



Art Department 2016 Study Visit to Liverpool

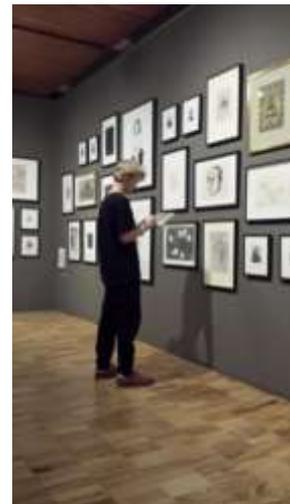
If someone asked you: if you could do anything for four days, anything at all, what would it be? That was the art trip for me.



Drawing is just one of those things that is so mindful, there's not a lot you can do non-stop for that long without getting bored, it's a bit like reading, or watching your favourite box set; time just goes.



And of course anyone who's artistic can be seen as a bit of a weirdo by others - but the trip was great because no one was judging anyone. We were sat together in our rooms in the hostel drawing each evening and singing loudly to throw back classics in a motley variety of pyjamas - and it was perfect.



To be surrounded by so much culture and art was surprisingly refreshing. It really made me think that actually it might be possible for me to do this for a career; how many school trips can do that? And of course the teachers were happily drawing too which made it all the more amazing.

Report written by Emma Leyfield Y12

Engineering Workshop

Students in Year 9 took part in one-hour workshops led by members of ICE (the Institution of Civil Engineers) who are students or graduates of engineering. The workshops were based on energy, transport, structures and flooding. Students had to apply their mathematical and problem-solving skills to decide where to build a new leisure centre, while others were challenged to build the strongest and cheapest 'bridge' possible.

With thanks to Mike Riley, Chloe Danter and Beth Edwards for their excellent photography skills.



Year 11 Rotary interviews

Earlier this month, 120 Year 11 students accepted the opportunity kindly made available to them by The Rotary club of Cotswold Tyndale, to have a mock interview conducted by a 'real' business person. The half-hour interviews took many of the students outside their comfort zones as they were quizzed about their interests, experiences of work, aspirations, and in some cases, their strengths and weaknesses. In spite of the understandable nerves many of them had as they sat awaiting their interview, the vast majority of students emerged from their interviews with smiles on their faces and a feeling of self – evident pride. Many of them spoke afterwards about how beneficial the experience had been and how glad they were they had faced up to doing the interview with an adult they had never come across before. Furthermore, the feedback from the interviews was very positive about our students:

You showed that you have much to offer and possess lots of qualities and skills to help you in your chosen career.

You were able to relate almost everything you said to the topics you are thinking about for your career. I got the impression that you would be an asset to any work environment.

Well done, a good interview which revealed many strengths

Very well presented student with clear aspirations

Our thanks go once again to Ed Gillett for his planning and organisation as well as his team of interviewers for providing our students with such a valuable experience.

Simon Pegg



A Request for Careers Assistance

Throughout the year, we are always looking at opportunities to develop the employability skills as well as the wider knowledge of possible careers of our students. We would love to hear from parents and carers who are willing to provide some insight into what their work involves including qualifications needed, potential career progression and current opportunities available. We would be especially interested to hear from anyone involved in apprenticeships, but anybody willing to talk about their field of work, be it engineering, retail, healthcare, financial services or whatever else could be of great benefit to our students and be greatly appreciated by us. If you think this is something you could help us with, please contact Simon Pegg, Head of Careers, at spegg@klbschool.org.uk

Year 10 Work Experience

Well done to the students who have already secured work placements for next July. All students in the yeargroup should have started to research organisations and to send applications for work experience placements. They should be aware that some popular placements will close their application window at the end of December or before. If students need support or guidance they should request help from their tutor, Head of Year or the careers department as soon as possible. If parents have questions regarding the work experience programme, please would they contact Helen Isaacs at hisaacs@klbschool.org.uk

Amazing Senior Maths Challenge Results

On 6 November, 92 students in Years 12 and 13 sat the UKMT Senior Maths challenge. This year we had a set of amazing results, with 29 students receiving a bronze certificate, 15 receiving a silver certificate and 5 receiving a gold certificate.

