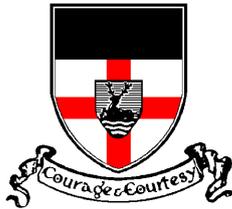


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PARENTAL WEEKLY UPDATE – 20th November 2014 (also available on our website)

Dear Parents and Carers

The school continues to be as busy as ever and in addition to our usual extensive programme of enrichment, we had the first concert of the year on Tuesday evening. The evening was packed with high quality music from most of our large and smaller ensembles. Thank you to all parents and carers who came to listen and I do encourage all lovers of music to attend our concerts in the future. The standard is so high and the concerts are free! Congratulations to all the students involved and my grateful thanks to all the staff who give up their time to run or play in ensembles.

Please see this message from the 'Friends of KTS' –
The value of a missed latte



- The Friends of KTS are dedicated to improving the experience and environment for all our young people at our fabulous school – and you can help by donating as little as £2.50 a month to make our dreams a reality.
- An average latte costs around £2.50 from any of the major chains. Just think what one missed latte a month could buy?
- If 100 people donated as little as £2.50 a month we would raise £3,000 a year, if 200 people donated it would be £6,000 and so on and so on.
- So far Friends of KTS has contributed to the major refurbishment of the drama studio and bought a new grand piano.
- There is so much that could be done by missing just one latte a month.

Sign up today at:

http://www.ktemplar.herts.sch.uk/docs/Friends_membership_2.pdf

http://www.ktemplar.herts.sch.uk/docs/Friends_subscription_form_final.pdf

This evening we are holding our 6th form open evening. This is an opportunity for Year 11 students from KTS and the surrounding area, to come to the school and see the wide choice of options and enrichment that is available. I do hope that everyone thinking of going to 6th form has made arrangements to be here tonight, but if for whatever reason you are unable to attend, please do contact the 6th form admin team and we can make arrangements to give you as much information as possible.

May I thank all parents who read and have responded to my comments in last week's bulletin about picking up your child after school. I would also like to say that we are aware that there are some issues about one or two morning buses arriving late to school. We are working closely with County to resolve the issues. In the meantime I have asked my colleagues to be understanding about students arriving late as a result of late buses.

On Monday, our Year 11 students start their GCSE mock examination season. Would all students please be aware that there are exams going on in key areas and try to move quietly around these areas. May I give all our year 11 students my best wishes for the exams. As we all know, hard work will be rewarded!

Finally, can I please ask parents to keep checking 'Show my homework'. This is the online tool for students and parents where most of the homework issued by the school is posted. As parents, you can check what has been set and therefore ensure that your son or daughter has completed the work to a high standard. If you do not yet have log-in information, please do contact the school (information is on the front page of the school website).

Thank you so much for your continued support

Regards,
Tim Litchfield
Headteacher

Entry from the Log Book of Frank Hancock, MBE; first Head-teacher of The Knights Templar School, 4th March 1940

Mr. Eales of the Allotment Holders Association came to school this morning to complain that children had been running over the allotments. This is a serious matter and Miss Axford and I have both spoken to the children about it.

Dates for your diary:

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| 20/11/2014 | Thursday | Yr 11 into 12 6th Form Open Evening, 7pm-9pm - Hall, VI Form Block & Subject rooms |
| 21/11/2014 | Friday | Yr 8 FIFA Tournament in Hall |
| | | Bronze DofE Launch – Yr 9 |
| | | Yr 10&11 GCSE Dance Conference |
| 22/11/2014 | Saturday | Rugby Trip to Twickenham (3.45-11.30pm) |
| 24/11/2014 | Monday | Yr 11 Mock Exams (until Friday 5th December) Yr 11, 12 & 13 Senior District Hockey Tournament, 2.20pm-6pm Yr 12-13 Mock performances for AS and A2, 6pm in the Hall |
| 25/11/2014 | Tuesday | Yr 11 Mock Exams Yr 12 Applied Business – Engaging Minds – Jamal Edwards, 6CR |
| 26/11/2014 | Wednesday | Yr 11 Mock Exams Yr 12 Parents Evening, 5pm-7pm - Hall |
| 27/11/2014 | Thursday | Yr 11 Mock Exams |
| 28/11/2014 | Friday | Occasional Day |
| 30/11/2014 | Sunday | Yr 8 MFL Trip to Cologne Christmas Markets (until 3/12) |

Christmas Fete – Thursday 11th December

Save the date! The KTS Christmas Fete is taking place on Thursday 11th December at lunchtime and after school until 6pm. As part of our preparations, we are looking for donations of:

- old Christmas trees, fairy lights, tinsel and other decorations to help us turn our school hall into a Winter Wonderland!
- gifts for our £1 Christmas gift stall – for example, new toiletries, gift packs, candles, chocolates, biscuits, jams, small gadgets, stationery, socks, hats, gloves.



If you are able to help out with any donations, please bring them to Mr Sherry in the MFL Office by Friday 5th December.

If you run a small business or have an idea for a stall that you would like to run, there are still some spaces available. Please contact Mr Sherry on jsherry@ktemplar.herts.sch.uk for more information.

