

What's Happening at KAS...

17th November 2017



Be Proud

Again this week we have some fantastic student achievements to celebrate. Thank you to all the students involved. You make us very **proud**.

Lest We Forget

Thanks to Year 11 Prefects Beth Paterson and Stefan Daitoiu, along with scores of students in the Army, Navy and RAF cadets, Scouts, Guides, St John Ambulance cadets and more. The students represented the school, joined by school staff, at the Burnham-on-Sea Remembrance Ceremony last Sunday. A parade took place along the High Street, before a ceremony at the War Memorial, laying of wreaths and rendition of the Last Post by former student Joe Storar. Thank you to all who took part, perfectly representing our ethos of **Belong, Believe, Be Proud**.



We also held our own ceremony at school last Friday, where cadets joined a group of Year 11 Prefects and school staff in front of the A Block flagpole. As the flag flew at half-mast at 11am the whole school observed an immaculate minute's silence, the cadet groups stood at attention and the Last Post was played by Joe Storar. At break and lunch students also took part in making our own **Be Proud** poppy display, led by Mrs Standford. The finished product will go on display this week.



Priory Learning Trust (PLT) Update

We are now 9 weeks into our work with the PLT and we believe that students, staff and parents will already be seeing the changes. Work continues across the school to improve the experience of every member of the community who uses our site. The installation of the window art to classrooms, the new reception which will open early December and the improved signage for users of the 1610 sports centre are simple examples of the changes we have brought to our school site in the last 6 months. Class Charts has changed the way that we all work together and many parents are commenting on how useful it is to see how their child is doing and to monitor the homework they are being set. Working in partnership with parents is key to us all improving our school.

Edvocate 2017 - Stand Up Speak Out

A huge congratulations to all Year 9 students who took part last night in the Edvocate 'Stand Up, Speak Out 2017' and thank you to parents and staff for coming to show your support. A special

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mention to Olivia Earthy for winning the event and becoming the champion of 2017 and Fiona Williams and Jacob Kemp, who were both 'Highly Commended'. It was a superb night. The students involved should be very **proud** of their contributions. Thank you to you all and to Miss Wray for organising the fantastic event. Daisy Criddle and Jack Millier (Year 10), last year's first and second place champions, presented the night with true style whilst Rowan Mobsby Frost (Year 11) wowed the audience with her beautiful singing during the interval.



Anti-Bullying Week 2017

It was all go this week for Anti-Bullying Week as events took place all over the school on the theme of 'All Equal, All Different'. Ranging from Odd-Sock Day on Tuesday to Children in Need on Friday the whole school raised awareness of bullying in all forms, and focussed on proactive steps to prevent it both in school and on social media. On Wednesday we were very fortunate to have a visit from 2BU in Somerset, highlighting the issue of Homophobic, Biphobic and Transphobic (HBT) bullying. Lisa from 2BU ran sessions with Tutor Reps and Transition Leaders to enable them to support their peers and raise awareness. In RS and PSHCE lessons and Tutor times students learned about the effects and prevention of bullying, and in assemblies throughout the week Mr Shepherd and Miss Hewlitt presented on the topic of 'No Bystanders'. The #NoBystanders campaign has been developed by Stonewall to encourage all students to challenge and play their part in preventing bullying in all forms. The highlight of the week for some was the **MASSIVE** cake sale on Wednesday, where Tutor Groups vied to raise the most money (winners to be announced next week!). A huge thank you to all the students and staff for a brilliantly busy week! #AllEqualAllDifferent **#BeProud**

Coats

Autumn (or winter) is definitely here! The weather has certainly turned chilly, and with the nights closing in it's that time of year where we all need to prompt the students to wear a coat! Please remind them to wear an appropriate outdoor coat in line with the Uniform Policy. No hoodies (zipped or pullover), or denim jackets please.

King Alfred's 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: bit.ly/KASFacebook. Our Facebook page is centred around celebrating our students' success and promoting events across the school community. 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 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 to us by phone or email we will respond to your query within 48 hours.

End of Term Arrangements

Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 20th December, with traditional turkey and all the trimmings, all for £2.50. There will be two sittings, so please encourage your child to sign up in advance for this lovely festive event. End of Term Assemblies will be held for Years 7-10 on Wednesday 20th and for Year 11 and 6th Form on Thursday 21st December. The Autumn Term will finish at 12.40pm on Thursday 21st December. It is a normal working week until the Thursday half day, so please ensure that your child attends every day up to and including Thursday 21st.

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