



NEWSLETTER

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Useful Dates

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| 12 Mar | Swimarathon |
| 13 Mar | Year 8 & 9 Team Maths Challenge |
| 16 Mar | 6.30pm Zanzibar Trip Parent/ Student Meeting |
| 17 Mar | PTA Bingo Night |
| 18 Mar | Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Kit Check Bronze |
| 22 Mar | Drugs Information Evening |
| 24 Mar | Red Nose Day |
| 24 Mar | Year 12 Oxbridge Conference |
| 24 Mar | Year 7 & 8 Disco |



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Dear Parents and Guardians

As well as sharing students' successes since half term, this edition of the newsletter has several reminders of events we very much hope you will participate in as parents or friends of the school.

A key event in this year's calendar is an evening event for parents and other interested adults on 22nd March at 6pm which provides information on the physical, psychological and behavioural implications of substance misuse on our young people. Supported and delivered by the Amy Winehouse Foundation, the evening dovetails with training events in school for staff and sessions for students as part of the PSHE curriculum. No matter which school year your child is in or how unaffected you or your family feel you are, please do consider coming along. To reserve your seat, please contact Mr Rooke (PSHE Coordinator) directly by email at lee.rooke@kshs.uk.

On a less serious note my thanks go to all staff and parents for giving so freely of their time to organise PTA fundraising events such as the Bingo evening next Friday. The erection of the canopy extension to the dining room is not far away now and it is down to the commitment of a small and hardworking group. Please do come and support.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

Twice a year we award subject badges to students across each year in the school. These badges are awarded to two students in each class across subjects and recognise a combination of factors including academic achievement, effort and commitment, progress or a combination of all three. Class teachers, working with Subject Leaders, nominate badge winners. Those students nominated for four or more subjects receive the Headteacher's Award badge. We hope all students wear their badges with pride. It was a delight for me to present them in assemblies this week and last. Whilst we awarded over 500 badges across the school the following students were recipients of the Headteacher's Award.

Year 7

Scarlett Enright, Amelia Taylor,
Lottie Wells, Ella Brincat-Smith,
Scarlett Castledine

Year 8

Olivia Allen, Emilia Hesketh,
Nelly MacArthur, Megan Skelton,
Hannah Speight, Abbie Morris,
Jessica Reed, Ruth Fuller

Year 9

Eloise Brown, Lola Cunago,
Alice Booth, Hazel Richard,
Hazel Williams, Tamzen Brenton,
Olivia Wharam-Lewis

Year 10

Ella Hansford

Year 11

Anna Wood, Megan Woods,
Anastasia Layton



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 11

Year 11 students are now in the final months before their GCSEs and may be thinking about the best ways to revise each subject.

Every student learns and revises differently but it is important that they remember to use a variety of techniques and resources to keep things interesting and to test their knowledge and skills in different ways.

SAM Learning is one resource which many students in Year 11 are finding useful. Analysis of its use by students in Year 11 shows that at the moment it appears most popular for Maths, English, Science and French revision.

11A are still leading the way with overall time spent on SAM Learning and the total number of activities completed but 11L are very close and could overtake them this month!

Mrs G White
Assistant Headteacher Pupil Progress

BIOLOGY SCIENCE LIVE

43 Year 12 and Year 13 Biologists from across the Robert Carre Trust attended the A Level Biology Science Live event in Birmingham.

Students were enthralled to hear about the way ants live in super-dense societies and how Dr Adam Hart's study of them has led to the innovative use of ant algorithms to solve transportation problems here and in space.

Students were also fortunate to be given lectures by Professor Robert Winston and Professor Steve Jones on epigenetics and Darwinism. A particular favourite on the day was Dr Jenny Rohn for her fascinating insight into the behaviour and adaptation of bacteria and the concerns raised by the rise in antibiotic resistance.

Mrs L Martin
Subject Leader Science



Professor Robert Winston



Professor Steve Jones



Dr Jenny Rohn

PSHE

The Alcohol Education Trust supplies schools and parents with up-to-date information about issues surrounding the use of alcohol by young people and how to help them make the right choices with regards to alcohol consumption.

