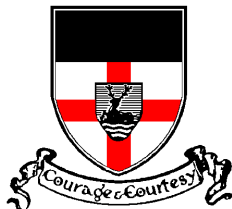


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## PARENTAL WEEKLY UPDATE – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (also available on our website)

Dear Parent or Carer,

It has been another very eventful and successful week since our last bulletin.

There have been Music department visits to the Barbican Centre, Theatre Studies trip to the Globe to see a Comedy of Errors and a whole range of sporting fixtures which keep the staff and the students very busy. Students from Year 12 are currently on a Geography field trip to Blencathra and we are hoping the weather has been kind. I attended a fabulous Year 12 and 13 Theatre Studies and BTEC presentation in our Drama Studio last evening, which was as good as going to the West End. Today we were supported by 17 friends of the school (mostly local businesses, Rotary Club members and friends) who ran mock interviews for our year 13 students in preparation for forthcoming University interviews.

I am very grateful to all my colleagues for the extra time they give to enrich the lives of our young people.

I had the great pleasure of accompanying some Year 9 students to the Victoria and Albert Museum last Friday. This was my first trip with the school and the students were a credit to themselves and the school. They were involved in sketching some non-European Art and taking pictures of the original works to use in their school projects. It was a great day, brilliantly organised and very successful.

I do hope that you are following the school on our facebook and twitter accounts and if you feel inclined to do so please follow me on my own twitter account is @KTSHeadteacher. Information about all of our social media accounts can be found through our school website.

Please also be reminded that we have a whole school staff training day next Wednesday, 22nd October.

Thank you for your continued support

Regards  
**Tim Litchfield**  
Headteacher

### ***Standards Evenings – remaining dates!***

Year 8 Thursday 16th October  
Year 7 Tuesday 21st October

In each bulletin we will feature an entry from the Log Book of Frank Hancock, MBE; first Head-teacher of The Knights Templar School (then Baldock County School).

*"13<sup>th</sup> October 1939  
Cleanliness inspection this afternoon."*

(Interestingly this entry coincides with Global Handwashing day this week. There are some posters up outside Mrs Mance's office for any pupil who isn't sure how it should be done!!)

### **Dates for your diary:**

17/10/2014	Friday	Yr 13 Progress Reviews Yr 10-13 Senior Chamber Choir Workshop with Apollo 5 Yr 12 Blencathra Geography Field Trip returns Yr 11 'Revision Cracked' with Tim Foot (Periods 1-4) Celebrate '75 Gala Ball, 7pm
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20/10/2014	Monday	Yr 9, 10 & 12 (selected students) Science Technology Tournament, Priory School Hitchin Yr 10 District Hockey Tournament, 2.20pm-6pm Yr 11 GCSE History Controlled Assessment, 3.30pm-5.30pm Full Governors Meeting, 7pm-9pm
21/10/2014	Tuesday	King Lear Shakespeare Schools Festival 2014, Rehearsal, Gordon Craig Theatre - (involving 20 Yr 8-10 students), 8.55am-3.20pm Yr 12 & 13 Art and Photography Trip to Trafalgar Square and London Gallery - all day Yr 11 GCSE History Controlled Assessment, 3.30pm-5.30pm King Lear Shakespeare Schools Festival 2014, Evening Performance, Gordon Craig Theatre - (involving 20 Yr 8-10 students) Time TBC Year 7 Standards Evening for Parents, 6pm in the Hall
22/10/2014	Wednesday	<b>Inset Day</b>
23/10/2014	Thursday	Yr 11 GCSE History Controlled Assessment, 3.30pm-5.30pm
24/10/2014	Friday	Yr 11 'Revision Cracked' with Tim Foot, Library (Periods 1-3) Center Parcs Holland Football Tour - returns 28th
25/10/2014	Saturday	Gold DofE Assessment Expedition, Snowdonia - return 30th

### **Baldock Town Partnership**

Baldock Town Partnership are pleased to present the 2nd Baldock firework display and Halloween party. This event will be held at Hartsfield School, Baldock. On 25th October 2014. The evening will include a Bar, an international food court and fair rides, family disco and a prize for all the fancy dressed children on the night. Tickets for this event are available at [www.baldocktown.co.uk](http://www.baldocktown.co.uk) or Tapps Garden centre or the M-viron mobile phone store.

### **More news from the Art Dept.**

Official KTS Christmas card design competition. Open to all years. £50 prize! Further details coming soon – see posters and the daily bulletin.

On Tuesday 21st October, there will be a Year 13 Photography and Years 12 & 13 Art trip to Trafalgar Square and galleries, by train.

### **King Lear – Shakespeare Schools Festival**

The assemblies have gone really well this week and the cast have used the opportunity to build their confidence to perform in a large space. This is one of the biggest challenges they face next week when they will be performing on the stage at the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage. Special mention must go to Ben Buky (Y9) in the title role. His delivery of Shakespeare's words is full of understanding and characterisation. Everyone is wishing the cast all the best for the performance next Tuesday, 21st October 7pm. Tickets are available from the Gordon Craig Theatre.

