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## Welcome to our **Winter Newsletter...**

**Dawn Cotter – Principal**

As the autumn term comes to a close I have been reflecting upon my first term as Principal. It has been a pleasure to be able to meet so many of you through some of the parent events that have taken place this term and I look forward to continuing to get to know more of you as the year progresses. In particular I have been thinking about the new building that is rapidly rising in our midst. Students have already started to have the opportunity to be taken on tours around the building. I have been meeting with our contractors and am truly impressed with the extent of the marvellous resources that we are going to have in the future.

Her Majesty's Inspectors surprised us with an early visit in the 5th week of term but we were pleased with the many positive comments that they made in our report. Particularly they were very impressed with the behaviour and conduct of our students around the Academy and the contribution that they make to the school community and the wider community. They also commented on the good quality of the wider curriculum experiences that we provide for our students. You will be able to read about some of these in the newsletter.

There have been key highlights for all year groups such as the Year 3 trip to London to see the Lion King and the Year 11 motivational

trip to Salcey Forest to take part in survival activities! Sport is a key feature of life at KBA and you will find inside reference to many sporting successes over the current term.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas with your families.



Year 11 students checking out the progress of the new build. See more pictures on page 8.

**PULL OUT  
AND KEEP!**

**YOUR HANDY GUIDE TO...THE NEW BUILD!!!**

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## A New Challenge

John Mason, Deputy Principal



Having spent 23 years as a PE teacher at Montagu School and Kettering Buccleuch Academy I started the new school year with a big challenge in my new role as Deputy Principal. It has been quite a change for me. I do miss teaching practical PE but my new role has allowed me to see and experience so many fantastic aspects of academy life. Some of the things that have stood out for me have been:

- Visiting a reception class and being drawn around on a huge piece of paper.
- Experiencing the exciting and varied lessons that take place on the primary site.
- Watching talented teachers delivering exciting and imaginative lessons in all areas of the academy.
- Having a fantastic time on our Year 6 Open Evening doing all the fun activities that had been put on by the different faculties.

- Being carried around on a stretcher and looked after by Year 11 students on our survival days in Salcey Forest.
- Seeing the determination to do well of our Year 11 students who attended the Maths Conference at Kettering Rugby Club.
- Meeting so many supportive parents of children across all age groups who are so keen for their children to do well.
- Comments from students who can't get used to seeing me in a suit!

The new job is a tough one but when I see our students making progress and enjoying their time at the academy in so many different ways my main thought is of how lucky I am to have this opportunity.

**John Mason**  
**Deputy Principal**

## KBA Stop Smoking Service

Nurse Carole is an NHS Stop Smoking Advisor, and is available to students, their families and staff. This service is facilitated by the NHS Northamptonshire Stop Smoking Service.

Each person is assessed individually, carbon monoxide readings taken, and Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) prescribed. NRT is given on prescription and is therefore vastly cheaper than buying from a store. Each person is monitored and supported,

weekly for students and fortnightly for adults. This monitoring and support continues for twelve weeks.

Many students, parents and staff have already benefitted from this service, being now healthier and wealthier!!

Nurse Carole will be very happy to receive enquiries about the service offered.



## A Governor's blog

Steve Mutton, Governor

### KBA-FA...Believing is Achieving!

Hi all, and welcome to our first insert into the newsletter!

We are the getting the Friends Association off the ground to raise much needed money for the students and the whole academy to buy the extra bits that the normal funding doesn't reach to.

We need HELP though! Who do we need you say? Well that's easy. If you are reading this then, as a famous advert says, It could be You!

We need helpers for events, we need people who can talk to people, we need event organizers; the list is endless. You may know someone who can run games and more. Basically, if you can spare us any time at all then that's great.

Call me on **07847 320880** and leave a message or text me and I will return your call.

Or even tweet us **@kba\_fa, #kbafundraisers**

It's for your children

and Kettering Buccleuch Academy.

Go on, you know you want to!

**Steve Mutton,**  
**Chair of the**  
**KBA-FA**





## Inga Walters

Vice Principal,  
Head of Foundation Phase

In the Foundation Phase we have had lots of new beginnings. We have new staff who have joined us, Ms MacGregor, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Mayer-Gibb, Mrs Smith, Miss McMaster and Mr Milne. We have some new children in Year 1 and Year 2 and we have 60 new children in our Reception classes. The Foundation Phase numbers continue to grow year on year and this makes our school and classes a vibrant and exciting place to learn and develop. We also have a new Principal, Miss Cotter, and we are looking forward to new ways of working together to make our academy the best it can be.

We were lucky to have an inspection in our first term of school. The inspection team recognised the good work that was already in place and the work that was developing throughout the academy. We asked our children what they thought about their school. 96% of children said that they thought their teachers knew what to do to help them be the best that they could be and

97% said that their teachers expected them to work hard. The inspectors agreed with the children!

Celebration Assemblies are one of our special times when we celebrate achievement not only in school but also at home. A big thank you to parents that have brought in special achievement awards to share with the whole school. We have shared certificates, medals and rosettes in dance, swimming, Badgers, Beavers, football, gym, library skills and Athletics. We regularly send home information on what activities are being held in the community and many of our families join in with these.

Parents have been in to school to help during art and craft day, share targets with their children, read with their own child and others, learn about Athletics and Read Write Inc and join in with some of our topic work. Some of our parents have joined the Let's Get Cooking club with Jill Pettigrew and Sarah Towell and are sharing special recipes.

