

This month has been as busy as ever, both in and out of the classroom. I am delighted to bring you a snapshot of the bustling life within our school community.

During the half term holiday, a group of sixth form students had an interesting and, at times, incredibly moving visit to Berlin, while others found creative inspiration closer to home during their art trip to Liverpool and Manchester. These enrichment experiences provide great opportunities for students to deepen their learning and work together with their peers and staff. Following KLB trips, teachers invariably comment about our students being superb ambassadors for the school and a pleasure to accompany. The students from years 10 – 13, who recently attended an impressive performance of Life of Pi, were complimented by The Bristol Hippodrome staff who said they had never met such a courteous, well-behaved group of young people – and they have met quite a few!

Back in school, all year 7 students took part in NSPCC Number Day, developing a range of fun challenges, proving that learning can indeed be an exciting adventure and that maths is a creative subject.

In a matter of weeks, we will be opening The Cotswold Pavilion, the new activity studio. We will also see the drama hall's swan song production of West Side Story before we move to the drama theatre in the new building in September 2024. Keen to capture memories of the school before so much change takes place, we are about to start considering what to lock away for the next 50 years in our time capsule.



As in previous years, we will be collecting donations for The Keepers' Easter campaign. The Keepers Community Hub, based in Wotton, offers support to the local community. At this time of year, their Easter parcels head out to families who are struggling. We would be grateful for any help you feel you can offer by providing any of the following:

- Treats: Easter eggs, cakes, biscuits, Mini eggs, Creme eggs, any other Easter-themed treats!
- Toiletries: Shower Gel, washing up liquid, shampoo and conditioner

Please ask your child(ren) to drop any contributions you are able to make at reception by the end of the school day on Thursday 21 March. Thank you so much for your help – hopefully, we will be able to provide good cheer for local families.



Finally, I am delighted to share with you this report published by NHS Gloucestershire. Last year, a group of year 12 students, now in year 13, worked with a local GP surgery team to provide insights into young people's views about mental health support. They gathered and shared views and have been instrumental in suggesting how support can be improved and strengthened. It is incredibly rewarding for these students to know that their work will lead to change.

<https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/news/students-share-valuable-insights-into-young-peoples-mental-health-wellbeing-with-surgery-team/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Hannah Khan  
Headteacher

## A level History Trip to Berlin

During half term, A level history students went to Berlin to enrich their study of 20<sup>th</sup> century German history. It truly was an enlightening experience, to have the famous sights of Berlin, steeped with so much history, be realised before our eyes.



### Monday: Sachsenhausen and Wannsee House

After the first day of travel and becoming accustomed to Berlin, we headed to our first place of interest, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. Although we had learned about the persecution of the Jewish people, seeing where it happened and reading the many stories on the information boards really made us think of the horrors that had taken place where we were standing. The museum allowed us to see the buildings that would have been used during the period the Nazis were in power such as the kitchen, the infirmary, the barracks and lastly Station Z. This was the chamber used for the killing and incinerating of the prisoners held at Sachsenhausen. After this harrowing experience, the teachers praised us for our behavior and appropriate conduct whilst in the camp.

Our next destination was the House of Wannsee, where the Final Solution was discussed and then signed.

### Tuesday: Holocaust memorial and free time

Our next day in Berlin consisted of visiting the Memorial to the Murdered Jews; large stone-like structures of varying heights. These stones were meant to make us feel lost as we walked through them, reflecting on our time at the concentration camp the day before. We then headed to the Brandenburg Gate, led by our very kind tour guide, who informed us of the Gate's significance to Germany and how it represents its past. Just behind the gate was the Reichstag building which we would be entering the next day. After this, we headed over to take pictures and browse the gift shop at Checkpoint Charlie (the famous place where American and Russian tanks would face off), before visiting the Topography of Terror. Then, we spent time in the Mall of Berlin as well as in Rausch Chocolatiers later that day. During the evening we decided to visit the Berlin TV tower; we were able to see all the monuments we had seen earlier.



### Wednesday: Palace of Tears and Reichstag Dome

Our last day in Berlin was spent visiting the Palace of Tears, a border crossing between East and West Berlin, where we were lucky enough to have a guided tour. We then visited the Reichstag building, more specifically the large dome on the top of the building. The views from here were amazing, even through the rain.

