



HIGH TIMES MARCH 2011

It is lovely to be driving to school in the light and to see the spring flowers bursting into bloom. It has certainly been a long hard winter but fortunately this year we did not have to close the school for any snow days!

The Sixth Form should be very proud of the superb Charity Week they organised at the end of last year raising over £5,500 for good causes and providing a lot of fun into the bargain. Cheques were presented to their chosen charities in January when the impact of the difference we are making to other people's lives really is brought home.

Another key event in the KHS calendar is our annual celebration of World Book Day. This year it was coupled with a Flexible Learning Day and the school was filled with visitors from all walks of life working with our young people on study skills, careers, justice systems and health related fitness. The Sixth Form undertook an exercise simulating the operations of the United Nations while dressed as animals from Noah's Ark and Year 8 enjoyed time with author in residence Claire Napier! As ever, the day was a magnificent learning occasion.

Our international adventures have continued this term. In February Miss Collins travelled to Australia with Headteachers and Senior staff from our partner primary schools to continue to build the links we have with schools in Adelaide. Half term heralded our annual ski trip, this time to Italy, and our first student excursion to Sri Lanka. Eight young people accompanied by Mr Sammons and Mrs Rolls spent a week at Sanghamitta College, sampling lessons, working with their Sri Lankan counterparts and discovering the delights of Sri

Lankan life. It is very rewarding to see this project developing from the tiny seed that was sown when the British Council asked me to visit the school in Sri Lanka back in the autumn of 2006. We hope that many more reciprocal visits will follow. My thanks to all the staff who are prepared to give up time with their own families to organise and take students on these trips.

Parents will be pleased to hear that the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust have recognised the achievement of the school in increasing by 20% the proportion of students over the last 3 years who have gained 5+ A*-C GCSE grades including English and Maths. On an equally pleasing, but contrasting note, we have also once again been recognised as an Investor in People.

Finally, today, we received notification of the official start date for the construction of the Artificial Turf Pitch in April; completion is expected in early July.

With my thanks to all readers for your continued support of the school, I hope you enjoy reading all our news in this edition of High Times.

Julia Morris
Headteacher

Headteacher's Surgery

Every Wednesday 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Until 6th April
4th May – 25th May

No need for an appointment just drop in.

Year 7

It has been a pleasure working with Year 7 so far this Spring Term. There have been lots of successes and I am very pleased with the progress the students are making. You will be pleased to hear that Mrs Blake and baby Austin are doing very well.

Congratulations to all those students that are still on 100% attendance since starting at KHS. These are Barnabas Battison, Peter Butcher, Jesse Cherry, John Edden, Scott McPhee, Harrison Mockridge, Halden Parkes, Emily Prew, Jasmine Sabin, Cameron Slater and Samuel Truman. This is a great achievement and will be reflected in the progress they are making within their subjects.

In terms of house points, for this term, 7BM have 1003 house points, 7WM have 918, 7CS have 797, 7RW have 676, 7ST have 667 and 7JH have 535. With the highest scorers from each form group being: 7BM Samuel Truman, 7CS Williams Daniells, 7JH Shannon Day, 7RW Lucy Moist, 7ST Cameron Slater and 7WM Gabby Zuliani. Well done to all students and forms.

I have introduced a weekly quiz this term, and 7BM are currently top of the leader board. In terms of houses, Year 7 Ainslie are currently in the lead. The individual teams that are joint top are 7BM's Ainslie team, 7BM's Redgrave team, and 7RW's Ainslie team. Congratulations to those groups.

This has been another busy term for Year 7. The Independent Learning Tasks have proved to be a challenge which students have risen to. I have seen some wonderful work produced, especially with the Science models, some of which are featured later in High Times. It was a joy to see students so proud of what they had produced.

Special thanks to the Year 7 form tutor team for all their hard work and nurturing.

Miss Perks

Head of Year 7

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Adlington

Students in Adlington House continue to work hard in different aspects of school life. Year 11 have had a successful Achievement Tutoring meeting following their Annual Report and Mock exam results and are now busy completing coursework or assessments for different subjects. Year 10 are finalising Work Experience placements, Year 9 have been choosing Options for their GCSE courses next year while Year 8 have been consolidating all work done so far this year.

Particular recognition goes to Year 11 following a Study Skill Seminar led by an outside company. The feedback from the facilitators was that our students were positive and uplifting. They said – 'Their behaviour, politeness and level of involvement and engagement stand comparison to schools in all four corners of the country.' – so well done. Also special mention goes to Year 10 students in ADL/HG and ADL/JLS who have all now secured a work experience placement and all of the relevant paperwork completed. Well done.

The Adlington 'Swimathon Challenge' for students in Year 8 and 9 is going well – ADL/HF are presently in the lead, followed closely by ADL/HG and ADL/JLS. Students in Year 8 and 9 from the winning Tutor group will go on a visit to the 2012 Olympic Park in London, hopefully at the end of this term. We are also maintaining 1st place in the inter-house weekly quiz – excellent but keep it going.

Ms Pratt

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Our form enjoyed taking part in World Book Day with many of us dressing up. Jake Walters spent the day as Dracula and Gemma Perry, Dani Watson and Chris Atkins came as characters from Harry Potter. Year 10 in our form took part in team work building activities which allowed us to look into how to work well together.

By Lucy Marlow ADL/JLS

Ainslie

Over the forthcoming weeks, Ainslie Year 8 and 9 students are completing 'Ainslie Star Cards'. These cards have five targets from the recently introduced Learning Attributes; for example: "I shared and communicated ideas" or "I was focussed and planned my time well". Subject teachers initial any targets which have been met during their lesson. The Tutor Group with the highest (averaged) number of targets met (points) will be rewarded with an outing during the school day (venue tbc).

