



Newsletter: 10

Headteacher's Report : Science, Sport and Service

This week's newsletter is taken from the article in the Lichfield Mercury last week. I don't generally set New Year resolutions but a new term always brings a new start. This school year we welcomed an additional thirty students in to Year 7 and later in the year we will also see the next phase of our building programme start. This will update some of our existing accommodation and provide improved facilities for our growing number of students. In the meantime, life in school is as busy as ever. We have our production of Grease running for three nights in early February and final rehearsals are underway. There is too much going on in school to share everything with you but I have three examples this week: Science, Sport and Service.

Science

16 sixth form students from King Edward VI School, Lichfield, had great success in the recent British Physics Olympiad with students attaining Silver, Bronze II and Commendations. The competition was entered by 2100 students from across the UK and is designed to stretch and challenge the top young Physicists in the country. Benjamin Fox and Chester Roche Allen did extremely well to get a Silver and Bronze II respectively with Joel Bird, Jack Hatcher, Sian Edwards, Kai Suzuki, Hugo Prolze, Alexander Vickery, Charlie Foulger, Freya Davis, James Wheale, Emily Carwood, Lydia Shearon, Luke Nugent, Joshua Powell and Michael Papadopoulos receiving Commendations. Benjamin Fox's result was outstanding considering that he is only in Year 12.

All students worked extremely hard and should be commended on their efforts on what were extremely challenging exam papers. The difficulty of the papers is emphasised by the fact that about half of all of the students that entered attained a Commendation and these are the best Physicists in the country.

This success follows on from some great results at 'A' level and GCSE in the Summer exams which included 69% of students attaining grades A* - B at A level and 19 grade 9's in GCSE Physics from the new exams, grade 9 being the new A**. This year there are currently 58 students in the sixth form studying 'A' level Physics. Thanks go to the Physics department – in particular Mr Mills (Head of Physics), Mr Wall and Mrs Bryant.



Sport

Well done and good luck to the Under 16 netball team at King Edward VI School. Each year we enter the Schools' Netball National Cup and the U14, U16 and U18 teams compete against other Staffordshire teams in order to progress to the regionals stage of the competition where the best of the Midlands region play against each other to progress to the national finals. Over the years, we have had many teams reach the regional stage reflecting their exceptional standard of play. This year, the U16's championed at the Staffordshire competition and will face their next level of competition this Sunday at Bromsgrove School. What they have achieved so far is fantastic and we wish them good luck for the weekend.



Service

The Defence Medical Services Whittington is within our school catchment area and this week we have been raising awareness among all our students of the unique opportunities and challenges linked to being a student with a family member in the Services. One of our key aims in school is to get to know our students well in order to best support them. Mr Cotton recently took thirty students on a visit to Harper Adams University for the launch of the West Midland SCiP (Service Children's Progression) Alliance Hub. It was a great opportunity to explore opportunities and aspirations beyond school but also to share experiences and gain a greater understanding of their experiences in school. We would also like to thank Emily Arnold, Community Development Worker, based at Whittington for her ongoing support in building direct links with the school and Service families. This week, some of our Service family students led assemblies across year groups about their experiences; highlighting to students and staff the particular challenges of moving schools, of saying goodbye and having a parent away from home. They also shared the opportunities of seeing different aspects of life in different places, developing resilience and the pride of knowing your parents are playing such a vital role in society. It helps us all to understand each other a little better.

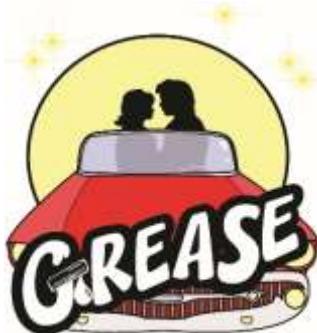


Jane Rutherford, Headteacher

Key dates this term



Tuesday 4th February – Year 11 Parent's Evening – Bader Hall 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th February – Grease Production – Bader Hall – 7.00pm
Tuesday 11th February – Year 10 Revision Information Evening – Bader Hall 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday 14th February – Valentine Themed Non Uniform Day - £2.00 donation
Friday 14th December – Valentine Shortbread, Red Velvet Cup Cakes and Heart Shaped Biscuits available from both kitchens
Half Term Holiday – School closes Friday 14th February – Holiday – Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
Thursday 27th February – Year 9 Parent's Evening – Bader Hall 4.30pm – 7.00pm



There are still tickets available for our Production of Grease on the 5th, 6th and 7th February £5 for children under 18, £8 for Adults. We look forward to seeing you there. Book them via Parentpay or send cash into Main Reception.

News from the Governor's

From the Chair of the Governors' Student and Staff Welfare Committee:

One of the Governor committees that meets each term at KEVI is known as the SSW Committee. This stands for Student and Staff Welfare, and has an overview of many aspects of school life.

Our role is to offer support and challenge to the school leadership team, and to hold them to account in the interests of the students. We are also mindful of the school's statutory responsibilities as well as the legal requirements that Governors must fulfil. We come from a range of backgrounds and some of us are or have been parents of KEVI students so I hope that we bring a broad perspective to the meetings.

At each meeting, we always review student numbers, and data on attendance, pupil absence and fixed term and permanent exclusions. We also look at data on students placed in isolation, and those on Pastoral and Achievement support plans. This information is always anonymous - we review trends and where we can, we compare to national expectations or outcomes. Our data is detailed and broken down in many different ways so we can track patterns and areas of possible concern. We hold the Senior staff accountable by questioning and asking them to explain trends and patterns. They also keep us informed on how they are managing issues linked to student attendance, absence and behaviour.

This committee also has responsibility for areas of school life including Data Protection and GDPR, Relationships and Sex Education, Educational visits, supporting students with Medical needs, Staff Codes of Conduct, Behaviour, Safeguarding, including Child Protection, Health and Safety, Special Educational Needs and Attendance. We meet key staff who have responsibility for these areas, discuss and review policies and where appropriate, ask for clarification or action on anything that Governors think is relevant.

Some members of this committee are link Governors with key staff members. They meet 1-1 with lead staff regularly to discuss areas, e.g. Safeguarding, Health and Safety or Special Educational Needs. Visits can include site walks where appropriate. This means that we know the school well and can offer detailed insight into issues that Governors need to be informed about.

School is about so much more than exams and qualifications - this committee has an overview of all the work that often goes on behind the scenes, but is vital for the wellbeing of all students and staff.

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Charity Donations

A huge thank you to everyone that supported our Christmas Charity Appeal – the minibus was “fit to burst” with your generosity.



PSHE



Year 7 – Relationships – Fertility and Reproduction

Year 8 – Health – Body image - online

Year 9 – Careers Y9 options – Taster sessions/Employability

Year 10 – Citizenship – Human Rights/International Law

Year 11 – Relationships – Parenting

Art Department Request

If anyone has any old cotton fabrics, sheets, towels etc that are no longer wanted at home, the Art department would be most grateful to receive any that you may be thinking of throwing out.
Thank you

Special “Heart Themed – Wear Red” Non Uniform Day Friday 14th February £2.00 per student

Money raised will go towards the refurbishment of our Student Support Centre. We are renovating the centre to improve the environment for working with students on positive mental health and emotional wellbeing.

We have secured a grant to help with the cost of electrical upgrades, redecoration, kitchen and bathroom replacement, new carpets, doors, radiators and workspace improvements. The money raised on the 14th will allow us to meet the costs of the project not covered by the grant.

Your support would be greatly appreciated. **Thank you**

Look out in the school canteens for special Valentine themed treats

Extra-Curricular Activities



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