



Work Hard - Be Kind



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the end of the Spring term and reflect on the last few months, it has been challenging for many, but I am so impressed with how well our students have settled back to school.

Thank you to those of you who have been involved in our student/parent working groups and offered suggestions about how we can transform into becoming the all-through community school of choice for South Gloucestershire. Your ideas and feedback really help us to understand your perceptions of what we do well and what we need to improve on.

In the coming few weeks, we will be working with you to make your child's summer term a joyous one, where they will get the opportunity to recover the lost time with their friends playing and exploring whilst finding stability and routine in their learning. We will do our utmost to work with you to ensure this is successful.

Thank you for your continued support; we wish you a restful spring break and that we get to enjoy some sunshine when it arrives!

Best wishes,

Katherine Ogden, Principal

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Drama at KOA



After a fantastic audition, girls from Year 10 Drama are currently beginning rehearsals for the play *Kindertransport* which will be performed in the Hexagon at the end of the year.

Kindertransport was the name given to the mission which took thousands of children to safety ahead of World War Two (1939-1945).

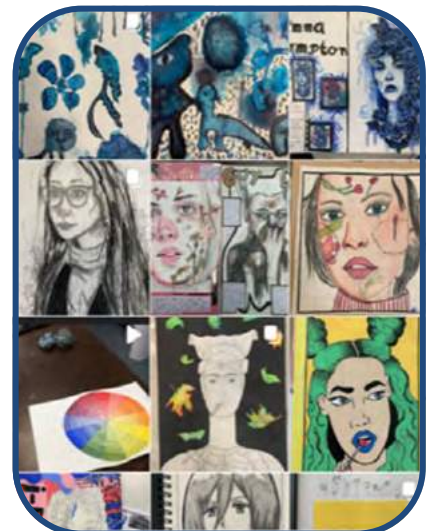
The play tells the story of how nine-year-old Eva, a German Jewish girl, is sent by her

parents on the Kindertransport to start a new life with a foster family in Britain just before the outbreak of World War Two. Over forty years later, she has changed her name to Evelyn and denied her roots.

Rehearsals are going really well and the girls are working very hard in this full length production that makes us think about the possible secrets or other lives that our loved ones once had. We look forward to you coming to see our play and will let you know nearer the time when the performance dates are.

We are delighted to be celebrating our students' amazing artwork on our new Art Instagram account.

Please take a look and follow us @kingsoakartdept



A reminder that Term 5 finishes on Thursday 27 May for students. Term 6 starts on Monday 7 June.

Careers and Community Links at KOA

Thank you to Ms Penn-Bull, who arranged a careers talk from the NHS for 22 students from Years 9 and 10. On Zoom, five professionals talked about their careers



and pathways and experiences of University. Students had an opportunity to learn about the skills and qualifications needed for different careers in the NHS. This is what Aidan, a Year 10 student, thought:

'I feel like it was a great way to connect with those who have a lot of experience because they could tell you about their personal experiences, potential job information and what is to be expected from an NHS worker. Furthermore, I think it was a success because I have learned much from their workshop, such as the types of nursing (mental, disabilities, adults and children), the success rate of people who take an NHS course such as nursing (95%) and the type of things you may experience in the workplace. Overall, I wasn't particularly keen on becoming an NHS worker before or after the talk, but I took it more as an opportunity to see what a life in an NHS workplace may be like, and after the workshop I have definitely become more interested in the NHS'.



Thank you to Paul Bond from Lloyds Banking who joined Year 10 Enterprise students during their Enterprise Lessons this week. He helped students to understand the different types of careers in banking and factors that

businesses needed to consider when starting up. This supported students with their current assignment. Charley S said "It was great to have Paul come in from Lloyds bank today because it showed me how many different jobs and people go into doing one enterprise activity. It also showed how having experience and connections help you in the future because you can use that experience and those connections in the future with another job and that teamwork is important when starting something new like a business because it gives you more support".

Partnership with ASK - Amazing Apprenticeships

Next term we will be offering a workshop for Year 10 and Year 11 students to help search/find and apply for apprenticeships. Apprenticeship support is for after Year 11 and after Post 16.

