

NEWSLETTER

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Useful Dates

6 Feb	Year 9 Parents' Evening
8-12 Feb	Iceland Trip
9-17 Feb	Ski Trip
9 Feb	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practical Deadline
9 Feb	LAST DAY OF TERM
14 Feb	Duke of Edinburgh Kit Audit 2
19 Feb	FIRST DAY OF TERM
19 Feb	GCSE & A Level Art Exams Begin
22 Feb	Year 11 Parents' Evening



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to all parents who attended the recent Year 9 options evening and who are now in the process of supporting their children through the options process in preparation for their GCSE studies. I hope Mr Green's (Assistant Head – Curriculum) presentation was able to answer as many of your questions as possible regarding why we offer the options we do and why some that may be available in other schools aren't currently offered at the High School. The presentation is available on the school website <http://www.ksks.uk/site/page.asp?ID=8> but we welcome communication from parents at any point in the year. I have invited the student council to discuss their views on the rationale behind the options process and Mr Green will try to answer any questions they have.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

Year 13 Oxbridge Success

It is the time of year when Year 13 students are looking to the summer and starting to finalise their plans for when they leave school. As usual many of them have applied to university for a wide range of courses all over the country. Pictured are the 8 students from the Robert Carre Trust who have been offered places to study at either Oxford or Cambridge. They are (left to right):

- Molly Desorger – Engineering, Cambridge
- Isabella Smith – Medicine, Cambridge
- Alex McGinley – Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Oxford
- Harriet Kirsopp – Modern and Medieval Languages, Cambridge
- Megan Hackett – Modern and Medieval Languages, Cambridge
- Georgia Appleyard - Chinese Studies, Cambridge
- Saffron Jackson – Human, Social and Political Science, Cambridge
- Clea Butcher – English, Oxford

Places at Oxbridge are particularly competitive and applicants must now take an entrance examination for most subjects as well as go through a rigorous interview process, and so this is an impressive achievement. All these students will need A*A*A to AAA Grades in their A-levels in order to take up their places.

We are also delighted that the majority of students who have applied to other universities, many of them prestigious Russell



Group universities, are hearing that they have been successful in receiving offers, many from all five of their chosen institutions. Courses applied for are incredibly diverse and include Philosophy, Politics, History, Geography, English, Mathematics, Illustration, Architecture, Photography, Actuarial Science, Biomedicine, Veterinary Medicine, Medicine, Zoology, Criminology, Psychology, Music and Law.

Students who are unsure about university or who have not applied will need to start making plans for Gap Years or applying for Apprenticeships or jobs. Mrs Hunter is able to assist or arrange an independent careers interview to help with these decisions.

Miss S Chant
Head of Sixth Form

RSC 'Top of the Bench' Competition

On Saturday 20th January, Hazel Richard (10MLM), Charlie Scott (9L) and Stevie Scott (9L) and I went with Mrs Evans to the University of Derby because we were invited to participate in the Royal Society of Chemistry's 'Top of the Bench' East Midlands Regional Finals. We were made to feel very welcome with free refreshments on arrival and after a brief talk discussing the plans for the day and introducing the competition's sponsor Lubrizol, we were taken to a room where our team and the 13 other teams from around the East Midlands answered different difficulties of Chemistry questions.

After we had done the quiz section of the competition, we were taken to one of the university's labs to complete an assessed practical task. We were tasked with saving the Millennium Falcon (from Star Wars) from engine failure by creating a recipe for a coolant that would cool the engine to precisely 10.5°C in 1 minute or less using citric acid and sodium hydrogen carbonate. We were praised for our clean and safe handling of all the chemicals and equipment and managed to arrive at the target temperature change three times during our preparation, but when it came to the judged experiment, sadly our recipe didn't reach the target temperature.



After this we were shown a variety of demonstrations including incredible endothermic reactions that were cold enough to freeze water and stunning flame tests that showed us how fireworks are made. Unfortunately we didn't qualify for the national finals but we found the experience very valuable because it built our teamwork skills and taught us new things we wouldn't have learned about Chemistry in the classroom which opened our eyes to the more fun side of Science. Overall, the experience was really valuable and I'd definitely recommend it to Science loving students next year.



Yasmin Bettles (11A)

SHOE BOX APPEAL

In the run up to Christmas tutor group 10KG decided they wanted to collect for the Rotary Club Shoe Box appeal after the success of the collection in 2016. Unfortunately the Rotary Club were unable to take our donations of toiletries and gifts at that time.

