



# Kenilworth School & Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter



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19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear All

We are now at the very start of the exam period for GCSE and A levels and I am very pleased to say that students have responded extremely well and with commitment. Attitudes have been very positive and punctuality to the exams has been excellent. I hope that this will continue into the second week of exams.

We have recently joined the TeenTech Awards programme, involving students working in teams of up to three, creating and developing innovative ideas by undertaking various projects. This is a national competition with a prize of £1000 per school for the winning team. Categories include engineering, research and design, textiles, and computing. The aim of the programme is to inspire and support young people. I am pleased to say that we have been awarded the TeenTech Centre of Innovation Silver award. Although we did not qualify for the final this year, the students will receive a certificate for their efforts. Students have come up with some inspiring and innovative ideas and we hope that they continue to develop these with a view to participating again next year.

I would like to thank our Year 8 band, 'Kryptic' for playing at the Holiday Inn on Monday evening as part of a 'fish n chips' rotary event to help raise money for the Spinal Injuries Association. This was their second gig performance to an audience. They played very well and were a real credit to the school. I look forward to hearing more from them as they develop and grow as a band.

Congratulations to our orienteers who competed in the West Midlands Schools Championships on Saturday in Shropshire. As well as some fine individual performances, we regained the secondary school trophy. This final schools competition of the year has capped an incredibly successful year for the squad with our five England Internationals returning from the World Schools with bronze medals, winning the Warwickshire School championships and maintaining our high ranking at the British Schools competitions earlier in the year. Preparations are already underway for next year with the target of gaining selection for the next World Schools in 2018/19.

Year 10 students are currently working on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and are at the stage of undertaking their practice expeditions. After this participants go on to plan their assessed expedition which takes place in the first few weeks of next academic year. We value the Duke of Edinburgh award and appreciate all the efforts and time that staff give to the students with regard to these expeditions.

We have been informed that the 557 bus fares are to be significantly increased from September 2017 and I know that a few parents are concerned about this. Despite attempts from the school, Warwickshire County Council will not reverse the decision. There is little more that the school can do to support in this regard, however, one of our school governors, Richard Hales who is also a Kenilworth Town Councillor, will address this with the council on behalf of users of this service. I would encourage any parents to email Richard Hales at [richard@charlespeters.co.uk](mailto:richard@charlespeters.co.uk) as soon as possible to register their complaint and concern over the increased transport costs to school.

Yours sincerely  
H.H.S Abbott  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES



May

29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Half Term

## 557 Bus Fare Increase from September

Please email  
Richard Hales our  
governor and town  
councillor with your  
concerns

[richard@charlespeters.co.uk](mailto:richard@charlespeters.co.uk)  
[o.uk](http://o.uk)

## Music Success

Congratulations to Lucy Hollings who passed both her Grade 7 Tenor horn and her Grade 7 violin

## ACTIVITY DAY



Confirmation letters have been issued to students this week.

Please return reply slips to tutors as soon as possible payment is due through Parentpayby Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**The Kenilworth School Production of**

# **BILLY ELLIOT**

MUSIC BY  
**ELTON  
JOHN**

BOOK & LYRICS BY  
**LEE  
HALL**

DIRECTED BY  
**STEPHEN  
DALDRY**

**THE MUSICAL**



**BOX OFFICE OPENS  
18TH MAY AT 6PM**

**TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/KENILWORTHSCHOOL**

**0333 666 3366**

*(£1.50 booking fee when booking by phone)*

**£9.50 Adults**

**£7.50 Children/Pupils**

**50p discount per ticket before 31st May!**

**17th, 18th & 19th July 2017**

**Upper Hall, Kenilworth School, CV82DA**

## VEGETARIAN WEEK

Students have been enjoying a Vegetarian Week at school this week. Innovate, our caterers, have been cooking up delicious vegan and vegetarian dishes which both the meat eaters and vegetarians have loved. Other themed weeks will follow, ideas from students are always welcome.



