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Summer 2011

the **KBAway**...



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Welcome to our **Summer Newsletter...**

Iain Denning – Principal

I have started every letter talking about another busy half term at the academy – well, my final contribution will be no exception!

As usual at KBA staff and students have been involved in a wide range of activities and opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. I had great pleasure accompanying our Year 6 students to The Emirates Stadium on 15th June. As an Arsenal fan this was a particularly enjoyable day for me but the most enjoyable part of the day was hearing the comments from our guides who praised our students' behaviour and conduct throughout our time at the stadium.

I would like to thank the staff who put so much into organising the day. I am always struck by how much time and attention to detail staff at the academy devote in bringing out the best in our students.

I thought it would also be useful to share with you some of the work that is beginning

through our sponsors, the United Learning Trust. The group of schools and academies that make up our group have embarked on a reappraisal of the spiritual values that define the ULT. Work is taking place to capture what it is that makes the group distinctive and what are the 'well spring' spiritual values which are distinctive in our group. I am sure you will hear more about the results of this work in future newsletters.

As I shared with you in our last edition of the KBA Way, I will be leaving the academy as your Principal at the end of this year.

You have also been informed that your new Principal will be Dawn Cotter who is at present Vice Principal of the Development

Phase. I would like to wish Miss Cotter and all the staff and students good luck in the future. The future is bright for the academy. Over the past two years standards have risen and expectations are now high. The new academy building is progressing well and will give the whole community the state of the art facilities that it deserves. Above all, the future is bright because of the talents of the young people who come to our academy and I look forward to hearing of their continued successes.

Year 11 students looking gorgeous at their Prom. See more fantastic pictures on page 20.



**PULL OUT
AND KEEP!**

YOUR HANDY GUIDE TO...THE SUMMER!!!

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A Governor's blog!

Steve Mutton, Governor

Journey to Mars

What can I say? A truly magnificent film by these exceptional Year 4 children, a professional film company and KBA, what a union!

The evening began in spectacular fashion with the 'stars' walking the red carpet into the theatre and stopping for a photo shoot. Once inside, we were treated to a short film written, performed and even edited by the children. 45 of them in fact took part in this production. It was awesome! All the time I've been involved with the Development Phase building over the years, as a student and then as a governor, I always wondered what went on in the cleaners' cupboard downstairs... now I know

it's actually better than the Tardis, its actually a rocket launch pad!

What a fantastic way to learn about the planets though, as they journeyed to Mars in 3 minutes, had a nose around, found a couple of friendly Martians and came back to earth the long way round, travelling past all the planets in order. Then to be boarded by pirates!!! It was a really great performance and we all enjoyed it tremendously. Well done to the children and thank you.

Thanks also to the staff involved and for inviting me to a film premiere that I will never forget.

Fantastic!

Work starts on £24m Kettering academy

Construction on the £24m Kettering Buccleuch Academy is now underway. Willmott Dixon is the contractor leading the development.

A new school building will be built, the existing sports hall refurbished and the English block will be converted into a sports pavilion.

Pre-construction works on the Weekley Glebe site has now finished and full construction works have started. Car parks and all-weather pitches will be built after the other school buildings on the site have been demolished. Ed Reynolds, Willmott Dixon's operations

director, said: *"Willmott Dixon has proven experience in the construction of educational facilities across the country which is already being demonstrated here in Kettering, with the construction of the nearby Kettering Science Academy.*

"Kettering Buccleuch Academy will strengthen the region's offering of first-class teaching facilities to make it a true centre of education."

The Kettering Buccleuch Academy is due for completion in July 2012.

Sports round The summer term has been busy, as usual, for the PE dept.

Academic

The culmination of two years' hard work by 78 Year 11s, who have completed their BTEC PE course.

The A level and A/S students completed their courses and are awaiting results.

The Year 10 BTEC groups are over half way to completing their BTEC PE course.

Leadership

65 Year 11 students successfully completed their Junior Sports Leaders Award.

38 Year 10 students are completing their first aid and Junior Sports Leaders course during enterprise week.

22 Year 12 students have completed their Community Sports Leaders Award.

Helping the community

Aysha Longhurst, Caitlin Hunter, Matthew

Earl, Sapphire Crosby, Jack Rowlett

and Kai Wright have all helped assist at sporting events for the local infant and primary schools and were described by the Partnership Development Manager for Kettering School Sports Partnership as *"the best young leaders we have ever had – outstanding"*.

PE clubs

The outstanding hard work by the PE department and coaches has enabled students to participate in a wide variety of sports clubs before school, lunchtimes and after school. At the end of Term 5 15, 614 sporting opportunities had been taken up by the students at Kettering Buccleuch Academy.

Sports teams

This term has been all about summer sports. The athletics teams have produced some great

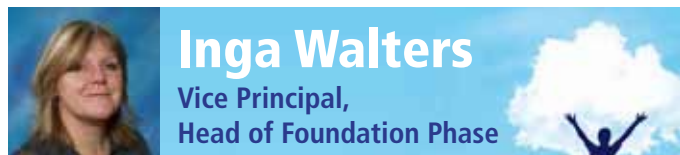
performances – Elliot Rhodes (Year 9) was selected to represent the district for Shot Putt, Jack Morley and Ben Morley (Year 7) were both selected to represent the district for middle distance running.

The girls' rounders teams have played very well this year with the Year 8 team winning the local tournament.

Thank you Mr Mason

Mr Mason is taking up a new position within the academy after 22 years as the Head of PE. His efforts, enthusiasm and drive have been an inspiration for staff and students alike, allowing PE to become a strength of the academy. As a department and on behalf of the students we would like to say thank you and wish him well in his new position.





Inga Walters
Vice Principal,
Head of Foundation Phase

As we come to the end of the school year we are beginning to plan for our next! Children in all classes have had the opportunity to meet their new teacher, visit their classrooms and talk to other children about what it is like to be in the next year group.

Year 2 children have been visiting the Development Phase Site to enable them to become familiar with the building layout and to meet staff and students.

New parents have been along to our Parent Evening to find out about their child starting school. Reception teachers have visited all new children in their existing schools and nurseries. It is, as always, a very exciting time.

We have appointed new staff to cover maternity absences. Mrs Mockford, Mrs Menzies, Ms Mayhew and Ms Varnfield will all be on maternity leave. Some of our children took part in interviewing the new staff. We will be welcoming Mrs Mayer-Gibb into Lime Class, Mrs MacGregor will be joining Mrs Bolton in Walnut Class, Mrs Simpson will be in Birch Class and Ms England will be joining our team of Lunchtime Supervisors.

Children in Year 2 have completed their end of Key Stage 1 assessments and we are pleased to see that reading scores have again been high. 96% of Year 2s achieved Level 2 and 28% Level 3. We still need to improve writing skills. Please help at home by encouraging children to create exciting stories or reports by using an extensive and rich vocabulary. Targets set at the beginning of the school year have been met by the majority of children. Our new report folders have been shared with parents during the year and have now been sent home. We encourage parents to attend parent meetings to discuss these and find ways of working together to raise standards.

Parent Surgeries have been planned throughout the year. These are an opportunity for parents to come into school to find out more, to ask questions and to offer suggestions. Most recently we have listened to parents concerning sharing information on behaviour and have now introduced the red and yellow card system. It is in its early stages and we will monitor and review its impact in the coming terms. So far we are able to say that over 90% of our children every week have had good behaviour. Well done to those children. We will aim for even higher percentages. Our target will be 100%! We know that with children, parent and staff support they will be able to do it! We enjoy a challenge.