Harvey Evans Year 12





Our visit to Sachsenhausen concentration camp struck a chord with many of us. There was a complete change in atmosphere when we arrived: it felt colder, bleaker, as if the ground had been permeated by the horrific acts that happened there. It was chilling to see how the Nazis treated their inmates, worse than animals. We then visited the House of Wannsee, where the Nazis decided on the Final Solution, and it was hard to fathom how such an evil act could have taken place in such a beautiful house. Reading the transcript from the Wannsee Conference emphasised how utterly heartless this decision was; how the loss of human lives was treated as a matter of procedure, necessary for the protection of German people.

We also went inside the Libeskind Jewish Museum, which had sharp, angular walls and concrete 'voids' to create disconcerting spaces. This resulted in an emotional, sensorial journey through Jewish history, as opposed to a conventional museum set-up. The 'memory void' exhibit was especially hard-hitting: a floor lined with 10,000 screaming faces to commemorate the Holocaust victims, designed to be walked on. No matter how lightly you tread, you could hear the metal screaming beneath your feet, which put you in the position of a perpetrator, or one of the many who stayed complicit during the Nazi regime. My personal trip-highlight was the walking tour of the city centre with a local historian. We visited key sights such as the Brandenburg Gate and the Memorial to the Murdered Jews in Europe. I found the book burning memorial at Bebelplatz particularly moving.

The memorial consisted of a sunken library, devoid of books with the inscription, 'That was but a prelude; where they burn books, they will ultimately burn people as well' (Heinrich Heine, 1820), which of course later became true. Going up the TV Tower and getting an aerial view of the beautiful cityscape was another highlight, as well as the Reichstag and its spectacular glass dome. All-in-all, this was a fantastic trip with unforgettable experiences – an enormous thank you to all the teachers!

Alys Young Year 13



## British Physics Olympiad Challenge

On Thursday 25 January, year 12 physics students took part in the British Physics Olympiad Online Senior Physics Challenge. The challenge consisted of two 30-minute sets of multiple-choice questions which were about physics ideas, but also encouraged wider reading and interest in the subject.



Nearly 6000 students took part nationally and our students performed excellently. We achieved 14 Bronze awards, 15 Silver awards and 2 Gold awards. Congratulations to Lewis B and Scott P for the Gold award; this puts them in the top 18% of candidates who entered.

A Cozens, Head of Physics





## Celebrating NSPCC Number Day

To help raise money for the NSPCC, year 7 students took part in activities for the annual Number Day. They completed number-themed activities in tutor time, had a non-uniform day and a special Number Day event in the Drama Hall. Thanks to students' donations, we raised £135 for the NSPCC and had a lot of fun in the process!



*During Number Day, three classes were sent to the drama hall to partake in a number-themed competition. It was explained to us that we had to design and make a number based game, and let others play and rate it at the end once we were finished. We sorted ourselves into groups and got creating. Each team has completely different and unique ideas which resulted in a fun and exciting experiences when testing our classmates' games. The scores given to us from other groups were added up and the winners were revealed. Altogether, Number Day was a huge success!* Eleanor Groves 7LWE



*On the 25<sup>th</sup> January year 7 took part in Number Day and we started by getting into groups of 5. We had to make a board game of any kind, such as Top trumps, UNO, Monopoly or maze games. We had to name our teams and we decided on Puzzle Bolts. We decided our game was going to be 'Cludopoly - Subject style'. It was like a mystery monopoly game with maths and number related questions. I thought it was really fun and a great experience for me because I found out a lot more about my friends by being in a team with them. It was amazing. It was brilliant for my first non-school uniform day.* Lila Haynes 7SMO

*We got into groups of 5 and we made a board game for our classmates to play and vote how good and fun it was out of 10. The winner from each class would get chocolate. Building the board game was fun, we had to use lots of teamwork since we only had 15 minutes*

*to think what type of game we wanted to make, then 45 minutes to make and create the game. We used lots of paper and colour. My group combined chess and monopoly together to create 'Chessopoly'. We had a chessboard in the middle and the monopoly spaces on the outside. You roll the dice and whatever Monopoly space you land on tells you what chess piece to move. When we went round to play other people's games we all knew it was a tough competition because everyone's were incredibly good.*

Zoe Levy 7OFE





## West Side Story Production

Auditions for *West Side Story* took place in July of 2023 and now, after months of work, we are just a couple of weeks away from sharing our production. At the time of writing this article, over half the tickets for the three evening performances have already sold. You can purchase these through a KLB Scopay account for £8 each, but you will need to act fast as we have limited capacity each night.

