



HIGH TIMES OCTOBER 2011

This has been a fantastic half term here at Kineton High School. We were delighted to return to school to see a pristine Artificial Turf Pitch fully installed up on the playing field. A magnificent addition to our sports facilities. Students, staff and local clubs are really enjoying using it and on Thursday 20th October we will hold a grand launching ceremony.

Once again, in 2011, students produced a great set of results. A level students performed exceptionally well achieving a record breaking 100% pass rate, 22% of entries scored A*/A grades, 48% scored grades A* A & B, while 82% scored grades A*-C. We were very pleased with the performance of our Year 11 students; 78% of the cohort gained 5+ A*-C grades, a best ever result, and 56% attained 5+ A*-C grades, including English and Maths. 88% of the year group gained an A*-C grade in English. In PE 98% gained a GCSE or equivalent at A*-C. A number of individual students performed to exceptional standards gaining ten plus A*/A grades. These good outcomes are a testimony to the commitment and hard work of students and staff, and the support given by parents.

In the second week of September we hosted another visit of 10 girls and 2 teachers from Sanghamitta College in Galle, Sri Lanka. This link is growing stronger and stronger. A second party of staff and students from KHS will visit Galle in February 2012. The Spanish trip to Granada proved a huge success with everyone speaking only in Spanish for the entire time! A group of Dutch students have just spent a day with us and Madame Salt is developing a Comenius link with a partner school in Reims, France.

Year 10 and Year 7 Parent Information evenings have been well attended and we hope parents have found them useful. Open Evening also went

very well with a vast array of varied activities and work on display - some visitors expressed a wish to come back for a second evening so that they could ensure they had done it all!

On Monday 26th September at 8.45am we received the "Ofsted call". The inspectors would be with us on Wednesday and Thursday of that week. We had been expecting the visit and we relished the opportunity to show the Ofsted team just what a good school we are. I hope by now you will have read the report (available on our website or in hard copy by contacting the school office) and you will be basking in pride that we have been judged as a **good** school overall with safeguarding, attendance and our capacity for sustained improvement all judged **outstanding**. Everything was judged to be good or better. The inspectors have identified two areas where we can improve even further to help us move to an overall judgement of outstanding, which is of course our ambition. I am absolutely delighted with the outcome of the inspection which gives an external (and very rigorous) endorsement of everything we have all known about Kineton High School for some time. Our students, our staff, our parents and our governors all work very hard and contribute selflessly to make this school such a special and strong community. A place where not only is attainment exceptionally high but, in the words of the report: "where it is cool to succeed, to play hard, to give of one's time and talent, and to take the lead."

As ever, High Times is packed full of school news. We are all ready for a good rest over half term and then we will return to continue our pursuit of excellence across every aspect of school life.

Julia Morris
Headteacher

Year 7

This first half term has been a busy one for our new intake of Year 7 students. In addition to settling into life at Kineton High School they have participated in their CAT's tests, the Open Evening Event and have completed the introductory 'Rugby World Cup' Independent Learning Task.

Special mentions need to be made to Ella Mae Mercer 7BM and Finlay Huggins 7WMM for their fantastic speeches made at the Open Evening Event earlier in the term. Both students looked very smart and delivered their speech with confidence and flair. Well done!

This first half term we have seen Year 7 students collect a great number of house points, in the lead at the moment are 7ST with a current total of 508 house points. Our current top achieving students for house points this term are: Isaac Aston 7BM, Laura Dadson 7JH, Laura Webb 7CS and Finlay Huggins 7WMM, well done all!

It is still all to play for in our Year 7 House Quiz; the first term winners will be announced before the Christmas break, so get your thinking caps on!

I am sure Year 7 will have a fantastic second half term and look forward to celebrating those successes with you.

Miss Loveridge
Head of Year 7

House Point Totals So Far This Term

| House | Y8-11 | Y7 | Total |
|-----------|-------|-----|-------|
| Adlington | 1785 | 621 | 2406 |
| Ainslie | 1974 | 595 | 2569 |
| Hoy | 1932 | 464 | 2396 |
| Redgrave | 1844 | 679 | 2523 |

Adlington

Last school year ended on a real high for Adlington House. The end of year awards assembly saw Adlington students receiving awards for their fantastic effort and achievement across the school year. It was great to see so many students being rewarded and their successes celebrated. It also saw us say a tearful farewell to Ms Pratt who left Kineton at the end of the school year. On behalf of the tutors and students of Adlington House I would like to thank Ms Pratt for all the hard work and dedication she put into the role of Head of House and helping to enable our students be the best they can be.

In her final duty for the house it was Ms Pratt's great delight to see Adlington awarded the House Cup 2010 – 2011. With a grand total of 9,999 House Points Adlington snatched victory in one of the closest competitions in years. Below is a picture of ADL/HF receiving the House Cup along with Tutor Group of the Year shield.



