



After almost four weeks, the students and staff have settled into new routines and a semblance of normality has been established. We are fully focused on helping students to rediscover their enjoyment of school, develop ambitious plans for their future, make progress with their learning and development and go home every day feeling as if they have succeeded on a number of fronts. We set out to achieve these goals through providing excellent teaching and support, a challenging and inspiring curriculum for all and a wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities. I appreciate that, given the current circumstances, this is not straightforward but our tremendously committed staff are doing all they can to provide these key ingredients to enable your child to flourish at KLB.

Our channels of communication have naturally had to change given the lack of opportunities to host evenings and talk to you in person. You will hear much of what we are doing through the year group information videos we have produced and will have the opportunity to ask us questions through a Zoom meeting; I do hope these formats provide you with all you need to get to grips with the important elements of your child's school year.

I would also like to bring to your attention the videos and resources we have put together to help Year 6 students make decisions about their futures. Even if you do not have a Year 6 child, you may enjoy watching our '[Joining KLB](#)' video and other clips that can be accessed through the website: Parents / Joining KLB. If you would like more regular updates, you could follow us on Twitter: just search for klb\_school.

Your support over the past few months has been really welcomed and much appreciated. We will need to continue to work in partnership over the coming weeks as I am sure there will be further obstacles to overcome. That said, we are truly excited about the coming year; it feels good to be back and providing a 'face to face' education for your children once again.

It is great that we can at last communicate to you some 'non covid-19' aspects of school life, from artwork, Duke of Edinburgh, extra-curricular sports restarting, to individual successes. I do hope you enjoy the read.

Tim Rand  
Headteacher

### Foundation Garden Area



In our last newsletter we mentioned the new garden area in the centre of the school, provided by funds from our Foundation Governors. The area has now been completed with the planting of trees and shrubs which will become established over the coming months and years to provide a relaxing space for the students.

## Art Department Showcase

This month we would like to share a selection of fabulous GCSE coursework that was completed before the March lockdown and that hasn't had a chance to be seen before now. We were very impressed with the variety of personal themes and challenging subject matter.

GCSE Fine Art final coursework pieces



GCSE Fine Art and Graphic Art coursework folders can be collected from school from Tuesday 3 November onwards. Students need to email Helen Isaacs at [hisaacs@kbschool.org.uk](mailto:hisaacs@kbschool.org.uk) in advance to arrange a suitable time to collect their folder.

## Volunteering Opportunities within KLB School Art Department

Do you have an interest in Art? Would you like to volunteer in the lively and friendly Art Department at KLB School? This opportunity is available for over 18s on Fridays during term time.

The role would involve, amongst other things:

- Maintenance of art equipment in which training will be given
- Supporting teachers during KS3 practical activities, which could help with applications for teaching and/or community projects
- Art department displays

If you would like more information please contact Miss Taylor, Head of Art, at [ptaylor@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:ptaylor@klbschool.org.uk)

This volunteer position is subject to DBS Checks and references. If you would like to apply for the position, please write a short letter expressing interest in the post and email to [dpavey@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:dpavey@klbschool.org.uk)

## Motorsport Success with Ferrari

A young racing driver from Kingswood Village, Ella Stevens, has been selected by the governing body of world motorsport, The FIA, and Ferrari's Driver Academy, in the search for Ferrari's first-ever female racing professionals. The full story can be read on the link below.

<https://www.totalbristol.com/sport/bristol-based-racer-on-track-for-motorsport-success/>



Ella became a British karting champion at just 10 years of age. In a recent interview for CNN, she commented, "I was a bit scared at first but I got used to it and got faster and faster. It's very exciting. My favourite part is probably the speed, it's always something to look forward to when you go out on the track and you're waiting on the grid."

Ella balances her driving passion with school work and other activities so has a packed schedule. In her own words: "It's amazing to be chosen as one of the final 20 individuals from across the world to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I'm really looking forward to the first phase of testing and I will work as hard as I can to progress my dream of becoming a professional racing driver."

We wish Ella every success in the pursuit of her dream.



## Library News



**We are open for business!!**

**Using the library is going to be a very different experience this year but you will still be able to borrow books from us**

The good news is that you are already a member of KLB library and your Borrower account is already set up. You can borrow books as soon as you like! Normally you would be able to come into the library to choose your books but as that is not possible you can use the online library catalogue to browse the shelves.

