

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

***15th September 2017***



### **Year 7 Students**

What a start from our new Year 7 students! Only one week into their big move to secondary school and already they have been demonstrating our values of **Belong, Believe, Be Proud**. Smart, polite and ready to learn, they really are exceeding expectations. Staff, students and visitors have noticed just how well they have settled at King Alfred's. Well done to Year 7 and Mr Harris and the team. Keep up the high standards.

### **Message from John Wells and Zoë Elder, Clevedon Learning Trust**

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank everybody at King Alfred's School for the warm welcome during our time with you. It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of the KAS community. We were very pleased to be asked by Somerset Local Authority to work so closely with you as your School Improvement Partner during Term 6 and we are delighted to have seen so much progress made on the 'Be Proud Plan'. We wish everybody at King Alfred's the very best as you embark on the next stage of your improvement journey with The Priory Learning Trust.

### **6th Form Rome Trip**

King Alfred's 6th Form students enjoyed a wonderful trip to Rome in the summer. Hot, sunny weather was the order of the day as the group visited classical sites including the Colosseum, the Forum and the Pantheon. The students also took away some great memories of Rome, including visits to the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Gianicolo Hill, with its breathtaking views over the city. Year 13 are now looking forward to the trip to Berlin 2018 as a reward for working hard on their A levels over the coming months.



Gianicolo Hill



At the Forum



Inside the Colosseum

### **Parents, Teachers & Friends Association (PTFA)**

The first meeting of the PTFA was an enormous success. Nearly thirty enthusiastic parents and teachers attended to share ideas, with over 170 joining the Facebook page. Initial plans for events included holding a Christmas Fayre, selling teas and coffees at school events, quiz nights and there was even an offer of Irish dancing lessons! We agreed that our first areas for focus would include buying new dictionaries, joining together to paint and beautify parts of the school and creating an area for a pupil gardening club. The next meeting will be in October and the date will be on the Facebook page King Alfred School PTFA and advertised on the school website. If you'd like more information on the upcoming events and to get involved please email [pta@kingalfred.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:pta@kingalfred.somerset.sch.uk). Many thanks to all those who have done so already.

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

## **Student Leadership - Year 11 Prefects**

Our new year 11 Prefects started the first of their duties this week during breaktime and lunchtime. They have made an excellent start leading on our values of **Belong, Believe, Be Proud** and look incredibly smart in their blazers and ties. Prefects will also soon be working with different departments around the school.



## **Tutor Evenings**

The first Tutor Evenings will be on Thursday 12th and 19th October. This is the first opportunity this year to meet with your child's tutor to discuss their progress. These extended appointments will replace the 'Academic Review Days', allowing for the same length of high quality contact with your child's tutor, without the disruption to learning or impact on child care resulting from the previous Academic Review Days. Further details will follow nearer the time.

## **Student Leadership - Tutor Group Roles**

Last week each Tutor Group decided on a variety of leadership roles for the students within the group. These roles will allow them to develop their leadership of themselves and others, and to support staff and students. The roles include Green Team, Be Proud Leaders, Equipment Monitors, Sports Captains and more. Over the coming weeks and months your child will be able to tell you more about the development of these roles.

## **Class Charts**

The launch of our new software 'Class Charts' now allows you to view and celebrate your child's achievement using the parent app or via the online internet portal. You can look at information on your child's behaviour, homework, attendance and rewards. Class Charts will allow us to quickly share the students' positive achievements and help pupils see their own progress and reflect on their achievement and behaviour. Parents who attended the Information Sessions will have already received their log-in code/details. If you were unable to attend, these will be posted home. If you experience any technical issues with log-in or the use of Class Charts please contact our dedicated email address:

[classcharts@kingalfred.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:classcharts@kingalfred.somerset.sch.uk)

## **Parent Information Sessions**

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Parent Information Sessions this week for Years 8 to 11. The presentations are available on the website. Many parents commented that they found the sessions informative and helpful. It was great to see so many of you supporting the school. In particular Year 11 parents said that they valued the clarity of information regarding the expectations for their children's GCSE year, which will allow them to effectively support their children in the run-up to exams. The Parent Information Session for Year 7 is on Monday 25th September.