We have had a range of visitors to the school and children have had the opportunity to join in and learn more about African drumming and mask making, multi-skill ball skills, gym, music and singing, science theatre group and activities, fund raising, community events (One World Day) and the Life Education Bus. These events and activities are planned to help children learn about themselves and others and think about their role and place in the community and beyond. We know that all of our children have tried hard to be the best that they can and that we have provided the support and learning environment to help them achieve this. Thank you, again, to all those parents who have attended school events, practised and helped children with their homework, made costumes or brought in work from home to share, given money or items to charity, offered advice and suggestions and who have worked constructively alongside us. We all deserve a well earned rest and I hope that the sun shines throughout the summer break.



Chicks in class!

This week in Maple class we have had 10 eggs in an incubator. We had 9 chicks that hatched. All the children in Holly class and Maple class have held the chicks. Even Mrs Walters held one! Emily said the chicks were fluffy and soft. We have also cooked eggs and have had egg sandwiches. We had quite a few parents attend. The children enjoyed telling parents all about how the chicks were growing. When we had time, we even made some models out of clay!



FAMILY READING

We have also had family reading this week where parents come in the first Thursday of the month to share a book with their child. This is very popular and Maple class had a good turn out of parents.



Holly and Maple activities

In Holly and Maple class we have been learning about the Three Little Pigs. We have made a house with bricks and been outside to the teepee made from sticks. We have also acted out the story. We have had visitors who came into school for African international day and we all acted out an animal story and listened to the drums. We have also been making flowers from paper but we didn't use scissors. We used our hands to pinch and pull the paper.



Minibeasts

This term some of Maple class chose to go outside and dig in the mud looking for minibeasts. They have had so much fun looking through the magnifiers.



PLAYGROUND SPORTS

Nabil wanted to see how many times he could bounce a football; he thought he would be able to bounce it 6 times but managed to bounce it 30 times – he was so excited!

George wanted to be able to throw a ball through the basketball hoop 10 times. He managed to do it and said: *"it took a long time because I kept missing it but I am going to keep trying"*.



Parents at school

Holly and Maple have recently had Parents' Evening. We also invited parents to come in between 2pm and 3pm to see their children and to do some activities with them. We have been decorating the tubes from the carpet shop. The children painted them green and then made flowers from tissue and paper, with the parents help, and stuck them onto the carpet tubes. We have put them in the corridor and covered them with material, just like you would have at a wedding. We have had our assembly to see who had 100% attendance and given out certificates to the proud students.



Our beautifully decorated corridor

Mother's Day

The children in Maple and Holly class all made a Mother's Day card for Mothering Sunday. They then went to the post office to buy the stamps.

The children put the card in the envelope, added the address label, licked the stamp onto the envelope and then went to the post box and posted their Mother's Day card. We have also had a post office in Holly class and a sorting office in Maple class.



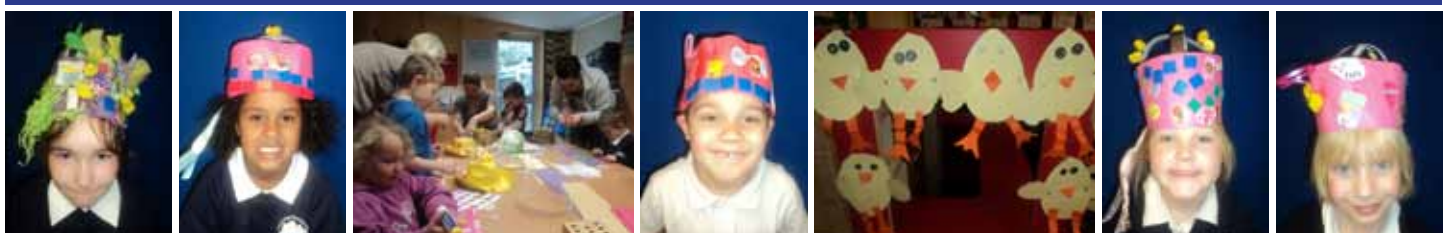
100% attendance – well done!

STANWICK LAKES

On Thursday 19th May Maple and Holly classes went to Stanwick Lakes for a visit. We had a Ranger who told us all about our senses. We smelt the plants, we listened to all the noises, we saw lots of different things that we don't see in Kettering every day, heard lots of birds and we felt lots of different textures. We played in the sand, had an ice lolly then came home on the bus.



Maple class parents came to the Easter art and craft afternoon



The Royal Wedding

In Holly class we have made a church role play area and in Maple class we have had a wedding shop. We came to school on Wednesday in uniform and then changed into special clothes to go to church and to celebrate our school wedding. On Wednesday we went to see St Marys Church and Grange Methodist church in Kettering to see how they are different and also because we have been celebrating the Royal wedding. First we walked to St Marys church and we had a good look around. The children all had a go at ringing the church bells and said it was "hard to pull the rope to make the bells work". We then went to Grange Methodist church and looked at the book that the bride and groom have to fill in after they get married and we heard the wedding march music. We then came back to school and all had our photos taken in the quiet area. Then we all went into the hall and had a dance together. The children really enjoyed it. After the dancing we had the sit down buffet in the wet area and then it was time for the bride and groom to cut the cake that all the children had made in school. The children mixed the ingredients and helped to ice the cake. They enjoyed rolling the icing to make the cake decorations. We had a bride and groom from Holly and Maple class:
Holly class - Ann and Brandon got married.
Maple class - Emily and George got married. (Emily even brought a wedding dress and veil!)
 We all then had a piece of wedding cake and it was time to go home.



Stratford Butterfly Farm

This term Year 1 visited Stratford Butterfly farm. Hundreds of colourful butterflies were flying all around the tropical environment and we even got to see them close up while they were feeding. We went into the Caterpillar Room where you can see the butterfly's lifecycle. We also visited Insect City where they had stick insects, beetles and leaf-cutting ants. Arachnoland had the world's largest spider and a scorpion colony!



African drumming

This week we have been African drumming. We sang a song "I like fish and chips" and all hit the drum to make the beat. We all had so much fun but some of us said it made our arms ache.



Rainbow cake

We have had Stay and Play all this week where children had the opportunity to stay behind after school for one hour. This week we all made a rainbow cake and all got to have a taste.

Lets get Cooking

The first year of 'Lets get Cooking' has been a great success. We have taken part in four Community events and run a total of ten cookery clubs throughout the year (including one for parents). We were recently invited to Northampton University to talk about our year and why we felt it had been so successful. We also entered into the Golden Spoon awards and were thrilled to win one of the prizes for 'making a difference to families by introducing valuable cooking skills'.





Dawn Cotter
Vice Principal, Head of Development Phase



The Summer 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.

We finished the Spring term with KBA's Got Talent, which was a great night with our KS2 children showing us that they are oozing with talent. It was a tough decision for our judges, but the overall winners were the B Boys! It was lovely that Sir Ewan and Lady Harper were able to attend our Easter Concert. They had a difficult job in judging our Easter egg and bonnet competition and were very impressed with the standard of the children's work.

Our curriculum projects over the terms have been packed full with lots of enrichment activities which enhance the children's learning. In Term 5 Year 3 completed their project on Rockingham Castle. Did you know that Charles Dickens wrote Bleak House whilst staying at Rockingham Castle? The children went on a visit to the castle and found out more about how Victorians lived and why Rockingham Castle is so important to Northamptonshire. At the end of the project the children took part in a Victorian tea party where they read poems to the audience and served tea and cake!

