



Work Hard - Be Kind



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has certainly been a different half term and as we approached the end of Term 3 staff, students and parents have had to face a wide range of challenges. Thank you for the exceptional support during periods where we have had to implement remote learning plans for short periods of

time. We are very hopeful and optimistic that once we start Term 4 our staff levels will re-balance and that we will be able to resume normal on-site teaching routines.

That said, as we enter into the half term break, with the days starting to get lighter, the temperature (slowly) rising and spring flowers starting to bloom, this is a perfect time to take stock and look back at the successes of the term that are shared in this newsletter - well done and thank you to all of the students, staff and families whose positive stories and achievements are included in the subsequent sections.

Kind regards

Katherine Ogden, Principal

Second Dose Covid-19 Vaccinations

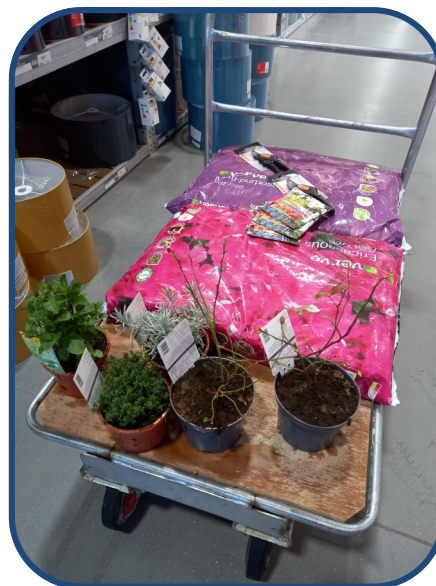
Second dose Covid-19 vaccinations are now available for 12 to 15 year olds in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. You can book an appointment at a dedicated GP clinic or Vaccination Centre clinic using the online [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119. We currently have lots of availability.

Your child is eligible for their second dose 3 months (90 days) after their first dose. If they catch Covid-19 after their first vaccination, they must wait 3 months after their positive test before having their second dose of the vaccine. For more information, please visit www.grabajab.net.

King's Oak Gardening Club

Congratulations to Josie Miller-Webb and the KOA Gardening Club who have been awarded Level 3 and Level 4 Royal Horticultural Society School Gardening Awards.

They have been given a £50 voucher and £100 worth of seeds.



Many thanks to B & Q, Longwell Green who have very kindly donated £50 worth of gardening items to our Gardening Club.



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A reminder that the last day of Term is Friday 18 February. Term 2 starts on Monday 28 February 2022

Careers and Enterprise at KOA

Careers in the Curriculum

Year 8 took part in an activity with Mr Kincel and professionals from HMRC linked to the class via Teams. They were investigating a small pizza business and tax and expenses calculations needed to be accounted for. This gave the students a flavour of how maths is used in the real world.



Year 9 girls - 'Why STEM matters' led by Cajigo.



This month we have partnered with Cajigo, an education provider, working with schools across the UK supporting girls with their career development and pathways into STEM, technology and digital careers.

STEM industries offer a wide variety of careers, where technology is now the foundation of most businesses. We are proud to be leading the way for schools in the region to make careers in technology more visible to girls, through Cajigo.

Cajigo have also donated a book of innovative careers in technology which is now available in the LRC for students to look through.



Lunch time Careers Talks in the LRC

Mrs Gilardoni is now arranging lunch time careers talks in the LRC and Year 7 students were invited to listen to the first careers talk from Mr Wilkinson. He spoke of his past career experiences in Marketing - wow, it was really interesting to hear how his job had allowed him to work in different parts of the world, leading teams and actually star in one of the adverts he helped to create. His message: because he worked hard at school and gained qualifications, this gave him choices and options for different careers he could choose from. Thank you Mr Wilkinson.



Thank you also to Mrs Marie-Anais for her inspiring talk about her various jobs before becoming a teacher. She has built up many valuable employability skills and her key message was "don't leave it to chance". She wanted to become a teacher, planned it and achieved her goal.

Years 8, 10 and 11 students attend a careers event.

This term we hosted a successful careers event with 10 different business organisations sharing their experiences and career pathways with students. It was great to see students engaged in raising their business awareness. This is an important employability skill which will also help them with future decision making.



BME Aspire to Medicine Conference

Many thanks to Miss Cleaves for leading students to follow a BME Aspire to Medicine Conference which was an excellent opportunity to raise aspirations.

Music at KOA

We welcome students from **Year 5** and **Year 6** into the Music Department each week for their music lessons. This provides all students with the opportunity to make music in an excellent, well-resourced, specialist department setting. This term students from both years have been composing their own music in small groups. **Year 5** have taken inspiration from Grieg's 'In the Hall of the Mountain King', and **Year 6** have taken inspiration from Bernstein's 'Mambo' from West Side Story. It has been great to hear their musical compositions!

Year 7 have been broadening their musical horizons studying Folk music from across the world. Ask your son or daughter about gamelan music!