Parents have also been really supportive in listening to children read at home and helping their children with homework. We had a fabulous response to our Harvest Festival competition with many creative imaginative autumnal scenes. Finally, our children continue to make us proud. We have many visitors in school and all comment on how well the children behave. Children have been out and about visiting West Lodge Farm, Northampton Shoe Museum, Nene Valley Railway, The War Memorial and other local areas of interest. They show a good attitude to learning about their environment and they are excited about their own learning journeys.

A special pantomime at the end of the Autumn term was arranged as a special thank you to the children.

Thank you to parents and the local community for supporting the work that we do in school.



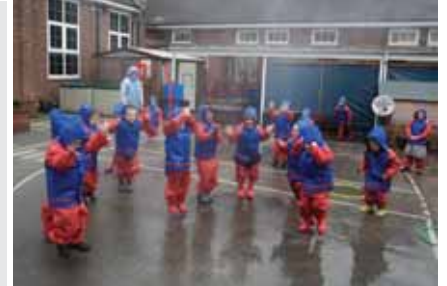
## Harvest Festival

The competition this year is to create a harvest story, harvest song or harvest scene in a shoebox. For example 'Hello Harvest Moon' or 'The Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'. We looked for children's work when judging the competition and here are the winners.



## It's raining – it's pouring...

The children from Maple and Holly class made the most of the rain and put on the waterproof trousers and coats and wellington boots to splash in the puddles. The children had a lovely time and Cavan thought it was great to splash!



## Mikey's Sunflower

As school finished everything was packed up and put away, children were sent home with their work and projects for the year. They all left school with a little yoghurt pot which held a little seed that they had planted when they came back to school after the Easter break. Little did we know they had been given mutant sunflower seeds.

Towards the end of the summer holidays I started taking pictures as I could not believe, but was so proud of, this sunflower that had grown from a tiny little twig plant into this superior sunflower.



## Learning Resource Centre

Ten Year 4 children visited the Learning Resource Centre in Term 1 to take part in a Horrid Henry Literacy Course with Mrs Georgeson. The course was over six weeks and the children focussed on the book

'Horrid Henry and the Football Fiend', reading the stories and taking part in lots of fun activities. At the end of the course they were able to keep their own copy of the book and a folder full of lots of stationery.



## Remembrance Day

On 15th November 2011 I joined Birch and Cherry class from the Foundation phase on a walk to visit the museum and war memorial in Kettering. It was a nice sunny afternoon and we had a pleasant walk.

On arrival we split into two groups. The children sketched poppies, wreaths and crosses from around the war memorial. Inside the museum they were told and shown about gas masks and ration books. Air raid shelters and air raid sirens were also mentioned and the children asked lots of questions. Old toys of that time could be seen and the children were very interested. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

**Roy Breakspear**  
**Friends Association**



## Art Attack

Maple and Holly class went into the playground and made an "art attack" rainbow as we are looking at colours at the moment. The children found the items themselves and put them into the rainbow.



## Natural Rainbows

Today Maple and Holly class have made a natural rainbow with things we have found outside school.



Pictured: Tallulah, Marta, Sanjay, Samantha and Mollie putting what they have found on the rainbow.

## Parent Reading

On the first Thursday of the month we invite parents in to read with their children at the start of the morning.



## Certificates & Awards

Maple (Right) and Holly (Bottom Right) class children who have 100% attendance. (Below) Lee who plays football after school and Annie who attends dancing classes after school. The children showed their awards in assembly.



## Stay and play Extended hours provision

This year for our reception children we are offering an extended hour's provision. Once a term your child can stay as part of a small group in school to spend some special time with their teacher.

This time will be spent doing something that we feel would be more effective in a small group i.e. cooking.

The children will also be able to free flow around the area and enjoy the quieter environment.

**The groups will run after school until 4.30pm**



## First Week At School

A selection of photos from the first week that the reception children joined our school.



## Sports Day

We had a lot of parents who came to cheer their children on. We had a walking with a bean bag on the head race, then we had a flipping the bean bag race followed by a race on the space hoppers and finished with a running race. All the children said they had fun. We then took a picture of the children with the stickers that they had won and printed them on to a sheet that the children then decorated and took home to show their proud parents.



## Diwali

We were busy for Diwali learning about Diwali the festival of light. We made lanterns and talked about how the festival is celebrated. This then linked in with our new topic Light and Dark. The children have been busy enjoying their new light and dark role play area in class and know that dark can be fun.



## Noah's Ark

**This week we have been learning about Noah's Ark**

All the children dressed up as animals and were in pairs. We then made a huge Noah's Ark out of cardboard. It filled Holly class and all the "animals" sat inside the Ark and sang a song about Noah's Ark.



## Story Telling Chair

This is Josh. He wanted to go and sit on the story telling chair and was telling other children stories that he made up.





**Julia Rose**  
Head of Key Stage 2



The Autumn Term is always full of new beginnings, whether this is new pupils, new staff, changes to the curriculum or alterations to the building. It is always my favourite time of year and favourite term. The Year 3 pupils have settled in quickly and we welcome them to Key Stage 2, as well as welcoming new pupils in all year groups and welcoming back all our students. Even though it will be less than 18 months until we are in our new building we still want our pupils to work in the best environment as possible. The hall has been decorated, some classrooms freshened up and corridors brightened. We have many new additions to our library, with exciting reads for all pupils to get stuck in to, as well as new non-fiction books to help with their topics. We are focusing on giving our pupils as many opportunities to read as possible this year, with our new books, reading in the morning, buddy readers, Readathons and even more author visits.