September saw us welcome a new member to the Adlington Team, ADL/RP have rebranded themselves as ADL/PS as Mr Stacey, has taken over as their tutor.

Adlington has made a fantastic start to the new year, picking up where we left off last term. Well done to all. The current scores so far are as follows:

| Tutor Group | House Points | House Quiz |
|-------------|--------------|------------|
| ADL/DM | 242 | 47 |
| ADL/HF | 301 | 43 |
| ADL/HG | 192 | 45 |
| ADL/JLS | 216 | 39 |
| ADL/JPE | 244 | 49 |
| ADL/PS | 204 | 57 |

At the time of writing the top earners so far this year are:

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| Chapple-Hyam, Sian | 9 | ADL/HF | 32 |
| Cowling, Reece-James | 8 | ADL/HF | 32 |
| Hodgson, Jamie | 10 | ADL/HF | 31 |
| Knight, Amy | 9 | ADL/DM | 30 |
| Wood, Anna | 10 | ADL/PS | 27 |
| Rowse, Toni | 9 | ADL/DM | 25 |
| Price, Shaun | 10 | ADL/HF | 24 |
| Hyde, Gawain | 10 | ADL/JPE | 22 |
| Taylor, Danielle | 9 | ADL/HF | 21 |
| Gill, Lauren | 9 | ADL/JLS | 21 |
| Walters, Jacob | 9 | ADL/JLS | 21 |

A special mention must also go out to all the Adlington members in Year 7 who are also doing very well earning house points. Here are the top Adlington students in Year 7:

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| Webb | Laura | CS | 38 |
| Dadson | Laura | JH | 24 |
| Ford | Harry | ST | 23 |
| Briggs | Louisa | ST | 22 |

Congratulations also to the new Adlington House Captains: Caitlin Oates and Matthew Randall. They have already been working hard with different groups of students and the Student Council in order to build upon our success from last year.

As your new Head of House I look forward to working with all of you.

Mr Payne
Head of Adlington House

Ainslie

This has been an excellent, albeit hectic, start to the Autumn Term. As ever, Ainslie students have approached this year with the enthusiasm and commitment that they are renowned for.

Ainslie are looking to be more competitive in the annual house point competition this year. To this end, selected students have been given 'Ainslie Star' cards, which enable them achieve a house point whenever they achieve a personal learning-focused target.

We are currently rehearsing for the 'Oliver' performances at the end of November. The main cast, chorus and dance troupe have all been selected and the show is shaping up well – it should be brilliant, so I look forward to seeing you all in the audience.

Welcome to Miss Mortimer who joined the Ainslie Personal Tutor Team from September, and we are pleased that Miss Payne was able to continue with the team. Many thanks to Ainslie tutors for enabling a very purposeful start to the year for all students.

Mr Mattacola
Head of Ainslie House

Hoy

Hoy have made an amazing start to the year. I was especially pleased about the house point challenge day where over 90% of you managed to get a house point. Especially well done to CMP, MB and LH, every single student in those forms got one!

As I am sitting here Hoy have got 1932 house points with CMP leading the charge – Brilliant! Two thirds of Hoy have over 10 house points each – great work!

I would like to thank the students that helped with open evening and showing around our Dutch visitors.

I am really pleased with progress we are making and hopefully we will be ahead in the house point race at Christmas.

Thank you to all Hoy tutors and students this half term.

Miss Purnell
Head of Hoy House

PS I look forward to introducing you to Roy very soon.....

Redgrave

It has been a very busy start to the school year as always with lots of different challenges. As a house, Redgrave has made a solid start in our efforts to win the House Cup. We are currently third in a very close competition, so I would like to ask all Redgrave students to raise their efforts in collecting as many house points as possible. Remember points win prizes. Good luck.

Mr Tyagi
Head of Redgrave House

Sixth Form

It's been a busy half term for the new Sixth Form as Year 12 settles into the common room and their new timetables, and Year 13 focuses on their university and job applications. The Sixth Form as a whole also played a vital role representing and supporting the school during the recent Ofsted inspection, and at our Open Evening earlier this month.

Thank you to all parents who attended either the Year 12 or Year 13 Information Evening. I hope that you found it useful and that it clarified the main points of Sixth Form study. It is so important for us to meet you and discuss your child's progress right from the start of term. As your son or daughter's

tutor is the first contact for you in any concern, it is really helpful for them to have your email address: if you haven't had a chance to pass this on then please do so as soon as possible.

There are two big deadlines looming in the next few weeks. Year 13 students planning on Higher Education are hurriedly completing their UCAS form, and by the time that you read this, we hope that they will all have been sent off. We always aim to submit the applications from Kington High School as early as possible, and it works! Last year, every Sixth Former who started university went to their first or second choice institution, and we want the same for this year's cohort.

