

Welcome to another bumper edition of our newsletter. This month, you get two for the price of one! As part of their enrichment programme, a team of year 12 students has written and published their second edition of News at Six, a newsletter for students, which you can view on this [link](#). This is a lovely way for our students to offer advice about revision and learning but also to celebrate their achievements. Well done to the team involved. We look forward to future publications.

Thank you to our community for supporting this month's **Proud to be supporting** campaigns. As you will read in more detail in this newsletter, we have been overwhelmed by contributions for The Keepers Easter collection and the KLB Syria Turkey book collection. A team of students will be working with our librarians to produce a catalogue linked to Scopay so that books can be purchased next term. So far, our fundraising total for the Disasters Emergency Committee campaign <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal> has reached £1,745.

Proud to be, the phrase central to our new vision and values has featured in much of our work this month. Warm messages of support from our students to the communities devastated by the earthquake are now displayed on tutor room doors and around the library and main reception. **Proud to be** is also featured in our Holi celebrations, another activity week planned by our diversity students working group.

Final preparation for summer examinations is in full flow. Year 11 students engaged well in the revision preparation sessions and we have been pleased to note high attendance at after school subject sessions and at Success Lounge. Our sixth form students know how to work hard but also how to relax. The canteen was filled to capacity when students and staff gathered to enjoy the curry and quiz prepared by the sixth form leadership team.

You will read of many individual and group achievements in this newsletter. I would like to highlight two of these: with the support of Dr Hewitt and ex-KLB colleague, Judith Vorley, two teams of year 12 students took part in the exciting Cansat challenge, designing, building and launching a functioning satellite no bigger than a drinks can. The enthusiasm, commitment and sheer hard work behind this project shone through in their confident and engaging presentations that took place this week. Also from the science department, our year 9 students, supported by Mr Dexter, took part in Fame Lab, researching and delivering fascinating presentations covering a range of topics. Presenting to peers can be quite daunting so we really commend the students for taking part. Congratulations to Isabel Adams, the winner of the KLB competition, who went on to be runner up in the regional final.



This year, our drama production was *Road* by Jim Cartwright, a hard-hitting play that tells the story of a struggling community. After months of rehearsals and preparation, on an impressive set built by our site team, the audience was treated to moving, funny and thought-provoking performances. Thank you Mr Blake and Miss Hind for supporting our cast and crew to bring this production to KLB.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Geoff Warnock who is leaving KLB this week. Geoff has

worked as Design and Technology technician for five years, providing unmeasurable support, not only for the department, but also to hundreds of students. His guidance and advice is sought by many GCSE and A level students and he gives of his time, whether it be at 7am or 5pm, to help every individual who asks. Geoff also served on the governing body (now board of trustees) and has been a firm supporter of the school beyond his work in the technology department. We wish him well.



Hannah Khan

Acting Headteacher

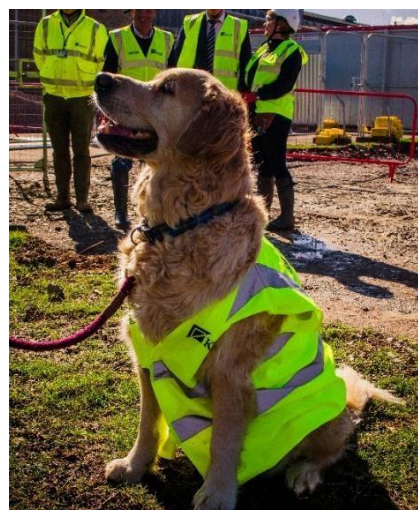
Rebuild Ground Breaking Event

In mid-March we held a ground breaking event to formally celebrate the start of the rebuild foundation work at KLB School. The ceremony involved KLB's senior leadership team, student ambassadors, Trustees, representatives from Kingswood Parish Council, Kier and the Department for Education coming together to cut the turf. The event was a great opportunity for all involved to meet informally to discuss the benefits they are hoping will arise from the project.

The ground breaking ceremony marks the next phase of what will be a long relationship between Kier, DfE and the school. The partnership has enormous potential and we are certainly excited about the journey ahead, and look forward to the handover of our new buildings and eventually refreshed car parking and landscaping.

The rebuild project will be the biggest single investment in the school in its history and will provide modernised teaching facilities for many years to come.

The final parts of the Gym will be demolished this week to make way for the new teaching block. Following this there will be a few power and drainage diversions before the foundations for the new building begin.



A Farwell, Facilities Manager

Easter Treat Collection for The Keepers



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection of Easter treats for The Keepers Community Hub. Arthur and Joe, two of our year 11 student ambassadors, handed over the donations to Gillian Hayward, ex KLB governor and Keepers volunteer. The photo above does not quite give justice to the depth of eggs sitting on the table and it was a push to get everything loaded into one large car.

Even though times are tough for so many at the moment, we continue to be surprised by the generosity of KLB families in providing a little extra for those in need.

Message for Turkey and Syria – Güçlü Kalın! (Stay Strong!)



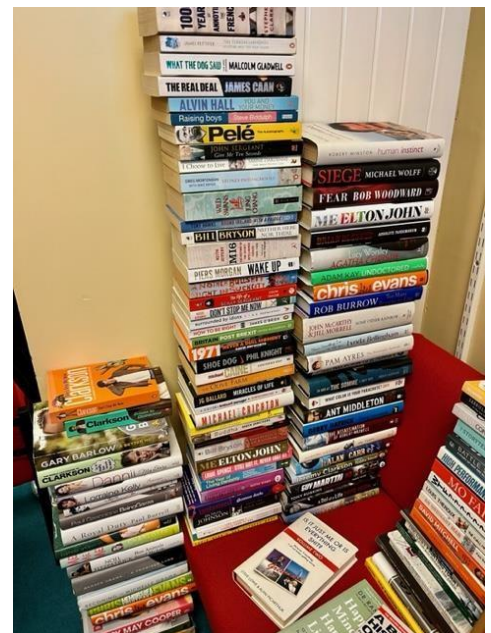
Our **proud to be** focus this month has been very much in support of those affected by the Syria and Turkey earthquakes. A number of events at school both raised awareness of the plight of families affected by this natural disaster and funds to support the work of the disasters Emergency Committee campaign.

The school's diversity working group of over 40 students was instrumental in coordinating the plans. These included an informative assembly focusing on the devastating impact of the earthquakes and the immediate help and resources needed, and a non-uniform day and cake sale. The canteen also sold food based on Turkish and Syrian recipes.

Our school librarian, whose family is based in Turkey, worked with a group of students to plan a collection of second hand books to sell individually or in bundles. These will be available for sale via Scopay.

Students came together in their tutor groups to reflect on the difficulties faced by people in Turkey and Syria following the earthquakes and to write messages of hope and support.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way during the month.



The strength of your community has shone through in this crisis. The world is watching with awe and admiration.

Sending love and strength your way

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

Look around and you will see love and compassion

Sending love from England

Be strong and courageous

Holi Celebrations

This week at KLB we have been exploring the Hindu festival of Holi which is celebrated all over India and around the world. It is a spring festival of love and new life that marks the end of winter in the Hindu religion. Bright colours, dancing and singing are particular features of the festival.

Our Diversity group has prepared a whole school series of events and activities to help the celebration with an informative assembly from Mr Jones, colourful food in the canteen, colour-based activities in tutor time, spring cleaning activities and finally a huge colourful display that will take pride of place outside the school.

The photos show some of our year 7 students getting involved with adding Holi colour to the display. All year groups, and staff, have been invited to come and place their hand in colourful paint and then stamp it onto our PROUD TO BE artwork. Watch this space for the finished display next term!



C Coulstring, Assistant Headteacher

School Production – *Road* by Jim Cartwright

Well done to the cast and crew of *Road* for three fabulous performances.

