

Art Department - Art students achieve degree places in the top UK Arts Universities

We are very proud of our highly talented art students who have won places on courses at some of the best arts universities. There are more students than ever gaining a direct entry place meaning that their work is of such a high quality that the Art Foundation course is less necessary to ensure that they can compete at the highest level.



'Team Gold' Graphic Art, realisation by Matthew Cant

The art department is particularly pleased for three students who have been offered places at Falmouth: "*Falmouth has retained its place as the UK's Number One Arts University for the third year running*".

Matthew Cant - Falmouth University, Graphic design

Hamish Clements - Falmouth University, Graphic design

Tom Kinnear - Falmouth University, Film

We are also delighted that another two students have won unconditional degree places:

Abbie Merritt – Bournemouth University, Fine Art

Harry Fitzjohn – Birmingham City University, Photography



'Albert Dock' Photography by Harry Fitzjohn

School Production – 1 to 3 March

This year's school production is upon us, and about to happen as this newsletter is being published.

Licence restrictions mean that the name of the popular and successful show (particularly since the film version of 2002) cannot be publicised, but audiences can be assured of a great evening's entertainment, set in the cell blocks of a northern US state, with songs and dance numbers telling of the lives and misdemeanours of the prisoners through tango, ragtime, Charleston – and *all that jazz...*

The performances will take place in the Drama Hall, starting at 7.00pm. Admission is by ticket, priced £6.00 for adults and £5.00 for students, and remaining tickets can be purchased in the Drama Studio at break times – hurry to avoid disappointment.

Music Department Spring Concert – 5 April

The Music Department's Spring Concert takes place this year on Wednesday 5 April in the Drama Hall, starting at 7.00pm.

As usual the various groups that the music department runs will be participating, including Training and Senior Orchestras, Junior and Senior Choirs, and Samba and Jazz Bands, and there will be solos and small group performances from students of all ages.

Admission is by programme, priced £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for students, and available at the door.

Success in the Intermediate Maths Challenge Results

On 1 February, 62 students in Year 10 and 3 in Year 9 sat the UKMT Intermediate Maths challenge. This year we had a super set of results, with 6 students receiving a bronze certificate, 8 receiving a silver certificate and 1 receiving a gold certificate.

The best mark from Year 10 student Hayden Brewer who achieved a score of 95 out of 125. He now progresses to the Pink Kangaroo in a few weeks' time. Year 9 students James Tofts and Ethan Cox achieved silver certificates and Josh Moreland achieved a bronze.

These are amazing achievements as this competition is open to students in Years 9 to 11 from all over the UK.

A list of all of the students who received a certificate are listed below:

Bronze

Charles Aston, Aimee Watson, Dan Pacini, Tanni Vu, Oliver Wilson, Charlotte Wilson, Josh Moreland

Silver

Laura Dickson, William Sluman, Amelia Reeves, Olivia Green, Callum Lee, Leo Wells, Samuel Long, Isobel Roberts, James Tofts, Ethan Cox

Gold

Hayden Brewer



Congratulations to all students that took part. Well Done!

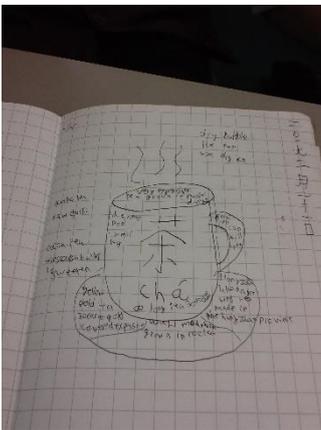
Hayden Brewer Year 10 achieved Gold Certificate and Best in School

Year 8 students learn Chinese through tea-tasting

Half term homework for the Year 8 Chinese class was to research unusual Chinese teas. When the class came together in their first Chinese lesson of Term 4, they were given the freedom to design a 'tea' or 茶(chá) page in their books, making notes from their classmates' findings. Who would have imagined that such strange teas even existed in China? 'Yellow gold tea' made by coating tea leaves with 20 carat gold, on the market for a mere 3,000 pounds per kilo, 'garlic tea' made by mixing raw garlic in with the tea leaves and 'panda dung tea' grown in panda dung, to name but a few teas. There were gasps and incredulous looks around the classroom from students and teachers alike. Most of them commented that they would rather stick to English breakfast tea, thank you very much.

The second part of the 'tea' lesson was split between tasting three different teas (no milk!) from China and learning how to compare their flavour and fragrance, in Chinese. The majority of the class agreed that the green tea (Long Jing cha– Dragon Well tea from Hangzhou) was the tastiest and most fragrant. Contrary to expectations, the flower tea (Ju cha – chrysanthemum tea) smelled like gravy to some students and the red tea (Pu-Erh cha) had a fishy smell and quite a bitter taste.

After the lesson, students Jamie Stacey and Joe Parker commented that "the background research homework was crucial to their learning" and that they were "pleased to be able to share their own ideas through independent research". They also said "it was a really enjoyable lesson, since we weren't just tasting tea; it was an interactive fun way of learning a bit of Chinese culture, but also some new grammar at the same time."



