



# Kenilworth School & Sixth Form

## Weekly Newsletter

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Dear All

The care and guidance that we provide to students is important to us, and as part of that, every student is ready for the next stage in their education or career. To this end, we have had two induction events for parents and students in Years 7 and 10. In the Sixth Form, we will shortly begin the process of advice, and guidance in assemblies and one to one tutorials on career choices and applications with our Careers Advisor. It is right that at the start of the academic year, we focus on the areas which we wish to enhance over the year. The priorities below have been informed by feedback, consultation meetings and reviews that we have undertaken over the last year. The student is always at the centre of all that we do and a central feature of our mission statement is to motivate our young people to achieve more than they ever thought possible. We also aim to awaken a curiosity and passion for learning so that our students can play a full part as adults in shaping the society of the future. The key priorities are;

- To implement new assessment arrangements and improve data systems, tracking and communications
- To enhance teaching and learning through a personalised coaching programme
- To improve engagement and reduce gaps in progress and attendance between pupil premium and non-pupil premium students
- To ensure that pupils make the best possible start to their secondary education and provide timely Independent Advice and Guidance from KS3 onwards
- Enhancing the ethos of support to promote wellbeing for all year groups targeting vulnerable students in particular
- To review staffing including leadership and professional effectiveness to improve outcomes for all
- To provide effective school to school support and share and learn from best practice to improve overall standards

If parents wish to discuss any of the above areas, they are welcome to raise them at the forthcoming consultation meetings and suggestions or contributions from parents or other members of the community will be most welcome.

Following a very competitive selection process of interviews and assessments, I am delighted to report that we have appointed the following Year 11 students to key leadership positions:

Head Boy and Girl: Ryka Sekhavati, Lucy Taylor  
Deputy Head Boys: Oliver Weaver and Charlie Morris  
Deputy Head Girls: Hadassah Wallace and Michelle-Louise George

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

H.H.S. Abbott  
Headteacher

### DIARY DATES



September

21<sup>st</sup> Open Evening  
Leyes Lane  
(Year 7 to 11  
students will  
finish school at  
12.35pm)

22<sup>nd</sup> Year 8 Manor  
Information Evening  
6.30pm Lower Hall

### 200 Club Winners

July

£75 - Catherine Bromwich  
£25 - Lisa Reay

August

£75 -Sandra Digby  
£25 -Cliff Gregory

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

School will be closed for  
students from  
Year 7 to 11 from  
12.35pm on Wednesday  
21<sup>st</sup> September for staff  
to prepare for the  
Open Evening.  
Sixth Form will remain  
open as normal.

## Year 7 Parents

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. For the first couple of weeks we will produce a paper copy of this newsletter for Year 7 students.

From the end of September we will then start sending the newsletter electronically to you via the email address you have provided us with on your data sheets.

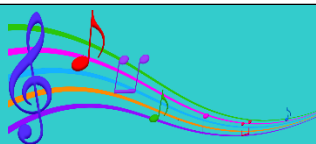
If you have any suitable news about our students please contact Hilary Hughes on [h.hughes@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk](mailto:h.hughes@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk)

Thank you

You can also find us on Facebook!



## Music Theory Class



Monday Lunchtimes 12:40-1:20pm

Suitable for students who are working towards their Grade 5 Theory

For details contact Mr Pugh in the first instance.

## PTA

It was great to see so many new parents at our PTA meeting on Monday evening. Our plans for the Autumn Term fundraising include the very popular Quiz Night on Saturday 15th October and a return of the Christmas Shopping Evening (Friday 18th November) that has proved to be so successful. At the meeting the PTA agreed to fund the Maths Challenge which is undertaken by students across many year groups and we agreed a contribution towards the Space, Rocket and Robot Club's forthcoming field trip. If you would like further information on anything to do with the Kenilworth School PTA please email [kenschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:kenschoolpta@gmail.com)

Next meeting is AGM on Monday 3rd October at 7pm in Lower School Learning Resource Base (Library)

## Morrisby: Careers information

In addition to the careers support we provide in school, we are offering students the chance to take advantage of the Morrisby Online careers tool. This can be a valuable tool in your son's/daughter's future decision making about Sixth Form as well as research into careers and higher education.

It is most appropriate for Year 11s onwards.

Your son/daughter will take an 80 minute online assessment and questionnaire which measure a variety of elements including aptitudes, career interests, work attitudes, talents and motivations. Once the assessment is complete, they will have access to personally tailored career and education suggestions, plus careers-related resources, all presented on an interactive website.