What a busy term for Year 4. We welcomed Mr Chand into Year 4, the children have been to Space and beyond and even brought a touch of

Hollywood to Laburnum Crescent! Yes, our Year 4 children are film stars. They have taken part in a project with the Mighty Creatives and created their own film with a professional film crew. We cannot wait for the premier that will rival Broadway! They even managed to have a space dome set up in the hall to simulate the universe and presented their own models of the planets to parents and visitors.

We welcomed Mr Hickman into Year 5 this term and he started with getting the children to be fighting fit and learning about keeping their hearts healthy with some expert skipping skills. The children's fitness routines during their Expo would rival any from Mr Motivator.

Year 6 were busy preparing for their SATs in May, even attending 2 days in school during the Easter holidays. They all worked really hard and we look forward to finding out their results in July. The children had a well earned trip after the SATs with a visit to Cadbury World, organised by their Business Studies teacher from the Extension Site, Mr Vekaria. It was a chance to see a successful business in action and, of course, the chance to try the odd Curly Wurly! Throughout the year Year 6 have attended Double Club with the Back of the Net coaches, focusing on developing their maths skills through a football focus. The sessions finished with an amazing trip to Arsenal Football Club. This visit was enjoyed by all children and

adults in the academy! This term Year 6 are learning to be thespians with a project about Shakespeare, focusing on Romeo and Juliet and Hamlet. They have visited Stratford Upon Avon and been taught by actors from the Royal Shakespeare Company. Our children love putting on their Expo's for all to see their work; it is great to see so many family, friends and special visitors in school.

Our children have been involved in specialist workshops and talks this term as a whole school and in year groups. Our annual visit from the Life Education Bus was again very valuable in teaching our children about drug and alcohol misuse and we enjoyed a science show from Kinect theatre about sound. All year groups took part in a dance workshop where they completed a dance as a whole class. Year 4 learnt how to do the Tango. We have been lucky to have more famous authors in school organised by Mrs Georgeson, Tommy Donbavand wrapped some children up like a mummy whilst reading extracts from his Scream Street books and Helen Pielichaty spoke to the school about being an author and her inspirations for her football stories. We also have our own famous authors amongst our children who have had their Mini-Sagas and poems published in a book after winning the Young Writers competitions. We look forward to another exciting year ahead in 2011.

A Governor's blog!

Steve Mutton, Governor

KBA's got more than talent!

You know, last year I was blown away by the talent that we have in the Extension Phase: singers, comedians, musicians and more. Then I watched the Development Phase and wow, what raw talent there is there. Little did I know what was to come as I arrived at Extension Phase for K Factor. Before the show started we were treated to a VT of the media groups' work in short films and extracts. That was excellent as a starter.

The show started. Mr Townell in his usual manner introduced the judges and the acts. The four boys singing in a European language, that was funny; the dancing girls... I'm sorry but the names elude me now, but very enjoyable; individual singers who were really good. All in all, really terrific performances. Then we saw the Year 8 girl that we had seen last year and who was, in my opinion, narrowly

beaten. She was even better this year, that bit older and more learned in her skills. Dancing to LMFAO's Party Rock just blew my mind. I was sitting with Miss Cotter for the show and we both agreed that this young lady was truly amazing. She was our eventual winner too! The interval gave us previous winners including Melody: a pleasure to see once again and enjoy. The crowning glory again was, of course, the staff ensemble playing ukeleles – truly the best event of the night.

Once again, my thanks to all the staff and students who worked very hard to put on the show, especially the performers and, of course, Mr Townell for compering in such a professional way. Also thank you once again for giving me the opportunity to attend such a magnificent show.

Development & Extension Phase Timings for the first day back – 7th September 2011

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

8.30am	Warning Bell	
8.35am	Registration Begins	Year 7 students met by tutors and escorted to tutor rooms. Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 students go to tutor rooms.
9.45am	Lesson 2	Students make way to Sports Hall for Whole School Assembly. Assembly to start at 10.05am
10.35am	Break	
10.50am	Warning Bell	
10.55am	Lesson 3	As timetabled
11.45am	Lesson 4	As timetabled
12.35pm	Lunch	
1.15pm	Warning Bell	
1.20pm	Lesson 5	As timetabled
2.10pm	Lesson 6	Students return to tutor rooms for attendance activities
3.00pm	End of the School Day	

See page 17 for regular schedule after 1st day

Golden Assembly

On 29th May, there was a Golden Assembly and an amazing 42 children were given awards from Miss Cotter and Mr Denning. The children had worked very hard to get their name in the Golden book and were rewarded with a special certificate and academy pen.



Carnegie and Greenaway Book Award shadowing

Throughout April, May and June some of our more able students have been shadowing a national book award. The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually for an outstanding book for children and young people and the Greenaway Medal is awarded annually for an outstanding book for children in terms of illustration.

A small group of Year 8 girls shadowed the Carnegie Medal. This involved reading all six books on the shortlist, reviewing them online and picking their favourite. They also helped out with a group of ten Year 3 students who shadowed the Greenaway Medal. Each of these children had to read and comment on the illustrations in the eight books on their shortlist. They also reviewed them online and took part in lots of fun activities relating to each of the stories.

Each student who took part was lucky enough to be able to keep their own set of the shortlisted books courtesy of a successful bid to the Kettering Old Grammar School Foundation.

The winners of each of the awards were announced on Thursday 23rd June. The winner of the Carnegie Award was *Monsters of Men* by Patrick Ness and the winner of the Greenaway Award was *FARTHER* by Grahame Baker-Smith.



We celebrated the end of the shadowing period with a balloon release with all the students that had taken part. Each student wrote about their favourite book from the award and attached it to the balloon. Hopefully we'll get a few returned to us. It will be interesting to see how far afield they go. After a couple of very loud casualties and an escaped balloon in the LRC it was certainly a lively afternoon and extremely windy! The balloons took off straight away and were soon heading off over the academy.

Many thanks to Georgia, Beth, Hannah, Millie, Rebekah, Freya, Rhianna and Zoe in Year 8 and Lucy, Jodie, Sehaj, Kayleigh, Clara, Kiera, Conor, Josh, Daniel and Adrian in Year 3.

Lucy Georgeson, Learning Resource Centre Manager



LEARNING FRENCH

The children on the Development Phase site are really enjoying learning a different language. This year they have been learning to speak French and are lucky enough to have the expertise of our colleagues from the Extension Phase to help them to do this.

Photo: Miss Gihana teaching French



Trip to Rockingham Castle Year 3

The children had a great time and were complimented by the lady who met us and the tour guides regarding the behaviour of the children and the intelligent questions they asked during the tour. Their behaviour during the afternoon was good and they enjoyed the freedom of playing on the 'Tilting Lawn'. They all loved the climb up Selvin's Tower, all 58 of them, and they were very impressed with the view.



Victorian Expo

The Year 3 Victorian Expo was a success with the parents that attended being impressed with the standard of their child's work. They enjoyed the reading of the stories and the diary entries that had been written up for the expo and enjoyed the experience. Tiggy and Megan were great as the welcome committee and the other children helped with the serving of the tea and cakes.

The class were all able to explain which character they were for their diary writing. Miss Cotter said how impressed she was with the standard of work.



