

## What's Happening at KAS...

16th June 2017



Over the last two weeks we have been working hard as a school on all aspects of our Be Proud Plan. Particularly on 'Belong'. King Alfred's is at the heart of the community in Burnham & Highbridge, and our students have highlighted to us the importance of this to them. They really feel that they belong to a vibrant, thoughtful and supportive community. As part of this, we have all been focusing on positive relationships and mutual respect, and it has been fantastic to see the impact of this around the site and in the classroom. Interactions between students and staff have always been positive at KAS, and the last two weeks have been about reminding all of us to make the most of this in order to develop those relationships.

 <b>Our Be Proud Plan</b> 				
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

The benefits of this in the classroom have been clear. Welcoming other students' ideas and opinions, effective group work and students leading their own learning, with high levels of engagement. Outside the classroom, staff and students greet each other at all times, show respect for our environment and there is a calm, purposeful atmosphere. As parents and carers we would like to thank you for providing the fantastic support with uniform, and for helping our students really show and feel that they belong to our school community. Thank you to the many of you who have taken the time to let us know your positive feedback and for telling us how important this is to you.

Creative Action Days (Anti-bullying, equality and diversity)

During last week we ran two days of workshops aimed at developing equality and diversity in our school. Actionwork Film & Theatre and Avon & Somerset Police joined us to run workshops with students, staff and parents as well as assemblies for all students in Years 7 - 10. School Council member, Jacob Kemp was clear on the benefit of these sessions, telling us that,

*"The assemblies were helpful to be able to recognise the difference between bullying and fallouts between friends and raising awareness of unpleasant or bullying behaviour."*

Tutor groups also worked on activities to promote mutual respect and positive relationships throughout last week, and this work will feed into our new Anti-Bullying Policy to be launched for September 2017.

#### New SENDCO

Mrs Wilkins will join us as SENDCO in September to lead the SEND team. She will be working alongside Mrs Lloyd to support our students. She is very much looking forward to joining us and building on the excellent work of our team already.

#### OFSTED

We are yet to receive our final Ofsted report. As soon as we do, we will send it to all families. This will be followed by a parent meeting to discuss the outcomes and update you on our exciting new developments, including our Be Proud plan.

#### Athletics

It's been a busy time with our KAS athletes competing in a range of area and County competitions across Somerset. As usual, they have represented the school with great pride and many athletes have achieved personal best performances in their track and field events. We have had medal placings in many County events. The individual successes are too numerous to name here, so we will present them in more detail in the Summer Newsletter at the end of this term.

#### Student Leadership (Year 11 Prefects)

We are very excited to share with you that over a third of our Year 10 students have applied to become our first group of Year 11 Prefects. Over the next two weeks these students will be shortlisted and interviewed, with the successful students attending a celebration lunch and an Induction Day before the end of this term. These students are a fantastic example of having a real desire to belong to our school, contribute to its ethos and values, and to be proud to represent King Alfred's. Thank you to all those who applied.

#### Key Stage 3 Graduation (Year 8)

Next week sees our second annual Key Stage 3 Graduation event on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June (6-7.30pm). We hope to see all our Year 8 students and parents/carers attending this celebration of all the students' hard work over the last two years. We are very proud of our students and we are looking forward to publicly acknowledging this next week. There will be refreshments and nibbles in the Hall from 6pm, with the awards starting at 6.30pm. Please confirm your attendance via your child's tutor or by email to [sch.514@kingalfred.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:sch.514@kingalfred.somerset.sch.uk). We will also be issuing VIP invitations on the evening to a Graduation BBQ before the end of term, where we will also have two surprise awards. We really hope to see you all there.

Our Be Proud focus is incredibly important to us. Students tell us that they appreciate the clarity of expectations that the Be Proud Plan brings, particularly in their uniform, the consistent use of rewards and sanctions, and the Learning Stars Boards in lessons. Thank you for your support and the part you play in the development of our school.