



*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 3 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.

On behalf of all the staff and councillors at King's Oak, we hope that you have a safe and peaceful holiday with your respective families and we are looking forward to welcoming your child back into school for Term 4 on Monday 19 February.

## Avon Fire & Rescue

In the third week of Term, Avon Fire & Rescue visited the school and spoke with all year groups about Fire Safety and the dangers of Arson. Pupils were taught ways in which to prevent fires and how to react calmly in the event of a fire.



## CLF Big Bake

Lola (Year 8) and Daniella (Year 10) represented KOA in the CLF Big Bake, which was hosted at KOA. Both girls baked a really tasty sponge and then spectacularly iced the cake. The challenge was to decorate the cake with the CLF logo. The girls came an impressive 3rd place and should be proud of their efforts during the afternoon.



## Summer Concert—Monday 22 July 2024

After a long career at KOA (and Kingsfield) Mr Warren is retiring at the end of this school year.

He has taught many students throughout this time and is looking to present one final concert in the Hexagon Theatre on the evening of Monday 22 July 2024.



He would like this event to be a platform for anybody associated with the Academy and would really like to feature past students, to join with current students, to participate in showcasing their talents.

It would be wonderful if you would like to contribute.

Please contact him via email - [tim.warren@clf.uk](mailto:tim.warren@clf.uk) so you can discuss possible arrangements in greater detail. Please pass on this invitation to perform (or even just to join the audience) to as many ex Kingsfield/KOA people you can to enable a wide selection of performers to participate.

**A reminder that the last day of Term 3 is Friday 9 February. Term 4 starts on Monday 19 February.**

## Food at KOA

This Term Year 7 have been making Breakfast Muffins and Vegetable Fried Rice, the focus has been on finding healthy alternatives to sugar in dishes.

Year 8 have been making Italian Pesto Pasta and Oat Cookies. Focus has been on measuring ingredients accurately and timing whilst cooking/baking.

Year 9 have been making Shortbread and Chicken Curry with the focus on keeping a tidy kitchen whilst using complex skills.



## Year 10 Practical Food Mock Exams

Our Year 10 students have been busy preparing for their Practical Food Exam in Term 4. They have produced dishes for parents with toddlers during their mock exams. Some brilliant cooking was on display and there seem to be many chefs in the making at KOA.





## Panathlon Bowling Event for Years 5 and 6

On Tuesday 30 January we took six of our Year 5 and 6 students to a Ten Pin bowling competition. The students had lots of fun taking part in such an exciting event and competing against 13 other schools.

Our team came third overall with Jasper taking first place as the top scorer at the event! It was great to see students taking part in this sporting event and we can't wait for more events like these to happen!



## Year 10 Product Design

Year 10 Product Design have completed their Box project:

This included four different joints - a finger, mitre, dowel and dovetail, all assembled and waxed to a high quality finish!



## IT Apprenticeship opportunity with the CLF

Join the forefront of technological innovation with Cabot Learning Federation (CLF). They are looking for an IT apprentice to join their team in Bristol. Following on from the success of their previous apprentice, they are inviting aspiring individuals to join them in shaping the future of information and communication technology.

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## RNLI visit KOA

Geoff Vian from RNLI visited Kings Oak and did five workshops with classes in different year groups.

Students learnt about the history of the RNLI and where they can find the local lifeboat station. As well as this students discovered what to do in the case of a water emergency and were able to handle some objects in which the RNLI use on board their vessels.



## New KOA Minibus

Our new minibus arrived on 15 January, and we are delighted with it. The students have already benefited; now travelling in style!

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute towards some of the funding, especially our Friends of KOA.



## Music at KOA

### Year 7

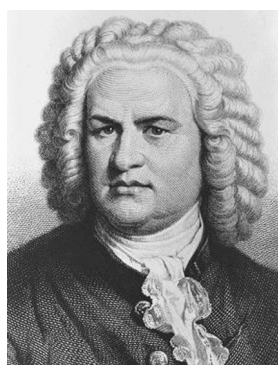
Students have been performing on the keyboard improving their technique.

They are listening to music from the 'great composers' and have been practising and performing 'Ode to joy' by Ludwig Van Beethoven.



Ludwig Van Beethoven

### Year 8



J.S.Bach

Students have also been studying composers and keyboard techniques. They have been working hard to improve the way they perform.

Tocatta and Fugue in D minor by J.S.Bach has been the piece they are preparing.

Why not ask you sons and daughters to perform to you at home if they are able to access a keyboard?

Congratulations to Frankie who performed so musically (and confidently) to the whole of the middle school in a recent assembly, WELL DONE!

All students are invited to perform in assembly. Please ask them to speak with their Music teacher for further information.

### Practice time.

**On MONDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY directly after school until 4.00pm**, the Music Department (and equipment) is open and we invite students from all year groups to come to improve their music skills.

A concert/talent show is being considered for the final week of the summer term and this practice time is perfect for students who might like to participate.

Please confirm attendance with your Music teacher.



## Sport at KOA

### Year 7 Boys' football

Year 7 Boys' football team ran out 3-2 winners in their first fixture together. All of the boys worked hard and made a good account of themselves.



### U14 Chipping Sodbury South Gloucestershire Cup



We were absolutely thrilled to be able to field two teams in the U14 Girls tournament hosted by Chipping Sodbury School.

Both teams played fantastically well, with the Oaks (Year 9) finishing third and our Acorns (Year 8) finishing first. The Acorns will now progress to the county finals next month at Cirencester.



### Utilitia Cup representing Bristol Rovers

The U13 girls represented Bristol Rovers in the regional finals, after winning the area final. The girls played against schools representing Forest Green, Newport County, Southampton, Bristol City to name a few. They showed grit and determination and played well!

Well done Girls!





## U15 ESFA Girls Football National Small Schools Cup

Six counties, a 374 mile round trip. It was the end to our U15 Girls football team's run in the ESFA Small Schools National Cup; and what a run it was!



The girls travelled all the way to Cornwall to play a very organised and well established Poole Academy. The girls showed unbelievable grit and resilience playing in exceptionally cold conditions, but couldn't manage to get the ball over the line.

The girls finished in the **TOP 16** out of 116 schools in England, equalling last year's highest ranking in 14 years!

Huge congratulations to all girls involved



## U13 ESFA Girls' National Small Schools Cup

### **Last 8!**

The following day, it was the turn of the U13 Girls to make the 357 mile round trip to Cornwall's Truro High School to play in the tie.

Kaitlyn got the girls off to an early start with a slightly deflected shot from inside the box. However, Truro High quickly regained composure to equalise.

KOA responded confidently, regaining control and maintaining all the possession. An absolute screamer of a goal from Kady took the girls to a 2-1 lead at half time.

The second half saw the girls remain composed, controlling the game and maintaining possession. With 7 minutes to go, Keah scored her first goal for KOA, which was followed up by Libby who had already hit the post twice!

The game finished 4-1 to KOA, and sees the girls into the last 8 of the country!



### **Last 4!**

The girls U13 football team travelled to Langtree School in Reading for the quarter finals.

Within seconds of kick off, Caitlin, playing in defence, lobbed the keeper from her own half to score the first goal of the game!

A few minutes of disbelief and KOA conceded to make the game 1 a piece. Langtree narrowly missed taking the lead in the first 15 minutes with a ball scrambled off the goal line by Caitlin and Ruby!

The girls battled hard for the remaining 15 minutes of the half with Libby securing another hat trick, ending the half at 4-1 to KOA.

Langtree came back fighting and scored in the second half to make the scoreline 4-2. It was an end to end match, with both teams creating numerous chances at either end.

The girls progress to the last 4 of the national cup - huge congratulations!





## U12 Chipping Sodbury South Gloucestershire Cup

We were once again thrilled to be able to field 2 teams in our local Football Tournament hosted by Chipping Sodbury School.