Their latest newsletter for parents can be found at <http://www.alcoholeducationtrust.org/parent-area/parent-newsletter/> where you can register for their regular updates; this month's issue focuses on preventing underage drinking and talking to children about alcohol.

Mr L Rooke
PSHE Co-ordinator

Year 8 Parents' Evening Feedback

We hope that you found meeting your daughter's teachers at Parents' Evening informative, and as ever we appreciate the feedback received on the questionnaires. It is reassuring to hear so many of you are very satisfied: a couple of points however were raised that we are keen to address.

- Please do support our daily reminders to students that skirts should be worn at knee length and not rolled up; students should expect to receive a behaviour point if it does not adhere to the school uniform policy and an after school detention if warnings are not heeded. As students grow taller we would expect new skirts to be purchased.
- Lunch-time clubs are run to allow time for lunch to be consumed either prior to attending or after the club. Please be aware that students who purchase food from the canteen are able to collect an 'early lunch' pass to go into the canteen at the start of lunch. The rota system, which changes each week to give different year groups priority, is designed so that all students have the opportunity for first choice selection of the food available.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss K Duffy

Head of Transition, Year 7 and Year 8

SILVER ARTS AWARD

In January and February Abbie Couzens (10A) and Ruby Williams (10W) delivered a series of Art Workshops at Kirkby La Thorpe Primary School as part of their Silver Arts Award. Abbie and Ruby designed the content and structure of the workshops themselves and covered skills such as character design, illustration, painting techniques and collage. The project focused on Greek Mythology and was an expansion of skills that Abbie and Ruby had developed in their own arts practice earlier in the Award. The students spent six sessions designing and illustrating the characters Zeus, Hades and Poseidon, and the world they live in. To finish off the project the students then created their own Greek God – with some very imaginative results!

Students and staff at KLT said the workshops were very enjoyable, and that Abbie and Ruby were confident in their approach to teaching and knowledgeable in their arts skills.

For Abbie and Ruby this marks the culmination of almost two years of work on the Silver Arts Award,



which has seen them develop their own arts practice in animation and paper cutting, work with professional artists Shademakers at the Lincoln16 events last summer, attend a work placement at the NCCD in Sleaford, and successfully plan and deliver art workshops for primary schools.

Arts Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold level is available as an extra-curricular activity through Art Club and it aims to help young people develop as artists and arts leaders through practical activities, team work and becoming involved in the professional art world. See the Art Department for more information on how to get involved.

Miss E Cartwright
Art Technician



FURTHER MATHEMATICS SUPPORT PROGRAMME (FMSP) MATHS CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 22nd February a group of 4 students from KSHS – myself, Lucy Freeman (10F), Elizabeth Keetch (10L), Natasha Errington (10L) – attended a Maths Challenge run by FMSP at the Sir Robert Pattinson Academy.

The day involved many different challenges of varying difficulty and length, as well as one challenge that meant we could only work in pairs. We needed to apply our mathematical skills to solve problems that we may not have come across already, as well as prioritising different problems in a short amount of time.

It was extremely enjoyable and good fun as we got to apply our mathematical knowledge alongside like-minded people as well as work together as a team to solve problems that we hadn't seen before.

Ella Hansford (10F)



Duke of Edinburgh Diamond Challenge

We have recently taken part and completed our Duke of Edinburgh Diamond Challenge. This was to celebrate the 60th year of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We decided to 'challenge ourselves' by travelling to Derbyshire to take part in a couple of hours of Horse Riding. Most of us had not ridden a horse for many years and we were extremely excited!

The experience was breath-taking, it was snowing and we all felt like we were walking into Narnia. We met some amazing instructors at Derbyshire Horse Trekking and some beautiful horses.

We each ended up raising over £60 which was the requirement and have received our Diamond pins which we are very proud of. DofE is such a life changing experience and we have all taken part in previous awards such as Bronze and Silver which were thoroughly enjoyable and are all very much looking forward to our Gold expeditions this summer.



Unfortunately the Diamond Challenge is now closed but we would urge other students to consider speaking to Mrs Walker and possibly taking part in one of the Awards that is available.