Years 9 and 10 students will receive their Annual reports before Easter. These will be followed up with Achievement Tutoring appointments; we look forward to meeting parents/carers to discuss progress and set targets.

Year 11 students are in the final straight before exams commence. It is, of course, imperative that they devise and undertake a revision programme over the next few weeks to ensure they are effectively prepared for the exams. Please contact your child's Personal Tutor if you want more information and support regarding exam preparation.

Recent Ainslie assemblies have had an animal theme (dogs and parrots). This week we considered applying the 'Dog Whisperers' principles of 'exercise, discipline and affection' to our lives. These ideas were supported by videos created by Seb Thompson and featuring Ben Jordan and Nathan Mockler – the 'Affection' video was particularly moving!

Congratulations to the Year 11 music group for creating and planning the 'Kapow Concert' as part of their BTEC coursework. The concert, featuring music, dance and drama, was well attended, a great learning experience for the students and LOUD!

Thanks, as ever, to the Ainslie Personal Tutor Team for their ongoing hardwork and support of

our students – I am deeply impressed by their dedication to ensuring all individuals are happy and succeed.

Mr Mattacola
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Redgrave

Once again we are fast approaching a crucial time of year for so many of our students as we enter the final stretch before exam season. I'd like to urge all students to use their time wisely and make a start on revision, if they haven't done so already!

Since September 2010 Lucy Wing RED/DD has been awarded the most house points with a current total of 93 – well done to Lucy.

One Redgrave student has written an account about his experience at college, which I think would be good to share with you.

Mr N Tyagi
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College by George Beck

I am studying construction at Moreton Morrell. It's been very beneficial and I have learnt a lot of skills that will help me greatly in my future construction career. I was very pleased and proud of myself for managing to pass 6 out of 8 units with 2 more units still left to do.

I believe the reason for my success is my dedication to the course, I will always try 110% at everything and I am not shy to share my construction knowledge with others within the course to help them succeed and I get the same pleasure as I do from passing each unit.

Hoy

What an amazing start to the New Year for Hoy! The term started off with the terrible news that we were 4th place in the House Cup. So after comparing ourselves to Liverpool being 3-0 down at half time in the Champions League Final the house was set some targets to help us complete the greatest turnaround in House Cup history!

And what turnaround we've had! Through a combination of hard work, dedication and correcting of some minor clerical errors Hoy is now top of the league!

Leading the way are the following students that have been top house point earners so far this term:

Name		Form	Total	Term Total
PALFREY	Jonathan	HOY/CMP	107	59
MCARDLE	Michael	HOY/NH	102	46
HANLEY	Connor	HOY/NH	52	32
HALLIWELL-IVINS	Amber	HOY/NH	52	29
HENSHAW	Katie	HOY/NH	47	29
HANSON	Megan	HOY/NH	36	25
WILD	Thomas	HOY/PAW	30	25
WALKER	Ashley	HOY/CMP	66	23
WICKHAM	Shannon	HOY/NH	43	23
MARSDEN	Luke	HOY/PAW	86	22
ALLERTON	Charles	HOY/NH	56	21

Congratulations to those students and every other student in the house that has done their bit to helping us get to the top of the league.

There is still plenty of time for that to all change, so it is now just as essential as before that we keep working hard in lessons and entering the House Competitions, that way we will stay top of the house point chart and complete our incredible turnaround.

Don't forget there is also the Form Shield to be competing for, currently Mrs Priestley's form are well out in front, with current holders Mrs Hancock's form in second place. It's not too late to make a difference, so keep pushing to win the

Form Shield, all the while helping Hoy on its way to victory.

Form	Current Total
CMP	879
NH	662
PAW	654
AJH	562
MB	512
LH	446

World Book day was as usual a great success, with the majority of Hoy going with a house theme of Peter Pan. Well done to all those that dressed up, but a special mention must go to Mr Wallis for his dedication to the cause with his fantastic crocodile costume.



Here are what some of the students in Hoy thought about the last term:

"I felt ecstatic when we leapt into the lead in the housepoints count!" – **Conor McLennan HOY/NH**

"We made a comic strip during the manga session on World Book Day" – **Megan Hanson and Shannon Wickham – HOY/NH**

"I wrote a draft letter for my work experience on World Book Day, it was very useful" – **Connor Hanley – HOY/NH**

"I attended careers sessions about RAF, Army, Construction and Mechanics. The freebies were good, but I don't think I want to join any of those careers!" – **Michael McArdle – HOY/NH**

We as a form have managed to accumulate more housepoints this last half term. This is mainly down to hard work but also to our 'Velodrome of Victory'. We were put into groups and we each had to complete four tasks to gain points. For example if I managed to take down the form's housepoints, read the notices and do the register in the morning and afternoon, I would earn points. Also our team moves one space around the velodrome if our uniform, attitude and behaviour are up to standard. Our form is also planning a charity cycle event in aid of Cancer Research. This is our form giving something back to the community and for a great team building activity for us all to get involved in. – **Joel Seccombe and Toby Adey – HOY/PAW**

Hoy so far have done impressively well, coming last in the housepoints we managed to get to the top place. As well as all this it just shows how well Hoy can come together as a team to gain those housepoints. So GO HOY! – **Sophie Holmes HOY/AJH**

The GREATEST REVOLUTION has happened this term, from miserably losing in 4th place to storming ahead in first. No one would have ever thought this day would come for the people of HOY, who have defeated all the odds. Hoy members last term worked hard to gain more and more housepoints after an inspirational assembly from Mr Payne, who encouraged everyone in Hoy to get at least one housepoint every week. After an almighty battle to stream in as many as possible the target was reached. After this great success will Hoy be unstoppable? – **Zara Andrews HOY/AJH**

Thanks to Mr Brock, Mrs Prestley, Mrs Hancock, Mrs Harris, Mr Holt, Mr Wallis, Mr Sharp, Mrs Reader and all of the Hoy students for helping us have such an amazing start to the New Year, let's keep it up! Well done Hoy!!