Year 8 have been studying the Blues and they have really enjoyed learning about the history and context of Blues music. They have performed a 12-bar blues, walking bassline and different melodies with some improvisation. Well done to all for participating so well.

Well done to those pupils who auditioned for the Middle School Talent Show taking place on 9 March. We look forward to watching and listening to them on the Hexagon Stage!

Congratulations to all **Year 9** students who have been doing so well this term studying and enjoying their practice and performance of reggae music. We are expecting a visit of a well-known Reggae star in the final week of term which will be an excellent conclusion to this topic.

Year 10 are working well and continuing to discover more about the many different roles and aspects of the music industry. Ask your son/daughter about the advantages and disadvantages of being a freelance musician! They are also continuing with their performances. At the end of each term they are required to perform and record a new piece. Have you heard them practising?

In **Year 11** both Music groups are planning and preparing Talent Shows as part of their BTEC Music course. Please feel welcome to come along as a member of the audience.

Miss Sibley's group (11C1) have just finished auditioning several students from the Middle School. Well done to all those who took part and auditioned. Fingers crossed they have been accepted to go forward and perform in the Middle School Talent Show on 9 March. All profits raised from the show will be going to JIA-at-NRAS (Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis).

Mr Warren's group (11D1) are completing auditions for the Upper School Talent Show during the final week of term. In aid of Breast Cancer Research, the show they are planning and preparing for takes place on 17 March.

At both of these events we would like to hold a raffle. If you have any 'prizes' you would be able to donate please hand them into the office marked for the attention of Mr Warren/Miss Sibley.

Further information about tickets will be made available shortly and we look forward to you joining us to see the many talented students of KOA at either, or both, shows.



On Wednesday 16 February we were thrilled to have the Jamaican reggae star Da Fuchaman join us for a performance and Q&A session.

Initially this was planned for our Year 9 students but due to Covid issues, the performance took place with an enthusiastic audience of our Year 7

students. As Year 7 are currently studying Folk music the material presented by Da Fuchaman and his description about how he became a musician rang true to our students.

Da Fuchaman performed a number of his songs, ably backed by two of his backing singers, one being Miss Carter (from KOA), and the students really enjoyed the performance. The



students were a credit to themselves and KOA and Da Fuchaman commended everybody on their excellent behaviour and participation in the varied Q & A session.

This was a brilliant example of collaboration within the CLF as Da Fuchaman works for the CLF at Snowdon Village as a Learning Mentor.

A final **WELL DONE** from myself and Miss Sibley!!

There are some vacancies for instrumental tuition from next term. If you are in Year 9 and considering taking music as an option, it would be a good idea to speak to Mr Warren or Miss Sibley about these opportunities.

More KOA students become published writers

Once again, KOA students have taken part in the national Young Writers competition. This time the theme was Twisted Tales and Year 7 students were asked to write a



100 word mini saga from the point of view of the villain. The students created some wonderful stories, really showcasing their vivid imaginations. Nationally, there were over 19,000 entries and 82 KOA students had their stories chosen for publication in the next Young Writers anthology, a copy of which will be available to browse through in the school LRC. Well done all students who took part!

Head of Lower School

We would like to congratulate **Jo Thorn** (Head of Lower School) who was successfully appointed as the new Headteacher at St Georges Church School and Nursery. Since joining King's Oak, Jo has been a key member of the Senior Leadership Team and throughout her time has shown an immense passion for supporting children across our all-through academy to work hard and be kind. I am sure that you will want to join the staff at King's Oak in congratulating Jo for her new opportunity that she will be starting after the Easter Holiday. We are in the process of recruiting the new Head of Lower School and will share more information about the outcome of the recruitment process with you in Term 4.

Head of Middle School

Many of you will know that **Becki Thielen** (Head of Middle School) started her maternity leave last week. Whilst we all wish Becki good luck for the final stages of her pregnancy, we are also delighted to confirm that we will be welcoming **Emma Sanders** to take on the Head of Middle School (maternity cover) role from Term 4. Emma is an experienced Year 6 Raising Achievement Leader at Begbrook Primary Academy (Cabot Learning Federation) and will be working very closely with Sarah Franklin and the Year 6 team as they prepare to take our first cohort of students through their Key Stage 2 SATS later this year. Emma will be working with us in a non-teaching role for the remainder of the year to ensure that she can be based across both the Lower and Upper School sites and is looking forward to meeting with our Year 5-8 parents very soon.

Kingswood Rugby Club

Thank you for your ongoing support and communication in regards to the parking situation in the vicinity of the Academy.

We are pleased to inform you that from Monday 14 February 2022, parents will have access to Kingswood Rugby Club's car park facility between 15:00 – 15:20. Due to their car park being used in the morning by another provider it is not possible for them to accommodate the morning drop off.

We'd like to thank Kingswood Rugby Club for their support in this matter and the use of their grounds to support the families of King's Oak Academy. This shows how much of a community we really are within the Kingswood area.

