



# Kenilworth School & Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter



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Dear All

This week we have carried out a survey on transition with our Year 7 students so that we can establish how our students felt about the transition programme and improve what we do. The students overwhelmingly fed back they are making very good progress in their subjects. They also gave some useful feedback on areas that they would like to see improved and we will take these ideas on board as there were some practical suggestions which can be easily rectified. At the same time, we are working closely with the local primary schools to ensure that there is even more support, advice and guidance given to students who will be coming to us in September. From next half term, the new Head of Year 7, Miss Charlie Turner, will be visiting primary schools to talk to staff and students to build upon our existing transition arrangements.

In previous newsletters, I mentioned that we will be attempting the Guinness World Record to form the largest human image of a bicycle. This is to celebrate the OVO Energy Women's Cycle Tour coming through Warwickshire. The school have worked hard with Warwickshire County Council to stage the event with support from the Kenilworth Town Council, Arden Construction, Heli Air, Everyone Active and Innovate. Not only will it be an excellent community and team building event, but it will also provide a wonderful legacy if we are successful in breaking the record. At the time of writing this, the event is due to start soon, so I will be pleased to feed back to you after half term about the outcome.

I am pleased to say that we have renewed the school catering contract with Innovate after a competitive tendering process. Innovate have been very responsive over the years to feedback from our student council meetings and have been proactive at implementing various initiatives. They have recently installed a pre-ordering pod to speed up the queuing at lunchtimes. This pre-ordering service is proving to be very popular so far, but as more students become aware of it, it will be a real success which we hope to roll out across the whole school.

Representatives from the school had a very productive meeting with WCC Transport department, John Cooke County Councillor and Richard Hales Governor/Town Councillor yesterday where they actively listened to our concerns from parents over the 557 service and we are looking forward to hearing from them with their resolutions to solve some of the key issues. They have agreed to delay the processing the vacant bus seats until they have resolved these issues, so I will keep you informed.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students who took part in the War Hammer Regional Semi Finals in Nottingham. Their success has already been reported in a previous newsletter but it is great to hear that they came 9<sup>th</sup> out of 22 teams across the country including many older students and participants from grammar schools.

I wish you all a restful break over half term.

Yours sincerely

H.H.S. Abbott  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES



May

29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Half Term

## GOOD LUCK TO STUDENTS AND STAFF ON THEIR GUINNESS WORLD RECORD CHALLENGE



We will report further after half term but keep an eye out on Facebook and Twitter for updates and photographs.

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



Confirmation letters were issued to students last week.

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

## FOUND Black Sports Watch



Please go to Main Reception if you have lost your watch.

Thank you.



## Year 7 Toilet Twining Tombola!

Did you know that 2.4 billion people don't have somewhere safe, clean and hygienic to go to the loo? That's more than a third of the people on the planet!

Year 7 Tutor Group Rep's are trying to raise money to *twinn our toilets*, by holding a tombola. We can then help those in desperate poverty to have access to a proper latrine, clean water and the information they need to be healthy.

**CAN YOU HELP BY DONATING PRIZES FOR THE TOMBOLA?**

**If so, please bring prizes to main reception for the attention of Mr. Bradford, Head of Year 7. Thank you.**

## Year 10 Male Choir



This week we have had our final events with the Year 11 and Year 13 Male Choirs who have had a fantastic year, performing at a number of events, including Open Evening, Perform (the dance show) and the Ricoh Arena. Many of these students started with no experience of singing or performing and have gone on to love the thrill that comes with being part of a team, putting music in a new light, and winning accolades from their peers, staff and the public.

One student wrote this week: "Thank you for convincing us all to join back in Year 10, even if some of us were a bit reluctant to begin with. I've loved being part of the group."

On the Friday after Half Term, the Year 10 Male Choir will start and it would be great to have another strong group. This is an opportunity to do something which quite possibly pushes you outside your comfort zone and challenges you to re-think your perceptions of what singing in 3 or 4 part harmony in a large group is like. The first rehearsal is on Friday 9th June, 8:30am in the Music Tech Room. *Mr Marr*

## Year 11 & 13s who are leaving us shortly!

For the Year 11 & 13's 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'. All the very best in your future ventures!

IMPROVE YOUR FITNESS & HAVE FUN!

## DANCE FIT CLASSES

**EVERY TUESDAY**

from 6th JUNE

@ St Nicholas C of E Primary School Hall  
Kenilworth

7.30pm - 8.30pm

ADULTS  
age 12+  
All  
Abilities

PERFECT  
FOR  
MUMS & DAUGHTERS  
WHO WANT TO GET FIT  
TOGETHER



**BOOK A FREE TASTER SESSION**

0785 4143163 / kath@wriggledancetheatre.co.uk  
or just come along!