This time it was our Year 7 girls who competed in their first Tournament for the school.

Both teams played really well with our Oaks coming 3rd in their group.

Well done to all the girls involved; we look forward to seeing you represent the school in further competitions.



## Years 7 and 8 Girls Rugby

An amazing opportunity for 14 of our Year 7 and Year 8 girls to be part of the rugby X tournament at Whitehall RFC in January. Even more amazing to see 10 out of the 14 girls, play their first contact game of rugby ever!

An incredible display of resilience and determination shown throughout and two wins under their belt!



## Under 13 Lady Taverners Indoor Cricket

A huge well done to the Year 7 and 8 girls who took part in the U13 Lady Taverners indoor cricket tournament at Hanham Woods Academy on 31 January.

After a draw took us into a super over, KOA came just shy of the final win but what a display of skill and sportsmanship!





## Indoor Athletics (mixed Boys and Girls)

A massive well done to the Year 7 and 8 students who participated in the indoor athletics competition at Hanham Woods in January.

It was great to see so many students taking part in a variety of events and representing King's Oak Academy.

There were some stand out performances from a number of students who then received invites to the Bristol county, sports hall athletics championship!



## Year 10 Stem Event at Airbus

45 Year 10 students were welcome to the Airbus Filton site for a STEM event during National Apprenticeship Week.

We started the day with a site tour of the landing gear test facility and the fuel testing facility where we were able to see many scientists at work and the immensely complex computer systems that control the testing.

Students then took part in a cabin design task where they had to work in small groups to design the inside of an Airbus, thinking about maximising profit for the airline. Students had different roles within the team and really had to work together to be successful.

Following this, they took part in a series of gliding activities which included flying in two gliding simulators learning how to complete many different manoeuvres including loop the loops!

The final task was an activity where students got to question different employees of both Airbus and the Gliding Association on their careers.

Overall the students had a really informative visit and were a real credit to the school, Well done Year 10!



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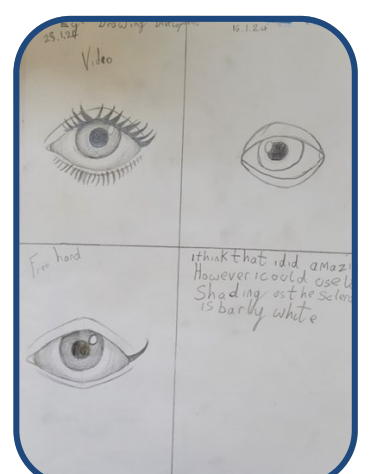
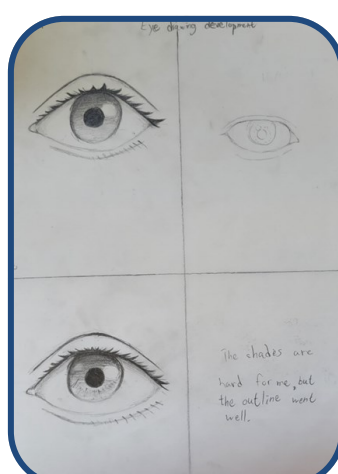
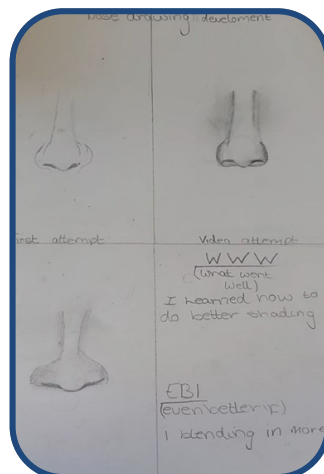
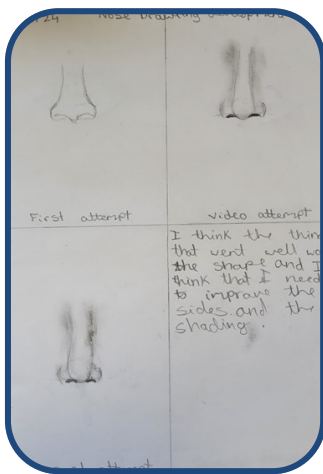
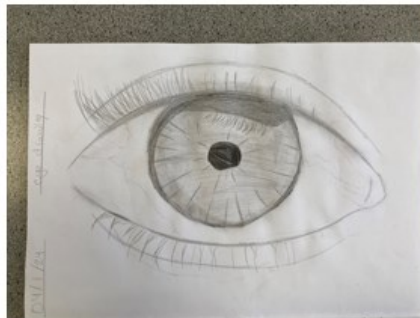
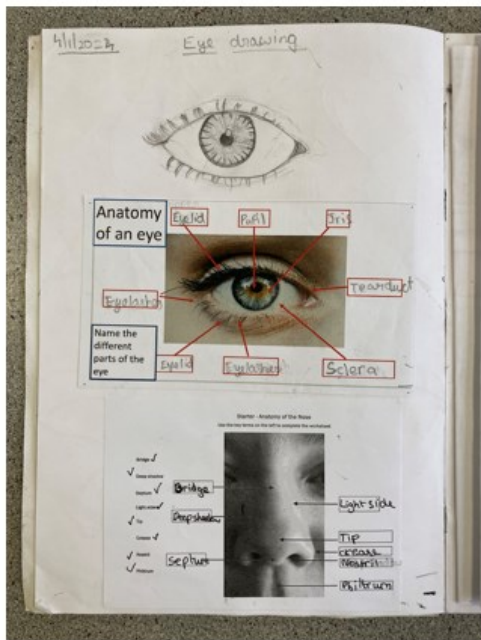
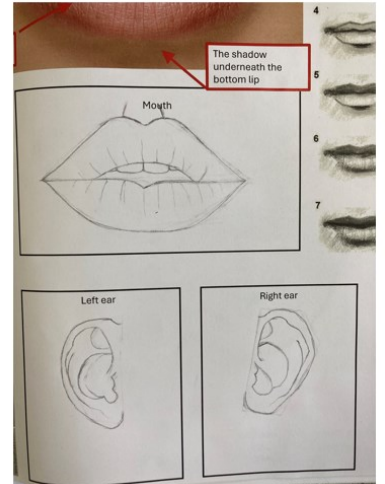
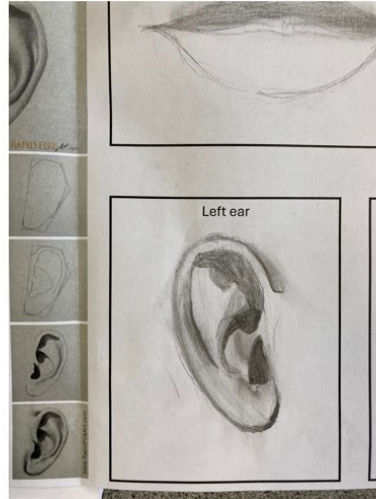
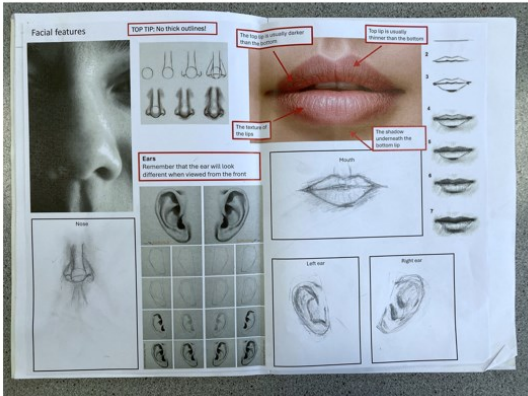
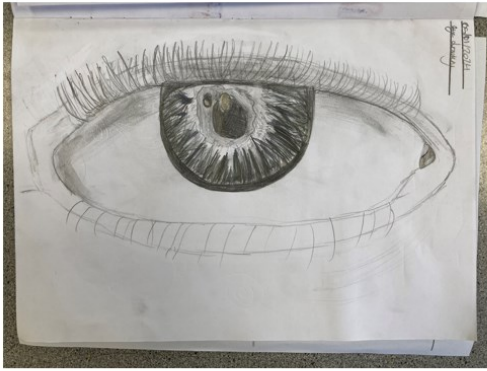
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# Art at KOA