The students have worked tirelessly, giving up hours of their time to attend rehearsals for the music, choreography and acting involved in the show, in addition to the individual preparations they have made. This has been a wonderful ensemble effort from everyone involved, including a committed crew and input from many staff members beyond the music and drama departments.



I would like to take the opportunity to thank and applaud all students involved for their work up to this point and look forward to welcoming many of you to the show nights as we celebrate the culmination of our hard work.

J Blake, Acting Head of Drama



## Sixth Form Art Trip



Over the February half term, year 12 and 13 art students visited Liverpool and Manchester with their sketchpads and cameras in hand to make the most of the four-day visit. On the first day, we visited the Barbara Hepworth Museum before going on to The Yorkshire Sculpture Park in Wakefield. Set in the beautiful 500-acre, 18th-century Bretton Hall estate in West Yorkshire, this is the leading international centre for modern and contemporary sculpture.

On the second day, we visited the city of Manchester where we went to The Manchester City Art Gallery before going on to The Imperial War Museum and The Lowry. Students saw major works by one of Britain's most loved artists, LS Lowry, who painted scenes of life in the industrial districts of North West England in the mid-20th century. He developed a distinctive style of painting and is best known for his urban landscapes peopled with human figures, often referred to as matchstick men.



During each visit to galleries and museums, students and staff were busy taking photos and drawing in their sketchpads, which they continued with back at the youth hostel each evening.

The final day was spent in Liverpool, where we visited the World Museum and The Walker Art Gallery, which has one of the most important and renowned painting collections in the UK. The day ended with a relaxed stroll on nearby Crosby Beach, host to a collection of Antony Gormley sculptures in the sand. Despite the cold late afternoon weather, the sun came out to make it a very enjoyable and relaxed end to our time in the North West.



Both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the trip and produced some amazing and inspirational work in sketchpads for their coursework or exam preparation.

T Chilman, Art Teacher



## Wellbeing week

### Visiting music artist

As part of the KLB Wellbeing week, and in support of Children's mental health week, we invited Ben Brown, a singer-songwriter from London into school to give a series of performances to students in years 7, 8 and 9. Ben blends soul, R&B and electronic elements to create an exciting and authentic sound.

Ben has had his own struggles with mental health during his life, which is evident in the lyrics of his new music, so he is in the perfect position to promote his positive wellbeing message to youngsters all around the UK.



Ben performed an amazing mix of his solo music and chart covers and then delivered a thought-provoking and honest talk about children's mental health, drawing on his own personal experiences and triumphs to make the presentation relevant, heartfelt and engaging.

You can find out more about Ben by searching YouTube, Spotify and Instagram for @BenBrownOfficial

### Feel Good Friday



The last day of term saw us celebrate Feel good Friday and the return of our ever popular Funny Feet fundraiser. Following the amazing singer that KS3 had had watched earlier in the week, Feel Good Friday turned its attention to Y10 and Y11 (and Year 7 again) who got their chance to do some wellbeing-supporting activities. These ranged from House matches to yoga, from African dancing to board games, all of which saw the students laughing and enjoying themselves with their peers.

We fully understand that student wellbeing is not only important during special events. Throughout the build-up, and during the week itself, we ensured we looked at what is available to support students and staff wellbeing throughout the year, drawing particular attention to the avenues of support both in and out of school and how these can be accessed.



As always, the School website is an excellent source of information and the Student Wellbeing page is a great place to find links to many different support networks. You can visit via the following link:  
<https://klbschool.org.uk/students/student-wellbeing/>

C Coulstring, Assistant Headteacher

## Youth Patient Participation Group



Since establishing a youth branch of the Chipping Surgery Patient Participation Group in 2021, students in successive year 12s have been working with the surgery to develop their understanding of youth access to NHS services.

The work of current year 13 students last year has been recognised at a county level and Gloucestershire NHS have recently published a news piece about their findings at <https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/>.

## Rotary Youth Speaks District Final

On Saturday 24 February, the Rotary held the District Final of their annual Youth Speaks Debate competition in Maisemore, Gloucester.

