



Work Hard - Be Kind

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of Term 1! This term has been a milestone for our academy as we welcomed students in all year groups into our all-through community academy and were able to enjoy a full term of on-site learning without significant disruption due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Thank you for your ongoing support for King's Oak Academy. The stories that follow in this newsletter are brilliant examples of an academy that is growing and building into a community that is deeply committed to ensuring that every student can **Work Hard** and **Be Kind** every day.

Congratulations to all of the King's Oak students whose work and achievements are celebrated in the following pages. We should feel proud of what we have accomplished this term and how we have continued to work together whilst working through the ongoing challenges posed to us by the pandemic; **we are an academy for the community**, and together we can achieve anything.

I hope you manage to have a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming all children back at the normal times on Monday 1 November.

Katherine Ogden, Principal

Congratulations and Teaching Staff Updates

We are delighted to confirm that two of our members of staff have successfully been appointed into the following roles:

Leader of Health: Mr Cornick
2nd in Humanities: Mr Tanner

We have also appointed a new SENCo who will join us at the start of Term 3. Next term, we will continue to lead our SEND provision with support from Mrs Thorn, Miss Redwood and SEND specialists from the Cabot Learning Federation.

Lastly, at the start of Term 2, Mrs Thorn will resume her position as Head of Lower School. Miss Franklin will return to fulfil her role as Associate Assistant Principal and will be working closely with Mrs Thielen (Head of Middle School) to lead on-site provision for Year 5 and 6.

Gardening at KOA



Gardening Club is back!

Students from Years 7 and 8, together with two students from Year 5 are eager and get going and growing. They have been putting in lots of hard work weeding, digging and preparing for next Spring.



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A reminder that the last day of Term 1 for students is Wednesday 20 October. Term 2 starts on Monday 1 November 2021.

Science at KOA

Science at KOA has been extra exciting this term! We are pleased to say that the Blue Peter Badges have arrived - our Year 8s cannot wait to receive them! In the coming weeks, this achievement will be celebrated in assemblies. Well done to all the students who joined in and led an eco-lifestyle!



Halloween Competition

CARVE THE BEST SCIENCE PUMPKIN
Bring it in for Elephants toothpaste!

DECORATE YOUR FACE AS A DISEASE
Send us a photo or drawing!

After school Halloween session on 11.10.21!
Winners and prizes announced end of term!

Submit by: 18.10.21
Any questions email: KOASciencedept@clf.uk

This term students from Years 7-11 have been invited to participate in the Halloween Science Competition! There are two competitions taking place which include:

- Students have the challenge of bringing in a spooky science pumpkin. The winner's pumpkin will be host to Elephant's Toothpaste; a chemical reaction that creates a foamy substance which will be 'puked' out of the winning pumpkin! We cannot wait to share this video throughout school and online!
- Students have also been asked to decorate their faces or draw a decorated face as a disease! Year 10 students have learnt about Health and Disease this term, so we are anticipating many excellent entries from this year group!

Winners will be announced at the end of term and receive a science prize with Halloween sweets!! There was an after-school session for students to engage in the competition in school on Monday 11th October. The deadline for the competition is the Monday 18th October.

More science extra-curricular to come next term! Well done KOA students!

Follow us on twitter @KOAScience

Coffee mornings at KOA

King's Oak Academy Coffee Mornings

1st Thursday of each month - Lower School	9:00 – 10:00 am
2nd Thursday of each month - Middle School	Upper School
Last Thursday of the month - Upper School	Reception

At King's Oak Academy we pride ourselves on working closely with parents and the community.

Our parents' coffee mornings are a wonderful opportunity for parents to get together, share ideas and challenges over a cup of coffee. Miss Ogden, Mrs Baker and the Heads of School are also on hand to talk about issues relating to school. It is also an opportunity to meet our parent councillors.

At other times we invite visitors to these sessions such as Local Community Police Officers, Council Housing, Job Centre Plus and adult education services.

Look out for visiting speakers in your child's school newsletter.

We look forward to meeting with you soon!