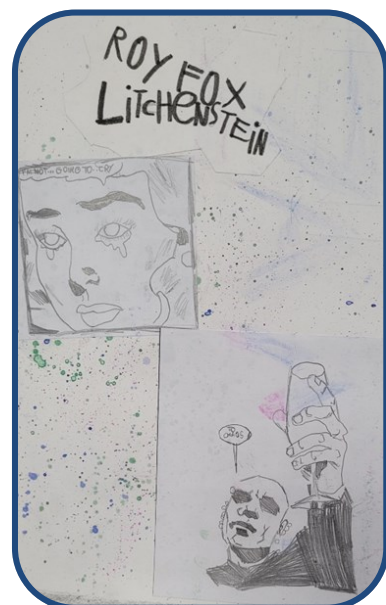
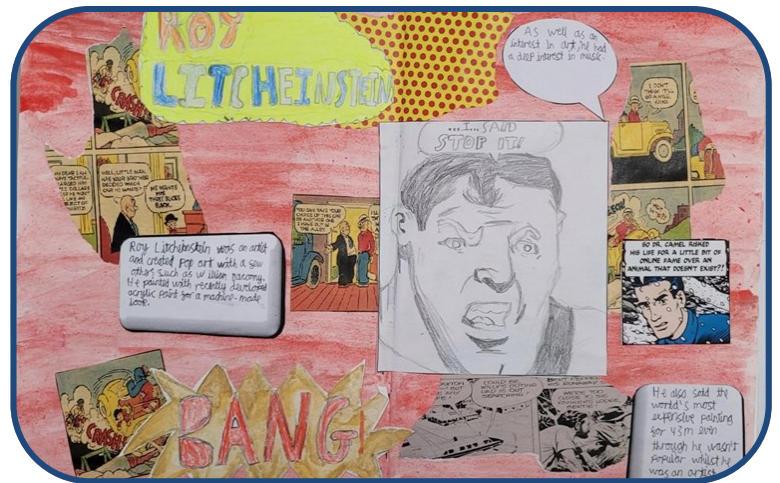
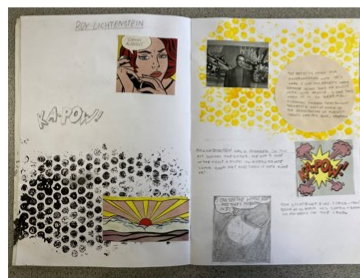
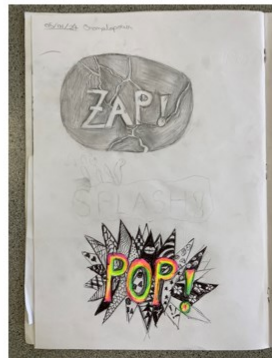
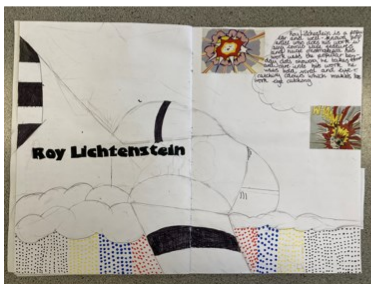
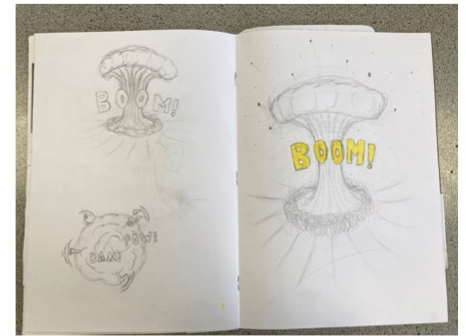
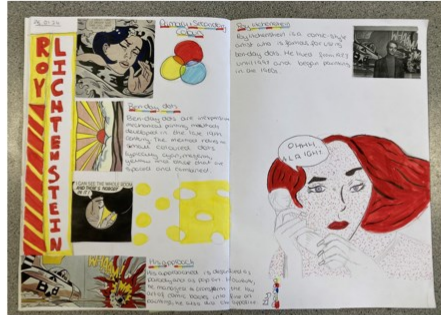
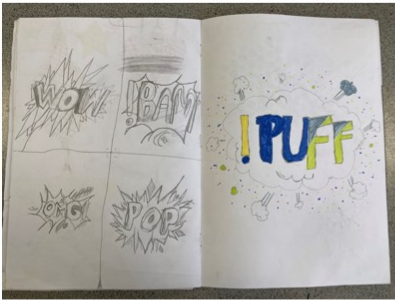
This term Year 7 has been learning about different facial features and facial proportions. Students had an opportunity to discover the anatomy of our eyes, and to understand the relationship between different parts of our facial features.





## Year 8

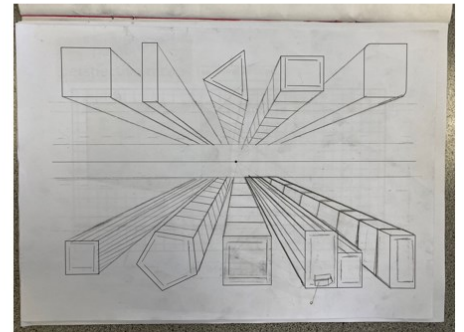
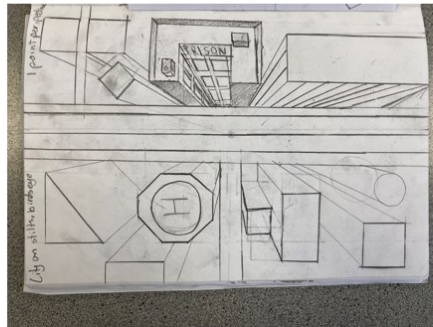
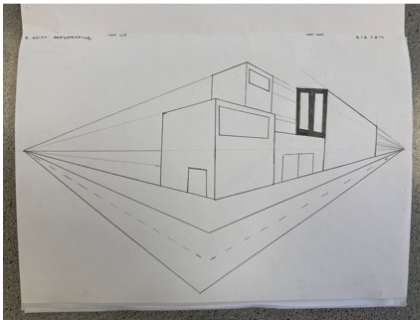
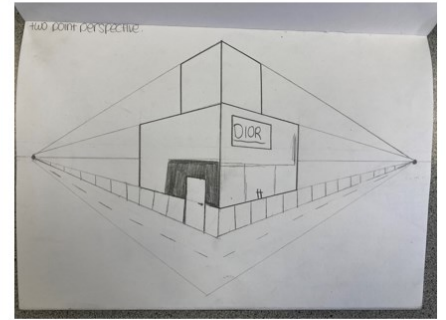
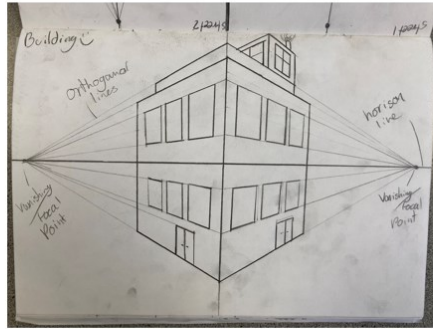
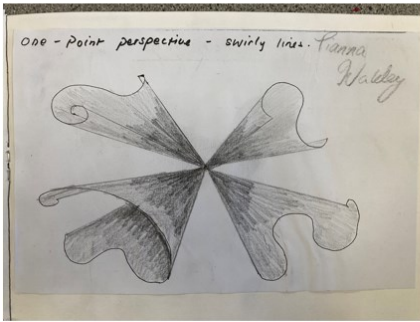
This term Year 8 students explored different elements of comic strips, starting with onomatopoeia, then looking at the famous artist Roy Lichtenstein and his work in the style of comic strips. Students were asked to create an artist research page.