Partnerships with HMRC

Next term HMRC will also be working with us to support Year 11 students to find out more about roles in the Public sector and different pathways. They will also be supporting Year 10 students with mock interviews and interview techniques in general.

Music at KOA

Well done to the Year 11 BTEC Music students who have completed their course. There has been some very good course work produced and a number of excellent performances. We wish you luck in the future and hope that you continue with your love of music in whatever career path you eventually follow.



Well done to the Year 10 BTEC Music students who are completing their performances this week and reinforcing the good progress made throughout their first year of the course.

Congratulations to those students featured on the school Facebook page scoring an amazing number of 'views'. More performances will be following, so keep an eye out on the KOA Facebook page:



<https://www.facebook.com/kingsoakacademy/>

At KS3, students have continued to work well, completing their final topics of this term, there have been some excellent ensemble performances in Year 7, some creative and imaginative compositions in Year 8 and Year 9 have participated well in their advert compositions and other performances.

Centenary Event

Mr Warren is beginning to start planning for a special event next year which will feature students and staff celebrating our centenary year. He is looking to prepare and present performance and visual art pieces from the different decades of our 100-year existence.

If you would like to be involved, in any way (not just performing) please make contact (tim.warren@clf.uk) All ideas, contributions gratefully received!!

Remember—MUSIC is an excellent aid to supporting and improving mental health. Listen, perform, compose...it all helps!! When we return for Term 6 get involved!!

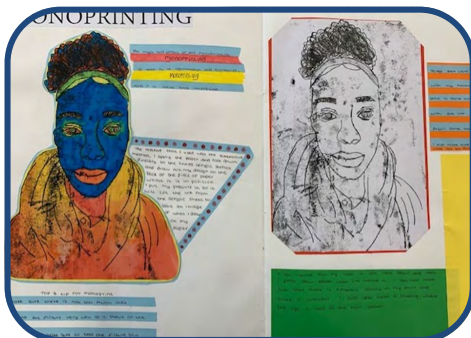
Art at KOA



Year 10 Art Nomination for Attainment

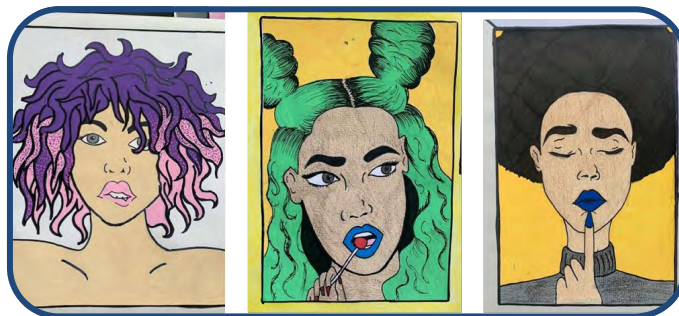
This term the Art Award for Attainment went to Ruby W. Ruby's book was unavailable for photographing but we hope to include some of her work for you to admire next term. Her work is of a very high standard and Ruby is an amazing artist who has a lot of talent. Well done Ruby!

We also nominated Nam B who has worked consistently well in Art lessons and consequently made fantastic progress. She has recently produced some very successful mono prints and print experimentation. Well done Nam!

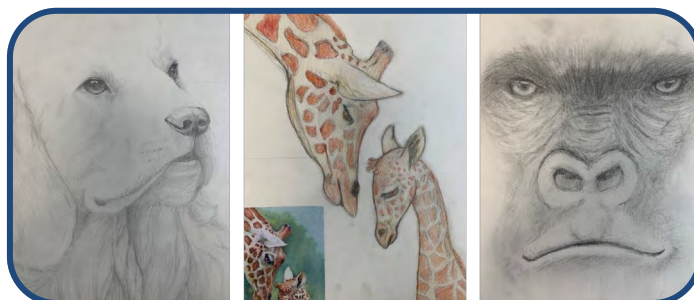


Year 11 Art Nomination for Attainment

This term we nominated Macie L. We always knew Macie is an incredibly talented artist and she has impressed us so much recently with her final project exploring body image. Congratulations Macie!