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A Caretaker's Day

Walking in, full of the joys of spring
Wondering what the day will bring
A job well done will get satisfaction
A job undone will cause a reaction
Jobs big to small, we'll do them all
Mobiles to hand, we're always on call
Response could be quick or could take a while
But one thing for sure, there's always a smile
Dinnertime is over, annoyed but not bitter
Just keep your head down and pick up the litter
It's 3.10 now and up goes a cheer
The pupils are leaving, let's get into gear
Windows to shut and doors to close
Security's the key, as everyone knows
It's the end of the day, we've achieved our best
Let's get off home for a well-earned rest

Martin Kirby - Lower School Caretaker

Careers and Enterprise at KOA

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students enjoyed workshops launching Work Experience, which will take place 11-13 July 2022. The workshops covered the pros and



cons of interview skills and helping students to draft a passionate email to local employers. There are many benefits for students in taking part in a work experience programme, including gaining valuable transferable/employability skills.

Year 11 Assembly on Apprenticeships

A representative of 'Amazing Apprenticeships' talked to Year 11 students to outline the benefits of apprenticeships and T-levels. This will be followed up by representation at Parents' Evening to help parents on this topic, with a small workshop for those students interested in pursuing an apprenticeship, with the application process.

Year 10 Enterprise

A Director from Integra Financial Limited visited Year 10 enterprise students this term to help them understand the characteristics and skills of a successful enterprise. This helped them with their first assignment, Exploring Enterprises.

Career Pilot

Students are being introduced to Career Pilot.

[Careerpilot: Plan your future work & study](#)

It's never been more important to look in detail at your career choices, find out where jobs are and which courses to do. Watch their video and then explore Career Pilot to find out more.. Expert careers information and tools for 11-19 year olds, all in one place.

www.careerpilot.org.uk

Careers and Enterprise Events to look forward to:

Year 11 Mock Interviews 15/16 December 2021

Year 9 Dragon's Den Event 16 December 2021

Year 8 & 10 Careers Event 16 February 2022

Year 9 Raising Aspirations Event Term 3/4 - TBC

During Term 2 HRMC will be working with Year 8 Maths students and Year 10 English students.

Lloyds Banking will be working with Year 11 Enterprise students.

Jessie May Donation



King's Oak Academy hold an Enterprise Week every year. This is a whole-school approach to raising awareness of enterprise and employability skills with students from Year 7 - Year 10 involved. This year in tutor groups, students held different activities during the week using their break/lunch times. This included bake sales, competitions, a photo booth, film club, BBQ, car washing, quick portraits etc. In total students raised £981.88 which was given to the Jesse May Charity.

'It was fantastic to see a buzz around the school, watching students enthusiastically work in teams, build confidence and develop their enterprise and employability skills, whilst raising money for a good cause'.

Links with Industry

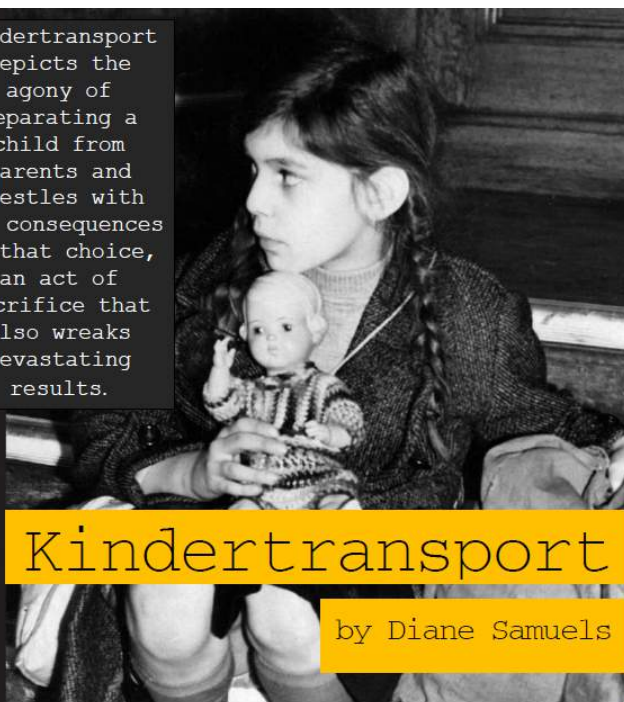
In Music there is constant reference to jobs in the industry. They have displays with information and it is part of the course for students to meet and discuss with professional musicians and their musical journey. The Year 10 groups recently quizzed Mike Hoddinott about how he has made, and continues to make, a living from making music. The music industry is a mandatory unit for BTEC and students learn in depth about the numerous roles involved.