YEAR 4 EXPO: EARTH AND BEYOND

On Tuesday 24th May, Year 4 pupils carried out their end of term exhibition on the topic of 'Earth and Beyond'. This gave the pupils a fantastic opportunity to display and recite the poetry they had been working on that was related to the Solar System. Year 4 also

displayed their solar system mobiles and homework projects, which involved lots of careful planning and precision engineering! Miss Boothby and Mr Chand would like to thank all the parents that attended and look forward to seeing you all in the near future.



Wendy Scales Y tent

Year 4 really enjoyed learning all about the Easter Story with Wendy Scales! They particularly enjoyed dressing up as Roman soldiers, tasting the body and blood of Christ.



Space Dome

As part of the 'Earth and Beyond' topic Year 4 have been investigating, the pupils had the wonderful opportunity to attend an interactive space dome in the school hall. This allowed the students to see the effects of light and dark in everyday life but also enabled the pupils to go on a space journey and experience different planets and features of the solar system through visual special effects.



A Year 4 trip to Ancient Egypt...

Year 4 are learning about ancient Egypt. Mrs Tolton's Literacy Group went on an Egyptian adventure where they had to crawl through tunnels and excavate through sand to find artefacts. We finally arrived at the tomb of Tutankhamen where we made some grizzly findings in canopic jars. Our discoveries were logged in our notebooks and a full newspaper report of the adventure was written up in our next Literacy Lesson. We had such a good time that the rest of Year 4 joined in later that day making even more discoveries!

Life Education Bus

Every year the Life Education Bus visits our site. This time Year 4 enjoyed learning all about their bodies and how to look after them on the Bus. They were very pleased to see Harold the Giraffe again and help him out with his dilemmas!



The tunnels...

Mighty Creatives

Year 4 have had the very rare opportunity to work with a professional film crew to create their very own motion picture. Here's what we thought:

"It was a great pleasure to be in the film!"
Cain Reynolds

"It was the best thing that I have ever done in school!"
Megan Smith

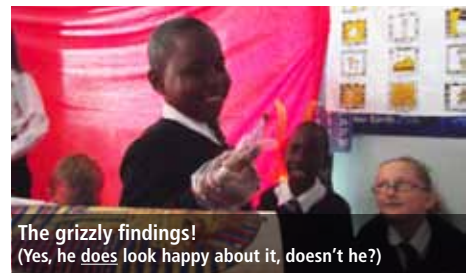
"It was amazing how much fun we had!!"
Kacey Draper

"It was like we were in Hollywood because we had real cameras and sound booms!!"
Alex Robinson

"We were really lucky to be filmed!"
Jordan West



The tomb...



The grizzly findings!
(Yes, he does look happy about it, doesn't he?)



A Handy Guide... ...to summer

Weekday Children's Activities

Manor House Museum • 26 July - 2 September, Tuesdays to Fridays

July

WEEK 1: Beside the Seaside		
Tue 26th	11am - 12pm	Fuzzy Felt Seaside
Wed 27th	2pm - 3pm	Model a sea creature with clay
Thu 28th	11am - 12pm	Make a rock pool collage
Fri 29th	2pm - 3pm	Make 3D beach huts and beach scene

August

WEEK 2: Superheroes!		
Tue 2nd	11am - 12pm	Dress your own Superhero
Wed 3rd	2pm - 3pm	Paint your own Superhero mask
Thu 4th	11am - 12pm	Make a 3D Superheroes game
Fri 5th	2pm - 3pm	Design your own Superhero

WEEK 3: Puppets		
Tue 9th	11am - 12pm	Make a wiggly-eyed finger puppet
Wed 10th	2pm - 3pm	Make a moving Muffin the Mule puppet
Thu 11th	11am - 12pm	Make a Jumping Jack clown puppet
Fri 12th	2pm - 3pm	Invent your own puppet

August

WEEK 4: Native Americans		
Tue 16th	11am - 12pm	Make your own Native American head dress
Wed 17th	2pm - 3pm	Model a colourful Totem pole
Thu 18th	11am - 12pm	Make a dream catcher with feathers and beads
Fri 19th	2pm - 3pm	Design and make a rain maker

WEEK 5: Dinosaurs		
Tue 23rd	11am - 12pm	Model a dinosaur with clay
Wed 24th	2pm - 3pm	Invent your own dinosaur with collage and paint
Thu 25th	11am - 12pm	Make a dinosaur card game
Fri 26th	2pm - 3pm	Make a 3D dinosaur scene

WEEK 6: Space and Planets		
Tue 30th	11am - 12pm	Paint your own alien mask
Wed 31st	2pm - 3pm	Make a magnetic space game

September

Thu 1st	11am - 12pm	Model your own space creature with clay
Fri 2nd	2pm - 3pm	Make a 3D solar system model

A different art and craft workshop for every day of the school holidays based on a variety of themes. Each workshop lasts approximately 1 hour. Please arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the session begins.

Book early! Limited spaces available.

Suitable for children aged 4-11 years. Children 8 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Children 9-11 years old may be left unaccompanied, but must have a completed parental consent form.

£3 per child **£1.50** per child with a Leisure Pass holder **FREE** for Young Friends' members





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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bands in the Park

Rockingham Road Pleasure Park, Kettering, 3pm

FREE

- **Sunday 17 July** The Kettering Salvation Army Young People's Band and Singing Company
- **Sunday 24 July** Sonny and The Honey Dippers
- **Sunday 14 August** Dave Johnson Jazz Band, Cransley Hospice Concert
- **Sunday 21 August** Rushden Mission Band
- **Sunday 4 September** Gretton Silver Band
- **Sunday 11 September** Keystone Escape Club Live Bands
- **Sunday 18 September** Dave Johnson Jazz Band

Cranford Music Festival

In the park near the village hall in Cranford
Sunday 7 August, 12noon – 8pm

Live music and entertainment in a fun, safe and friendly family environment. Two stages featuring: Susan Valliant Speer, The Virtual Jazz Band, The Branstown Band, The Shamlas and many more! Also, there will be a Scottish Pipe Band, Northumbrian Pipes, Morris Dancing, local ales, wine, cocktail bar, delicious home-made food and for the children, circus skills with Mr Mudge, bouncy castles, story telling in the mystic tent and face painting. No dogs please.



Admission: £2 per person or £5 per family.
For more information call Rachel Davis on 01536 330539.

Kettering Carnival

Saturday 20 August, 1pm

FREE

Starting at 1pm from the Grange Estate finishing around 3pm at the Rockingham Road Pleasure Park, the carnival will provide fun and entertainment for all the family.

All proceeds go to the Kettering and District Amalgamated Clubs Committee for the Blind.

More information available at
www.ketteringcarnival.webs.com



2011 Open Studios

Various locations

Saturday 3 – Sunday 18 September

FREE

Open Studios Northamptonshire is the largest visual arts event in and around the county. During the first two weeks of September each year artists invite you into their studios to witness at first hand the inspiration and motivation which drives them to create. Step inside a pottery, discuss carving with a stonemason or watch demonstrations of painting, printmaking and crafts of all sorts.



For further information and to download the brochure please go to www.openstudios.org.uk or email info@openstudios.org.uk

SUMMER FUN
at Kettering Museum and Art Gallery
26 July - 2 Sept,
Tuesdays to Fridays

£3 per child
£1.50 per child with a Leisure Pass holder
FREE For Young Friends members
BOOKING REQUIRED
Please ask at the Museum, Gallery or Kettering Tourist Information desk
A different workshop each day, a different theme each week from Superheroes to Space!