The play explores the lives of the residents of an un-named road over the course of one evening. Due to its gritty nature and the tough themes it covers, this was a brave choice for the school production but our cast did a splendid job of bringing the characters to life and bringing out the empathy, humour and humanity of the script.

A special thank you to the site team and art department for creating such an exciting and inspirational set that definitely helped to bring the Road and its characters alive.

The performances, choreography and interpretation of the story were outstanding – every single person (student or staff) involved in staging the production should also be proud of what they achieved. I know my daughter absolutely loved being part of it and invested so much in it. The growth we have seen in her and the confidence she has gained has been wonderful.

As well as the social relevance, what struck me about why Road was such an inspired choice, was that while many productions have a couple of leading characters, Road gives each resident a stage to tell their story. And in doing so, each of the cast an opportunity to shine – twenty or so students delivering amazing 'leading performances'.



Samba Band Cameo



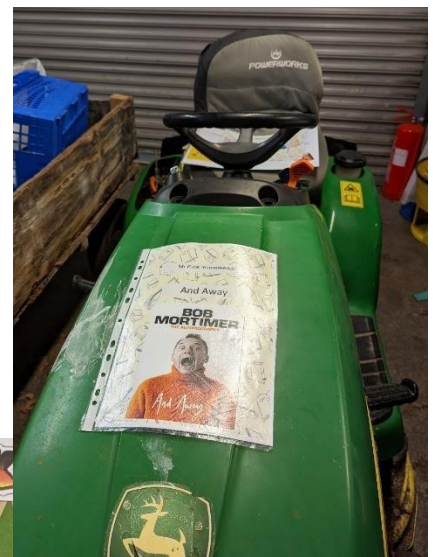
The Samba Drumming group made a special cameo appearance in KLB's recent production of Road. Appearing at the beginning of Act II, Scullery, played by Samba's leader, Jake Blakey, led the group.

L Wiltamuth, Music teacher

World Book Day

In celebration of World Book Day all students in Years 7 to 10 read Roald Dahl's *The Landlady* in five parts during tutor time throughout the week. Students and staff alike were enthusiastic about this shared reading project and we hope Dahl's chilling horror story will have ignited a new passion for books and stories in even the most reluctant readers.

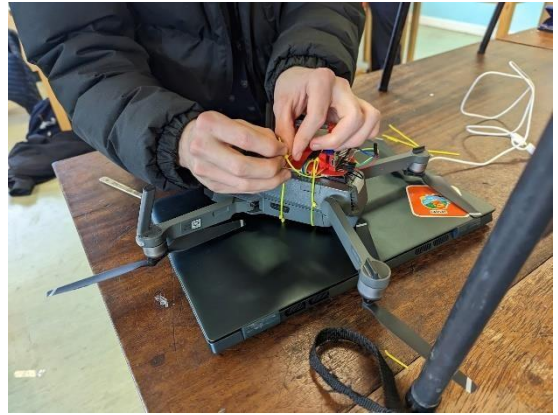
For further inspiration, staff members created posters of their recommended books to display around the school site. This sparked a good deal of conversation around books and reading and plenty of material for those looking for their next good read.



CanSat Competition Success

Two teams of year 12 students at KLB have been working on a small-scale space project through the UK CanSat competition run by the European Space Agency (ESA). Since September, they have been building a working satellite within the dimensions of a soft drinks can. The teams were responsible for designing all the major subsystems of a satellite including power, temperature and pressure sensors and a radio-communication system.

They have spent an afternoon every week learning and understanding the physics behind the systems within a satellite before beginning to design their own. The students undertook specific roles within their team to design the landing system, build the container, purchase electronic equipment, apply for funding, carry out outreach, programme the software and test their satellites.



The project involved writing scientific reports of their progress throughout the year to be judged by a panel of technical experts. They undertook testing and adapted their satellite, designing multiple prototypes with the aim of completing a number of missions. Testing involved dropping their satellite from a drone before taking it to a regional launch event. The can was launched from a small rocket to a height of 400m where it was released. Both satellites deployed their parachutes and data was transmitted to their ground station as it fell safely to the ground.



Both teams achieved distinction on the scientific reports they submitted for the competition and one team was invited to compete in the UK final later this April in York. They are one of ten teams that have made it to this stage out of over 200 entries from the UK this year. The final will involve a second launch, after which the team will analyse their data and present to a judging panel.

Dr Hewitt, Physics Teacher



FameLab Presentations

Since December last year, a group of six year 9 students have spent an hour after school each Thursday taking part in the FameLab Academy in the science department. FameLab is a Gloucestershire based competition run by Cheltenham Festivals in collaboration with the British Science Association. The stated goal is to revolutionise science communication.

During the weekly club, students researched a STEM topic of their choice and then wrote and presented a three-minute speech from memory. The speeches were to be judged on content, clarity and charisma and so the students worked on finding good reliable sources of information for their topic, and prepared speeches that communicated their ideas clearly. They then practiced presenting in a way that allowed their enthusiasm and personal interest to shine.

The speeches covered the following topics:

The evolution of the whale

Should we bring back extinct animals?

What happens if you fall into a black hole?

Can we live on Mars?

Why don't living things decay?

What is time?

The students worked hard to research, write and memorise their speeches. They had the benefit of mentoring from Dr Laura Richmond from Glasgow University, a previous finalist from the adult version of the competition.

On 3 March, during the KLB final, all students performed superbly and presented excellent speeches to a panel of three judges and two classes of year 7 students. The judges - Dr Laura Richmond, Richard Shaw (Head of Science), and Hannah Khan (Acting Headteacher and physics teacher) - complemented all the students on their performances and awarded Zachary Hamcherif as runner up and Isabel Downs as winner of the KLB Final.

Isabel, along with the other regional winners, attended a two-day science communication masterclass with Jules Howard, a Zoologist and science communicator.



On 23 March, our KLB finalists attended Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury, to support Isabel as she presented her speech in the second of Gloucestershire's regional FameLab Academy finals against ten other finalists. There were some excellent speeches and Isabel produced an outstanding performance to achieve the Runner's up prize. A fantastic effort against excellent competition. The presentations from the final will air on 11 April on BBC Radio Gloucestershire.

All the students were exemplary in their representation of KLB school and we extend a huge 'well done' to all the finalists involved in the KLB FameLab Academy: Isabelle Adams, Bobby Baines, Isabel Downs, Zacharya Hamcherif, Jessie Rowlands and Alex Vry.

J Dexter, Science Teacher

Year 12 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Swanage

This month, Year 12 geography students visited Swanage and the surrounding area to carry out fieldwork in support of their A level coursework. Jack Blakey has written the following account of the experience.



I loved the trip and it was amazing to see geography in action. The fieldwork activities were great fun to carry out and I particularly enjoyed asking the local people questions and getting tallies for our survey. The aim was to find out whether tourism has benefited Swanage and if there was any need for regeneration.

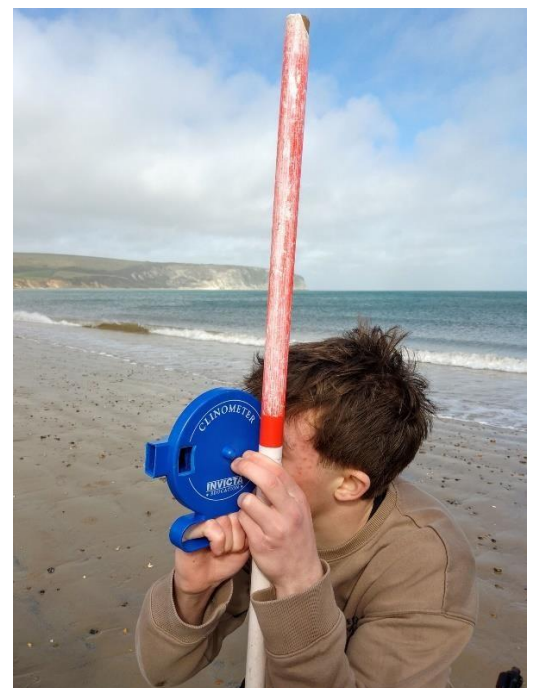
We had plenty of freedom to explore throughout the trip but we learnt a lot too. The YHA accommodation was superb; plenty of space and a whole floor to ourselves! Swanage itself was a lovely place to visit with a good variety of shops, a great chippy and lots of nice cafes.