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Sixth Form

Following December's Charity Week, the Sixth Form students were very proud to invite their chosen charities into school to receive their donation cheques. We welcomed representatives from Myton Hospice, MND and JJ's Memorial Fund and heard how the money raised would be used.



We look forward to presenting our final cheque to Help for Heroes, a member of which will soon be visiting us to explain how valuable the charity is. Congratulations to all members of the Sixth Form for putting so much time and effort into raising money for those that need it.

With our Year 13 students close to making their final decisions about their universities, now is the perfect time to launch Higher Education with Year 12. At the end of April, we will be attending a UCAS fair at Worcester University, and from now until then, students should be researching and carefully considering their options. I recommend that they start to attend University Open Days with or without parents. Find out more on www.opendays.com. I shall also be running a Higher Education Information Evening after Easter, giving parents all the information that they will need in order to support their children. At the time of writing, nothing has been confirmed regarding university fees from September. As soon as I know more, I shall inform students about the next steps in applying for their loans.

I would like to remind parents of Year 12 students that undertaking a week's Work Experience is a vital part of both the UCAS application process and a CV. Most should do this in Enrichment Week, 4th-8th July, or during the summer holidays.

All Year 11 students hoping to join the Sixth Form in September should by now have been interviewed and received their acceptance letter. We will be running an Induction Day in the summer that I hope that all prospective students can attend. If you are a Year 11 parent and have questions, please contact me by email or telephone.

Helen Sharpe
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House Points YTD

Adlington	4486
Ainslie	4160
Hoy	4928
Redarave	4499

Student Leadership

December



Rosie, Charlotte, Hayley and Rachel for outstanding leadership in A2 Sociology.

Each student took on 4 lessons over a 3 week course of topics. They chose topics that they knew least about and taught them to the rest of the group. They used the school planning sheet and included Bronze, Silver and Gold tasks. They each led for a full hour with no input from the teacher. They showed great personality and confidence in delivering the session and were prepared to answer questions on the topic covered. They evaluated each session afterwards looking to make improvements on content and delivery.

January



Chloe and Paige for outstanding leadership in core physical education.

As part of the Junior Sports Leader Award they planned, organised and ran a dance lesson for the rest of the group. The session was so successful that the group requested more sessions. They taught the dance step by step, using good demonstrations and very clear instructions. They approached the sessions with great enthusiasm and energy. Their next step is to develop this into a full routine to be performed by a large group of boys and girls in their final assembly.

February



Sarah-Jane for outstanding leadership in Hockey.

Sarah has been involved in student leadership since Y10 when she was leading primary school sessions and activities. As part of her A level course Sarah is coaching the younger students in Hockey. She has planned and led many sessions and recently taken the overall lead when staff have not been present. Her planning of the sessions is very good, focussing on developing skills and developing tactics through game situations. Sarah is confident and enthusiastic and this is transferred to the group of girls she is working with.

Getting Ready For The Working World

Getting a job isn't easy these days and the forecasts for unemployment particularly youth unemployment are not good. So students at Kineton High School have been taking part in some interesting activities and events to help them get prepared for the world of work.

Year 11 students have all participated in mock interviews with local business people and Connexions staff who kindly volunteered their time to help students get real experience of preparing a CV, being interviewed and answering questions.

Shelby Stapleton from Hoy/AH wrote:

'The Year 11 Mock Interviews of late January/early February were an eye-opener to many students, demonstrating that higher education and the world of work are fast approaching. Students were interviewed by people from different career backgrounds, before being advised on what they needed to work on, in addition to the points that would be useful to mention during an interview for whatever they hoped to do after school. I think that the interviews helped people to understand what sort of approach they need to take when it comes to careers, and to shed some light on how much work is needed to acquire their desired job.'

Then just before half term Year 9 students also got the opportunity to explore a range of different careers as they participated in a day designed to help them start to think about what they might want to do. The presentations included a whole range of jobs from Animal Welfare, Armed Forces, Computing, Design, Music, Motor, Tourism and Veterinary giving an insight into what the different careers involved and what sort of qualifications and experience would be required. Mrs. Allen, the teacher co-ordinating the day said, 'How many of us at 14 know what we want to do. Our career day was about getting students appreciating the choices there are'. The feedback from Year 9 students included 'You need determination to get the qualifications so you can get the job you want.'

'I learnt today you don't just need one skill for a job.' 'It has given me a good insight into the different careers.' 'That there are lots of jobs that I hadn't thought about which I should consider.'

These experiences combined with the work experience weeks that students do in Years 10 and Year 12 all help with the transition from education into employment for our young people.

Some of the guest speakers at the careers day.



Kitchen Promotions

Adrian Ripley-Morgan – won X-Factor Tour Tickets in the Christmas promotion.

Billy Stansell and Tiffany Boiselle – won £15 of iTunes vouchers in the January promotion – It's a Wrap

Work Experience

Nearly 100 KHS students have already successfully secured their work placements for work experience week in early July. Thank you to all parents / carers of students in Years 10 and 12 for their support in helping them to arrange the one week work placement and to all the employers who are willing to support our KHS students – it really does help them.