We also nominated Jasmin A. Jasmin has reached a high level of quality throughout the GCSE course. She has worked consistently well. Her pencil and pencil crayon skills demonstrating shading and detail are amazing! Her final project explored animals: the gorilla is my particular favourite. Well done Jasmin!



MFL at KOA

Two students, Ellie (Year 8) and Joe (Year 7) have entered the St. Brendan's languages competition. They had to create a comedy sketch, and they have created the most amazing lego video which tells the story of a young boy going to France with his school, and trying to learn French. However things go slightly pear-shaped and he ends up in Spain!! Here are a few previews! Bonne chance (good luck) Ellie et Joe!



Reception News

This term Reception children have been thrilled to welcome some chicks into the classroom. The children shared their knowledge of eggs and took really good care of the chicks once they hatched out. We looked closely at how the chicks grew and changed and thought carefully about what they might need as part of our termly topic 'What is living?'. The children made nests from all kinds of materials, made their own chicks in junk modelling, and even enjoyed helping Mrs Thorn with some bossy instructions of how to make their fabulous chocolate nests. Well done, Reception!



Year 1 News

What a busy and exciting term it has been in Year 1. We've explored the different countries of the UK as geographers and discovered Judaism and Shabbat with a virtual visit from a rabbi. We created our own stories based on the Queen's Hat - some of our hats soared past volcanoes and beaches before they were found! We had enormous fun team building with the Mendip Outdoor Pursuits - our favourite was the lava game! And to top it all off, we hatched some chicks. This was definitely the highlight of our joy-filled term - we actually watched two of them hatch and were sad to see them move to their new homes. Learning about the chicks' life cycle and different animals, including guess the animal poo, has been so much fun.



Lacey was the first winner of our reading incentive raffle prize! She was so pleased to be able to choose a new book and take it home!



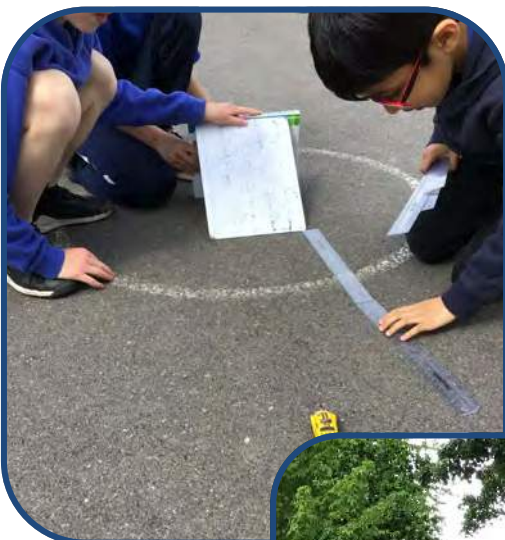
Year 2 News



Year 2 Science is habitats at the moment. We wrote, then asked yes/no questions of a hedgehog (puppet) to find where he lived. We also searched to see what micro habitats we have in our forest school already.



Year 3 News



Year 3 have been being Scientists this term. We have been exploring forces and magnets through lots of experiments.



We tested friction on different surfaces using a toy car and ramp and then measured the distance it travelled. We used our outdoor environment to find different surfaces and worked hard to make sure we were completing a fair test.

Year 4 News

In Year 4, we have been authors and have used performance to help us understand the structure of our story, Hortense and the Shadow. We talked about how we can use body language and facial expression to show how the characters were feeling.



Year 5 News

Year 5 have spent the term doing Forest school every Friday. It has been fantastic to see them working together and enjoying being outdoors in the fresh air! They have been very collaborative in creating a fairy garden, planting seeds and running their very own mud kitchen!



Year 7 News

Starting and ending Term 5 with something sweet...It was a real pleasure for me to go round the Year 7 Tutor Groups at the start of Term 5 and give out subject certificates and treats to reward students who have worked really well and have shown achievement and/or progress in their subjects. It was also a great opportunity to praise and recognise students who consistently demonstrate our values of "Work Hard" and "Be Kind". We had our Celebration Assembly on Thursday, so we shall start the next term with more treats and certificates to recognise the amazing work done by so many students across all subjects. Keep working hard Year 7 and well done.



