



High Times December 2010

The tree is up in the Hall and we are all just coming down to earth having been blown away by Grease at the end of November. What a magnificent show with tremendous performances from all the cast who were exceptionally well supported by the back stage crew. I would like to thank everyone involved, staff and students for the hard work they put into creating a great KHS achievement – one for the record books!

We have been fortunate over the last few weeks not to have been badly affected by the weather conditions which have created havoc in other parts of the country. However, it is a timely reminder to us that we need to ensure that we have got all the important numbers to hand in readiness for potential school closure due to hazardous weather.

Sport is a big part of life here at Kineton so we were very proud to hear that Kineton High School's nominations had been given prestigious honours at the Warwickshire School Sports Awards, Megan Bignell (Year 7 and a member of the Great Britain Vaulting Squad who competed in the World Equestrian Games) was named Female Primary Sports Person of the Year and Tom Price who left us last year to join Leicester Tigers Rugby Academy, received Highly Commended in the male 16-19 category. Our congratulations also go to Mrs Denise Savory, recently retired teacher from Kineton Primary, who was given a special award in honour of her contribution to school sport. We are also

delighted that Alastair Worby who left KHS in 2009 has been signed for Coventry City Football Club.

I would like to thank parents and students for their support of the School Sport Partnership as they battle to retain the all important funding to enable them to carry on the good work they do in providing opportunities for young people to join in a range of sporting activities, inside and outside the school day and in the holidays, not just here, but at all our local Primary schools and across the County.

The action plans for the construction of the Artificial Turf Pitch have now been finalised and work will start in early February with a projected completion date in late May/early June. We can't wait to see and use the finished pitch!

Charity Week begins officially on Monday 13th December, but the Sixth Form made an excellent start, raising more than £1600 at the Charity Auction. This year the chosen charities are MNDA (Motor Neurone Disease Association), Myton Hospice and Help for Heroes. The students have set themselves an ambitious target of £2,000 for each charity. We are very proud of the effort and skill the Sixth form put into making Charity Week fun for everyone, while also conveying the serious message of need, and making sure the final outcome changes lives for the better.

On the last Wednesday afternoon of term, Year 7 will wend their way through the village to St Peter's church for our annual Christmas Service. A special, heart-warming occasion for us all. These young people are now very well settled with us and are making very good progress.

As we break up for the holiday, our best wishes go with Ms Purnell and Mrs Blake as they start their maternity leaves and we say good bye to Mr Khazem and Mrs Martlew who have helped us out in the Maths and English departments since September.

It has been a busy term and I know we are all looking forward to the holiday. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a New Year that is filled with peace and harmony.

Julia Morris

Headteacher's Surgery

Every Wednesday 5.30pm – 7.00pm

12th January to 6th April
(but not 23rd February)

**No need for an appointment
just drop in**

Year 7 Report

Well done to Sam Truman who has the most house points in the whole of Year 7 and to Eboni Tritton who is second and Jasmine Sabin who is third. These three students should be very proud of themselves. Well done! I know your contributions to the house system will be much appreciated.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 100% attendance since they

started at KHS – Barnabas Battison, Peter Butcher, Jesse Cherry, Elliott Cook, Rebecca Crocker, William Daniells, John Edden, Poppy Garrett, Felicity Harris, Lucy Harris, Natasha Hastings, Thomas Johnson, Charlotte Lidgard, Thomas Martin, Isabelle McKenzie, Scott McPhee, Lucy Moist, Dean Murphy, Halden Parkes, Morgan Preece, Emily Prew, Sophie Rushton, Jasmine Sabin, Kane Savva, Sedona Short, Cameron Slater, Joshua Truman and Samuel Truman. This is a great achievement especially with all those winter bugs around.

It was great to see some of the Year 7s involved in the Grease production. Well done for your contribution to extra-curricular life at KHS.

This has been a very busy and long term for all students especially Year 7s. It has been great to see that they all appear to now be settled and fully into the swing of life at Kineton. The Independent Learning Tasks have been a challenge which many have risen to and I have seen some wonderful work produced.

All Year 7s have taken an active role in contributing one way or another to the Christmas Concert at Kineton Church, which has been fabulous to see. I was also proud to see the huge effort and the contributions made to the Christmas Boxes. Well done Year 7.

I am sure they will return in the New Year, fresh and ready to focus again on all their subjects and ready to push themselves to strive for the best. I would like to wish all Year 7 families a very happy and restful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. It has been a pleasure to work with you all this term. Finally, many thanks to all the Year 7 tutors for their hard work with the Year 7 team.

Mrs Blake

Head of Year 7

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Adlington House

This has been a busy term for students in Adlington – target setting following Interim Reports for students in Years 8 to 11, controlled assessments, mock exams and information for courses post-16 for Year 11 as well as different House competitions.

An activity that has been a tremendous success is 'The £10 Challenge'. There have been many and varied outcomes – some extremely successful – all involving a great deal of enterprise and initiative. Some comments from Adlington Tutor Groups include:

'Awesome Accessories' – production of flower hair clips which made everyone in the form come closer as we all cooperated. It's good when you see people around school wearing them. We also learnt that you need to be careful when using glue guns!' ADL/HG

'In Miss Perks' form our enterprise was selling Christmas Baubles. We designed and decorated them. We sold the baubles for 50p to £1 dependent upon the decorations. The £1 baubles had holly, cherries and small berries on them. Overall we made over £65. I think our form worked and collaborated very hard to achieve our overall outcome. One thing that went particularly well in our form is that we all put in 100% effort. We took baubles home to complete and sell. Also some of us donated old baubles that we could reuse and redecorate.' ADL/JPE

ADL/DM want to take this opportunity to advertise their product: 'Mr Mainwaring's form are running their business enterprise in January. The enterprise will be a carwash (when hopefully it will not be as cold!) The price will be £3 a wash. There are 6 groups; in each group there will be 2 people washing the car, one person

being a runner, one a supervisor and one person in charge of the advertising. So sign up and get your car cleaned.'

It is good to see students taking initiative and rising successfully to the challenge of making a profit – well done to all of you.

A particular student success goes to Luke Clay, ADL/JPE who won Student Leader of the Month in November. For this he taught a lesson on Hinduism to students in Year 5 at one of our contributory Primary Schools. A fantastic achievement – well done, Luke.