We introduced a new behaviour reward scheme in September – It's Good to be Green! When we hear of 'being green' we often think of recycling and saving the environment, but when we hear; 'I've been green all day' we know that means a pupil has followed all the school rules all day. The scheme is going well and all children are enjoying collecting their green stickers daily and weekly on their special bookmarks. Throughout the year there are rewards for those pupils who collect full book marks, with postcards home, pencils, rulers and badges to say well done for 'Being Green!' The Autumn Term on the KS2 site has continued to be an exciting one packed full of exciting outside visits, visitors coming into the school and many activities to enrich our

children's learning. Our curriculum projects over the term have been packed full with lots of activities and learning opportunities. Year 3's first project of the year was Walk for Water. The pupils look at a village in Africa and raise money by completing a sponsored walk around the field for Water Aid. As well as having a visiting speaker from Water Aid to enhance their learning, the Year 3's had the wonderful opportunity of going to London to see The Lion King. They had an amazing time! Year 4 have been designing their own schools with their project, 'Under One Roof'. The pupils were offered a first glance at our new building by visiting the building site with their hard hats and hard pressing questions for the project managers. Everybody was really impressed with their grand designs in their Expo. Year 5 have been going virtual this term with trialling the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), where they are able to complete tasks for their teachers and home learning projects online. This is proving very popular and will be developed across the Key Stage in the next term. Year 5 created a huge debate over the possibility of a factory being built on the school field with their 'Off Our Land!' project. They presented such a wonderful debate that many parents thought that the possibility was true. Some budding politicians and actors in Year 5 are emerging! Year 6 have been journeying down the river Ise this term with a river walk and river surveying at Newton Field Centre. They learnt about the water cycle, how rivers are affected by pollution and created some very imaginative poems about rivers. Our children have been involved in specialist workshops and talks this term as a whole school and in year groups. All year groups took part in Indian dance workshops,

where they completed a dance as a whole class and then showed this to the school at the end of the day. A little piece of Bollywood was brought to KS2 that day, as the children were amazing at displaying their dance skills that had been learnt in just 40 minutes! We welcomed back the African drumming workshop, which was enjoyed by all, our visitors from Kuwait enjoyed watching the children pick up African rhythms so quickly. We have been lucky to have another famous author in school organised by Mrs Georgeson. There was much laughter coming from the hall with Paul Cookson reading his hilarious poetry, especially the ones about teachers!

The KS2 children have been busy raising money for great causes with Roald Dahl day, where the children had to dress as a character from one of his books or wear yellow. There were a lot of witches, Umpa Lumpas, Willy Wonkers and even a pair of Twits in school that day! Our harvest festival was an opportunity to help others by collecting packets and tins for Save the Children. We enjoyed a wonderful collection of harvest creatures and enjoyed songs to celebrate the Autumn Harvest. We enjoyed not having to get dressed one morning to help raise money for Children in Need by coming to school in our pyjamas. Miss Cotter thought she was going mad when we all turned up to assembly in our pjs and with our teddies!

We look forward to another exciting year ahead with many activities, concerts, visits and learning opportunities planned. This will be our final full year on Laburnum Crescent and we intend to make sure it is the best ever!

## VEGE CREATURES

It has now become tradition that during our Harvest celebrations, we also hold a "vegetable creatures" competition. All children are encouraged to make creatures out of any vegetable they can think of! As usual we had some very creative entries and Miss Rose had a difficult decision to make when selecting our winners!

There was one winner from each house and 1 winner overall.

<b>Hoy</b>	-	Asher Muganiwa
<b>Adlington</b>	-	Gabriel Ziolkoski
<b>Redgrave</b>	-	Aaron Walding
<b>Holmes</b>	-	Jeffrey Guarin

The overall winner was Meera Mentex in Year 3.



The winning entry by Meera Mentax

## Newton Field Centre

On 23rd September, Year 6 travelled to Newton Field Centre. The centre gave the children the opportunity to carry out river research and study work which, ordinarily they wouldn't be able to have access to. In the morning the children worked in groups to study the river's current, the depth of the

river and measure the curve of a meander. In the afternoon the children carried out investigations into the river as a habitat but studying the organisms that live within it. Using sorting techniques and microscopes the children were able to get a close and detailed look at a wide variety river life.



## River Walk

On 9th September, to launch the 'Journey Down the River' unit, Year 6 spent the afternoon strolling along the River Ise! With such a lovely natural resource within walking distance, the children were able to give real life context to the upcoming River unit. As the children walked, they pointed out the features of a river and had discussions about pollution and the local habitats.



## Indian Dance Workshop

On Wednesday 9th November all of the classes on the development phase site took part in a Indian Dance workshop! The children all had lots of fun and really enjoyed the session!

At the end of the day there was an assembly where the children shared their dances with each other.



## African Drumming

On Thursday 6th October, the children at the Development Phase all spent time in the African Drumming workshops!

The children in Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed the African drumming, especially since they were researching Kenya. They were able to use the information gained from this within their lessons. They managed to get the rhythm really well.

At the end of the day each class had the opportunity to show their friends what they had learnt.



## Waste Education Bus

All the children from Years 4 and 5 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit the Waste Education Bus. Both year groups have been looking at recycling as part of their integrated curriculum topics. The Waste Education Bus has been refurbished and our children were the very first people to see it! The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils.



## Harvest Festival

On Friday 14th October all of the children took part in our Harvest Festival. There was some beautiful singing from the school Choir, along with readings from each of the year groups. We had lots of visitors join us for this assembly, including representatives from Save the Children.

During the singing, the children donated items of food which were collected by our School Council, then, at the end of the celebration this was presented to Save the Children!