FREE ENTRY

Kettering Museum & Art Gallery
Sheep Street, Kettering, NN16 0AN
Telephone: 01536 534219
www.kettering.gov.uk/museums
Email: museumandgallery@kettering.gov.uk
Museum open: Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am - 3pm
Gallery open: Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am - 4.45pm

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Cransley Run

Cranford, Sunday 18 September, 11am

The 11th Annual Cransley 10K and Half Marathon Road Race with fun run is supported by Kettering Borough Council, Kettering Town Harriers and Northamptonshire Police.

If you fancy taking part and raising money for charity you can now enter by visiting www.cransleyhospice.org.uk or call 01536 533130.

National Theatre Tickets

Theatre Tokens are the national gift voucher accepted at over 230 theatres nationwide. Buy Theatre Tokens and receive a complimentary book of money-off vouchers for a fantastic selection of restaurants, theatre breaks and merchandise. Theatre Token gift vouchers are available in various denominations from the Tourist Information Centre based in the Council's Customer Service Centre on Bowling Green Road.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Summer Holiday Activities

Monday 25 July – Friday 26 August

Sign up this summer for a mixture of sports schemes for children aged 8 and over and playschemes for children aged 8 and under. Activities include Tennis, Cricket, Volleyball, Archery, Trampolining and much more.

For further information and booking please contact 01536 315 115 or visit www.kettering.gov.uk



Parkwood Leisure

Membership:

Membership costs just **£29** per month and **£14.50** for Leisure Pass holders. Membership includes:

- Unlimited use of Kettering Swimming Pool and the Expressions gym at the Hawthorns Leisure Centre in Desborough (excluding specific sessions)
- Access to exercise classes at Kettering Corn Market Hall and Hawthorns Leisure Centre in Desborough
- Unlimited racquet sports at Hawthorns Leisure Centre in Desborough
- Free use of Hawthorns Leisure Centre's function room and the Corn Market Hall

Swimming Pool membership costs just **£18.50** per month

- Unlimited use of Kettering Swimming Pool



Your Local Leisure Centres:

For further information or a tour of our facilities contact your local leisure centre listed below:

Kettering Swimming Pool

London Road, Kettering, Northants, NN15 7QA

Tel: 01536 410 253

Email: kettering@parkwood-leisure.co.uk

The Hawthorns Leisure Centre, Desborough

Kettering, Northants, NN14 2TQ

Tel: 01536 761 239

Email: desborough@parkwood-leisure.co.uk

For further information visit www.leisurecentre.com

For further information about summer activities taking place in Desborough, please call 01536 761239.



A Handy Guide... ...to summer

MUSIC & LIVE EVENTS

LIVE MUSIC @ MARKETPLACE

Acoustic Showcase

Sat 30 July, 4 – 8pm

Live AND unplugged music featuring:

- Tautas Rokas
- Amy Wyke
- Stevie Jones and Mark Gill
- Lou Short and The Girls Who Love Sci Fi
- Plus more to be confirmed
- The Abrahams
- Branstown
- Tearooms

Kettering's Up & Coming Bands

Sat 20 August, 5 – 8pm

Live music from a range of Kettering's up and coming bands.

Great Divide & Friends

Sat 3 September, 12noon – 2pm

Formed in late 2008, Great Divide is one of the UK's top cover bands.

For the most up-to-date event timetable visit:
www.kettering.gov.uk/marketplace or phone 01536 410 333

Blaze Dance Festival

Sat 23 July, 10.30am – 4pm

Experience a variety of dance and music acts to celebrate the Cultural Olympiad Weekend. Featuring Dance Challenge 2011 winners Starlight Dance, Northamptonshire Blaze Dance Relay group and a free Zumba class for all.

CHaOS Roadshow

Fri 29 July, from 11am

This science roadshow is packed full of fun hands on experiments aimed at children aged 8 to 13.

Games Week

Sun 31 July – Sat 6 August, 10am – 4pm

Charges will apply. Supported by ES Promotions we will be bringing you a great variety of wacky activities and fun games to try out including Water Walkerz, Surf Simulator, Bouncy Castle and Crazy Golf.

Kettering Arts Fresco Fringe

Sat 10 Sept, from 12 noon

Featuring professional street artists, Kettering's very own Arts Fresco will thrill you with a selection of the very best acts from this popular local event. Join us on the streets for a day of the weird, wonderful and downright silly!

Timetable is subject to change

Wicksteed Park's 90th Birthday

2011 sees Wicksteed Park celebrate its 90th Anniversary. A whole host of commemorative events are taking place over this summer, ending in an incredible outdoor concert with the fabulous Björn Again.

1970s and 1980s Weekend

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August, from 10.30am

Celebrate the 1970s and 1980s weekend with a BMX stunt show, cycle races, trade stands, a fashion show and lots more. Join in with plenty of family fun over the weekend.

Bjorn Again

Saturday 3 September, Gates open 6.30pm

The season of celebration at Wicksteed Park culminates in style with this fantastic outdoor concert! Gates for the concert are open at 6.30pm but rides and attractions will be open from 10.30am to 5pm so bring a picnic and make a day of it!

The evening concert is live with Björn Again performing the greatest hits of ABBA! Sure to have you partying in the Park.

Tickets: £25.00 for Adults, £20.00 for Children

For further information on any of these events visit
www.wicksteedpark.co.uk or phone 01536 512 475

For more information on summer holiday events and exhibitions being held at the Museum, Art Gallery and Market Place, as well as leisure activities throughout the area, visit www.kettering.gov.uk/events or contact the Tourist Information Centre on 01536 315115.

The Sound Box

Two people came to our school last week to perform a science show called the sound box.

It was about two twins called Emily and Elizabeth. Emily was the good one but Elizabeth was the villain. Their grandma, Lady Cecily, had passed away but in her will she left her most precious object, the sound box. She said in her Will that if she doesn't fix it by 8th March the sound history will be changed forever.

One hot afternoon, Elizabeth

found out about the sound box. OH NO!!! She had a wicked plan to steal the sound box from Emily but she wouldn't do it herself. She got her assistant, Sir Foster, to do it for her. She was planning to make Foster fall in love with Emily so she would trust him to take care of it. Then he would take it to Elizabeth and she would kill the Queen with the sound box and a bomb. She could then marry Prince Edward so she would be the Queen.

[Lucy Spary and Sehaj Nijjar](#)



YEAR 5 EXPO: JUMP OFF!

Year 5 had an exhibition of their work for their parents to come and look at. We conducted a skip-a-thon to raise money for the British Heart Foundation which all the children took part in and collected money via sponsorship. The children performed poems to their parents that they had written themselves and also created props to add to the performance. The work was all based upon our 'Jump Off' topic which looked at the different parts of the body and the jobs that they do. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with their parents in this way and the parents were all really impressed with the children's hard work.



Cadbury's World Visit Year 6

As part of Year 6 business learning we were all given an exciting opportunity to visit the Cadbury's factory based in Birmingham.

During our exhibition tour we came to learn how chocolate was invented, manufactured and sold around the whole world!

Hundreds of chocolates and materials for packaging were witnessed whizzing around the factory – amazing!

The history of the factory was extremely interesting along with the sheer value of cocoa beans that were traded for rabbits, people and pumpkins by the Aztecs. We learnt how cocoa beans are dried in Brazil before being flown to the Cadbury factories. All workers are paid fairly for picking cocoa bean crops. The fresh warm chocolate just made by the machine was a delicious treat! Nothing could have beaten the

liquid texture chocolate sticking to your teeth and all inside the mouth – yummy! Later on in the day, we learnt of the success of Cadbury's selling perfectly made chocolate of a secret recipe consisting of a glass and a half full of milk and that we are the targeted audience. It was a valuable learning experience and a big thank you to staff that took us.