## This Saturday Night 20<sup>th</sup> May RACE NIGHT



### Six Class Races on the Big Screen

- Tote available for those wishing to place a bet
- Curry prepared by Innovate's Executive Chef Martyn (vegetarian option available)
- Screening of photos from recent Canada Tour

START 7.30pm prompt  
VENUE: Upper Hall Leyes Lane  
TICKETS: On the Door: £10  
(includes Curry Supper)

A fun evening out while raising funds to help your child's education

## PHOTOGRAPHS FOR SCHOOL WEBSITE AND PROSPECTUS.

Next Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, a professional photographer is coming into school to take photographs.

If you do not want your child to be included in these photographs please email Mrs Hughes on [h.hughes@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk](mailto:h.hughes@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk)

Thank you



## Year 11s who are leaving us shortly!

For the Year 11s who are moving on to pastures new - we would like you to keep in touch! A method in which to do this is via the following link:

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/student/kenilworth>

Please sign up, following instructions on this link. Its not only a great way to stay connected and for you to hear about opportunities you may be able to get involved in down the line. By the same token, we may need your help in the future or above all, your experience may help our current pupils at some time! Please take a few moments to join our Alumni which means 'former pupil'. Thank you.

## Bookshop visit

Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed a trip to Kenilworth Bookshop last Friday, accompanied by Mr Marshall



## Well Done Elliot

Congratulations to Cadet Fox (9G) for winning the Endeavour Cup and Committee Shield at the 486 (Kenilworth & Balsall) Sqn. Royal Air Force Air Cadets Awards Evening.

- 1) The Endeavour Award
- 2) The Community Shield.

Well Done!



Congratulations to Morgan Fox (10C) for being selected for the Wasps U16 Academy next season.

Well done Morgan!



## ACTIVITY DAY Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Letters went out to students in registers this week confirming Activity Day selections.

Please return slips via tutors as soon as possible. Payment should be made through Parentpay by **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** please.

Thank you.

## Warwickshire Championships for Athletics

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May a number of Kenilworth school athletes competed for their clubs at the Warwickshire championships. All performed well and a number of our athletes gained medals and six became Warwickshire champions.

Mel Gould	Gold 1500m, Silver 800m
Georgina McCunn	Gold 75 m hurdles
Emily Reed	Gold 1500m
Ellie Minshull	Bronze 800m
Jake Minshull	Gold in 75 m hurdles, 200m, 800m, long jump, shot and high jump
Tom D Souza	Gold Javelin
Cameron William Stein	Gold in Triple jump, 3000m and Bronze in high jump

An excellent performance from all the athletes and it was a pleasure to watch them all compete.  
Mrs Minshull

## Y9 SKI TRIP - ALPE D'HUEZ, FRANCE, JANUARY 2018

Reminder that the next monthly payment is due at the end of May. This month's newsletter will be out next Wednesday by email and also in Year 9 registers.

## Athletics

The last week has been very busy with athletics competitions. The school athletics teams have taken part in the English schools cup competition and the Year 9 and 10 teams in the town championships. In these competitions the year 7 and 8 boys team came first in the Warwickshire round of the schools cup and will now go on to the Midlands finals, and the year 9 boys team won the town championships. Well done to all that competed.

### School records

Over last weekend a number of school records have been once again broken.

Cameron Williams Stein broke the year 9 boys triple jump record with an impressive jump of 11.89m

Georgina McCunn broke her own school record in the year 8/9 girls 75m hurdles with a 11.75secs

Jake Minshull broke his own school year 7 boys records in 75m Hurdles -12.64secs, 800m – 2mins.17.6, 200m -26.4secs and then added the long jump record to his records with a jump of 4.84m

## Alumni

### *Lenny Unsworth Part 2 - his move to a brand new school.*

With changes to the school being planned over the next few years Lenny tells us about his move to a brand new school. In a chapter entitled 'Brand New Everything' he tells us of his first day at Abbey High School. Lenny's dad brought him a brand new leather satchel and a Slazenger duffle bag and a new uniform purchased from J A Moores, gentlemen's outfitters which is still thriving in the town. One of the descendants of the original shop owner went to Kenilworth School and we will hear what he has been up to since he passed his A levels in a few weeks.