Mollie Haines (12F), Tabitha Davenport (12F), Anna Hardy (12F) and Megan Dame (12F)



Spotlight on Sport

Success continues for our sporting students in a variety of activity areas and age groups. The U13 Football Team have had a fantastic season so far and have made their way into the County Cup final which takes place on March 21st at Lincoln College, Ravendale. Jemma Goacher (12A) competed at a Regional Trampolining competition aiming to make the Regional team. The year 7 Netball teams played their first matches this season against opposing schools in the Kesteven zone.

Congratulations to Phoebe Spicer (8W) who has been selected for the Lincolnshire Netball Development Squad.

We would like to wish Fiona Lucas (11L) all the best as she travels to Canada to represent Great Britain in the Junior World Synchronised Skating Championships. Good luck Fiona.

PE Department

| Results | | | | |
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| Age Group | Opposition | Date | Score | Result |
| Badminton | | | | |
| U12 | Kesteven and Grantham Girls School | Away Weds 1 st March | 3-2 | Won |
| U14 | Kesteven and Grantham Girls School | Away Weds 1 st March | 0-5 | Lost |
| Hockey | | | | |
| U16 | SWRHS | Away Weds 22 nd February | Draw | 0-0 |
| Netball | | | | |
| Year 7 | SWRHS | Away Tues 21 st February | 8-12 | Lost |
| Year 7 | St George's | Home Tues 28 th February | A team = 0-38 B team = 1-1 | Lost Draw |
| Year 8 | St George's | Away Monday 27 th February | 21-6 | Won |
| Year 9 | St George's | Away Monday 27 th February | 7-1 | Won |
| Football | | | | |
| U13 | Skegness Grammar School | Away Tuesday 28 th March | 6-0 | Won |

Under 13 Football Team



The U13 Football team remain unbeaten this season and face St George's Academy in the final of the Lincolnshire County Cup. Good luck girls!

Year 7 Netball Teams



The year 7 Netball teams have played their first games after training hard throughout the winter season and they are playing well while representing the school.

Trampolining

Jemma Goacher (12A) attended the East Midlands regional trampoline final at Loughborough last Sunday. Jemma placed middle rankings at a firm 18th place! She received some of her best scores during this competition. A fantastic 7.7 was given by one of the judges showing Jemma's form was up to standard on the day as the winning gymnasts were obtaining 7.8 and 8.0 showing the winning title was well within Jemma's reach. Jemma has worked exceptionally hard this past year to secure her place in the Regional final and this was a great experience for her to see how far she has come and what she has achieved. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to Jemma.



U16 Hockey Team



Badminton



The final match of the Lincolnshire Badminton League draw took place at KGGS on Wednesday 1st March. The U14 team had run their opponents in the previous two matches closely, but unfortunately came up against another well-practised team which included regional players. The U12 team were more successful, winning their match in the final doubles game with moments to spare. The league is used to select the teams for the National League Finals in May and we wait to see if we've been successful.

Well done to all those who have taken part in the team this year; we look forward to more players getting involved in the future and developing the sport further.

Mr L Rooke

| Upcoming Fixtures | | |
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| Age Group | Opposition | Date |
| Futsal | | |
| Year 7 | County Final tournament | Away Thurs 9 th March at Grantham Meres |
| Hockey | | |
| KS3 | SWRHS | Home Weds 15 th March |
| Netball | | |
| Year 7 | Priory Ruskin | Home Tues 7 th March |
| Year 7 | KGGS | Away Tues 14 th March |
| Year 7 | Walton | Home Mon 20 th March |
| Year 7 | Tournament at Walton | Away Thurs 30 th March |
| Year 8 | Priory Ruskin | Home Thurs 23 rd March |
| Year 8 | Tournament at St George's | Away Tues 28 th March |
| Year 9 | Priory Ruskin | Home Thurs 23 rd March |
| Year 10 | Tournament at St George's | Away Tues 28 th March |
| Football | | |
| U13 County Final | St George's | Away at Lincoln College, Ravendale on Tuesday 21 st March |
| Swimming | | |
| Swimarathon | Yarborough, Lincoln | Away Sunday 12 th March |