Christmas Date For your Diary

This year's Carol Service will take place at St. Mary's Church, Baldock at 7.30pm on Monday, 15th December .

School Production: 'The Crucible'

The rehearsals continue to be full of energy and focus. The cast are working incredibly hard on this very powerful story of witchcraft and community division. The cast have now been joined by a technical and stage management team of equal energy and interest in making this production the 'best ever'. The performance dates are 27th-30th January, so make sure you put the dates in your diary, this is going to be a production not to be missed!

Hertfordshire County Youth Theatre Auditions

On Tuesday, fifteen students from Y9 and above auditioned for 'Peter Pan', which will be the next production by Hertfordshire County Youth Theatre based at the Watford Palace Theatre. The students were an absolute credit to the school and received great praise from the visiting professional director. It's time for the long wait to see who has made it into the company for the production. Successful students should hear in about three weeks. In the meantime, well done to everyone involved in the audition.

Maths Challenge

On Thursday 6th November, 13 Mathematicians took part in the Senior Maths Challenge. This is a national competition and pupils do well to receive an award. The results were: 2 gold, 3 silver and 7 bronze. Congratulations to all those who took part. Notable performances were from Jeremy Beard (Year 12) and Robert Brierley (Year 12) who both qualified to go through to the next round of the competition.

Music News

Our Advent Concert was held at school on Tuesday, and the audience were treated to an evening of wonderful music performed by our students (as well as some staff).

The concert orchestra, brass band, wind band, big band and senior choir, together with brass, string, guitar and woodwind ensembles performed a varied programme of classical and popular music ranging from Mozart to Disney!

The Music Department would like to thank all the students who took part and our peripatetic staff for rehearsing our ensembles.

Science – GCSE Live

The GCSElive science trip (announced in the previous bulletin) has now been opened up to 11X1 and 11Y1 classes as well as 11XT. Students have been given letters and return of slips/payment is needed by 28 November please.

Year 7 Netball Success

A fantastic double win for the year 7 girls netball team on Thursday 13th November! We played The Priory School first and ended up winning 14-2 with strong play from Anna Wallace and Zara Northern in centre and great defence played by Mia Luk, Millie Haywood and Revae Tilbury. Our second game was against St Francis School, this ended with us winning 9-2 with great shooting from Alicia Padget and Maya Clawson! All the girls played extremely well and their continued hard work and determination definitely paid off!

Rugby News

On Wednesday 19th November, the year 9 and 8 rugby teams took on Priory in a developmental fixture for an inexperienced Priory team. KTS showed their dominance in both fixtures with the year 9 team taking a 55-15 victory and year 8 winning 45-0.

Tries for year 9 were: Josh PArkhouse 5, Aaron Dhinsa 3, Karanvir Dillon, Freddie Hindson, Alex Sedgewick.

Squad Photos

If you would like a print of the recent squad photos, please ensure your son/daughter comes to PE office to collect a letter from Mr Bradley. A sample of a Year 9 Basketball squad photo is shown here. All photos will be presented in a black edged frame and are priced at £6.



Year 10 Vaccines for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio, and Meningitis C

Letters with consent forms will be going out tomorrow to all Year 10 pupils. Parents and Carers please ask for the form when your child returns from school, or check their bag for it, as we do need it to be returned as soon as possible. The vaccines will be done in the New Year, but we do need the consent forms back in early December. The forms need to come to Mrs Mance in the Red Drop Box outside the medical room.

If you do not wish your child to have the vaccines you still need to complete the 'No' part of the forms and return them to school.

If you find that the form doesn't come your way!! Your child can collect another from Mrs Mance or you can copy the form on the Medical Matters page of the school web site.

If Year 11 pupils missed the vaccine last year they can have it this time and need to collect a form from Mrs Mance or again go to the web site.

Mrs Jane Mance

Medical Student Services

Sixth Form News

Holland - Senior Boys' Football Tour (in pictures)



The all important warm-up



Goal mouth action as KTS apply the pressure



A well earned rest in the dug-out



Matty Reynolds delivers a dangerous corner



The proud manager



The pain.....



The team talk...are they even listening?



A well deserved rest and a bit of relaxation at the Center Parcs resort

Challenge TC Day (in photos)



The proud winners with their facilitator, Sue Ward



Hard at work



Pitching their idea and business

Dinner Dance

Dinner Dance tickets are still on sale for £35. Don't miss out on what will be a fantastic night!

This week's KTS graduate profile- Alex Close

Alex worked hard throughout his time at the KTS sixth form. He immersed himself in all aspects of school life, from his academic studies to his prefect duties and even found the time to compete in the senior football squad (and win 2 district titles in the process!) His hard work certainly paid off and he is now studying a sponsored business degree at Hertfordshire University through MBDA. This is an incredibly competitive programme of study to be accepted on and we are enormously proud of Alex for securing such a highly sought after degree. We would also like to thank Alex for giving up his free time and returning to KTS for tonight's sixth form open evening. Alex will be speaking with parents and prospective students about his experiences at KTS and how it has moulded him into the success he is today. We look forward to his return!