Confucius Classroom outreach work – Balcarras School, Cheltenham

As part of KLB's Confucius Classroom outreach to other schools, Mr Ma, our Chinese Hanban teacher, visited Balcarras School in Cheltenham on Monday 8 February. He taught four sessions of tai'qi with fans to the Year 8 students at Balcarras School, as part of their culture and language day. Teaching them how Chinese people move slowly, yet powerfully, to create animal postures, focussing on controlling their breathing, Mr Ma led them in the first ten moves of a tai'qi form. The students were surprised to learn that holding the poses for some time took a lot more effort than they were expecting and that flicking open a fan is a bit tricky and quite noisy.





Library News

Harry Potter Book Night – 2 February 2017



On 2 February we celebrated 'Harry Potter Book Night: The Professors of Hogwarts' with a party in the library.

Students were divided into Houses and entered into the spirit of the event trying hard to win as many points as possible for their team. Professor McGonagall's Transfiguration Class proved a challenge as students attempted to draw clues about the animals that they had been transfigured into. Points were awarded for the first team to guess the identity of the newly transfigured student correctly.



Hagrid's Care of Magical Creatures class was perhaps less daunting, although snatching the answers from the jaws of the 'Book of Magical Creatures' was not straightforward.

The most challenging event of the night was the Diagon Alley Hunt as no-one found all the objects that had been hidden around the library. The Philosopher's Stone, Wizard coins, and

Newt Scamander's 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them' escaped detection, although it was harder to hide a broomstick.



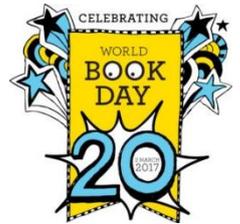
At the final reckoning, Gryffindor was triumphant and winning team members each went home with a Glow-in-the-Dark Wand pen.

I really enjoyed the Harry Potter Book Night because there were lots of fun activities. My favourite activity was the treasure hunt but it was so hard to find everything because they were hidden in such good places: the coins were hidden behind a book. However, my favourite part of the whole night would have to be at the beginning of it all when we had the characters' names pinned to our backs and we had to guess who we were. Also I loved the food when there was a snack in the middle of the evening and the colouring while we were waiting for the other groups to come back from the treasure hunt.

Freya Sinclair Year 7

World Book Day – 2 March 2017

World Book Day will be celebrated on **2 March 2017** and World Book Day tokens will be distributed to students on 27 February. The tokens are valid from 27 February to 26 March 2017. Students can EITHER exchange them for one of ten exclusive World Book Day books – or, if they prefer, use it to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. Bookshops all over the UK are participating in the scheme.



Students will be able to put their £1 World Book Day token towards anything in our latest Scholastic Book Club – see details about ordering below.

Book in a Jar competition



We have invited students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to bring in clear plastic jars containing clues to the title of a book. On World Book Day the jars will be unveiled and will be left on display in the library until 16 March so that students and staff have plenty of time to guess the title in each jar. There will be a prize for the student in each Year Group who correctly identifies the most book titles.

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!



Order online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/katharine-lady-berkeleyes>
Deadline 24 March 2017

KLB Friends Update

<http://klbschool.org.uk/klb-friends/>

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Canopy

The Friends have agreed to the school's request for a canopy and furniture to be installed in the school grounds.

80-20 Draw

Will you be the next CASH winner?!?

This is a monthly prize draw where 20% of the money raised is given in prizes. The more people who join the club, the greater the prizes! The latest winners are:

1st – Sharron Bates (£18.20)

2nd – Andrea Wheal (£9.10)

3rd – Lyn Ford (£9.10)

This is a very simple fundraiser that requires minimum effort! All we ask is that you complete the form and return it to school, together with payment, in an envelope marked 'KLB Friends'

Forms to be in the 80-20 Draw can be found here:

<http://klbschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/KLB-Friends-80-20-Club-Cheque-Form.pdf>

<http://klbschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/KLB-Friends-80-20-Club-Standing-Order-Form.pdf>

Future events

The Friends are currently in the process of exploring future fundraising events. Watch this space! If you would like to get involved, get in contact via the school website. <http://klbschool.org.uk/klb-friends/>

Dates for your diary

The school calendar for 2016/17 can be accessed from the menu on the front page of the school website.

1 to 3 Mar	School Production	27 Apr	Year 7 Parents' Evening
7 Mar	Year 13 Parents' Evening	1 May	Bank Holiday
9 Mar	Parent Seminar 'Anxiety and Stress'	11 May	DoE Bronze Training Day
16 Mar	Year 12 Parents' Evening	15 May	Year 11 study leave starts
5 Apr	Spring Music Concert	26 May	Last day of term 5
7 Apr	Last day of term 4	5 Jun	First day of term 6
24 Apr	First day of term 5		
30 Mar	DoE Silver Training Day		