



# NEWSLETTER

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12th June 2015

15-16 Jun	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Qualifying Expedition
16 Jun	Year 5 Taster Day
16 Jun	Year 12 Extended Project Trip to Lincoln University
19 Jun	Year 10 (15 students) Rollercoaster Maths at Loughborough
22 Jun	PTA Meeting (7.00pm)
23-26 Jun	AS & A Level Art Exhibition
23 Jun	Year 12 Biology Trip to Freiston
24 Jun	Year 8 Lincolnshire Show Trip
24 Jun	Year 13 Leavers' Assembly (3.00pm)
25-26 Jun	Year 12 Induction Days (for Year 11 students)
25 Jun	Year 8 Lincolnshire Show Trip



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to our latest Newsletter.

Once again a lot has been going on at the 'High School' covering a wide range of subject areas and interests.

Mrs Smith has given an overview of the findings from the Keele Survey which a large number of you filled in last term. I hope you find the overview interesting and that you have the time to look at the more detailed summary referred to in her article.

Best wishes,

Craig Booker  
Headteacher

## LINCOLNSHIRE YOUNG DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Amy Phillips in Year 10 has been shortlisted for a prestigious competition being held by The National Centre of Craft and Design in Sleaford, her work will be exhibited at the Hub in the second week of July when the judging takes place.

As part of the GCSE Textiles course students were given a design brief to make an original sheath dress inspired by Indian culture using a number of decorative techniques. The brief stated that it had to be size 10, appeal to young women aged 16-25 and be suitable for sale in a High Street store.

Amy said "We had to design and make our garment from scratch, cutting the patterns from basic blocks, dyeing the fabric and in my case creating all the batik panels. I had to do a lot of research and different designs to find the best one to make. I really enjoyed the project from start to finish and feel very proud of my work. Although there were a few hiccups along the way as it is the first dress I have ever made. I have learnt a lot from this project and am very pleased with the results".

Amy spent many hours hand painting her Batik design and created an unusual cut away dress that reflected the shapes of traditional Indian clothing. We are now waiting with fingers crossed for the final judging which takes place on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs B Fleming  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Art



# Jubilant Junior Mathematicians!

The official results of the Junior Maths Challenge are in and at KSHSSA we are celebrating a record 57 students across Year 7 and Year 8 who achieved awards!

These included the students pictured: four in Year 8 who achieved Gold awards, Lucy Freeman (8F) who was awarded 'Best in School', Kathryn Johnson (8F), Olivia Buckingham-Woodhouse (8A) and Rhianna Gasson (8F); and Olivia Kelly (7LC) who was awarded 'Best in Year 7'.

Lucy also qualifies for the prestigious Junior Maths Kangaroo, which is a follow-on paper in which thousands of invitees from many nations tackle harder questions.

Well done to all, and in particular, congratulations and the best of luck to Lucy.

Mr D Russell  
Second in Maths



## We're off to the NSEA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AGAIN FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR RUNNING!!

The school Equestrian Team competed at 'The College Equestrian Centre', Keysoe, Beds on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Only 4 riders could make it to this show jumping qualifier organised by Wellingborough School and 2 of them have qualified for the National Championships; Laura Finnegan of 11F (Advanced Open 1.10m individual) riding Silver Curtis and Emily Wilson of 8W (70cm mini & 80cm intermediate individual) riding Reflex Dharla. Laura Bates (9A) missed out closely coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 80cm. Emma Finnegan (7KG) had just 4 faults in the 70cm & 80cm. Laura Finnegan also came 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1m Open class.

All these riders have become experts at saving time in the jump off by picking where they can shave off turns or take another route. Hence they were all amongst the fastest riders there, which bodes well for our next event at Arena UK on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Pictured is Emily Wilson receiving her rosette, trophy and sash for winning the 70cm Mini Show jumping class:

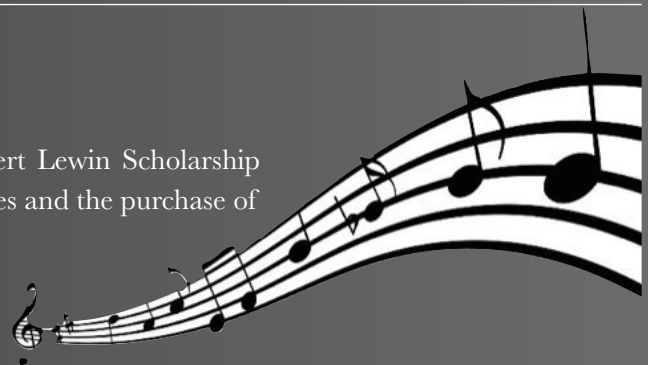
Mrs J Tucker (Equestrian Team Manager)



## Awards for Young Musicians (AYM)

Congratulations to Evelyn Cheng (9A) who has been awarded a Robert Lewin Scholarship from the Awards for Young Musicians for £500 towards music tuition fees and the purchase of music books. This is a testament to her musical ability and dedication.

Mr S Mitchinson  
Subiect Leader Music



## Live Below the Line £1 Challenge

During the half term, I took on the challenge to survive on the food bought from £1 a day for 5 days.