Year 12 students need to sort out their Work Experience placement for July 2012. The sooner it is done, the better, as there will be a lot of competition for places. Both university and job applications demand some form of recent work experience, and ideally, the placement should in some way complement students' future plans or build upon skills that they will need

In November, we will be welcoming Year 11 students to the 6th Form Information Evening, where they will be invited to make their A-level choices. I will send more information out about this nearer the time, but for your information, the Sixth Form Application Forms do not need to be handed in until January 2012, giving all students the chance to seriously consider their options over the Christmas holidays.

Miss Sharpe
Head of Sixth Form

Dates For Your Diary

10th November – 6th Form Information Evening
16th November – Year 9 Parents' Consultations
23rd- 26th November – Oliver Performances
29th November – Year 13 Parents' Consultations
5th January – Year 7 Parents' Consultations
2nd February – KS4 Curriculum Evening
20th March – Year 8 Parents' Consultations
27th March – Year 12 Parents' Consultations

Sri Lanka

On Thursday 8th September we were lucky enough to welcome 10 students and 2 staff from our link school in Sri Lanka, Sanghamitta College. Our Sri Lankan visitors were with us for 8 days and we had a fantastic week.

Five students from Kineton High School hosted the 10 Sri Lankan girls. We all got on immediately even though it was clear that we came from two very different cultures! We had a fantastic week organised, including time in school and also trips to local areas of interest.

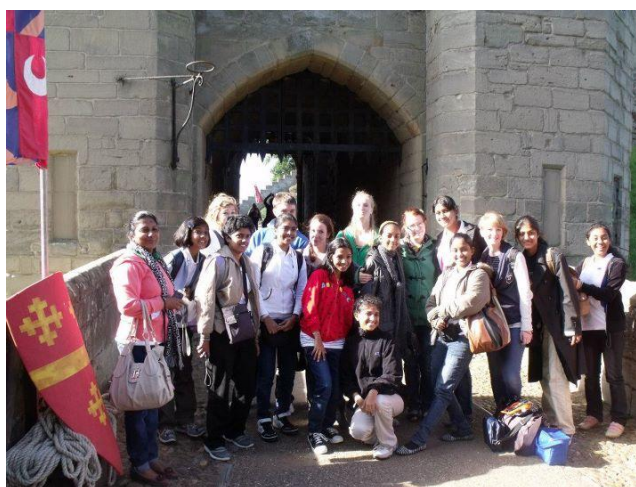
During their time in school, our visitors were able to gain an insight to how we learn at an English school. There were many differences including the communication between teachers and pupils and how interactive our learning is in comparison to theirs in Sri Lanka. They enjoyed participating in lessons and meeting lots of students from different year groups.

Aside from the normal school lessons we also visited sites of interest, including Warwick Castle. This was a great experience for the girls as they had never seen a castle like Warwick with live models explaining its fascinating history. After school we would all meet up together and we also visited Shakespeare's Birthplace, had a meal or went shopping.

As our friendships grew so did our understanding of the different cultures. One evening we all had a party and shared cultures through dance and music. I enjoyed learning how to Sri Lankan dance with my friend Milly and I also enjoyed teaching the girls how to dance to the classic YMCA!

Throughout the week we were able to form strong friendships, and I know I will especially keep in contact with my visitors for many years to come. As the coach arrived and the suitcases rolled away we all felt as though something was missing from our hearts. We all had a fantastic time and can hopefully look forward to a return trip in the future.