In the morning, Maria McLelland, Megan Brown and Freya Bath competed against excellent speakers from Rednock, Redmaids and Monmouth Comprehensive. Our team, all Year 8, were debating the motion 'To take a life when a life has been lost is revenge not justice', a complex and emotive topic that they explored with maturity and eloquence. We were delighted when they were announced as runners up against the fierce competition and the girls were thrilled with the £25 Amazon voucher they each received as their prize.

Later in the day, it was the turn of the senior team consisting of Alys Young, Isaac Thompson Gibbs and Erin Cook. The year 13 students were debating the motion 'Language is more important than music' and delivered their sophisticated and compelling ideas with confidence and flair.



Again, the standard of the competition was higher than ever; after judging we were told that only 13 points sat between the five teams (out of a total of 300).

Sadly, our team did not place first or second yet they really did themselves proud and left a lasting impression on the audience with their ideas. Isaac was particularly impressive in the way he fielded the question from the Rotarian questioner demonstrating his intellectual dexterity.

Well done all and a big thank you to the Cotswold Tyndale Rotary Club for all their support in the competition this year.

E Cornish, English Teacher

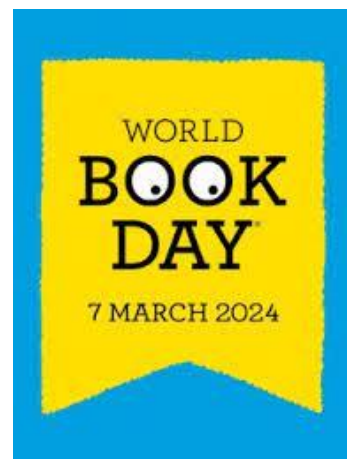


## Library News



World Book Day 2024 is fast approaching and all students in years 7, 8 and 9 have been given a token which they can redeem at any participating retailer for one of the brand new books shown below. The vouchers are valid from now until **Sunday 31 March 2024** at the following retailers:

- Your local independent bookseller
- Asda
- Blackwell's (selected stores only)
- Sainsbury's
- Tesco
- The Works
- Waterstones
- WHSmith



If anyone has missed out on receiving a token, or if students from any other year group would like one, please pop into the library or email us at [library@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:library@klbschool.org.uk)

To celebrate World Book Day within the library, we are running a Guess the Book in a Jar competition from Monday 4 March. There will be ten intriguing jars with clues inside to help you work out the name of a well-known fiction book. Bonus points are available for also knowing the name of the author. Prizes will be awarded for the most correct answers. Entry forms are available from the library issue desk.



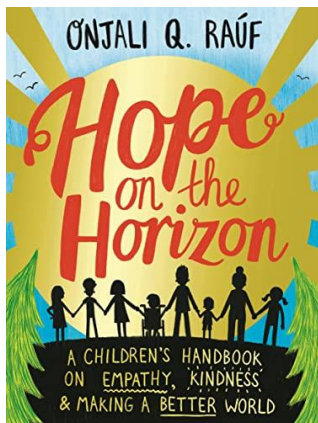
We are taking part in shadowing The Yoto Carnegies award this year. The Carnegie Award is the longest running and the most recognised children's book award in the UK. This year's shortlist of nominations will be announced on Wednesday 13 March.

We will be running a shadowing group to create our very own Carnegie judging panel, which will meet every Tuesday at lunchtime in the library starting from 19 March. If you are interested in taking part in the shadowing and having your own say about the nominations, please send us an email at [library@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:library@klbschool.org.uk) or come and visit us in the library. There are no year group restrictions - everyone is welcome to take part. Look forward to seeing you there!

L Hill  
Librarian

## February diversity books

Each month we are sharing two books recommended by students in our recent diversity book project in RE.



### ***Hope on the Horizon*** by Onjali Q Rauf

Growing up, there is so much out of our control and so much we can feel helpless about. In this handbook, bestselling children's author and Human Rights campaigner, Onjali Rauf, shares her top ten ways for creating change.

