

Walking around KLB this September, I have been struck by how calm the school feels. For the first time in five years, we have started an academic year free of building work. It is lovely to enjoy our new school site fully and see students making the most of the spaces and opportunities available to them.

Our Open Evening was a particularly special occasion. After a full day in school, 400 students gave up their time and returned to welcome prospective students and their families, lead tours, help in departments and share their experiences of KLB. Their pride in their school was evident to all and the messages we received afterwards captured this beautifully. One family described the "palpable sense of pride, of community and joy at school". Another said that KLB had given them "the confidence that our child would be safe and cared for".

It was particularly lovely to read the anecdotes that sat behind those impressions: a prefect helping a shy visitor feel comfortable enough to join in with activities; a year 12 student giving a family her time with patience and kindness; a year 7 student explaining her worries before starting and how she had settled; and a student in Computing stepping forward to welcome visitors and demonstrate his work. These small interactions can make an enormous difference to a child trying to imagine themselves in a new school.

Thank you to all the students and staff who made the evening such a success, and particularly to Joss, Ieuan, Ruby and Lucia for sharing their experiences...twice... with a hall full of visitors. Our Open Mornings then gave families the opportunity to see KLB during a normal working day, visit lessons and get a feel for the everyday life of the school.

We also finally held our Sports Awards Evening, postponed from July because of the hot weather. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate sporting achievement and everything that makes it possible: commitment, hours of practice, teamwork and the resilience to keep going through setbacks. Hearing staff speak with such knowledge and pride about individual students is always a highlight. So too is seeing students enjoy celebrating somebody else's success as much as their own.

Three beautiful wooden sculptures have also arrived at KLB, each with a special significance for our school community. Two were commissioned in memory of our much-missed colleagues Nichala Gallivan and Vincent Le Goasoz, who died in March 2024 and December 2023 respectively. They are situated in our new memorial garden close to the canteen. One features bees and sunflowers, both favourites of Nichala. The second is a stack of books, with titles chosen by Nic's and Vincent's KLB friends and families inscribed on the spines. They are deeply personal pieces and fitting tributes to two colleagues who we remember so fondly. The memorial sculptures were funded through the extraordinary 100km Cotswold Way challenge completed by Jane Champion, Elizabeth Cornish, Joe Hopkins and Alex Morgan. We are very grateful to them, and to everyone whose ideas and creativity helped shape the pieces.

The third sculpture, created by the same sculptor, features a scroll displaying our eight KLB Values. It can be found in the planted area beside Berkeley Plaza, our main entrance for events. Although separate from the memorial garden, it feels fitting that a sculpture celebrating the values at the heart of KLB has been created alongside the two memorial pieces.



I hope you enjoy reading about the many other experiences and achievements that have marked the start of the year.

Hannah Khan
Headteacher

Open Evening

Thank you to the KLB students who returned to school in the evening to welcome year 6 children and their parents to KLB and to showcase a range of lessons and activities.

We are so proud of you all for being such fabulous ambassadors for KLB School.





Sculptures

These stunning sculptures not only enhance the school site but are also reminders of the school's values and past colleagues Nichala Gallivan and Vincent Le Goascoz, who died too soon and are fondly remembered by colleagues and students.



Sports Awards Evening

On XXX September the school hosted our annual Sport Awards evening. As ever it proved a lovely evening and an opportunity to recognise the sporting achievements of the students at KLB. The winners of the awards have not only performed at a very high level, but they have also shown commitment to training and displayed many of the school values and sportsmanship.

The top prize winners of the evening were the KS3 dance group that won team of the year after reaching the national finals of the Great Big Dance Off and Ollie Perry who claimed the Tapscott Cup for his contribution to sport and high level of performance over the past five years.

Congratulations to all prize winners.