The last day was amazing as we got to do a lovely coastal walk up the headland to see Old Harry Rocks which is something I had always wanted to go and see. The views were amazing and I wasn't disappointed.

Overall, the trip was a fantastic experience and has really inspired me for my future geography studies.

Jack Blakey, Year 12



National Careers Week Activities

Kier Construction Presentations to Year 8 Students

Employees of Kier Construction provided an overview of Kier as an organisation, highlighting career pathways and the range of jobs involved in any one project.

Emma Deane is an Community Engagement Manager who came to Kier from a background working in events. Jack Suddall is a Senior Site Manager and joined Kier following university. Rory Harris is working towards a degree apprenticeship to become a Site Manager.



Kier showed a film on the timeline of the KLB build project and the students completed a visual activity to help them understand and appreciate the sequence of events involved in the project and the range of skills and different jobs involved.



Year 7 Assembly on Gloucestershire Airport

Our Enterprise Coordinator delivered an assembly to highlight the range of roles involved in the effective and safe running of a large organisation. He focused particularly on how these roles may change over the next five to ten years. Technology, industry growth/reduction, government and green policy may all have an impact; many of the jobs that exist now may not do so into the future and other new ones may take their place. What might they be and what skills might they demand?

Year 10 Apprenticeship Assembly

WorkPays delivered an extended assembly to Year 10 students. The variety of apprenticeships that were available at all levels across a range of industries surprised many students. The talk focused on the 'earn while you learn' benefit of apprenticeships and how they are a respected and viable alternative route to many sectors.

Years 11 – 13 Virgin Media Pop-up Stand

Virgin Media personnel came into school and interested students asked questions about the range of apprenticeship opportunities with Virgin Media.

I attended the Virgin Media apprenticeship talk as I was interested to find out the differences (and similarities) between an apprenticeship and going to university. I also wanted to get more detail about what an apprenticeship actually was.

I found the talk very informative and helpful: it answered all my questions and covered the important factors that could affect your decision of whether or not an apprenticeship would be the best option for you. The talk left me with a very positive view of apprenticeships due to the many benefits they can bring.

Overall, I would definitely recommend attending an apprenticeship talk for students who are unsure of what they want to do after A levels, to help them get an understanding of what would work best for them.

Jacob Ryall, Year 12

Year 13 Apprenticeship workshop

We were pleased to welcome back the Work pays organisation to run the third in a series of sessions offering students support for their apprenticeship applications. This time, the focus was writing applications and interview skills.



The range of apprenticeships on offer has grown considerably over the last few years, and degree apprenticeships offer a really attractive alternative to university with increasing numbers of students opting to take this route post-16. Our year 13 participants were once again commended by the visitors for the quality and enthusiasm of their engagement in the session and it is great to see so many of them securing interviews and offers for next year.

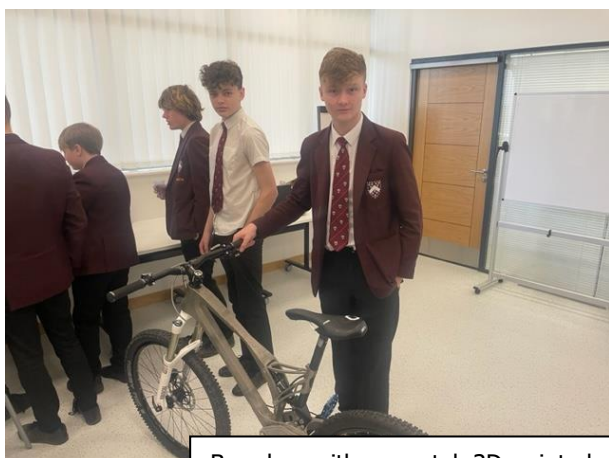
J Campion, Acting Head of Sixth Form

Design Technology Visit to Renishaw plc Visit

Year 10 design and technology resistant materials students visited Renishaw plc at New Mills in Wotton-under-Edge to participate in a STEM workshop. Students received a presentation of the company's origins and the first product they designed and manufactured, through to current day products.

Renishaw staff introduced the students to a Computer Aided Design (CAD) based so that they had the opportunity to highlight their existing CAD skills by designing and manufacturing a product on the range of 3D printers.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the activity and were excited to witness a cutting-edge engineering business on their doorstep.



Branden with a metal 3D printed bike manufactured using the metal additive manufacturing process.



Students used laptops to create their own key ring using the Tinker CAD software



Jemima and Alice with a metal 3D printed component manufactured using the metal additive manufacturing process.

We would like to thank Renishaw and the Education outreach department for allowing the students to visit the New Mills site and to broaden their knowledge and understanding gained through the visit.

Thank you

Mr P Hanney, Head of Design and Technology Faculty

Greenpower Electric Car Club

The greenpower electric car club has had a busy term making card templates for the bodywork of the race car to improve the aerodynamics. The team members, from years 8-12, have been working well together to ensure that the date of the first launch race is met.

After the Easter holidays the club will be transforming the templates from card into aluminium components before attaching to the car chassis. We hope that this will improve the car's speed and battery life. Students have enjoyed the sessions as their practical skills have increased and are realising the importance of accuracy!

C Thomson, DT teacher



Future Chef Regional Final

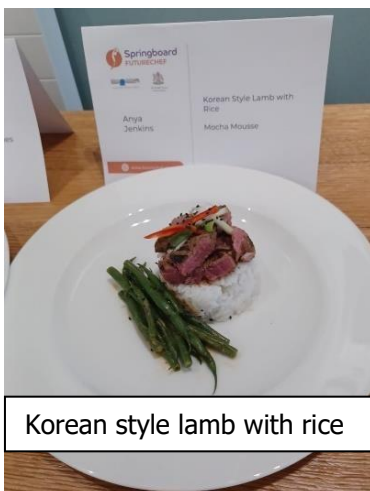


Following her success in the Southwest Chef of the Year County and Regional finals last year, Anya Jenkins in year 11 was invited to take part in The Future Chef regional Final.

The Competition took place in February at Bridgwater and Taunton College, Somerset.



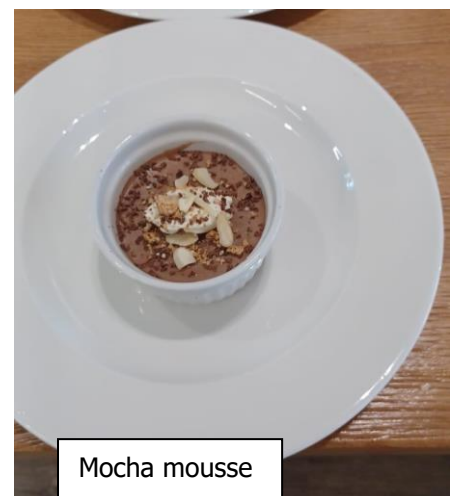
Contestants had a cooking time of 90 minutes in which to prepare, cook and serve two dishes.



Korean style lamb with rice

Although on this occasion Anya did not scoop first prize, her dishes were a huge success and perfectly showcased her high level of skill and organisation.