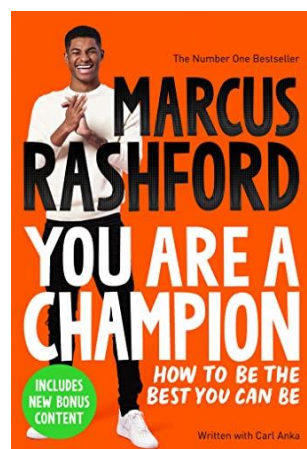
With the help of her favourite fictional characters and some of the most inspiring people she has ever met, Onjali invites readers to dive in and discover everything there is to know about kindness, empathy, friendship and fighting for the things that matter. (Plus cool stuff like X-ray vision and deflecting negative forces.)

### ***You are a Champion. How to be the best you can be*** by Marcus Rashford (with Carl Anka)

*It's hard to know what is possible until you start. You have to be able to dream big and be prepared to work towards your dreams. I've achieved a lot so far, but it didn't come in one go; big things rarely happen overnight, and good things rarely happen as if by magic.*

Marcus Rashford is famous worldwide for his skills both on and off the pitch – but before he was a Manchester United and England footballer, and long before he started his inspiring campaign to end child food poverty, he was just an average kid from Wythenshawe, South Manchester.

Rashford says that no matter who you are and no matter where you come from, every single person in the world has the potential to be a champion. Written with journalist Carl Anka, this guide is packed full of stories from Marcus's own life, advice and top-tips.



K Williams, RE Teacher

## KS3 Art Club



KS3 Art Club is back due to popular demand!

The Art Department invites students in year 7, 8 and 9 to come to an afterschool club in T2 from 2.45-3.45pm. We will start from Wednesday 6 March and there will be a maximum of 20 spaces.

Sign-up sheet will be with Miss Taylor in T2. Come and secure your space during Monday 4 or Tuesday 5 March.

P Taylor, Head of Art

## Parent Workshops

The last of this year's pastoral workshops for parents and carers will take place at school on Tuesday 23 April. The subject is Challenging Behaviour. We will send out a reminder message nearer the time but you may like to make a note of the date in your diaries.

Suzie Smyth-Roberts, Pastoral Support Advisor



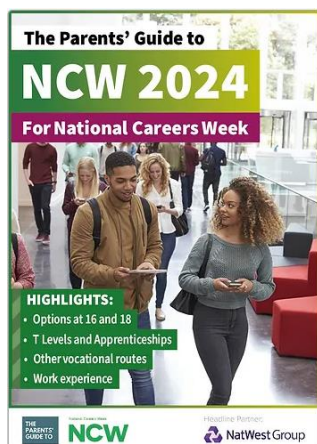
## Careers

### Year 11 Intentions

Many students in year 11 have been busy making applications to KLB or other sixth forms, or to local colleges and apprenticeships. We are currently collecting information about the applications they have made or plan to make and students need to return their Intentions forms to reception by Friday 8 March.

Students who are still researching courses may be interested in the following upcoming information and open days:

Sat 16 March	Cirencester College Open Day	10am – 12.30pm or 1.30pm – 3.30pm
	Bookings can be made at: <a href="#">Open Day: March 2024 – Cirencester College</a>	
Sat 16 March	Hartpury College Open Day	9am – 1pm
	Bookings can be made at: <a href="https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/open-days/">https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/open-days/</a>	
Tues 19 March	Access Creative College Taster Event	6pm – 8pm
	Register at: <a href="https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/events/taster-day-19th-mar-6-pm-8-pm-2/">https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/events/taster-day-19th-mar-6-pm-8-pm-2/</a>	
Tues 26 March	On Site Bristol Apprenticeship Open Evening	5pm - 7pm
	Register at: <a href="http://www.onsitebristol.co.uk">www.onsitebristol.co.uk</a>	
Wed 27 March	City of Bristol College Construction courses event	4.30pm
	Tickets must be selected at: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/construction-welcome-day-student-tickets-827171882367?utm-campaign=social&amp;utm-content=attendeeshare&amp;utm-medium=discovery&amp;utm-term=listing&amp;utm-source=cp&amp;aff=ebdsshcopyurl">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/construction-welcome-day-student-tickets-827171882367?utm-campaign=social&amp;utm-content=attendeeshare&amp;utm-medium=discovery&amp;utm-term=listing&amp;utm-source=cp&amp;aff=ebdsshcopyurl</a>	
Thurs 25 Apr	SGS College all subjects Open Evening	5.30pm – 8.00pm
	Register attendance at <a href="https://www.sgscol.ac.uk/events">https://www.sgscol.ac.uk/events</a>	