The best mark was from Year 13 student Benjy Wells who achieved a score of 107 out of 125. He now progresses to the British Maths Olympiad in a few weeks' time. As well as this, Tristan Reeves, Ben Butter, Henry Aston and Oliver Graham, who all achieved gold in the challenge, have now made it through to a second round called the Senior Kangaroo.

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

Bronze

Henry Jones, Kayla Charles, Ramsey Mokatren, Jesse Winter, Robert Dakin, Sam Farr, Patrick Gurmin, Jacob Chappell, Jem Beales, Anna Rogers, Samuel Powell, Connor Colenso, Daisy Clutterbuck, Tom Frith, Max Lloyd Fowlin, Holly Hughes, Cassie Cox, Benjamin Mooney, Robin Pillinger, Isaac Blanc, Charles Pritchard, Gregory Edwards, John-Joe Rodman-Price, Camille Hault, Benjamin Wiffen, Cameron Gilbz, Enzo Bavetta, Alex Butler and Jasmine Davis

Silver

Henry Patteson, Robert Williams, Jessica Shaw, Benjamin Eames, Daniel Trickey, Kasia Nickels, Ben Redpath, Philip White, Tom Kenyon-May, Rhiannon Holt, Rory Farwell, Kizzy O'Sullivan, Richard Harper, Matthew Bracey and Angus King

Gold

Benjy Wells, Tristan Reeves, Ben Butter, Henry Aston and Oliver Graham

Congratulations to all students who took part. Well Done!



Gold Winners – Ben Butter, Oliver Graham, Henry Aston, Tristan Reeves and Benjy Wells

A Very Big Sing

On Monday 14 November, six students representing KLB performed at the Royal Albert Hall in the Music for Youth Proms.

Gloucestershire Youth Choir & Wind Band joined with young singers and musicians from two other South West Music Hubs to perform a massed ensemble piece, especially commissioned from composer Philip Harper. The work was based on three melodies composed by students inspired by characters from Shakespeare's plays. The resulting choral piece was a triptych with reference to Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet and King Lear. Here is how it felt for a couple of our young sopranos.



"Excitement had been building since we first heard we were going to be performing in the famous Royal Albert Hall and had had three days of rehearsals beforehand. On the day we set off on one of four coaches of performers at 9.30 from Cheltenham, followed by five coaches of supporters. We were shocked and surprised at how enormous The Royal Albert Hall was when we first went to our seats high in the empty auditorium, where we rehearsed all day before the performance.

We had the chance to listen to some of the other amazing musicians doing their sound checks and knew it was going to be a really interesting and varied evening: a thrash metal band from Cornwall, quartets, a percussion ensemble, a jazz orchestra and

more, with performers from ages 6 -21. As we practised, our singing resonated all around us to fill the space. It was very exciting when the audience arrived and it gradually became very stuffy! Suddenly it was our turn. When we sang our piece it sounded amazing and it was fantastic to hear the applause. It ended so fast that by the time we were on the coach we were already saying we wanted to do it all over again. We got home at about 1.30 am. The next day at school we were straight into rehearsals for the KLB Autumn Music Concert - a slightly less famous setting!"

Anna Geary (Year 10) Jennifer Weston (Year 9)

[the other students representing KLB were: Robin Pillinger (Year 12), Matthew Bull (Year 11), Ellie Snowden (Year 10), and Holly Howells (Year 7)]

Music Department Notes

This year's Music Department Autumn Concert took place on Tuesday 15 November. An enthusiastic audience enjoyed performances from the Training Orchestra, Jazz Band, Junior Choir, String Orchestra and Senior Orchestra – ending with The Thunder & Lightning Polka, making the most of our brand new orchestral bass drum and pedal timpani. There were plenty of solo and smaller group items and, thanks to World Challenge Teams, lots of cakes and cups of coffee. A good time was had by all.

This year's Candle light Christmas Carol Service takes place on **Tuesday 13 December** in St Mary's Parish Church, Wotton, and starts at 7.00pm. The Senior, Junior and Year 7 Choirs are already practising hard on pieces for the service, but there will also be the normal seasonal readings and plenty of familiar carols for the congregation to join in.