We are now at the end of the Autumn Term and I would like to thank students and parents for their support. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to us having a successful 2011.

Ms Pratt
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Ainslie House

Currently Ainslie have 2811 housepoints; we will introduce a positive contribution focused incentive scheme in the New Year. Current individual student highlights include: Jordan Labram 76; Libbie Fox 53; Ben Morris 51; and Callum Dixey 36.

Ainslie students are currently busy working on their Business Enterprise Projects in Tutor time. Many thanks to students for their efforts in collecting and filling shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child venture.

'Grease, The Musical' was successful beyond our wildest expectations – well done to all students involved. See the special report and

photos later on. We are now planning a Shakespeare themed production for next Easter.

Well done to all Ainslie students for their efforts this term, and my appreciation to all Personal Tutors for their contribution to this success.

Mr Mattacola
Head of Ainslie House
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Hoy House

Congratulations to all of Hoy/NH for winning the Lego Brick Challenge I was very pleased for you all. Then Years 8/9 and I had an amazing time visiting, learning and working with the Lego design team.

Students have also been very busy on their Enterprise projects. Whether making and selling products like Friendship Bracelets or running other money making activities, everyone has been working hard. It will be good to see the final presentations.

Also well done to everybody involved with producing the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

I would like to make special mention of Katie Henshaw for her contribution to Hoy House house-points this half term.

I go on maternity leave this Christmas and leave you in the capable hands of Rob Payne who will be standing in as Head of Hoy House until I return in July.

Thank you to all Hoy students and tutors for all your hard work this term and keep it up in the

New Year. I will be keeping track of how you are doing.

Miss Purnell
Head of Hoy House
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Redgrave House

It has been another very busy time for staff and students. There have been numerous different activities going on and the students have worked on some fantastic things, which you can read about. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr Naveen Tyagi
Head of Redgrave House
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Some contributions from Redgrave students:

On Curriculum Day we did a variety of different activities. Firstly we started off with an hour long session of Taekwondo, we learnt self defence and what to do if faced with a problem e.g. an adult grabbing your arm. Next we did an activity called Friend Making by Miss Loveridge. After break we took part in Real Beauty and what really makes a person beautiful. After that we did 'Howufeelings' where we had to make decisions on how to help the under privileged kids. After lunch we did dream-maker headed by Mr Sharp. We had the chance to make our own dream-makers and read about their origins. I had fun that day and my favourite part was Taekwondo.

Oliver Whitehouse

We learnt about the UN and what they do. We learnt about the Bosnia Serbia war and what they did to the Muslims. The name for trying to get rid of a race is called ethnic cleansing. Overall we learnt a lot of useful information on this day.

Nick Skiplorne, Harriet Mcrae, James Hooks and Sam Pick.

We wanted our business enterprise to be as environmentally friendly as possible. We wanted to recycle and to avoid using any new materials, to save energy and resources. We also wanted every single person in the form to be actively involved at every stage of the business. The original idea came from Bertie Fox, who suggested we collect and compost garden leaves, charging 50p for a large black bag full. Everyone pledged to collect at least 2 bags.

Our 2nd idea was to make Christmas decorations. This involved using plastic plant pots from home, covered in Christmas paper and filled with winter foliage, with a central candle. The candles and the wire ribbon were our only new buy. We all worked as a team, bringing in foliage and making the decorations in pairs.

We had a team leader and an accountant, who oversaw everything. We are proud of our products and the fact that we sold them all. We are also proud that we stuck to our green policy. I think our form had some natural leaders, who showed enterprise. However, EVERYONE showed team spirit.

Bertie Fox

For the £10 challenge we have made Xmas cards. Sounds simple but they are proper ones, printed professionally. A parent printed 132 for

us for £10 and we are now selling lots and have a good chance of winning. Thanks to everyone in our form and to Spot On Design for printing the cards. Also thanks to Hannah, our manager, and Arlo who is our accountant.

Emily Meadow, Sarah Parnell, Hannah Bone and Arlo Jackson

Sixth Form

It's hard to believe that it's the end of the first term already but time flies when you're preparing Charity Week! The Sixth Form students have spent weeks now writing and rehearsing their show, as well as organising events to be run at break and lunchtime in the last week of term. This year, the students have chosen to donate the money raised to Myton Hospice, Help for Heroes and MNDA, supporting those with Motor Neurone Disease. We hope to raise at least £2000 for each charity so the support of all students and parents is very much appreciated.

In addition to the activities in Charity Week, some of the Year 13 Business Studies students have also been organising additional events to raise money. Feel Sound was a very successful gig at Cox's Yard in November and the annual Charity Auction at the start of December raised over £1600. Congratulations to all students involved for their time, effort and professionalism. An update on Charity Week 2010 will be in the next issue of High Times.

We have sent over 40 applications to UCAS this year and already some students have received all of their offers back. Sending the forms off so promptly has been very successful and I would like to thank parents and tutors for encouraging and supporting the early deadline. Students now have until Easter to revisit their universities and make their final decisions. There is a lot of confusion and concern about the change to

tuition fees, especially for Year 12 students, and as soon as we have clear information, I shall share that with the Sixth Form and parents.

Year 12 students have also had a very productive first term and are now well settled into Sixth Form life. Non-contact lessons are used for private study and the common room is a place of work and concentration.

When we return in January, the AS and A2 exams start. It is vital that all students use their Christmas break to revise properly for these as we want everyone to be successful the first time around. Students who have exams in the afternoon session will be permitted to take Study Leave for that morning. Those with morning exams may study at home the afternoon before. It is, however, important that students check with their teachers that they will not be missing out on vital work in lessons.

Year 11 students have now all chosen their Sixth Form sample lessons and these are scheduled to take place in the first week back in January. All Year 11 students are permitted to follow the Sixth Form Dress Code for those three days, wearing smart, professional clothes. Sixth Form Application Forms have also been distributed and should be returned to form tutors by January 14th. If you have any questions about applying to the Sixth Form, please contact me by email.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas

Helen Sharpe
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Housepoint Totals

Adlington	3080
Ainslie	2811
Redgrave	2635
Hoy	2526

Student Leadership

Since the last High Times we have had even more success with student leadership.