Please could parents ensure that they park responsibly and respect the local residents when using this car park facility and ensure that they leave ample time between parking and collecting their children.

KOA are looking for Exams Invigilators. Can you help?

We are looking for Exam Invigilators to join our supportive and talented exams team within Cabot Learning Federation. We are a diverse multi-academy trust, looking for professional and ambitious people, with a passion for transforming our students' learning. Our Academies need exam invigilators, readers and scribes to assist with scheduled exams across the Federation. As this is a casual position you will work when available and will be called upon when required to support the Academies during exam season.

This position requires flexibility as there are various exams held throughout the academic year, these usually fall within November, January and March. The Summer exams are held in May and June. There are also mock exams for Years 9, 10 and 11 at different times throughout the year. The working hours for this role can vary as exam environments have to be set up before the beginning of the school day and on occasions can sometimes continue after the school day has finished.

Please specify within your application that you would prefer to work at King's Oak Academy.

For more information please visit eteach:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/exams-invigilator---bristol--and--sglos-1202608>

Exam Invigilator



Coffee

Morning

Thursday 17 March

11am – 12:30pm

King's Oak Academy



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If you are interested in applying for this position or you require further information about the role, please come along on the above date where our Exams team will be able to help. Alternatively, you can email


KOA.exams@clf.uk

Bronze Award Winners




We'd like to say a BIG Congratulations to our first Bronze Award Winners at Kings Oak Academy! This award forms part of our Work Hard | Be Kind ethos within the Academy.

Miss Ogden praised the students on their continued hard work and excellent behaviour within the Academy this term. The students were presented with a certificate and their Bronze badge.



Bronze Award:

50 positive points



Date	Forename	Tutor Group
07/02/22	Lila	7.1
07/02/22	Grace	7.1
07/02/22	Ruby	11.5
07/02/22	Rares	7.1
09/02/22	Holly-Mae	7.3
09/02/22	Lily	7.3
09/02/22	Chella	11.5
14/02/22	Cassie	11.5
14/02/22	David	7.3
14/02/22	Oliver	7.3
14/02/22	Louie	7.1
14/02/22	Mia	7.4
16/02/22	Isabel	7.3
16/02/22	Imani	7.2
16/02/22	Brooklyn-Lee	7.1
16/02/22	Bryony	7.1
16/02/22	Madison	7.3
16/02/22	Emma-Louise	7.2
16/02/22	Mia	11.1

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LRC at KOA

Harry Potter Book Night Event

This year celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the publication of the first Harry Potter Book "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone." To mark this anniversary, some Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in a Harry Potter Book Night Event which was held in the LRC on Friday 11 February. Students were invited to dress up and enter a



a competition to design their very own Hogwarts Castle, engage in a Harry Potter Quiz and a carousel of activities related to the theme of 'Magical Journeys'. The students were keen to share their Harry Potter knowledge and thoroughly enjoyed the event!



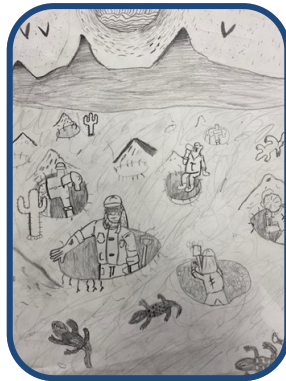
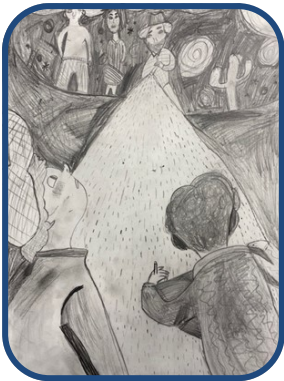
World Book Day

On Thursday 3 March KOA will be celebrating World Book Day with lots of activities taking place to mark the 25th Anniversary. The theme this year is "You are a Reader" and we are inviting students and staff across the Academy to dress up in their Pyjamas (Lower School) or as a favourite book character (Middle and Upper School). Students will be encouraged to take part in a "Wooden Spoon Book Character" competition which gives them the opportunity to be creative and dress a wooden spoon in the style of a book character. (Wooden spoons can be provided – see class teachers in R – Year 6 or Mrs Gilardoni in the LRC). Bring completed spoons into school on 3 March. Students from Reception to Year 11 will be given their World Book Day Voucher before half-term to use in exchange for one of the free World Book Day £1 books from participating booksellers or to use as £1 off a full-price book or audio book of their choice as long as it is £2.99 or more - see voucher for more details.