Demonstrating Care Values at Blue Coat Pre-School

Recently Year 10 Health and Social care students visited Blue Coat Pre-School in Wotton-under-Edge in order to help and support pre-schoolers with their play activities. This was organised so that students could demonstrate care values which they had been learning about as part of their coursework. Students demonstrated 'care values' such as respect, maintaining dignity, confidentiality, safeguarding and a person-centred approach to delivering care.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills and knowledge learned in the classroom in a social care setting. While having fun with the pre-schoolers, KLB students handled themselves with professionalism, maturity and were great ambassadors for the school. The pre-school manager was really impressed with the students' interactions and also commented on how important this experience is for young people considering careers in this sector.

Mrs S Nagra

Visiting Blue Coat Pre-School was a really beneficial experience and helped us to understand how care values are used in a real life context. The manager explained how the values are put into place in the pre-school and all of the KLB students were given time to ask questions and the chance to talk to the manager and the keyworkers. As well as learning about the values we also had a chance to practice them ourselves by playing with the children ranging from ages 2-4 years. We both really enjoyed playing outside, reading them stories, and even singing together! It was great to learn how the pre-school handle situations. Overall the experience was really helpful and the skills we learned can be applied in a variety of situations.



By Libby Taylor and Olivia Fry Y10



Anti-Bullying Week

November 14-18 has been the official date for anti-bullying week. At KLB the School Council Wellbeing group students lead this awareness campaign each year and the focus this week has been around LGBT issues and ensuring that we all have 'respect for diversity'. Assemblies have been delivered and many role models including Ben Cohen, Laverne Cox and Ben Smith (who recently ran 401 marathons for anti-bullying charities), were used as inspiration to others to ensure all young people, whatever their sexual orientation, are respected.

The community then completed questionnaires giving their views and these results and ideas will be shared to discussed.

The campaign culminated in a petition for students to sign indicating their respect for others and they then decorated the large tree to show their support. To date we have over 700 signatures and colourful ribbons decorating the large tree in the centre of school.

Thanks again to Ashley Lingham, Richard Harper, Amy Jones, Ben Frith, Ella Aston, Ella Fiorini, Noah Blackwell, Mr Jones, and Miss Baker who are all part of the wellbeing group for their work on this.

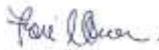


This is to recognise that

Katharine Lady Berkeley's School

has brought about healthier behaviour through their work in achieving the Gloucestershire Healthy Living & Learning Award. This reflects their commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of the school community.

2016 - 2019


Fiona Quan
Lead for Health & Wellbeing (Education & Learning)


Linda Linn
Linda Linn, Co-ordinating Disease, Children & Families


Gloucestershire
Health & Learning

Healthy School Accreditation achieved

Mr Warren attended the Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning Conference on 10 November on behalf of Katharine Lady Berkeley's School and the school has achieved the Healthy Schools Award 2016-2019, for the ongoing pastoral work in supporting young people with wellbeing.

This accreditation involves ensuring a wide range of issues for young people are being covered and awareness raised, whilst individual and group needs are being identified and appropriate intervention offered to help support and encourage healthy living.

We are very pleased that the excellent pastoral provision has been recognised and we now intend to build upon this success and continue to develop our comprehensive pastoral support for young people and their parents and carers.

Youth Speaks - Senior Competition

On Tuesday 8 November, nine students from across Years 11 and 12 competed in the Rotary Youth Speaks Senior competition. Gareth Hodgkins, Lauren Mayhead and Jonty Fuller (all Year 11) spoke on the British Justice system. Max Yole-Smith, Tess Knowles and Sean White (all Year 11) posed the question 'Do League tables improve education? The Year 12 team of Luna Stephens, Tom Frith and Enzo Bavetta spoke about the abolishment of private education. It was a fantastic event that reflected the articulacy and passion of the students involved. Luna, Tom and Enzo were the winning team, with Tom Frith being awarded the Robin Coles award. This award is presented each year to a student from Katharine Lady Berkeley's school adjudged to have performed most effectively in the Senior competition; it was presented by the Cotswold Tyndale Rotary Club. Luna Stephens was awarded Best Chairperson and Sean White was awarded Best Proposer of the Vote of Thanks.

