



Dear Parents and Carers,

With only seven weeks, or 50 days, until Christmas, September seems just a distant memory now. With all the challenges of the last academic year and the continuation of rising Covid 19 cases in the area, our students have been amazing, battling through and getting the job done these past couple of months, and so I wanted to extend my thanks to them and to you all for your grit, perseverance, and determination to continue with learning at a difficult and challenging time, thank you.

Throughout last term our focus was very much on rebuilding relationships with students and staff and bringing everyone back together. Term 2 now leads us into supporting student confidence, self-belief, and well-being, and therefore over the coming weeks you will see and hear about a range of activities that are designed to support our students in driving forward their personal self-perception. We understand that without student confidence and self-belief their academic progress and potential will remain underachieved. During Wednesday afternoons, students will be invited, along with parents/carers, to attend a 15 minute 1:1 mentoring session with their tutor to help us understand and support each individual further, we hope you can attend. You will receive a date and time in the coming weeks, and we hope that this conversation will then continue to be supported at home. In addition to the tutor mentoring, we have now got an upper school learning mentor in post who will be working with selected students to really focus and address self-belief, confidence, and perseverance. So, as you can see, we will be doing a lot of reflecting on ourselves in the coming term and getting to grips with what is truly holding us back. I hope you can support us with this at home.

With the countdown to Christmas already started I'm sure, we have a busy term ahead of us. Year 11s are already in the middle of a two-week mock assessment window, and we have been incredibly proud of their maturity so far; and for those courses where students do not sit exams, coursework is now rapidly being completed and signed off. On top of this our Year 9 and 10 students are also preparing for the assessment point 1 exam window to open up in the next couple of weeks. I'm sure we can all take ourselves back to that feeling of worry and nervousness about a pending exam or assessment and so again I ask you all to check in on each other and support your students through another nervous period and offer them the confidence they need to achieve.

Remember "***Confidence isn't walking into a room with your nose in the air, and thinking you are better than everyone else. It's walking into a room and not having to compare yourself to anyone else in the first place***".

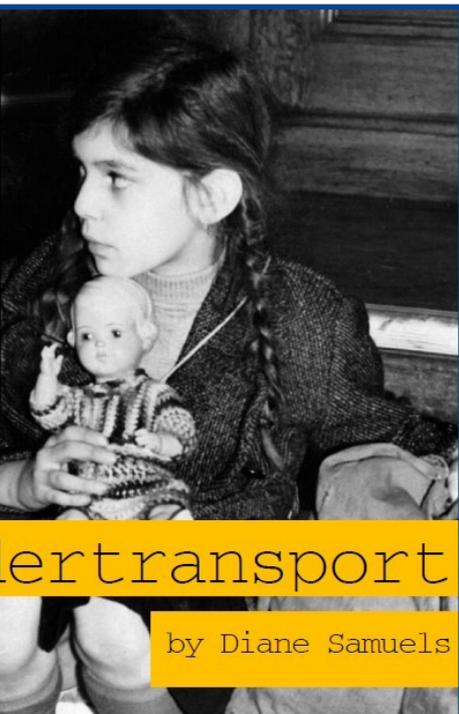
Kind regards.

Mr A Marshall-Aherne

Assistant Principal – Head of Upper School

News from Drama

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


King's Oak
ACADEMY

2021 School Play

12+ Mature themes

Amateur production

by arrangement with Nick Hern Books

Adults £3 Students £2

Parents/Carers of KOA students
please pay using SCOPAY.

Tickets can also be purchased
on the door.

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.

The performance dates are as follows:

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

Tickets available on the door: Adult £3 Student £2

12 + mature themes

News from Exams

It has been wonderful to see our students go into their first Year 11 mock series. We are looking forward to seeing some great results! Please remind students to use their Access Arrangements and to encourage conversations both at home and in school about utilising the support.

Please remind students that revision guides are in Ms Side's office for collection. We are waiting for some workbooks and will send a communication as soon as they are in.

For those Year 11 students who take BTEC Enterprise and BTEC Health & Social Care, exams will be on 7th (Enterprise) and 9th (H&SC) February 2022. Exam preparation is under way in classes.

BTEC Sport students in Years 10 and 11 will be completing the external element of their course in December in the form of an online exam. We will communicate the dates once they have been confirmed.

News from English

Students across Upper School have been working well in English, but of course, there's still work to do!

Year 11 have begun their mock examinations and will begin looking at writing for description and narrative for AQA English Language and revision of 'A Christmas Carol' for AQA English Literature.