Anya's competition dishes were as follows



Mocha mousse

Sarah Dring, Food and Nutrition Teacher

Vegan Food Talk

We recently welcomed a visiting speaker from Animal Aid to deliver a talk to food and nutrition students about veganism. Natasha covered the reasons why people chose veganism as a dietary option including issues around health, animal husbandry and the carbon footprint of food.

The subject supported a key part of the GCSE option specification and the students were really engaged in the material covered. There was also a food practical demonstration and tasting to allow the students to see how vegan alternatives can be made.

The talk certainly gave the students some food for thought as seen in their comments below:

Jack Holcombe: *It was really good and I learnt a lot more about the topic. It made me start to think about how I should shop better.*

Isabel Gough: *The information was helpful and I was surprised the vegan chicken nuggets tasted so nice.*

Luna Garcia: *I really liked the talk and when I went home, I told my mum about it and we chose several dishes that we could eat this week that were vegan.*



Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad Results

Towards the end of January 2023, 26 brave Chemists (23 from year 12 and three from year 13) spent up to two hours of their lives taking on the challenge of the Royal Society of Chemistry's 55th International Chemistry Olympiad.

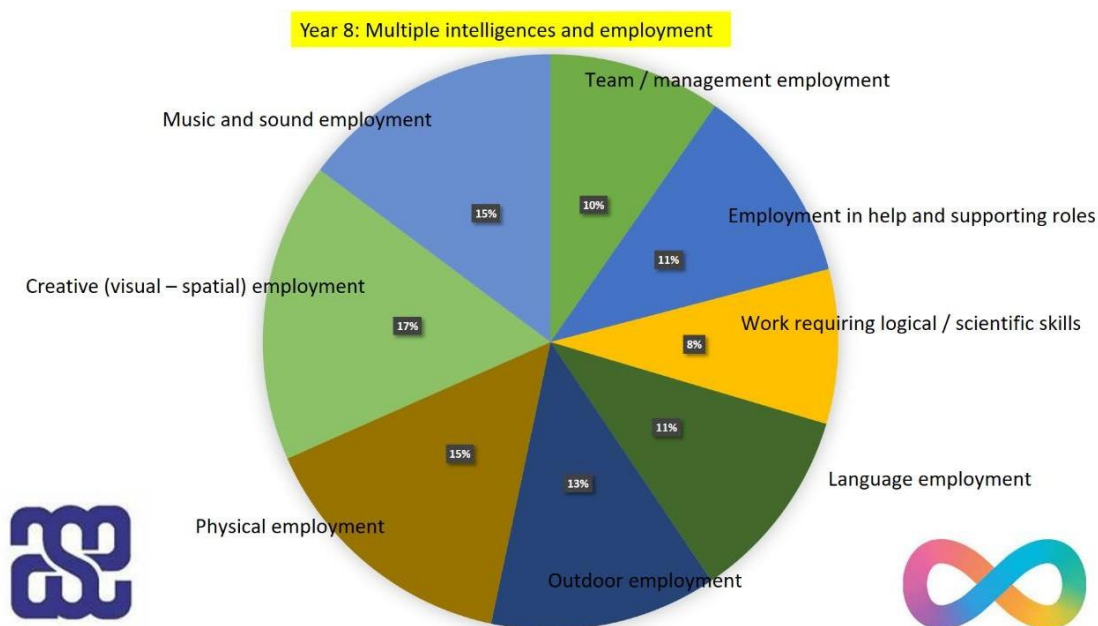
Results have now come in and I am delighted that five KLB students achieved a Silver Award (putting them in the top 23.4% of students in the country) and nine achieved a Bronze Award (putting them in the top 39.5% of students in the country).

Very commendable results indeed – congratulations to all who took part and here's to next year!

S Thurlow, Chemistry teacher



Year 8 Multiple Intelligences Survey



Year 8 students have been taking a closer look at neurodiversity and multiple intelligences in the workplace. The pie chart above shows the results of our 'multiple intelligences' survey. Year 8, it would seem, are wonderfully diverse. I could not have imagined that their learning preferences would have been so evenly distributed across the different types of intelligences so as to produce such a balanced in the range of strengths. We talked about how such differences support a healthy society where people's different strengths come together to help society solve a range of problems.

Next, some of our students will have a 'Q and A' session with the educational psychologist to talk about neurodiversity and each individual will look more closely at their intelligence type and how it might steer their employment and careers in the future.

K John, SENCO

Sixth Form Homestay Visit to Pau

Over half term two year 13 students and six year 12 students had the opportunity to spend a week at the Lycée Barthou, a sixth form college in Pau in the south-west of France.

The students spent the majority of the week in school attending lessons with their French partners in a variety of subjects including ones never studied before. They enjoyed contrasting the many differences in the English and French education systems as well as speaking and listening to lots of French. The complete immersion in the language has improved their language skills greatly.



At the weekend they all spent time with their families. Some visited the Pyrenees, some went snow walking in special snowshoes and there were group events such as bowling and a pizza night.

As a break from attending lessons, we also went on a guided tour of the castle and visited the town's art museum.

Everyone had a wonderful time and the students are now busily arranging for their partners to come to England later in the school year.

"C'était inoubliable" a dit Isaac et "C'était la meilleure semaine de ma vie" a déclaré Jack.

S Popham and E Caldwell, French Teachers





Library News

Carnegie Shadowing Book Club

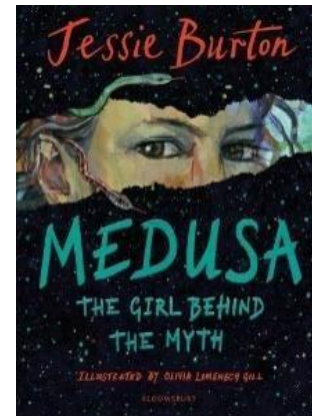
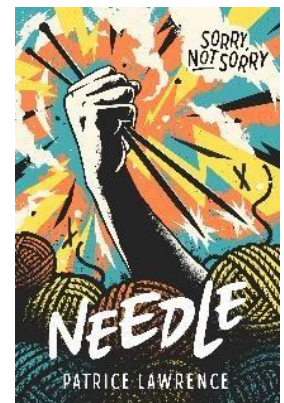
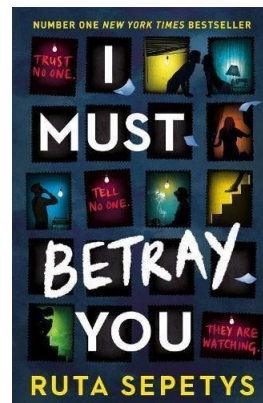
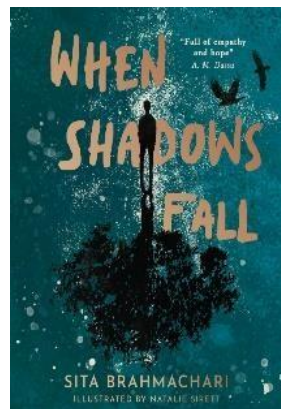
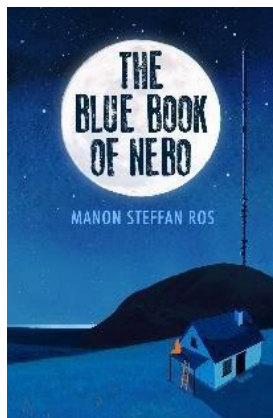


The Carnegie Greenaway Awards shortlist was announced on 17 March. We will be reading, reviewing and discussing the seven shortlisted books over lunch during our weekly meetings.