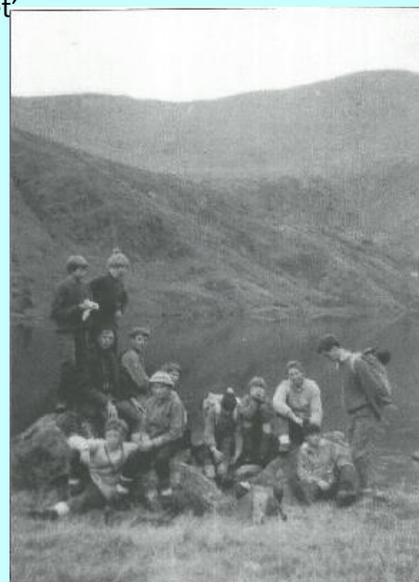
For Lenny his first day 'everything seemed thrilling... it was September 6<sup>th</sup> 1965 and the doors were 'swinging' open. Lenny says 'To be first is something very special and produced a memory that would last forever'. Lenny was in the top form with a few friends with his teacher Miss Mansfield and the new headmistress, Miss Dorothy Paracutt, where she introduced herself to a 'wide eyed audience'.

The school not only had a new headteacher, new buildings but it also had a new rule that there was no corporal punishment or canings and bad behaviour was to be dealt with by a 'conduct sheet'

The uniforms at the new school were a bit ridiculous, Lenny says that the boys looked a bit silly in their bright red caps and the girls stood out in their bright red blazers. Lenny became the first Head Boy at the school – an honour he relished.

Lenny met one of his good friends here Tim Harrison, they began to hang out in Tim's Pad, an extension to Tim's family home in Common Lane. Lenny also joined the camping club and relished the opportunity to climb Tryfan, a well known mountain in Wales and quite a challenging hike – similar to the mountain walks that some of our students do today.

There is much more to Lenny's story and you can read more about his time at the school in *Educating Kenilworth* written by Leonard Unsworth.



# REPORT FROM THE WEST MIDLANDS SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2017



Some of the Orienteering squad with the West Midlands School Orienteering Trophy – proudly wearing their school or England o-tops.

On Saturday a squad of 20 orienteers from Y7-11 took part in the West Midlands Schools Championships held at the Severn Valley Country Park near Bridgenorth in Shropshire. The courses were quite challenging with lots of hidden paths and plenty of ups and downs along the backs of the Severn but everyone performed really well.

**We won the overall Secondary School trophy** with some great performances from the whole squad, including 6 podium places in the individual age group categories.

## **Highlights from the Individual results were as follows:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Florence Lunn (Y7/8 Girls)

2<sup>nd</sup> Places: Tabitha Lunn (Y7&8 Girls), Felix Lunn (Y9/10 Boys), Hannah Mathews (Y11+ Girls)

3<sup>rd</sup> places: Nathan Chapple joint 3<sup>rd</sup> with Oliver Lunn (both Y9/10 Boys)

4<sup>th</sup> places: Eoin Hankinson (Y7&8 Boys), Martha Curran (Y9&10 Girls), Drexil Lashley (Y11+ Boys)

5<sup>th</sup> places: Sophie Stratton (Y9&10 Girls), Emily Knox (Y7&8 Girls)

6<sup>th</sup> places: Nyah Kirkman (Y7&8 Girls) Christian Roberts (Y9&10 Boys)

7<sup>th</sup> places: Fin Flippance (Y7&8 Boys), Alla Pavuk (Y9&10 Girls)

11<sup>th</sup> place: Charlie Glover (Y7&8 Boys)

With fast times but unplaced due to control malfunctions were Shane Creedon & Dan Huggard, Cameron Williams-Stein & Oliver Flippance – proving that even England orienteers can sometimes have problems. This was the last school competition of what has been an incredibly successful year. There is still plenty of orienteering ahead though and it's not too late to get involved - if you enjoy running, like the outdoors and have a quick decision-making mind, you need to get started and who knows, you too could be representing England at the next World Schools in two years time. The next opportunity to have a go is this Saturday (20<sup>th</sup>) at Ryton Pools and again the following Wednesday evening at Abbey Fields.