Art at KOA

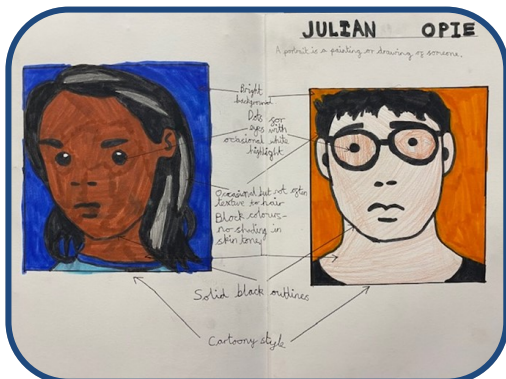
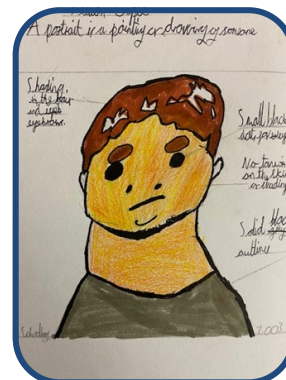
Year 6 Art

Look at these wonderful illustrations for 'HOLES' created by students in Year 6. We learnt about mark making and texture and then students applied these skills to their illustrations. So impressive for Year 6. Well done!



Year 7 Art

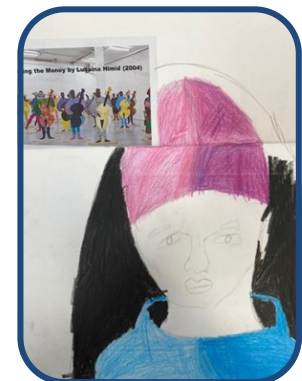
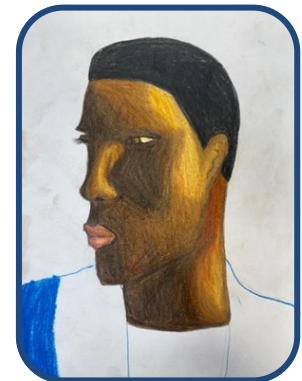
Year 7 have been investigating the work of Julian Opie. They have been creating artist's copies and analysing the characteristics of his style. We have nearly finished our own self-portraits inspired by Opie's work. We will reveal them in the Term 4 newsletter!



Year 9 Art

Can you guess which one is my teacher example? Probably not as I have been upstaged by the standard of pencil crayon skills shown by Patrycja B in Year 9! Absolutely brilliant!

We have been investigating the work of Lubaina Himid and will be creating our own installation inspired by her work called 'Naming the Money'. Year 9 have been learning how to use pencil crayons effectively in their artist studies as well as learning about art installations.



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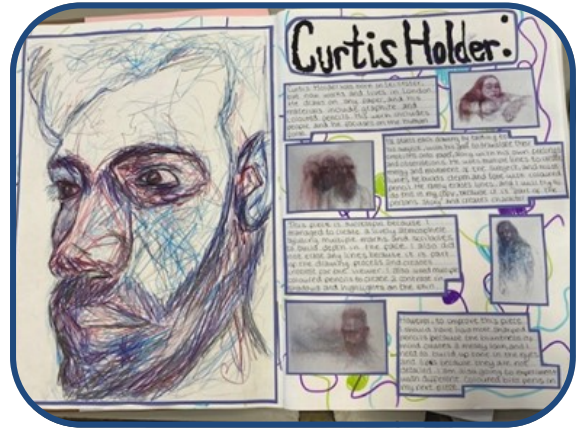
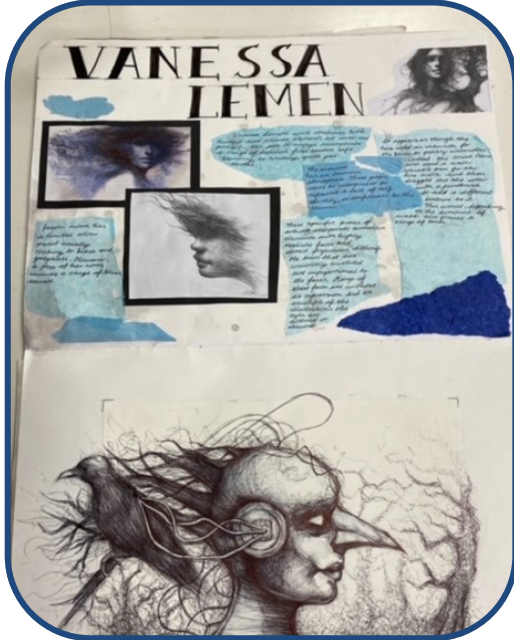
Year 10 Art

Year 10 continue to work SO well. There is so much talent in this year group! We have been investigating the work of Sarah Graham. Students have been inspired by her realistic paintings of sweets. They have taken their own photos and then developed these into A4 acrylic paintings on canvas board. Well done Year 10, you are making fantastic progress!



Year 11 Art

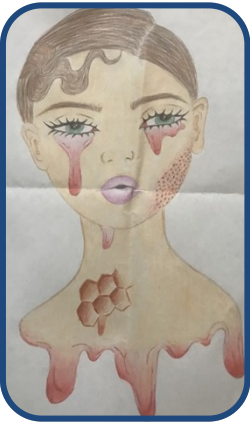
Students in Year 11 are making great progress on their final project: My World. Each student has chosen a theme they are interested in, and we have an amazing range.....from trainers to whales to album covers to portraits! Students will be using the characteristics and styles of their chosen artists to develop their own personal and original responses.