Mr Perkin has also been informed that at least two of the Year 9 students (Luke Duffin & Shannon Ascott) have taken great steps in planning their work placements for July 2012 following on from their Flexible Learning Day on 18th February 2011. Luke mentioned that he is 'well aware of the need to forge working relationships with potential employers' and Shannon has gone one step further having already applied, been interviewed and succeeded in getting a work placement with a local veterinary practice.

Given the very difficult economic conditions, there are still a few KHS students who may need extra support to find a suitable employer and so if any parents / carers are able to assist in offering work based placement to any of our Year 10 & 12s in their business, community or via their business contacts, please contact Simon Perkin.

Summer 2011 Exam Period

First Written Exam 16th May
To
Last Written Exam 29th June

Summer 2011 Exam Results Dates

A-Levels – Thursday 18th August 2011

GCSE – Thursday 25th August 2011

After 10:00 am

Kineton High Reaccredited as an Investor in People

Kineton High School has been an Investor in People since 2003 and is very pleased to have been reaccredited yet again.

The Investors in People reassessment provides us with an independent review of how we are performing in respect of the management and development of our staff and is a part of our ongoing focus on improvement. All of our staff share a clear vision for our school and the Investors in People framework is part of what helps us turn that vision into reality.'

Kineton High School Provides Excellent Teacher Training

Kineton High has been praised by Warwick University for the positive and excellent experience provided for trainee teachers. Kineton has been taking students from Warwick's well respected PGCE teacher training course for over 15 years offering the trainees a chance to put into practice the skills they have been learning. The trainees start working alongside the existing teaching staff but soon progress to leading lessons themselves supported and mentored by Kineton's own staff.

The latest feedback we have from Dr Medwell, Director of Teacher Education at Warwick highlighted the positive and excellent training experiences our staff provide. We know they learn a lot but it also keeps us sharp and supports our own staff development – the trainees are fresh out of university and bring with them all the latest thinking and techniques. We very much see our relationship with Warwick University as supporting Kineton High School's objective to be a Leader in Learning. We are really pleased with the latest feedback - it is good to know our placement programme is seen so positively.'

Kineton High School also works with The Open University, Oxford Brookes University and The University of Bedford providing training placements across the curriculum.

Bertie's Leaf Busters Claim Enterprise Crown

The overall winners of The Enterprise Challenge which ran last term were Bertie's Leaf Busters who also took the award for the greenest company. The judges were impressed by the tutor group's environmental focus, how they worked together as a team, how they had structured their business and kept control of their finances.



Bertie Fox, from the winning team said 'We wanted our business to be as environmentally friendly as possible and we also wanted every single person to be involved.'

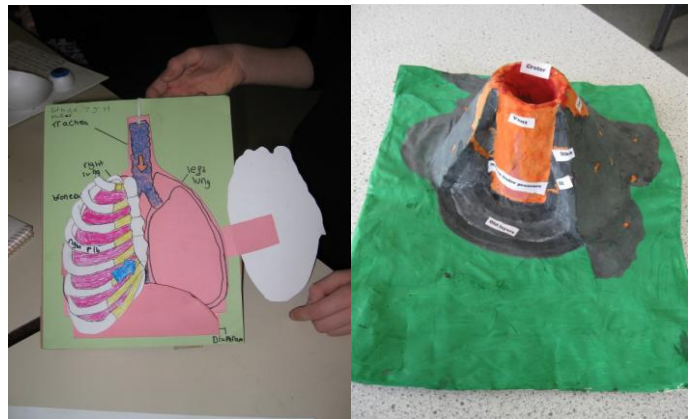
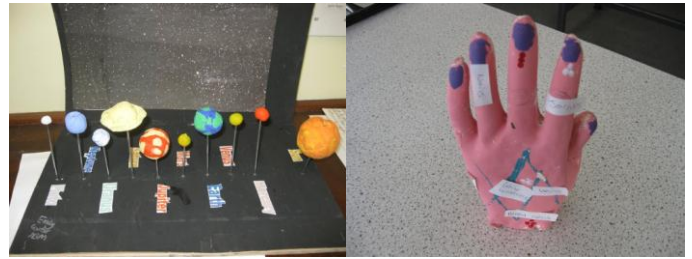
All of the £1020 profit made by all of the students was donated to charities chosen by them.

Year 7 Independent learning Tasks

Independent Learning Tasks (ILTs) have been introduced to Year 7 this year and will be rolled out year on year going forward. They allow students to take a more self directed approach to developing their learning skills and their subject knowledge. For many students this is a new way of working and in the initial stages we expected students to need time to adjust. The results however, are proving to be amazing.

Have a look at the work done in the Year 7 - Thinking Scientifically. Students were asked to make a model of something related to Science to explain how it worked and to identify strengths and weaknesses. Students then evaluated each other's models thus learning not only about their

own chosen object but also many others. We have had some fantastic models of objects ranging from eyes and hands, plants and cells, of pulleys and circuits, the solar system and so on. Really detailed work - have a look at some of models.



Internationalism - Sangamitta

Over the past five years we have gradually been building a link with Sanghamitta Girls School in Galle, Sri-Lanka. Following the Tsunami, Mrs Morris visited Sri-Lanka to establish a link as part of a Headteacher twinning programme. International Development funding has allowed the two schools to build an educational partnership between students at both schools. As well as curriculum projects that are building year on year (Art, Geography, Dance, Citizenship, Science) we are slowly developing an annual exchange programme for more and more students to benefit from. By the end of this academic year 8 Kineton students will have stayed in Sri-Lanka and attended Sanghamitta School and 16 Sanghamitta students will have stayed with English families and attended Kineton High School. Next year, we are aiming to double these numbers and open up the experience to more students at both schools.

The aim of the programme is to allow students in both countries to understand the similarities and differences in our two cultures and the shared difficulties which globalisation brings to both communities. In essence, how these children of the new world order might be able to work together to find solutions to common problems of global economic, political and environmental change.