# A Handy Guide...

## ...To The New Build



### New Build Tours

On Friday 4th November I was lucky enough to take my Year 11 Physics class over to the new Academy building for a tour with the site manager. The students and I were very excited as for several weeks we had seen this large building beginning to loom over the current site. We were among the first from the Extension Phase to get a look inside. After donning our safety gear the tour began. I was surprised initially by how large the building felt inside. I used to work

in construction, so am used to building sites, but this still seemed far larger than I had imagined from the plans and model in reception.

Work seemed to be coming along very quickly and already you could see the layout of rooms on the floor and really start to get a feel of what it will be like in just over a year's time.

The students also enjoyed the experience and were especially impressed with the large

number of sixth form rooms they will be able to use and the open air terrace leading from the art barn. The view of Kettering and the surrounding areas is unique and I for one cannot wait to be working in the new Academy building.

**Iain Holmes**

View the live new build online footage at <http://tinyurl.com/kbanewbuild>

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## HOW'S IT GOING? VERY WELL!

You should all have noticed how the new building is now well out of the ground, towering over the main entrance. In fact, the majority of the substructure has now started with the structural steel work mostly completed, external walls formed, windows being installed and the roof is mainly covered.

The next important push is to get the building completely watertight. This requires the installation of all windows and curtain walling and, most importantly, the nine large rooflights.

Internally, the layout of the new Academy is taking shape with room walls being erected. When you next visit the site you should get a feel for the size of the rooms and how they will function.

Also, you will start to appreciate the wow factor of the central atrium with its high curved walls, large overhead skylights spilling natural daylight in and the curved central staircases.

So, all in all, your new Academy is taking shape and you can start to see it for real now!



## New Build

Year 4's integrated topic for this term is 'Under One Roof'. During this topic the children learn all about the impact the new school will have on the local community and the environment. As part of their research they were the first pupils to set foot inside the new building! Emily Craven said "It was fantastic because we got to see all the fascinating work the builders were doing." Kieron Driver said "We are so lucky to be the first people to go inside! I can't wait until it is finished!"



## Building Safety

On Tuesday 8th November, representatives from Willmott Dixon came to do an assembly for us on building site safety. The motto was "stay safe, play safe." There was a very colourful character called Ivor Goodsite. He showed us all the correct clothing to wear on a building site.



# Charity Corner



## Charity Corner

### Hot off the press:

Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 took part in the Readathon 2011

**Raising £586.55**

Last year the grand total raised was a massive

**£7569.59**

Can we raise more this year?

ROALD DAHLS MARVELLOUS CHILDRENS CHARITY	£90.50
JEANS FOR GENES DAY	£260.11
MCMILLAN NURSES	£112.08
WEAR IT PINK	£933.28
WALK FOR WATER	£193.89
<b>TOTAL TO DATE:</b>	<b>£1,589.86</b>

## Wear It Pink Day

KBA took part again in the Wear It Pink day with students and staff coming to school in something pink!

It's a simple way to **BE PART OF THE CURE** and support the thousands of people affected by breast cancer in the UK today.



## Jeans For Genes

Jeans for Genes Day was really successful this year with the majority of staff and pupils wearing their jeans in order to raise money for charity. *"Everyone looked fantastic in their jeans and I think everyone enjoyed it!" - Tia-Louise Harvey.* It was this year's School Council's first organised event. *"I really enjoyed counting the money because it was my first job as the school's treasurer and I can't believe we raised £122 which was more than last year!" - Jaina*



## Children In Need

BBC Children in Need is the BBC's UK corporate charity.

Their vision is that every child in the UK has a childhood which is:

- Safe
- Happy and Secure
- Allows them the chance to reach their potential

Thanks to the support of the public, we're able to make a real difference to the lives of children all across the UK.

They provide grants to projects in the UK which focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged.

Every penny from the money you raise or donate will go towards helping disadvantaged children and young people right here in the UK. They are able to make this promise because we use investment income and Gift Aid to cover all running costs, meaning that you can be sure your money makes a real difference.

Children and staff on the Development site came to school dressed in their pyjamas for the day!!



# Charity Corner



## Romania Outlook Expedition 2012

You may never have considered Romania as an expedition destination. Well, think again! If tales of Dracula and Transylvania don't awaken your curiosity then majestic castles, medieval towns and some really fantastic skiing will definitely turn your head. The densely forested Carpathian Mountains are a hiker's haven and Europe's largest wetland, the Danube Delta provides nature addicts with endless wildlife spotting opportunities.

We have 14 enthusiastic students preparing to go to Romania with Outlook Expeditions in October 2012. They have begun fundraising and have decided to meet every Friday from 3-4pm to spend time planning the programme for the year leading up to the event.

A few ideas have been bounced around and we are looking to arrange sessions with Nurse

Carole to look at basic first aid, healthy eating and preparing to go abroad, sessions with Mr Willows to learn basic camp craft before going to Wales to practice around Easter time and perhaps looking at equipment and sessions with a member of the PE staff on preparing a training programme.

They are currently looking at a session for learning to pack shopping before we go to Sainsbury's in December, and we are planning to invite a Romanian student to teach them some basic phrases.

If you would like to offer them a session on something they would benefit from I am sure they would be very grateful.



## Fairy Cake Stall

In autumn 2012, when we will be in Year 9, the three of us and some others will hopefully be going on an expedition to Romania with Outlook Expeditions. We need to raise £945 each to go on this trip and this is to be raised through fundraising. To start our fundraising, we decided to do a cake stall, which was partly organised by KBA's Business Manager, Mrs Willis. It took two to three weeks to put together. We started by asking the supervisor at our cake stall to organise a float, then we had to make the cakes. During the organisation of this we went to several meetings with the Business Manager so she could track our progress and make sure it could all happen. When it came to the Friday of the sale, we had sold all our cakes by lunchtime and not a single cake was left!