If you love reading and are interested to find out about different authors and genres and would like to shadow the Carnegie judges as they set about choosing this year's Carnegie Medal Winner, join us in the library on Thursday lunchtimes to get involved. There will be exclusive author videos to watch and lots of creative activities to take part in during the shadowing group. **All year groups are welcome!** For more information, please come and visit us in the library.

First meeting is on 30 March! Look forward to seeing you!

The Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing Shortlist 2023



Guess the Shelfie Competition Winners

We were delighted with high number of participants that took part in our 'Guess the Shelfie' competition. Students and staff have tried to guess the people who took part! Now we have announced the winners and students have already collected their prizes from the library. Congratulations to everyone who won prizes and a big well done to everyone who took part in the competition.



Borrowing books from the library

Although you are welcome to come and browse the library shelves in person, you can also look at the library catalogue at home through the school website to reserve a book. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that our Click and Deliver service is still operating – choose and reserve your books online and they will appear in one of your lessons as if by magic.

If you still have library books to return, please do so as soon as possible. We need to get them back on the shelves so that they are available for other students to borrow.

If you have any difficulty logging into the library catalogue please email us on library@klbschool.org.uk for help.

A Thank You to Year 11 Reading Prefects



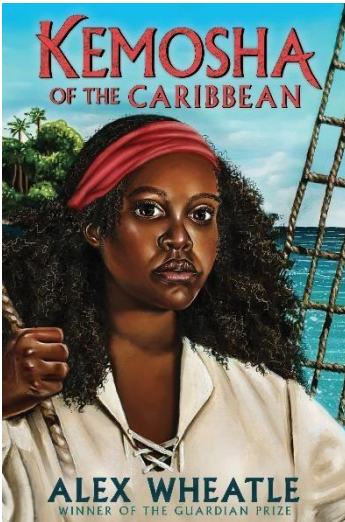
I just wanted to let you know how pleased I am with my son's English intervention work - I'm so pleased that I encouraged him to take extra English; I really think it is helping him. In particular, I think it's great that he has been reading to Y11 prefects during tutor time too. To say I struggle to get him to read at home is a huge understatement! He actually seems to enjoy this reading and I think the prefects involved deserve a pat on the back for a job well done so please pass on my thanks to them.

This lovely feedback came from a parent about her child's experience of morning reading intervention. Twenty year 11 students and six TAs support year 7 readers three mornings a week. In these 20-minute sessions, we work on recognising high frequency words, then younger students read and the older students and the TAs develop their comprehension. This has helped build reading confidence and developed links between the year groups. Thanks to everyone for their hard work.

Karen John, SENCO

March diversity books

Each month we are sharing two books recommended by students in our recent diversity book project in RE. Both of these books have also been nominated for the **Yoto Carnegies, the UK's longest running children's book awards.**



***Kemosha of the Caribbean* by Alex Wheatle**

Kemosha and her brother have lived their whole lives in slavery. Sold away to work in lawless Port Royal, Kemosha takes her chance to escape brutal treatment. Kemosha befriends Ravenhide, a man with a mysterious past who teaches her the art of swordfighting, and introduces her to the beautiful runaway Isabella.

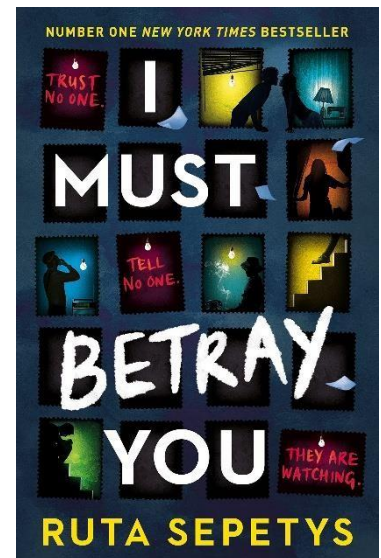
Yet Kemosha's greatest test yet is upon the deck of the Satisfaction: the notorious Captain Morgan's ship. His next adventure on the high seas could be the making of Kemosha – and her one chance to earn enough pieces of eight to buy the freedom of her brother...

***I Must betray You* by Ruta Sepetys**

Set in Romania in 1989, seventeen-year-old Cristian Florescu dreams of becoming a writer, but Romanians aren't free to dream; they are bound by rules and force. Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer. He's left with only two choices: betray everyone and everything he loves - or use his position to creatively undermine the most notoriously evil dictator in Eastern Europe, Nicolae Ceaușescu.

Cristian risks everything to unmask the truth behind the regime, give a voice to fellow Romanians, and expose to the world what is happening in his country. He eagerly joins the revolution to fight for change when the time arrives. But what is the cost of freedom?

K Williams, RE Teacher



Maths Department Enjoy a Taste of Pi

Did you know that Pi day takes place on 14 March each year? It is observed on this date due to the American style of writing the date as 3.14.

Mr Läderach baked some delicious looking pies for the maths teachers and his year 12 to enjoy in celebration of all things pi.

Some classes also did circle activities to remind themselves of the formulas for the area and circumference of a circle

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$C = \pi d$$



Mrs Wells, Head of Mathematics

Art – Paris Sketchbooks

The art department is pleased to share a collection of striking sketchbook pages from the Art study trip to Paris. Over the past month, students have had additional time to work into their sketchbooks by refining drawings, using different mediums and presenting their photographs. In Paris, students spent much of their time drawing directly from artwork, street scenes, landmarks and people; they took thousands of photographs too!

To celebrate the high quality work they have produced, we have awarded prizes for the most inspiring sketchbook in each of the following categories:

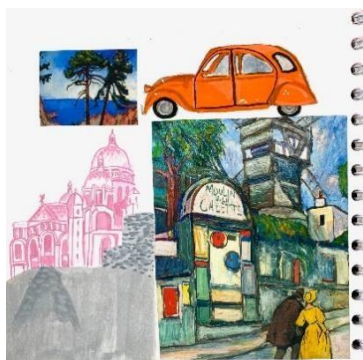
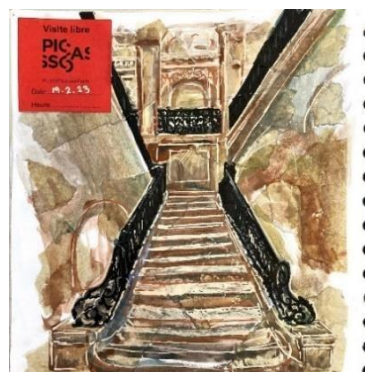
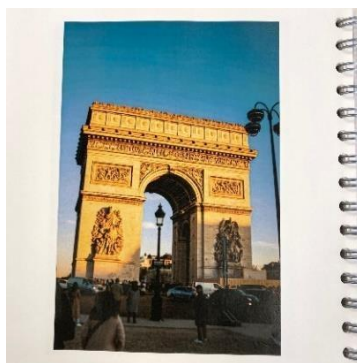
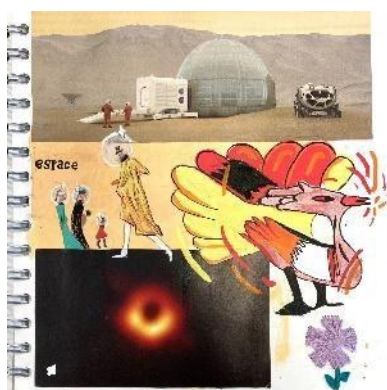
Fine Art – R Oliver

Graphic Art – H Skuse

Photography – C Simkiss

We will also awarding Highly Commended certificates to the following students:

R Hayles, L Banks, R Goodwin, W Mills, C Shute, G Clarke, C Forsdike, R Rousseau, E Cook and C Cooper Wilde.



C Hall, Art Teacher

Gold DofE Practice Expeditions

This year's Gold DofE practice expedition was a true test of grit, steel and determination. This year we had three teams of walkers out on Dartmoor and two teams of canoeists on the river Severn.