Ayubowan! Hello from Sri Lanka.

Eight KHS students embarked on a 9 day adventure to Sri Lanka and Sanghamitta College. The brave adventurers included Alex Marney, Sophie Holmes, Abbie Wright, Rachel Wyles, Joel Seccombe, James Lloyd, Ellie Turvey and me Kyle Marais as well as Mr Sammons and Mrs Rolls. Our first day consisted of travelling and some more travelling topped off with even more travelling. On the bus to Heathrow we all became amazing friends even though we came from different year groups. The airplane flight lasted 10 hours but we made it to Sri Lanka in the end. We arrived on the second day and travelled to the school. Sri Lanka is very different to England because the roads were manic; there were loads of stray dogs, three wheeled bikes called tuc-tucs and the slums. We arrived at the school and it was amazing; we didn't have a close look inside because we would do that on another day but it was huge, well it would have to be to hold 5000 girls. We met our awesome host who was an 18 year old girl by the name of Sandushi. James and I were to stay with her and her family at their home.

The next day was a Saturday, so no school, we did stuff like visiting temples, riding elephants, going to a 5 star hotel, swimming and having fun. That day was an absolutely amazing day. Next on Monday was school; as we arrived there was a huge band that welcomed us. All 5000 girls stood on the playground and the teachers were on a raised platform, this was their assembly. We got marched up onto the platform in front of the 6000 students of Sangamitta College and we had to say our names in front of them. From there we went to different classes that weren't so different to ours; instead of closed class rooms they had open ones and instead of the students moving and the teachers staying in their class room the teachers moved around and the students stayed in the same class room all day.

The next few days went by as a blur with writing autographs, buying ice cream at the canteen and watching lessons. One day James and I had to teach a history lesson which was an experience of a life time; we taught students about World War 2.

The week ended with a cultural show with us and our Sri Lankan friends doing the Macarena and singing 'Many of Horror' what a way to end the week! Next day we said our goodbyes to all of our newly formed friends and hosts and trekked our way to an elephant orphanage. It was amazing, we got to touch them and feed them.

I would say the one thing I will take away from this experience is the friendship that was created between us and the students from Sangamitta College. I would also like to say thank you to Mr Sammons and Mrs Rolls for taking us and making this trip happen.

By Kyle Marais



Helping Out at Round Oak

On the 9th March 2011, Ella and I went to Round Oak School to do some sports leadership and to help run a tag rugby festival. We started by joining registration with some of the Round Oak pupils. We joined in with their circle time and learned their way of communicating through sign language, singing and clapping. All of the children welcomed us. As soon as we walked through the door a very excitable girl called Jamie took us by the hand to show us her wonderful artwork.

After registration we went with a teacher to help out with her P.E lesson. One called Chloe had verbal difficulties. Jenny helped Chloe balance along the bench with support from the P.E teacher, and also played ball games. Then we met a girl called Jessica, she really enjoyed showing everyone her tricks and teaching others how to do things, she was an extremely good basketball shooter. After P.E all the children went back to their classroom for snack time and then break.

When break was over we gathered everyone up to get ready to go to the tag rugby festival. Once we got all the equipment ready and loaded in the mini-bus we headed off to Barkers Butts where the tag rugby festival was being held. When we got there we had lunch and then warmed up and taught the girls the rules of tag rugby. All the girls were really excited about playing their first proper game!

In the first game we played the ball was being thrown around everywhere and they weren't very confident, but in the other the games they played brilliantly!!! All of the girls said at the end that they really enjoyed it and that they would like to do it again sometime! We both found the day a really rewarding experience and would really like to do this again!

Jenny Backhouse & Ella Harrison Year 8

Parents' Survey 2009/10

Thank you to all Parents who completed the survey last year. The results show that the majority of parents believe that Kineton High is a good school.

More than 70% of parents agreed that:

- Students enjoy coming to Kineton and are known as individuals and well cared for.
- Students are encouraged to work to the best of their ability and there is mutual respect between teachers and students.
- The school is well led and managed effectively and has a good reputation in the community.
- Teachers are approachable and sympathetic and treat parents like partners and give parents accurate pictures of their child's progress.

Some areas for development we need to do more work on included:

- The impact of the Sports College Status.
- More leadership opportunities for Year 7 & 8.
- The spread of homework across a week for Year 10 & 11.
- The notification of and appointment booking for Parents' evening.
- Developing communications particularly electronic communications.

There are activities already underway to improve our performance in these areas.

Year 9 French & Drama Day

On Monday 21st March a group of talented Year 9 students travelled from Kineton to Holyhead School in Birmingham. These students participated in a Creative Arts Workshop in French and Drama involving 4 other schools in the West Midlands. After a series of fun drama games the students worked in groups to produce a piece of drama - entirely in French!

The focuses for the performances were the Olympic Themes of Equality, Motivation, Friendship and Respect. All our students entered fully into the spirit of the day and really did Kineton High School proud. Each student received a certificate for excellent participation, with special prizes going to Matt Newman, Christian Squire, Harriet Macrae and Katie Henshaw for their spoken French.

All the students commented on how much they enjoyed the day, made new friends, developed their linguistic skills and how they would definitely do it again.

Library News



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day this year with our usual enthusiasm and artistic imagination. Students were encouraged to dress as their favourite book characters and help raise money at the same time. They certainly did both! Kineton High School was a veritable library of characters from dalmatians to Shakespearean heroes!! The 6th form had the idea to take the book of the Bible and the story of Noah! Staff and students came as Mr and Mrs Noah and all the animals from the ark.

