

NEWSLETTER

23rd September 2016

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Useful Dates

26 Sep	European Day of Languages Event
26 Sep	PTA AGM 7.00pm
27 Sep	Year 12 & 13 Sports Leaders Event
27 Sep	Year 9 Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) Event
27 Sep	Year 11 Geography Field Work
28 Sep	History 'Roman Day' 7A & 7F
28 Sep	Year 10 - 13 Question Time Event
28 Sep	Year 9 - 13 Duke of Edinburgh Registration Evening 6.00pm
29 Sep	History 'Roman Day' 7L & 7 W
30 Sep - 2 Oct	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Assessed Expedition
30 Sep	Year 11 Geography Field Work
5 - 6 Oct	Year 12 & 13 Life Drawing Workshop
5 Oct	Year 11 Resilience Day
6 Oct	Zanzibar Expedition Student Meeting 4.00pm
7 - 10 Oct	Year 11 Berlin Trip



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter at the start of this new academic year and an especially warm welcome to the parents of new students to the school. After a sunny start to term, of course, the rain arrived for the Year 7 team building day but I was delighted to see Year 7 girls getting to know each other as they worked in groups around the school. My thanks go to the RAF, 'Maximise your Potential' and all staff who enabled Year 7 students to undertake a range of activities that introduced them to new ways of thinking and learning together.

Likewise it has been fantastic to see sixth form students from across the 3 schools in the town working together in A level classrooms. After the superb results in the summer there is a real sense of aspiration and purpose amongst all of them.

This week saw the Fresher's Fair take place in school; an afternoon where students in all year groups get to tour the stalls of lunchtime and after school clubs on offer. As well as school run clubs Year 7 students now have the chance to join an after school club called 'Find Your Voice'. More details in the newsletter and in the flyer attached for Year 7 parents.

I hope you feel your child has settled well into the new school year. If there is anything you need to ask about, however trivial it might seem as a parent please do contact your child's tutor or Head of Year at the school.

Mrs Josephine Smith
Head of School





We are delighted to welcome the award winning **FIND YOUR VOICE** to the school for the first time this year for an afterschool club available to parents should they wish to pay for a place for their child.

Places are available initially for Year 7 girls.

FIND YOUR VOICE classes offer the chance to learn to communicate well and speak to an audience with confidence.

Two sessions will run on Tuesdays from **3.45-4.30pm** and **4.30-5.15pm** and **class size is limited to 15 students.**

Sessions are varied and exciting - including wordplay, debate, speech writing, games, conversation, rap, poetry and prose. All participating students have the opportunity to gain nationally recognised certificates in a variety of communication skills from the London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA). The first block of sessions will start after October half term at a cost of £48 for the six weeks. Thereafter parents are able to pay for blocks of 10 weekly sessions at a current cost of £80 a term. You can find more detail in the attached leaflet if you are a Year 7 parent.

Should you wish to secure a place for your daughter please email **Cathy Mellor** CathyFYV@gmail.com Principal, **FIND YOUR VOICE** by 7 October. Cathy will then fully confirm your place and provide a welcome pack for your daughter. Cathy's contact details are also in the leaflet.

School Uniform

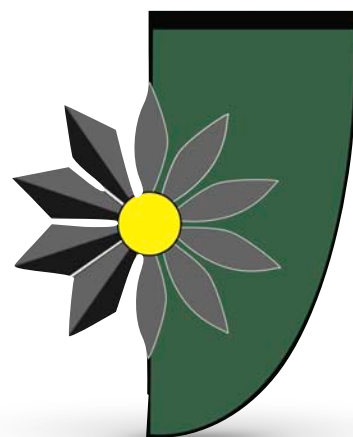
It is lovely to see the new Year 7s looking smart and very grown up in their uniform. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents of some of the uniform details that we have to reinforce most frequently and ask for your continued support in trying to enforce them.

- Skirts should be knee length
- Socks must be green
- Black V-neck jumpers can be worn not cardigans
- No make-up Years 7-10 and subtle in Year 11
- Only one pair of stud earrings
- Shoes should be black and not plimsoll type eg Vans, Converse

Thank you for your support.