Luna, Tom and Enzo will be speaking again at the Intermediate competition on Tuesday 6 December when teams from Years 8 and 9 will be speaking on a range of topics including 'Is technology making us less sociable?' and 'Is youtube more powerful than religion?' The year 12s and the winning intermediate team will compete at the District finals next February.

Year 12 Film Studies' trip to Wotton Electric Picture House

On Wednesday 16 November, Year 12 Film Studies students were treated to a trip to Wotton Electric Picture House. The event was organised as part of 'IntoFilm National School's Film Week' where cinemas across the country screened *Captain America: Civil War* for schools. The event is aimed at encouraging younger people to visit the cinema more often, especially in a time where streaming of films is adversely affecting the habit of cinema going.

The students enjoyed watching the film and will be able to use it as a case study for their exam about Producers and Audiences, where they need to have a secure and detailed understanding of the cinema industry. Gareth Negus, who owns Wotton Electric Picture House with his wife, kindly offered to have a question and answer session after the screening of the film. Thanks to Gareth, the students now have a greater understanding of exhibition and the operation of a single screen cinema in a rural setting. Gareth gave very useful information about digital film release, audience demand, the importance of social media and the viewing trends in Wotton. The students will be able to use this as a case study for the same examination in the summer.

Library News

The Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair, which was held in the library earlier this month, was a huge success as we raised over £500. Thank you very much to everyone who supported us by buying a book, an item of stationery or a poster.



The money raised will be used to buy new books for the library – we welcome suggestions from our readers, so if there are any particular books that you would like to see on the library shelves please let us know. Email us your suggestions at library@klbschool.org.uk or use the request box on the library counter.

Overdue library books

We are trialling a new way of reminding borrowers to return or renew overdue library books. If your library book is overdue, you will get a reminder via your school email account two weeks after the return date has passed and every fortnight thereafter until the book is returned to the library. Reminders will also be issued via Tutor Groups once a month.

Do you have a library book which is overdue? If so, could you please return it to the library as soon as possible? It may be that someone else is waiting for your book because it's the next one in the series that they're reading. If you want to renew your book then pop into the library during break, lunch or after school. You don't need the book with you to do this.

Drama Department

Another month passed and production rehearsals are in full swing in the Drama department: we have Key Stage 4 and 5 students making strides in preparing scenes for the production of 'Chicago' at the start of March, and more immediately we have Key Stage 3 students getting us in the Christmas spirit with their Drama Club Panto on Friday 9 December. The evening kicks off at 18:00, and tickets are £3.00 for adults and £2.50 for children. We have refreshments being provided by students who are taking part in World Challenge next summer, so this is also an opportunity for them to fundraise alongside the festivities of the evening. It will be a great occasion, with students making the brave step onto the main hall stage to entertain you, so we would welcome as much support from friends and family as can be given. This is for one night only, so try to get tickets as soon as possible from myself to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to seeing many of you on the night and thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Blake

Design Technology Project Contributions

We would like to thank parents for their continued support of project contributions again this year. This is much appreciated as it enables us to continue manufacturing high quality products throughout the key stages despite the ever increasing cost of materials.

Design Technology Controlled Assessment Deadlines

The deadline for our GCSE design technology students is rapidly approaching for their controlled assessment. Scheduled booster sessions have been made available and students will need to check with their teacher as to when they will be held.

Food Technology, Graphic Products and Resistant Materials;

- Practical deadline - 10 March 2017
 - Folio deadline - 31 March 2017.
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KLB School Fundraising 2015/16

In carrying out our review of last year, the amounts raised for charity have been collated as follows:

Sixth Form Calendar: £262 National Star Organisation

Carol Concert collection: £299.03 Stroke Organisation

Non-uniform day and events: £1724 Children in Need

Sixth Form Charity Week:

- £172.30 Macmillan
- £65.61 Stroke Organisation
- £454.16 Alive Well
- £325.80 Children With Cancer

Non-uniform day and events: £1882.91 Sports Relief

Sixth Form leavers' tea-towels: £96.94 Teenage Cancer Trust

Year 7 Sponsored Fun Run

- Bristol Children's Hospital £1000
- CLIC Sargent £832.88

Year 7 Rugby: Mid-Season Review

Rugby has proven to be a huge hit for the Year 7 students at KLB school. From a year group that includes 112 boys nearly 60 have represented the Year 7 rugby teams. This also includes an outstanding 56 students who represented the school during house matches with Marling School. We have also been in the privileged position to run two teams for a majority of the fixtures this season.