Congratulations and thanks go to all staff and students, who made the effort and helped raise just over £800!! This money is split: half goes to the school and the other half to Book Aid International. This is a charity we have supported every year. It provides books for countries, which don't have the resources we have and whose children cannot take for granted the access to libraries, text books and bookshops that we all enjoy.

The day also included a special workshop for Year 8 students. A local art expert, Claire Napier, gave a presentation to the students on illustrated books, particularly Manga [Japanese comics]. The presentation led to other workshops, where the students worked in groups to produce illustrated stories. They revealed a plethora of talent and some creative, collaborative end products.

Thanks to all staff and all students, who made this day exceptional and memorable as usual!

Warwickshire Book Award

Fourteen Year 7's and eight Year 8's have been busy reading the six short-listed titles in this year's Book Award run by Schools Library Service.



Their votes have now been cast and the run-away winner was Mortlock by Jon Mayhew (which Mrs Johnson and Mrs Dufton fully agreed with!) Only one point separated second and third place, with Demon Strike by Andrew Newbound just ahead of The Crowfield Curse by Pat Walsh. It will be interesting to see if their votes agree with other schools in the County!

Fifteen lucky students have been invited to attend a Celebration on 22nd March, at the Bridge House Theatre, Warwick School when the Warwickshire winner will be announced. They will also meet two of the authors, Ally Kennen and Harriet Goodwin.



2011 Carnegie Shadows Wanted

We will shortly be looking for Year 9 students to take part in Carnegie Shadowing. If you think you are up for the challenge and could read six books in six weeks, come and see Mrs Johnson or Mrs Dufton in the Library!

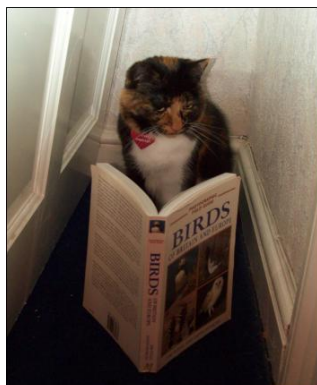
Student Librarians

We now have a full team of 15 Student Librarians working in the Library at break and lunchtimes. Each month one student is chosen as 'Student Librarian Of The Month' based on their performance the previous month. Our stars so far this year are:-

- Zara Andrews Year 9 - January
- Robin Jackson Year 13 – February
- Josh Edwards Year 9 – March

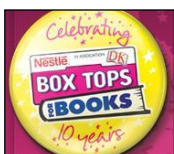
Interhouse Competition - Get Caught Reading

Congratulations to the winner, Megan 7BM and runners up Zara HOY/AJH and Ryan AIN/JK. The winner will receive 15 housepoints plus a £5.00 voucher from WH Smith. Two runners up will receive 15 housepoints.



Voucher Collection

We are now collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's, Tesco and Box Top tokens from Nestle cereals, which provide valuable resources for KHS.



Extended Services
Warwickshire

KINETON CLUSTER

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Extra Time at Kineton High School



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.

Dancers **MUST** register in the dining area at 2.45.



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 new 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.



Boys Dance project at Kineton High School.

We are delighted to be part of the 2011 West Midlands Boys Dance Alliance project. This is a FREE after school project for all boys interested in dance which will culminate in a performance at Warwick Arts Centre on 4th May. Sessions will be held on Thursdays 3.30pm to 5.30pm. More information from Jo Rolls.



Following on from the Drama Collective's *Grease* production they proudly present **Will & Viola, Comedy, Tragedy and the bit with the dog!**

Will & Viola is a brand new theatre production making it's debut at Kineton High School. It is the summer of 1593, and the rising young star of London's theatre scene, Will Shakespeare, faces a problem like no other: a paralyzing bout of writer's block. While the great Elizabethan age of entertainment unfolds around him, Will is without inspiration or material. No matter how he tries, and despite pressure from financiers and theatre owners, he just can't seem to work up any enthusiasm for his latest play, "Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate's Daughter."

What Will needs is a muse - and in an extraordinary moment in which life imitates art,

he finds and falls for a woman who draws him into his own dramatic adventure of star-crossed love. It all begins when Lady Viola, desperate to become an actor at a time when women were forbidden from the stage, disguises herself as a man to audition for Will's play. But the disguise slips away as their passion ignites. Now Will's quill again begins to flow, this time turning love into words, as Viola becomes his real-life Juliet and Romeo finds his reason to exist.

Yet all is not well in Will's world. For even as the parchment begins to pile up, he is plagued by real-life twists of fate - including the unavoidable reality that Lady Viola must marry the insufferable Lord Wessex at the command of Queen Elizabeth.

In a whirl of mistaken identities, mixed-up messages and misbegotten desires - between bawdy brawls, wild dances songs and duels with jealous husbands and dangerous kisses-Will Shakespeare searches for a resolution not only to his play but to his own undying passion.

Please note change of dates to those previously advertised. Performances are now on:

13th 14th & 15th April at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 each available from reception at Kineton High School.

Warwickshire Dyslexia Strategy Team invite

Dyslexia Drop-in

1.15 – 3.00pm

23 March – Southam Primary School

30 March – Shipston Primary School

06 April – Whitnash Primary School

Come and meet our friendly and experienced team for advice and a look at our resources

1.30 – 2.00pm workshop

'How to read with your child'

To discuss a specific issue or book an appointment, contact Business Support on 01926 461904

Sports News

Kineton High wins U12 Girls Hockey South Warwickshire Tournament

South Warwickshire U12, 7-side Hockey Tournament organised by Alcester Grammar and hosted by Stratford High took place on 2nd March 2011.