## Here are the details of tomorrows beginners event:

*A beginners Orienteering Day is being held at Ryton Pools Country Park on Saturday 20th May. From 11am until 3pm families and newcomers to the sport will have the opportunity to try out this outdoor fun sport, a bit like a treasure hunt. This event is free and club members will be teaching how to read a map and use a compass. Electronic timers will be used (£5 refundable hire cost).*

*The next summer evening event is on Wednesday 24 May at Abbey Fields, Kenilworth, and is part of World Orienteering Day. To join in come along anytime between 6 and 7.30pm. Courses have been planned around the park and the town. Distances are from 2km to 6km. Park race suitable for all ages, 5 - 85 years and the Town race is only for over 16 years. Runners, joggers, walkers, beginners and experienced orienteers are all welcome.*

### **Next local club events (everyone welcome)**

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May           Abbey Fields, 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May        Bentley Wood, Atherstone, 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June         University of Warwick, Westwood campus 6:30-7:30pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June        Hillfield Park, Solihull, 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June        Coombe Abbey, Coventry, 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June        Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July         Rough Close, Coventry, 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July        Brueton Park, Solihull, 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July        Itchington Holt, 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July        Memorial Park, Coventry, 6:30 – 7:30pm

Full details about start times and costs will be on the club website. Runners and walkers of all ages, 5 – 85 years, and abilities will be welcome to come along to try out this outdoor adventure navigation sport. Several courses have been planned and help is available to all newcomers. A large scale map and electronic timers are provided. To find out more see the website of our local club OD's: [www.octavian-droobers.org](http://www.octavian-droobers.org) or tel: 01926 632189.

### **School Team - planning for the future**

The next major school competitions take place in the autumn;

- British Schools Score Champs – Rother Valley Country Park, Sheffield on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct
- British Schools Champs – Forest of Dean on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Warwickshire Schools Champs – Memorial Park, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- West Midlands Schools Champs – Coombe Abbey, Coventry on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Then in November 2018 we have the schools' selection races to represent England at the World Schools' Championships which take place in Estonia in April 2019. So, if you want to compete in a sport at the highest level, get started at some local events, join the school squad for next autumn's British Schools' and/or come and have a chat with me in my office in upper School.

Mr Lockren [i.lockren@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk](mailto:i.lockren@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk)

# National Croquet Day

## Sunday 4 June

*A Celebration of Croquet*



Think friends  
Think fun  
Think sport

Think  
**CROQUET**

Croquet: Promoting health and well-being  
Croquet: A sport of strategy and skill  
Croquet: The thinking person's sport

**Come and try Croquet on our Crackley Lane lawns 1-5pm 4 June**  
**Wear what you like but trainer type shoes for the lawn, please.**

<http://www.ktscc.co.uk/croquet/>

## ALLOTMENT CLUB

We have vacancies for Year 7s to join our Allotment Club which meets on a Wednesday after school.

This week we were washed out but hoping the newly sewn seeds are holding on in there!

If you would like to join the club, please see Mrs Hughes in the office by main reception.

## Year 11 Work Experience – w.b 19<sup>th</sup> June & w.b. 26<sup>th</sup> June

If Year 11s have secured a work experience placement for the above dates they must see Miss Brennan in her office so that she can ensure that the appropriate Health and Safety checks are made. Alternatively you can email her the information on

[m.brennan@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk](mailto:m.brennan@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk)

The final deadline for returning blue forms to her is 26<sup>th</sup> May.



If any forms are returned after this date we will not be able to process the appropriate checks.

**work experience**

## SPORTS FIXTURES

	May	Year Group	Sport	Opposition	Home Away	Approx. Start/Finish
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 7	Cricket	Southam	Home	6pm Finish
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Years 9 & 10	Rounders	Campion	Away	6pm Return
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 8	Football	County Final	Bedworth Oval	TBC
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 7/8	Basketball	Bluecoat	Home	5.30pm Finish
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8	Cricket	Tournament	Aylesford	6.30pm Return
Thurs	25 <sup>th</sup>	Years 7 & 8	Athletics	Super 6's	TBC	6pm Return