

Kingstone academy news

SUMMER 2017

A visit to the land of fire and ice..

On Sunday 2nd July, at 1am, 33 tired students left school for a long drive to Heathrow airport. 2 hours and 45 minutes later we arrived in Keflavik Airport, Iceland. On our way to our hotel we stopped at the North American and Eurasian plate boundaries, the only place in the world where you can see two plates moving apart. We arrived at our hotel in Reykjavík and left for dinner.

On the first day we woke up at 7am and headed down for breakfast. We met our tour guide and went on the coach to Hellisheiði Power Station. We had a tour of the station and we saw how the electricity is generated and sent across the capital and further, it was very interesting. After this, we travelled to the Secret Lagoon where many of us swam in the hot springs. It was a very relaxing and intriguing experience. In the afternoon, we went to a huge two-tiered waterfall. We walked all the way down to it and experienced the amazing landscape of Iceland. After dinner in the evening we walked into the centre of Reykjavik where we got to see the church and do a little bit of

shopping. Everyone had a lot of fun.

The next day we had an earlier start and headed out on the coach again for another day of sightseeing. We went to Skogafoss waterfall and walked 427 steps to the top of it. Next we went to a beach where the sand was black rocks and we got to explore the caves and stacks that were eroded by the sea. On the way back to the hotel we got to see a Glacier and another waterfall where many of us walked behind it. On the bus journeys we learnt a lot about the geography of Iceland, like Volcanos and Earthquakes. It was a really interesting experience.

On the Wednesday we unfortunately had to get up early and go back to the airport to fly home. Overall, we had a great trip and learnt so much new information. Iceland is a beautiful country and it was a once in a lifetime experience.

Thank you to Ms Ruvino, Dr Fielding and Mr Price for running the trip.

By Lily Tyler and Charlotte Wall





“We believe as a community we can achieve success together”
Mr S Fisher

Another exciting and event packed school year draws to a close. Our aim, each year, is to build on the achievements of the previous year, so that the experiences our students have get better all the time.

Our ethos is precious to us, as we realise that is why most parents choose us in the first place. We are eager that our students achieve well, in order that they are well qualified for their choice of career or place of further education. Just as important though is the range of learning experiences that they are able to access. Producing well rounded and confident young adults is something that we, as teachers and parents, must share a keen interest in. Hopefully, the variety of stories and events covered in this publication will show that we are getting the balance right.

The links between the High School and Primary School are strengthening all the time, with students and teachers moving seamlessly between the two buildings and now using the whole of the site as an enrichment resource.

The Primary School finally had its long awaited Ofsted and we look forward to sharing the results when we are able to do so.

We are happy to be welcoming new teachers, Miss Bevans into the MFL

department, Ms Sullivan into Maths and Mr Reed as the new teacher of Boys' PE. We believe that they will all be excellent additions to the team and we welcome them warmly. We also welcome back Miss Jones from maternity leave and say goodbye to Miss O'Donnell, who goes off to lecture at the prestigious Hartbury College. We wish her well and thank her for playing such a large role in sport at the school; she does have a good future ahead of her.

In September we will be oversubscribed in Year 7, a clear sign that the school is growing in reputation as well as size. We are pleased for all present and future students, as well as for all those connected with the school in any way, that your faith is being rewarded. We believe as a community we can achieve success together.

Steven Fisher, Executive Headteacher

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Year 11 Ball at the Left Bank

On their last day of secondary school we said farewell to our Year 11s as they walked out to the applause of the school through a student guard of honour. A week later they were looking forward to the year 11 Ball at the Left Bank. Students arrived in their finery in decorated cars, tractors, on motor bikes and quads, in police cars and trucks and two brave gentlemen skated to the Ball, one on roller skates and the other on his skateboard. The pavements were filled with parents and friends taking photographs, while the students posed with their transportation. As the students made their way into the Left Bank, they were greeted with a non-alcoholic cocktail, a decorated ballroom and a fun photo-booth. Staff and students enjoyed an evening of presentations, dancing and refreshments – a wonderful way to complete the Summer term and the students' time at Kingstone High School.



