

What's Happening at KAS...

21st December 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**.

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who have worked so hard to support the school this term. It really is a team effort, and the little things done every day by so many add up, so thank you for everything that you do as part of the **One Team** at King Alfred School.

We have produced a fantastic School Newsletter this term, packed full of news and pictures from this term. It contains countless examples of just why we are **proud** of our students, so please have a look. It is available on the website, on Twitter and on our Facebook page. Happy reading! Thank you to all the staff and students who contributed, and to Mrs Williams for collating the articles.

Following the success of our What's Happening weekly newsletter, these will continue to be produced each week. However, in the interests of the environment after Christmas they will not be printed, but will be available on the website from Friday morning. We are also trialling an e-communication system whereby school letters are emailed to parents/carers, and, if this is successful, we will roll out across the school for communications including the What's Happening newsletter.



Christmas rewards, fun and excitement...

Left to right: Ruby Barton & Kayley Brown (10D), Year 11 Prefects, Year 11 Celebration Assembly

The Priory Learning Trust (TPLT) Update from Mr Coles (Executive Principal TPLT)

Have a great Christmas and New Year. We are really enjoying working with the great staff and students at TKAS. **Thank you** for your support. Please do contact us with any concerns and with any 'good news' stories. This is a **great** school and a **great community**. I can assure you the future is very bright.

Governance at The King Alfred School - Hugh Mackay (Chair of Governors)

The Governing Body, after a meeting with the Local Authority (Somerset County Council), has advised the Local Authority of its intention to stand down, in the best interests of the School, from a date to be agreed with the Local Authority.

The Governing Body will remain in place and continue to carry out its functions until the Local Authority receives the agreement of the Secretary of State to establish an Interim Executive Board (IEB).

The Governing Body recognised, in light of the recent Ofsted Monitoring Inspection findings, that it has not been able to drive the rapid progress at the School required by Ofsted.

The School would like to thank the Governing Body for their commitment to our School community.

King Alfred Sixth Form Rag Day Success

Following last week's news regarding the monies raised by the Sixth Form RAG Day, we are proud to show photos of Sam Collard and members of the Sixth Form Student committee presenting their

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cheque for £293 to Mandy Ellis of Somewhere House. Well done the Sixth Form!



Site Entry And Visitors To Site

Our new visitor reception opened officially on Monday, 11th December 2017. All adults visiting the school now do so via this new reception located next to the coach bay car park. Students who arrive after the start of the school day or who need to leave during the school day will also be using this reception. If you need to visit the school for any reason please use the new reception as the old reception will be for students only. This will be clearly signposted from the car parks. 1610 gym users will use the separate entrance gate from the car park in front of the main block where the allocated parking for members is provided.

Uniform Update

As we prepare for the Christmas break, we would like to clarify the school's expectations regarding students' uniform. A letter has gone home to all Parents/Carers regarding the Uniform Policy. We are very clear on the policy for uniform in school and we believe all students should represent the school with pride, wearing their uniform correctly every day at school.

At the start of Term 3, we are requesting that all students return to school adhering to the uniform policy. I hope, as parents/carers, you will fully support this drive on high standards of uniform at school. **For any student arriving at school in Term 3 incorrectly dressed or presented, we will be contacting home to ask if your child can return home to change into correct uniform. If unable to return home that day, the clear expectation will be that your child arrives the next day correctly dressed.**

For students with medical conditions requiring them to wear alternative footwear to school shoes, we will be requesting certified medical notes as from Term 3. This will be the consistent message to all students. Please do take some time to look at the Uniform Policy on the school website.

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 us by phone or email we will respond to your query within 48 hours.

Happy Holidays

The school will close for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 21st December at 12.40pm. School transport has been arranged for the early closure. We wish you all a safe, enjoyable and restful holiday, and a very happy 2018.



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