Parents may find the resources on the following links helpful in supporting their child with their post 16 or post 18 options:

National Careers week Parents Guide:

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalcareersweek>

Career Pilot: <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone>



If your child needs help to navigate the range of courses and options available to them or to put applications together, please contact [spegg@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:spegg@klbschool.org.uk)

### Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students continue to arrange placements for their block work experience week in July. If you need any information regarding the school's work experience programme, please contact Helen Isaacs at [hisaacs@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:hisaacs@klbschool.org.uk)

Simon Pegg, Head of Careers

## Gold DofE Training Days

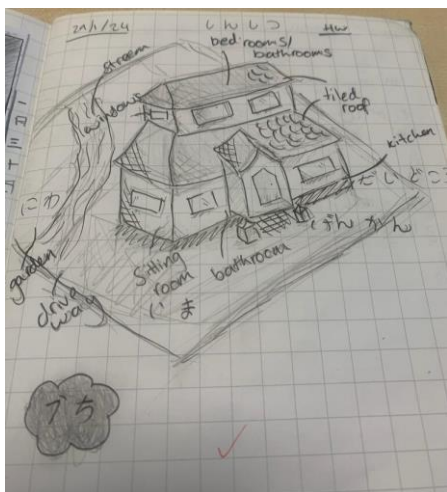
During the recent Training Day, DofE Gold participants mapped routes for both their practice and assessed expeditions and made sure they were prepared for the challenges ahead. This spring, four teams of canoeists and one team of walkers will carry out their practice expeditions and we wish them every success.

Helen Isaacs, DofE Coordinator



## Budding Year 9 Japanese Architects

To discover future architects amongst our talented students, one Japanese class in Year 9 were recently set homework to design and or build a Japanese house. Based on images shown in lessons, conversations with teachers who have spent many years living in Japan, and independent research into the topic, they produced some exceptional work.



Of note is Amber Hewitt's sketched design, clearly showing a traditional two-tiered Japanese roof with tile detail. Charlie Garside worked over a few weeks to produce a model of a Japanese house from various materials, showing detail both outside and inside the house.

Concepts about Japanese housing that particularly interested these students were the '*goemomburo*', traditional bowl-shaped iron baths heated from below by a fire, found in houses in the Japanese countryside. They were curious about the contrast between modern-style toilets with multiple buttons, including river or bird sounds, and the more traditional squat toilets.

Students were also interested to learn that in many Japanese houses symbols for two religions sit side by side: Shinto (for life) and Buddhism (for death).

Mrs Tate, Japanese department





### Key Stage 3 French House Challenge

This year's *crêpe* challenge has been another success. *La Chandeleur* is traditionally celebrated in February as a way of lighting up the winter months. Pancakes are made to symbolise light, sunshine and the return of fine weather and, with over 200 entries received, the *crêpes* certainly brightened up our days at the start of February! Many were decorated with French flags, with fruit or Nutella and it was very difficult to choose five winners. After hours of deliberation, we are pleased to announce the finalists.



First place (left) 50 house points  
Aimee Drury, Wellicome

Second place (right) 40 house points  
Tessa Mason, Durand



Third place – 30 house points  
Ned Stevens, Berkeley



Fourth place – 20 house points  
Emily Pullin, Logan



Fifth place – 10 house points  
Rhys Tugwell, Wellicone

Thank you for sending in all your pictures – we hope you enjoyed making and eating them as much as we did judging them!

We look forward to the next French house competition – *à bientôt!*

French Department

### British Shooting Finals



Representing KLB, Dottie Read competed in the British Shooting Finals on Tuesday in Staffordshire. Up against 48 other finalists from all over the UK, she finished 4th overall. A fabulous result of which Dottie should be immensely proud.

## Boys Hockey Success

It has been another superb boys hockey season this academic year. Once again, we are seeing more and more students picking up a stick for the very first time and fully engaging with the learning of a new sport.



Our U13 boys continue to show wonderful progress and it is pleasing to see their hard work and commitment rightly rewarded. They emerged unbeaten champions in the Tier 2 County Championship that was held at Dean Close School, winning all five games and scoring an impressive 15 goals while conceding just one. Congratulations to all players involved.