Kingstone High School Art Exhibition

On 22nd June, Ms Elliot held an art exhibition in the school library to showcase some of the student's art work. This included 2D and 3D art work from Year 7s up to Year 11s. The exhibition was opened by author, Jasper Fforde who has written books based in Hereford. Mr Fforde himself loved the exhibition and was amazed by the amount of talent, yet variety, there was within the art work. His personal favourite piece was the 3D cows head (made by Taylor Davies in Year 10) as it really stood out among the other art work.

He gave us some advice to become successful in the creative industry. "Be yourself, persevere and don't listen to others, listen to your heart." Ms Elliot loves whatever kind of art, it doesn't matter what. She just can't get enough of art! Lastly, I decided to interview Mr Fisher to get his opinions on the art work showcased in the exhibition. Overall, he was very impressed by the amount of evident time and effort put into all the pieces of work and the variety within them made each piece special. Let's just say that the centre piece of the whole exhibition was the handmade cow's head on the wall. Everyone was talking about it.

Mackenna Lloyd



arts award

The Arts Award inspires young people to expand their art and leadership talents. It offers creativity value and easy access for anyone.

I participated in this challenge in Year 9, as many others have also done. I did it with some fellow students and became inspired by everyone's techniques. Creating a GCSE styled portfolio prepared me for what the expectations of Art GCSE would be like. I think this gave me a head start in my Art classes, knowing the four factors I had to include: research, experimentation, development, and the final piece. I also believe that it broadened my skills, so that I would know what looked good on a specific piece.

The course of the Arts Award gave me confidence in my ideas, skills and speaking in front of many strangers. As the new Deputy Head Girl, I think that because of

teaching a primary school class about my Art topic I have been able to gain more confidence in myself, and have learnt how to present different topics to other people. Tash Exley, the new Heads Girl, also took part in this arts award with me.

I have seen some of the current Year 9's taking part in the award, and have been able to watch them grow as young people, with their skills progressing and becoming more passionate towards art related topics.

I enjoyed my time creating a portfolio based on my own inspirations, and forming new relationships with my fellow students. I received helpful criticism for my work, allowing me to improve my techniques, again, helping me with the expectations of Art GCSE.

India Edwards



Shoeboxes

Kingstone for Charity

KFC (Kingstone for Charity) meet on Monday lunchtime and arrange a number of fundraisers throughout the year. For Children in Need in November it is always a non-uniform/wear something spotty day. At Christmas they organise the Shoe Box appeal with each form, we collected a huge number this year for the Rotary Club, and we ended the term with a Christmas Jumper day on 16th December for Save the Children.

In March, Year 10 student Ross Wylie asked if he could raise money for the RNLI in memory of his Granddad, so we had a blue and white day and raised £340 for this important charity. In addition Ross along with Ellie Cleeves held a cake sale which raised £88 to add to the fund. On the plane home from Iceland Kingstone students were praised by the captain for their generous donations of change (all their remaining Icelandic kroner) which was going to Comic relief.

Disneyland Trip



Your brief is to design a new roller coaster for Disneyland Paris



Thinking about the future – Careers education is not just for year 11s

During Year 9, alongside core subjects, students have undertaken an options carousel during which they worked at GCSE level in their potential options – this has given them a real taste of what studying the subject is like at GCSE. Tailored learning, where appropriate with a vocational element, also ensures that Kingstone High School provides a personalised curriculum for all of our students.

Our Year 10s have had a CV writing morning to help hone their skills and have been on a three Hereford Colleges taster day where they have tried out the courses they are potentially interested in studying.

We invited local business leaders in to school to undertake mock interviews with our Year 11s to prepare them for their college and workplace interviews. We ensure that all of our students go on well prepared to college, or training and education, or apprenticeships.