Science at KOA

Halloween Draw a Disease

For Halloween, Science held two exciting competitions. The first was to represent any disease in a picture or using face paints and make-up. We had many amazing entries; especially from Year 8!



The winners for our 'Draw a Disease' were:

1st place: Jess A using art to represent Sarcoidosis.

2nd place: Poppy JS representing Phossy jaw with make-up.

Runners up: Rowan T (Bubonic plague), Chloe P (Colds and Flu), Raluca P (Rosacea), and Ruby G (Psoriasis).

Each entry was not only a stunning piece of art but included a scientific description of the disease. We were incredibly impressed by our young scientists.



Carve a Spooky Pumpkin

The second competition was to carve the best science pumpkin!

The winning pumpkins would then be the containers of Elephant's Toothpaste.

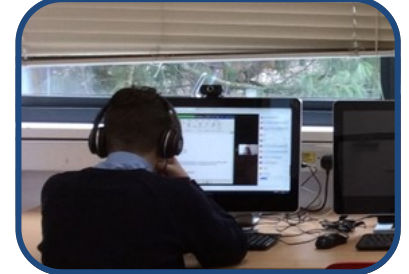
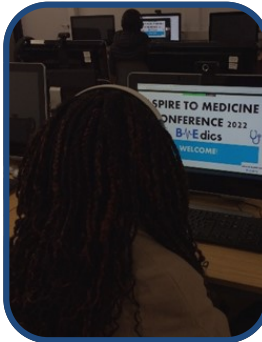
Miss K Cleaves did an amazing demonstration of what we call

Elephant's Toothpaste. This is where students saw the effect of catalysts and how it affects the rate of reaction and makes it go so much faster!!! This imitates vomiting spooky Halloween pumpkins!

David G of Year 10 was awarded 1st place and Jasmine R of Year 9 was awarded 2nd place.



BME Aspire to Medicine



On 16 February a number of students from across the Upper school attended a fantastic online conference hosted by BME medics, in conjunction with University of Bristol, called Aspire to Medicine. The conference was designed to give students from BME backgrounds the opportunity to learn more about the world of medicine and included interactive sessions where students were able to talk to junior medics, get a "day in the life" walk through experience and work together to "diagnose a patient". In the words of our students, this session was a real highlight of the day- "My favourite part was when we came together as a team to problem-solve what illness/diseases this man was suffering from."

The students gained an insight into what pursuing a career in medicine is like and were encouraged to consider many different aspects of the profession. In the words of one attendee "We learnt what medicine in university is like, how we would diagnose a patient and the day in a life of a doctor. We also got to look a bit more into medical people's lives and how emotion, personal wellbeing and ethnic backgrounds play a part in some of the challenges in a medical profession."

This conference has highlighted to the students how important their education here as King's Oak Academy is, and has encouraged them to consider how they will continue their education after they leave us in Year 11, as evidenced in the students reports about why attending the conference had been useful to them - "It was useful as it gave me new insight into what are the best GCSEs to have, what skills are most needed and how time management and being able to work in a team can help you in medicine lot."

As a department we hope to be able to involve students across the Academy in future forward thinking career events, encouraging all our student body to consider careers in STEM subjects and engage with professional organisations across the South West.

Science at KOA

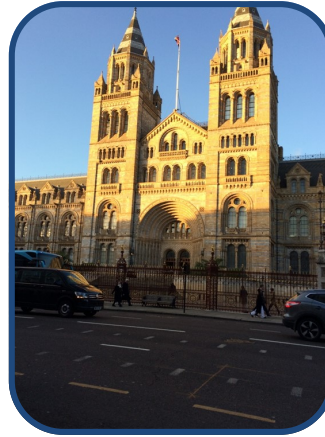
Triple Scientist Trip to the Natural History Museum

On 2 December Triple Science students from Years 10 and 11, Miss K Cleaves, Mr B Gribble, Ms Z Side and Mrs S Bryant visited the Natural History Museum in London! We had a spectacular time seeing the Natural Treasures at the Hintze Hall, a Human Evolution exhibition and, the students' favourite, the Dinosaur Exhibition!

Students had an excellent time and were surprised by the size of the Natural History Museum, they loved the collection of crystals and were amazed to see a statue of Charles Darwin.

Students were inspired by this trip and can now relate this to topics in their curriculum such as human evolution (Biology), crystal formation (Chemistry), and solar system (Physics).

Below are a series of photos showing the great time we had!



Year 11

Our brilliant Year 11 scientists are working hard preparing for their GCSEs. Part of their revision has to be to complete weekly Seneca – a minimum of 35 minutes, however we have many students who go above and beyond. Each week we celebrate our Seneca Champions – the 16 top time scoring students receiving achievement points weekly.

Seneca Champions

Congratulations to our Seneca Champions for the last three months. The winning students have received a surPRIZE!