### Results

KLB 4-0 Bournside School  
KLB 3-0 Cotswold School  
KLB 2-1 St Edwards

KLB 2-0 Hathrope School  
KLB 4-0 The High School Leckhampton

Our U16 Boys have continued their outstanding tenure at the school by qualifying for their third consecutive National Finals after winning the T3 West Regional Finals at Millfield School. A wonderful achievement from a squad containing a mixture of players who have experience of playing for community clubs and players who have learnt their skills playing at school.



The squad will proudly represent the school community, their county and region at the National Finals on Monday 18 March 2024 at the Nottingham Hockey Centre.

### Results Pool Games:

KLB 5-0 Truro School  
KLB 2-0 King Edward's School

KLB 1-0 Mount Kelly

R Meredith, PE Teacher





KLB Friends

# STILL



That's right folks We **STILL** need you.

If we all give a little, together we can achieve a lot.

Events to date have been profitable (circa £2000 to date) and using micro-shifts, they have actually been quite fun to do and have provided a good opportunity for parents to connect.

The next opportunities to help are as follows:

**Year 13 Parents evening** on Tuesday 5th March from 4.30 - 7.30 <https://volunteersignup.org/HKE94>

**West Side Story School Production** on Wednesday 13, Thursday 14, Friday 15 March  
<https://volunteersignup.org/AB8MX>

We have again structured the slots as micro-shifts, so you can always sign up for more than one. Sign up alone, or with a friend.

We have also started to work with the school to identify where we can spend our funds. First out of the blocks is to provide ongoing support to the DT department. KLB friends will fund all herbs, spices and oils within the Food and Nutrition department. This will benefit ALL students in years 7-9 on their rotation through DT and students taking GCSE Food and Nutrition. This initiative, suggested by a parent, should make it easier for all parents, removing the need to purchase a box of spice, when only needing a teaspoon of something. It should also ease the commitments on the school budget. Watch this space as more ideas come to fruition.

### **Carnival Saturday 13 July**

The school has asked us to support them in providing a community carnival event on Saturday 13 July. Realistically we cannot deliver the event from just the core people who have helped so far, so now is your chance.

Ideally, we would like to set up a separate team to organise and run this event with the support of the committee. To help everyone to fit this around jobs, family, and other commitments, we think lots of small tasks is the way to go, but this will need a bit more coordination than we can manage from just within the committee.

If you have project management skills, contacts in the music industry, have access to prizes for raffles, stall holders or food providers, have experience running events, have always wanted to help, but didn't want to commit for a long time, this one-event opportunity is what you have been waiting for. Please do get in touch.

Finally, we still need you to get in touch with us if you are a legacy member of the 80:20 Club as we need to update our systems with your contact and bank details. In the past, winnings were paid by cheque and we would like to move away from this (to save costs). You are a legacy member if you have been playing for more than a year and have not given us your details yet.

Thank you for your continued support and a special thanks to our volunteers.

KLB Friends  
Ciara, Janet, Alison.



# What's on in MARCH?

The Keepers is a community hub supporting the residents of Wotton and surrounding areas. It is here for everyone. Either come along to one of the organised groups below, or just pop in for a chat and a cuppa - whenever we are open. Come as you are, bring what you can and take what you need.

## Monday

- Parent Support Group** - a support group by parents for parents. 9:15am - 10:45am
- Citizens Advice** - to book an appointment call 0800 800510/511 or just drop in. 4th and 18th March 10am - 2pm
- Age UK Gloucestershire** - a social group for those who are 50+. 11am - 12:30pm
- Chair Yoga** - join in with some gentle, supportive yoga. Open to all. No booking is needed. Pay As You Feel (PAYF). 1:30pm - 2:30pm
- After School Drop In** - reading, games and toast available. Children to come with an accompanying adult. Also runs through the holidays. 3pm - 4pm