We then decided to donate them to local families in need via The Salvation Army in Newark. I was extremely proud that the students of KSHS once again were very thoughtful in their donations and I could deliver a large amount of toys, stationery, toiletries and household items just before Christmas. Over 270 children and their families in the Newark area benefitted from these donations.

Thank you to everyone that supported this.

Mrs K Green
Form Tutor 10KG



Rock Challenge

As part of the schools participation in the 'Rock Challenge', a group of students involved in the set design created some of the suitcase props that the dancers are going to use. We had a look at how they were creating them, and how they are being used in the dance.

Student set designers are making these out of cardboard, newspaper and glue; simply using Maths and logic to create these wonderful suitcases! The suitcases are modelled after the vintage trunks from the 1800s. In the First World War evacuees packed their belongings in these types of trunks. The production is not pinpointed to the First World War, although it is the main inspiration. The production as a whole is about war in general and its effect on the community, in this case young children as evacuees.

The dancers are continuing to practise their routines – now with the added props. We went to the Hall to see them practising with the newly formed suitcases, and were pleased to see that they are getting on well. Here are some pictures from the practice:



In the coming weeks, Costume Design are designing and creating the costumes for the performers. They are working hard, thinking about technical details to make it suitable for the production. Everything is coming together slowly, but surely. More updates to follow!

By Hermione Khan (10JC) and Hazel Hall (10JC)

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DAY

At the end of last term, on 15 December, all of Year 9 gathered together at Carre's Grammar School to take part in a Modern Foreign Languages Day.

We were put into mixed groups from all form groups at both schools. There were French, German and Spanish groups and these were the languages that we worked on all day. Our task was to design a product that could be used for sports in the country whose language we were talking in and we had to design a prototype of our design that could showcase the main features. My group designed Bluetooth headphones that were waterproof and could be worn under a swimming hat.

After we designed them we all got taken out in groups to be taught some languages. We learnt how to count to ten in Arabic and how to greet people in Russian.

Then we had to present our design in front of a board of judges. At the end we did a poster and this added points to our design and then we found out a winner in each language group. My group won the German section!

Sarah Durham 9A

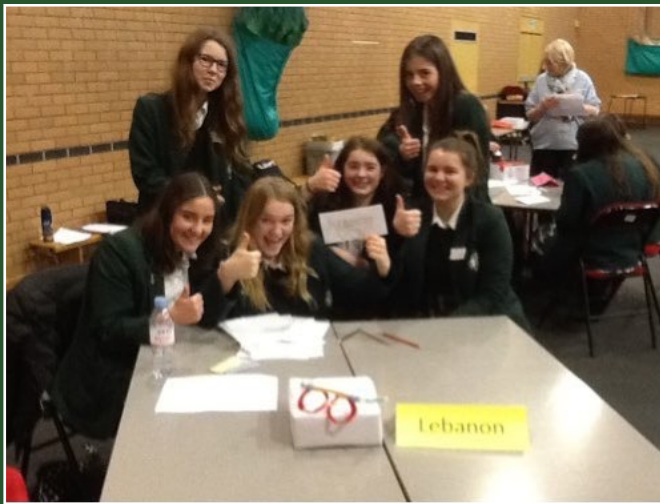
LANGUAGES DAY

Our recent participation in the KSHS Year 11 Languages Day included many activities where we could practise languages that catered for both French and German students. These activities provided us with some business skills as well as an opportunity to develop our language skills. We were split into groups of 5 or 6 which included people from different forms, giving us the opportunity to get to know people outside of our friendship groups. These groups were given a French and/or German speaking country including a range of richer, well-developed countries and poorer, less-developed countries. We were required to research our specific country, arrange a business meeting and book flights and hotels in our chosen language, make products and brochures, and trade with other countries. Whilst making these products, we were given different budgets for raw materials based on how wealthy our country was. The poorer countries, such as Morocco, experienced the global inequalities more than most and found it difficult to make a product which other countries would want to buy with such little money. However, the richer countries, such as Switzerland, also experienced difficulties as they had to make a product which was worth a lot of money so had to be creative. They also found that they had a smaller market



as fewer countries could afford their products so found it difficult to make many sales.

We also received a talk from Paul Hughes who has languages incorporated within his career; he informed us that languages are a very valuable skill in any career and make you stand out. He also gave us revision tips for learning new vocabulary.