The walkers endured hammering rain, hail, high winds and extremely boggy conditions on an exposed Dartmoor, and some even resorted to sleeping in their rucksack liners to stay dry: full marks for ingenuity! The canoeists experienced some tough and challenging river conditions and were also thoroughly tested.

Ocean Rock staff commented that the KLB students were an incredible bunch of young people who did themselves and the school proud. They were especially impressed that they maintained morale and were able to have fun even in the face of the adverse weather conditions.

A fantastic 'well done' to them all.

Helen Isaacs
DofE Coordinator

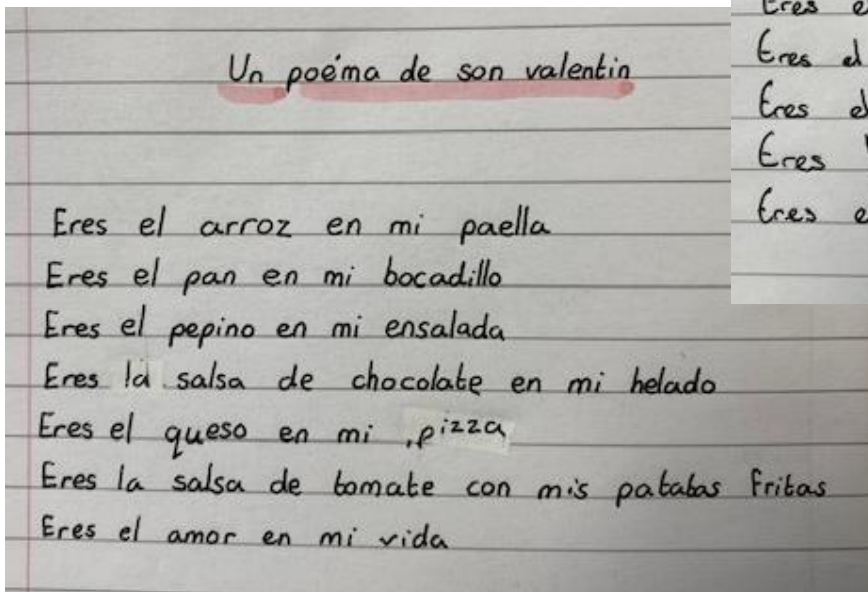
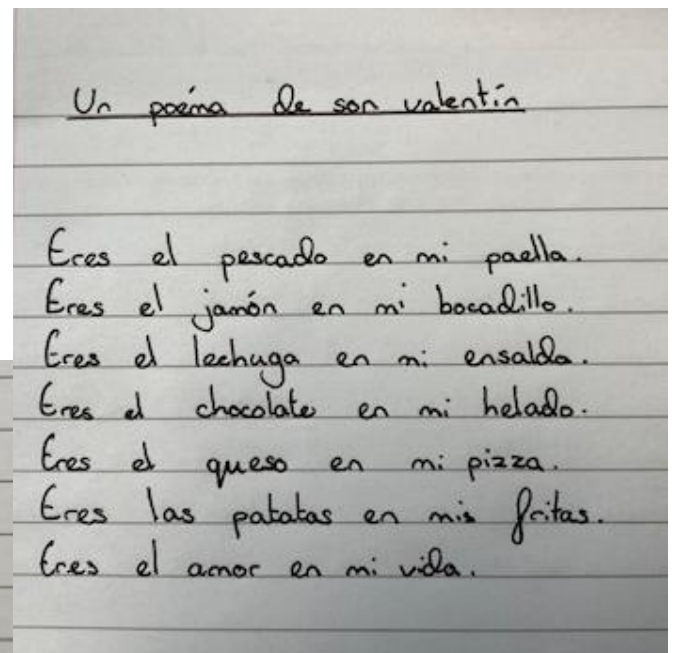
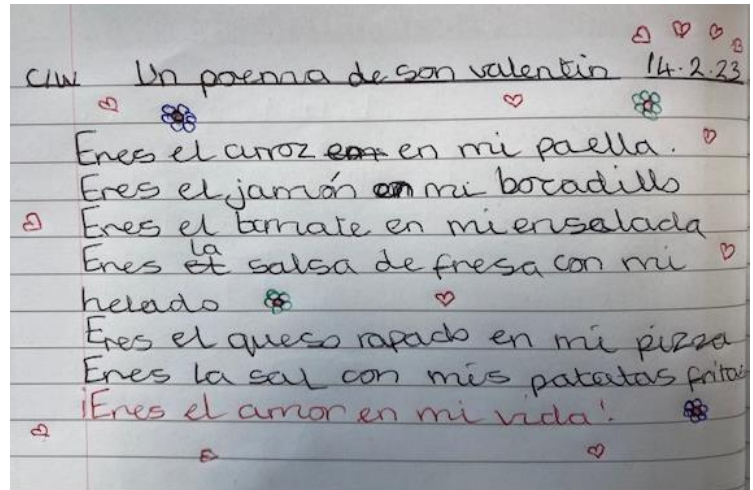
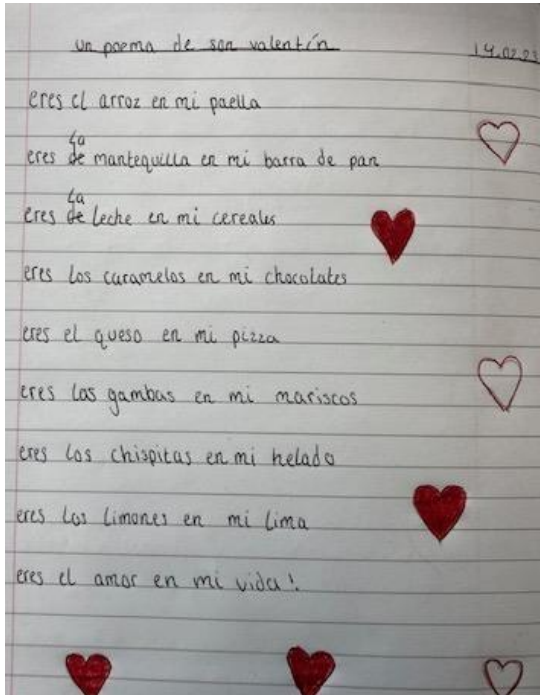


Year 8 Spanish - El día de San Valentín

To celebrate Valentine's day, students in year 8 Spanish classes were given the opportunity to make their own romantic poem in Spanish. We had been learning the vocabulary for food in Spanish and the students used sentence structures, such as 'eres el arroz en mi paella' (you are the rice in my paella). They then had to change the food items to create their own unique poems.

Here are a few impressive examples from Mrs Hale's class.

S Bateman, Spanish Teacher



Canteen News

This term the canteen has held a week of Chinese food in February and prepared some Turkish meals during our week of support for the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. These were well received by students.

— CANTEN —
CENTRAL

Please see below the menus following our return after Easter.

