

BE PROUD

Again this week we have some fantastic student achievements to celebrate at The King Alfred School (TKAS). Thank you to all the students involved. You make us very **proud**.

Toby Baker and his gymnastics partner Jack Hunt (St Andrew's School) took part in the Sports Acrobatic National Finals last weekend and placed a fantastic 3rd in Great Britain at grade 5 men's pair. Congratulations!

Tanisha Kobra in 7I recently won the SHARE project poster competition. Here she is, with her prize, next to her winning effort, which is displayed next to our SHARE board in C block. Well done!



Darragh Joyce in 8G scored a total of 657 out of 720 in the UK Junior Masters Archery Tournament in Oxford. He came first and now has eyes on the Olympic stage. A fantastic achievement!

The Priory Learning Trust (TPLT)

Message from Mr Jenkins (incoming Principal) - "I spent my first full day at school yesterday and had a really useful day starting to find my way around and meeting staff. I was welcomed by everyone and in particular by the learners I met when I was out and about at break and lunch times. King Alfred's really feels like a friendly and warm school community and I'm really looking forward to getting started. I will be visiting the school every week between now and the end of term and look forward to meeting as many people from both the school and the community as possible."

Social Media Guidance for Parents: WhatsApp now 16+

WhatsApp has changed the minimum age of users to sixteen in the EU. Users are now being asked to agree to new terms and conditions that confirm they are over sixteen. Ofcom's 2017 report stated that a third of 12 to 15 year olds active on social media use WhatsApp but it is unclear how WhatsApp will enforce this new expectation. Previously it was difficult to find an age in its terms and conditions but with this change, each user will have to click a very clear button to confirm their age.



The BBC reported WhatsApp as saying 'its move would help it meet the "new high standards of transparency" in the EU'. 'Websites and apps are obliged to "make reasonable efforts to verify" that a parent or guardian has given consent for their child's data to be handled.' Parents please check that your child is not using WhatsApp if they are under 16.

National Cream Tea Day: Devon Or Cornwall – You Decide!!!!

The King Alfred School Cookery Club are going to host their first event on 29th June 2018. Students from Years 7 & 8, together with volunteers from the community, school staff & older students have been rustling up treats every Thursday afternoon since Xmas and on 29th June they will showcase their scone and cake making talents.



We are hoping for a glorious afternoon with tea and scones on the lawn (field) behind the Canteen in B Block.

This is also an opportunity to thank all the groups and individuals that have donated money to Cookery Club enabling us to run with no cost to the students and their families. We will be asking for reasonable voluntary donations on the afternoon. Please put this date in your diary and come and join us. For more information contact Mrs Timmins/Mrs Lawrence or Mrs Leatherby.

National Citizenship Service

We are delighted that over 30 of our Year 11 Students have signed up with the National Citizen Service (NCS). This is an impressive uptake from this hardworking year group.



National Citizen Service is a once in a lifetime experience for 15-17 year-olds that builds skills and confidence, helping young people to get ahead in work and life.

The programme connects young people to their local community by enabling them to design and deliver their own social action projects. Any student that wants to find out more about NCS should contact Somerset Rural Youth Project on 01278 722100, email admin@syrp.org.uk, or visit syrp.org.uk/wordpress/work/team-involve/national-citizen-service.

Challenge Day Update

Letters have gone out to students regarding trip choices below. This year we are running more trips than ever to a wider range of venues and events. Please ensure choices are returned as soon as possible (by 15th June at the very latest) so that we can assign students to their chosen trip.

Venue	Cost	Notes
Thorpe Park Theme Park	£39.00	Trip leaves at 7.00am and returns at 7.30pm
Chessington World of Adventure	£32.00	Trip leaves at 7.00am and returns at 7.00pm
Cardiff Ice - Skating and Stadium Tour	£28.00	All trips take place within the times of the usual school day
Go Ballistic Paintball	£27.50	
Taunton Cinema/Bowling	£18.00	
AirHop Bristol	£16.50	
Brean Leisure Park	£12.50	Students need to make own way to/from Brean
On site sports/drama/cooking	None	Students to come to school for 8.40am as usual

Uniform Update

Goldstar (Bridgwater) and Trutex, our uniform suppliers, have contacted us to confirm that they are now stocking the new uniform. Ties are in stock, Girls Blazers are in stock in all sizes and Boys Blazers are also in stock in all sizes.

From September 2018 all Year 7 students, and students who choose to do so in other Year Groups, will wear the new uniform of TKAS blazer and tie, plain white collared shirt and black trousers/skirt. Current students can continue to wear their current uniform for the rest of their education at The King Alfred School. If students need replacement uniform and are in current Years 7 to 10, they can purchase the 'old style' whilst stocks remain, or move to the 'new style' at any time.

Attendance Update

Congratulations to those students who managed 100% attendance in term 5. Those that have achieved this in terms 4 and 5 will be able to celebrate on the next 100 club day Monday 25th June. We also have the run in to Fantastic 50 which regardless of previous attendance is based on gaining 100% from the beginning of May to Friday 13th July. If an unavoidable medical appointment occurs during this period the time can be bought back by the student catching up and presenting the work missed. To clarify this is only for the 100 Club and does **not** change the reported attendance figure. The register is a legal document that records the number of sessions actually attended in school. We have also had a number of requests for holidays during term time. We cannot authorise unless there are exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised term time holidays can result in a penalty notice being issued to each parent of each child.