[Leia Stewart 6SJN and Courtney Cole 6SJN](#)



Sound Start

All of the pupils in Years 5 and 6 have been given the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument and they practise during "sound start" every Thursday morning. The children will hold a concert for their parents twice a year to show the progress they are making.



The Vikings

Year 6 children put on a display of work completed during their integrated topic about the Vikings. Amongst the work were some fabulous poems, stunning artwork, some impressive stories incorporating flashbacks as well as an unmissable Viking boat!



Science Club

Over the last two terms, children in Years 5 and 6 have been invited to take part in an after school Science Club. They have been given the opportunity to participate in challenges and carry out experiments that they may not otherwise get to try. So far we have enjoyed a variety of activities from building towers using just spaghetti and marshmallows, to making our own goo! The children really enjoyed protecting an egg with cardboard and paper and dropping them from an upstairs window in the hope that they wouldn't break. My own personal favourite, however, was making our own butter to spread on toast!

"Science club is amazing, it's good fun and we do things that we don't do in normal lessons." Ryan Wood, Year 5



James and Jathniel (both Year 6) making goo in Science Club

Author Visits at KBA

Lucy Georgeson, Learning Resource Centre Manager

We have had a fantastic year for visiting authors to KBA. We started off back in October with performance poet Paul Cookson, closely followed by authors Brian Keany, Dan Freedman, Tom Palmer and Bali Rai.

On May 4th popular 'Scream Street' author Tommy Donbavand entertained Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 with his completely mad and totally fantastic 'Vampires v Werewolves Gameshow'. The gameshow was based on his children's horror books and he came equipped with werewolves' claws, witch's blood, mummy's bandages, vampire's teeth and zombie flesh! All the students had a fantastic time without exception, resulting in his books being the most requested books in the LRC this year – no mean feat! He also hosted a creative writing workshop with our most able students in Years 4, 5 and 6. They had to come up with a story based on various pictures. Their imagination and creativity was awesome! During his visit, Tommy recorded parts of the day as he was collecting material for his podcast entitled 'A Week in the Life of an Author'.

Our last visiting author was Helena Pielichaty (pronounced Pierre-li-hatty). She visited us on June 9th to talk about her books, how she became a writer and what inspires her. She was well received by everyone who saw her from Year 3 to Year 8, her props caused a stir,

especially the fox fur! (It's ok, I don't think it was real...)

"Yesterday I really enjoyed myself, Helena Pielichaty was really funny and had a good sense of humour. I liked the bit where she showed us the fox fur" Cameron Jackson 7VO.

"She was fun and clever, she has written a lot of books. I loved it when she told us the story about the twiglet and the shop" Dominic Butlin 7DRS.

"She was very funny and had a great personality. When she pulled out the fox fur I didn't know if it was real or not. I'm definitely going to read her books" Sam Merrison 7DRS.

"What I liked? Helena had a really good sense of humour, she bought in a fox fur, she was really funny and her stories are really cool. What I didn't like? Nothing! I really enjoyed her visit" Fatima Sayid 7SF.

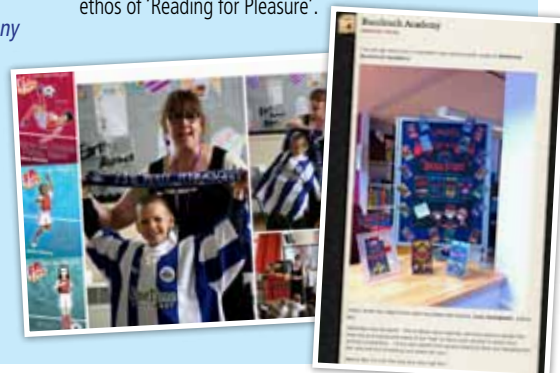
"I met Helena Pielichaty and she's very funny with a great sense of humour" Will Paterson 7VO.

Helena also posted on her blog about how brilliant our LRC is here at KBA and also the following:

"During the morning I met the bubbly Year 7s first followed by the ebullient Year 8s. They were great but what was also impressive was that the

principal, Mr Denning, stayed throughout the entire Year 8 session. Now, he'd either heard about my controversial performances and was worried or he was one of those rare breeds – a secondary school head teacher who actively supports reading events in his school. From our chat afterwards, his presence was clearly for the latter reason and I take my hat off to him. Often on a school visit I never see hide nor hair of a senior teacher so for Mr Denning to take such an interest is a good reflection on the school."

This was the culmination of a fantastic year for us in terms of these visits. All of our visiting authors without exception have enthused our students and supported our ethos of 'Reading for Pleasure'.



House Page

Term 5 and 6 update

Term 5 winners were:

Attendance – Holmes

Challenge trophy – Throwing challenge – Hoy

House points – Hoy by 1 point

The boy and girl from Years 7-10 with the most house points also got vouchers or the chance to attend a reward trip to paintballing at Grendon Lakes.

Well done to all those that achieved this – A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT!

Thank you to Miss Goodliffe for organising the trip.



House Point Totals 2010-11

Year/ Gender	Adlington	Holmes	Hoy	Redgrave
Boys Year 7	Barney Cho 1307	Joe Vipond 1204	Pirooz Zarivand 1574	Joe Fox 860
Girl Year 7	Charlotte Bee 1634	Georgie Betts 1125	Neave Coleman 884	Paula Kowalska 1755
Boys Year 8	Robert Kightley 654	Gavier Robertson 669	Tom Bellamy 505	Matthew Hope 340
Girls Year 8	Sadie Bellamy 462	Jasmine Bigley 645	Kajol Desai 872	Duran Althorpe 451
Boys Year 9	Aaron McKay 482	Abouy Abdull 501	Steven Whitney 251	Matthew Taylor 775
Girls Year 9	Rosie Tilley 382	Lucy Bruton 180	Nicole Storey 230	Sophie Payne 492
Boys Year 10	Scott Gilbert 287	Dan Dilley 180	Ernest Ziokowski 534	Adrian Carmen 294
Girls Year 10	Sophie Morgan 246	Ava Markie 163	Ashleigh Paviour 203	Taylor Marlow 214

Term 6 will see the battle to be the best House in the last term of the year.
Who will win the Attendance Trophy? Who will win the House Point Trophy?
Who will win the Mathletics Challenge and who will win the Frisbee Challenge?

HOUSE DAY

This year will see the first Kettering Buccleuch Academy House Day being held on Friday July 15th as part of Enterprise Week.

All students will be split into house teams and compete against other houses in a range of challenges throughout the day.

The stations include:

- Fraher's river crossing
- Goodliffe's sporting challenge
- Conway's crazy challenges
- Chaffe's getting quizzical
- Thres's mini Olympics
- Kilsby's make or break
- Allen's catapult challenge
- Morton's wet n wild

Which house will win the first ever House Day Challenge?

Friday July 15th

THE KBA TURF CUTTING CEREMONY AND TIME CAPSULE BURIAL



Charity Corner



AIDING JAPAN

We really enjoyed working with each other to come up with ideas designed to help raise money in aid of Japan. We felt very sorry for all the families and really wanted to do something to try and help. We decided to organise a fundraising week to collect enough money so that we could buy and send an aid box over to the suffering victims. We really hope that they will eventually recover from the awful devastation and that our

small donation will help. The week was awesome! There were so many different events taking place such as cake sales, Easter egg hunts, splat the teacher, dodge ball matches and beat the goalie. The school really pulled together, but it was Year 9 who planned and delivered all the events. In total over £130 was raised, which meant that we were able to post over two aid boxes! Great result!