Nominations for October 2010

Alex Ashfield - Adlington for Tutor group support:

Alex always looks for opportunities to help the tutor or member of staff who is covering for the tutor. He is good at organising the tutor group and the other students look to him as a role model. He is extremely confident in leading whole group discussion and using the RADAR booklets.

Sam Bridges, Lia Cole & Toni Rowse - Adlington, Dai Allen - Ainslie, Isobelle Dick & Will Hewitt - Hoy, Calum Beaumont & Jenny Backhouse - Redgrave for Geography:

Planned and delivered a lesson on 'meanders to ox-bow lakes'. They worked together well in small teams planning different sections and ensuring there was differentiated work. At the end, all the group had some excellent resources in their books.

Chloe Ely - Adlington & Paige Ivings-Phelps - Redgrave for PE

As part of their sports leaders award they planned and delivered a dance lesson to their teaching group. The lesson was clearly structured, they showed great communication and organisation giving encouragement to all the students. The feedback from the group was excellent and gave credit to the girls for their enthusiasm and clear direction.

Robert Lilley, Ashley Arman & Oliver Lloyd - 6th Form for Representing the School

As first point of contact for prospective parents on open evening they were excellent role models. They met and greeted parents, organising the complex process of parking over

150 cars. They planned exit and entry routes and a contingency plan for inclement weather. They showed great style and personality with great organisation and confidence.

George Minogue & Chloe Ely - Adlington for English

George and Chloe taught the poem 'My Last Duchess' to the rest of their group. They showed good understanding of the topic and were able to put this across to the others. Their communication was very good, giving clear and concise instruction and pointers.

Award for October

Sarah - Redgrave Outstanding Leadership in Maths



Sarah planned and delivered a lesson on 'how to divide using fractions' to her maths group. She had a clear structure to the lesson that included a power point presentation and extension work. She showed good communication skills and excellent visual aids to assist her. She was very confident and enthusiastic during her lesson and supported students who were struggling to understand the topic. By the end all of the students were able to divide by fractions accurately. Students commented on the clarity of her explanation and the clear presentation of her power point.

Sarah feels she has gained much from this experience. She is now more confident in speaking to large groups and being able to deliver information. She feels that she is also better able to understand and recognise that not everyone works at the same pace. Some people find things easier than others and it is important to recognise this. Sarah really enjoyed planning and delivering the lesson and will certainly look for more opportunities in other subjects.

Nominations for November 2010

Tom Page - Ainslie for RE

Tom led a discussion on 'Reasons why Human Rights are important'. Tom was confident in chairing the discussion, involving all the students and maintaining a good level of motivation. The discussion led to lots of responses as Tom had encouraged everyone to get involved. He was an excellent role model who encouraged high standards in his group.

James Falkner - Redgrave for Humanities.

James prepared a starter activity on the Black Power Movement. He prepared and researched the topic and produced a power point presentation. He showed excellent enthusiasm and knowledge for the topic. He was a good role model for the male dominated teaching group. The presentation will be used for other groups.

Katie Harris - Redgrave, Mete Buran, Tom Alcock & Emma Moore - Hoy, Jack Zuliani, Hannah Gooding, Charlotte Birch & Lauren Bennett - Adlington, Katie Worthington & Alex Idzikowska – Ainslie for RE

As a group they planned a whole lesson on 'Symmetrical family and conjugal roles'. They researched Bloom's taxonomy to ensure the learning objectives showed differentiation and challenge, incorporated this into their planning, producing excellent resources. They showed excellent understanding of the topic and made sure this was put to the group. They all

developed their confidence and were excellent role models to the rest of the group. Their cool down reflected the achievement of their aims.

Award for November

Luke - Adlington
Outstanding Leadership in RE



Luke planned and delivered a lesson on Hinduism to a group of Year 5 students at The Dasset Primary School. Luke arranged the visit after a discussion on leadership with Mrs McGrattan. He planned a three part lesson including Bronze, Silver and Gold activities and a task to take away to complete. During the lesson he was calm, able to adapt to the different needs of the group due to his excellent planning. He was warm and encouraging and they produced some good work for him. Luke proved to be an excellent role model to the Year 5 students and also his teaching group here in school. The Year 5 students had an engaging and enjoyable lesson and a positive experience of RE.

Luke was determined to plan a session that was challenging for himself but one that he knew he would enjoy. He was nervous about the actual lesson but afterwards he felt that he had really enjoyed the occasion and had learnt much, not just about the topic but himself and how to use his skills of leadership.



Grease the Musical at KHS

All the students and staff who were involved in this project had the time of their lives. The cast were amazing and produced four sparkling performances. The feedback we have received has been outstanding, and we are already planning our next project.

Thanks to funding from the Youth Opportunity Fund we were able to purchase some fabulous new sound and lighting equipment which gave the production some very professional finishing touches.

Unfortunately our licensing agreement meant that we were unable to advertise any details of the production before, during or after the performance but word soon got round after the first performance, and there were queues for the sell out performances on the next two nights.

Just some of the comments made:

'Grease was really good fun to take part in. I really enjoyed all the dancing and just loved the whole thing.'

'Grease was such a great opportunity for us all to be a part of, and its also a great piece of experience for me to have....It was AWESOME!'

'A fantastic show, full of very talented young people. Everybody worked so hard and it clearly paid off. I hope the school perform more musicals in the future, as it really brought the school community together.'

STOP PRESS – watch out for our next production – Shakespeare but with a twist! Anyone who wants to be involved should come to see Mrs Rolls in room 29. Open to all year groups. Performances at the end of the Spring Term.

Grease Photographs taken by Miss Payne and Chloe Ely.