Altogether we raised £51.33 and we want to thank the buyers of our cakes and hope to see you at one of our future cake stalls. We had to ask the canteen staff for platters and table cloths and they helped us out. There was also a poster which Mrs Willis sent via email to the staff and we then put the poster up in each faculty area.

**Charlotte Bee, Julia Bickle and Paula Kowalska**



## Clothing Bank

Each year the British public throw away over a million tonnes of textiles, the vast majority of which could be used or recycled. The Clothing Bank is located outside the Community Sports Centre on the Weekley Glebe Road site.

This offers an environmentally friendly alternative to this wastage. By depositing textiles into a bank your clothes, shoes and textiles will receive a second lease of life and help worthy organisations raise much needed funds.

We have joined forces with UK Textile Recycling who are a family run business, specialising in the collection and recycling of clothes, shoes and household linen. Based in Northamptonshire and having over 15 year's experience and knowledge of recycling textiles and clothing, they support and work closely with many charities, schools and community groups.

By having one of the clothing banks sited at Kettering Buccleuch Academy we can receive an amount per tonne for all the textiles the bank collects.

This not only helps generate a revenue for our Academy but also helps to encourage and educate us all to understand the ecological benefits of recycling unwanted clothes and shoes.

Ecological benefits include:

- Reducing the need for landfill space.
- Less pressure to use raw materials.
- Recycling results in less pollution and energy savings.
- Reducing the need to import raw materials from abroad

**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE**



## World of Work Day – WOW!!!

To help them make decisions about options and future career pathways, we put on a World of Work day for students in Years 9 and 11. This built on one of the key values in the academy that encourages students to think and make decisions about what they want to do in the future.

The day started with a talk from Olympic medal winning cyclist, Brian Steel, who spoke about how he had achieved his dream of success in his chosen career.

Students were then able to choose 3 workshops to attend that provided information about a variety of different career or educational pathways. The workshops ranged from midwifery to careers in construction, the RAF and even funeral services.

After school there was a careers event with a variety of stalls run by a variety of employers, training and educational establishments and our own staff who showcased the variety of courses that students can opt to study in Year 10 and in the Sixth Form.

We are very grateful to all the people who contributed to the day and gave our students plenty of food for thought about their option choices and career choices.

### World of Work – WOW Day

I am a commercial dispute resolution solicitor, and was invited by the school to take part in the recent "WOW" day on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

I must say that I was really "wowed" by the level of enthusiasm and quality of the questions that the pupils put to me during my workshops. One of the questions that made me smile was "How much do you earn?"

I held three workshops which was attended by about twenty or so year 9 and 11 students in each session.

We discussed matters like why I became a solicitor, the skills and personal attributes required to do the job, the qualifications required, and how long it takes to qualify. The workshop ended with a legal quiz which was designed to test communication and listening skills.

I was very impressed with the way how I was made to feel welcome by the pupils, and have no doubt that some of them will become business leaders and employers of tomorrow!

May I thank the school and the organisers of the event the opportunity to enable Friday legal to engage with the pupils, teachers and parents about the legal profession.

Friday legal has been established as a specialist business advisory solicitors practice based in Corby. At Friday legal we can help you with setting up and growing your business, putting together terms and conditions of business, buying and selling land, employment matters and issues relating to breach of contract.

I take a special interest in mentoring and coaching young adults having recently completed a business and mentoring qualification at the University of Northampton. I would have no hesitation in working with the school on future projects.

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## Blood Brothers

On Wednesday 9th November 2011, KBA drama students from Years 10, 11 and 12 went to the Dergate Theatre in Northampton to see the musical play 'Blood Brothers'. We went in the evening and got there for about 7pm and returned to Kettering around 11pm. It was a really late show but it was very good.

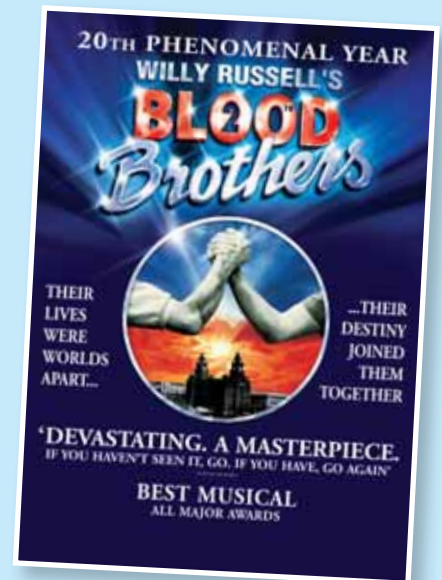
'Blood Brothers' is a musical play set in Liverpool about a pair of twin brothers separated at birth as their mother wasn't able to support them both financially, due to already having children and not being well off. So, she gives one of them to a more able family. Unaware that they're related, and at poor attempts from the two mothers to keep

them away from each other they became childhood friends. To prevent it, the richer family move away but they meet again in their teenage years.

A very sad, unfortunate story with a very tragic end, everybody felt for Mrs Johnstone. However, with some very funny points and with excellent performances from all actors, especially the ones who played Mickey and Eddie as children and late on as adults!

A big thank-you to all of the teachers involved in organising the event, and for taking us at such a late time. I'm sure all students who went would agree with me when I say it was a brilliant night!