### **Modern Foreign Languages:**

Ever wondered how you can help your child learn vocabulary? Click [here](#) for a list of different strategies which we hope will see your child's vocabulary test scores soar!

### **Music Department**

The Music Department had an exciting end to last week with two visits to see live music.

On Thursday, 46 GCSE, AS & A Level music students travelled to The Barbican in London to enjoy a live orchestral experience of Romantic programme music and a Classical concerto. The London Symphony Orchestra performed Dukas' The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Scheherazade by Rimsky-Korsakov. To see such a prestigious orchestra perform was a real pleasure.

On Friday, 40 year 7, 8 and 9 students went to the Royal Albert Hall to watch the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's tribute to John Williams and his film music. The varied programme included the well known classics from Star Wars, Harry Potter, Jaws and Jurassic Park along with lesser known pieces from Munich, JFK and War Horse. Seated in the Choir Stalls, we had an amazing view of the orchestra and a different perspective on the Royal Albert Hall. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

### **PE News:**

#### **Year 8s cruise into the 4th round**

The year 8 boys' football team cruised into the 4th round of the National Cup with an emphatic 7-1 win over Hemel based school, Longdean. Cole Butler and Gus Long dominated the midfield, while Ollie Leach and Remarn Harmsworth caused the Longdean defence terrible problems with their skill and pace. Despite the impressive score line, KTS goal keeper Ross Canter was kept relatively busy and was forced into some magnificent saves throughout the game. Congratulations to all of the boys involved, particularly the goal scorers; Ollie Leach (2), Remarn Harmsworth (2), Gus Long, Cole Butler and Curtis Brookes.

**Year 8 Girls** played hockey against Barclay on Thursday 9th October. The girls took full responsibility for the organisation and warm up of the team, with Emma Shoobert stepping in to play goal keeper. The girls scored two goals in the first half with Emma saving many an attempt on goal by the opposition. The second half saw a change of players from Barclay which produced an energetic attack. The girls worked tirelessly to defend and cleared it away quickly resulting in a beautiful crossed goal completing their 3-0 win. This is the second win for the girls so far this season.

Hot off the press! Tonight **Year 9 Girls** played Highfield at home. It was a very close game but Darcey Fisher managed to score in the second half with help from Leah Cairns (Year 8), giving us a rewarding win of 1-0. Well done to the whole team.

The **Yr 10 Netball** team have played 3 matches so far this season. We lost 6 - 14 against Highfield, drew 12 - 12 against Meridian and beat Barnwell 20 - 6! It looks like we're warming up to a successful season.

### **Messages from the PE Department**

Students are reminded that full PE kit, inclusive of suitable outdoor and indoor clothing and footwear, must be bought to every Physical Education lesson. With poor weather and other planned events due to disrupt lessons over the coming months, it is imperative that students are prepared and can adapt accordingly to these disruptions.

Remember that we welcome all friends and parents to come along and support us. Don't forget to check the [website](#) for forthcoming matches.

### **Sixth Form News:**

#### **Sixth Form Drama Performance Evening**

The audience in attendance at the Sixth Form Drama Performance Evening were treated to a night of great entertainment, watching 3 performances in one show! The Yr12 Theatre Studies students started with an extract from the Greek Tragedy 'Antigone'; an emotionally powerful scene for which all of the actors created a mood full of pathos. Following this, the Yr13 Theatre Studies students performed three scenes from 'Our Country's Good'. Their introductions before each scene eloquently explained their directorial interpretations. Finally, Yr13 BTEC Performing Arts students performed 'Metamorphosis', a challenging horror story and worked as an ensemble to present an excellent example of Physical Theatre. Congratulations to all involved!

#### **The Big Sixth Form Quiz is back!**

Next Thursday 23rd October, the Big Quiz returns to the KTS Sixth Form. We are expecting this event to be hugely entertaining, fun and well attended as in previous years. Students will have the opportunity to win prizes, spend time with their friends and be entertained by Mr Sills' unique brand of comedy...what could be better on a Thursday night! If your son or daughter has yet to purchase their ticket for the Big Quiz then please encourage them to do so by speaking with members of the Senior Prefect Team.

#### **This week's graduate profile- Charlotte Ryan**

While most students spent their summer contemplating their University accommodation or employment options, Charlotte was planning her big move to America! Throughout her KTS years, Charlotte worked hard to become an excellent footballer and spent a lot of her free time playing for the Watford FC Women's team. This invaluable experience paid off when Charlotte was scouted by a coach who helped her obtain an 'Athletic Scholarship' to Upper Iowa University, USA. Charlotte is now studying Exercise Science and enjoying an excellent standard of football, playing in a 3,500 capacity stadium. We look forward to welcoming Charlotte back at KTS to inspire younger year groups!

#### **Speedmatching**

KTS Sixth Form Students were inspired to take up volunteering after a specially organised session last week with local charities. See [here](#) for the report in this week's Comet Newspaper.