THE **£10** CHALLENGE

KHS pupils Mind their own business – Apprentice style

This term Years 8 to 11 have embarked on a Business Enterprise Challenge. For the first time the school gave each tutor group £10 and 4 weeks to build a business. Our brief: to create a product or service and make a profit. This experience is teaching us the dos and don'ts of business – in the words of Sir Alan Sugar, “Finding out about the ‘dog eat dog’ world!” The first thing that tutor groups did was to think of a name, a logo and a product or service. With lots of headaches, squabbles, paper cuts and competitive teachers along the way, we were coming up with ideas such as serving smoothies, speed dating, “egg a teacher” and Scalectrix racing. However, big ideas brought with them big problems and we started to discover the sort of issues that companies have to deal with. There were health and safety concerns, school rules, logistics and much more to consider. But as true entrepreneurs we didn't give up and we put our thinking caps back on. On sale were Christmas cards, 'silly bands' (elastic bands in the shape of objects), friendship bracelets, photo CDs of the Grease production, and Christmas wreaths. There were competitions: table tennis, pool; and services: car washing, clearing leaves. These are just a few of the 16 creative, cracking and Christmassy business plans.

Money is not the only thing that tutor groups will be gaining but also vital business skills that can be used in later life. Just like the popular BBC programme ‘The Apprentice’, each company has to have a structure to succeed, so students have been allocated different roles: MD, sales, marketing, production, finance, as well as roving reporters (that's me!). Our teams will have to make pitches on the last day of term.

In-keeping with the ethos of the school, and the Christmas spirit, all profits will go to charities chosen by individual tutor groups. These include Help for Heroes and Cancer Research. So far it looks like teams have raised close to £1000 and counting. There are prizes for most original idea, best pitch, greenest company, best team, most effective marketing, accurate finances and highest profit margin. The overall winners will be celebrating with a bowling trip.

We've gained some really useful business acumen, learnt how to keep our ideas within reality, and to work as a team with responsibility and fun. It has also strengthened relationships and friendships within tutor groups.

Kyle Marais

Year 11 Mock Interviews

Can any Parents help us out? Do you have management experience or are you used to conducting interviews?

We will be running mock interviews with our Year 11 students from 31st January to 4th February. The interviews are in the daytime and last 15 minutes each. If you can help out, even with just a couple of interviews, then please contact Emma Vizer on 01926 640465. This is an invaluable experience for our students and we would really appreciate your support.

This year students and staff at Kineton High School collected £89.14 for the Poppy Appeal.



Work Experience Week 2011 Monday 4th to Friday 8th July 2011

Congratulations to Sophie Mole (Year 10) and Charlotte Wheeler (Year 12) who were the first in their respective years to confirm their work placements. Sophie is going to be working at Tiddlers Pre School in Wellesbourne and Charlotte is going to be working at Sarah Campbell Solicitors in Kineton.

Many students have secured their work placements and just need to chase up their Health & Safety forms. There are some students who do need extra support to find a suitable employer so if any parents / carers are able to assist in offering work based placement to any of our Year 10 / 12s in their business or via their business contacts, please contact Simon Perkin, our Work Experience Co-ordinator, or any of our Form Tutors.

Thank you to all parents, carers and employers for your support.



I am pleased to report that students in Year 10 & 11 have had excellent attendance records along with some wonderful compliment slips of which, we at KHS are very proud. As a reminder could I please ask that you contact both the college and school if your son/daughter is unable to attend for whatever reason. It is vitally important that this is done to ensure a correct attendance record is kept for each individual. I am proud to report that the initial reports I have received have been

excellent, and all students are on track to gain their qualifications. I know I speak for all staff at Kineton High in saying 'Well Done' to you all. It is a really important time for the Year 11 students as they are working towards finalising course work for school, and assignments for college. It can be a stressful time, but with sensible planning of their time, all can be achieved. Please encourage your son/daughter to take advantage of any extra study sessions that are available to them.

Wishing you all a 'Merry Christmas' and a 'Happy, Healthy and Successful New Year'

Mrs Esther Bennett
Swift/Star 14 Coordinator

Warwickshire Secondary Schools Book Award 2011

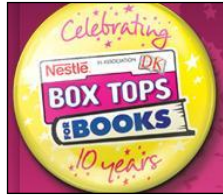


Students from all over the County will be participating in the book award organised by Warwickshire Schools Library Service.

We've had a fantastic response at Kineton, with twenty two Year 7's and nine Year 8's signing up to judge which is the best book – the one they simply COULD NOT PUT DOWN!

Nestles Box Tops Books

Please continue to bring in Box Tops tokens. The Library can exchange these for free educational books from Dorling Kindersley .



Kinton Year 7 students all Booked Up



In November Year 7 students at Kinton High School were excited to receive a free book from Booked Up. A programme run by Booktrust, an independent charity dedicated to encouraging people of all ages and cultures to engage with books.

Booked Up's goals are to encourage reading for pleasure and independent choice. Year 7 pupils get to choose their free book from a list of specially selected titles.

The most popular choices at Kinton were: The Crowfield Curse by Pat Walsh, Love Aubrey by Suzanne LaFleur, Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror by Chris Priestley and How to Avoid a Wombat's Bum by Mitchell Symons.

Even the boys had to agree. 'I have enjoyed Z-Rex because it's very good. It's the kind of book I would recommend to anyone who is a BOY!' said James Russell-Brookes.

There is a website www.bookedup.org.uk with more information and competitions to enter.

Book & Magazine Donations

A big THANK YOU! to the Geekie family, Freya Meyers and Bradley Gutch for their recent donations of books and magazines, which have been much appreciated.

Student Librarians

We are delighted with our new band of Student Librarians and welcome Josh Edwards, Michael McArdle, Zara Andrews, Connor Hanley, Harry Hooper, Diana Ochendowska and Caitlin Stanley-Harlow.

Student Librarian Training Day

Zara, Jamie, Connor and myself had an interesting day and had the opportunity to interact with other students from different schools. We got into groups and in those groups

we were taught what the advantages are of using the Dewey Decimal System, how to clean books and maintain the Library, and how to treat customers. We represented our school with pride, and at the end of the day we got an awesome bag containing a book, sharpener and bookmark. We were also presented with a certificate for completing the course.

In Mrs Dufton's car on the way back we tried to guess what the temperature of the school car park would be. Mrs Dufton won with minus 3 degrees – doh!

Joshua Edwards

Students at Kineton High School support shoebox appeal

Kineton High School students have been busy wrapping and packing shoeboxes during registration as they join in the largest children's Christmas project in the world.

Pictured here are Year 7 students Saffron, Alisha, Morganne and Molly.



Molly and Alisha said 'These children rely on us at Christmas, they have nothing and we want to help them enjoy Christmas too.'