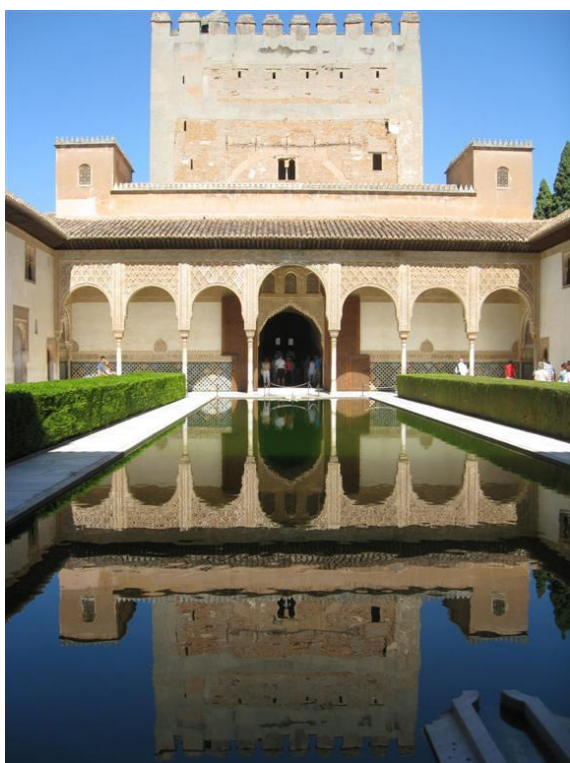
Grace Perez de Albeniz



Granada

On Friday 23rd September a group of 29 students from Kinton High School travelled to Granada in Andalucia, Southern Spain for an intensive linguistic and cultural experience. The main aims of the trip were to give the students the opportunity to use the Spanish they have learnt in the classroom in real situations, and to enable them to experience first-hand the wonderful sights, tastes and colour of Spanish culture. From the minute the group landed on Spanish soil the students were spoken to entirely in Spanish, and a range of activities were organised to encourage them to interact with the locals (in Spanish of course!).

Cultural activities included a visit to the stunning Alhambra (by day and by night), a guided moonlit tour of the labyrinthine Albaicin quarter followed by a dramatic flamenco show in an atmospheric cave, a team treasure hunt through the streets of Granada, a shopping challenge at the celebrated *Corte Inglés*, team games in the park and a trip to the Parque de las Ciencias (where students took a journey through the human body, saw a falconry display, visited a butterfly farm, climbed an observation tower and voluntarily sat through scientific seminars – in Spanish!).



The students threw themselves into all of these activities with real enthusiasm and energy (despite the 30 degree heat!), and a real commitment to soaking up as much language and culture as possible. They enjoyed sampling the local tapas, paella, gazpacho, octopus and squid. They even managed to get caught up in the middle of a procession through the streets at a local fiesta!

The students thrived on the busy itinerary and cultural immersion, and their teachers noticed a significant improvement in their language and confidence throughout the trip. They are hoping to run the trip again next year with even more students!

Comments from students:

"The trip was awesome – a huge lesson in Spanish culture/food/people learnt in an enjoyable, interesting and different way"

"The trip was amazing – even better than I had expected because we did such a variety of things in such a short space of time"

"I learnt so much about the Spanish language and culture on the trip – and it was all so much fun!"

"I now understand why our teachers speak mainly in Spanish to us during our lessons – to prepare us for interacting with real Spanish people!"

"I enjoyed the mass of Spanish I was hearing around me"

"I wish we could have spent more time in the museum" (how often do you hear that from teenagers?!)

Mrs Foulerton



Work Experience

Work Experience Week 2012 is Monday 2nd July to Friday 6th July.

Fantastic news! Despite the fierce competition, most KHS students are reporting that they have either secured or are very close to securing their work placements with their chosen employers.

Please approach either your Form Tutor or Mr Perkin if you think your son / daughter requires further support in finding a work placement because like you, we are keen to ensure all our students find a suitable placement.

Mr Simon Perkin
Work Experience Co-ordinator



I am pleased to report that both Year 10 and Year 11 students have settled into College very well. Students in both years have had exemplary attendance records and we at KHS are very proud.

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, all can be achieved.

Year 10 students are settling into their new routine of going to college each week, and at present coping well with both school and college work. As with Year 11's, their time planning is vitally important, if a routine is set in place now, all can be achieved, most importantly complete work as it is set.

Finally should you have any problems or queries about college please contact me.

Mrs Esther Bennett
Swift/Star 14 Coordinator

Year 11 Geography Oxford Fieldtrip

On a gloriously sunny Wednesday 27th September 43 Year 11 students took a visit to Oxford the city of 'dreaming spires' in order to undertake fieldwork required for their Geography GCSE Controlled Assessment.

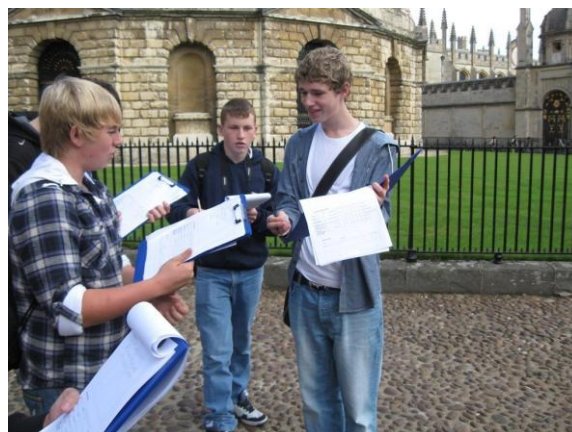
The aim of the trip was to gather data to answer the key question of 'Does Oxford benefit or suffer from the effects of tourism?'

We travelled by coach and spent the morning completing surveys at a number of sites. Our surveys included Environmental Quality, Shop Usage and a Litter Survey.

In the afternoon students split into small groups and completed questionnaire surveys to find the public opinion on tourism in Oxford. Students also completed some independent research.