The cost of the subscription to the service is £24.00 per student, which we are asking parents to fund. If you would like your child to take part, please pay by visiting the following page: <https://app.morrisby.com/p6TE2Q>. Once you have paid you will automatically have access to the test.

The system is fully secure and all major debit and credit cards are accepted.

Please note, if you are registering for more than one child you will need to make individual payments.

For further information, download the parent information pack from [www.morrisby.com/parents](http://www.morrisby.com/parents)

If you have any questions please contact our Careers Adviser: [K.Abbott@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk](mailto:K.Abbott@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk) (01926 513612)

## Upper Dining Room

On their return from the Summer Holidays students found a lovely freshly refurbished dining room funded jointly by the school and our caterers, Innovate.



## Introducing New Members of Staff

### Mr Evans – Assistant Head

I am delighted to be joining Kenilworth School as Assistant Headteacher. I have been teaching for fourteen years all at one previous school where I spent ten years as Head of Music and 2i/c for the Performing Arts (teaching English also). For the last two years I have been part of a small SLT which has exposed me to many different roles covering school leadership.

I have many great memories from my career to date; the wonderful school performances, managing successful football teams (taking one on tour in Brazil and Argentina), the ski trips, and latterly helping to train and support teachers in their practice and continued professional development.

Outside of school I enjoy playing music, either piano or guitar, occasionally acting in local theatres, and also being Musical Director for various theatre companies (although I am taking a year out at the moment!). I also try to get to see the sleeping giant that is Coventry City FC play whenever I can, and generally enjoy most sport.

I am deeply passionate about learning and believe that every child has the right to an outstanding education. I am really looking forward to getting to know and working with the staff and students at Kenilworth this year and am excited about what can be achieved now and in the future.



### Mrs Talbot – Assistant Head

I am very pleased to have joined the Senior Leadership Team at Kenilworth School. My role is to lead coaching initiatives for staff and students alongside teaching both Chemistry and PE. I studied Chemistry and Sport Science at Loughborough University before gaining my PGCE, in Chemistry, at Birmingham University. Prior to teaching I worked in Financial Services and travelled extensively. I began my teaching career at North Birmingham Academy before moving to Stoke Park School, in Coventry, where I held the position of Head of Science.

I feel privileged to be given the opportunity to work at Kenilworth School and I look forward to meeting and working with you all.



### Mrs Pratt – Science Teacher

I recently joined the Science department in September, my particular specialist area is Physics.

I studied for my MSci in Physics at Imperial College London, and gained my PGCE teaching qualification at the University of Warwick. Last year I spent some time teaching at Kenilworth so some students might recognise me. Prior to Kenilworth I was teaching Science in Leamington.

I am really looking forward to getting into life at Kenilworth School. Our school is held in very high regard locally, and it will be a real pleasure to be part of it.

Outside of school I play badminton in the Coventry leagues, as well as occasionally representing Warwickshire.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW HEAD BOY AND GIRL

Following a very competitive selection process we are pleased to announce the following Senior Prefect Appointments



Ryka Sekhavati  
Head Boy

Lucy Taylor  
Head Girl

The field was so strong this year with more applicants than ever before, and as a result of this, we will be making two deputy head appointments with specific responsibilities for each deputy.



Michelle-Louise George  
Deputy Head Girl

Charles Morris  
Deputy Head Boy

Hadassah Wallace  
Deputy Head Girl

Oliver Weaver  
Deputy Head Boy

The six students will together form a student executive team

### Leavers Hoodies

Leavers' hoodies can be collected from Mr Holdforth's office (Mrs Dandy's old office). There is a sheet on top of the hoodies and you need to tick next to your name when they take the hoodie.

There are also some photographs from the Leavers' Ball that are available from Upper Office so please have a look and take yours if it's there! Thank you Mrs Hackett

### Warwickshire Athletics Success

Congratulations to Jake Minshull Year 7, Tom D'Souza Year 9 and George Hinchliffe Year 10 who were all selected to represent Warwickshire Clubs at the Northern Intercounties athletics competition on Saturday 10th September.

All three performed extremely well and helped Warwickshire become the winning county against 7 other counties.