In total the students have wrapped and packed 111 shoeboxes. They include gifts collected and bought by the students themselves.

Run by Samaritans Purse International, who this year celebrate 20 years of running shoebox appeals, Operation Christmas Child last year sent almost 1.2 million shoeboxes from over 500,000 people right across the UK.

Kineton recognised for imaginative and stimulating teaching.

Mrs Douglas and Mrs Harris, English teachers at Kineton High School, were recently approached by AQA, a National Examination Board for GCSE qualifications, to be filmed for the teacher resource area of the AQA website. Mrs Douglas contacted the AQA with a question on the new module, English Spoken Language, and the AQA were so impressed with the way the teachers had taught the course, which they felt was both imaginative and stimulating, that they wanted to include their ideas on the AQA resource website.

Mrs Douglas and Mrs Harris became reluctant film stars last month when two specialists, a camera man and enough lights to illuminate the whole of Kineton descended on the School and the end result will be on the resource website to help English teachers nationwide improve their teaching.

We know the teachers found the experience nerve wracking but it is testament to the

extraordinary teaching that is encountered every day in our school.

A Level Art Trip To London

On Monday 22nd November the Year 12 and 13 A Level Art groups travelled to London to study and gather information for their latest projects. The Year 12s went to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square. They looked around the whole gallery under the expert guidance of Miss Evans, and then studied some still life paintings that complement their current Magnification Project. Meanwhile, the Year 13s were round the corner in the National Portrait Gallery, which holds an amazing collection of both traditional and contemporary portraits. There was even time to fight off the pigeons over a coffee next to Nelson's Column. A good time was had by all.



Year 10 GCSE Art and Design Trip

On Tuesday 19th October, a coach filled with 60 year 10 art students, armed with sketch books, set off for London for the day. We went to The British Museum, which is a grand old museum in central London - which has lots of artefacts from around the world. As part of our new project on Cultural Decoration we studied and sketched a number of artefacts from different countries in

different areas of the museum, including North American and African masks and in addition Egyptian Mummies. Now back in class we have expanded on our sketches and produced some culturally inspired art work. Overall a successful, fun filled, eventful trip enjoyed by all students and teachers. Thanks Miss Evans!

Becca Lawes

Citizenship and Democracy

Students at Kineton High School have had several opportunities to get involved in politics this term. First there was a trip to the Houses of Parliament on the 20th October, which was attended by members of Student Council of all ages, as well as history and politics students. Then Stratford District Councillors have visited the school twice. The councillors came into the library after school for a Question Time event with sixth formers. Unfortunately, representatives from the County Council were unable to attend, and as students have particularly requested the chance to debate the issue of bus fares, it has been agreed that a return visit will be arranged in the spring term. In addition, representatives of the District Council set up a stall near one of the school doors last week, in order to encourage students in Years 11 and 12 to register to vote, and to hold a vote on whether the voting age should be reduced to 16. More students took part in the vote, which took place during a lunchtime, than had participated at other schools they'd visited, and the result was that most students believe 18 is a suitable age to begin voting, but many 16 years olds would vote if they were allowed.

On the same day that many of our students visited parliament, a handful of Year 13's attended a conference run by the Adam Smith Institute in Westminster. Speakers included

Steve Baker MP, Jamie Whyte, author of "Fairness in Public Policy" and Caroline Boin, who spoke on "Richer yet greener: why economic growth doesn't have to cost the earth". Tuition fees, fair trade and environmental change were some of the topics covered by the speakers and the following debate, and students received free books of libertarian essays as part of a "goody bag" on the day. The Adam Smith Institute encourage young people to undertake work experience with them in political or economic fields, so it was a useful contact to make.

Youth Parliament elections are coming up early next term, and Kineton students who have been successful in the past thoroughly recommend taking part, as you can read in Seb Thompson's article in this issue. An accredited Citizenship Challenge is on the horizon next year, as well as Student Council Awards run by the government, so there is much to get involved in as the future unfolds.

Mrs Rutherford-Edge

Kineton High School students visit Parliament.

Students at Kineton High School had an amazing trip to the Houses of Parliament on the very day that George Osborne announced the results of the Coalition's Spending Review.

They toured the building visiting the fabulous Westminster Hall, the Robing Room, the Royal Gallery, Tudor Room and the House of Lords and saw the Speaker going into the House of Commons. They were able to watch the debates from a committee room and then meet their local MP Jeremy Wright to ask questions on subjects that included building schools for the future, overseas aid, Trident, dementia,

constitutional affairs, bus passes and Warwick hospitals minor operations.

"I was impressed that Mr. Wright took time to answer our questions directly," said Charlotte Wheeler a sixth form student.

Mrs. Sue Thurman, Learning Leader for Humanities, said "The students got a real glimpse of the government in action. It makes everything come alive to see it all happening before your eyes. The buzz in the central lobby was amazing with so many politicians, the journalists and TV crews."

"The tour was fantastic well worth a visit," said Matthew Randall a sixth form student.

The students included sixth-form students studying Politics and History at A-Level and School Council students from Years 9, 10 and 11. The trip was kindly paid for by Stratford District Council.



United Kingdom Youth Parliament at The House of Commons 2010

Over 300 young people from across the country debated in the House of Commons chamber on

Friday 29th October. Members of Youth Parliament, aged 11-18, debated issues including the cost of university fees, sex education in schools and the war in Afghanistan. As you and other young people across Warwickshire voted me in to UKYP, I had the opportunity to be part of only the second group of people who are not MPs to sit on the green benches and debate about issues affecting young people all over the United Kingdom. The whole day out was an incredible, once in a lifetime experience, which I shall cherish for the rest of my life. Only elected members of parliament are usually able to debate in the chamber and Youth Parliament members have only been once before, so it felt like we were making history that day.

I have decided not to stand for re-election to youth parliament. I strongly recommend the experience to other students, because it is a real opportunity to make young people's views heard and it gives you amazing experiences too.

Sebastian Thompson

Cybermentors

20 students from Kineton High School have been trained as CyberMentors. Their training has helped them understand about bullying, how it affects young people and what can be done about it. The students supported assemblies during Anti-Bullying week 15th-19th November 2010.