The day proved to be very successful and enjoyable and as always the Year 11 students were a credit to Kineton High School with their mature approach.

Mr White



Library News

Student Librarians



Left to right: Zara, Elisha, Shannon, Rhys, Dean, Kieran, Connor

We welcome four new Student Librarians, Robert, Shannon, Kieran and Dean who will join Bradley, Zara, Connor, Charlie, Sophie, Cameron, Shannon, Rhys, Matthew and Elisha.

Applications are still invited from current Year 8 & 9's to join the team!

Wanted – Magazines & Books

The Library has invested in some new magazines and comics, but we would still welcome any suitable magazines for the students to read (cars,



football, music, cycling, games, animals, Simpsons, Beano, Dandy, Mizz, etc) Any unwanted books in good condition would also be gratefully received!

Join Your Local Public Library

Year 7 Students - bring in your public library card to show us and earn **2 HOUSEPOINTS!**

Use your Library Card to access the online reference library with materials such as the Oxford English Dictionary, Encyclopedia Britannica, music and art resources etc.

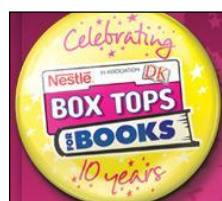


Lucy, Lucy, Grace, Harry, George & Fraser from 7ST

Booked Up is run by Booktrust. Booktrust is the independent reading charity that encourages people of all ages and cultures to discover and enjoy reading.

Every Year 7 Pupil will receive a **FREE BOOK** this term from the above organisation. We really hope that they enjoy their chosen book! Have a look on the website: www.bookedup.org for lots of fun activities.

Nestlé Cereal Box Tops



The Library is collecting these tokens. Thank you for all the donations so far. We can exchange them for free educational books from Dorling Kindersley.

Poetry Writing Competition



To celebrate National Poetry Day on 6th October, we are challenging you to write a poem about a game or games.

Football, hockey, X-Box, Snakes and Ladders, cricket, rounders, Top Trumps, netball, I Spy, Wii, rugby, Monopoly What's your favourite game?

Bring your entries to the Library. The closing date is Friday 21st October. There will be a prize for the winner and house points for every entry.

Library Catalogue Search

Find out if the Library has the book you want! You can now search the Library Catalogue from any computer in the school. Just go to:



Start → Programmes → Subject Programmes → Library → Search Library Catalogue



LIBRARY CAREERS SECTION

Come and visit the new and improved Careers Section, offering information on post 16 options, sixth form, college, apprenticeships, gap years, university choices and the world of work.

Mrs Johnson & Mrs Dufton

Did you know former Kineton High School pupil William Beck who stars in the long running hospital drama Casualty has been nominated for Best Newcomer in the National TV Awards.

Are You Up For The Challenge?

This was a three week summer holiday activity which 22 of our students took part in. The students worked in groups of 12 with other schools so only about 3 or 4 Kineton students were in each team.

It only cost them £35 for three weeks, including one outward bound week - so it was a fabulous opportunity! Watch out for the organisers who will be coming in again this year to offer it to the current Year 11.

Here is what one student thought:

My team did Drama as our speciality. The first week we were at the Outward Bound in Wales – it was really good. That week I overcame my fear of heights when I did rock climbing (up a real cliff) and when I jumped off a 10ft pier into freezing water (obviously with a life jacket!). Our team also became good friends and we were definitely the best team.

In the second week we stayed in university flats in Coventry, and this was my favourite week. Our team became a close unit and we worked together well to take our incredible play from improvisation to stage.

The third week we realised how difficult the organisation of campaigns really is and there were a few fall outs. However in the next few weekends we raised money for charity, helped out at the charity and also campaigned against litter.

I seriously enjoyed the Challenge and would recommend it to everyone, even if you aren't into hiking! I definitely made friends for life and I know how important the Challenge is for my future.

Suzy Watson

Sports News

Football Season 2011-10 The story so far...



Year 7

The attendance at training has been phenomenal, with over thirty different boys eager to show their skills. With so many good players it has been really difficult to pick a squad with those who didn't get picked initially pushing hard to get into the team.

The first game for the team was away in the cup at Kenilworth School. Rory Geary-Heaton captained the team for the first game and they put in an awesome performance. George Buckingham scored two goals, the second a penalty and Harry Ford netted the other in a 3-0 victory, with the team now through to the semi finals later in the season. Luke Comley and William Clark were the joint men of the match for their awesome defending!

The first league game of the season was a home fixture against Henley School. On a very windy evening Henley got into a strong position, leading 4-0 at half time. After a bit of a team talk and a few tactical changes Kinton showed some excellent football in the second half and quickly got back into the game with goals from substitutes Finlay Huggins and Harry Ford, Elliott Ferris then smashed the ball home from close range to set up a grandstand finish. Kinton had several good chances to equalise but in the end ran out of time and lost 4-3. A very good game in which all players

must be commended for their effort and determination.