R Daniel, Head of PE



Sixth Form Art Visit to Cotswold Sculpture Park

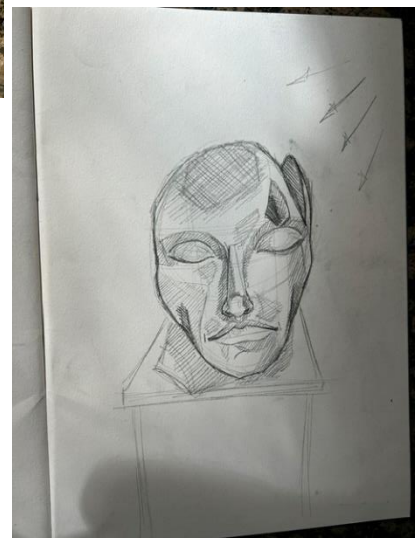
Our Sixth Form Art students recently visited the **Cotswold Sculpture Park** near Cirencester to gather primary source material for their coursework projects. Throughout the day, students produced observational drawings and photographs, collecting valuable visual research to support the development of their personal investigations.

Set within the beautiful Cotswold landscape, the park features an impressive variety of contemporary sculptures, from striking abstract forms to detailed figurative works. The outdoor setting allows visitors to experience art in direct dialogue with nature, providing a unique source of inspiration for young artists.

The visit was both enjoyable and productive, giving students fresh ideas and a deeper understanding of how artists use form, scale and environment to communicate meaning.

Most importantly, our students were exceptional ambassadors for the school. Their enthusiasm, maturity and commitment to their studies were evident throughout the day, and they were a real credit to KLB.

T Chilman, Art Teacher



Houses Update:

The end of last year saw Durand crowned House Champions 2025-26.

Students in Durand House earned themselves a rewards day in the final week of the year, with students in years 7-9 enjoying fun and games on the field and year 10 winners showing their house pride by painting the school dragon in a vivid blue, the Durand House colour.



The new academic year's competition is already underway. The reigning champions have started strong with wins in both the Sixth Form Scavenger Hunt and the Year 12 Quiz. Logan has also started well with a win in the Year 12 Table Football Tournament and by taking the top spot in the inaugural lunchtime 'House of Games' challenge, Giant Jenga.

I look forward to another fantastic year full of House Spirit.

K Wyndow



Activities Week 2026



In the penultimate week of term 6 in July, key stage 3 students enjoyed the annual activities week. The aims of the week: to reward students for their hard work throughout the year; to provide a range of familiar and new experiences; and to enable students to build on existing friendships and hopefully meet other students and staff.

Longstanding trips such as paintballing, ice skating and bowling, Bristol Zoo Wild Place and Lake 32 are always popular. This year we also added the new High

Ropes 270 Climbing, and IMAX cinema.

Onsite activities included Film Making, Mask Making, Silent Disco, Dungeons and Dragons, Circus Skills, Gardening, Creative Writing, Kick Boxing and Street Dance.

We also introduced a local cafe trip which together with board games and mindful colouring, provided calmer options.

The week was a tremendous success and it was lovely to see the children getting involved in activities outside the classroom setting.

E Thomas, Deputy Headteacher



Library News



We have had a busy start to the new academic year in the library, welcoming students old and new. All Year 7 students have had a library induction lesson, showing them how to use the space and borrow from the huge variety of books that we have on the shelves. These lessons included a scavenger hunt to get them familiar with where to find all the available resources. All of Year 7 completed

this task successfully, earning well-deserved pace points.



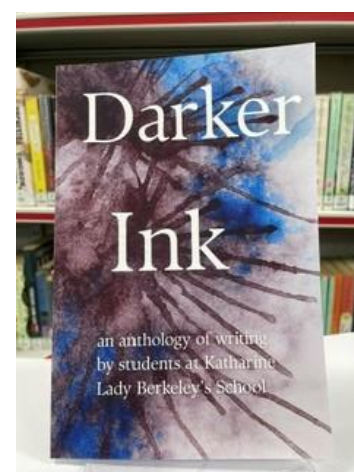
A Welcome Gift from the Library

Each year, we offer every Year 7 student a brand new book to keep as a welcome gift to the school. Through the BookTrust Bookbuzz scheme, a reading programme which aims to inspire a love of reading in 11 - 13 year olds, students can choose one of 16 titles carefully selected to ensure quality, suitability and to encourage reading for pleasure. Students should receive a copy of their chosen book later in the term, handed out during their English lessons. A copy of all these books will also be available for everyone else to borrow in the library.