Our annual careers' evening is aimed at all year groups and is open to the public. This gives students an insight into the career paths they might take and helps them consider which the best options choices are for them.

In school we have careers advice. There is a dedicated careers room where students can collect college information at any time. Each student has a careers interview with Mrs Dee Waters our careers officer and there is always advice available about filling in application forms.

Periodically we invite specialist speakers to inspire and motivate students to achieve well in their exams and to aim high. We broaden horizons with extra-curricular trips and the opportunities to try new skills.

All of this year's leavers have got college offers and some are also applying for apprenticeships as well, and we are very proud of their achievements.



Careers evening



Head Girl's trip to the Falkland Islands

One of the fundraising projects that the KFC supported over the year was in support of Head Girl Jessica Harrison's conservation study trip to the Falkland Islands with the Girl Guides.

Here is her account of the trip

Over the Easter holiday, after months of fundraising, I finally flew over 7000 miles to get to the Falkland Islands. It isn't your usual holiday destination; however this wasn't exactly a holiday. I travelled with five other girl guides from Herefordshire and two leaders. During 2016, we all applied for this trip, where we had to fill in application forms, go on a selection weekend and have an interview. The idea of the trip was to go out to the Falkland Islands and meet other girl guides who were also doing their Baden Powell award, the highest award you can achieve as a guide. As a part of this award, you have to go away on what is known as the Baden Powell Adventure.

For the two weeks, our time was completely filled. When we first arrived, after a 24-hour delay at Brize Norton, an 18 hour flight and a bumpy journey in a minibus, we dropped our bags off at our house in Stanley and we went to meet the other guides and eat food. They were all very friendly and welcoming.

On the second day, we walked to the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI), where learnt about how they protect marine life in the Atlantic. This was followed by a trip to Surf Bay where we went rock pooling. Towards the end of the day, we went to Gypsy Cove to try to find penguins; however, they were all out fishing. Over the next few days, we visited the local school, which was a lot smaller than ours, we went to the fire station, we walked around town and bought gifts, visited the vets, the fisheries and many other places.

Once we had done this, we drove out to Johnson's Harbour, which is an hour's drive from the capital, Stanley. This was our four day camp over the Easter weekend with the other guides.



Attempting to put tents up in extreme winds was a fun experience, as on the Falklands it is cold and windy, but you can sometimes get four seasons in one day. Over these four days, we cooked outside, went for a long walk, visited Volunteer point to see the penguins, had an Easter egg hunt and had a BBQ in the cold. Volunteer point was incredible, an hour-long journey of off-roading and we finally got to see the hundreds of penguins that we had been so desperate to see. There were three of the five species that live on the Falklands there, King Penguins, Gentoo and Magellanic. They were loud and they smelt awful, but it was an incredible sight and an unforgettable experience.

We also took part in a two-day conservation project. This consisted of a boat trip out to Kidney Island to pull Tussock grass. On the boat trip, we saw



a pod of dolphins, which were following us, they were really close. We then got off the boat and started pulling the grass. This grass was needed to be re-planted on the main island as part of the sea defence to stop corrosion. The next day, the guides, our group, a TV cameraman, the environmental group and many other volunteers all gathered at surf bay where we were to spend earth day planting the Tussock. It was surprisingly enjoyable. For the final few days, we went to the swimming pool and took part in an aqua run and had an activity day with the Falkland Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

On the final day, we received our Baden Powell awards at Government house, which was then followed by a meal out. All in all, the trip was amazing. I loved the travelling, the weather, the views and the people that I met.



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Mrs McCrory took students to Cardiff to see and hear famous German rapper Chefket perform



Apple Day

Our horticulture students led by Mrs Whittall have been growing a variety of apples in our orchard. Last autumn they harvested them and Mr James Hanks, one of our governors, brought in his apple pressing equipment, which was set up in the quad and many gallons of beautiful juice produced. Tom said it was the best apple juice he had ever tasted.