## Year 9

Year 9 have moved on to look at architecture drawings. We created a title page to introduce the new topic, focused on one-point perspective and two-point perspective drawings and students were able to explore different 3D drawings that they could create using those techniques, including swirly lines, cityscapes, and buildings.



## Year 10

Year 10 Students continued to explore different art forms for Blue Planet, especially focusing on design and developing their clay bowl inspired by the sea. Students enjoyed working with clay, exploring different clay techniques before making their final 3D piece for this project. Their clay bowl will take up to 2 weeks to dry before we can put them into the kiln and be fired ready for painting next term.

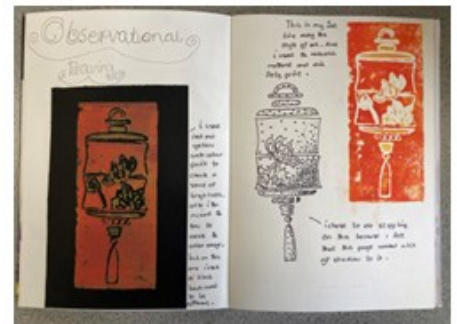




Year 11



- Year 11 students have now received their GCSE art exam questions in the first week of the term. Students have chosen which topic that they are going to focus on out of 7 subjects. So far they looked at a title page to introduce the project, a mood board, ideas for their chosen topic and finished their first artist research page.





## NEWS FROM LOWER SCHOOL

### Playground Resources

We'd like to use this opportunity to thank our wonderful and supportive Friends of King's Oak group for helping us fund some new playground equipment that will further enrich our curriculum. Our children have really enjoyed exploring the maps and have been having thrilling discussions about home countries, travel and prior learning while playing with their friends. We can't wait to use these in our upcoming History and Geography lessons.



### Reception Vet Visit



We have been incredibly fortunate this term as we had a real-life veterinarian visit Blossom and Catkins classes to enhance their learning about looking after pets. Children were able to engage in role-play, learn about animal care and safety, explore equipment and protective clothing and ask lots and lots of questions! We'd like

to use this opportunity to thank our fantastic visitor, who is also a King's Oak academy parent.



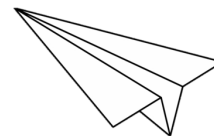
### Airbus Enrichment Visit



Airbus Amber

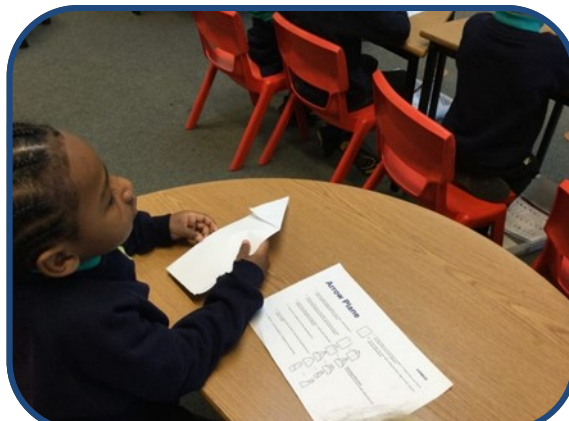
#### Your task

1. Pick a paper plane template
2. Build your paper plane
3. Fly your paper plane
4. Does your plane fly straight?
5. If not why not?
6. Modify your paper plane, investigating the effects of adding blue tac to different areas
7. Who's paper planes flies the longest?



AIRBUS

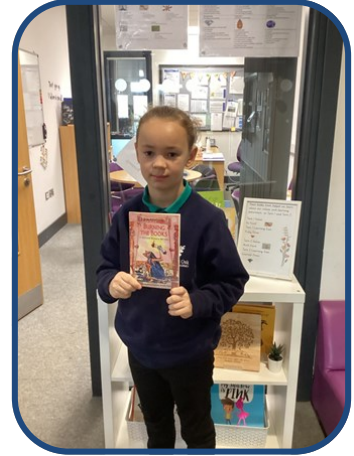
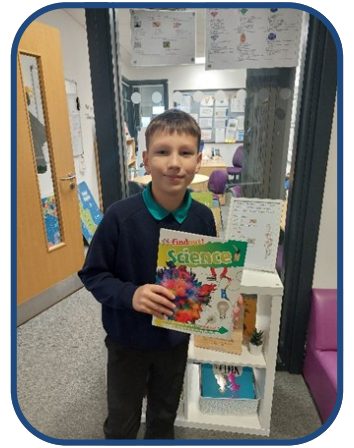
We were really lucky to have Airbus representatives visit our Year 1 and Year 2 classes this term to deliver Paper Plane STEM workshops. We found out all about making aircrafts, explored forces acting upon planes when in flight and made our very own plane models having considered weight distribution and different mechanisms.





## Reading for Pleasure

Lower School children have been enjoying their Friday Book Clubs immensely. They have been sharing book recommendations with adults and peers, exploring texts available in class book corners and simply relaxing with a good book.



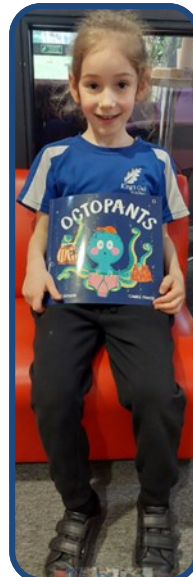
Our Year 4s are so into their reading for pleasure, they won't put their books down at lunchtime!



## Reading at Home

Lower School children have been very proud of their home reading for both pleasure and practice this term. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home and your ongoing encouragement to explore and enjoy books.

Here are just a few of our recent Reading Raffle winners:





## Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Visit

Josiah from South Glos council visited Lower School to conduct an EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) audit at KOA. As part of this, he met with staff and children to gather their views on culture, belonging, working and learning at KOA. Our children were absolutely incredible when talking about their values and learning behaviours, and their Citizenship learning in class.



## ZooLab Curriculum Enrichment Visit

Year 2, 3 and 4 children had the most exciting Animal Explorer workshops this term. How slimy is a snail? Are tarantulas terrifying? Do cockroaches give you the creeps?

Guided by our expert ZooLab Ranger, we met a menagerie of mammals, insects, amphibians and arachnids. We got up-close and hands-on with a selection of exotic animals and shimmered brightly with Emerald Power when we had a go at touching and exploring these wonderful creatures.

Would you be brave enough to touch them all?





## Lower School CREW

Throughout this term children have been participating in CREW sessions. These sessions provide a unique opportunity for all children across Years 1- 4 to come together in allocated groups. A special recognition goes to the Year 4 children, in particular, who have done a fantastic job of planning these sessions, delivering them, and facilitating discussions within their group. We have enjoyed celebrating 'World Religion Day' and only last week children came together to share some of their learning from this term. Well done!



## South Glos Early Years Vacancy Bulletin

The February edition of the South Gloucestershire Early Years Vacancy Bulletin can be downloaded here <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/working-in-childcare> This information will be useful to anyone who may be interested in working in Early Years in South Gloucestershire.

## News from Reception

It has been a terrific Term 3 in Reception! This term we have been learning all about animals and their habitats. We have learnt the names of animal features such as tail, fins, feathers and beaks and sorted animals based on this criteria.

In phonics, we have finished learning all of the Year R sounds (phonemes) and will now spend the next few weeks revising them so become really familiar with them all. In maths, we have worked on counting beyond 10 and comparing amounts using the words "more" and "fewer".