Creative Writing Club – Anthology Launch Party

Mrs Hill and Mrs Watson welcomed students to KLB's Creative Writing Club for its third exciting year with a party! This first meeting was to celebrate the launch of a second stunning anthology of student work that was produced during last year's club, *Darker Ink*.



Following the success of the first anthology, *Ink in Motion*, students worked hard to produce another magnificent collection of work, this time with a dystopian theme which

inspired the title! The launch party included several readings from some talented contributors, some book signings and lots of sweet treats!



Thanks to a generous gift from KLB Friends, every contributor took home a free copy. Extra copies are available to purchase via [Amazon](#), with all profits going back to the school.

The club meets on Monday lunchtimes in the library and is open to all. Feel free to bring your lunch and join us for some creative inspiration (and the occasional biscuit)!



Overdue books

We have rather a lot of overdue books, which is understandable, as we've not long returned to school. However, now that we are back, please have a good look at home and return any books that you find. We will send lists of overdue books to tutors to remind students over the next few weeks. Please be aware that if students have several books overdue, we will be reluctant to let them borrow any more. If there is any problem with a book a student has borrowed, please encourage them to pop to the library and have a chat with us.

Wednesday Lunchtime Quiet Read

Now that the autumnal weather has set in, don't forget we have a quiet read session in the library every Wednesday where you can curl up with a good book and read while eating your lunch. Please arrive promptly and settle in for a quiet read with no distractions. What could be better on a rainy day?

Mrs Hill and Ms Dix, School Librarians

Welcome to Chaoyu Huang

Please join us in welcoming Chaoyu Huang, our new Chinese Teaching Assistant, to the KLB community. Chaoyu has written the following introduction.

My name is Chaoyu Huang, and I am the new Chinese Teaching Assistant at our school. I come from Chengdu, China, the hometown of giant pandas! 🐼

I play the erhu, a traditional Chinese two-stringed musical instrument, and I also enjoy Chinese painting.

China has a long history and a rich and fascinating culture. I am very excited to share the Chinese language and culture with all the students here. I look forward to meeting you all, learning together, and introducing you to more aspects of Chinese language and culture!



G Clarkson

Careers Information

Information Sources for Parents and Carers

GCC What's Next Booklet and Bristol Post-16 Directory provide a wealth of information about the various post-16 pathways and list sixth forms, colleges and training providers in their areas:

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/tc5fqf0a/gcc_4627-whats-next-booklet-2025_dev3.pdf

<https://www.bristolesl.com/bristolpost16/>



Amazing Apprenticeships has all the information you will need if you and your child would like to find out more about apprenticeship routes and levels following GCSEs or A levels including a step-by-step guide to applying for an apprenticeship. <https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/>

Talking Futures provides information about the range of further and higher education and training options available to young people and guidance on how to start the conversation.

<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/>



Parentkind has advice on how to support your child when talking about post-16 and career options.

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/for-parents/careers/careers-guidance-and-access/supporting-your-child#heading101811>

Careerpilot is closing soon: the website will be taken down on 18 December 2026.

If you wish to use this resource while it's still available, please note that 23 October is the last day when new registrations will be accepted. Careerpilot covers information on a range of areas, including choices at 14, 16 and 18 as well as apprenticeships and colleges. The following link takes you to the key page on the website. <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone>



College and Sixth Form Open Days – Autumn Term

Year 11 students and their parents may be interested in the following open events at local colleges. Please note that, in most cases, you will need to book via the college website.

6-8 October	Boomsatsuma	6.00 – 8.00pm
Wed 7 October	Bath College (City Centre Campus)	4.00pm – 7.00pm
Sat 10 October	SGS College (Filton, Stroud, Wise, QR)	10.00am – 3.00pm
Thurs 15 October	Bristol Rovers Community Trust	7.00pm – 8.00pm
Sat 17 October	Access Creative College	
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Wed 21 October	Bath College (Somer Valley Campus)	4.00pm – 7.00pm
Sat 28 October	Bristol City Robins Taster Session	10.00am – 11.30am
7-16 November	Gloucestershire College	
Wed 11 November	Bristol City Robins Foundation Open Eve	6.30 – 7.30pm
Sat 14 November	SGS College (Filton, Stroud, Wise, QR)	10.00am – 3.00pm
Sat 14 November	Berkeley Green UTC	10.00am – 1.00pm
Wed 19 November	City of Bristol College	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Sat 21 November	Bath College	10.00am – 1.00pm
Wed 25 November	On Site Bristol	5.00pm – 7.00pm