SCIENCE

Lecture on cosmology

On 16th November, Yr 10 and 11 pupils travelled to St David's Hall, Cardiff to watch Brian Cox's "lecture on cosmology with interruptions by Robin Ince, his sidekick on Radio 4's Infinite Monkey Cage". The students heard explanations of the big bang, the nature of the universe and the uniqueness (or otherwise) of humankind. We were told that since he started his tour estimates of the number of galaxies in the cosmos have soared from 350 billion to two trillion. Brian also reinforced much of the work we have covered in school, such as the red shift of galaxies, the big crunch and relativity.

Mr Price



MUSIC

All Years' Band

"The music department at KHS has thrived this year. Following the birth of the All Years' Band, the Performing Arts Ensemble, and the School Choir, there have been many groups and soloists boldly stepping forward to showcase their talents.

To fulfil our minimum quota of three concerts per year, the musicians are always on their toes to rehearse regularly, in order to perform at their best on their chosen instruments. The themes so far have included Christmas and feel-good music, and music from film and musical theatre.

So, if you want to boost your self-confidence, and acquire a new skill in the process, speak to Mr Ashworth, and make it a reality!"

Mr Ashworth

Year 10 GCSE Geography Trip to Bristol

With the new GCSE Geography syllabus we are studying, students now have to undertake two pieces of fieldwork which are then assessed in an exam at the end of Year 11. Having spent several lessons studying the social, economic and environmental opportunities and challenges facing Bristol, the Year 10 GCSE Geography group went on a fieldtrip to Bristol for the day in June. In the morning, we had a very informative talk about how the Harbourside area had been redeveloped by Peter Westbury, a Development Team Manager for Bristol City Council. Then in the afternoon, the students visited two different wards, Filwood and Stoke Bishop, in order to compare the Quality of Life between these two contrasting areas. This involved students using an environmental survey to score different areas in each ward, questioning people about their opinions of the areas and comparing the shops. Visiting the two wards also gave the students the opportunity to compare life in Bristol with that of Hereford and to see how other people live.

Mr Booy



Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

With the school now being a licensed centre for the Duke of Edinburgh, over the course of the year, we have run two expedition weekends. The Bronze Award students have to undertake two expeditions, each involving two days walking and one night camp, carrying everything they will need in terms of camping equipment, stoves and food. The first one involved students walking from Kingstone to Peterchurch, camping at the Poston Mill camp site and then walking back to Madley the next day. The more recent weekend involved students walking from Hereford to Fownhope and camping at the Lucksall camp site, before doubling back around and ending the hike at Hampton Bishop. The weekends helped develop their map reading, teamwork and camping skills. Without embarrassing one group, I took a call from them saying they were lost as the river was on their right, when it should have been on the left! Having ascertained they hadn't actually crossed the river, I told them they were going the wrong way. "What do you mean?" asked one of the students, to which I replied "Turn around and walk in the opposite direction, that way the river should be on your left!" Despite several slight navigational errors, the groups were able to complete their planned hikes and hopefully we should be able to award our first Bronze Awards next term.

Mr Booy – DofE Manager





Kingstone Academy Trust hosts Google Expeditions

Kingstone Academy Trust hosted Google Expeditions for the day on 29th March 2017. Students took virtual journeys to a number of places in the world to bring them to life within the classroom.

Google brought smart phones loaded with the Google expedition app and Google cardboard (virtual reality goggles) for students to use. Students learnt about the biomes in the Borneo rainforest, the 7 wonders of the world, the Great Barrier Reef to name but a few. Students were also immersed in journeys back in time to the Battle of Hastings and Jurassic period.

Kingstone Academy Trust invited year 5 and 6 students from local primary schools: Clehonger C of E, Madley and Kingstone & Thrupton.