The day was very enjoyable and informative as we learnt valuable skills which can be applied anywhere, such as teamwork, good communication and persuasive techniques when trying to sell our products and how to negotiate. It also made us aware of the massive global divide in wealth. Finally, it developed our written and oral skills in French and/or German, preparing us for our upcoming exams.

Oivia Pick (11L)

INTERESTED IN TEACHING?

If you are interested in teaching at Secondary or Primary level, with the fantastic tailored support of school and university based training then please see the brochure attached with this Newsletter for **St George's Academy Partnership School Centred Initial Teacher Training**. The High School works with several teacher training organisations and is proud to support the training of new entrants to the profession.

If you wish to train next academic year contact details for further enquiries are detailed in the brochure.

Miss K Duffy
Professional Mentor KSHS

ARTiculation at the National Centre for Craft and Design (NCCD)

From 4-6pm on Thursday 11th January, 4 students took on the challenge of the national public speaking competition about Art called "ARTiculation". This is a national competition which is designed to engage young people to talk about Art.

Saffron Jackson, Natalie Sands, Emily Dunham and Katherine Bolton took on the challenge and prepared 7 minute presentations on themes of their own choosing, which were supported with images and fiercely contested in the gallery space at the NCCD. With fascinating topics that covered the Berlin Wall, Gilbert and George, American Destiny and whether Text is Art, the students went before a panel of 3 expert judges. The presentations were expertly sourced and confidently presented and the judges had a very difficult time deciding on the winner.



The winning presentation was made by Natalie Sands, where she debated the issue of whether Text should be in an Art gallery. She now goes forward as the school's champion, to the regional heat held in Norwich at The Sainsbury's Centre.

We are currently looking for a number of students from KS4 who want to take part in the "Discover Articulation" competition which will consist of students creating a 2 minute video presentation about a work of art, craft, public art, film or an artist. Students should see the following website and get in touch with Mr Letchworth if they are interested and in KS4.

<http://rohecourteducationaltrust.co.uk/articulation-prize/discover-articulation/>

Mr P Letchworth
Subject Leader Art

Year 12 Visit to Lincoln University Fashion Department

On Wednesday 24th January 5 Year 12 A Level Fashion and Textiles students spent the day at Lincoln University to gain an insight into the work the students do and a taste of teaching post Sixth Form.

The students were divided into groups and given an introduction and overview of the 3 year Fashion degree course and the projects that are undertaken, including watching part of the final degree fashion show. The students were then encouraged to chat to the students from all year groups about their work and experiences of the course and university life. The university students were approachable and friendly and put the Sixth Form students at ease, they talked knowledgeably about the projects they had completed and showed our students their portfolio of ideas, samples, toiles and finished creations.

Fashion students at Lincoln are encouraged to be very creative and innovative in their design and use of materials. Many of the students design garments for performance, dance and the theatre. The design of headwear and millinery plays an important

place in designing a head to toe look, so many students had also designed head pieces and shoes to complement their garment designs.

The tutors were very informative and keen to create links with schools in Lincolnshire. Later in the day we were given a tour of the University campus and the many facilities available to the students.

Mrs B Fleming
Design and Technology Textiles Teacher



Spotlight on Sport

The winter season continues into the new year here at KSHS. We are looking forward to competing in the upcoming events which the teams continue to train hard for.

Congratulations to the Cross Country squad who competed at the County stage of the competition at Burghley House in Stamford. Qualifying runners were Chloe Mulhall, Isabel Collier and Holly Marshall from Year 7; Georgia Lancaster from Year 8; Hazel Williams (2nd place), Georgia Gray and Mollie Thomas from Year 10; Laura Bates (3rd place) from Year 12 and Chloe Ridley from Year 13.

We are very excited to report that 5 runners qualified for the next round and will compete at the Anglian Schools Cross Country Competition at Holbrook, Ipswich.

Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score	Result
Football				
U13	County Cup St George's Academy	Away Wednesday 17 th January	Postponed due to pitch conditions	
Badminton				
U14 & U16	KGGS	Away Wednesday 24 th January		KS3 lost KS4 won
Cross Country				
All ages	County final at Burghley House, Stamford	Away Saturday 20 th January	9 runners competed	5 runners qualified for Anglian Schools Cross Country Competition

Student Sporting Success

Katie Lancaster 10JC – Swimming Achievement

Last weekend I competed in the 2018 Lincolnshire County Championship. I swim with Lincoln Vulcans Swim Club and was one of about 40 swimmers the Club took to the Championship.