The A team, who made it to the SCAPE district semi-final, have been hugely competitive this season. They currently hold a record of played 12, won 8 and losing in 4 games. Out of those 12 fixtures, they have scored 195 points and conceded 75 points.

The B team have also been very competitive this season so far and have been very enthusiastic and have clearly been enjoying their fixtures. Their record currently stands at played 5, won 2 and lost 3. Scoring 110 points and conceding 140 points. Not bad for a group of players who have never played the game before coming to KLB School. We still have a great fixture list to fulfil after the Christmas break.

Thursday 5th January - Chosen Hill (venue TBC)

Friday 13th January - Pates (H)

Tuesday 17th January - Bournside (A)

Thursday 26th January - Churchdown (venue TBC)

Monday 30th January - Crypt (H)

Saturday 4th February - House 7s QEH (A)

Thursday 9th February - St Peters (A)

Wednesday 8th March - Bristol Schools 7s

All students have shown a great level of enjoyment in representing the school and there is a very clear level of understanding of the game being developed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and support and hope that it continues for the rest of the season.

The best way to keep up to date with fixture changes, results and photos is through our social media pages. Twitter: Follow @KLBSport. Facebook: Search and 'like' KLB Sport. I am also available for contact via my email address rmeredith@klbschool.org.uk



Girls Hockey

The Girls' Year 7 and 8 Hockey teams have worked hard and played exceptionally well since the start of the year. The Year 7A and 7B teams have remained undefeated and the Year 8A and 8B teams are yet to lose a game.

In the most recent hockey matches, Year 7 girls won 8-1 against Castle, with Imogen Sparrow being rewarded as player of the match. Alongside the Year 7's, the Year 8 Girls won 7-0 against Castle, with Darcie Amor being rewarded as player of the Year 8 match.

A massive thank you to every student who has attended hockey training on a Tuesday. They have also aided in the club's success by enabling match play and allowing numbers to reach over 60 students on a training night.

Cross Country

The addition of a Cross Country club on a Friday evening has seen a larger number of students competing in Cross Country at KLB, which has resulted in an impressive start to the year with many students running really well at the events attended so far.



In October, Wycliffe School held the Gloucestershire round of the Cross Country Cup, in which four teams of six students ran from KLB. All of the teams ran well but it was Junior Boy's (1st) and Junior Girl's (2nd), who qualified for the regional section of the competition at Kings College, Taunton, in November. Unfortunately, the teams didn't make it through to the National stage but it is still a great accolade for those students who ran and sets us up well for future years.

In the individual events, over 20 students travelled to Archway School to compete in the District Trials. The following students finished in the top 16 and will now go on to represent the District in the County Trials at Newent School on Saturday 10th December.

Minor Girls

- Zoe Boyd – 8th
- Maia Parmar – 15th

Junior Girls

- Tilly Spinney – 9th

Intermediate Girls

- Georgina Lloyd – 12th

Minor Boys

- Ioan Jones – 1st
- Adam Shrewsbury – 10th
- Luke Shrewsbury – 12th

Junior Boys

- Joe McCoubrie – 12th
- Josh Morland – 13th
- Dylan Armstrong - nominated

Intermediate Boys

- Ben Rawlins – 1st



Congratulations and good luck to all the students participating in the County trials and well done to everyone who has contributed to a successful year of Cross Country at KLB.

NSEA Interschools Showing Competition

On Sunday 20 November, three of our riders took to the road with their horses to compete in the Dauntsey's School competition at the West Wiltshire Equestrian Centre. Two of the riders, Lily Clarke and Rachel Turnbull, were making their debut for the school team. They were joined later in the day by Eleanor Stimpson.