Amy Knibbs, Curriculum Lead for Computing at Kingstone Academy Trust, said "This is an innovation that can capture the imagination of students and has such great education value. Using just their smartphone, the app software and Google cardboard students can immerse themselves in virtual reality trips to anywhere. Students from primary through to senior secondary school were amazed with the 360 views of destinations and thoroughly enjoyed the journey, led by the teacher, through the destination. Teachers are able to point out places/objects of interest and also pause the expedition to allow students to engage in discussion about their journey. This technology is not only affordable for schools but enables all students to experience the journey.

Year 10 GCSE Computing trip to Worcester University

Students from the GCSE Computing class went on a trip to the university of Worcester Computing Department. They were given a tour of the building, showing the fascinating history of the university as well as a talk about the types of courses and additional activities they can do while at university. Students then took part in two activities. The first, where they learnt to code in Java, creating cartoon stories. The second where they programmed Arduino boards with led lights to recreate traffic lights as well as sound to recreate a tune. Fantastic day had by all and a real insight into university life.

Mrs Knibbs



Visit to Bletchley Park

Bletchley Park was the central site for code breakers during WW2, with a cypher school and it stored top secret government documents.

This year Key Stage 3 went to the place that produced the amazing Alan Turing to investigate code and its link to Maths. They had a guided tour around Bletchley Park and then a coding workshop, to help them understand how much the plans in WW2 relied on the highest secrecy and how much the government used the Park as a hub for all the plans that would go on to help us crack the enigma code and win the war. The children learnt how important the park was and is to our British history.

"It was really interesting and I want to know more"
"I want to go back and do more code"

Lottie Gwillam-Gardiner



Upon return the maths department ran a series of lessons connected to Bletchley Park, finishing with a Spy Hunt around the school. We saw a lot of excited pupils running around the school grounds.



London Trip 2017

London was great. Twenty Year 10 students accompanied by three staff headed to London on the 9th December for an overnight trip. We were busy from the start and visited a range of places such as Westminster Abbey, Cutty Sark, London Eye and the Houses of Parliament.

I loved the Houses of Parliament event, as we were given a guided tour and also allowed to sit and listen to a parliament debate. It was quite an eye-opener. I also enjoyed the Cutty Sark which was surprising, as I'd thought that visiting a 'ship' would be boring. However, it was really interesting due to the interactive spots throughout, as well as the actual ship itself.

We went to two theatre trips: Les Misérables and Stomp. Stomp was great. It was completely different to normal theatre, as the focus was on street dancing - noisy, but humorous at the same time.

If you have the opportunity, go on this trip. It is educational, but full of fun.

Year 10 Dominic White / Taylor Davies

Performing Shakespeare

The Performing Shakespeare competition is where you take a piece of work by Shakespeare and act it out. However, the trick is to try to be creative and different with your tone and acting, so that your interpretation stands out. This makes it fun to participate in the Performing Shakespeare competition because you can just lead the piece however you want and you can just play around with it and find something that works well with it. It is enjoyable because you act it out and it makes the scene come alive before your eyes. What is also great is that if you get through to the next stage, you can go to other schools and can meet new people and make friends. I would recommend this to all KS3 students, as it makes Shakespeare enjoyable.

Year 8 Ayesha Smith



An Inspector Calls

Year 10 and 11 students were invited on a theatre trip to London to see An Inspector Calls. As this play is our GCSE Literature curriculum, many of us jumped at the chance to see the play in action. It was a long journey to London, but we made it in plenty of time. We were able to walk to Trafalgar Square and have a meal, before going to the theatre.

I found watching the play to be just as exciting as reading it. Inspector Goole was fantastic and your eyes followed him wherever he went on stage. I loved seeing the Birlings and thought that the characters on stage were exactly as I thought them to be in the book. Although we already knew the ending, the 'crashing' of the house at the end was wonderful and symbolised the family overall.

Thank you to Mrs Finch, Mrs Kennerley and Mrs Powell for taking us all on the trip.