Year 8/9

The combined Year 8/9 team is yet to play a competitive fixture this season so far due to a cancellation but numbers at training have been excellent and the team is beginning to shape up in preparation for the first game against Southam. Dan Morris has been chosen as captain and Jordan Rooke will be vice captain.

Year 10

The opening fixture for the 10's was an away cup fixture at North Leamington. A very even game ended in a 2-0 defeat which was a little unfair as Kinton created many chances which were wasted by the strikers. More shooting practice required!

The first league fixture was a home game against arch rivals Shipston. Previous meetings had all resulted in Kinton victories so it was important to keep up that run. In gale force winds Kinton adapted to the conditions better than Shipston. Kinton passed the ball on the floor with great effect whilst the opposition opted for the kick and hope strategy. Some fine work down the right between Harry Walters and George Wilcock resulted in George striking a thunderbolt from 25 yards high into the top corner of the net. Shipston on the other hand managed one shot on their only visit into Kinton territory. Playing against the wind in the second half Kinton resumed their dominance and peppered the Shipston goal. Chance after chance was missed until Alex Beckett slammed home Jamie Hall's cross. Harry Walters rounded off the victory with a fine free kick from outside the area.

Year 11

The team is awaiting their first game due to cancellations and will kick off away at Trinity. Archie Carter is the captain of the team and attendance at training has been good with several new faces joining the squad.

The season takes a break with the changing of the clocks and will return in February. There will however be several fixtures played under floodlights on the new artificial pitch. There are also going to be several inter house tournaments to look forward to.

A great start to the season!

Mr Daly

Year 11 Rugby West Midlands Army 7s Competition

KHS Year 11 Rugby Team performed very well in the West Midlands Army 7s Competition, held at Barkers Butts Rugby Club on October 4th 2011. The 10 teams were split into 2 pools of 5, with KHS grouped with Shipston, St Benedicts, Campion and



Woodlands. The boys started off with 3 victories against SHS, St Benedicts and Campion, only losing their final pool game to eventual winners, Woodlands. Having finished runners-up in the group, we played the undefeated winners of the other pool, Alcester Grammar. In a pulsating game, AGS took an early lead, Kineton hit back with 2 excellent tries to lead at half-time. AGS then ran in two tries of their own to lead going into the final minute. KHS rallied magnificently and scored a length of the pitch try with the last play of normal time. The game went into a 'Golden Try' extra time period. Both teams were playing some excellent rugby, and created chances to score, but sadly for

KHS, the score came from AGS. A harsh way for any team to lose, but the boys can be very proud of themselves for an outstanding overall performance throughout the day. Well Done!

Mr Sandford

Year 10 Rugby

This year we have started quickly with our entry in the Daily Mail Cup. In the first round we played Bablake School over at Harbury Rugby Club. Despite racing to a 15-0 lead in the first 10 minutes, fatigue caught up with us and we eventually lost by 13 points. This loss meant we were in the Vase competition; we have three teams to play in our group, Trinity pulled out and on Friday we played Heart of England School and won 34-33. Despite missing a few regulars it was a great display of commitment and passion to come back from behind to score a converted try in the last minute to win. Neeno Dodd broke through to score the crucial try, other try scorers were: Charlie Allerton, Harry Walters and Hugh Leather. Our other game played this term saw a comfortable victory against Southam College. We played with pace and direction in this game and this is becoming a bit of a feature this year. Congratulations to Gawain Hyde, Matt Newman and Luke Hammond on making the district squad.

Mr Mitchell



U15 Rugby team after their most recent victory against Heart of England School.

Badminton

Year 8 pupil Becky triumphed in the U13 Warwickshire Restricted badminton tournament held in Coventry on 2nd October. Overcoming the heat and a nervous start she swept all before her, winning every game on the day, including a nail biting final game where she just edged out her closest rival from the Birmingham based West Midlands Performance Centre. Becky trains every Tuesday with the popular Stratford club Alveston Juniors and is currently a member of the county's Development Squad where she also attends weekly squad sessions on a Sunday. Club coach (and former school governor) Chris Osborne said "Becky's a great player to work with, a real credit to her club and to the school. Her attitude and tenacity will take her a long way in the sport." Badminton is a fast non-contact sport for girls and boys alike and any pupils wanting to follow in her footsteps should contact AlvestonJuniors@aol.com or ring Chris on 07947 026959.



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Gym Club

Welcome back Gymnasts it's great to see you are still keen to take part EVERY WEDNESDAY when there are so many other things occupying you in and out of school. We value your commitment.