Sat 28 November	Access Creative College	
5 & 12 December	Boomsatsuma	10.00am – 2.00pm
Mon 7 December	Bristol City Robins Foundation online Q&A	6.30pm

Please note that Hartpury College events for the autumn term are fully booked but spring term dates are available to book now. Please visit the Hartpury website to secure your spot if you are interested.

In addition, please put the date of the **KLB Sixth Form Open Evening** in your diary:

Thursday 19 November 6.00 – 8.00pm



Unifrog Careers Platform



The school has subscribed to the Unifrog careers platform and all students now have access to this superb resource. To log in, students just need to go to the Unifrog website, then use their KLB email and password to access if at home.

Unifrog is an invaluable source of careers advice and guidance across all key stages. It will help students to identify and record their strengths and skills, to find out more about the career paths and options available to them and to access a range of support including guidance on next steps and applying for courses. By engaging with Unifrog on a regular basis, students will build a personal profile evidencing their achievements, strengths and skills that they can carry with them for some years beyond their KLB education.

FutureSmart Careers Independent Careers Advice

We use the services of FutureSmart Careers to provide independent and impartial careers guidance to KLB students.



All students in year 11 will have access to a discussion with Priya from FutureSmart during the current school year to support them in making decisions about their post-16 education or training. Students in other years are also able to request a discussion (via their tutor or Head of Year) if they feel they need advice about their next steps.

Year 10 Work Experience

We have now launched work experience to year 10 students and handed packs to the students to share with their parents. Some companies have already opened their application window for work experience next July and we urge students to be proactive in making early bird applications where they can.

Students who feel they may struggle with the process of finding a suitable placement should seek help as soon as possible rather than later. If you have any questions regarding the work experience programme, please email hisaacs@klbschool.org.uk

Guest speakers

We are always on the lookout for adults to share their experiences of the world of work so that we can broaden our students' awareness of the potential careers related opportunities out in the 'real world'.

If you would be interested in sharing information about your career path, the skill set needed for your field of work, your working environment or any other relevant details please let me know. There is no doubt that hearing ideas from people in the wider working community can be a powerful and enriching experience for our students.

Helen Isaacs, Work-related Learning Lead

Chris Bufton, Careers Curriculum Lead

Speakers Trust Workshop



Following the success of our first workshop in June, we had another visit from The Speakers Trust in September who worked with 27 students from across Year 10. The Speakers Trust is a charity which aims to give young people the confidence, skills and opportunity to speak and be heard.

The day was great fun and all the students threw themselves into the different tasks with great enthusiasm - such as tackling the use of filler words like 'um' or 'like' in a competitive showdown, communicating quickly in groups to make decisions about which movie they were going to freeze frame, practising the power of storytelling and even reading body language in a tactical game of Villagers and Werewolves.



The day ended with every student giving a short speech on a topic they felt passionate about and the winners were chosen as Ellie Astwood, Meredith Bell, Eleanor Groves, Henry McMahon and Isla Rowlands. These students now progress to the next stage of the Speakers Trust 'Speak Out Challenge' - they will be presenting their speeches to year 7 students in assembly in a couple of weeks where an overall winner will be announced. That winner will go through to the Regional Final held the Bristol Old Vic Theatre in December.

E Cornish, English Teacher



Chess Club

Chess Club is proving popular this term. Our dedicated year 11 players have been joined by lots of enthusiastic year 7's, at all ability levels.

Model UN Club

KLB's Model UN delegates are working towards their first debate on the topic; How can we ensure that AI is used for the good of all nations? Students have been researching the position of a range of nations including UK, USA, China, Australia, Japan and Fiji. Some of our new year 12 politics students are supporting the students as they learn the process and language associated with opening speeches, caucuses, draft resolutions and voting procedures – there is lots of learn. We look forward to the first afterschool Moderate Caucus.