Year 10

Carnegie Reading Challenge

On Tuesday 13th June, seven Year 7 students went to the Carnegie awards. Each student was asked to read eight books over an eight week period to take part in the prestigious Carnegie Reading Challenge. At the awards, there were multiple schools and each school performed one of the books. Our school performed Chapter 3 Lightsabers in 'Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth'. At the end of the day, everyone had the chance to meet Jo Cotterill, author of Electricgirl and her latest book, A Storm of Strawberries. She was a blast to meet and made everyone realise that writing doesn't have to be boring.

At the very end of the day everyone voted on their favourite Carnegie book - the winning book was Salt to the Sea by Ruta

Sepetys. All the Kingstone High School students had voted for Salt to the Sea, so they were very happy. Even those who voted for a different story beamed, as they walked from the Town Hall. The end of the day meant that the weight of all the books was lifted from our shoulders. It was a tough reading challenge, but well worth it.

Year 7 Emilie Ross-Hoffman

Hay Festival 2017

The Hay Festival took place on the 26th May 2017; Years 7 and 8 took part in this event, which was a tremendous day out. They got to take place in a series of workshops which included authors such as Holly Bourne, Kathrine Webber and Teri Terri.

Holly Bourne has written a spinster club series of books including: 'Am I normal yet?' and 'What's a girl gotta do?' In her books there are three young girls named Evie, Lottie and Amber that face many problems about feminism. Most of the girls found this author particularly interesting!

Kathrine Webber writes her books based on a character named Wing Jones. Wing Jones likes everyone in her town, and has worshipped her older brother, Marcus for as long as she can remember. Marcus, the star of the football team, is everything his sister is not.

During the workshops, we were given information about their books and how they were given the inspiration for their books that they have released.

After the workshops the students were able to go and explore the area and to have the chance to buy a book of their choice. The students were also able to get their book signed by their chosen author.

Year 7 Millie-May Jenkins



Gothic horror



Does it ever feel like someone is watching you?

That's what some of our students have been sensing as they visit the library, because there are a few new faces in school. Frankenstein's monster, Dracula, Mr Hyde, Twilight and The Woman in Black have all been putting in an appearance to promote their books!

It's the latest exhibition by the librarian team to encourage students to come into the library and get reading. This term the theme is Gothic horror – just one of the genres that students will be studying with the English faculty.

Inspired by two papier mache heads of horror, lurking in a loft from years ago, the exhibition spiralled into shape. Now Dracula's tombstone stares down onto a creepy coffin lid, adorned by a blood red rose, whilst Frankenstein's battered monster lies nearby upon his creator's table, waiting for the

electric pulse to bring him back to life. Never quite himself, Mr Hyde has lost a little of his menace through years of neglect, but now he is back, dragging himself up from a hole in the ground, as the dark 'Raven' made famous by Edgar Allen Poe's poem glares down from his lofty perch on the book shelves.

All of the exhibits are accompanied by copies of the books upon which they are all based, including old favourites such as Conan Doyle's 'Hound of the Baskervilles' and the more recent gothic love story of Bella and Edward in the 'Twilight' series. Earlier in the year the library was transformed back to into the 1910's to be the setting for J.B Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls' and at Christmas what else but Charles Dicken's 'A Christmas Carol'?

Mrs Carletti and the Librarians

Extreme Reading

Since the re-opening of the school library in its new location downstairs, there have been a number of changes. A team of 10 young librarians have been giving up their lunch breaks on a rota to allow other students to come into the library to take out books, do their homework or find somewhere quiet for some lunchtime reading.

They are current involved in promoting the Extreme Reading Challenge which is the student summer literacy challenge. The whole idea is to promote reading and encourage students, especially reluctant readers, to pick up a book during the summer holidays. There will be prizes for the most adventurous and most inventive. Here are Mrs Seymour and Miss Meredith reading Wuthering Heights at quite a height to inspire you.

Mrs Carletti organised a trip to the Hereford Cathedral School library for some of our librarian team: Mackenna Lloyd, Lottie Gwilliam-Gardiner, Bobby-Joe White, Fred Lawrence, Jacob Cooper, Sophie Thomas, Katy Watkins and Kati Massey. The students had some librarian training and found out how they ran their library and were able to share best practice with both staff and pupils there.