The competition is spread over 3 weekends. This was the first weekend and I entered 6 of the 7 races. I have been concentrating on getting regional qualification and my goal was to get as many as possible.

The weekend was great for me, with two golds, one silver and more importantly for me, 4 regional qualification times, to add to the two I already have. I was particularly happy with my 200m breaststroke, which I did in 2.52.19 and smashed my personal best time by 6 seconds; and also the 400IM (Individual Medley) which I did in 5.22.75 which was a 12 second PB. Both those times were well inside the Regional Championship Qualifying times.

It was a great weekend and the team all cheered each other on. We had all been working hard for the championship, and the week before we had been to Sunderland for a mini swim camp to prepare, using the Millennia Stadium 50m pool. It seemed to pay off and there were lots of medals and regional times for Lincoln Vulcans. I can't wait for next weekend where I will race in another 6 races.

Swimming takes a lot of time and the Top Squad train between 7 and 9 times a week, sometimes twice a day and swimming up to 7000m before school. There are also gym sessions twice a week where we complete strength training. But I love it and I feel without it I wouldn't have developed the skills to focus, concentrate and have the determination which also helps with my school life.

I would recommend swimming with Lincoln Vulcans to anyone!

We welcome any features from students who take part in activities outside of school. Features and photographs can be emailed to school where we can celebrate student's extra-curricular hard work and success.

Upcoming Fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Volleyball		
U15	KSSA Tournament	Away Thursday 1 st February
Badminton		
KS3 & KS4	Bourne Grammar School	Away Wednesday 7 th February
Cross Country		
All ages	Anglian Schools Cross Country	Away Saturday 2 nd February

Details of a Student Art Competition

If your daughter enjoys Art, whether she plans to study it at GCSE or simply enjoys being creative, please encourage her to participate in this competition.

"THE SKY'S THE LIMIT" ART COMPETITION



To mark 100 years of the Royal Air Force RAF Cranwell are holding an Art competition that has 2 categories : 11-15 and 15-18 Your brief is to create an artwork that is inspired by the theme "The sky's the limit". Prizes for the winning artwork and 2 runners up in each category.

WHAT

HOW

You can work in any media. Your artwork must be no larger than 60 x 60 cm and will need to be framed or in a mount.



Your artwork must be handed into your Art teacher by the week beginning 4th June. Selected works will be displayed in "The spitfire room" at Cranwell on Monday 11th June - 15th June 2018

WHEN



Prize for the winners : Red Arrow visit, signed framed print and Trophy and Cranwell tour.
Prize for the 4 runners up :
Cranwell tour and Trophy & Red Arrow visit



KSHS CLUBS (January to April 2018)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Show Choir 1pm in V1 All Year Groups	Writing Club 1-1.30pm M8 YR 7-10	Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.40am All Year Groups	Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.40am All Year Groups	Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.40am All Year Groups
Sixth Form Book Club 1-1.30pm M8	Youth Speaks 1-1.30pm V5 (Junior & Senior Club)	Vocal Group – Yr 9, GCSE & A Level, 1pm V1	Library Club 1st Thursday of every month All Year Groups	Biology / Nature Club Yr. 7 12.50- 1.20pm S1
Dress A Girl M4 All Year Groups 12.45pm – 1.25pm	History Club M12 1- 1.20pm All Year Groups	D of E catch-up sessions/Drop in Clinic Year 9-13	Mindfulness M5 12.45pm – 1.20pm All Year Groups	Games Club C2 12.50pm All Year Groups
Girls News Team (GNT) see Miss Natley	Rock Challenge Hall 3.50pm – 5.00pm (information through form tutor) All Year Groups	Snack Attack! Year 7's – Food Club 12.40pm – 1.20pm	Yea. 10 & 11 Textile Club 3.45pm- 5.30pm	Kesteven Code Crackers CO1 lunchtime (by invitation only)
KS3 'Daisy Pulls It Off' Drama Rehearsals		Find Your Voice 3.45pm – 4.30pm (Year 7)	'Culture Club' MFL in L3 1pm All Year Groups	Interact Club – Dates on the notice board. All Year Groups
Art Workshops Year 11 GCSE Students		Food Club – Year 7-11 3.45pm – 5pm		School Band- Friday 1pm V1 All Year Groups
		Yr 11 Photoshop & Illustrator 4-6pm		KS4 English Clinic M10 1-1.30pm
		Art Workshops Year 11 GCSE Students		