Taught by a qualified fitness instructor & professional dancer

## GUINNESS WORLD RECORD CHALLENGE

A special thank you to the following companies who have supported our attempt to break the world record.

Kenilworth Town Council  
Arden Construction  
Heli Air  
Everyone Active  
Innovate

paying for helicopter  
Supplied with Plantool a Cherry Picker free of charge for aerial photographs  
provided a helicopter and pilot at a vastly reduced rate  
donating £500 to school  
donating 1200 bottles of water for participants



## Mrs Spooner's Cycle Challenge



On the 27<sup>th</sup> May six years ago we lost our mum to ovarian cancer. She was a keen cyclist so when my sister, niece and I saw this fund raising event we had to take part. My sister and niece did not own a bikes. I however am a keen cyclist but to take part I have had to double my usual potter speed. This Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May we will be riding from Windsor Race Course to Buckingham Palace and back. A total of 100km. Any help in supporting us in this fund raising for these great charities would be really appreciated. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Penny-Spooner8>  
Penny Spooner

**The Sports Hall** is out of bounds at lunchtime and breaks unless you are meeting for a sports club with a teacher. *Mr Cassell*

## Year 10 Reports

Year 10 written reports have been handed to students today.

**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**



## URGENT APPEAL TO PARENTS: Please donate old magazines

We are collecting old magazines as part of our DEAR reading programme in registration. Any donations of topical magazines would be gratefully received – sport, science, politics, photography, nature, geography, motorsport, computing. No fashion magazines, please. Students can hand donations to their form tutor, or they can be left in the library or at main reception.

THANK YOU

## Year 11 May Revision

Time	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
9:00 – 12:00	<b>Chemistry Unit 3</b> , Miss Turner, L31 (11S2 and 11N2)	<b>Chemistry Unit 3</b> , Mr Jones, L29 (for 11N1 Only)	
9:00-2:00		<b>Computing A451</b> , Mr Blunn, L24 (all students)	<b>Computing A451</b> , Mr Blunn, L24 (all students)
9:00 – 3:00	<b>Geography</b> , Miss Roberts, L13, (9-12 for all students), (12:30 -3 for invitees only)		<b>Geography</b> , Mrs Spooner, L3 (for any students)
9:30-12:30			<b>Product Design (GCSE)</b> , Mr Grimes, L19 (all students)
9:30-3:00	<b>History Source Paper</b> , Mr Shreeve, L9, (all students)	<b>History</b> , Mrs Stewart, L9 (all students)	<b>History, Cold War</b> , Mr Shreeve, L9 (all students)
10:00-12:30	<b>German GCSE Reading/Listening</b> , Mrs Brandist/Mrs Pollacco, L17/18 (for Foundation/Higher tiers)	<b>German GCSE Reading/Listening</b> , Mrs Brandist/Mrs Pollacco, L17/18 (for Foundation/Higher tiers)	<b>Business Studies (Finance paper)</b> , Mr Hodgson and Mr Smith, U20 (all students)

## Year 12 May Revision

Time	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
9:00 – 1:00	<b>Religious Studies:</b> DRT, Mrs Jordan, S05 (all students)		
9:00 – 3:00			<b>Mathematics,</b> Mr Holmes, 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Library (all students)  <b>Religious Studies,</b> Mr Ovenden, S06 (all students)

## Year 13 May Revision

Time	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
9:00-1:00	<b>Biology,</b> Miss Waite, S16 (all students)		
9:00 – 1:00	<b>Religious Studies:</b> DRT, Mrs Jordan, S05 (all students)		
9:00 – 3:00			<b>Sociology,</b> Miss Knapp, S42 (all students)  <b>Religious Studies,</b> Mr Ovenden, S06 (all students)  <b>Mathematics,</b> Mr Holmes, 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Library (all students)

# National Croquet Day

## Sunday 4 June

*A Celebration of Croquet*



**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 students to join our Allotment Club which meets on a Wednesday after school.

It was a beautiful week this week more seeds sewn, potatoes, raspberries, lettuce and radish growing well.

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.



**work experience**

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

## SPORTS FIXTURES

	June	Year Group	Sport	Opposition	Home Away	Approx. Start/Finish
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 & 10	Rounders	Bablake	Away	6.00pm
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7	Cricket	6 a side competition	Home	6.00pm
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 & 8	Rounders	Myton	TBC	5.30pm
Thurs	8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8	Cricket	Myton	Home	6.00pm
Thurs	8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7,8,9 &10	Rounders	Southam	Home	6.00pm
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 & 10 Boys	Athletics	Midlands B Final	Solihull	4.00pm
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	Selected	Athletics	Warwickshire County Championships		9am – 1.30pm