Library – A Christmas Carol



Library – An Inspector Calls



Our new Cricket Whites for our 1st XI are kindly sponsored by R&D MSC Associates of Rotherwas

Year 9, 10 and 11 Athletics

This term we have seen some exceptional performances from pupils in all years whilst competing in various athletic competitions.

Pupils from year 9, 10 and 11 had the opportunity to participate in the Hereford county athletics competition, where they were able to compete against pupils from various schools in Hereford. Everyone performed to an outstanding level in all their events despite being against tough competition. We saw some of the best results we have ever had, with many pupils achieving personal bests and coming within the top 3. Due to all of the hard work we saw Will Thomas, Adam Woof, Marley Harris, Tasha Exley, Izzy Michael, Megan Swift, Fynn Davies, and Ben Goodman move onto the next stage of the competition at Nunnery Wood, Worcester. Here they would be competing against some of the best athletes from Hereford and Worcestershire. On the day, everyone gave one hundred percent, once again achieving personal bests and ranking well in their events. On the day, I (Tasha Exley) was one of the competitors in the discus and achieved 1st place, taking home one of my first medals in athletics. Due to my performance, I was then able to go and compete in the Mason trophy at the Alexandre Stadium in Birmingham. This was one of the biggest competitions I had participated in and I was extremely nervous. I was competing against the best athletes from 10 counties, and achieved 12th place out of 17 on the day. It was a great experience and I learnt a lot from the competitors.

Everyone showed great team spirit and performed extremely well in all events.

Tasha Exley

Kingstone Cheer

The Kingstone Cheerleading team is made up of Emijay Spencer-Smith, Bethany Seymour, Grace Price, Fern Worwood and Katie Burt from the High School and Ava, Emy and Phoebe from the Primary School

Emijay attends the 3Degreez cheerleaders out of school time as well. The team did their first showcase with the 3Degreez at the Hereford Academy. It was a great performance!

This is what their coach, Ruth said about them:

“Thank you Cheerleading school teams who performed at the 3Degreez Cheerleaders Hereford Showcase on Saturday night. Bishop Springers, QE Queen Elegance and Kingstone Cheer all performed fantastically with confidence and pride. Very proud of you all, well done! Have a lovely summer break school teams”, Coach Ruth.



Cheerleading Club

This term we also had an afterschool cheerleading club taking place every Monday. It was open to Years 5 – 8, where they would be able to learn cheer skills, gymnastics and acrobatics.



Year 8 Athletics

We also had five Year eight students (Gracie Capel, Harry Williams, Sunflower Mitchell, Rueben Gray and Ben Perry) compete in the minor athletic Championships. They all performed at a brilliant level and achieved well deserved results. Gracie Capel came 1st in her heat of the 75m hurdles and 2nd overall, taking her first ever medal home with her. Harry Williams and Sunflower Mitchell both came 6th out of 12 in each of their 1500m events. Rueben Gray came 1st in his heat of the 300m and 5th overall, whilst Ben Perry came 8th in his heat of 80m hurdles. There were brilliant efforts from everyone who performed and they all showed great team spirit throughout the whole competition.

More students got involved in school sports this year

This year for sport at Kingstone has been great! Across every age group from the year 7s to 11s more and more students got themselves involved in the sports the school offered and this shown in the results against rival schools across the county.

The year started brilliantly with the rugby and one our best performances yet with some great talent amongst the range of ages participating. This has been reflected with the comments made by not just our teachers, but those of other schools as well, congratulating Kingstone on some of the skill shown.

After Christmas it was the start of football season for the school. Again all age groups did very well in getting teams together and showing what this school is all about. In terms of performance the Year 10s did exceptionally well from start to finish narrowly missing out at the final at Edgar Street through some questionable refereeing! Hopefully next year the team will represent the school at the county final.