If you have access to a computer at home, you can log on to the online catalogue via the Home Access Plus+ link on the school website. Click on the library icon and you will be taken to the home page of the library catalogue



Or you could download the Accessit app to your phone (available from the App Store or Google Play) to get direct access to the catalogue

At the home screen, click on the Guest icon at the top right and fill in your log in details -  
Username: full school email address  
Password: library



When you find a book you would like to borrow, drag it to the Reserves tab at the top of the screen. You will then receive an email from the librarian telling you how to get hold of you book once it is available.

**Any problems with logging in or accessing the mobile app, please email [library@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:library@klbschool.org.uk) and the librarians will help you**

### Why not borrow an ebook?

We have a subscription to the Wheeler's ebook platform which gives us access to over 1,000 ebooks including some Graphic novels and well-loved favourites such as the Harry Potter novels. The best course of action is to download the app (available from the App store or Google play) and then search for the school library - Katharine Lady Berkeley's school. Login details are Username: usual school email address and Password: library



### Overdue library books – a plea for help

We have a lot of overdue library books at the moment. This is understandable as students have not had the opportunity to return books for some time. However, now that we are back in school there is a Returns Box that is easy for students to access as they walk through the library. Please have a good look at home and return any school library books that you find. We cannot process books for 72 hours after they have been put in the Returns Box and this is causing some confusion with the email reminders that are being automatically generated by the library computer system. Please be patient if you get a reminder and you know that you have already put your books in the box – we will process them as soon as we can.



## Plastic Free Ally Award

Congratulations to Arthur Garrett who has received a special award for his work tackling plastic pollution in and around Wotton under Edge. As part of his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award challenge, Arthur completed more than one hour of litter picking work each week, taking care to use gloves and appropriate equipment.

The challenge took place during the lockdown period from March to June and Arthur's efforts have been recognised with a Plastic Ally Certificate awarded by Tina Le Coyte and Judith Nemeth-Ratfai from the Wotton Area Climate Action Network.



Well done Arthur. We hope that other DofE participants who are passionate about caring for their environment will follow your example and help to clean up our countryside, keeping it safe for wildlife and beautiful for all to enjoy.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award 2020-21

This week we are launching the DofE award programme at Bronze level to students in Year 9, Silver level at Year 10 and Gold level Year 12. Packs of information will be available for interested students to pick up from their tutors.



KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S  
SCHOOL

The last year has been a strange one for DofE. Bronze and Silver participants who were due to go on expedition during the spring and summer months are now completing the expedition elements during the autumn. The Ocean Rock team is committed to ensure the expedition process continues to be as rigorous as possible while remaining Covid-19 safe. We thank them for the phenomenal amount of additional work they have put in to provide an amended expedition experience.



Well done, too, to the students who have persevered with their award throughout the lockdown and made variations to their activity programmes, if necessary, in order to progress. Even those who feel they may have lost their way a little are generally much further forward with their award than they realise and I would urge them to catch up with me if they need a little direction or encouragement.



With the delay to expeditions, Year 10 students may like to know that they can get started on their Silver awards even if they have sections to complete at Bronze level. It is, of course, also possible to be a direct entrant at Silver level.

Further information about the award programme is available from Helen Isaacs at [hisaacs@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:hisaacs@klbschool.org.uk)

## Performing Arts News

### Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons have been unable to resume until now, due to insufficient space and ventilation in practice rooms. Plans are slowly underway for face-to-face lessons to resume in our largest practice room on a rota of use. Information has been sent to parents of Year 7 students and existing instrumentalists, and we are hoping to have the rota up and running by October half term. Please contact Miss Barratt with any queries regarding instrumental lessons ([dbarratt@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:dbarratt@klbschool.org.uk)).

### Virtual Year 7 Welcome Showcase

Students in Year 7 have been working hard during their first few weeks of music and drama lessons, and footage is being collected for a virtual *Year 7 Welcome Showcase*. The children have been learning about mime and improvisation in drama, and introductory performing skills in music. We look forward to being able to highlight some of their achievements and welcome them to the department by sharing the showcase video on the KLB Twitter page during the last week of this half term. KLB's new Year 7 cohort seem to be a talented bunch – stay tuned!