Week One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meal Of The Day	Spicy Sausage Pasta Bake	Chip Shop Chicken curry with wholegrain rice	Beef Mexican Rice	Sweet & Sour Chicken Noodles	Chicken Or Beef Burgers
Vegetarian Meal Of The Day	Spicy Soya Sausage Pasta Bake	Chip Shop Soya Chicken curry with wholegrain rice	Soya Beef Mexican Rice	Soya Sweet & Sour chicken Noodles	Vegan Burger
Daily special	Macaroni cheese	Cheesy Mash & optional Beans	Pepperoni Macaroni cheese	Cheesy Mash & optional beans	Macaroni Cheese
Pasta Of The Day	Tomato & Basil pasta	Arrabbiata pasta	Garlic Tomato pasta	Tomato & basil pasta	Arrabbiata pasta
Pudding Of The Day	Selection of summer pudding pots	Selection of summer pudding pots	Selection of summer pudding pots	Selection of summer pudding pots	Selection of summer pudding pots

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meal Of The Day	Bolognaise pasta bake	Chicken Tikka with wholegrain rice	Sausage mash and Beans	Chicken in a Black bean sauce with noodles	Crispy chicken wrap & salad with choice of sauce
Vegetarian Meal Of The Day	Soya Bolognaise pasta bake	Soya Chicken Tikka with wholegrain rice	Soya Sausage mash and Beans	Soya Chicken in a Black bean sauce with noodles	Soya chicken wrap & salad with choice of sauce
Daily special	Macaroni cheese	Cheesy Mash & optional Beans	Pepperoni Macaroni cheese	Cheesy Mash & optional beans	Macaroni Cheese
Pasta Of The Day	Tomato & Basil pasta	Arrabbiata pasta	Garlic Tomato pasta	Tomato & basil pasta	Arrabbiata pasta
Pudding Of The Day	Selection of summer pudding pots	Selection of summer pudding pots	Selection of summer pudding pots	Selection of summer pudding pots	Selection of summer pudding pots

Extra-curricular Activities – Terms 5 and 6

	Club	Venue	Time	Member of Staff	Age Range
Mon	Drama Club	DRS	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mr Blake	Years 7/8
	Listening to a Story Club	A4	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mr Ford/Mrs Gould	Years 7/8/9
	Jazz Band	MU1	1.10 – 1.45pm	Mr Smith	Y10-13
	Girls Football	Sports Hall	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mr Wharin	All Years
	Homework Club	Dance St	2.45 – 4.00pm	Coach	All Years
	Dance Club	A1	2.45 – 4.00pm	Learning Support	All Years
Tues	Choir	MU1	1.10 – 1.45pm	Mr Wiltamuth	All Years
	Chess Club	N1	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mr Jones	All Years
	Badminton	Sports Hall	1.05 – 1.45pm	Coach	Years 12/13
	KS4 Maths Drop-in	M5	2.45 – 3.45pm	Miss Coughlan	Years 10/11
	KS4 Computing Drop-in	R12	2.45 – 3.45pm	Mr Chandler	Years 10/11
	Girls Rounders	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Miss Johnstone	Year 7
	Boys Cricket	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mr Dudbridge	Year 7
	Senior Athletics	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Pe Staff	Years 8-10
	Homework Club	A1	2.45 – 4.00pm	Learning Support	All Years
Wed	History Mystery Detective Club	H1	1.10 – 1.40pm	Mrs Medcroft	Year 9
	Warhammer Club	N2	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mr Jones	All Years
	Badminton	Sports Hall	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mr Wharin	Years 9/10
	LGBTQ+ Group (Wk2 only)	T3	1.10 – 1.40pm	Miss Cairns/Mx Dawson	All Years
	Warhammer Club	N2	1.45 – 2.45pm	Mr Jones	All Years
	Band Surgery	Music	1.10 – 1.45pm	Mr Smith	All Years
	Art Club (Wk1 only)	T3	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mx Dawson	Years 7/8
	Film Club	R7	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mrs Gallivan	Years 7/8/9
	Quiet Reading	Library	1.05 – 1.45pm	Library staff	All Years
	Orchestra	MU1	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mr Smith	All Instrumentalists
	AWS app design	R12	3.00 – 4.00pm	Mr Chandler	Year 8
	iPad Pro-Creat Club	T5	3.00 – 4.00pm	Mr Hall/Mrs Mottram	All Years
	Science Club (Term 2)		3.00 – 4.00pm		Year 7
	KS3 Maths Drop-in	M5	2.45 – 3.45pm	Miss Jones	Years 7/8/9
	KS5 Maths Drop-in	M1	2.45 – 3.45pm	Mrs Beltrami	Years 12/13
	Girls Rounders and Cricket	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mrs Wills	Year 9/10
	Spike Ball club	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mr Daniel	Year 7
	Boys Cricket and Softball	Field	1.45 – 2.45pm	Mr Meredith	Year 9/10
	Girls Tennis	Courts	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mrs Rolleston	All Years
	Junior Athletics	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Miss Johnstone/ Mr Dudbridge	Years 7
	Homework Club	A1	2.45 – 4.00pm	Learning Support	All Years
Thurs	Chess Club	N1	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mr Jones	All Years
	Ukelele Club	MU2	1.10 – 1.45pm	Mr Wiltamuth	All Years
	Badminton	Sports Hall	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mr Wharin	Years 11/12/13
	Yoga	Dance St	1.05 – 1.45pm	Coach	All Years
	String Orchestra	MU1	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mr Smith	Year 7-13
	Carnegie Shadowing	Library	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mrs Ward	All Years
	Environment Club	H1	1.10 – 1.40pm	Mrs Probyn	Years 7/8/9
	Poetry Society	T&L Room	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mrs McAllister	All Years + staff
	Maths Cipher Club	R13	3.00 – 4.00pm	Miss Black	Years 10-13
	Famelab	S7	3.00 – 4.00pm	Mr Dexter	Year 9
	KS4 Computing Drop-in	R12	2.45 – 3.45pm	Mr Chandler	Years 10/11
	Cricket and Softball	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mr Capaldi	Year 8
	Rounders	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mr Daniel/Mr GW	Years 10/11
	Homework Club	A1	2.45 – 4.00pm	Learning Support	All Years
Fri	Samba Band	MU2	1.10 – 1.45pm	Mr Wiltamuth	All Years
	Basketball	Sports Hall	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mr Wharin	All Years
	Debating Club	A3	1.05 – 1.45pm	Miss Rawlinson	Sixth Form

Library Access Open to all years Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri lunchtime
 Open to all years after school until 4pm Mon-Thurs and 3.30pm on Friday

Boys Hockey Success

What a year it has been for our boys hockey programme: not only have we seen a rise in the levels of participation but we have also seen our students competing in England Hockey's National Competitions.

U13 Boys

This term year 8 went from strength to strength, putting together yet another strong season. After last year's fantastic season, the year 8 boys were put to the test with some challenging fixtures. The boys were more than up to the test and were able to remain competitive with the best teams from around the county. As well as competitive games on the field, the side was bolstered by the fact that over 30 boys represented the team this year with training numbers at times getting above 40! The potential within this group of boys is amazing and I personally cannot wait to see them take the field next year and continue their hockey journey at KLB.

To conclude, was it a good hockey season? Yes, but it was so much more than that. It was a season of teamwork, of hard work and determination.



U14 Boys



Yet another incredible season for our U14 boys where once again we have seen a mixture of those new to the game as well as experienced players, represent the school in an outstanding manner across a comprehensive set of friendly fixtures as well as England Hockey competitions. What is clear to see is that more and more boys are keen to pick up a stick and get playing.

This year saw the boys compete in England Hockey's Tier 2 competition. At their regional finals, the squad produced some incredible hockey and deservedly won their tournament, claiming their second regional title in as many years. They finished as the number 1 ranked Tier 2 side in the West. This qualified the squad for their second successive National Finals at The Nottingham Hockey Centre.



Once again, the squad were to compete on a national level against the best T2 sides in the country. It is fair to say that the boys were absolutely outstanding. Claiming a bronze medal on the day, the squad can look back on this season with huge pride but more importantly look ahead to a very promising season in the next academic year.



U16 Boys



Our U16 boys have enjoyed a fine season, they were crowned England Hockey Tier 3 West Regional Champions at Millfield School. The squad, which is a mixture of experienced players and those still learning the game, contested a thrilling tournament. This result meant the squad qualified at the number 1 Tier 3 side from the West to compete at the National Finals at The Nottingham Hockey Centre.