Year 10 have completed notes on at least five of the poems they will need for AQA English Literature and have started to read 'A Christmas Carol' in preparation for their first mocks towards the end of term.

Year 9 are in the midst of completing their final core take for the 'War of the Worlds' unit and will begin the next unit focused on the classic play 'A View from the Bridge' shortly.

News from Music

Year 11 Music BTEC groups are starting their Unit 2 (Music Product) Planning. They are going to plan, develop, complete and review a Talent Show which will be open to all years. So if you can act, sing,

dance, play a musical instrument—or have any other performance skills, watch out for details about auditions early next year. Start practising now!

Preparations for a Christmas concert and a Musical (April 2022) are starting. Look out for the red posters.



All King's Oak Students

MR WARREN NEEDS YOU!

Christmas Concert (December 2021) and School Musical (April 2022)

Rehearsals in MU1 Monday and Thursday 3:20 – 4:00pm ALL YEARS WELCOME

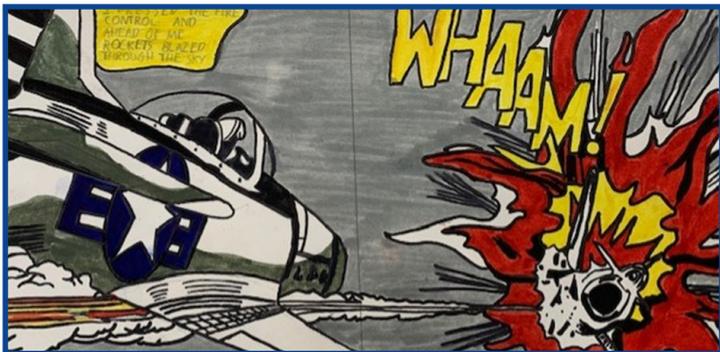
DON'T MISS IT!

News from Art

Year 9 Art

Artists in Y9 are currently exploring Pop art with a focus on the characteristics of Roy Lichtenstein. We look forward to sharing their original paintings with you soon.

In the meantime, they have been completing artist research to inspire their own work. This fantastic piece was created by Connor L in class and finished in his own time. Wonderful work!

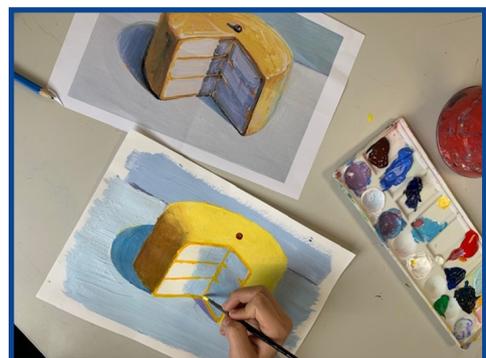


Year 10 Art

The Art department is delighted with the progress Year 10 are making on their artist studies in acrylic paint. For many students it is the first time they have used acrylic and WOW! What results!

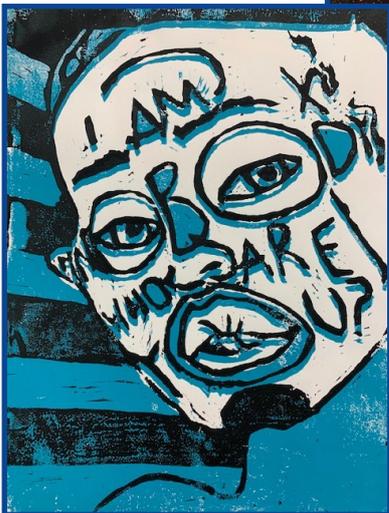
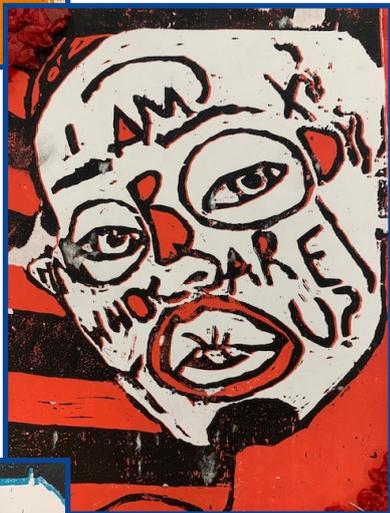
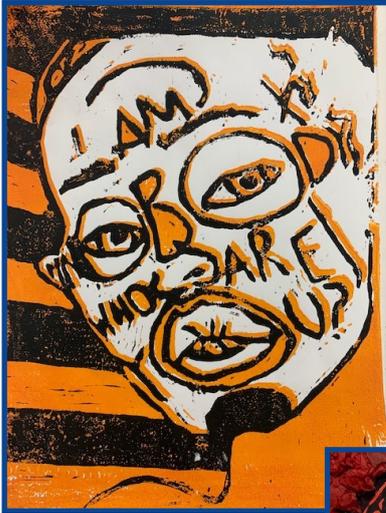
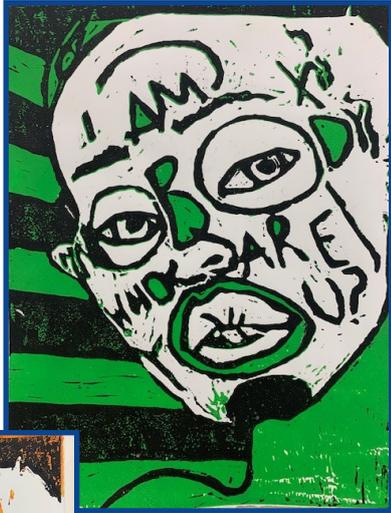
We have been studying the work of Wayne Thiebaud. By copying artists' work students can then go on to use these skills and techniques in their own compositions.