Oops, they've done it again! At the end of Term 4, I gave Year 7 the challenge to maintain strong attendance and perhaps get back into pole position, as they were back in Terms 1 and 2. I am delighted to confirm that Year 7 have indeed succeeded and currently hold the best attendance figure across the CLF! Well done Year 7, keep it up and let's do it again in Term 6!

In Tutor Time we have continued to embrace literacy and develop reading habits through our "Reading Together" programme. All Tutor Groups have been actively engaged, and some are indeed very eager to explore new plots and characters and have already started their new book! Amongst the titles Year 7 have been reading are **The Nest**, **Rooftoppers**, **Can You See Me?** and **Framed**. Happy Reading!



We continue to work alongside families to teach children about ethics, respect and kindness to ourselves and others. In assemblies this term we explored the theme of Racism, in response to the social media boycott by professional sports clubs and players earlier this month in protest against online abuse. When we talked about online abuse, we also learnt that the use of social media is for young people aged 13 and over and that it is important to think before we say or text anything. This term we also celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week in May and saw how embracing nature can help us cope with anxiety and stress. In Careers Information, Advice and Guidance, students have been encouraged to take a deep look at themselves to see **WHO** they are. We have looked at how their interests, beliefs and values can shape their future career choice.



Well done Year 7 for continuing to be such an inspirational group of dedicated learners, enjoy your well-deserved break and see you all in Term 6!

Mrs Marie-Anais

Year 8 News

Term 5 has been a term filled with lots of exciting opportunities for Year 8 students and they have had the chance to take part in lots of different events:

Share a Story Week

This term Year 8 were lucky enough to be involved in a series of talks from professionals explaining their journeys of how they got to where they are now. Year 8 received talks from Mr Baker a CLF senior member of staff on self-efficacy, Lou Mead on her successful career in the Police, Mr Marshall-Aherne Assistant Principal at KOA on how Covid has impacted his family, Ella Rothwell a singer who discussed mental health, Phoebe Green a Year 11 student at KOA who was affected by the Manchester bombings, and Kate Shlugman a Confidence Coach who discussed the difference between her 13- and 30-year-old self. The stories shared with the students have been reflected upon in English lessons this week and students have written their own stories based on what they heard and experienced in these sessions.

CLF Big Run / Walk

All students in Key Stage 3 were given the opportunity to take part in this event where they ran or walked a mile on our school field. This annual fundraising event started with a group of staff taking part in the Bristol 10K and now it is the biggest fundraiser across our trust. The target is to walk or run 11,662 miles throughout May – equal to one mile per student in the CLF. Year 8 students took part in their run/walk on Wednesday 19 May and they completed a total of 269 miles between them. Our standout contributors were Ashlyn who ran 3.75 miles and Connor who ran 4 miles. Special congratulations to these two students but also to every Year 8 student who took part and contributed to this fantastic total.

Tutor Challenge

Once again, we have carried on with the tutor challenge in Term 5. Every Friday during tutor time, tutors and students have participated in film quizzes, observational picture rounds, general knowledge questions, an emoji quiz and at the end of Term 5, the scores are as follows:

- 8.1 – 299 pts
- 8.2 – 235 pts
- 8.3 – 236 pts
- 8.4 – 307 pts
- 8.5 – 249 pts

Congratulations to Mr Nathans's tutor group who are still just in the lead for Term 5. However, Miss Sibley's tutor group are just behind you so everything still to play for to win the trophy at the end of the year.

Youth Sports Trust - Healthy Lifestyle Champions Festival

On the Friday 14 May Year 8 students were taken off timetable for one period of the day per tutor group, to take part in a well-being festival. The aims of the festival



were to encourage and support positive mental health, physical activity, and promote a balanced diet. There was a wide range of activities on the day, including the chaos adventure course, the street art studio and guess what food games. These activities were planned by our own Year 8

Healthy Lifestyle Champions and Mr Webber. They designed the adventure course, created a playlist for music, gathered information around mental health and healthy eating, and helped select a range of prizes that have been given out for

excellent effort this week. We also had a visit from an

Olympian - Vernon Samuels, a triple jump athlete, who led an assembly with all the Year 8 students, where he talked about his life experiences and encouraged the students to never give up. The Healthy Lifestyle Champions are now selecting a further 10 students to join and form a nurture group. These students will be taken out of tutor time 2-3 times a week to lead and take part in non-traditional sports activities e.g. Frisbee golf. Our Healthy Lifestyle champions are Thomas M, Ewan R, Harry H, William C, Harvey C and Liam H.