A promotional advertisement for Eclipse Dance at Kenilworth School. The top section features the 'Eclipse Dance' logo in white on a green background, with 'DANCE AT KENILWORTH SCHOOL' in white text to the right. Below this, a white background features a young girl in a white leotard and pink tutu sitting on the floor. To her left, the text 'Ages 2½+', 'BALLET', 'TAP', 'MODERN JAZZ', and 'STREET DANCE' is listed in various colors. To her right, a quote from Camilla Dallerup, 'BBC Strictly Champion' and founder of Miss Jane, reads: "Teaching children takes a real skill and Jane definitely has that. I can't wait to work with Jane again!". At the bottom, a pink banner says 'Get FREE Trial Class Voucher' with a white arrow pointing to a circular logo for Eclipse Dance. The logo contains the text 'DOWNLOAD FREE VOUCHER', 'ECLIPSEDANCE.CO.UK', 'Call: 07719 072273', 'info@eclipsedance.co.uk', and 'KENILWORTH'. A green banner at the very bottom says 'HURRY! LIMITED PLACES' in white.

## Kenilworth School & Sixth Form PTA

The PTA's first event of the new school year 2016/7



### Quiz Night

Saturday

15th October

Lower School Hall

7.30 pm (8pm start)



- Licensed Bar with snacks
- Teams of up to 8 people (not enough of you to make a team? – no problem - we can make up teams on the night)
- Tickets £5 Adult or £3 Sixth Form Student

Available from:

Lesley Knott on 0796 381 5773 or 01926 859725, knottallen@onetel.com,  
Any PTA member, Or the School Office

Please come and join us to show off your knowledge, share good company and have a great time!

## IS YOUR CHILD A STAR IN THE MAKING?

ReAct Kids  
Academy



training in acting for  
camera workshops and film, TV  
and audition technique's

Italia Conti Trained teacher  
every Wednesday £6 a session

classes available for ages 5+  
5pm-6pm

At St. John's Parish Church Hall  
205 Warwick Road, Kenilworth, CV8 1HY

for more info  Like ReAct kids Agency  
email us [admin@reactkidsagency.co.uk](mailto:admin@reactkidsagency.co.uk)  
or call Samantha Ferry on 07900921779

**Wanna Talk?**  
**I CAN OFFER CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS YOU NEED TO TALK ABOUT....**

**WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
AT KENILWORTH SCHOOL  
11AM-2:30PM**

ask your tutor or a  
a teacher to book  
an appointment  
with youth worker  
Samantha Metcalfe

 Like @ TKC Rocks  
for more information

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## Local News:

The public right of way footbridge from Priory Road to Farmer Ward Road (over the railway line) will be closed from 14<sup>th</sup> October for refurbishment.



## KENILWORTH SCHOOL PTA - 200 CLUB

This scheme raises money for the school - and gives you a chance to win your money back each month - and more!

Cash Prizes of £25& £75 awarded monthly

Bonus Prize of £200 awarded FIVE times a year

Numbers cost £2 per month (payable by standing order – monthly, quarterly or annually)

Apply for your number(s) to:  
Jane Bryan, PTA 200 Club Secretary  
Email jane.bryan@sky.com

## SPORTS EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	Lunch Time				After School			
	3G		Netball Courts	Fitness Suite	3G	Field	Gym	Other
<b>MONDAY</b>	Year 7 Football							
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Year 7 & 9 Rugby			Ski Fitness	Year 9 & 10 Hockey	Year 10 & 7 Rugby	Year 8 & 9 Basketball	Year 8 Netball
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Year 11 Rugby Year 9 Football			Cross Country	Year 7 Hockey			Year 9,10 & 11 Netball Year 10 & 11 Boys Fitness Club
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Year 8 Rugby Year 11 Football			Ski Fitness	Year 11 Girls & Boys Hockey	Year 8 & 9 Rugby	Year 10 Basketball	Year 7 Netball Sixth Form Fitness Club
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Year 8 & 10 Football		Netball Skills					GCSE PE Badminton Girls American Football

All pupils are welcome to attend any of the sports clubs.  
Pupils must wear the correct kit for the activity.  
If you have any questions please ask in the PE office.  
More clubs will be added at a later date.

Mr Cassell

## ALUMNI – Robyn Dowson

I waved goodbye to Kenilworth in August 2010, having achieved A Levels in Psychology, English Literature and Theatre Studies. I was accepted to onto a BSc in Psychology at Cardiff University, my first choice university. I specifically chose a course that included a year in industry, as I wanted to gain relevant experience before I graduated. I completed a year in industry as a Research Assistant within the Cerebra Centre for Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of Birmingham in 2013. In my role as a Research Assistant I worked along two PhD students who were researching the behavioural phenotypes of rare neurodevelopmental disorders, such as Fragile X and Cornelia de Lange syndromes. This placement was very rewarding as I got to work closely with families whose lives had been affected by these genetic conditions, and I was able to see how research could significantly benefit children with genetic syndromes, and their families. It was during my placement year that my interest in psychological research first began to take shape, and on returning to Cardiff for my final year I applied to a research Masters programme at the University of Manchester to continue my research training. I graduated from Cardiff University in 2014, with a First Class Honours degree, and was accepted unconditionally onto a Psychology MRes programme.