The tail end of the first big storm of the year greeted the KLB Equestrian Team as they arrived at West Wilts Equestrian Centre. First up were Rachel Turnbull and Lily Clarke in the 70cm class - a very competitive class with 66 entries. Rachel was riding Mouse, featured on the left, who she had only sat on four times ahead of the day, with this event being their first competition together. They completed a lovely clear round, made even more impressive by the fact that Rachel lost a stirrup after the fourth jump. Failing to regain it, she kicked the other one away and negotiated the remaining tight turns and eight jumps without stirrups. Although, unfortunately their clear wasn't fast enough to make the rosettes, they came away knowing they completed the fastest clear round of the day without stirrups and earned one of the biggest rounds of applause.

Lily Clarke, Year 7 student, featured on the right with her new horse, Milly had two refusals in Class one. This was a good attempt considering the partnership was only formed months before the competition and Milly has a reputation of preferring to jump higher fences. This reputation was reinforced when the combination of horse and rider went well in class 2, completing a tight course with only four faults at the end; a creditable performance.



Both riders enjoyed the experience and are really keen to compete in future NSEA events for the school.



Our experienced rider, Eleanor Stimpson, followed in class 3 and 4 riding Parsnip. In class 3, 90cm, Eleanor and Parsnip had a lovely clear round, unfortunate not to be placed. They then competed in Class 4, 100cm, where the course proved very testing and only four riders went clear out of over thirty riders competing. At the end of the round Eleanor was amazed to be placed ninth position overall having completed the round in a fast time with only 4 faults. Eleanor is featured in the photo with her rosette.

There are a number of local NSEA competitions that the school will be entering in the coming academic year. These are featured on the www.nsea.org.uk website under the competition dates tab. Any rider that would like to be registered for the school team should contact Mrs Bates on her e-mail SBates@klbschool.org.uk.



St Marys Church Choir is recruiting new members.

St Marys is recruiting young people aged 8 years to 16 years to join their Youth Choir.
The Youth Choir meets Fridays 6-7:30pm (with a break)

There is no charge for membership.

By joining the choir we hope that young people will have a fantastic musical experience under the guidance of our musical directors and support from the other main choirs.

The youth choir sings during the 10:15am services on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in the month, and has opportunities to sing at other special services such as weddings, festivals, Deanery services and also choral evensongs. We have also sung at Bristol and Hereford cathedral and aim to do at least one outing and a concert yearly.

We follow the guidelines in the Voice for Life chorister training scheme run by the Royal School of Church Music and the choristers can gain awards on this scheme.

It's a great way for young people to build individual self-confidence, team work and discipline and have fun!

For more information contact youthchoir@wottonparishchurch.org.uk

Or ring Hil on 07795515219 or Sarah 0789 219087 (both evenings please)

Or pop into church (the one by Culverhay Drs) one Friday evening and meet us.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

ADULTS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO JOIN OUR SENIOR CHOIRS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

Whether you can read music competently or just enjoy singing we have different choir groups to suit you.

Please contact David Parfitt – Organist and Director of Music at St Marys. 01225 859824

Dates for your diary

The school calendar for 2016/17 can be accessed from the menu on the front page of the school website or directly at: <http://calendar.klb.org.uk>

NB change of date for Year 11 Parents' Evening – now Wednesday 18 January

Thu 1 Dec	Year 13 Parents' Evening	Fri 10 Feb	Last day of term 3
Thu 8 Dec	Year 12 Parents' Evening	Mon 20 Feb	First day of term 4
Tue 13 Dec	Carol Service, St Mary's, Wotton	Wed 22 Feb	Governors' Annual General Meeting
Fri 16 Dec	Last day of term 2	Thu 23 Feb	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Tue 3 Jan	First day of term 3	1 to 3 Mar	School Production – 'Chicago'
Wed 18 Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening	7 Mar	Year 13 Parents' Evening
Tue 24 Jan	Year 8 Parents' Evening	16 Mar	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Tue 7 Feb	Year 9 Options Information Evening	7 Apr	Last day of term 4