We are enjoying the cricket season and have been sponsored with a new kit.

Will Thomas



Exciting news ahead of next season's Rugby season

While having been a part of the RFU All Schools Rugby Programme over the past three years, which has seen the level of rugby at the school rapidly improve, we have forged a great working relationship with the RFU and England Rugby, which has enabled us to majorly increase participation and competition within the sport at the school. We are continuing our close links with the RFU but we have also recruited support with our Rugby delivery from Worcester Warriors. The Warriors will be working in school from September helping to deliver coaching sessions and PE lessons, along with creating opportunities for match day experiences with the Warriors, where we will be looking to participate in this season. The trip for our students who took the opportunity to travel to Twickenham stadium to watch first-hand how the England Rugby team train was really we received and want to build on that. Watching how Eddie Jones organises his training session to keep the players on their toes was a fantastic opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed by all – plus a great opportunity to see the players close up.

Mr Bufton



Kingstone joins forces with Brampton Golf Club

FOUR!!!! Kingstone has joined forces with Brampton Golf Club to regenerate the Kingstone High School Golf Society. The partnership has seen members of the school, staff and students as well as parents and local friends of the school play regularly around Brampton's challenging course. We have re-established the Kingstone School Championships along with the historic grudge match of Staff vs Students. Who will take the shield home?



Cricketing Partnership

Kingstone High School has joined forces with Wormelow Cricket Club to become a satellite partnership, building strong links with the cricket club enabling both parties to develop and progress via sharing resources, expertise and experiences. The first season has been a big hit with both Kingstone students and local club players which was showcased in a big fixture between them where some outstanding levels of cricket were displayed. This partnership has supported one of our most successful cricket seasons at the school.

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Here are a few events that have been happening at KTPS...

Chess Tournament

On Thursday 6th July, Mr Morgan took eight children from classes 4, 5 and 6 to the Herefordshire Jamboree Chess Tournament which was held at St Paul's Primary School. It was the first time that a KTPS team had participated in an inter-schools chess event since 2012 and eight other schools from across the county took part.



The Summer Games at Hereford Leisure Centre

On Wednesday 5th July 54 children from classes 3,4,5 and 6 took part in the annual inter-schools sports tournament, representing KTPS in rounders, tag rugby, lacrosse, athletics and try golf. The lacrosse team were runners up in the tournament and the tag rugby team progressed to the quarter-finals.



Opening Minds Week

Opening Minds is the name of series of whole school challenges that Mrs Vigus sets every half-term. She explained that it is a chance to give the children some incredible experiences and to give them the opportunity to try something new! This term's activity 'Out and About' involved a challenging trek: half the children climbed the Skirrid whilst half went on a walk across countryside from KTPS to Clehonger.



Year 5 Learning Days



It's been a fun day! It's all been really good and there isn't just one favourite thing about it. I think we are all really excited to build our own rockets later. I'd definitely come to Kingstone.
Marcus, William and Morgan, Clehonger



We've really enjoyed running around and the food is nice too! Science was really fun! I'll be coming to Kingstone hopefully. It's been a nice, enjoyable day.
Erin and Briana, Kingstone and Thruxton



I've had lots of fun. I like the doing the science, especially the big rocket outside. I would really like to come to Kingstone. There are so many good things.
Annabell, Madley

Really good, entertaining day. I enjoyed the rocket launch- can't believe how high it went. I really like how the older students helped make our students comfortable here.
Mrs. Thompkins, Kingstone and Thruxton.



Geography was awesome, we had to find parts of the world around the school.
Dabek, Riverside

In one word, excellent.
Ewyas Harold, Lucy Morris and Ellie Briggs

ICT was EPIC, we made and raced a car!
Joel and James, Much Birch



It's lovely for the children to come and meet you guys, so that they don't feel uncomfortable when they actually come.
Mrs Chesworth, Ewyas Harold

The older students are fantastic with the children, it's an absolutely fabulous experience for the children"
Mrs Anken, Riverside



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