KHS face to face CyberMentor sessions start soon and will run every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime 1.20pm to 1.40pm in the Mentoring Room by our own CyberMentors. If you are worried about bullying come along to a session or visit the CyberMentor site

www.cybermentors.org.uk to get help and support.

Cybermentors are there to help you beat bullying. At Kineton High School we care about each other and believe that everyone has the right to emotional wellbeing.



Revision Tips For Students Sitting January Exams

January is an important part of the exam calendar with four weeks of GCSE and A level units starting on the 10 January 2011. Recognising that revision is the last thing on the mind for many people over Christmas, here are some top tips for students over the holiday period.

Create a **revision timetable** with sensible work slots and breaks and then show it to your parents to get their agreement. Keep to this timetable! Then when your parent finds you 'not working', provided you are following your agreed timetable, no-one is going to hassle you. Parents only hassle and worry when they are not sure what you are doing, or if you do not seem to have a plan. Organise yourself well and it will help you to fulfil your potential. If you have not prepared a revision planner yet, it is not too late to start. Download a free Revision Planner and incorporate all your exam dates into it.

Know **where** your exams are and **when** they start, **how long** they are, what **equipment** you are allowed to take in (for example calculators) and what you are not allowed to take in (mobiles, notes, etc).

Make sure you have one **weekend** day when you don't do revision or think about exams - you'll come back to it refreshed.

Tell your **family** about your revision time - and ask them for **help** if you need it - it may help make them feel useful to you!

Keep bullet points on **crib cards** highlighting main subject theories. Use these for quick revision and for reading during 'dead' times - e.g. when you're waiting for a bus. Use mnemonics - using initials of a word helps your memory.

Some people revise well by listening, so you could try 'talking' your revision and recording it onto your **iPod**. Listen to these while lying in bed, while travelling in a car, or walking to the shops.

Ensure you **eat and sleep properly**. Now is not the time to diet or stay up all night. Have an early night before each exam.

Prepare items needed for the exam the evening before. Make sure you have the **correct equipment** needed for your exam (calculators, rulers, etc). Your exam invigilator should remind you of what you are and aren't allowed before the exam starts. Taking unauthorised equipment in may get you disqualified from the exam.

Look after yourself during the exam period (a **good routine and healthy eating!**). Be sure to cut down on your weekend/evening job; most employers know that you need to commit time to the exams and revision, but often try to get you to do extra hours anyway!

On the morning of the exam, have a **good breakfast, stay calm** and **allow plenty of time** to get to the exam. Good Luck.

Mrs Edwards
Exams Officer

Panto Time!

Year 10's Rebecca and Kyle will be in Pantomime this Christmas:

... Oh yes they will!

They auditioned in May at the Dream Factory in Warwick for parts in Cinderella. It was not an easy audition with over 70 young people there; but their talent shone through and they made it into the cast.

They are both in the Ensemble playing a variety of characters as well as being understudies for Cinderella's step-mother and father. They have a lot of costumes and have been rehearsing hard at weekends for five and sometimes even seven hours. There are 14 performances between 14th December and 2nd January.

They both hope to see you there shouting "He's behind you"! Make sure you support them.



Extra Time at Kineton High School

Extra Time activities will start week commencing 10th January and run for a total of 12 weeks excluding half term. Activities for the Spring term will be Unique Dance, and Mezzo Street Dance. Full details including prices will be available in the After Hours at Kineton High School booklet which will be distributed at the beginning of the Spring term.



UNIQUE DANCE

Wednesday 4pm to 5.30pm.

Miss Payne and Miss Walker will continue to run the Unique dance club, and will use a variety of music and dance styles; dancers will continue to have the opportunity to develop their own choreography. All dancers will again have the opportunity to join in future performances



STREET DANCE

Friday 4pm to 5.30pm – all abilities – Age 6 and over

Have fun and experience the worldwide phenomenon of Street Dance. No experience is necessary. This is a fun class where students can learn at their own pace under the guidance of qualified street dance teachers.

NEW – Parents who use the childcare voucher scheme may use their vouchers to pay for the Extra Time provision. Please contact Jo Rolls on details above to discuss.



Friday night is dance night at Kineton High School

In association with MEZZO dance company we are pleased to offer the following:

4pm to 5.30pm	Street Dance (all ages)
5.30pm to 6pm	Giggles and Wiggles (under 6 years)
6pm to 7pm	Freestyle & Musical Dance (age 7 and over)

All classes are suitable for beginners, age as described above, and any gender. All classes are led by qualified and experienced dance teachers with required CRB and public liability insurance. All classes £5 per session, except Giggles and Wiggles which is £3.

This year dancers had the opportunity to take part in various local summer fetes, and we hope to continue this next year.



Sports News

Well it looks like we're going to have to start Ice Hockey and Figure Skating on the PE curriculum if this big freeze continues! The PE and Sport department have successfully re-adjusted all curriculum plans to ensure the students get the best quality PE in a safe environment. This has enabled a number of groups to try new activities such as Trampolining.

A few sporting fixtures have been able to proceed but these are mainly indoor netball and basketball.

On the 25th November I was delighted to witness the results of the 2010 Warwickshire School Sports Awards at the Ricoh arena, Coventry. Tom Price, who left us to join Leicester Tigers Rugby Academy, received a Highly Commended award in the male 16 – 19 sports person. Denise Savory, teacher at Kinton Primary School, received a 'Services to School Sport' award. And, I am delighted to tell you that Megan (Year 7), received the 'Primary Female Sports Person of the Year' award. Fantastic achievements from a very high standard of entry.

This term we have increased our integration work with Welcombe Hills Special School, resulting in rewarding experiences for all staff and students involved. The first project was a sports leadership opportunity for some of our Year 10 students – the group prepared and delivered an active session for Key Stage 2 and 3 Welcombe Hills students. It was very well received with great leadership from Edward Harrison, Douglas Backhouse, Helen Proctor, Grace Perez De Albeniz, Charlotte Collins and Katherine Gilks.

The second project took place in Design Technology with Year 9; staff carefully prepared activities to give leadership opportunity to Kinton students as well as an integration experience for all involved. Again this went very well with staff from both schools delighted with the learning outcomes for all students involved. This project will be repeated next term.

Thank you to all the students who have continued their commitment to clubs and fixtures to the 'bitter' end of this term! We look forward to giving you lots more sporting update next time.