Five teams were entered, two from Stratford Grammar, one from Stratford High, Alcester Grammar and Kineton High. This annual event is often the first introduction for these girls to a Hockey Tournament. Games were played on half a pitch and lasted 10 minutes one way.

Kineton won all their games to win the tournament outright, a fantastic achievement. Kineton had not experienced an Astro Turf pitch before and had not played together in a game, mainly due to the bad weather before Christmas, so they were full of excited anticipation.

Kineton High goal keeper was novice Lucy Cannon who had practiced in lessons and after school wearing the unfamiliar kit, she had very little to do in the first 3 games but came into her own in the last game versus Stratford Grammar A when she courageously kicked and cleared shots at goal.

Maisie Roberts was on hand in defence to scoop the ball away from attackers and Katie Atkins used skilful stick work and ably tackled and moved the ball up field. Newcomer Emily Prew settled in quickly and chased the ball, tackled well and passed with increasing accuracy.

Lauren Haynes who loves to tackle, hassled their players and won the ball many times to pass to Gabby Zuliani who was incredible at finding spaces and driving towards the goal. She scored three amazing goals. Katie Young was outstanding as a utility player defending aggressively one minute then shooting and scoring twice the next.

Thanks to all the Parents who supported us on the sideline. Altogether a brilliant example of what team work can achieve. Awesome!

Mrs. Reader

Results:

KHS v Stratford High 1 - 0

KHS v Alcester Grammar 2 - 0

KHS v Stratford Grammar B 1 - 0

KHS v Stratford Grammar A 1 - 0

KHS v Alcester Grammar 2 - 0



U12 Hockey Team

U14 Girls Hockey Fight to the Finish

On Thursday 17th March an intrepid mixture of four year 9, two year 8 and a year 7 played in a thrilling South Warwickshire 7Aside Hockey Tournament at Stratford and came Runners Up.

We were missing some regular year 9 through Drama rehearsal clashes, but our team of 7 were magnificent in their absence. Abbi-Lee Leggatt in Goal made some confident kicks and put us back into attack by clearing confidently to our forwards. Sophie Reynolds and Zoe Young were fantastic in defence, both anticipating opposition passes and cutting out many attacks. Zoe even had the confidence to go right up into attack on occasions.

We drew 0-0 with Stratford High 'A' despite constant pressure from Sophie Hunt on the left wing and Beth Stokes at Centre Forward, but we had the upper hand V Stratford High 'B' winning 6-0. Right Wing Chloe Whinmill confidently weaved

her way into the D and scored three superb goals, while Katie Young collected the ball from our defence and penetrated their defence to score a further three goals.

In our last game Sophie had a couple of near misses but finally scored against a very physical Shottery when we had to play extra time. We knew if we won this game we would be area Champions so we just kept up the pressure. Chloe and Beth chased every ball, at one stage Beth ran the full length of the right wing, crossing and shooting to gain us a corner. Sadly a counter attack by Shottery breached our hard tackling defence and they got a sneaky equalizer.

We needed to score again to avoid going to penalty strokes, which we had not practiced. Abbi bravely cut out shots and Zoe, Sophie and Katie kept feeding Chloe, Sophie and Beth. However in one devastating attack our defence were split open and Shottery scored the winning goal. We were disappointed, but very proud of our efforts and our Runners Up position. It was a superb performance involving girls from 3 age groups successfully. An outstanding effort from everyone!

Mrs Reader

U16 Girls Hockey snatch another win, this time against Stratford High 2-0

On 25th January we took a squad of experienced and novice players to play on SHS's Astro. The skilful Kim Payton in goal gave us the confidence to build up our attack. Kim kept the opposition at bay with the determined help of Daisy Keyte and Harriette Whinmill and together they ably masterminded the defensive corners and quickly turned defence into attack. Novice Posy Spencer settled in well with Fiona Mitchell and they both tracked players well and tackled confidently.

Katherine Gunn provided the forwards with good support and distributed well, often finding Courtney Bewes who was great at goal hanging. She had a few chances to score but eventually set up Poppy Tutchter for a goal. Lucy 'Winger' Wilkes flew down the right and Amy Chambers the left, opening up the 'D' for Rebecca Atkins to score. It was a fairly

even game but our strength in defence and constant attack gave us the edge. Well played everyone!

Mrs Reader

Boys Hockey Debut game bodes well for the future

They won comfortably 3-1 against Blessed George Napier from Banbury on 16th February. The staff from BGN requested a mixed age game so I asked Harry Camp to cobble together a team from mainly year 9 with two lads from Year 11. Some lads had never played a match before, others were regular players at Banbury Hockey Club. We had a couple of brief practices before the game but essentially relied on all the lads literally working as a team from the start and communicating and reading the game well.

Shane Kenny dutifully dressed the part as goalkeeper and made some amazing instinctive saves against their penetrating county player. He did however let one rocket past his feet that came from the edge of the 'D' at 100mph. Sam Pick was a strong central defender with Harry Camp solid right at the back sweeping away any loose balls to provide Joseph Whinmill and Ian Wainwright with chances to build an attack. In attack Will Allan combined with Tobias Squire and brother, Christian, to pressurise the defence and they all looked dangerous at different times but it was Christian Squire who finished off the pressure scoring twice. Novice Matt Newman zoomed up and down the right wing and Chris Atkins constantly probed the left hand side and worked well with Phillip Gunn who eventually scooped a cheeky shot off the keepers pads to make it 3-0.

I am really proud of this team who played this friendly in the right spirit not complaining when I changed the line up to ensure all players were involved. They were a pleasure to be with. I am optimistic this fine start will continue when we eventually get our own Astro up and running and boys as well as girls hockey will really come into their own.