Amazing work Y10!



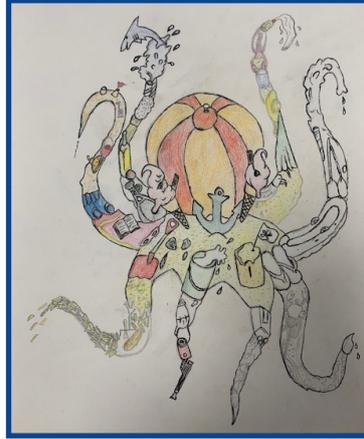
Year 11 Art

Year 11 created a set of Lino cut prints recently. These prints are inspired by some artist research exploring portraits. Our Year 11 artists continue to impress us!



It's fascinating to see the different ways that Year 11 have interpreted the current theme of Natural World in their new project. Such a wonderful range of styles and influences. We look forward to seeing how these ideas progress!

Artwork by RJ and CF



News from Year 9

Year 9 finished last term with a rewards event in the Hexagon. The top tutor group with the most reward points and the top 22 students for behaviour and attendance in the year group were all invited to a film event on the last day of term to celebrate their success in Term 1. The students all enjoyed the event and have been inspired to continue positively this term to be part of the event at the end of Term 2.

Term 2 has started well for Year 9 students and they have been thinking about ideas to raise money for Children in Need and focussing on skills and qualities they need to secure their dream job in their careers/ options sessions in tutor time. This term we start on the journey of picking their options and all students will learn more about what subjects are compulsory to take for their GCSEs and which subjects they can make a choice to take.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has also started this term. We have 18 Year 9 students involved and they are in the process of choosing their volunteering, skills and physical activities. This award will run throughout the year and these students will work with Miss Sibley to complete the criteria in each of these three areas.

Congratulations to the Year 9 Term 1 award winners:

Head of School: Joe C and Lexi A

| | Work Hard | Be Kind |
|------|------------------|----------------|
| 9.1: | Liam H | Sam S |
| 9.2: | Reggie S | Connor L |
| 9.3: | Marion A | Finley J |
| 9.4: | Pawel B | Mia M |
| 9.5: | Fankie C | Wilf B |

| | Progress | Attainment |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| English: | Fin S | Scarlet G |
| Maths: | Henry L | Harry P |
| Science: | Ejola C | Connor L |
| French: | Ebony S | Connor M |
| History: | Marion A | Joe C |
| Geog: | Luke S | Daniel M |
| Art: | Wilf B | Caelan K |
| Music: | Nathan M | Demi-Lea C |
| Drama: | Marion A | Elizabeth W |
| DT: | Scarlet G | Joe C |
| Food: | Reggie S | Ellis C |
| PE: | Joe C | Finley S |
| H & W: | Ben M | Ashlyn O |
| Comp Sc: | Aisha A | Ewan R |

Head of Year **Work Hard**: Archie B and Ella S

Head of Year **Be Kind**: Finlay W and Millie C

Mrs S Holtby, Head of Year 9

News from Year 10

During October, Year 10 have completed the work experience sessions with the external coach who guided them through how to apply for work experience including drafting an email to a potential future provider. The benefits of work experience were shown in this session as were good interview techniques and important things to remember. This forms part of our careers learning that continues every Monday during the scheduled tutor sessions. We look forward to another visit from Junior later in the year.