Having completed my Masters degree with a Distinction, I was accepted onto a PhD programme at the University of Manchester. My PhD is looking to understand the first-hand experiences of people living with dementia when they engage with music. I am working with the Manchester Camerata orchestra, who run innovative music projects for people living with dementia in care homes. I love that my PhD has combined many of my significant interests, including psychology and music, and I was very excited when my PhD work was featured within a Guardian article back in February (<https://www.theguardian.com/social-care-network/2016/feb/29/music-projects-cut-cost-dementia-care>). I am now coming to the end of my first year of my PhD, and I have enjoyed every moment of it so far. I never imagined my path following my time at Kenilworth School would lead to me spending 9 years at university in total; but I have embraced every opportunity that has come my way and this is where it has led me. In the future, I hope to work with people living with dementia in order to enhance their quality of life through the use of creative arts activities.

If you are interested in following my PhD journey I blog with a fellow PhD student about our experiences: [www.twophdgirls.wordpress.com](http://www.twophdgirls.wordpress.com)

I also tweet about my research and interesting articles related to the use of the creative arts in dementia care. My twitter handle is @robindowlen

### **Digital Workshop for Teenagers - Fusilier Museum Warwick, St John's House, Warwick, CV34 4NF**

**Tuesday 25th October 2016 2.15pm-3.45pm (1 ½ hour session)**

**Arrive 2pm-2.15pm for registration and a drink**

Experimental games designer, John Sear, will lead this exciting digital workshop. Participants will use their curiosity and imagination to create an audio trail in the museum using mobile phones & apps. John will introduce the topic, use case studies and hands on practical activities.

Participants will explore the museum displays in interesting and fun ways using modern technology. Sign up for this hands-on & creative digital workshop (all materials provided).

John worked in the games industry for Codemasters and Renga. He now uses his enthusiasm and skills with museums.

£4 for workshop, places limited, please book in advance.

For further information contact Stephanie Tel: 01926 491653

Email: [rrfmuseum@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rrfmuseum@hotmail.co.uk)

[www.warwickfusiliers.co.uk](http://www.warwickfusiliers.co.uk)

## PARENTS' CONSULTATION MEETING

The next Parents' Consultation meeting will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm in the Conference Room.

This is a chance to have consultation with Mr Abbott within a small forum of parents.

Any parent interested in attending, please contact  
Linda Fayolle PA to Headteacher on 859421

## SWEDISH VISITORS



We are looking forward to welcoming eight teachers from Sweden who will be looking at good practice in Teaching and Learning here at Kenilworth School and Sixth Form.

## SPORTS FIXTURES

	Sept	Year Group	Sport	Opposition	Home Away	Approx Start Finish
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9	Football	Studley	Away	6.30pm Return
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10	Football	Myton	Away	6.00pm
Tues	20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8	Football	Henley	Home (6 <sup>th</sup> Form)	5.30pm Finish
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 9	Football	Myton B	Away	5.15pm Return
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 7	Football	Avon Valley	Away	6.30pm return
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Football	Trinity	Leyes Lane 3G	3pm Kick Off
Thur	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 8	Football	Ashlawn	Away	6pm Return
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7, 8, 11	Rugby	Five Ways	Away	See Rugby Coach for times
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	Years 9, 10	Rugby	Five Ways	Home	

## Year 11 Exam Dates for the diary!

2nd December - 15th December 2016 - Mock Exams for all subjects

8th - 9th March 2017 - English and Maths Mock Exams  
GCSE Exams commence on Monday 15th May and finish on Monday 26th June 2017

GCSE Results Day - Thursday 24th August 2017

## Year 12 & 13 Exam Dates for the diary!

9th - 13th January - Year 13 mock exams for all subjects  
GCE Exams commence on Monday 15th May and finish on Wednesday 28th June 2017

GCE Results Day - Thursday 17th August 2017



## Whitemoor Fish and Chip Shop

*Open Monday to Saturday*

11.30am – 2.00pm

4.30pm – 10.00pm

Raising money for Myton Hospice

All food half price on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September