Mrs C Tipper

Assistant Headteacher Pastoral



Welcome To Our New Teachers



Mr T Atkinson

I'm Tim Atkinson, former Assistant Head at Boston Grammar School (and former Psychology teacher at KSHS!), teaching Classical Civilisation for a year following the retirement of Mr de la Bedoyere. I'm currently writing a book about World War One (www.unbound.co.uk/books/the-glorious-dead).



Mrs E Constantine

I am Emma Constantine and am one of the new History teachers. For the past ten years I have worked part-time and have enjoyed bringing up my family, but with my son just starting secondary school now was the time to return to full time teaching. I have a passion for all periods of history and holidays often involve visiting historical sites. There are many exciting challenges ahead and I look forward to embracing them all.



Miss R Grindey

My name is Roz Grindey and this year I am a new face in KSHS's History department. I am thrilled to be working at the High School, on my interview I was thoroughly impressed by the warmth and enthusiasm of staff and students alike. This year I am focusing on getting to know students and ensuring History lessons are challenging and engaging in equal measure!



Miss T O'Leary

My name is Tracy O'Leary and I am the new Head of Drama. My previous teaching position was Head of Expressive Arts at a secondary school in Grimsby. I am passionate about all styles of theatre but I have a particular fondness for physical theatre as I also have a dance background.



Mr S Mulligan

I am the new Head of Computing and my ambition is for all KSHS students to enjoy and appreciate the value of studying Computer Science.

I have taught in larger schools for 11 years but my previous jobs include repairing helicopters in the Fleet Air Arm and developing bespoke database solutions in industry. My personal interests include photography, golf and learning the violin.



Mrs J Sutton

Bonjour! I have taught French and Spanish over many years in a variety of schools across Leicestershire and Lincolnshire. I enjoy holidaying in central France, literally 2 minutes on foot from a massive lake where you can swim, sail, fish and waterski. I have 2 daughters, one of whom lives and teaches in France and the other teaches Sports Science in Oxfordshire.

I am trying to teach myself Italian and this makes me realise how difficult it is to learn a language. I love Italy and plan to go there a lot. Perhaps next year I will realise my ambition to tour New Zealand and Australia.

Rain, rain go away, because it is Resilience Day



On Friday the 16th of September, Year 7 took a day off of their normal timetable to take part in an RAF-organised Resilience day, which was a special event to help new students improve their organisation skills, work on team building exercises and gain 'tips for life'.

In the morning, 7W and 7L had a very wet start to the day as they were outdoors doing orienteering in the rain. They were busy not only learning about team building, but they were exploring the school grounds in the hopes of improving their knowledge of the layout of school. Kavita Walsh (7W), said "I enjoyed the orienteering because it was really fun and I learned more about reading maps. I really liked today as a whole because I have learned some new skills and also how to stay positive."

In the afternoon, forms 7A and 7F were in the main hall to take part in a workshop by Jasper Ward from 'Maximise Your Potential'. He told a series of funny anecdotes about his own life to show how you should always seize the moment, and how to get motivated to do something you believe in. He used real life examples such as Louis Hamilton to show the Year 7s how they can achieve great things. When we spoke to Jasper, he said "look at one or two people who have gone out and changed the world; right now we feel like we're ordinary people in a fairly ordinary school, but people from ordinary houses, ordinary backgrounds, can go and change the world too."

The Year 7s agreed that the day was extremely enjoyable and motivational - even though the weather was less than pleasant!

Megan Thompson (9MC) and Isobel Smith (9MC) – Girls' News Team - <https://thegntchain.wordpress.com/>



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

We were recently awarded the Foundation International School Award Certificate from the British Council as recognition of the internationally themed work we do and, in particular, for our work during the run up to the Referendum on the UK's membership of the EU. Some quotes from the assessor include:

*"It is clear that international activities are taking place both within the classroom and as extracurricular activities."
"Through assemblies and a debate, pupils, staff and parents explored the implications of both a Leave and Remain decision. The debate was supported by a range of EU focused curriculum based activities across the school within Food Technology, Modern Foreign Languages and English".*

We are proud of this recognition and are looking forward to beginning the next stage of certification which requires us to work even more closely with international partners in lessons and in extracurricular activities. Do keep an eye on the newsletter for further developments throughout the year as we try to teach students the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly international world.