November:

Gold—Samuel F

Silver—Alex C, Lucy B and Sam F.

Bronze—Bethany B, Haydn V, Megan B, Tyisha S, Aimee W and Matthew R.

December:

Gold—Samuel F

Silver—Aimee W, Annie K and Ilona S.

Bronze—Ben J, Ruby W, Lauren H, Hannah S, Taniya A and Erin R.

January:

Gold—Lucy B

Silver—Sydney A, Bethany B and Samuel F.

Bronze—Lee H, Cassie C, Erin R, Keira F, Taniya A and Alex C.

Revision After School:

Our subject specific revision clubs have been increasing in popularity, each taken by a specialist in the subject. We would like to wholeheartedly encourage all our Year 11s to attend at least one revision session a week in the coming term to help them prepare for their summer exams.

Monday – Biology
Tuesday – Chemistry
Thursday – Physics
Friday – Exam Practice

We could not be more proud to see our students working with such resilience and independence!

This term we have been focusing on revision techniques and holding walking-talking mocks to help them prepare for their return in Term 4 when they start their Paper 2 mocks. Well done Year 11!

Feel Fab Feb - Keep active and have fun this half term by having a go at the different activities (attached to the newsletter). Track the activities you do and show Miss Southcott when you come back to receive an award certificate! Enjoy!

FEEL FAB FEB HALF-TERM



NAME _____

HOW MANY

DID YOU COLLECT?

FIND YOUR HAPPY BEANS!

Can you 'Feel Fab' this February half-term and be an Active, Healthy and Happy Bean? Tick off at least two activities in each category to earn your 'Feel Fab Feb' gold certificate available from your teacher at school. Make sure you get permission from your parents or a responsible adult before doing any of the activities and if you can get any of them (your family) involved as well, even better! We would love to see some of your attempts on Twitter using #FeelFabFeb and tagging: @AshtonSSP @CSETSports1 @NSSPEA1

<p>What makes you happy? Make some time to do your favourite things! </p>	<p>Put some fruit on your favourite cereal (and of course eat it)! </p>	<p>Wrap up warm and go for a night walk as a family. Come home and enjoy a warm drink. </p>	<p>Put a smile on someone's face (and yours) with a random act of kindness. </p>
<p>Make a healthy smoothie and give it a name. </p>	<p>Walk or hike up a big hill, spend 10 minutes enjoying the view. </p>	<p>Try out a new fruit or vegetable you have never had before! </p>	<p>Ride your bike, walk, jog or scoot for at least 10 minutes a day. </p>
<p>Throw a tennis ball against an outside wall 20 times without dropping it. </p>	<p>Have an arty afternoon; paint, draw, colour or make something. Display and share your creations. </p>	<p>How many skips or keepy-uppies can you do in 60 seconds? </p>	<p>Make a carrot, courgette or beetroot cake. </p>
<p>Play your favourite board game or garden game as a family. </p>	<p>Can you swap your favourite snacks for a healthier alternative? </p>	<p>Watch your favourite family film with your favourite treats. </p>	<p>Build up to 100 step-ups either on bottom stair or low bench/platform. </p>

Reception News

Reception has had a very busy term answering our question: What is the best way to travel? We have explored all kinds of transport, investigated a Naughty Bus, dressed up as fire fighters and even blasted into space to explore our solar system!



Year 1 News

What a busy term Year 1 have had! We fully immersed ourselves in the Goldilocks and the Three Bears story so that we could retell it as authors. After finding out that Baby Bear has been afraid of going to sleep since Goldilocks broke in, we made dream catchers to help him have a good night's rest. We used the iPads to help us find out more about Tim Berners Lee and how to stay safe on the Internet. We even replicated the first telephones (invented in the 17th century!) when learning about Alexander Graham Bell. And we were lucky enough to have Bristol Museums come in to teach us about the Bristol Blitz and deepen our understanding of our city and its past. All of this in addition to our weekly Forest School sessions, some amazing learning as mathematicians and challenging our balance skills as athletes. It has been a fantastic term. Well done, Year 1!



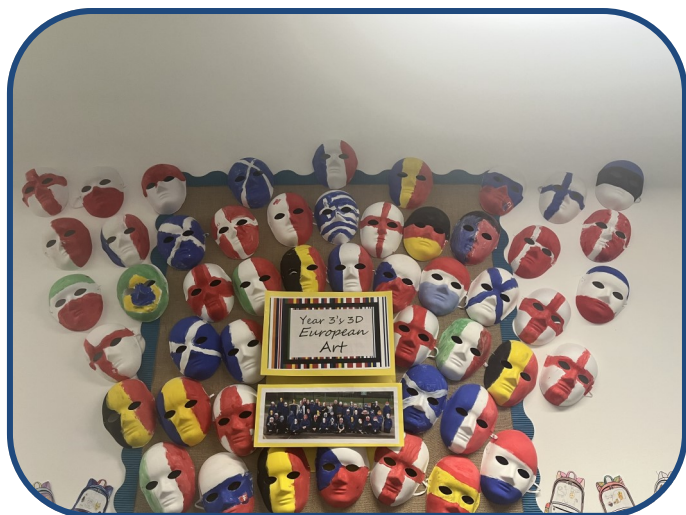
Year 2 News

This term Year 2 have been very busy! We have learned all about electricity and had lots of fun using the equipment. We enjoyed investigating which materials were conductors of electricity. We have also been geographers and artists - learning all about Kenya and comparing it to England.