Year 10 students have continued to participate in the Bristol Bears programmes on either a Monday or Tuesday morning and will shortly be enjoying a visit to Ashton Gate stadium for a chance to meet some players and tour the facilities. A number of Year 10 students have shown great engagement in the programme and will continue to benefit from this support.

In other tutor sessions, we have continued our tutor challenge. Term 1 was very close with the results scheduled to be announced and we hope to continue more of the same during Term 2. Once again we have also followed the national PHSE curriculum in our Tuesday sessions and will focus on changing society, gender and sexual identity before moving on to other areas.

Congratulations to the Year 10 Term 1 award winners:

Head of School: David G and Abbie W

| | Work Hard | Be Kind |
|-------|------------------|----------------|
| 10.2: | Amelia W | Katy C |
| 10.4: | Ellie B | Ashley M |
| 10.5: | Magdalena D | Danielle S |

| | Progress | Attainment |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| English: | Katy C | Stef G |
| Maths: | Bailey L | Magdalena D |
| Science: | Courtney P-H | Marnie M |
| Triple Sc: | Eloise W | Hari C |
| French: | Stefani G | Evie G |
| History: | Dan N | Marnie M |
| Geog: | Lydia H | |
| Art: | Maddy H | Magda D |
| Music: | Ben R | Giorgia S |
| Drama: | Poppy J-S | Mia M |
| DT: | Billie F | Luke Y |
| Food: | Hannah G | Erin S |
| PE: | Tyler R | Evie G |
| Business: | Karolina W | Harris T |
| H&SC: | Ellie E | Lucy A |
| BTEC Sp: | Erin S | Sasha S |
| Comp Sc: | Magdalena D | James D |

Mr A Heath, Head of Year 10

Tutor group 10.5 have made use of their AG1 wall space with an homage to the group by printing our photos of pets fun stuff and baby pics! There's talk of a Christmas wall for December ...



News from Year 11

Year 11 have been trying really hard with the start of their mock exams, and I've been really impressed with how sensible they are being. Revision sessions in tutor time continue to get better as students get more and more used to the techniques they have been shown. I hope that the results will reflect their hard work, but always remember there is still time to improve. Do your best and learn from these exams to make the best possible progress as we continue through the year. Thank you to all families for getting involved in revision, through our event last term, and by buying the revision guides. We will be holding another study event before the next set of mocks and revision guides are still available to buy.

Congratulations to the year 11 Term 1 award winners:

Head of School: Haydn V and Ruby S

| | Work Hard | Be Kind |
|------|------------------|----------------|
| 11.1 | Mia S | Alex B |
| 11.2 | Hannah S | Abby B |
| 11.3 | Alex C | Olivia Ha |
| 11.4 | Tanya A | Tyler G |
| 11.5 | Harry S | Phoebe R |

| | Progress | Attainment |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| English: | Amy L | Sydney A |
| Maths: | Tatiana B | Cameron M |
| Science: | Nam B | Megan B |
| Triple Science: | Flora R | Cameron M |
| French: | Hope P | Sydney A |
| History: | Cameron M | Tyler G |
| Geography: | Mia S | Bethany B |
| Art: | Louise F | Seren V |
| Music: | Kodi A | Charlotte B |
| Drama: | Gracie M | Phoebe R |
| DT: | Keira F | Olivia Ha |
| Food: | Mia S | Olivia Ho |
| PE: | Bethany B | Haydn V |
| Business: | Ellis L | Grace D |
| H & S C: | Robyn D | Charlotte B |
| BTEC Sport: | Chella F | James M |
| RS: | Alex C | Cassie C |

HOY Work Hard: Tristan C and Risha J

HOY Be Kind: Mikolaj S and Katie L

Keep striving to be the best you can be.

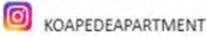
Miss Pearch , Head of Year 11

KOA Sport Clubs (Term 2)



| Day | Year Group | Activity (Staff Member) | Location |
|-----------|------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Monday | 9 | Rugby (AHH) | Grass Gym1/Gym2 Astro |
| | 9/10/11 | Footlights Dance (SHY) | |
| | 9 | Girls Football (ESE) | |
| Tuesday | 9/10/11 | Benchball/Dodgeball (ESE) | Gym1/Gym2 E13 |
| | 11 | BTEC Sport P6 (SHY) | |
| Wednesday | | Fixtures – Rugby/Netball/Cross Country/football | |
| Thursday | 9/10/11 | Table Tennis (AWN) | Gym 2 |
| | | Fixtures – Rugby/Netball/Cross Country/football | |





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