Mr L Rooke (Subject Leader of German & PSHE)
Mrs J Pankhurst (Teacher of Technology & Pupil
Participation Co-ordinator)



International School Award

ICT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

As part of the continuous review of the schools policies, the ICT Acceptable Use Policy has been updated and is now accessible on the Robert Carre Trust website. We ask that all parents and guardians ensure their children are familiar with this policy, as it forms the agreement that we expect students to abide by when using the Trusts' computer systems. If you and your child are happy with the agreement, no further action is necessary; we will update our records accordingly on or after the 30 September. However, if you would like to discuss any aspects of the policy, please contact the school before 30 September.

<http://robertcarretrust.uk/site/section/policies/default.asp>

Mrs G Cook
ICT Department



ARCHERY

On Target!

Congratulations to Emily Coughlin (11F) who came 5th in the ladies U16 Recurve at the Outdoor Archery Nationals. Emily was just 8 points from 3rd place, which is 1 arrow! This was a big improvement from last year when she came 15th.

Emily shot a personal best on both days – day 1 was a metric round which for her age group involved shooting:

- 36 arrows at 50 metres
- 36 arrows at 40 metres
- 36 arrows at 30 metres
- 36 arrows at 20 metres

Arrows were shot in ends of 6 (i.e. 144 arrows in 24 ends). Her personal best for this is 1236 out of a total possible score of 1440.

Day 2 was an imperial round and involved

- 72 arrows at 50 yards
- 48 arrows at 40 yards
- 24 arrows at 30 yards

Emily currently shoots for both Lincolnshire County Junior Team and EMAS Regional Junior Team. She is a member of Sleaford Maltster Club, where she trains twice a week. She has been shooting for 3 years; in winter she shoots indoors and in summer outdoors, with between 2 and 4 competitions a month.



Emily at the recent Junior Outdoor Archery Nationals – standing with Patrick Houston, one of the archers who competed in this summer's Rio Olympics and who was trained in the past by Emily's current County coach

Pony Club Tetrathlon Championships 2016 - Junior Girls

Over the summer, Laura Bates (11A) took part in the Pony Club Tetrathlon Championships. This challenging competition required its participants to run, ride, swim and shoot.

Laura entered in the Junior Girls Individuals and came third! She was up against over one hundred other competitors.

"I didn't realise I had come third – I didn't even look at the results and then one of my friends came up to me to tell me I had come third. It didn't hit me until I was on the podium and they gave me the prizes.

My favourite part of the competition was probably the riding section. I didn't ride my own horse because he went lame, so I rode my friend's horse instead, which was really fun. If I had to pick my least favourite part of the competition it would be the shooting, as it's quite a lot of pressure because everyone does it at the same time in a large hall.

I would definitely tell people to get involved with the tetrathlon because you get to meet lots of new people from Ireland, Scotland and Wales."

Well done, Laura!

Miss A Natley
Form Tutor 11A

Equestrian Sport at KSHS

The School has been taking part in competitions organised by the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) for the last 5 years.

The aim of the NSEA is to promote and encourage the participation in and recognition of equestrian sport within schools in Great Britain.

Pupils with horses can represent the school in a variety inter-school competitions which include Dressage, Show Jumping and Arena Eventing (jumping with style).

Competitions start at grass roots level and build up to National Schools Qualifiers and Annual Championships. The school has been fortunate in being represented at the National Schools Championships every year since it started taking part.

If you have a horse or pony and would like to represent the school as either an individual or as part of a team in any of the above disciplines then please contact our equestrian team coordinator: Dianne Finnegan at finned4@aol.com tel: 07885 135526 as soon as possible. The first competition takes place on 24th September at Bishop Burton College.