Mrs Stevenson
Director of Specialism
Assistant Headteacher

The Award Winners



KHS PE Department

My first term as Learning Leader for PE at Kineton High School has absolutely flown by. I have been thoroughly impressed with the hard work and commitment the students have shown towards their learning. Even with the difficult weather we have experienced they have remained positive and enthusiastic.

PE is a rather unique subject on the curriculum in that occasionally students may have to be excused from practical work. If this is the case they can still participate by exploring the roles of coach, official or personal trainer.

Should your son/daughter need to be excused from practical work could you please support us in the following way:

- provide them with a note to explain their health issue
- ensure that they **still bring their PE kit** so that they can develop their leadership skills as coach or official.

This ensures that all students are actively involved in learning every lesson.

Finally a massive thank you to all those students who have represented the PE department in fixtures and other events. You are excellent ambassadors for the school and we are exceptionally proud of you.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Mrs Green

Year 11 Rugby Report

The season so far hasn't reflected what the team are capable of. The first three games saw Kineton fall to narrow defeats against Southam, Chenderit and Kings Hill.

In the Southam game the team showed grit and determination to lead their hosts for the majority of the game until a break away try at the end of the game sealed a narrow victory for Southam. The players that turned up played some excellent rugby particularly in the forwards although Southam's freshness came from being able to use a number of substitutes.

The games against Chenderit and Kings Hill again proved winless although conditions didn't help with the Chenderit game being played in a monsoon. Kings Hill ended up victorious in the Stow Rugby Club Tournament in a close fought game. A serious injury to the opposition prop meant the scrums were uncontested neutralising Kineton's major threat.

The most recent game against Marlborough School saw a great victory for the team. Captained by Ben Jordan for the first time Kineton played to their strengths, driving forwards utilising the pack effectively and then using the backs to gain field advantage. Dougie Backhouse opened the scoring out wide, before further tries from Bertie Fox, Nathan Mockler and Tom Page secured the victory. The team now face two more games hoping to qualify for the Stow Rugby Tournament Final.

Mr Daly

Year 10 Rugby - Southam Match Report

On the 13th November the Year 10 Rugby Team played the finest match of their time at Kineton. Every game we just manage to field a team of 15 and like normal this game was no exception. With 13 players and help from Alex Ashfield the Southam match was the best I've ever seen at Kineton. There was team work, hard tackles, passion and resilience.

With a previous defeat of 50-0 and a player injured, we were spared an even more humiliating defeat to one of our main rivals. However, this year it was a different story. It was a slightly cold windy Saturday morning, with other years starting their games around us we were mentally and physically prepping up for our match. Our match was slightly delayed due to Dougie Backhouse forgetting his boots, plus with only 3 post pads; Southam tasted early pickings and a strong win. With studs checked and a pre match talk with the ref the game was ready to go.

Southam kicked to Kineton and immediately we were on the back foot. Southam were rucking with pace and power knocking us out of the way and slowly creeping up to our try line. The first few scrums of the game were tough, Southam were trying to taunt us with petty remarks and because of that we crumbled under their power and they found a gap in our defensive line. With rucks and mauls inches away from our try line we put in a massive effort to turn the ball over and clear it away. And from that point on we found this indescribable feeling inside of us which made the team work and hit them hard.

As the first half dragged on Kineton were smacking down the Southam backs one after the other, retaining the ball and pushing into their half. Tempers flew from both sides when play stopped but with words of encouragement from parents on the sideline and players within the team we focused on the game and never gave up. Because of Southam's previous victories against us they were expecting an un-organised side with weak scrums but it was the opposite.

At half time it was 0-0, we had been bogged down in a war of attrition by tackling and then going on the defensive. As soon as the whistle went for the second half we went straight back into the game. Kallum Dixey caught the ball and knocked a couple of players aside. We passed

the ball fluidly through the backs drawing Southam's players across and then when space ran out we went in hard and dropped it back. With just a few minutes gone it felt like there was no break but our worst nightmare happened, Southam drove through our players from a scrum for a try and a later conversion, we were all annoyed because we knew it shouldn't have happened so we picked our heads up and jogged for the restart. Minutes later the best and worst part of the match happened to me. As some of you know I'm not the best at rugby and when I play rugby I'm like a rabbit in headlights. We had just conceded a penalty and Southam did a tap and go, the ball went out to this beefy guy who started running towards me. I was bracing myself for a broken nose and a trip to the hospital, instead I hugged beefy and brought him down. After that the ball was passed out by Southam who eventually got a second try.

We were livid; we didn't deserve this so we decided to hammer them. From the kick off Southam relaxed until we started to run, ruck and drive towards their line. We played a couple of passes when Ben Burrows ran through a gap to score a try. Ed Harrison kicked over a conversion to make the game spice up.

For the last ten minutes of the match it was rough, scrums were even, penalties were given for no reasons and everyone was starting to get tired but we carried on not showing any weakness. Our game was looking good creating good passages of play until at a ruck the ball was intercepted in mid-air and Southam scored their third try to end the game.

We were annoyed at the end because we all thought we'd win and we played so much better than them and showed what we can do if we work as a team but even though we lost it felt like a victory.

Tom Alcock

Year 9 Rugby

Since the last report we have had just the one game, unfortunately the weather cancelled a return fixture against Bilton and a local tournament at Stratford Rugby Club. It is hoped that these will be reorganised after the holidays.

The game that was played was a return fixture against Southam School. This time we played with more passion and continuity, our attacking play was really positive, moving the ball and attacking space and we returned to keeping the ball alive and off-loading. As a result we scored some good tries. Our defence struggled to negate their pick and drive but some stout defence and good tackling meant we had a good victory.

The District Trials took place after half term and we had twelve students vying for a place in the squad. Matthew Newman, Harry Walters and Gavain Hyde were all selected for the A squad. Charlie Allerton, Luke Hammond and Jack Seaborne were all chosen for the B squad. Congratulations to all those selected and well done to all the boys who attended the trial. It is a testament to the strength of the squad to have so many players involved in district rugby.

