

# What's Happening at KAS...

20th October 2017



## King Alfred School Cross Country Success

Two girls' teams competed in the English Schools X Country Cup at Downside School, Radstock on 4th October. This was a regional competition with schools from the South West. The Year 9 and 10 Girls' Team of Tilly Lawrence, Anya Snowball, Olivia Earthy, Milly Fooks and Missy Hicks were placed a very creditable 8th place. Of note, Anya Snowball was placed 12th in the overall competition.



The Year 7 and 8 Girls' Team of India Porter, Mia Noah, Emily Murphy, Grace Johnson, Ria Tilley and Angelina Krstic were placed 4th. This is a magnificent achievement with excellent performances from all of the girls. India Porter's 4th place out of 56 competitors was outstanding. We are very **proud** of their fabulous efforts in what was a very challenging and high level competition.

## Stand Up Speak Out Project - Advocate

Year 9 students have been working hard on fine tuning their speeches as part of the 'Voices against Oppression' study. Successful class representatives will be practising their performances over half term ready to compete in the 'Stand Up Speak Out' on Wednesday 8th November. **Please come and show them your support on the evening in B-Block 5.45pm.**



## Class Charts

We are almost at the end of our first half term using the new online homework and behaviour system Class Charts. We do have a dedicated email for any technical issues that may arise and we will respond to you within 48 hours. We would also ask that any family having difficulties with accessing the internet contact us as soon as possible.

## King Alfred School on Facebook

Following the launch of our Twitter page last year, we now have our own Facebook page at King Alfred's. Please use this link to access our page: [bit.ly/KASFacebook](http://bit.ly/KASFacebook). Our new Facebook page is centred around celebrating our students' success and promoting events across the school community. We have thousands of inspirational stories about student success that we will be sharing with you, please help us to find even more. If you have a good news story about your child, or any other KAS students, please email: [editor@priorylearningtrust.org.uk](mailto:editor@priorylearningtrust.org.uk). For any other questions or issues please contact the school in the usual way, as outlined below.

## Communication

Thank you for your support and for working with us. We hope that you found the Parent Information Evenings useful and that Class Charts is keeping you up to date with your child's homework and conduct. If you would like to meet with a member of staff please contact the Office to book an appointment. If you prefer to contact us by phone or email we will respond to you within 48 hours. For Class Charts queries please use: [classcharts@kingalfred.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:classcharts@kingalfred.somerset.sch.uk)

## Learning Support Update

It's been a busy time in Learning Support since the start of term. The staff have been really busy making their new room their own, and making it a fantastic space for students to feel safe and supported. Last week Mr Darcy handed out his first P.A.T. Dog reading certificates. The students involved said that it really helped having Mr Darcy to read to, and staff have noticed an increasing confidence in their reading. Miss Wilkins and the team have started to test the whole of Key Stage

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3 in order to gain accurate and up-to-date reading ages, using diagnostic reading tests. This will allow for more targeted support in the coming months. Thank you to Mr Darcy and the whole Learning Support Team for their hard work this half term.

### Tutor Evening

The first of our Tutor Evenings was a huge success. It was brilliant to hear our students engaged in meaningful conversations about their learning at school, and all the work that they have to be **proud** of. We hope that you also found the opportunity to listen and ask questions about your child's progress useful. Thanks to Daniel Murley in 7F (pictured), and all the other students who discussed work that showed their **pride** and progress during the evening.



### Yr11 Revision & Catch Up Sessions - English & Maths update

Department	Targeted group-revision session	General Revision - open to all
English Literature	Thursdays 3.10-4.00pm PL/RCW/SJM/LAW Invited students only	Thursdays 3.10-4.00pm PL/RCW/SJM/LAW
English Language	Monday lunchtimes C4 Invited students only Tuesday 3.10-4.00pm Invited students only Thursday 3.10-4.00pm (Aim High) VP Invited students only	Thursday 3.10-4.00pm VP
Maths	Wednesday 3.10-4.00pm D10 JP D9 LO D3 HL D12 RW D1 SAW Invited students only	Friday 3.10 - 4.00pm D10, D3, D9

NB: If students are invited to English/Maths sessions they must attend. Full details of all revision sessions can be found on the school website

### Year 11 Parental Support Evening

This event aims to provide parents and carers with information and advice to help them understand the specific requirements of the core compulsory subjects of English, mathematics and Science. Heads of Department will offer tips and a guide to their specific subject. There will also be helpful hints on how best to revise. SHARE project will also be in attendance to help parents and carers support their children's mental health and wellbeing at what can be a stressful time for students. **The event is from 6 to 7pm on Thursday 2nd November 2017.**

### Behaviour Policy Update

From Half Term we will be introducing a change to our current Behaviour Policy regarding the consequences for students being sent to 'parking'. Students are sent to parking for disrupting learning in a lesson, despite being given at least two warnings. As you can imagine, this has a detrimental impact on the learning for all students. As a result, and to reduce disruption to learning, from Half Term, students sent to parking will incur an automatic same-day detention from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the Sandwich Hall with Mr Milford. This will obviously only affect a small number of students, and will allow the majority to continue to learn with fewer disruptions. Thank you for your support with this procedure.

### Priory Learning Trust Update

We were very pleased this week to receive the first of the new KAS picnic benches. Students are now using these as seating areas at both break and lunchtimes. It is very important that students have a place to sit at lunchtime. More site improvements are planned over the half term break. I also hope parents and carers may have received a 'Friday' phone call? This does not always happen on a Friday but it often makes a nice end to the week. I called home to 6 students last week to simply say 'well done' for a range of matters. It is also a very good way to thank parents for their support of our school. Please have a great half term. We return on Monday 30th October. **Thank you for your support** - from Mr Coles.