I am pleased to say that I resisted the temptation to go over 'the line' and eat chocolate! Although it was hard, I survived on large batches of pasta and soup and I had porridge for breakfast! Yummy! I got the idea to take on this challenge from Miss Beckitt's Assembly before the half term about hunger.

Although I have not done a final count-up, so far, I have raised £23.57 which will provide a family's food for a week! Special thanks to Miss Beckitt for the inspiration, Abby Couchman (7KG) for helping me to organise the whole thing and to all of my sponsors for helping raise the money!

Lola Cuñago (7KG)

## FOOD CLUB

for Year 7 & Year 8

Wednesday after school running up until  
the summer holidays.

Theme 'Food Around the World'

For more information see Mrs J Pankhurst

## Creativity in the Curriculum

### National Centre for Craft and Design (NCCD), The Tate and KSHSSA Students

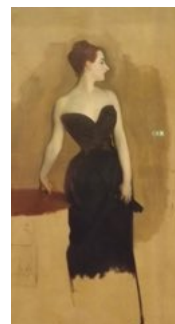
KSHSSA students took up an exciting opportunity to visit the Tate Modern and Tate Britain on Friday 29th May. The event was organised by the NCCD and fully funded by the Tate ARTIST ROOMS project in response to the Centre securing an exhibition on loan of acclaimed Latvian American artist Vija Celmins.

Her work is currently showing in the Roof Gallery and runs until the 28th of June. Each piece of work takes up to a year to complete and uses a variety of printmaking techniques to explore a range of subject matters including spiders' webs, the night sky and the ocean. The visit enabled the students access to 'The Salt and Silver' exhibition which displayed a collection of salt prints, the earliest form of photography, developed after the discovery of the use of chemicals to 'fix a shadow' on light sensitive paper coated in silver salts. The students were greeted by staff members from the ARTIST ROOMS programme who kindly gave up some of their busy schedule to answer questions from our newest recruits to the Young Journalist team. Along with a boat trip and lunch provided courtesy of the Tate and NCCD, the students spent

a relaxed couple of hours soaking up the visual treats of the Tate Britain. KSHSSA students thoroughly enjoyed the day and are excited by further projects facilitating art and creativity in the community.

Tate funding has also allowed the NCCD to install filmmaking and media equipment for the young people of Sleaford to use as part of their Young Designers project which encourages any young designers aged 12 to 25 years, to develop work in response to Vija Celmins' themes along with the added excitement of exhibiting their work within the NCCD's ExChange Space. If you enjoy photography and wish to have the opportunity to see your work exhibited in the Centre during the Celmins Exhibition, why not take a look at their current competition which invites you to take a photograph of the sky from a location of your choice. The competition runs until the 28th June. You can find out more at [www.nationalcraftanddesign.org.uk](http://www.nationalcraftanddesign.org.uk).

By the KSHSSA Young Journalist Team





# Keele Parents' Survey – Summary Findings

Many thanks to the parents of 239 of our pupils who found time to complete and return the recent parents' surveys.

Seeking the views of parents along with the views of other stakeholders is of real importance for informing our school self-evaluation process and plays a key part in our development planning for the year(s) ahead.

Please [click here](#) if you would like to read about the findings in a bit more detail. What follows are the quick 'headlines':

## **You particularly commented positively on the fact that.....**

- Your child is well cared for at school.
- Your child enjoys school all or most of the time.
- You are satisfied with your child's progress.
- Standards of teaching are high and you think that the teachers keep good control in the classroom; teachers expect pupils to work hard.
- KSHSSA is achieving high educational standards; the vast majority of you say that you would recommend the school to friends; you firmly believe that the school maintains good behaviour amongst pupils and the school rules are seen as fair and reasonable.
- The school is a safe and secure environment for pupils.
- You pleasingly had little experience of dealing with bullying issues.
- You feel you are treated like a partner in your child's education, are given enough information about the school and find progress reports on your child useful; you regularly attend Parents' Evenings to discuss your child's progress.
- You think that the education that the school is giving your child is helping him/her to prepare for his/her future life.

## **You commented on these areas for the school to develop:**

- A slightly lower than national percentage of you agrees that the school recognises and rewards good work or behaviour regularly or well enough.
- You would like to see opportunities for your children to take part in more 'out of hours' services.

## **So what next....?**

Your comments help us form a focus for development next academic year. In the coming weeks we will keep you posted in the Newsletter as we start to make plans which address your suggestions.

Finally a big thank you to those parents who took time to write additional detail, whether that was to express your appreciation of individual aspects of your child's experience at the school or to comment on something you would like to see improved. These comments have all been passed directly to the Headteacher and have been read and digested.

Mrs J Smith  
Deputy Headteacher



# Sixth Form News

We would like to welcome back the Year 12s for the summer term. It is a busy term for Year 12s as university and work place preparation becomes the focus.

On 8<sup>th</sup> June a university preparation morning was held. The morning covered the types of courses available and how to choose the right one; personal statements were discussed and Newcastle University provided some useful tips on how to write

an outstanding personal statement. University finance, types of loans and grants were also discussed.