**Lisa Eady 11ES**



## Year 12 Trip To Norfolk

On 22nd and 23rd June the geography department at KBA took our Y12 pupils to North Norfolk to study coastal processes. It was a great trip and the students enjoyed themselves, testing for longshore drift and succession. They visited Wells next the sea, Cley next to the sea, Weybourne, Sheringham and Cromer. Matthew Tyler

said "It was a geographical experience I will never forget". Matthew Johns said "I love pebbles". Shannon was not impressed with the sea filling her boots as the tide came in. All pupils enjoyed the novelty of sleeping in bunk beds and hope they go on another geography trip next year.





## Dino Di Salvo

Deputy Principal



Welcome back.

I still cannot believe how quickly this term is flying and we are now fast approaching Christmas! It is good to see all Year 7 students enjoying life at KBA and taking an active part within the Academy.

Our term highlights started with learning survival skills in Salcey Forest with a group of Year 11 students. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and worked really well together. The day ended with the students bringing together all the skills and knowledge they had learnt throughout the day and placing them into a real life scenario in rescuing a teacher. Well done to all the students who worked brilliantly on the day!

There have been so many fantastic activities and events taking place this term which you can read about in this newsletter. A memorable highlight for me was the World of Work Day where students in Years 9 and 11 attended a variety of workshops from different businesses. The day finished with a careers fair where parents and students were able to find out additional information about courses and occupations from a wide variety of professionals.

Over forty Year 10s visited Dergate to watch the performance of 'Blood Brothers' as part

of their GCSE course, which not only allowed them to gain an insight into the text but also provided some students with their first ever experience of a live theatre performance. Talking of performances, some of our sports teams have produced some outstanding results. A special mention must go to the boys' rugby team who have strung together a run of good results. Beating Northampton Academy was a particularly special achievement.

However, it is not just the students who have been busy; staff too have worked incredibly hard. Part of my role is developing and improving teaching and learning, therefore I oversee the Teaching and Learning communities in which all staff are involved. In these communities, staff take part in active lessons taught by their colleagues and this enables them to share good practice. The purpose is to ensure all lessons taught are engaging and provide the best experience for our students.

I will keep you updated with more developments throughout the year. I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dino Di Salvo

## Duke Of Edinburgh



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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at KBA has had a busy start to the academic year. The Bronze group have completed their expedition training and will be assessed on their newly acquired skills in the spring. This could not have happened without the help of staff from the academy and helpers from the wider community. We would like to thank Miss Orton, Mr Johnson, Mr Kilsby, Mick Britten, Jen Green, Alison Lindley, Caroline Gowen and students from the Gold and Silver groups.

Last summer the Silver group completed their Silver assessed expedition. Well done to Luke Vjestica, Brandon Belmar-Singh, Joe Cassidy, Larissa Martin and Olivia Hopkins-Young. Also the Gold Group completed their training Expedition in the Lake District. Thanks to Jen Green and Andi Bettridge for helping on these trips. The wild camping was the highlight with fantastic weather, majestic mountain and a cool river to wash in. Heaven!

Martyn Willows, Duke of Edinburgh's  
Award Coordinator, KBA

## Our Cadburys World Experience

**Year 11 business and logistics students visited Cadburys to further understanding and knowledge of large organisations in preparation for forthcoming coursework and enhance learning in the classroom. The site tour proved to be valuable in developing learning on marketing, production and movement of goods within a busy working environment.**

Here is their experience-

### OUR CADBURYS WORLD EXPERIENCE

by Jasmine Flynn 11SK, Natasha Rebhan 11TWL and Ava Markie 11TWL

On Monday 17th October 2011 we visited Cadburys World. The trip was very exciting. We learnt lots of different things whilst we were there. Firstly we learnt that Cadburys do a whole range of products, not just the simple ones that we know of like 'dairy milk'!

The whole day was a whirlwind of an experience. We were in chocolate heaven. We were greeted by someone giving us a Cadbury's Crunchie and a Cadbury's Curly Wurly.

Firstly we were shown the findings of Cadburys World which started off by accident and soon became one of the biggest and best chocolate brands in the world.

We went onto the next room which showed us how the chocolate was made. In this room it was very exciting because when they showed that the coco beans are shaken before roasting the benches shook from side to side.

We then walked around all of the production rooms which showed us all the packaging.

Next we got to write our name in

chocolate and then we got a small sample pot of chocolate each. Then we were given a talk about the 4 P's in Cadbury's products – product, place, price and promotion.

Then we had lunch and got to go into the shop to buy anything we wanted.



## Extreme Physics Challenge

**In Year 10 the Physics students have a league. Every piece of homework and assessment they do is given a percentage and then these are averaged.**

The two groups are competing against each other to win a place representing the Academy at a National Physics Competition next year called Extreme Physics.

There are 7 of these events across the country and we have a place at the event at Rugby School.

The top 4 students will be offered a place on the team.

They will compete against 11 other schools from across the country over 3 days completing a variety of Physics challenges

as well as having talks from world famous scientists and getting to try out indoor skydiving and climbing.

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indoor skydiving



### End of Term 1 Leader Board

Rank	Name	Average %
1	James McKenna	<b>93.3</b>
2	Aranjeet Paul	<b>90.6</b>
3	Scott Hackett	<b>88.2</b>
4	Jerin Thomas	<b>87.6</b>
5	Amy Taylor	<b>87.5</b>
6	Harvey Bithray	<b>84.4</b>
7	Reuben Andrews	<b>84.2</b>
8	Lucaas Chaiyaractha	<b>82.1</b>
9	Dominic Eddy	<b>79.7</b>
10	Philip Druce	<b>79.5</b>

## Media Studies: Visit to London Film Museum

**Advanced level Media Studies students visited the London Film Museum on Wednesday 5th October. Here is what one of the students had to say about the trip:**

### Sixth Form visit to London Film Museum

On Tuesday 4th October, Years 12 and 13 media students visited the London Film Museum for a guided tour and a workshop entitled 'Film Magic'. After the long, yet fun-filled coach journey, we arrived in London late morning and were able to split into groups to explore the area we were in before our scheduled time in the museum. Many groups went to see the famous sights of London; Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Nelsons Column and Downing Street. However some seemed more interested in finding the nearest McDonalds! Three Big Mac meals later, and one group found themselves running across the busy Westminster Bridge to make it to Mr Henton's yellow umbrella held up in sight; to make it to the start of the museum tour.