RACE FOR LIFE

Sunday 15th May saw the KBA Race For Life team at Burghley House once more take part in the very worthwhile cause of raising money for cancer research. Thirty ladies, one teenager and a toddler all managed to either run, jog, walk or stagger 5K and cross the finish line to rapturous applause. Our target this year was to try and raise £1000 and as the race got nearer our total went up. At our last count we managed to raise an impressive **£1252!**

I would like to personally thank all those who took part and dressed up in pink. Special thanks to Marie and Debbie for their thorough organisation and endless patience. Finally to Dino Di Salvo for not only driving the minibus, supporting the team in the warm-up, collecting the picnic with Tom Lawrence but for shouting and encouraging us at the start and finish of the race. Same time next year?

Catherine Pringle



The Malawi Expedition



Dan Goodwin leads the group on their training expedition

On July 17th this year Mrs Brown, Mr Kilsby and 11 KBA students make their epic journey to the 'warm heart of Africa'

– Malawi. This is the final stage in their 18 month long preparation which began back in December 2009. The students have all had to raise over £3,000 and have been busy fundraising throughout. The students have organised school discos, sold refreshments at parents' evenings and K-Factor. Many students obtained part time jobs in cafés, restaurants and at farms selling Christmas trees. Mr Kilsby completed a sponsored half marathon and others washed cars for the staff. Some students even shaved their own mother's heads. The team have also been taking part in a number of training and

development activities. They have had weekly meetings and three group development days in school where students have been planning their expedition and the itinerary they wish to follow. In addition to this they have been developing their teamwork and leadership skills.

At the end of April the group went to Llanberis in Snowdonia to complete a 2 day training exercise where they honed their camping skills as well as getting that all important practice of hiking with all their possessions. Some of the students also had to face their fears on a 100ft sponsored abseil.



Owen enjoying a well deserved break!

This experience brought the group even closer together and prepared them for the long journey ahead. While on expedition the students will be working with the Chesney Trust in northern Malawi to help build and maintain the free school for girls that has been set up before making the 250mile journey south to Mount Mulanje. Once

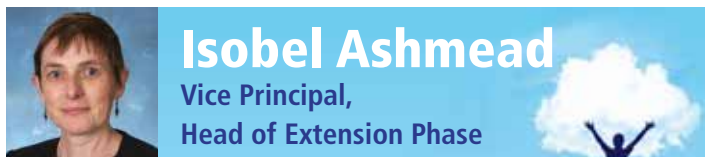


Mollie, Sam and Hannah pitch their tents at the foot of Snowdon

at Mulanje the students will be taking part in a demanding 5-day trek across the plateau before returning for a 2-day safari in Liwonde National Park. On safari the students should see Hippopotami, Elephants, Zebra and a number of other Savannah animals. The next stage is a short 3-day stay on the southern

shores of Lake Malawi, encompassing a canoe trek and sleeping out under the stars on their own desert Island. Throughout the entire expedition the students will have to operate to a budget, cook their own food, make their own travel and accommodation arrangements and generally take charge. The Malawi expedition will become a life changing experience for all those involved. All that remains for the students now is to pack their bags and get on the plane!

If you want to follow the students' progress on expedition you can follow Dan Goodwin's (the expedition guide) blog at: www.mountainplan.com



Isobel Ashmead

Vice Principal,
Head of Extension Phase

I have said this every newsletter; what a busy term. However, this term has been short and sweet with Easter being so late. We came back and GCSE and A level exams started very quickly. By the time you read this all will be complete and we will be waiting anxiously but confidently for the results. With early entries and changes to courses we know already that students are going to get the best results we have had at KS4. Our Year 13 students have worked hard to get the grades for their University courses. Several Year 12 students have already started Open University courses for the first time, thanks to the efforts of Mrs Holliday.

Elsewhere we have had fieldtrips to Castleton and Norfolk and reward trips for students with high attendance. In the next few weeks we have Prison Me No Way coming in and Sports Enterprise week will be running. These activities enrich and enhance student learning and help us create rounded, informed citizens of the future. It is part of our mission to get the "Best in Everyone" through provision of the best and enhancing the KBA spirit.

Speaking about the future, it is with great sadness that I write this in my role as Vice Principal and Head of the Extension phase for the last time. I have worked for Montagu and KBA for the last eight years with fantastic students, colleagues and parents. I believe to lead is to serve and this is what I hope I have done. I love my job and it has been a privilege to come to work. I would like to thank all those students, colleagues and parents who have enabled me to do this and have enriched the well of my lifetime experiences. I wish everyone good luck for the continued success of KBA.

Horrible Histories Club

This half term Mr Prudden and a group of very dedicated Year 7 and 8 historians have been exploring history with the nasty bits left in! Rhys Coleman, Cameron Jackson, Kieran Morton, William Patterson, Alexander Rowden and Colleen Tierney have all been exploring the darker side to our history. From gruesome crime, punishment and torture to the dark and gruesome antics of body snatchers in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, this has not been history for the faint hearted! The Horrible Histories Club is currently writing and rehearsing a brand-new horrible histories sketch. Each member of the club has chosen a ruthless historical person and will argue why they are the most ruthless. Anne Bonny, Eric Bloodaxe, Al Capone, Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler and Ivan the Terrible are the chosen candidates. But who will be crowned the most ruthless of all?



Change of lesson times from 7th September on the Weekley Glebe Site

In order to improve the way the Academy works there are going to be changes to the academy day for students in Years 7-13. These **do not** affect the start and end of the day but **do** change what happens in between!

The first change to note is that we are having a **ONE WEEK TIMETABLE** rather than the two week version we have at present. This will mean every Monday will have the same timetable rather than the current system. The reason for doing this is to simplify arrangements with the other Phases and gets rid of the excuse "I thought it was week 2" when students go to the wrong lesson or have the wrong equipment with them!

The second big change is that we will be moving to **6 lessons per day** rather than the 5 we currently have. Each lesson will be 50 minutes long. This means over a week, we have the same teaching time but 30, rather than 25 lessons. This enables us to keep the flexibility that a two week timetable would allow us. Some lessons, for practical subjects like Design Technology will be double lessons to enable students to complete tasks more effectively.

The times of the day will be as follows:

8.30am	Warning bell
8.35am	Tutor time/ registration
8.55am	Lesson 1
9.45am	Lesson 2
10.35am	Break
10.50am	Warning bell
10.55am	Lesson 3
11.45am	Lesson 4
12.35pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Warning Bell
1.20pm	Lesson 5
2.10pm	Lesson 6
3pm	End of school for lessons

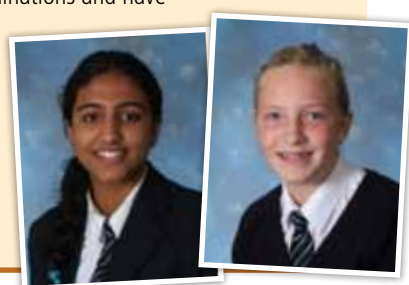
Isobel Ashmead
Vice Principal Head of Extension Phase

English Students of the Year

Throughout the year, English teachers of Extension and Development students have been nominating an 'English Student of the Month'. These students have had their names displayed on posters in the English block and on the televisions around the academy.