## Thursday

- Lloyds Bank** - drop in for basic transactions such as account balance, direct debit, standing order and bill payment enquiries for both personal and business account customers. No cash services are available. 9:30am - 3pm
- Wotton Area Neurodivergent Support group (WANDS)** - a group run by, and for, ND adults and parents/carers of ND children including Autism, ADHD, PDA, Dyslexia etc. 14th March. 9:30am - 11:00am
- Wotton Area Breast Support Group** - anyone touched by breast cancer is invited to drop in and meet others who know just how it feels. The next meeting is on 21st March. 10am - 11am
- Qigong** - meditation, breathing and gentle movement. No booking is needed. Pay As You Feel. 12pm - 1pm
- Independence Trust and NHS social prescribers' Drop In** - help to connect and grow in confidence. Just drop in, no appointment needed. 11am - 1pm
- Welcome Space** - run by the Independence Trust and CALMHS - a space to talk and be listened to. Call 01453 767999 to book. 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- Menopause Support Group** - a peer support group for those affected by menopause. 21st March. 7pm - 8:30pm
- French For Beginners/The Terrified** - an informal French conversation group. Come along and join in. 7:30pm - 8:30pm

### OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:  
9:00am - 4:00pm  
Wednesday and Friday:  
9:00am - 1:00pm  
CLOSED on BANK HOLIDAYS

## Tuesday

- The Keepers' Garden** - the garden is open - come along to plant, dig, weed, sit or just chat with our gardener. Refreshments provided. 10am - 12pm
- The Carers' Café** - run by Healthcare Assistants from Culverhay and Chipping surgeries. Coffee, chat and advice if needed. Just drop in. Carers can come by themselves or bring the person they care for. 5th and 19th March. 10:00am - 12:00pm
- CONNECT (previously called Dementia Connections)** - for anyone who would like to make connections, including those living with dementia, long term health conditions, and unpaid carers. Activities and conversation. 12th and 26th March. 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Sing 2 Remember** - sing together, share memories and make friends. Come and join this supported, dementia-friendly singing session. Just turn up. 5th and 19th March. 10:45am - 11:45am
- Tuesday Lunches** - come and join us for a warm meal, open to all and Pay As You Feel (PAYF). Spaces are limited, so to book a space please call 07585 466418 or pop in to find out what's on the menu! 12:30pm - 2pm
- The Keepers' Car Club** is also running on Tuesdays to provide transport from your home to the hot lunches. Places are limited so to book please call 07585 466418 or pop in.
- Rainbow Cupps (NEW)** - all LGBTQ+ folk and allies welcome to join us for a relaxed chat, coffee or bring a craft along. 2:00pm - 3:30pm (None this month next is in April)
- Ukulele group** - open to beginners and those who already play. Come along and join in. 5th and 19th March. 2:30pm - 3:30pm
- Death Cafe** - Not on in March - drink tea, eat cake and discuss death. It is not a bereavement support group. 19th March. 7pm - 9pm.

## Friday

- The Keepers' Garden** - the garden is open - Come along to plant, dig, weed, sit or just chat with our gardener. Refreshments provided. 10am - 12pm
- Drop In Café** - all welcome on a Pay As You Feel basis. This café is quieter than a Wednesday, the tables are spaced apart, board games available if wanted. 11:30am - 12:30pm

## Wednesday

- Drop In Café** - all welcome on a Pay As You Feel basis. 10am - 12pm
- Craft and Chat** with tea and cake - held fortnightly on 13th and 27th March. 10am - 12pm
- P3 Drop In** - help with a range of issues e.g. housing, debt and benefit support. No booking needed. 10am - 12pm
- Health Visitor Drop In** - available to weigh babies and answer any questions. Next drop in is on 6th March. 10am - 12pm
- Men's Shed** - talk about the projects they're working on and discuss yours. 13th March. 10am - 12pm
- Wotton Area Neurodivergent Support group (WANDS)** - a group run by, and for, ND adults and parents/carers of ND children including Autism, ADHD, PDA, Dyslexia etc. The next meeting is on 27th March. 7pm - 9pm
- Talk Club** - a new talking and listening club for men to help keep mentally fit. 6th and 20th March. 7pm - 8:30pm

### COURSES

- IT Course (Adult Education)** - Next steps for tablet users. This 6-week course has spaces. Mondays. 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- Art Shape** - a 6-week creative arts course. This course is full, if interested in another art course, please contact us. Thursdays. 9:30am - 11:30am
- Wealth4Health (Adult Education)** - This 5 week course has spaces Fridays. 9:30am - 11:30am

To find out about the eligibility criteria for these courses, book a space or ask a question - contact us on 07585 466418, email [thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com](mailto:thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com) or pop in

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