After arriving at the Film Museum, we were given a fascinating insight into the world of film through a guided tour. We were able to see props and costumes from various famous films, and also look back at the history of film and how it all began. From Mr Bean's famous brown suit to the Harry Potter Triwizard Cup, the museum was full of recognisable objects from films which we all had watched. Part of the tour led us to the Star War's props and sets, where the group was given a professional group photograph with various different shots using the light sabres as

props! Once the tour was complete we had a little time to look around the museum for ourselves and go back to the areas that interested us most. We were amazed to see the costumes, props and what goes on behind the scenes for some of our favourite films.

The 'Film Magic' workshop was a definite highlight of the day. None of the group was particularly aware of what the workshop would involve. However, it most definitely lived up to its expectations! We were introduced to Elliott, who ran the workshop for us. He explained what we would be doing and gave us a small introduction to film. During the first activity, we found ourselves miming a scene from a famous film in groups, for the rest of the group to guess. This was great fun, and allowed everybody to get involved; which would be important for the next activity! The main part of the workshop was to firstly create an idea for a film, plan the film, and shoot the film. It was very interesting to see the range of ideas which came up, from 'Pigs in a Taxi' to a life size version of 'Cluedo'. There was a costume rail at one end of the room, which had caused some confusion when we first entered the room. However it was clear now that these were the costumes we had to use for our films; long old-fashioned dresses, suits and random items of clothing were all hanging on the rail for us to choose from. It was extremely amusing to see a large group of teenagers walking through the London Film Museum wearing these



elaborate costumes whilst the general public were also browsing the museum! We were able to choose wherever we wanted to film in the museum, and every person got really involved and enjoyed the workshop, making up the script and actions to the film as we went along. After having done this, Elliott opened our film footage in the software 'Final Cut' to show us a variety of special effects that could be added using the programme. This was extremely interesting and also very helpful.

The day was a great success and a lot of fun for everyone involved. We were given a real insight into the history of film during the tour, and also into more modern filming during the 'Film Magic' workshop. We would all like to thank Elliott for running the workshop for us, but also Mr Henton and Mrs Georgeson for making this trip possible and filming the most embarrassing moments of the day!

**Hannah George**

## KBA At Westminster

On Sunday 13th November, two Kettering Buccleuch Academy students sang at the world premiere of the new King James Bible Oratorio in Westminster Abbey in London.

The two students, Kim Chamberlain and Ellie Rowden, joined approximately 60 students from across the country all of whom attend academies sponsored by the United Learning Trust (ULT), which sponsors Kettering Buccleuch, as well as pupils who attend schools owned and run by ULT's parent charity, the United Church Schools Trust (UCST).

The new ten movement Oratorio had been commissioned as a gift to ULT and UCST from Sir Ewan and Lady Harper to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. Sir Ewan, who was Chief Executive of ULT and UCST between 1991 and 2011, approached acclaimed composer Howard Goodall to compose the piece which has been entitled Every Purpose Under the Heaven and sets some of the Bible's best loved passages to music including Genesis, Psalm 121 and Ruth.

The performance, which included solos by professional singers, was conducted by composer Howard Goodall himself and received a standing ovation from the audience.

In preparation for the performance, the students participated in a day of rehearsals led by Howard Goodall in Lincoln Cathedral.

Kim Chamberlain, Year 12, who sang a soprano part in the choir, said:

***"It was great to work with someone as credited as Howard Goodall. He has composed some lovely pieces. Overall a brilliant experience."***

Ellie Rowden, Year 9, who sang a soprano part in the choir, said:

***"It's amazing to be performing in Westminster Abbey under the direction of such a great composer."***



Paul Nash, Head of Music, who also played percussion during the performance, said:

***"This has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to perform in some wonderful venues and under a great British composer of our time, Howard Goodall."***

Composer Howard Goodall said:

***"The King James Bible of 1611 is one of the cultural milestones of Western civilisation and its poetic phraseology, its narrative imagery, its ethical dilemmas and its uninhibited spirituality permeate the English language like no other document in history, with the exception of the first folio of William Shakespeare, published at more or less the same time."***

***Knowing that my 2011 King James Bible Oratorio was intended to reflect the themes of both Old and New Testaments, I set about selecting what I felt were the ten most memorable and powerful passages, then created ten movements from these, working chronologically through from Genesis to Revelation. The commission was requested and sponsored by Sir Ewan Harper with the express aim that it should be anchored in the language of the King James Bible and be accessible and suitable for young singers, so that a new generation, who might not perhaps have as easy a familiarity with the ringing phrases of the text as their parents and grandparents, might be introduced to it through the expressive power and unabashed sincerity of their own voices."***

## Points For The Prom

Year 11 students were given their Points for the Prom totals at the end of term 1. Students earn their invitation to the prom if they meet a target of 900 points. Points are awarded for attendance whereas deductions are made for poor punctuality and poor behaviour. Students will have received their updated totals by the time this newsletter reaches you.

The theme of the prom this year is James Bond: Casino Royale and it is already a topic of much discussion amongst students.

If you are the parent of a Year 11 student please ask your child to explain how Points for the Prom works in more detail.