We have now looked at those nominations and have two students who are our 'English Student of the Year'.

They are **Jerin Thomas** in the Extension Phase and **Ellie Allday** in the Development Phase. These two students have worked very hard this year and should be congratulated on their success.



Spelling Bees

On 21st March the KBA Killers took part in the first heat of The Times Spelling Bee. Tom McKenna, Ellie Allday, Leah Mitchell and Ben Morley battled bravely against other local schools, displaying some excellent spelling skills.

The first challenge of the day involved each student taking turns to spell words until they made a mistake, knocking them out of the competition. Each correct answer resulted in vital points being won by our team and half way through the competition KBA were in joint first place! The second challenge was the 'Quick Fire Quiz' where each team had to spell as many words as possible in two minutes. However, students were asked to select the level of difficulty they wanted to

enter at. Each team had to think tactically and decide whether they were able to spell words quickly from the easy, middle or hard selection. Our KBA Killers courageously opted for middle words. Unfortunately, despite the KBA Killers trying their best and correctly spelling eight difficult words under pressure, they were defeated in the second challenge and knocked out of the competition. However, it was a well-organised, fun event and the students thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Tom McKenna, our top speller, stated, "We had a lot of fun and it was a great experience. It was a shame we didn't win but the other teams were very good." We are already looking forward to entering another team next year!



Tom McKenna, Ellie Allday, Leah Mitchell and Ben Morley

Paintballing Reward Trip

The day started off with the four Houses being split into two teams; Holmes and Hoy together made the orange team and Redgrave and Adlington formed the green team. Everybody got kitted up and ready to go, some more eager than others.

The first game was 'capture the flag', where each team had to get a member of their team to reach the flag at the other team's base to win. The green team managed to get Jack Rowlett to claim the orange team's flag first, so that left the standings at 1-0 green team. On the second round of this game the orange team devised a plan and went in with everything they had, managing to pull it back and levelling out the score to 1 all.

We then had lunch but because everyone was enjoying it so much they just wanted to get back in there. Everyone was so eager as the adrenaline was pumping!

After lunch we went up to the fort where the green team had to defend the fort and the orange team had to attack it. The aim of the game was to get one of the attacking team into the fort. The game kicked off with the green

team defending very well but, half way through, the green team left a gap in their defence and Miss Goodliffe went for the attack at the rear. As she jumped through the window, punching the air in triumph, she faced a shot off at close range and got pummelled with bullets coming at her from every angle, no one has yet owned up!! She made a quick escape never-the-less. Thanks to Miss Goodliffe taking one for the orange team and making the quote of the day 'man up'. It left the scores with the orange team in the lead by 2 points to 1 and Miss Goodliffe left with the bruise of the day. Going into the second round of this game with the roles reversed, oranges defending the fort and greens attacking, it became very competitive with oranges battling hard to keep the greens away but Matthew Driver saw a gap and made the run allowing the scores to reach a draw at 2 points all.

The last game was the decider. Everyone was ready to use all their bullets up and also this was the game that decided the winners. Two flags were placed in the centre of the playing field. To win you had to get both flags and keep

hold of them. The countdown started and the orange team were quick on the accelerator, in no time at all they sent out Taylor Wright and Justin Calland with no guns to get both flags, taking one for the team. They returned in triumph. Now, all the oranges had to do was keep the flags and the game was theirs. With the green team unhappy about the early snatch they started to corner the whole of the orange team but this wasn't enough to regain the lead as the final call went and with the orange team in possession of both flags they won the final point of the day. This meant the scores ended up 3 points to 2 leaving the orange team (Holmes and Hoy) the winners of the day.

Everybody who took part really enjoyed themselves. It is a real incentive to collect House Points again next year. We had a brilliant day at Grendon Lakes, with excellent behaviour complimented by the staff and only a few bruises! (See below)

Chelsea Wilkie
12 JRM



Hi Felicity,
Thanks again for choosing Grendon Lakes as the venue for your paintball experience and I hope everyone had a fab time and that the bruises aren't too bad, ha ha!
Lovely bunch of kids, they are a credit to you and your school.
If they would like to add us to their facebook page they would be welcome.
Hope to see you all again soon.
Many thanks,
Luke

Women's FA Cup Final

On Saturday 21st May, Miss Goodliffe, Miss Allen, Mrs Stirzaker, Mrs Prowse and Miss Mielau took 37 students across all year groups to the Women's FA Cup Final at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry.

The students arrived early and, excited about the day, we got on to the coach and made our way to Coventry and arrived 2 hours before the game started. This gave the students time to visit Burger King and have a look around the ground.

We met up with Mrs Hull and Mrs Wallace and at about 1.30pm we headed into the ground, ready for a 2pm kick off. Goals from Kim Little and Julie Fleeting saw Arsenal reclaim the FA Women's Cup with a comfortable 2-0 victory over Bristol Academy. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day out with impeccable behaviour from our students.



Rugby Trip to Twickenham

Students from Years 7-10 took a trip down to Twickenham on 21st May to watch the IRB 7's Series, where they got to see such teams as England, New Zealand, Fiji, Australia and Kenya. All involved had an amazing day out, even if England didn't do too well! Bring on next year and another trip to Twickenham!



War

War is a feeling of anger and hate.
 They tell you it's all for your country and state
 When you look into the dull eyes of your friend
 And know that he'll never smile at you again
 You want revenge so you kill and you shoot
 You feel proud so you stand straight and salute
 But really what good will that do
 Because you just caused pain for someone like you

The letter you hate the most is the one that you'll see
 And think "oh no" that one can't be for me
 "Sorry madam your son has died in action"
 It takes you straight back to your first contraction
 Where your little boy was coming along
 The one you raised and to them you sang songs
 But another soldier took him away
 And it will stick in your mind till the end of your days

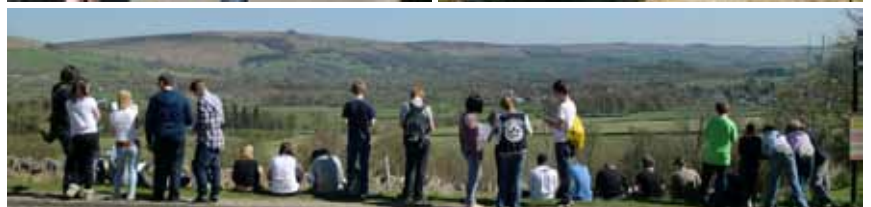
War is not the answer, so don't say it is
 War is for power, for the money grabbing pigs
 It preys on the lonely, and picks on the innocent
 The only word I think of with war is 'unholy'.

Jaymee Stanley 7JDB
 Poetry Matters Competition entry

Castleton Geography Trip

On 8th April the geography GCSE students went to Castleton in the Peak District for their coursework. They looked at the positive and negative effects of tourism in the area. The students enjoyed walking around Castleton, experiencing why tourists visit as well as asking the tourists and locals for their opinions. One tourist would not stop talking to Codie Killeen for 20mins about her views.

Tyler Carpenter said *"It was a really enjoyable trip and I would like to go again"*.
 Bethany Prowse said *"I was really shocked at how tranquil and scenic it was looking down the valley"*.



Year 11 Prom

This year the prom was held at beautiful Boughton House. Everyone outdid themselves, turning up looking glitzy and glamorous! Here are just a few of our stunning Year 11 students.