Years 3 News

Year 3 have had an amazing term! We have learnt about landmarks and done some amazing independent research about the nations of Europe. The students even made masks with a European Flag of their choice. We ended the term learning about Christopher Columbus and can't wait to continue after half term



Years 4 News

In Year 4 this term we have been geographers and authors. To begin with we researched the continent of South America before zooming in on Peru. We learnt about Peru's climate, culture and landmarks and wrote fantastic travel brochures! Then we moved on to authors where we looked at the text 'Ada's Violin'. We learnt about using descriptive language and expanded noun phrases to write a setting description about the landfill where the main character lives.



Year 5 and 6 News

Students from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Basketball event at Bristol Metropolitan Academy! They had great fun participating in several small games - it was great to see students out and about taking part in sport!



Year 8 News

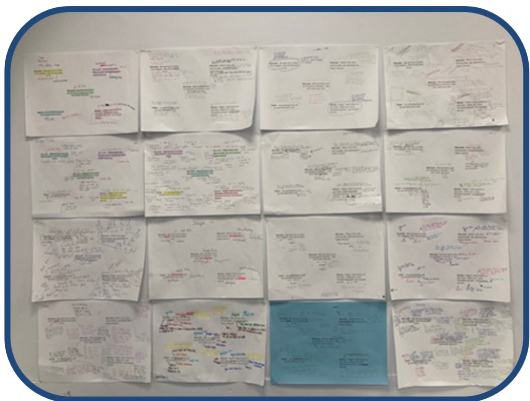
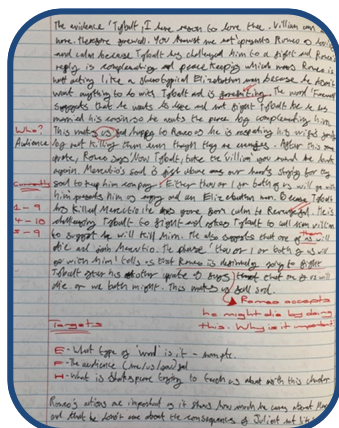
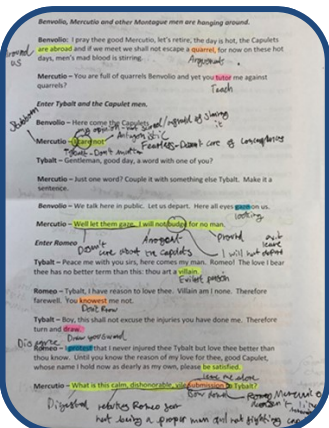
English

As Head of Year 8 and the main English teacher for the year group, I am so pleased with how Year 8 have prepared themselves for their assessment on Shakespeare's presentation of men in the play Romeo and Juliet. Students have read, discussed and analysed key scenes from the play alongside watching different film versions. Understanding Shakespeare is always daunting but they have stuck with it and used their skills of inference, analysis, reasoning and deduction to figure it all out!

Students prepared for the assessment by focusing on one key scene, making detailed individual notes on it and then turning these notes into visual displays which they could use collaboratively. In the adult workplace, we all work together, share and borrow ideas and we try to mirror this approach in our teaching at King's Oak where students work together so they are then individually confident moving forward.

Finally, students wrote their assessments, analysing Shakespeare's language, considering audience reactions and how male stereotypes were presented. In Year 11, our English Literature students do exactly the same thing in their English Literature exam on Shakespeare. It is so important that we are developing these skills now and by exposing our students to Shakespeare each year, we are trying to prepare them as effectively as possible for their GCSE exam success. It also helps that the play is about teenagers snogging (typically played by very attractive actors in the films) but let's not get into that!

Mr Wilson, Head of Year 8



Year 9 News

Year 9 have had a positive start to 2022. The Tutor Challenge continues with students working on wordsearches, current affairs quizzes, word problems and their knowledge of music and songs. Each Thursday during tutor time they complete the Challenge and email me their answers so I can keep a running total. In third place this term we have 9.3 – JPI, in second place we have 9.1 – HSY and in the top spot we currently have 9.2 – OPM.

In other tutor sessions we have carried on with our Options/careers sessions. Each week students watch two videos of different option subjects we offer at KOA so they can gather more information and have a more informed choice. I also held an assembly earlier this term outlining the options process to all Year 9 students so they are aware of the choices they have to make and how we can support them in doing this. To further support this we had a virtual Year 9 parents' evening and on Tuesday 13 March we have an Options Evening to ensure that both parents/carers and students are aware of the options process and what needs to be done and when.