## Year 11 Prom 2012



## Eleri Bowerman

This fantastic Year 7 student has taken her science lesson to the next level. She has been working on the topic EXTINCTION, in the brand new science scheme of work. One part of this topic concerns polar bears and their habitats.

Eleri has used her science skills and passion to write to Blue Peter about climate change and how we are pushing the polar bears to extinction because the ice is melting.



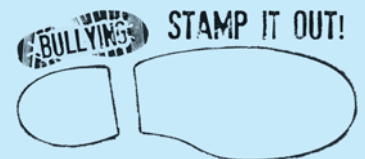
## Small Feet

The Year 10 Knitting club has been hard at work making booties for staff babies! They meet every Thursday lunchtime in the LRC for some chatting, relaxing and knitting.

## Bullying – Stamp It Out

It was National Anti-Bullying Week from 14th to 18th November. Students were asked to express their feelings about bullies and bullying in either words or images as part of our **Bullying : Stamp It Out at KBA** campaign.

Students did this using the template shown and a display was put together from the best work completed.



## Basketball

The **YEAR 11 BOYS** basketball team secured their first win in their opening league fixture against Brooke Weston.

The team were trailing going into the last quarter but a last minute 3 pointer from Taylor Wilson ensured the brand new basketball kit was not wasted.

**Scorers** – Taylor Wilson (5), Wes Wyatt (4), Connor Fisher (2), Josh Luthayi (2) and Josh Thorley (1)

**Squad** – Taylor Wilson, Wes Wyatt, Connor Fisher, Josh Luthayi, Josh Thorley, Carl Gittos, Deet Bains, Man Lee, Connor Cinato, Reece Jackson and James Pearce

Well done to all

## Rugby Roundup

**YEAR 7 BOYS** played their first ever rugby game this term, taking on Northampton Academy. The boys performed superbly well and won 20-15. Try scorers were Kieran Curtis (2), Ethan Bailey and Denzil Martin. The team consisted of David Stewart, Denzil Martin, Tymoteusz Smolak, Ethan Bailey, Kieran Webb, Liam Calderwood, Jacob Nolan, Lee Hutchinson, Kieran Curtis and Liam Taylor, the team's Head Photographer. Well done boys and good luck for the rest of the season.



Last Thursday **YEAR 8 BOYS** had a rugby match against Northampton Academy. As normal we started off with a scrum, followed straight away by a ruck, but we got it wrong, giving Northampton the chance to gain possession, sprint through and score the first try of the game. 5-0 to Northampton Academy.

KBA stood their ground and didn't back down. After the try Kettering's defence was superb and we made a great effort to get back into the game. This led to James Cameron winning the ball, making a great pass to Reece Speechley who managed to break through their defence and score a cracking try.

In the second half Mr Fraher made a change and Kieran Curtis entered the game. We

worked the ball around. They were pressuring us, but we tried and tried and eventually Liam Morris scored a beautiful try.

Northampton then cracked down on us and scored a try of their own, making the score 10-10. The final whistle went and the game was over, we shook hands and that was it.

Kettering Buccleuch Academy	10
Northampton Academy	10

**Squad** – Charlie Styles (captain), Joel Raynor, Harry Hickling, James Cameron, Ben Giddings (Year 7), Liam Morris, Ben Latham, Lee Hutchinson (Year 7), Kieran Curtis (Year 7)



## Football Roundup

### YEAR 7 BOYS

**On Tuesday 22nd November the Year 7 boys' football team played their opening round of the 11 a side cup competition.**

Away against Montsaye, the lads were committed and their early endeavour resulted in Liam Martin finishing from a Ryan Bellis cross. Jack French was replacing regular goalkeeper Mason Kerly and leading a resolute defence combination of Jude Tighe, Oliver Murison, Harvey Cleere, Jordan Radford and, man of the match, Dom Singh, the opposition were being easily held at bay. Ben Giddings and Ryan Hawthorne were controlling the centre of midfield and it was Ryan who made it 2-0 with a drive from the edge of the area. The pace of Kieran Curtis and Mitchell Plumb was causing problems as did Cian Prior when he was introduced. Montsaye scored with the last kick of the half to make it 2-1 going into the break. The start of the second half saw Montsaye score a great individual goal from their skipper and the game was deadlocked at 2-2. The ebb of the game flowed forwards and back with plenty of shots from both teams. Extra time came and went and it was to penalties. KBA won 4-3 on penalties with Jack French saving one of theirs, and Kieran, both Ryans and Liam converting theirs. The boys now face either KSA or Brooke Weston in the quarter finals.

### YEAR 10 BOYS

On 19th October Year 10 suffered a 6-0 defeat at the hands of Montsaye.

During the first half they were outstanding and managed to maintain Montsaye at 0-0. Kieran Hobbs in goal made some outstanding saves and the game was a good contest.

In the second half we continued to battle but unfortunately they managed to break us down and find the goals. Chances were missed at 1-0 and 2-0 to get us back into the game but they were able to keep us out. Credit must go to the players efforts as they did extremely well and played against a very good side. They have done the academy proud.

**Squad** – Kieran Hobbs, Phillip Druce, Daniel Cho, Harvey Bowyer, Brandon Freeman, Luke Gibson, Piotr Sajnaj, Luke Rebhan, Josh Eady, Liam Davidson, Tom Clipstone, Carl London, Nico Yazdi and Aaron Castagnette



## Congratulations Lilli!

Congratulations to Lilli Beard for coming second overall in the County Championship Gymnastics competition. Lilli competed in a variety of different events winning both the beam and floor and took second place in the bars and vault. Well done Lilli!

