

## ***What's Happening at KAS...***

***9th June 2017***



This is a busy period for everyone at our school with the examinations now in full swing for GCSE and A Levels. All our students have been working very hard over recent months and we wish them every success for their results in August.

Last term we were visited by an Ofsted Inspection team and we are now waiting for the official report to be published. Once we receive this, we will share it with parents and hold a special meeting to discuss the outcomes.

You will know that for some time now we have been investigating the possibility of joining The Clevedon Learning Trust as part of our conversion to academy status. The application for this is currently with the Regional Schools Commissioner and is still to be processed. In the meantime, we are delighted that The Clevedon Learning Trust has been approved by Somerset Local Authority to start working with us this term and into the next academic year to support us to make further improvements and secure higher performance outcomes for students. Mr John Wells will be acting in an Executive Headteacher role and Ms Zoë Elder will be leading on Teaching & Learning across the school. Both will be part of the Senior Leadership Team and working alongside Mrs Denise Hurr (Headteacher).



Mr Wells has already met with our staff at a formal meeting and plans have been put into place for this term. These plans will have a positive impact on student appearance and behaviour, create more student leadership opportunities and ensure effective communication with parents so that we build a strong sense of community. The key words, '*Belong, Believe, Be Proud*' have come from the students and now form our school's mission statement. They will be at the forefront of everything that happens at our school.

All of these strategies are captured in a summary document called the 'Be Proud' Plan which you can see over the page. The 'Be Proud' Plan is being used by all staff and students. It ensures that everyone is clear about our expectations and the high quality standards at the heart everything at The King Alfred School.

The first phase of the 'Be Proud' Plan focuses on achieving these expectations by the end of this term. In this way, we will ensure that the new academic year in September will start with everything already in place to secure the very best outcomes for all our students.

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">Our Be Proud Plan</h1> 				
Learning Environments	Routines	Planning for Challenge	Delivery	Marking & Feedback
Ownership & Pride	Meet & Greet - End & Send	Schemes of Learning	Shared Learning Outcomes	Regular Feedback Cycles
Visible Key Messages	Positive Behaviour	Using data to inform Teaching & Learning (Class Packs)	Quality Questioning (verbal & written)	Quality Feedback
Student Prompts & Help Areas	Quality Presentation Expectations	High Quality Lesson Planning	Mini-Plenaries/ Reflection Time	Student Responses and Actions

One of the key elements we have been working on at the start of this term is uniform. Our expectations are published on the website for your information. We believe it is vital that uniform is worn appropriately, to develop pride and promote a sense of belonging to the community of The King Alfred School. In addition, it enables equality of opportunity and promotes a positive work ethic.

A reminder of our Uniform expectations for every student at King Alfred:

- Trousers should be regular plain black smart trousers. Jeans, leggings, jeggings, joggers or other similar trousers are not permitted. 'Skinny' and slim cut trousers are now acceptable (following student and parent feedback). Trousers should not be rolled or turned up at the ankle.
- Skirts should be A-line or straight, plain black and of an appropriate length. Split skirts and tight, stretchy material skirts are not permitted. Plain black tights should be worn with a skirt.
- Shoes must be plain black, closed toe school shoes with no studs. Trainers, sports-brand shoes, boots, backless shoes, canvas or 'plimsoll' type shoes including Converse and Vans are not permitted.
- Hoodies (pullover-style or zipped) and denim jackets/coats are not permitted. Year 11s only are allowed to wear their Leavers' Hoodies.
- Hair should be of a natural colour. Extreme hair colours and styles are not permitted – this includes shaved patterns, lines or steps.
- Jewellery is limited to one plain stud in each ear lobe and/or one appropriate ring per hand. No other forms of piercing are acceptable.
- Make up should be discreet and neutral in colour. Nail varnish should be plain and limited to natural colours. Nails should be an appropriate length.

We are very proud of all our students and would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the success of Holly Hudghton who has qualified for both the British and English National Swimming Finals and to Megan Richards and Holly Richards who have qualified for the English National Swimming finals - congratulations!

***Belong. Believe. Be Proud.***