We are well aware of the Year 10 and 11 girls feeling the pressure of GCSE work plus the call of Drama and Dance, but we do appreciate you staying involved. The keen interest of Year 7, 8 and 9 is down to your enthusiasm and they learn from you as role models. THANK YOU. A special mention goes to Hayley Spencer, Anna Wood and Abbielee Leggett who are always on time, self motivated and great warm up leaders.

Mrs Johnson, Tony Hathaway (Wade Coach) and I are also very pleased with the good turn out of junior girls and one outstanding boy Sam Creagh who competes with Rugby Gym Club. We are hoping he will inspire more boys to join!

There is a lot of potential amongst you all, so keep practising those basic moves. We will start to look at everyone putting together a 50 second floor sequence using those basic moves and will add it to a vault. Perhaps we could think about you showing your talents to others one evening?

Gym club is open to everyone whatever the standard all we ask is you try your hardest and 'believe that you can' and you get fully involved. See you Wednesday!

Mrs Reader

ATP

Kineton High School now has a fantastic new artificial turf pitch and students and staff have given it the thumbs up. Students have been trying it out since the beginning of term. The new floodlit all weather surface will be invaluable to the school providing a safe surface students can play sport on throughout the winter months.

On Thursday 20th October the school is celebrating the completion of the pitch with special events running all day. In the morning students will compete in inter-house competitions, followed at lunchtime by an official launching ceremony and the day finishing with a primary school football fixture.



Get Me Into



Theatre



Music



Dance



Youth Club



Sports



At Kineton High School

Get Me Into is an exciting new project based at Kineton High School. Jo Rolls, Colin Naismith and Loz Grinnell have set up their own not for profit social enterprise business to coordinate and deliver a range of activities that are no longer publicly funded through Extended Services, the School Sports Partnership and the Youth Service. In the first instance **Get Me Into** will concentrate on developing projects that already exist, in the longer term, new projects will be introduced.

Contact Details

www.getmeinto.org

jo@getmeinto.org

Facilities Hire

The hiring of all school facilities out of school hours is now managed by **Get Me Into**. For information including terms and conditions, a price list and a booking form please follow the link from the Kineton High School website or contact Jo Rolls.

www.getmeinto.org

jo@getmeinto.org

Facilities include:

- A fabulous new Floodlit Artificial Turf Pitch which can be booked either as a whole pitch or in thirds of a pitch for hockey or football.
- Sports Hall
- Gymnasium
- School Hall available for charity events, performances (licences to be applied for by hirer) etc.
- Classrooms including art rooms, cookery rooms and IT rooms.



Friday Night is Mezzo Night at Kineton Mezzo dance company offers a range of different dance styles for different ages – see below. All welcome from beginners to experienced dancers

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| 4pm to 5pm | Street Dance for ages 6 and over |
| 5pm to 5.30pm | Musical Showtime for ages 4 and over |
| 5.30pm to 6pm | Giggles & Wiggles for the under 6's |
| 6pm to 7pm | Disco Freestyle for ages 7 and over |

For more information please phone 07949 272929 or e-mail kinetonmezzo@hotmail.co.uk.



Unique Dance Warwickshire is a dance school based at Kineton High School, which runs weekly dance classes for young people in Modern and Musical Theatre Dance. Our Modern classes offer young people the opportunity to learn funky modern dance routines and the art of choreography, whilst our Musical Theatre Dance classes allow students to learn routines from their favourite West End shows. As well as running dance activities for young people, Unique Dance Warwickshire also runs adult zumba classes, offering adults a fun and enjoyable way of joining in with the latest craze of dance fitness.

Monday

6:45pm – 7:45pm: Adult Zumba

Tuesday

4pm – 5:30pm: Modern

5:30pm – 6:30pm: Musical Theatre Dance

Prices:

£4 per hour and £6 per hour and a half class
OR both Tuesday classes for £8

For more information please visit
www.uniquedance.co.uk or email unique-dance@hotmail.co.uk



WELLESBOURNE BADMINTON CLUB

Wellesbourne Badminton Club is based at Kineton High School Sports Hall and plays from September through to April with a separate summer club available for those wanting to play all year.

Adult Club

The senior club play on a Tuesday evening commencing at 7.30pm. They play both club standard and competitive league badminton.

Having league teams in both Leamington mixed and Banbury composite where the team plays men's, ladies and mixed doubles enables those wanting to play competitive badminton to play against other clubs in the district. Last year saw them promoted up a division in the Banbury league. Handicapped club tournaments are run throughout the season culminating in a finals night at the end of the season.

New members are always welcome and they encourage any potential member to come along as a visitor.

The club don't limit themselves to badminton and organise a full social programme every season. Wellesbourne Badminton club is renowned in the district as being a friendly but competitive club.