If you would like to know more about the competitions that the school takes part in then visit the NSEA website at www.NSEA.org.uk

Pictures: Some members of our current teams with their prizes



Gravity Fields Festival

The Gravity Fields Festival has been running from 21st Sept and is celebrating the 350th anniversary of Newton's 'Year of Wonders'. With activities and events taking place throughout Grantham the culmination of Saturday's event will be the LED Umbrella project led by Cirque Bijou and Chantry Dance Company. Our students have worked closely with these professional Dance Companies to develop their performance piece and are very excited to be taking part in this project that will take over the streets of Grantham on Saturday evening. The girls have put in many hours rehearsal time and have enjoyed working with the professionals so if you are in the Grantham area at the weekend, you just might spot them twirling their umbrellas and they would love your support.

Miss M Adams
Subject Leader PE

Sporting Success Update

It's been a busy summer for many of our athletes with heavy training schedules and competitions running throughout August. We would like to congratulate Jasmin Brankin (10A) for her continued success in Rowing. Having stepped up an age group to J15 she is now training more frequently and travelling to either Newark or Nottingham most nights. At the end of July Jasmin entered the St Neots regatta in a double with a girl from Nottingham and won her first heat, semi-final and then won the finals of the double. She was at Cambridge rowing last Sunday, rowing in her quad. They won the first and second heats easily and ended up in the final winning the J15 quad race.



Trials for County teams have also begun and we would like to congratulate those students taking part; Swimmer Jessica Reed (8L) is taking part in England Camp Trials. Abigail Harmston and Erin Tilling in Year 11 and Aimee Hickingbotham and Jessica Fry in Year 10 are trialling for the Under 16 Girls Football Squad. The Netballers have also been busy with Molly Mountain (8L) having Lincoln Netball trials, Poppy Nelson (9MLA) succeeding in her Lincolnshire trials and Ella Owen (11L) and Sophie Angel (11A) trialling for the Loughborough Academy next month.

The fixture schedule is busy this term with fixtures Monday to Thursday each week. The following fixtures are planned but changes could be made due to weather conditions.

	Week commencing 26th September	Week commencing 3rd October
Monday	Yr7 Football vs Deepings (H)	Yr7 Football vs Priory Ruskin (A)
Tuesday	Yr10 & 11 Netball vs KGGS (A)	Yr10 & 11 Netball vs Walton (A)
Wednesday	U16 Hockey vs KGGS (A)	U14 Hockey vs KGGS (A)
Thursday	Yr8 & 9 Netball vs Walton (A)	Yr10 & 11 Netball vs St Georges (H)



Duke of Edinburgh Registration Evening – Wednesday 28 September 2016

Bronze and Silver	Year 9, 10, 11 and some Year 12	6.00pm
Gold	Year 12 & Year 13	8.00pm

I am employed by the Robert Carre Trust to administer and facilitate the Duke of Edinburgh Award for all Year 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students at both KSHS and Carre's.

I have been involved in running the Award since 2007 for the Air Training Corps, and since 2014 for KSHS. I am thrilled to be working within the Trust for both schools from September 2016.

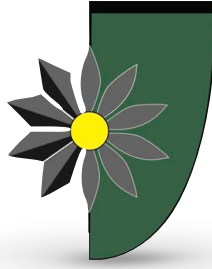
This year at KSHS we registered 62 Bronze from Year 10 and 26 Silver from Years 11 and 12 along with 18 Golds from Years 12 and 13. These participants have been trained and planned their practice and qualifying expeditions in Lincolnshire, the Lincolnshire Wolds, the White Peak Area of Derbyshire, Dark Peak Area of Derbyshire and the North Yorkshire Moors.

Our information evening for registration will be held in the KSHS Main Hall. (Letters regarding this will have been sent out and have been included in the external applicants 6th Form packs).

I very much look forward to welcoming you and hope to be able to give you the information required for you and your daughter/son to make an informed decision as to whether the Award is for them.

To find out more see the website: www.dofe.org

Mrs M Walker
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



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