We are also practising recognising amounts up to 6 without having to count. We call this subitising. You can help at home by playing dice games.

Other highlights have included learning about Lunar New Year, hearing all about being a vet/veterinary nurse from Becky and going on more of our wonderful welly walks. We enjoyed bird spotting last week and noticed lots of robins and blackbirds on the Common.





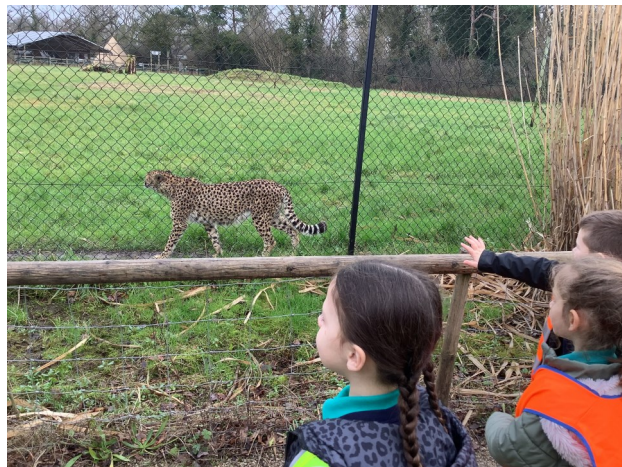
## News from Year 1

Year 1 have had another full term over the last few weeks! We have been learning about animals as scientists and consolidated our understanding of animal classification with a trip to Bristol Zoo Project.

As artists we have been learning about 3D art and using the skills and techniques learned over the term to create our own animal model inspired by Aardman Animation.

As authors we have been studying the book Lubna and Pebble, with all children engaging well with the story and characters, and able to write in role as one of the children in the story.

As computer scientists we have been programming beebots to understand how to follow and input algorithms. Wow – what a term! Well done, Year 1!





## Year 1 Using Instruments



We spoke lots about how we should treat the musical instruments so that we can use them well and safely!

We agreed that we would use them gently, we would put them back neatly we would only use them when we were told to!



Very excited to get started!

## **News from Year 2**

Year 2 have been very busy this term. We enjoyed our very exciting visit from Airbus, particularly making our own paper aeroplanes!

We also loved our visit from zoo lab and lots of children were very brave and used a lot of emerald power, to touch all of the different animals.

We have also been exploring coding and algorithms whilst being computer scientists. Whilst using the beebots, we had to use debugging skills to solve errors.



Some quotes from Year 2:

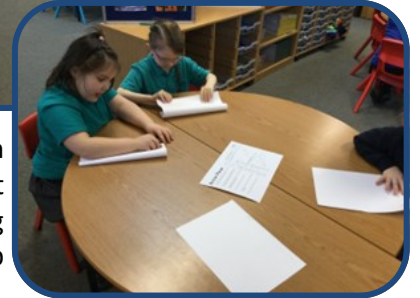
"I liked making aeroplanes, when we tested them out they went super fast even if you threw it really gently. I've never made one that good before!" -Olive

"We made paper aeroplanes that I've never made before, because they had cool wings, and then we tested them and mine won!" -Arlo

"I got to hold a cockroach and his shell felt like plastic. I learnt about how they all live" -Ashton

"I loved the snail because it was so big and it felt strange" -Roza

"We took it in turns on the BeeBots and pressed the buttons to make them go places." - Coen



During our visit from Airbus we learnt that we could do anything when we grow up Here we are having a paper aeroplane competition that we took outside as it was particularly

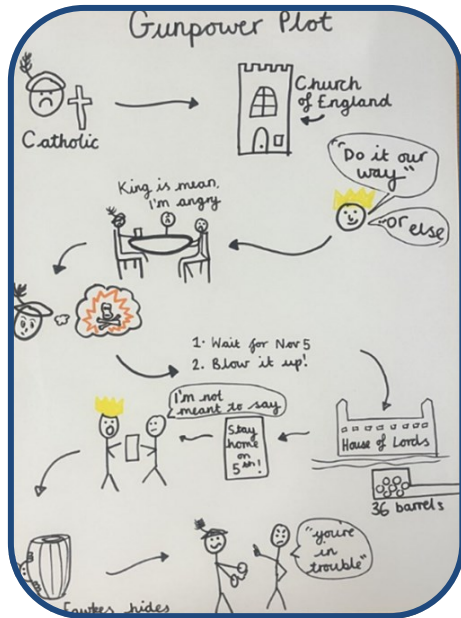




## News from Year 3

As scientists, we have been exploring the human digestive system which has included demonstrating how the digestive system works with some juice, biscuits, and a pair of tights!

As historians, we have been exploring the Stuarts, including creating our own story map of the gunpowder plot.



As musicians, we have been using ukeleles and have so far learned the A, C and F notes.



As authors, we have created new pages for the book 'Nen and the Lonely Fisherman' and written our own diary entries from the perspective of the lonely fisherman.

As mathematicians, we have been working on consolidating and utilising our known facts to solve number problems.

As athletes, we have been working on improving our swimming technique and have used our Emerald power to persevere and gain confidence in the water, we also learnt sit down volleyball as part of our sport enrichment.





## News from Year 4

This term in Computer Science we have been using Audacity to record our voices. We have learned how to layer sounds, trim recordings and import music or sound effects. We will be using all the skills that we have learned to record our own podcast!



In art, we have studied the artist, Nancy Standlee. We have looked at how she uses line, colour, tones and patterns in her collages. We then created our own collages based on our Author's book in the same style.

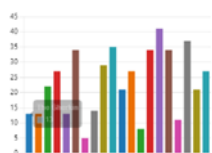
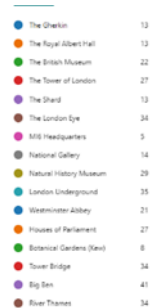


This term, we have been looking at musical notation and learning how to play the ukulele.



As Geographers, we have been researching and discovering all about South-East England. We have studied the counties and major cities with a particular focus on London. We wrote our own survey about London and sent it to our families and teachers. We are amazed at how many responses we received and have loved looking at everyone's answers. We used all the information to write a newspaper article about London.

Our sports enrichment session this term was sitting down volleyball. We used our teamwork skills to keep the volleyball in the air whilst sitting on our bottoms.



1. Have you ever been to London?

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Yes 56

No 2



2. What is your favourite landmark in London?

[More Details](#) [Height](#)

The Gherkin 1

The London Underground 8

Buckingham Palace 19

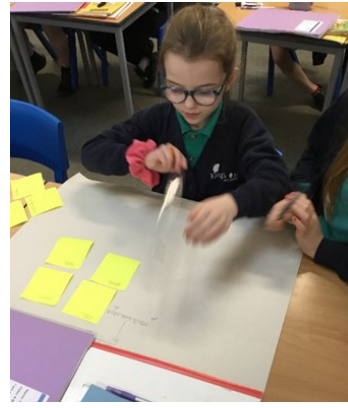
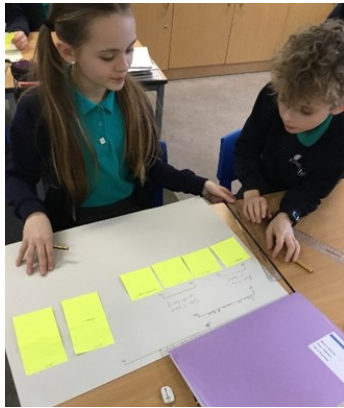
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As scientists, we have been classifying living things. We have learned how to use classification keys and have tried to write our own.



On Friday 2 January, we finished our Living Things topic in science with a visit from ZooLab. This gave us an opportunity to look at how we can use classification in a real situation.



