	HPH
	Y7 – Y8	Rugby Fixtures			
	Y7 – Y8	Netball Fixtures			
Friday	Y5 – Y8	Homework Club	C18	15:10-16:10	HPH
	Y6 – Y8	Art Club	E22	15:10-16:00	KSH
	Y5 – Y6	Football	KS2 playground	15:10-16:10	Sporting Chance
	Y7 – Y8	STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths)	DG2	15:15-16:10	DTR/RRY
	Y7 – Y8	Vocal Group	MU3	15:30-16:15	JML
Friday	Y5 – Y8	Table Tennis	Gym 1	15:15	AWN
	Y6 – Y8	Girls Football	Gym 2	15:15	ESE/RHD

UPPER SCHOOL	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	Y9 - Y11	Maths Homework Club	AG8	15:20-16:10	AWN
	Y9 – Y11	Drama Club	DA1	15:30-16:15	JML
	Y9 – Y11	Netball	Courts	15:15	RHD/AJS
	Y9 – Y11	Fitness	Gym 2	15:15	JCK
	Y9	Boys Rugby	Field	15:15	AHH/DJN
	Y10	BTEC Sports Support	EG6	15:15	SHY
Tuesday	Y10-Y11	GCSE Mathematics aiming for Grade 7+	AG7	15:10-16:00	SWT
Wednesday	Y9 – Y10	Duke of Edinburgh	Various	15:15	ESE/RHD
Thursday	Y9 – Y11	Rugby Fixtures			
	Y9 – Y11	Netball Fixtures			
	Y9 – Y11	ESFA National Cup Football Fixtures			
	Y10-Y11	L2 Further Mathematics	AG7	15:10-16:00	SWT
	Y10-Y11	GCSE Art Club/Catching up Club	E24	15:20–16:30	LXO
Friday	Y9 – Y11	Art Club	E22	15:10–16:00	KSH
	Y9 – Y11	Vocal Group	MU3	15:30-16:15	JML
	Y9 – Y11	Table Tennis	Gym 1	15:15	AWN
	Y9 – Y10	Girls Football	Gym 2	15:15	ESE/RHD

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