South West Careers Event

Year 11 students were encouraged to visit a FREE virtual South West Careers Event on 21 October. This event brought together employers, education providers, and young people from across the Southwest in a virtual Southwest Careers Event. The event ran from 9am until 7pm and showcased short, inspirational videos from a variety of industries (including Civil Service, Engineering, Technology and Education). Additionally, several live interactive workshops were scheduled during the day.

Drama at KOA

Kindertransport depicts the agony of separating a child from parents and wrestles with the consequences of that choice, an act of sacrifice that also wreaks devastating results.



Kindertransport

by Diane Samuels

22nd, 23rd, 24th and 26th November 2021 at 7:00 pm



Hexagon Theatre, King's Oak Academy

Adults £3 Students £2

2021 School Play

Parents/Carers of KOA students please pay using SCOPAY.

12+ Mature themes

Amateur production

Tickets can also be purchased on the door.

by arrangement with Nick Hern Books

Kindertransport - The King's Oak Academy 2021 school play

Between 1938 and the outbreak of war, almost 10,000 children, most of them Jewish, were sent by their parents from Germany to Britain...Nine year old Eva ends up in Manchester. When Eva's parents fail to escape Germany, the child changes her name and begins the process of denial of her roots. It is only when her own daughter discovers some old letters in the attic that Eva is forced to confront the truth about her past. The play explores the pain and passion of mother/daughter relationships.

The cast of Kindertransport have been doing a fantastic job rehearsing for the 2021 school play. Each Monday since April the Year 10/11 girls have been rehearsing in the Hexagon Theatre and are now really looking forward to performing it to a live audience. They have been working so hard in rehearsals and are now at a stage where they are honing their performance and technical skills in preparation for the first night.

It would be lovely to see as many audience members as possible attend this full-length published play, that we hope will both entertain and at the same time, make us reflect on our own family relationships.

Art at KOA



Year 11 have been working on linocut prints this term. They developed a drawing from their previous project exploring either portraits or food. They then stylised the image and created a multi colour lino print. Well done Year11, your prints look wonderful!
prints by Bethany B



What a FANTASTIC start Year 10 have made to the Art GCSE course this year. We are delighted with the behaviour and progress of our students.

The first theme we explore is FOOD and these acrylic paintings inspired by Wayne Thiebaud look delicious! Well done Year 10



Health and Social Care at KOA

This term our Year 10 Health and Social Care students have been busy learning how to care for our two Real Care babies and have started taking them home overnight to experience parenthood!

This is how one student described her experience:

"When I had the baby, it was an amazing experience as I felt like a full-time mom! My mum and sister really enjoyed meeting Isla and spending time with her and caring for her while I went for a shower. Although the baby did cry quite a few times I slowly got to understand how to stop her from crying. It was great! I would do it again".

Ellie B Year 10



Message from the local COVID-19 Vaccination Programme:

We are planning Community Clinics for children aged 12-15 in locations across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. This will be the route for children to have their COVID-19 and flu vaccine if they were not vaccinated at their school clinic for any reason. We will provide information about these Clinics and a booking link through your child's school, shortly. Please do not contact Sirona.

We appreciate that some parents/carers are keen for their children to be vaccinated as soon as possible and are working in partnership with your child's school and the local authority to achieve the best outcome for all children in our area. Please be assured that your child will not be forgotten.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation and patience.

Making an appointment

From time to time you may wish to come to the academy to discuss a particular matter with a member of staff. We are pleased and willing to help you organise this and would ask you to make your appointment in the following way:

In the first instance, please ring or email the academy explaining your wish to arrange a meeting. Once the meeting has been arranged, please report to the school reception on the day of your appointment, where a member of the office staff will put you in touch with the member of staff concerned.

The academy office is open Monday-Friday 8am - 4pm.

Reception News

Wow, what a start to school life this year's Reception cohort has made! They have settled quickly, got used to routines and expectations - and they've even given their first performance for the Harvest assembly. A particular highlight has been the introduction of Forest School, which the children are absolutely loving. Well done, Reception!