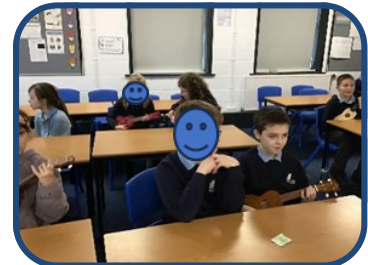
## NEWS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL

### News from Year 5

**Tree Planting Project:** This term Year 5 took part in our tree planting project in order to improve our forest school area. We all took turns planting different types of hedgerows.



**Music:** We have been learning to play the ukelele this term and we have learnt the C, F and A minor chords. Next term we are hoping to be able to apply this to songs.





PE Enrichment: We had the opportunity to put our Sitting Down Volleyball skills into practise and compete against each other in groups. As you can see, we had an awful lot of fun!



Roman Trip: This term, we got the opportunity to travel to Wales for the day to see a Roman museum, Roman Baths, Amphitheatre and Barracks. Our thanks go to the National Roman Legion Museum for such a wonderful day out. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were fantastic examples of King's Oak students.





## News from Year 6

This term, a group of Year 6s successfully passed their Bikeability training. Bikeability is the 'cycling proficiency' test for the 21st Century, designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. The children had good fun and have now developed the skills, experience and confidence needed for cycling on roads.



In our Authors unit this term, Year 6 have been learning how to write to explain with a focus on instructions. As part of our learning, we worked in groups to follow instructions on the mummification process. Some groups successfully preserved their pharaoh's organs... others, not so much! We learned about the difference between good and bad instructions to help us with our learning outcome.



## News from Year 7

Dear all of our Year 7 parents and guardians,

I hope you have had a great start to 2024. As we catch up on what's been happening in Year 7, we're thrilled to share some exciting news and achievements from our students.

**Exploring Charles Dickens in English:** this term, our Year 7 students have been diving into the world of Charles Dickens in English classes. They've been exploring the themes of crime and punishment in his works, sparking some deep discussions and insights into his storytelling.

**History Lessons:** in history classes our students have been learning about the Middle East's rich history and the medieval periods of England and Baghdad. It's been eye-opening to see them engage with different cultures and historical events.

**Celebrating Acts of Courage:** a big shoutout to Frankie for stepping up and performing music in front of the entire year during assembly. It takes real bravery to get up on stage like that, and we're all so proud of Frankie's talent and courage.

And let's not forget our footballing girls! They've shown incredible resilience and teamwork, making it to the final four of the National Small Schools Cup. What an achievement! Well done, girls!

As we continue through into next term, we're excited to see what else our Year 7 students will accomplish. Thanks for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education.

Best wishes,

Chris Nathan, Head of Year 7

## News from Year 8

It's been a busy Term 3 for Year 8, and it feels like it has flown by!

We have had lots of new students join us, they've been fantastic and our Year 8s have been really welcoming, kind and supportive.

We have been working hard on our DOOYA assessments, making progress and understanding with our teachers how to improve moving forwards. We have been learning about descriptive writing in English, waves in Science, and algebra and graphs in Maths. We've been discussing town in French, and looking at how to use infinitive verbs, both with the future tense and with 'on peut' (you can).



Elsewhere we have been super hands-on, looking at pasta dishes in Health and Wellbeing, making phone speakers in DT, and our sporting fixtures have been coming thick and fast, from football to rugby to cricket - a special well done to our girls' football team!



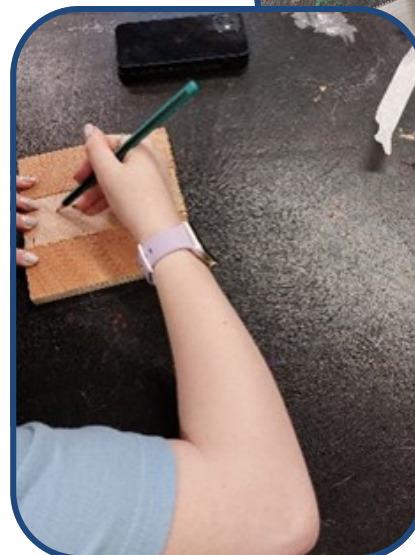
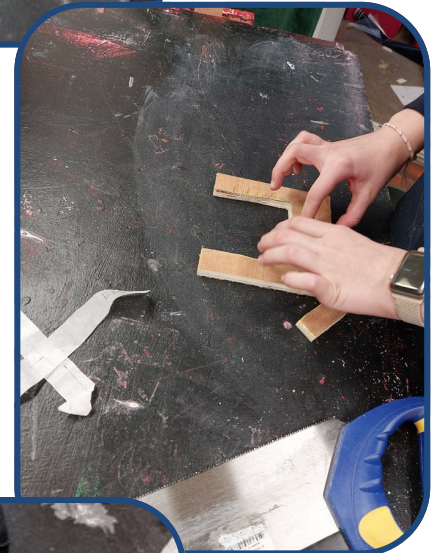
In tutor groups, we have looked at our Emerald (resilience) and Amethyst (collaboration) gem powers, and students have been recognised for their hard work with these skills. In terms of our Tutor Challenge, the power has been put into each group's hands, so there won't be any score updates until each tutor group has completed the challenges written by all of the other groups - exciting times!

Another end of term awards assembly has highlighted how amazing everyone has been this term. We all still have things to work on of course, and if we each focus on ourselves as individuals, we will then achieve big things together.

Looking ahead, we have some Camp planning to do - keep your eyes peeled for a Camp Information Evening! There are also some exciting smaller trips taking place for careers and aspirations too...

Have a restful week, ready to tackle Term 4, we have lots to achieve!

Miss Peach, Head of Year 8





## NEWS FROM UPPER SCHOOL

### News from Year 9

It has been a very busy term for our Year 9 students as we returned from the Christmas break. So many of our students have made great progress this term. This has been shown through our recent DOOYA assessments. Please do spend some time going through the recent report with your child.

I would like to thank all parents/carers who attended our recent Parents Evening. The turnout was excellent, and we were delighted to see so many of you taking an active interest in your child's education. Your involvement and support is greatly appreciated, and we are confident that together we can help our students achieve their full potential.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you about our forthcoming Options Evening on Tuesday 26 March. This is a fantastic opportunity for both parents and students to explore the various subjects and courses available for the next two academic years. Staff will be on hand to provide guidance and answer any questions you may have. We encourage you to attend and make informed decisions about your child's future academic journey.

Thank you once again for your continued support and active participation. Together, we can create a positive and enriching learning environment for all our students. Have a restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening!

Mr A Heath, Head of Year 9

## News from Year 10

The amazing Year 10 students have had another great term. Many have recently made significant strides, earning praise for their exceptional conduct and remarkable achievements. From a memorable visit to Airbus in Filton to an ice skating rewards trip and really positive performance in mock exams, our students have undoubtedly demonstrated their potential.

### Inspiring Visit to Airbus in Filton Leaves a Lasting Impression

Our students had the privilege of visiting Airbus in Filton, where they immersed themselves in the aerospace industry. With exemplary behaviour and impressive interaction skills, they left a lasting impression on the professionals they encountered. Their curiosity and respect were evident, earning them well-deserved recognition for their conduct and engagement.

### Enjoyable Ice Skating Rewards Trip Showcases Exemplary Behaviour

As a token of appreciation for their hard work and positive attitude, the school organised an enjoyable ice skating rewards trip. The students' behaviour throughout the event was commendable, reflecting their maturity and responsibility. They supported and encouraged each other on the ice, demonstrating a strong sense of camaraderie and teamwork.

### Praised for Conduct and Work Ethic in Mock Exams

During the recent mock exams, our students' conduct and work ethic were highly praised by teachers and staff. Their focus, determination, and resilience were notable, reflecting their commitment to academic excellence.

As their Head of Year I take great pride in the accomplishments and behaviour of our students. Their dedication and positive attitude are a testament to their potential for future success.