In other news, the Duke of Edinburgh Award has continued for the Year 9 students, and some are now finishing their physical section and staff are filling out assessor reports on this.

The Year 9 football team attended a local football tournament recently and won all their games making them the overall winners.

The Bristol Bears Project – Bear in Mind has also been introduced with a group of Year 9 students this term. These students have enjoyed sessions based on teamwork and resilience working in both the classroom and in a more practical sense on the astro.

Students have also had the opportunity to take part in a 'Bossing It' project which works on confidence and self-esteem and encourages them to make positive choices.

Keep up the good work Year 9!

Mrs Holtby, Head of Year 9

Year 10 News

BTEC Sport students in Year 10 were the first to receive official exam grades from their December tests. For most students, this was a positive experience as they achieved grades that represented the hard work that they had put in during their time on the course since September. Well done to all of those involved and keep it up with the coursework elements.

In Year 10 tutor sessions we have again been focusing on careers, with sessions on work experience, interviews and building a CV. Students have also spent time on computers doing further research into their potential career by understanding qualifications, personal qualities, and the experiences that they will need. On Wednesday 16 February, Year 10 students participated in a careers event with ten different business organisations. This will give a further opportunity to speak to professionals across different backgrounds regarding potential future careers.

In tutor sessions, we have also continued our Friday tutor challenges. Currently in the lead we have Miss Cleaves' group with all still to play for.

The Year 10 boys football team played their first fixture in almost two years with a home tournament against teams from Mangotsfield, John Cabot and Hanham. Well done to those who represented the Academy in a very positive way and we look forwards to the upcoming 11-a-side games against the same opposition. Training takes place on a Thursday after school usually on the AstroTurf.

Mr Heath, Head of Year 10

Year 11 News

Year 11 have had a busy Term 3, preparing for the final set of mocks, as well as real exams.

Revision continues to be a big priority, but we are looking forward to receiving an exam-stress coping assembly very soon!

We were also really lucky to have NCS (National Citizenship Service) visit us twice, to discuss hope, gratitude and resilience, focussing on our positives, and equally telling us about the amazing summer residential opportunities they have for Year 11 students. Students had fun visiting their pop-up stand a week later and winning some prizes too.



For more information, visit <https://wearencs.com/>.

In other news, our Tutor League Table is getting competitive again, with fortnightly competitions (admittedly, in the cold weather - a fair few quizzes!).



I have to say though, before Christmas I had some lovely Christmas decorations made, and we

sent some very nice home-made cards to our neighbours in the care home.

Unfortunately, due to the recent Public Health Guidance, we are unable to run our Parent and Student Information evening before the next set of mocks. However, I will upload lots of information and advice on Insight so keep your eyes peeled.

Looking ahead, remember that there is a letter on Insight about the final prom payment. I should have some hoody and Year Book information before the end of term too!

Keep working hard Year 11, it will be over before you know it, seize every opportunity and make yourselves proud.

Miss Peach, Head of Year 11

GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

In association with Bristol Rovers Women's FC

**FREE Football coaching by Academy Coaches, First Team Players and Football Specialist Teachers.
All abilities welcome.**

When? Mondays 3:20 – 4:15
Where? Astro
Essentials: All players must wear football boots and shin pads.



'Friendly' fixtures and tournaments between CLF and local schools to be held at KOA (dates TBC)

South Gloucester 7-a-Side Tournaments & County selection to be held @ Chipping Sodbury School
U16's – 9TH March U14's - 23RD March U12's – 30TH March

For anymore information please speak to Mrs Salvage

KOA Sport Clubs (Term 3/4)

Day	Year Group	Activity (Staff Member)	Location
Monday	7 7/8/9 All	Football (CNN/LUM) Girls Football (ESE) Volleyball (SHY)	Astro Astro Gym 1
Tuesday	7/8 10/11	Dodgeball (ESE) BTEC Sport P6 (SHY/AHH/JCK)	Gym2 Various
Wednesday		Fixtures	
Thursday	All 8 10	Table Tennis (AWN) Football (JCK) Football (GTR) Fixtures	Gym 2 Astro Astro
Friday	9	Football (AHH)	Astro



We are hiring Cleaners

King's Oak Academy Secondary

Litterpicker 15 hours per week 11.00 – 14.00

Janitor 22.5 hours per week 10.00 – 14.30

Cleaner 10 hours per week 15.00 – 17.00

Monday – Friday

Term Time plus 3 weeks during school holidays

King's Oak Academy Primary

Cleaner 7.5 hours per week 15.30 – 17.00

Monday – Friday

Term Time - plus 3 weeks during the school holidays

Kings Oak Federation House

Cleaner 10 hours per week 06.30 – 08.30

Monday – Friday All Year Round

Location: **Brook Road, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 4JT**

If you are interested and would like further details, please contact:

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