### Year 11 GCSE Drama Performances: Component 1 (Devising)

Year 11 drama students have been busily preparing for their final devised performances, rescheduled due to school closures in the spring term. Performances will now take place on **Thursday 15 October**. Best of luck to all involved.

### Music Equipment: Headphones

We are trying to run things as normally as possible but there are some limitations in terms of the musical equipment we can safely use. Keyboards are currently acting as the basis to most practical work, as they are thoroughly cleaned after each lesson. We are unable to clean headphones, however, so ask that pupils bring their own. Standard 3.5mm jack headphones will work nicely, the same as those suggested for language lessons in computer rooms. Students are responding well to the 'new norm', and we thank them for being so understanding and considerate.

Miss Barratt, Head of Performing Arts

## Year 11 English Drop-in Sessions



# Y11 English After-school drop in

Do you need extra help? Are you unsure how to revise? Bring your questions to the KS4 after-school drop in sessions:

- Open to Y11
- Every aspect of English Literature and English Language covered!



## Parent Canteen Survey Feedback

At the start of the year, we invited parents to take part in a short survey about the school canteen offering. Many thanks to the 352 of you who responded. We used the feedback from this survey to support a review of the current offering: we have also taken on board the views of students. Overall, the findings were positive and extremely useful in setting the future direction of what we offer and how we ensure that you know what is going on. Overall the key points coming out of the survey were:

- 40% felt that the food was good or excellent and that improvements in some areas were necessary
- 80% felt that the canteen provided value for money
- There was a significant interest from respondents for the school to provide a wider range of healthy food and snacks in order to promote a healthy lifestyle.
- In support of the healthy lifestyle approach, 85% of respondents were keen to see a subsidy applied to healthy options and that this should be recovered through a premium on items such as cakes and fizzy drinks. (Note however that the food that the school sells is school compliant.)
- The flexibility of having the account top up machine for cash was beneficial
- Greater communications were needed to enable parents to:
  - Set a daily spend limit on accounts
  - See what the daily menu is so that they can decide
  - Ideally pre-order for their child
  - Check on purchases
  - Set up and alert email when an account goes below a set amount
- Parents fed back on the views of their child showing that the school needs to do more to:
  - Shorten queuing times
  - Increase healthy options including vegetarian / gluten free / high protein snacks
  - Increase availability of topical foods such as couscous and quinoa
  - Reduce plastic waste e.g. bottled drinks
  - Increase access to fresh water
  - Provide a wider variety of foods like pizza and pasta



As a school, we are keen to ensure that we continue to provide a good choice for students and, in so doing, promote healthy eating options. We are taking on board the feedback from parents and students and will be operating a revised menu to support this which we aim to implement in January.

## Free School Meals

Qualifying for free school meals entitles your child to receive a daily allowance to use for purchases throughout the day from the school canteen. The qualification criteria for free school meals are set by Government and applications need to be made online via the Gloucestershire County Council website. You can call them on 01452 425000 should you have any questions.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you are eligible for any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child qualifies, the canteen card will be credited via school and will look the same and be used in the same way as that of all other students.



## Canteen Update

Whilst the refurbishment of our kitchen is progressing well and is on target for completion by Christmas, we remain unable to provide a hot food service at this time. We realise that this is not ideal but we are trying to provide a full and varied range of sandwiches, wraps, salads and pasta pots for students as well as the usual fresh fruit and snacks such as muffins, cookies, sandwich bars and drinks. Like many businesses, there are occasions where we are let down by our supplies but we aim to ensure that we have a wide range of products available to suit all dietary needs.

Please be assured that the school is committed to maintaining excellent hygiene standards. In line with Government Guidance, all year groups have separate serving areas, the food is prepacked, students in the serving areas are required to wear masks and sanitise their hands on arrival and we have introduced contactless payment cards to minimise any risk from infection from others. Staff in these areas serve behind screens and with masks and gloves on.