Mr S Mannin, Head of Year 10



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## News from Year 11

Term 3 has focussed on mock exam preparation for Year 11 students. All students have been working on revision skills in tutor sessions and ensuring they have an adequate and realistic revision timetable to work from. Staff have presented in our study skills sessions, on the best ways to revise for different subjects so students feel more prepared for the current set of mock exams.

We also ran our second parent information evening this term, which started with a talk in the Hexagon and then students and their families met with different members of core and options subjects to receive bespoke revision materials for each subject. Post 16 providers also attended, and students had the opportunity to learn about new and exciting courses being offered at CLF post 16.



I would also like to congratulate some Year 11 Drama students who have got through to the second round of auditions for the Bristol School of Acting this term. There were over 2000 applications for places, so these students have done incredibly well to be selected for the next round of auditions. Congratulations Raven, Ellie, Summer and Gracie, well done!

I would also like to congratulate Ella who is a Year 11 student that has recently been asked to train with Bristol City first team. Ella has regularly played for the U21 this year and has also been selected for the England squad. Well done, Ella.



Well done to all Year 11 students for your continued hard work, concentration and commitment to learning this term. I hope you all have a good break, and I shall see you in Term 4 to continue with our final set of mock exams.

Mrs S Holtby, Head of Year 11



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# Extra Curricular Clubs – Terms 3 and 4 2023-2024

LOWER SCHOOL	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	R – Y2	Create and Explore	Lower School	15:00 – 16:00	Sporting Chance
	Y3 – Y4	KS2 Multi-Sports	Lower School	15:10 – 16:10	Progressive Sports
	Y3 – Y4	KS2 Girls Football	Astro	15:10 – 16:10	AST
	Y2 – Y4	Choir	Lower School	15:00 – 16:00	JPT
Tuesday	Y2 – Y4	Gymnastics	Lower School	15:10 – 16:10	Sporting Chance
Wednesday	Y1 – Y3	Multi-Sports Club	Lower School	15:10 – 16:10	Sporting Chance
Thursday	Y2 – Y4	Football Club	Lower School	15:10 – 16:10	Sporting Chance
Friday					

MIDDLE SCHOOL	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	Y7 – Y8	Gardening Club	Greenhouse	13:10 - 13:45	JMW
	Y7 – Y8	Maths Homework Club	C18	15:20 – 16:10	ABE
	Y7 – Y8	Drama/Mid Som Festival Club	DA1	15:25 - 16:15	JML/VFE
	Y5 – Y6	KS2 Multi-Sports	Lower School	15:10 – 16:10	Progressive Sports
	Y5 – Y6	KS2 Girls Football	Astro	15:10 – 16:10	AST
	Y7 – Y8	Fitness	Gym 2	15:15	JCK
Tuesday	Y7 – Y8	Girls Rugby	Field	15:15	AJS
	Y7 – Y8	Mid Somerset Festival Club	Drama	13:10 – 13:45	VFE
	Y7 – Y8	Homework Club	C18	13:10 - 13:45	HPH
Wednesday	Y5 – Y6	Gymnastics	Lower School	15:10 – 16:10	Sporting Chance
	Y7 – Y8	Football	Astro	15:15	DJN
	Y7 – Y8	Mid Somerset Festival Club	Drama	13:10 – 13:45	VFE
Thursday	Y7 – Y8	Homework Club	C18	13:10 - 13:45	HPH
	Y5 – Y8	Homework Club	E22	15:10 - 16:00	KSH/EJW
	Y7 – Y8	Art Club	DG2	15:15 - 16:10	DTR/RRY
	Y5 – Y8	STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths)	EG2	15:15 – 16:10	CNN
	Y5 – Y8	Warhammer Club	Gym 1	15:10 – 16:10	AWN
	Y7 – Y8	Table Tennis	Astro	15:15	ESE/RHD
	Y7 – Y8	Girls Football	Gym 2	15:15	DJN/ASJ
Friday	Y5 – Y6	Dodgeball			
Friday	Y5 – Y6	Football Team	KS2 Playground	15:10 – 16:10	Progressive Sports

UPPER SCHOOL	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	Y9 – Y11	Gardening Club	Greenhouse	13:10 – 13:45	JMW
	Y9 - Y11	Maths Homework Club	AG8	15:20 - 16:10	AWN
	Y10 - Y11	GCSE Mathematics aiming for Grade 7+	AG7	15:10 - 16:00	SWT
	Y10 – Y11	BTEC Sport Support	EG6	15:15	SHY/AHH
	Y10	BTEC Travel & Tourism Support		15:15	RHD
	Y9 – Y11	Drama Club/Mid Somerset Festival Club	DA1	15:25 - 16:15	JML
	Y9 – Y11	Fitness	Gym 2	15:15	JCK
	Y9	Football	Astro	15:15	LUM
	Y9 – Y11	Girls Rugby	Field	15:15	AJS
Tuesday	Y9 – Y11	Mid Somerset Festival Club	Drama	13:10 – 13:45	VFE
Wednesday	Y9 – Y10	Duke of Edinburgh	Various	15:15	ESE/RHD
Thursday	Y9 – Y11	Mid Somerset Festival Club	Drama	13:10 – 13:45	VFE
Friday	Y9 – Y11	Football Fixtures			
	Y10-Y11	L2 Further Mathematics	AG7	15:10 - 16:00	SWT
	Y10-Y11	GCSE Art/Catch up Club	E24	15:20 – 16:30	LXO
	Y10	Hospitality & Catering Catch Up Club	E14	15:10 – 16:10	DJN/AJS
	Y9 – Y11	Art Club	E22	15:10 – 16:00	KSH/EJW
	Y9 – Y11	Warhammer Club	EG2	15:15 – 16:10	CNN
	Y9	Y9 Music Tech Club	MU3	15:25 - 16:15	JML
	Y9 – Y11	Table Tennis	Gym 1	15:10 – 16:10	AWN
	Y9 - Y10	Girls Football	Astro	15:15	ESE/RHD
	Y9	Dodgeball	Gym 2	15:15	DJN/AJS
Y10	Football	Astro	15:15	JCK	

From Term 3, you are able to book a place for your child in our free afterschool clubs using the MyChildAtSchool app. This simple process will allow us to better track student attendance at clubs now that there is a wider variety of free clubs on offer. For some of our more popular clubs we will be operating a first come, first served approach through MCAS, so if you are having any issues accessing this, please let us know.

All free afterschool clubs will start on **Monday 8 January 2024**, booking for these will open on **Wednesday 5 January 2024**.

Sporting Chance are paid for clubs and need to be booked in advance direct with them: <https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/events/2024/01/03/kings-oak-academy-clubs-terms-3-and-4>

Progressive Sports Friday football is free but payment is needed for the Monday Club and both need to be booked in advance direct with them: <https://progressive-sports-south-glos-bristol.classforkids.io/?venueName=Kings%20Oak%20Academy>





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## Support for parents and carers of children with SEND

Being a parent of a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) can be very rewarding. You may, however, feel that you have extra challenges to the normal parenting ones shared by your friends and you may want to seek out advice on what support may be available.

These are some of the local organisations available for families you can access:

[South Glos Parent and Carers](#) – Peer to peer support for families with any disabilities additional need and a representative voice for Parent Carers

[SAY – Send and You](#) provides Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support

[Jigsaw Thornbury](#) support Parents carers and run activities for children and young people

[Incredible Kids](#) support Parents carers and run activities for children and young people

[Gympanzees](#) run a pop up sensory gym and hire out sensory equipment

[NAS South Gloucestershire Branch](#) run a support group for families and activities for the family

[Ups and Down](#) a Down Syndrome support charity serving children and young people, their parents/carers

[Tourettes support group](#) Facebook group offering support

[ADHD support group](#) a support group for families with ADHD based in Keynsham

[Carers Support Centre](#) offer services to carers of all ages in Bristol and South Gloucestershire.