Year 1 News

This term, Year 1 have been focussing on the Big Question: What is the best material? We explored the Three Little Pigs and Traction Man as authors. As scientists and designers, we investigated everyday materials and structures. We finally managed to visit Grimsbury Farm (third time lucky!) to find out more about the animals there. Highlights this term have been dressing up as superheroes, making bridges out of different materials, performing our harvest song in assembly and toasting marshmallows in Forest School. Well done to all children for settling into Year 1, and we look forward to Term 2.



As part of Year 1's author unit they have been writing character descriptions based on the book 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. To celebrate their writing, they joined superhero ranks and dressed as their favourite superhero for the day!



Lower School Gentle Reminders

If you have had any change of personal information, please can you inform the school office so that we are able to change these details for you on our system.

Please can all children in Years R - 6 remember to bring a water bottle to school and for Years 3 - 6, please can you send your child to school with a healthy snack for break time.

Squid Game It has come to our attention that some of our children in KS2 are aware of/exposed to Squid Game on Netflix or are seeing clips of the show through Netflix. We are also aware that there is a Roblox version of the game. For more information and advice about this, please visit: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

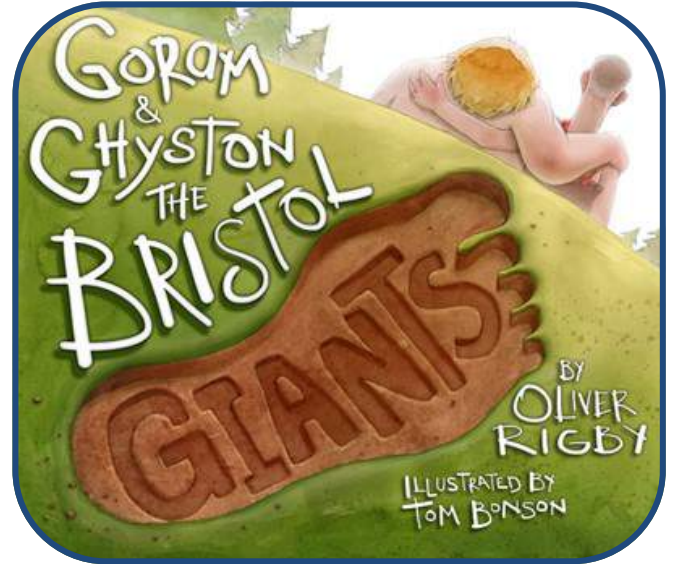
Year 2 News

Year 2 have been building dens in order to understand what makes a strong and stable structure. As well as building on those all important team work skills in an unfamiliar environment.



Year 3 News

This term we have been learning about the wonders of the South West and persuading people to come and visit. Riley says 'Visit the South West or else!'. Delilah says 'Get your tickets before they sell out!' Evan recommends visiting the 'great stadium'... Rovers or City.. You decide! We have also been learning about The Bristol Giants named Goram and Ghyston and learnt actions to help us retell the legend.



Year 4 News

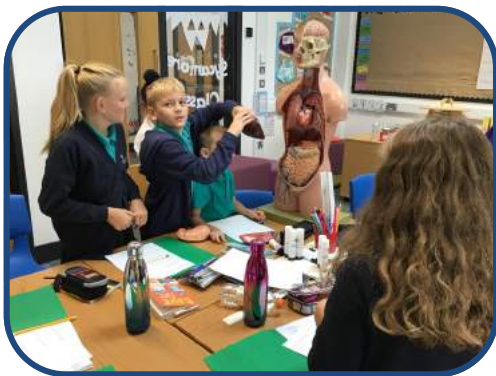
As scientists we started the term by learning about classification of animals. After that we moved on to the musculoskeletal system where we had a visitor from a radiographer which the children loved.

As authors we wrote a story based on The Dreamgiver and the children really enjoyed acting out the main parts of the story. We then focused on 'The Dot' and the children have finished the term by impressing us with a fantastic diary entry which they wrote as the main character!



Year 5 News

This term, Year 5 have been scientists exploring the question "What makes me, me?" We learned about the different organs in our bodies and took a closer look at the circulatory system and the human heart. We had lots of fun creating a blood model with cheerios, oats, and mints which represented the different components. One student said, "it was cool, I liked putting everything in and making it!"