The boys went into the finals full of confidence and were once again in an extremely competitive field that contained some traditionally strong hockey schools. The boys, some of whom

potentially playing their final games for the school were outstanding throughout the day. Not only did they display tremendous sporting qualities, they also gave everything to the day and should be incredibly proud of the season they have produced. A wonderful season capped off by a sixth place finish at the National Finals.



U18 Boys



Our U18 boys have mirrored the success of their junior counterparts. Not only has there been a surge in the number of boys playing hockey but we have also seen this age group compete in England Hockey's National Competitions. This is the first time we have seen a regular Boys 2nd XI take part in a number of friendly fixtures. Not only has this provided a fun and enjoyable format of playing it has also encouraged more students new to the game, to play. A sociable team that enjoy playing the game but also representing the school.

For the very first time our U18 Boys competed in England Hockey's Tier 2 Cup Competition where the

squad were given a home draw against Kingswood School. Despite a narrow defeat the squad moved into the Tier 3 plate where they produced an excellent run of games. Victories over Collegiate School, Monkton School, King's College Taunton and Bloxham School paved the way to a regional quarter final with King Edward's Bath. A narrow defeat to King Edward's sadly ended the prospect of a return trip to Lee Valley, however, this one result should not over shadow the outstanding season that this group of players have been able to produce.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank a large number of Y13 students who have shown such outstanding dedication to the school hockey programme over the last 7 years. J.Beattie, A.Melville, J.Brown, J.Hansen, W.Newell, H.McCuaig, C.McCuaig, S.Prouse, W.Adams, L.Wilson-Galiana and M.Robins have contributed so much to the success of the school hockey programme during their time at the school, we cannot thank them enough. We hope that they all continue playing beyond their school years and that they are able to look back on their accomplishments with tremendous pride.

R Meredith, PE Teacher

NSEA Eventers Challenge Qualifier

On Saturday 25 March, nine of our riders competed at Rectory Farm Equestrian Centre, Cirencester in a NSEA Eventers Challenge qualifier.

It was an early start for the 70-75cm team. Flo Hanney was the first competitor, making her debut for the school, on Mockbegger Master. She was followed by Tensie Littlewood on Rocky, Maddie Hall-Smith on Chester and another new rider, Sophia



O'Hara riding Little Plum. The team are featured on the right. Later in the class Sophia also rode Crawfords Seal of Approval.



Clear rounds from Sophia and Tensie helped the team place fourth overall. Sophia on Little Plum did exceptionally well placing first individually, seen above left, and this qualified the combination for the NSEA National Championships at Hickstead in May 2023.

In the next class, 80-85cm, Mirabelle Shields rode Piggy, making their debut for the school and impressing with a clear round. Tensie was the first rider to compete in the KLB team, followed by Morgan Harris on Kingroves Ruby, Winnie Read on Calvin Scent and Flo Hall-Smith on Chester. All riders are featured on the right.



Clear rounds from the last three riders meant the KLB team placed second overall, qualifying them, shown on left, for the NSEA Championships in May.



Winnie went on to compete in the 90-95cm class and was joined by Ella Woolls who rode Tresaison Superted. Winnie went clear but was unfortunate to pick up a time penalty, which pushed her just outside the placings.

A very enjoyable and successful day for all.



S Bates, SSCO



What's on in APRIL?

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 for 3rd April, call 0800 800510/511. You can also just pop in. 10am - 2pm

Age UK Gloucestershire - a social group for those who are 50+. Just come along, no need to book. 11am - 12.30pm

Age UK Gloucestershire Help Team - drop in and ask questions about any aspect of later life. No booking needed. 3rd April. 11am - 12.30pm

Job Club - help with CVs and employment support. Drop in, no booking required. Job Club will move to Wednesday mornings from 18th April. 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Chair yoga - join in with some gentle, supportive yoga. Open to all. No booking is needed. Pay As You Feel. 3rd and 17th April. 1.30pm-2.30pm

After School Drop in - reading, games and toast available. Children to come with an accompanying adult. 3pm - 4pm

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 Frailty nurses 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. Held fortnightly. 10.30am - 12.30pm

Sing 2 Remember - sing together, share memories and make friends. Come and join this supported, dementia-friendly singing session. Just turn up, on the 4th and 18th April. 11am - 12pm

Tuesday Lunches - come and join us for a hot meal, open to all and PAYE. Spaces are limited, so to book a space please call 07585 466418 or pop in. 12.30pm - 1.30pm

The Keepers' minibus service is also running on Tuesdays to provide transport from your home to the hot lunches. Places are limited so to book please see details above.

Red Cross First Aid Training - for anyone aged 12-19. To book a space, please call 07585 466418, email, message or pop in. 18th April. 3.15pm - 4.15pm

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 12th and 26th April. 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. 5th April. 10am - 12pm

Men's Shed Drop In - pop in to find out about what they do and their projects. 12th April. 10am - 12pm

Frailty Nurse Drop In - come for advice or information. 19th April. 10am - 12pm

Stroud District Council Housing Officer Drop in - pop in and talk to Rachel. 10.30am - 11.30am

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 26th April. 7pm - 9pm

Talk Club - a new talking and listening club for men to help keep mentally fit. Just drop in - no need to book. Meetings will take place on 5th and 19th April. 7pm - 9pm

Thursday

Cookery Course - Introduction to Spices (Adult Education). 5 weeks. For more information, call us on 07585 466418 or pop in. Starting 6th April. 9.30am - 11.30am

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 20th April. 10am - 11am

Clean Slate Drop In - enabling people to improve their financial wellbeing. Pop in to have a chat with Milly on 13th or 27th April. 10am - 12pm

Art Shape - a 6 week creative arts course starting on 13th April. Places are limited. To book a space, call us on 07585 466418 or pop in. 9.30am - 11.30am

Gloucestershire Deaf Association Hearing Aid Clinic - 6th April. To book an appointment, call 01452 372999. 10am - 12pm

Independence Trust and NHS social prescribers' Drop In. 11am - 1pm

Qigong - meditation, breathing and gentle movement. No booking is needed. Pay As You Feel. 12pm - 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

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

Rhyme with Me - a free session of songs, rhythm, rhymes and fun for 0 - 5 year olds and their accompanying adult. 10.15am - 11am. Term time only.

Cakes and Ladders and drop in cafe - chat, have refreshments and board games are optional. All welcome. 11.30am - 12.30pm

OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:
9.00am - 4.00pm

Wednesday and Friday:
9.00am - 1.00pm

CLOSED ON BANK HOLIDAYS

Call us or pop in:
07585 466418

We have meals in our community freezer - available to anyone, for any reason, on a 'Pay As You Feel' basis.

It's important to us that everyone is included, the Hub is accessible to all and we work in collaboration with other local organisations.

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Parent & Carer Support Groups

Is your child struggling with their mental health?
Join a TIC+ Parent & Carer Support Groups for six FREE sessions to inform & support parents and carers, helping you to understand your child's distress.

Who can attend? Parents & Carers of young people aged 11-18 living in Gloucestershire.

Where? Sessions are delivered remotely via Zoom or face-to-face in venues across Gloucestershire.

When? Times vary. Please visit our website for the full timetable of dates.



May 2023 Dates

02/05 - 13/06/23 | Tuesday Morning | 10:30am - 12:00pm | Gloucester

03/05 - 14/06/23 | Wednesday Evening | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Zoom

03/05 - 14/06/23 | Wednesday Afternoon | 1.00pm - 2.30pm | Forest

04/05 - 15/06/23 | Thursday Evening | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Tewkesbury

11/05 - 22/06/23 | Thursday Evening | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Zoom

How do I book?

Head to www.ticplus.org.uk/parents-carers/parent-carer-support-groups/



Or you can book by scanning this QR code with your phone.