Further to the university morning tutor times will now be directed towards UCAS applications, personal statement writing and Curriculum Vitae (CV) preparation.

In addition to tutor times Mr De la Bedoyere will be running several personal statement sessions in the computer suite to aid Year 12s in developing a 'stand out' personal statement.

A reminder that the Higher Education evening is approaching on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. This evening will provide parents/guardians with some essential information about the university application process and discuss university finance.

On a recent letter an Apprenticeship talk was advertised for the 18<sup>th</sup> June, however, this has now been rescheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> July. Students will also have the opportunity to attend talks given by former students about Medicine (24<sup>th</sup> June) and English / York University / Gap years (29<sup>th</sup> June).

We encourage students to book university open days and school will authorise three days off for this purpose. Please can parents ensure that they write/email/phone school to let us know of the dates and locations of any open days that students are attending.

## Year 11 Induction Days for Sixth Form

On the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June Year 11 will get a full induction into sixth form life at KSHSSA. The two days aim to give students an idea of what it is like to be a sixth former, to meet with their Year 12 tutor and tutor groups and to experience lessons in their chosen subjects. The two day event will start on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am, in the main hall, and it is expected to be finished by 2.30pm on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June. We advise that all Year 11 students attend this event if they have applied to KSHSSA for sixth form.

Mrs L Shelley  
Head of Year 12



## SPONSORED SILENCE

On 1<sup>st</sup> June I decided to do a sponsored silence.

All of my form – 7KG – know I am very talkative so I was hoping to raise over £20 as people would think I wouldn't be able to do it.

I chose the charity of Battersea Dogs and Cats Home as I have a gorgeous Jack Russell terrier at home and I can't imagine losing her and her then going to a home that couldn't take care of her. Just £20 could buy a decent cage or an amount of food to save an animal. Over the school day I got many sponsors and overall I raised £24.02.

Thank you to all of my supporters.

Megan Dillon (7KG)





# ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday, 27 June 2015

This day is a chance for the country to celebrate the huge contribution which the Forces make in our local community.

In support of the Armed Forces in our area we are encouraging all Staff who are Reservists and Students who are Cadets to attend School in their respective Uniform on Wednesday, 24 June 2015 for Reserves Day.

Formerly known as 'Uniform to Work Day' this is a perfect opportunity for us to recognise the sterling efforts of our Staff and Students outside of school as well as increasing awareness of the Reserve Forces within our community.

(All Staff and Cadets are advised to seek advice from their parent unit before participating in this event).

Please see the Armed Forces Day Website for more information - <https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/>

Or Twitter #SaluteOurForces to see Cadets from our Local Area with Group Captain Carol Vorderman - Female Ambassador to the Air Cadet organisation.

Mrs M Walker  
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

(Please note any students taking exams on Wednesday, 24 June should wear normal school uniform).



## Year 11 Leavers' Celebrations

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May the Year 11's all came together for their final assembly, an event which required many tissues, for both students and staff! The girls giggled and cheered their way through images of themselves from Year 7 and we saw how they had grown into confident young ladies. The forms each presented a few emotional (& honest) words to their form tutors. They then reminisced with an array of film clips and photos of the past 5 years that they have shared.

This event was then followed by a trip to Alton Towers the following day, which was attended by 102 of the year group, along with teachers and tutors. The journey was a little longer than expected and after spending 4 hours on

the coaches (no working toilets!) the girls rapidly disembarked to enjoy a wet but fantastic afternoon with their friends. There were only a few queues; so thankfully, we were able to weave our way through the selection of entertainment quite quickly.

The return journey consisted of much more reminiscing and anticipation of the exams.

These celebrations have now been overtaken by the pressures of the examinations which the girls seem to be coping with well. With the last few weeks of the examinations approaching, I wish all the Year 11's a long and enjoyable summer break, something they all deserve.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July the girls from KSHSSA and the boys from Carre's come together for the event of the year 'The Prom' which is being held at Kelham Hall.

Mrs J Pankhurst  
Head of Year 11

## PTA NEWS

### PTA MEETING

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday, 22 June at 7.00pm in the Staff Room – all interested parents and teachers are welcome.

### 100 CLUB

The May winner of the 100 Club prize draw is Mrs Diane Forman with ticket number 17.

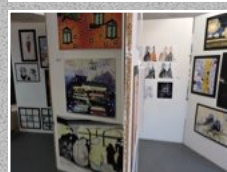


## GCSE FINE ART AND GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION EXHIBITION



The Art department would like to thank all of the parents and students who attended the private view of the GCSE work on Monday the 8th of June. An especially big thank you to all the students whose work was exhibited, the work looked fantastic and the array of talent was there for all to see. The show will be taken down on Monday the 15th of June in preparation for the AS/A2 exhibition which will follow.

(See poster below)



## AS/A LEVEL ART EXHIBITION

FINE ART  
PHOTOGRAPHY

TUESDAY 23RD — FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

PRIVATE VIEW  
TUESDAY 23RD 6 — 8PM

ALL WELCOME