Student Success

Ella S was selected for the South Glos Schools U14 football squad. Ella did exceptionally well to be selected for this team as she is a year younger than this age group, so it is a fantastic achievement for her. She played in her first match this term against a team from Cardiff, and they won 7-1. The next match is on 7 June, and I am sure you will all join me in wishing Ella good luck for this match.

I hope you all have a fantastic break and come back for Term 6 refreshed, re-charged and ready to take part in more exciting opportunities. I shall look forward to welcoming you all back into school for Term 6.



Year 9 News

Share-a-story

During the penultimate week of term, Year 9 students had the opportunity to take part in our "Share-a-story" during a week of assemblies. In this week there were presentations from a number of internal and external speakers highlighting key events in their lives and how this has shaped and influenced them. Students were then able to participate in a question and answer session delving further into the stories that they had experienced. It was great to see the thought behind some of the questions which also highlighted how well students had engaged. Based on this week, students have undertaken a project in their English lessons.

NHS Visit

A number of Year 9 students were able to take part in a careers workshop run by the NHS. This event was organised by Mrs Penn-Bull and included a presentation and chance to ask our guests questions about potential future careers in the National Health Service. Well done to those involved in this and hopefully more opportunities of a similar nature will follow in Years 10 and 11.

Club attendance

Year 9 extra-curricular attendance has continued to be strong throughout this term with sports clubs running in the form of Football and Netball and also the emergence of a Year 9 Art Club on a Thursday after school. These clubs continue into next term with an addition of a Dance Club as a replacement for Netball as requested by students. Reminder that every term, tutor groups have a chance to compete for a prize for the group with the highest number of attendees.

Celebration

Again, students were rewarded with an end of term celebration assembly. It was particularly great to see students winning awards that had not yet done so over the past year showing an improvement in their progress/attainment or their ability to work hard/be kind. These termly assemblies give a regular chance to provide positive feedback at the end of a tiring term. One more to go!

Mr Heath (Year 9 Raising Attainment Lead)

Year 10 News

Year 10 have been looking at and practising using various revision techniques in tutor time, including; spaced practice, dual coding, retrieval practice and interleaving. They have been working hard across lessons, and some students had the amazing opportunity to attend an NHS workshop. Next term there will be more opportunities. Whilst our mock exams come first, afterwards we will be thinking to the future, taking part in mock interviews and a range of activities and workshops about Post-16 options. We are also in competition with achievement points to earn a Gold, Silver or Bronze award at the end of the year! Plus - with the sun coming out, it will be time to finally schedule in our Sponge the Teacher session, due to the amazing amounts of money raised by tutor groups for Sport Relief back in March!

Miss Pearch

Year 11 News

Congratulations Year 11 on making it to the end of your on-site learning time in school! You have achieved a great amount over the course of the last term. All of you have done an amazing job at getting your heads down in your assessments and getting them done despite the many hurdles you have had to jump over this year. Well done to each of you, you should be proud. We look forward to seeing you all for your Year 11 end of year celebration day on the 18th June.

Miss Burden



Shaun B



Priya C



Macie L



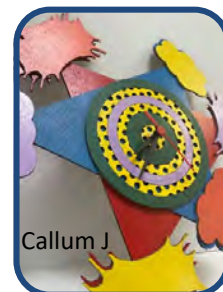
Ewan H



Kiera G



Ben W



Callum J

KOA Sport Clubs (Term 6)



Day	Year Group	Activity (Staff Member)	Location
Monday	8	Football (AHH)	Astro Gym
	9	Dance (SHY)	
Tuesday	7	Football (CNN/JCR)	Astro Gym E13
	8	Dodgeball (NWR)	
	10	BTEC Sport P6 (SHY)	
Wednesday	9/10	Football (AHH)	Astro Gym
	7	Just dance (ESE)	
	8	Basketball (JCR)	
Thursday	7	Dodgeball (ESE)	Gym