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### Support and help available from national organisations



- There are many national organisations that give information and support to parents of children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND).
- Some will be disability specific and others will cater for all types of needs. Part of their support may be an online forum or other information resources that can help support you. Some of the national organisations will also have local branches or groups and will advertise these on their website.
- Here are some national organisations that offer advice and guidance on looking after a child with a disability:
  - Contact for families of disabled children provide information about [parent support groups listening ear service](#) to offer emotional support.
  - Scope runs an [online community](#) for disabled people, parents and carers to get disability advice and information
  - Mencap run a [family hub](#) to support those caring for someone with a learning disability
  - [Mind-](#) mental health charity
  - [VoiceAbility](#) supports people to be heard when it matters most. They've been supporting people to be heard in decisions about their health, care, and wellbeing for over 40 years.
  - Rethink Mental Illness provides a [carers information hub](#) where carers can find help and advice to support them if they are caring for someone who has a mental health need
  - The National Autistic Society has an [online community](#) for families who have children with autism
  - The [Hope Programme](#) is a range of face-to-face and digital courses which empower people to manage their health and wellbeing and to flourish in their working and personal lives. They offer a range of course, including a free online [Hope Programme for Parents of Autistic Children](#).
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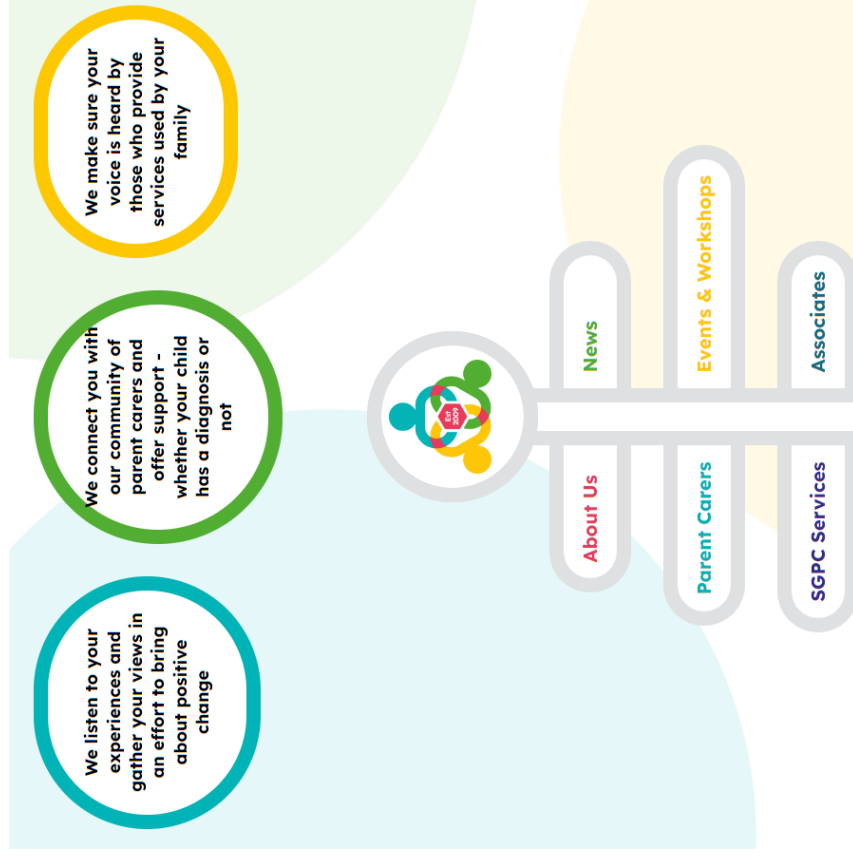
Gain information and support at our community base in Kingswood, as well as online in our workshops and support sessions.

Sign up to our database to receive emails with the latest SGPC news and events.

Have your say: take part in one of our surveys or engagement sessions to make your voice heard - we feed back your views anonymously to service providers.



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Drop in to our Community Base in Kingswood where you will be welcomed by other parent carers and of course, our Community Support team who have a wealth of SEND knowledge and experience. They can:

- share information and strategies
- signpost you to services
- provide a listening ear over a cuppa

We also hold other information events and activities at our Community Base. See our [events page](#) for all our upcoming dates.

We also have a sensory room which can be accessed by adults and children during the session. If you think this would be of interest to you, please contact us before attending to check availability.

You can download our informative social story:

[Visiting our Community Base.](#)



<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/drop-in-support-2671769>

Our Peer Support Team are all Parent Carers ourselves. We offer online and in person drop in support sessions, these are very informal and everyone is welcome. No need to book just pop along to Our Community Base or login online for a cuppa and chat.

## Find Our Community Base at:


- The Kingswood Centre, New Cheltenham Road, Kingswood BS15 4FS
- Thursdays (term time) between 10am – 2pm
- Tea & coffee are available



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## PHONE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
DECEMBER 11	TODAY 12 ⊞ Tuesday Group 10:00am	⊞ JIGSAW Christmas Afternoon Tea 12:30pm ⊞ Youth Empowerment Sessions 6:30pm	⊞ Developing through the Series 10:00am ⊞ Home Ed Goes Wild 12:30pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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JANUARY 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
⊞ Tuesday Group 10:00am ⊞ JIGSAW small group Gym session with Personal Trainer 5pm ⊞ JIGSAW small group Gym session with Personal Trainer	⊞ Youth Empowerment Sessions 6:30pm	⊞ Family Forest Fun 10:00am				



# National autistic society



<https://www.autism.org.uk/what-we-do/branches/south-gloucestershire>

- **Type of service: Local groups**

- The National Autistic Society's South Gloucestershire branch offers support to parents and carers of autistic children and young people (including those with a diagnosis of Asperger syndrome or speech, language and communication needs). The branch has an evening support group that meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm. In addition to this we hold a monthly science club and youth group for autistic children and young people.

- At the moment we run four youth groups per month, two family days every year and one support group per month as well as our bi-annual fundraisers.

- **Our activities run as follows:**

- 1st Saturday of the month is a Games Group made up of two sessions: session one is for 10-13 year olds and session two is for 14-19 year olds

- 2nd Saturday is a Science Group for 7-14 year olds

- 3rd Saturday is a Drama Group for 7-14 year olds

- 4th Saturday is a variable activity which usually lasts for two hours. The age range for the session varies depending on the activity. The activity could be bowling, trampolining, graffiti art, drumming, swimming, climbing or golf

- 1st Tuesday is Evening Support for 2 hours

- 3rd Wednesday is Daytime Support for 2 hours.

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# NHS talking therapies:

<https://www.vitahealthgroup.co.uk/nhs-services/nhs-mental-health/bristol-north-somerset-and-south-gloucestershire-mental-health-services/>



**Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire**

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We offer a range of Talking Therapies to adults aged 16 and over, who live and are registered with a GP in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Self-refer now

## How can we help?

We aim to help people to improve their mental health and wellbeing when facing difficulties with:

When you're depressed you feel persistently sad for weeks or months, rather than just a few days.	Low mood	Excessive worry or overthinking	Excessive worry about your health or physical condition	Social anxiety
Panic attacks	Body Dysmorphic Disorder	Phobia(s)	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)	Experience of a traumatic event

## A free and confidential NHS service

We all experience difficult times when we feel like we can't cope. These incidents can affect your everyday life and prevent you from leading a normal life.

If you are suffering from depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, excessive worry or low mood, then VitaMinds can help.

VitaMinds works in partnership with the NHS to offer a range of short-term Talking Therapies known as IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies) to adults 16-years and over, who live and are registered with a GP in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

VitaMinds is a FREE service and you don't need to visit a GP to get help – the options for referring to the service are shown below.