To date the contactless cards are working well but we are aware that some students are mislaying their cards. Whilst replacement cards can be made available immediately, we would ask that your child waits a couple of days to see if his/hers turns up (which appears to be the case with most of them) before we reissue through the canteen. During the first few weeks of term, we made free replacements but will now charge £3 to cover the replacement cost which can be taken from your child's canteen account. No student who has lost the card will be refused service as we can search for their account and charge accordingly. To avoid handling cash, all top-ups for student accounts need to be made through the online payment system SCOPAY.

Thank you for your cooperation with our revised systems.

## Scopay Update



To help you make the most of the school secure payment system (SCOPAY) you may be interested to know that there have been a number of recent changes to the system to improve and increase the level of functionality. SCOPAY can be accessed online. There is also an app now available to download on your phone or tablet – this works on Apple and Android phones.

Parents have always had the opportunity to view transactions online but you can also set up alerts to let you know when your account goes below your pre-set level.

To View Purchase History:

Log into SCOPAY by following steps 1 to 4 below. On the screen presented, you will see the Canteen account. Click on the VIEW HISTORY button to view recent purchases and top-ups.

Setting up Canteen Balance Alerts:

This will inform you when your account is low on funds. To set up an alert:

1. Go to the school website at [www.klbschool.org.uk](http://www.klbschool.org.uk)
2. Hover over the PARENTS link, which will provide a drop down list and click on SECURE PAYMENTS
3. On the secure payments page click on the log in HERE link which will take you to SCOPAY
4. Log into SCOPAY as normal
5. On the next page, top right click on ALERTS and then click on CLICK HERE TO CONFIGURE ALERTS YOU RECEIVE
6. On this page, for Account balances, set the amount and then tick the box to RECEIVE ALERTS and EMAIL. After this go to the bottom of the page and click on UPDATE.
7. You can then log out of SCOPAY. The alert has been set up and you will receive an email if the account goes below the amount you have set.

Note this can also be set up via the app.

Finally, a reminder that it is not possible to transfer funds between your child's pre-payment account and his/her canteen account.



## Extra-curricular Sports Clubs

We are delighted to get the first clubs up and running again. Students of all abilities are welcome to attend, with participation and enjoyment our priorities. In the past, the clubs have proved hugely popular and we have been delighted with the numbers of students who have attended. We hope to encourage high numbers of students engaging in after school team sports again this year.

Please be reassured that the training will take place in year group bubbles and in accordance with the school's Covid-19 risk assessment and national governing body for sport guidance.

We look forward to welcoming your child to extra-curricular sport at KLB.

KLB Sport Girls Hockey Clubs				
Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday	Monday
LMW/LCJ	LCJ	LMW	LCB	SLB
Gym	Gym	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Gym
All sessions will run from 2:45 – 4:00pm. Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to lend clothing but we can provide hockey sticks.				

  

KLB Sport Girls Football Clubs		
Y7	Y8	Y9
Thursday (Week 1)	Wednesday	Thursday (Week 2)
LCJ	LCJ	LCJ
Gym	Sports Hall	Gym
All sessions will run from 2:45 – 4:00pm. Due to current Covid restriction we are unable to lend kit. Please ensure your child brings shin pads and boots.		

  

KLB Sport Boys Football Club				
Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
RHM	LGW	JWA	JDU	RHM
Gym	Gym	Gym	Sports Hall	Sports Hall
All sessions will run from 2:45 – 4:00pm. Due to current Covid restriction we are unable to lend kit. Please ensure your child brings shin pads.				

## NSEA Eventers' Challenge Championships at Hickstead



The KLB Eventers Challenge team of Harvey Barfoot-Saunt, Lily and Grace Clarke met some stiff opposition at the National Championship held at Hickstead this autumn with over 100 schools represented over three days of competitions. The course was tough - full up to height - with jumps on banks, off banks, sunken ditches, corners, tables and the lake asking for accuracy, confidence and some very positive navigation skills.

Grace and Lily rolled a couple of poles while trying to meet the specified time-, which was very quick and unforgiving for even the slightest of hesitation. Harvey had a glance off at the Hickstead table into the water, but a neat turn put it all back on track. The team finished a creditable 18th - which deserves a big round of applause because I have not mentioned the torrential rain or the high winds that were thrown at them as well.

Harvey also competed in the show jumping, shown right, and finished second out of 116, only beaten by less than 0.45 of a second!