Mrs Reader

Year 8 Netballers' Steep Learning Curve

On Tuesday 8th March the U13's took part in the South Warwickshire area Netball Tournament at Stratford High. I took a squad of nine keen players who have lots of energy and raw talent and they played eight games in a Round Robin competition.

Our girls worked so hard, especially the main defenders Emily O'Carroll and Jenny Backhouse. (Jenny even managed to crash into the post!). Shooters Ella Harrison and Chloe Whinmill had to be very nimble coming up against some very tall defenders. Sian Chapple-Hyam played a strong game in the centre and distributed the ball well. Georgina Dalton played in a variety of positions and took a tumble in one game but bravely carried on. Centre court players Kim Long, Hettie James and Megan Harris all dodged, marked and passed endlessly in all their games.

They won against St Benedicts and narrowly lost to Shipston, Alcester High and Stratford High; these games were fairly even the ball going from end to end. Studley, Stratford and Alcester Grammar Schools were strong opposition and beat us. Henley the eventual winners beat us by the greatest margin 9-0, they had some very tall players which was a great advantage.

This was a steep learning curve for the girls but they improved as they went along and really pulled together with team spirit. They missed out on matches when we had the snow and now we have clashes with after school practices and rehearsals for Cinderella. But life is always a balancing act and with a positive attitude and some hard work we hope they will go from strength to strength. As always they were a pleasure to be with.

Mrs Reader

Kineton Gymnasts On A Roll!

Kineton High School gym squad took part in the Wade Gymnastics Club Secondary Schools Competition on Saturday 12 March 2011. The 3

teams of five came a creditable, 3rd, 5th and 8th out of the 14 teams competing. Individually Lucy Moist from Year 7 (back row) was placed 3rd out of 66 competitors winning the bronze individual medal.

Coach Carol Johnson said, 'This year there were even more schools competing and the girls were very nervous but everyone did brilliantly. Everyone has worked hard since September, training under the keen eyes of volunteer coach Tony Hathaway; teacher Liz Reader and myself. We have seen some girls improve their position in the competition by many places. Each gymnast had to do a vault and a floor exercise including at least 8 approved moves. We are extremely proud of all of them.'



Rowing

On the 29th January Northampton Head was on. It was a 1800 meters long race. It was very windy which made it hard to row. In our doubles there was Harry and I in one and Alex and Franklin in the other. There were 5 doubles including ours entered in the under 14. Harry and I came first and Alex and Franklin came second. Mine and Harry's time was 7:34, Alex and Franklin's time was 7:54. We also did a quad with me, Alex, Josh, Harry and Franklin coxing us. We were entered in the under 15 league. We came first in that. Our time was 7:02. We all really enjoyed it, apart from being freezing cold!

Edward Lewry

Kinton's Shooting Stars



Congratulations to the team for 2nd place at Oxford Gun Company on 9th March.

Val di Fiemme Ski Trip – 2011

Val di Fiemme was the destination for a group of students over February half term. Joining us on the coach for the 24 hour trip (or 190 plays of Jesus of Suburbia) was Madame Salt, Mr Brock, Mrs Green and Mr Mitchell.

We arrived at the hotel to find the supply of snow somewhat limited. However, the mass of snow we got overnight was more than enough to whet our appetites. Our first few hours of skiing went smoothly enough with the beginners having a few compulsory falls until tragedy struck! Madame Salt was injured on the slopes; she had to be taken to hospital and later returned to the hotel, sporting a cast on her leg. While she was injured, Madame Salt was left in the capable hands of our resident college student Zach Newton who happened to be fluent in French. Je m'appelle Zach! She was later taken home, resulting in the arrival of a ski trip legend – Mr Sandford! After using several methods of public transport he arrived, greeted by a chorus of 'you are my Sandford'.

Ski lifts posed a huge problem for many of us throughout the trip. Katy Alcock fell over dismounting one and got hit in the face as it went past, Tobias Squire failed to get onto a lift and even the legendary Mr Mitchell was caught out.

Skiing provided more than enough incidents to keep us entertained. Oli Lloyd caused an avalanche, much to the amusement of his lookalike instructor, Diego. Rob Havers and Annabel James' antics on the slopes did not go unnoticed by their instructor, Peter. Harriette Whinmill slid down a black run for about 500 metres before netting came to her rescue. Life in the top group was very different to that in the bottom, both Fred Hammond and Sarah Davies nearly knocked themselves out performing epic jumps. Henry Reynolds developed a frozen mouth after wearing his morph suit onto the slopes. Also how did the HB get lost?

Skiing was not the only time we had fun, the evening events brought some fantastic characters including: Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Lady Gaga, Jesus, the statue of Liberty and Jeremy Kyle. The final day of skiing brought around the slalom and Fred Hammond was severely embarrassed by his girlfriend Leanne Ong.

To conclude, a fantastic trip and I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of everyone to Mr Mitchell and the staff for organising the trip.

George Guice





Term Dates

Spring Term

Finishes on Wednesday April 13th

Summer Term

Wednesday 27th April – Friday 22nd July

Half Term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Bank Holidays - 29th April and 2nd May

Friday 24th June - Teacher Training Day (School closed to students except those taking exams.)

Dates For Your Diary

Thurs 24 th March	Year 8 Parents' Consultations
Tues 12 th April	Awards Presentations
Wed 13 th April	Will & Viola
Thurs 14 th April	Will & Viola
Fri 15 th April	Will & Viola
Tues 3 rd May	Year 10 Parents' Consultations

Student Absence Procedure

Every day a student is absent we require a telephone call to the Absence Line. Please leave the name, tutor group and reason for absence.

The Absence Line telephone number is 01926 645611 and is available 24 hours.

On return to school the student should bring a letter confirming the dates of absence and the reason.