N Kelly-Davies



KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S
SCHOOL

In September we launched DofE at Bronze level to year 9 students, at Silver level to year 10 and at Gold level to year 12 students.

We recommend that students who are keen to participate should get started on suitable activities if they wish to do so, as the start date for the award can be backdated to the beginning of term for all those who are enrolled during half term or before.

If you have any questions about the award programme, please email hisaacs@klbschool.org.uk

Helen Isaacs, DofE Coordinator



Welcome back

A big welcome to all parents, carers, and friends of KLB!

We're excited for another year of events and fundraising that make a real difference to school life. There are lots of ways to get involved — volunteer, join the committee, or simply come

along and support. Every bit of help counts and benefits every student. Let's make this year a great one together!

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Continues to run quietly in the background raising much needed funds. If you would like to join, please get in touch. We are offering the chance to win a £25 M&S Voucher if you enter the raffle before the end of October. If you are already an existing participant, please keep an eye out on our KLB Friends website for winners.

Wotton and District Roundtable Fireworks Event Saturday 7 November

<https://wotton-firework-display.co.uk/go/klb>

Please use the link above to get your tickets to the best fireworks event in the SouthWest. Every ticket bought through this link can help us get to the top of the leader board and ensure we receive a donation from the tickets sold.

Information Evenings/ Parents Evenings

Please support KLB Friends whose volunteers donate their time to provide refreshments at events for parents and students. We don't charge high prices for a cup of tea or a bar of chocolate, and all profits go to help enrich your child's experience at KLB School.

Easyfundraising and Match Funding

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/klbfriends>

Download the app or save in your browser and shop - it's that easy. Every time you purchase items, we are donated a percentage of the cost of the item.

Do you work for a company that could match funds raised by KLB Friends? Here are just **some** of the companies that offer this great way to increase monies donated to us.

Aviva, Asda, Banks, Boots, British Gas, BT, Co-op, DHL, Ernst Young, First Bus, GE, GSK, M&S, Microsoft, Natwest, O2, Pzifer, PWC, Protor & Gamble, Rolls Royce, Shell, Sky, Smithkline and Beecham, Tesco, Unilever, Vodafone.

Volunteer Sign up

Look out on our Facebook page and website for upcoming events that require volunteers help. We have a packed fundraising calendar ahead and we will need all hands-on deck. Volunteering for just one event is enough, if we all share the workload, rather than relying on just a small group of individuals.

October

Sunday 4	Town Hall Teas
Tuesday 6	Year 8 Info evening
Wednesday 7	Year 12 Info Evening
Saturday 10	Rugby Match Year 7 & 8 https://volunteersignup.org/RAYK9
Sunday 18	XC Event TBC
Tuesday 20	Year 11 Parents Evening https://volunteersignup.org/TPRRT

November

Saturday 7	Rugby Tournament https://volunteersignup.org/BJ7EF Wotton Fireworks https://volunteersignup.org/X99PD
Thursday 12	Year 13 Parents Evening https://volunteersignup.org/AREK9
Sunday 15	XC Event TBC

December

Saturday 5	Christmas Under The Edge
Sunday 6	XC Event TBC
Tuesday 8	Year 12 Parents Evening https://volunteersignup.org/YTW4T
Tuesday 15	Carol Service
Wednesday 16	Year 7 Disco https://volunteersignup.org/WBP9H

Thank you all again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at an event very soon.

KLB Friends
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Chorister Experience
St. Mary's Church Wotton-under-Edge

Wednesday 7th October
17:00 - 18:30
Open to Boys and Girls age 6 - 12

No singing experience needed
Participants will join the choristers for a 45 minutes rehearsal and sing in the traditional service of Evensong at 18:00

For more information please contact our Director of Music Jed Hughes
choristersatstmarys@gmail.com

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BEYOND 16

Saturday 24/10/2026

10am to 1pm

At: SGS Stroud Campus,
Stratford Rd, Stroud GL5 4AH



An opportunity for families of young people with SEND in Year 7 and above to meet with the county's providers and support services, to start planning for next steps after Year 11

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