Physical Education
Extra-Curricular Timetable 2017
Term 3

	Lunchtime 12.40-13.10	After School 3.45-4.45
Monday	Netball Year 10	Football League Fixtures and Netball Club - Key Stage 3 (unless a fixture is scheduled)
	Dance Year 7 & 8	
	Table Tennis All Years	
Tuesday	Benchball Year 8 & 9	Netball League Fixtures and Basketball Club – Yr 9-11
	Tag Rugby KS 3	
	Fitness All Years	
Wednesday	Gymnastics All Years	KS3 Volleyball (unless a fixture is scheduled)
	Hockey KS 3 & 4	
	Netball Year 7	
Thursday	Netball Year 8 & 9	Netball League Fixtures and KS4 Volleyball @Carre's
	Basketball All Years	
	Running Club All Years	
	GCSE Assessments Year 11	
Friday	GCSE Intervention	
	Rock Challenge	
	Football Year 7 & 8	
	Badminton All Years	

Please Note: We will inform you in advance if we have fixtures, in this case the club will be cancelled.

GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

15th to 26th January 2018

Staff are invited to nominate students who have demonstrated a Growth Mindset in the past couple of weeks. This might have been in lessons, in clubs, in tutor time or simply around school.

Please note we already award bi-annual subject badges and merits for good academic work, effort and improvement. These Growth Mindset nominations recognise those who show resilience (academic or otherwise); who aren't afraid to get things wrong and learn from it; those who have a go, take themselves out of their comfort zone or show that even if a task is tough they will persevere.

Congratulations to Giorgina Meier (7L) whose name was randomly selected from the nominations of the past month. She receives an Amazon Voucher in recognition of her positive approach.

Subject area	Student being nominated	Tutor Group	Staff nominating
Art	Sophie Barnatt	8A	Mr M Clifford
Computing	Holly Coles	9A	Mr S Mulligan
Drama	Lucy North	10MLM	Miss T O'Leary
D&T Textiles	Niamh Deverell	8A	Mrs B Fleming
D&T Textiles	Libby Edwards	11F	Mrs B Fleming
D&T Textiles	Ellie Hipworth	10JC	Mrs B Fleming
D&T Textiles	Erin Lee	8F	Mrs B Fleming
Geography	Abbey Doncaster	9A	Mrs D Collett
Geography	Amelie Pitman	10MLM	Mrs D Collett
German	Anna Atkinson	10NP	Mr L Rooke
German	Lauren Ball	11A	Mr L Rooke
German	Megan Grimmer	11W	Mr L Rooke
German	Bethany Lenton	9F	Mr L Rooke
German	Giorgina Meier	7L	Mr L Rooke
German	Willow Villca-Mamani	8W	Miss E Shales
Maths	Emily Hansford	10JC	Mrs H Megginson
Maths	Aneeka Manocha	7F	Miss K Duffy
PE	Bethany Iszatt	7L	Mrs J Stacey
Psychology	Emily Kinsella	12F	Mrs L Shelley
Science	Natalie Burns	8A	Mrs Z Harris
Technology	Amy Patchett	8L	Mr M Clifford
Tutor	Emily Davies	12A	Miss A Beckitt





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Start Date by Negotiation

Contact Type: Permanent, Full time, 39 weeks a year

Salary: Grade: S4:18-20 £18,070-£19,430 (Pro Rata £16,530-£17,774)

We are seeking to appoint an ambitious and innovative Librarian to our school.

The Library is a popular and welcoming space and students in all year groups use the Library for a range of reasons making it busy throughout the day. Sixth Form students enjoy the quiet working area, staff bring their classes to access the IT facilities and all Year 7 students have a fortnightly Library lesson.

The Library is currently open all day and we plan to extend its use after school for homework support and IT access for students. There is real scope in this role for making it your own and introducing innovative learning experiences for students. We welcome someone with energy and commitment to do just that.

Applicants are very welcome to come and visit the school prior to application.

How to apply: Please return the Support Staff application form available on our website: www.kshs.uk to Mrs H Gill, PA to the Headteacher (email: helen.gill@kshs.uk). Please attach a letter of application (of no more than 2 sides of A4) and please explain the reason for your interest and your relevant track record that confirms you could fulfil the expectations of the role.

Closing Date: Monday 5 February 2018 (noon)

We reserve the right to interview candidates prior to the closing date.

As part of the Robert Carre Trust we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo enhanced DBS checks.