## Local Event Rider Heads for National Championship

Early in September, hundreds of young would-be equestrian stars of the future competed at Oxstalls Cross Country, near Minchinhampton.

The venue hosted the Schools Equestrian Games Eventing national championship qualifier and saw many local and national riders representing their school perform strongly across the challenging Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country phases of the competition.

Katharine Lay, riding for KLB, put in a faultless performance and won her 90 cm class on her pony, Miss Tiger Lucky. She also recorded one of the lowest final scores over three days of action, finishing her three disciplines on just 25.25 points, a decisive 2 full points ahead of the second place rider in her section.



Katharine went clear through the show jumping round, and challenging 18 fence, 1940 meter cross country course, coming in just 12 seconds short of the optimum time of 4 minutes and 18 seconds.

Katharine is also a member of the Berkeley Hunt South Pony Club and rides in British Dressage and British Eventing competitions throughout the year. She has been working with her 14 hand, 14 year old chestnut British Connemara pony for two years and hopes to qualify for the Badminton Cup, one of the grassroots competitions which run alongside the world famous Badminton International Horse Trial three day event every May.

## Lost Property

Lost property is currently open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.10 – 8.40am. The most successful way to find lost property is for students to retrace their steps as soon as they realise they have lost an item. Please can we urge parents to name items so that they can be more readily reunited with their owners if they do become separated?

## Forgotten Items

Thank you to parents and carers for encouraging children to remember everything they need for their school day. As you are aware, we are currently unable to accept forgotten items at reception due to Covid-19 restrictions and it really helps to reduce stress if the students have all the items they need. It also helps them to become more organised and independent!

## KLB Friends



KLB Friends are the PTA for KLB School; in normal times, we raise funds through school and local events, often serving refreshments or running stalls. A big welcome to parents of new students to the school; by now you would normally have had a chance to find out more about us and meet Dave, our Chairman, at the school information evenings. You can find out more about what we do from our school web page <https://www.klbschool.org.uk/parents/klb-friends/> and for current news, check out our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/KLBFriends/> This year we will be holding our **AGM** remotely via zoom, at **6pm on Monday 19 October**. If you would like to attend

the meeting, please email Gina our Secretary on [gmoullec1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gmoullec1@yahoo.co.uk) for further details and a code will be sent out to you closer to the time.

Although the ongoing coronavirus situation has meant a cancellation of all face-to-face events, we have still been working behind the scenes to help KLB children have a better experience of school life – or home schooling life. Over the summer we donated £1970 towards tablets for home learning, for students unable to access these resources, and this month we agreed a further £1970, allowing the school to purchase a total of 14 Chromebooks. **Thank You** for all your help raising these funds before the coronavirus outbreak. KLB children still need your support but we have now used up most of our reserves raised in previous years. With no face-to-face events on the horizon **you can still help remotely:**

**80/20 Club** is a monthly prize draw where 20% of the money raised is given out as prizes; the remaining 80% accounts for more than a quarter of our annual income so it plays a very important part in our fundraising and is especially useful if you don't think you have any time to help out personally. For a £2 per month donation you are entered into monthly prize draw; the more participants there are, the bigger the winnings; please see our web page for details.

**One-off donation** If you would like to donate as a one-off gift, please contact us at [KLBFriends@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:KLBFriends@klbschool.org.uk) or see the payment details available on our webpage 80:20 form.

**Easyfundraising.** KLB Friends is a registered charity with an account at [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk). You can use [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk) to raise funds for the school while you shop online at no extra cost at all. If you are already a member, please remember to go through the easyfundraising site before you shop to raise donations. Setting up an account is very quick, then just go through the easyfundraising page when you shop online. Please share the link with friends and family who might like to contribute to the school too. You can follow the link to Easyfundraising from our webpage or [KLB Friends Fundraising Ideas | easyfundraising.org.uk](#)

*We are a small and friendly bunch who in normal times met up roughly once a term for Committee meetings to organise fundraising events, occasional socials and discuss funding opportunities. If you would like to join us, either joining the Committee where you could help shape our role and future events, or as an occasional helper, please email us at [KLBFriends@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:KLBFriends@klbschool.org.uk) .*