Junior Club

Established a few years ago Wellesbourne has a thriving Junior Club playing on a Friday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Coaching is an integral part of the club and is headed by a very experienced ex county level 2 coach supported by several level 1 coaches all of whom have many years experience of playing the sport. The club can provide racquets where necessary and just require you to wear the appropriate footwear and clothing and bring along a drink and plenty of enthusiasm. The club has applied for Badminton England registration and is committed to meet Silver Mark status. Last season saw two of their junior players be accepted into the junior county development squad.

Ages from 8 to 18 and complete beginners to more experienced players are catered for.

Further details of both clubs can be found on their web site www.wellesbournebc.com

For more information on either of the above please contact Jerry Hughes Club Chairman, either on 07968 192057 or by email at jerryhughes@btinternet.com



Fitness Suite

Come along and get yourself fit at the Pulse Fitness Suite. A range of equipment is available including: running machines, cross trainers, rowing machines, exercise bikes and free weights. Autumn opening times Monday to Thursday 5.30pm to 9pm (last entry 8.15pm). Membership £22.50 payable monthly by cheque, cash or standing order. Contact Jo Rolls for more information.



Holiday Activities

The successful summer holiday camp will be extended to October half term. Up to 45 places are available for children age between 8 and 13 to come along and try out a whole range of new sports – choose from basketball, dodgeball, netball, football, tag rugby, sports hall athletics, dance, hockey and more! Places are available to book daily from 9am to 4pm at a cost of £10 per child. (£8 for siblings).

A booking form and information are available by following the link on the Kineton High School website, or by contacting Jo Rolls.



We are delighted to be able to offer all students in Years 10 & 12 a place to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. Not only is the award an amazing experience that enables participants to gain skills, confidence and discover talents they never knew they had, it is a great challenge, and gives them a view on life that everyone is looking for from employers to colleges and universities.

The award involves for sections:

Volunteering: Undertaking services to individuals or the community.

Physical: Improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activity.

Skills: Developing practical and social skills and personal interests.

Expedition: Planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK.

To find out more about the award at Kineton High School please contact Jo Rolls, more information is available at www.dofe.org.



Youth Club

The Youth Club will be reopening in January, with a few one-off events throughout the Autumn Term. We will be carrying out consultation with students to find out what they want, and when they want it. If you have any comments, or would like to help, please contact Jo Rolls.



Theatre Project

This year's Christmas extravaganza will be Oliver! And following on from the amazing shows last year – Grease and Shakespeare in Love – it is one not to be missed. Rehearsals are well underway, and audiences are assured of a great evening of musical entertainment. Performance dates are Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th, Friday 25th & Saturday 26th November. Tickets price £6 available from reception at Kineton High School. Book early to be sure you don't miss out.

Term Dates For 2011/2012

All Dates are Inclusive

Autumn Term 2011

Teacher Training Day - Friday 2 September 2011
Teacher Training Day – Monday 5 September 2011
Term Starts - Tuesday 6 September 2011
Half Term - Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2011
Teacher Training Day – Friday 2 December 2011
Term Ends - Friday 16 December 2011

Spring Term 2012

Teacher Training Day - Tuesday 3 January 2012
Term Starts - Wednesday 4 January 2012
Half Term - Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2012
Term Ends - Friday 30 March 2012

Summer Term 2012

Teacher Training Day – Monday 16 April
Term Starts - Tuesday 17 April 2012
Half Term - Monday 4 June to Friday 8 June 2012
Term Ends Friday 20 July 2012

A full calendar of events for the school year 2011/12 is posted on the school website

www.kinetonhighschool.org.uk.

It includes many dates for your diary.

As far as possible we try keep to the calendar but dates are subject to change.

Headteacher's Surgery Autumn Term

Wednesdays 5.30pm – 7.00pm
2nd November – 7th December 2011
No need for an appointment
– just drop in.

News from the Friends of KHS

We meet usually every two months to plan events to raise funds to help support and enhance the curriculum.

Recently we held a concert 'An Evening of Acoustic Blues' with the Chris Gibbons band at St Peter's Church, Kineton which was a wonderful evening.

There is always a coach trip to London in November which is very popular.

At the Kineton Victorian Evening on 25th November we'll be running a Chocolate Tombola and in the New Year there will be a Quiz Evening.

We are always keen to welcome new members. Please call Sally on 01926 640917 for further information.

Student Absence Procedure

For every day a student is absent please telephone the Absence Line on 01926 645611 and leave their name, tutor group and reason for absence.

When the student returns to school please send in a letter confirming the dates of absence and the reason.

Lost Property

Please make every effort to name clothing and belongings to help us reunite it with your child.

Please do contact school if any belongings go missing. Due to limited space we donate any unclaimed items to charity two months after they have been handed in.