Mr Mitchell

Year 8 Rugby

With the weather closing in early this year, the chances for final fixtures against Kenilworth, Sibford and Harris were slim to none. The latest fixture was a Saturday tie against Southam. With home advantage and a mix of Year 7 and 8's, KHS had a strong time and looked to turn around the result from earlier this year. The first half saw KHS produce the best defence of the last two years with committed tackles from all wearing the red and black.

Come the second half and KHS channelled some of their energy into attack rather than defence and although gaps were left and Southam scored the majority of their points KHS produced some opportunities and worked hard to get the ball over the last five metres and the try line. Unfortunately this was not to be and Southam were worthy winners. Hopefully the New Year will allow the fixtures to continue and the same energy put into the performances of our mixed year team.

Mr Brock

Netball

Despite having a limited number of fixtures this half term the girls have shown a really positive attitude towards training. The cold weather has made us move indoors and has provided the opportunity to really break the game down and concentrate on tactical awareness and positioned play. The Year 11 girls have played a major role in helping the younger students in performing skills. A massive 'Thank You' goes to all students who have participated – Well Done. After Christmas please be aware that we have a fixture every Tuesday, weather permitting.

Mrs Green

Badminton

Badminton Club continues to thrive. Every week all the courts are full and it is great to see students from all years working together. The coach, from Alverston Badminton, is full of enthusiasm and praise for the students; and a number of students are beginning to start to go to their training sessions.

Mrs Green

Year 8 Girls Hockey

On 18th November Mr Wallis and Miss Lippett took two very enthusiastic seven aside teams of girls to Myton School to use their Astro to train and play on. It was a very useful experience and prepared them for the SW area Tournament the following Tuesday at Stratford High. The girls needed to be very active as the temperature was freezing, luckily the Round Robin Tournament was fast and furious but gave very little time to get into a rhythm and to get any decent shots at goal; so like most schools we didn't score.

Two talented goalkeepers were Cara Shaw and Emily O'Carroll who cleared the shots at goal giving us a clean sheet apart from one from Stratford Grammar, the eventual winners. Both staff were impressed by the level of skill, energy, determination and great team spirit.

A special thanks to Mr Wallis (Science Dept) who is a Hockey enthusiast and qualified coach who comes willingly to train the noisy hordes of girls on a Tuesday. There will be more matches in the New Year weather permitting, including the Year 7 Tournament and Year 10 SW Final against Shottery and games against Myton, so keep coming to practice.

Mrs Reader

Basketball

Year 11 needed the support of Year 10 to field a team in the fixture against Shipston and the tournament at Stratford Leisure Centre.

Shipston visited KHS and used the larger court in the Sports Hall. In the first five minutes after tip off KHS took control of the pace of the game, pressured Shipston into missing close baskets and took a 6-4 lead. A visitors' time out allowed a brief break before Shipston came out and relied heavily on the dominance of the power

forwards scoring close range baskets and claiming rebound ball. Kineton stayed the course and played some attractive quick passing game basketball but failed in making the close shots or driving to the basket and lay up. Shipston rotated the large squad and with only six players KHS worked until the very end losing to a strong and well disciplined team.

Year 11 also travelled to Stratford to play in a short game tournament. The emphasis of this was fast break, lay ups and strong man-on-man defence. KHS failed to stick to the game plan and lay up opportunities were missed. With seven players making up the team, rotations were made with Liam Drummond, Jo Jackson and Tom Skyte making up the core of the team.

Year 9 travelled to Shipston and started the game with fluid, quick passing Basketball, moving the ball onto attacking players who were able to get into shooting positions. Again, close range efforts were not as successful. Shipston fought back and developed their attack with purpose, rebounding well. Callum Cross found his range and began to hit shots and Josh Edwards made quick work of lay ups and close shots. On the smaller court, long passes were too quick as KHS legs tired and Shipston made each attack count. KHS eventually fell away but managed to play a positive game until the end.

Mr Brock

Rowing

We got involved with Stratford boat club they came to Kineton and if we wanted we could go to the boat club to do some training. About 12 of us went to try it but only five stayed on to row. We train two times a week. On the 19th June we were entered at Stratford regatta. In the Quad there was Harry, Franklin, Alex and Ed. In one of the Doubles there was me and Harry and in the other one Alex and Franklin. In the quad

we lost to Ross boat club. In the double we raced each other for first and second place. On the 29th August we entered in a double at Ross Regatta. We raced against Evesham. We lost by 3 seconds but met Sir Steve Redgrave.

On the 16th October Evesham Head was on. At Evesham we rowed 1900 metres and were timed. The fastest time won the group. We were entered in a quad and two Doubles. In the Quad there was Harry, Franklin, Alext and Ed. In one of the Doubles there was me and Harry and in the other one Alex and Franklin. There were about 250 competitors entered there. In our quad we came 3rd and got a bronze medal. In the doubles we still did well. Me and Harry came 5th and Alex and Franklin came 6th. It was a good experience.

On 21st November the British indoor rowing championships were on at the NIA Birmingham. We were all entered in singles including Mat. We all did very well especially Mat Coming 4th in the whole of Britain, I came 32nd with 1038m, Alex came 36th with 1033m, Harry came 43rd with 1012m and Franklin came 47th with 995m. Then we were in a quad. We had one machine between the four of us, so we had to roll on and off it during the race. We did very well and came 6th in Britain.



School Term Dates

Spring Term 2011

Wednesday 5th January – Wednesday 13th April
Tuesday 4th January – Teacher Training Day (School closed to students.)

Half term Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February

Summer Term 2011

Wednesday 27th April – Friday 22nd July
Bank Holidays 29th April and 2nd May
Friday 24th June – Teacher Training Day (School closed to students except those taking exams.)

Half term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Dates for your diary

Thurs 27 th January	Y7 Parents' Consultations
Tues 1 st February	KS4 Curriculum Evening
Thurs 17 th March	Y12 Parents' Consultations
Weds 23 rd March	Level 3 BTEC Music Concert
Thurs 24 th March	Y8 Parents' Consultations
Tues 3 rd May	Y10 Parents' Consultations

Emergency School Closures

In the event of an emergency or severe weather conditions a decision may be taken to close the school.

A notice will be placed on the front screen of the school website.

Announcements will be made by the following local radio stations:

BBC Coventry and Warwickshire 98.8FM
Mercia Radio 102.9FM
Touch FM 102FM