Year 6 News

Year 6 have had a wonderful trip to the Malvern Hills where they embarked on some challenging hill climbs! They enjoyed the spectacular views, learning about the hills they climbed, some interesting historical facts and information about a local quarry that is made up of some of the oldest exposed rock in England! Despite being physically challenged by the walk the students and staff had a fantastic day!



Year 7 News

Our new starters in Year 7 have shown outstanding courage in this first term, joining Kings Oak Academy after such a challenging two years in education. Year 7 students who display positive



behaviour in this next term will be able to look forward to a rewards trip! We will be venturing to the bowling alley toward the Christmas break for those students who have continued to work hard and be kind.

Mr C Nathan, Head of Year 7

Year 8 News

Year 8 have made a fantastic start back since September. Whether studying George Orwell's 'Animal Farm' in English, the Roman and Norman invasions in History or a variety of artistic techniques to create sublime creations of monsters, they have worked hard and demonstrated their knowledge, enthusiasm and individual voices. We have welcomed new form tutors Mr Tanner 8.4 and Mr Cornick 8.5. Sadly Ms Collett 8.1 is leaving after the October break. She is being replaced by our new Food Technology teacher Mr Cash who will continue the good work that all of the form tutors are doing each and every day.

Ms Marie-Anais has been replaced this year by Mr Wilson who is continuing her good work focusing on working hard and being kind to all. We are striving to get all of the students to elevate themselves with GCSE options being selected next year and GCSE course content beginning for some subjects in Year 9. We are asking that all students seek to improve their own standards in each and every aspect of their lives and to aspire for greatness when thinking about the next steps. Finally, we have asked all students to 'have heart' in caring and considering others.

A good opening term at KOA. We're looking forward to welcoming Year 8 back for term 2.

Mr P Wilson, Head of Year 8

Year 9 News

This term has gone well for the Year 9 students. They have actively taken part in careers sessions, tutor challenges and discussed and read about current affairs issues in tutor time. They have also been introduced to the Duke of Edinburgh Award and been given the chance to take part in this exciting opportunity which improves teamwork, communication and problem solving skills. An information evening has taken place for any parents and students interested.

We are also concentrating on rewards this term in Year 9 with the opportunity for the tutor group with the highest reward points and the top twenty highest achieving students in the year group being able to take part in a rewards session on the final day of this term.

Well done so far this term Year 9, keep working hard.

Mrs S Holtby, Head of Year 9

Year 10 News

Year 10 have been working hard over the course of the first term, particularly in their options subjects. The vast majority of students have shown great enthusiasm and commitment to their learning as well as increasing maturity.

In tutor sessions, we have been focusing on personal qualities associated with having a successful career and thinking deeply about areas that we are good at and others that we need to improve. Tutor time is also when we follow the national PSHE curriculum and we have looked at a number of topics such as liberty and dealing with grief. On Fridays, we have a tutor challenge that has been well received and the scores are currently very close. More information to follow in future newsletters.

In the last full week of term, we had additional sessions throughout the school day with an external work experience coach who helped the students in Year 10 get themselves ready for this opportunity planned for the end of the school year. It is great that students get the chance to experience this and to start planning ahead, thinking of their future.

Well done for making a positive start to Year 10. Keep up the good work

Mr A Heath, Head of Year 10

Year 11 News

It's been another productive Term 1 in Year 11. We've been working hard at our revision skills in tutor time and had assemblies from CLF Post 16 and our wonderful exams officer Mrs Side. Lots of revision and study clubs are running and have been very well attended, particularly by girls so far, so come on boys!

Our KOA Year 11 Instagram is being well-followed, but don't panic, they are just reminders of things you are being told on our other platforms and in tutor time too.

Year 11 have started receiving a small token of appreciation in the form of a lollipop, with a gift tag thanking them for being amazing. Miss Pearch has seen so many little things going on that shouldn't go unrecognised, so well done if you've already received a lolly!



Finally, prom arrangements have commenced, so two dates for your diary:

Deposit deadline (£7.50) = Friday 15th October 2021
Prom date = Thursday 7th July 2022.

Keep up the good work Year 11. You've got this!

Miss H Pearch, Head of Year 11



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