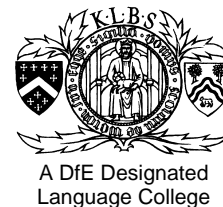


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Newsletter - 17 September 2010

To parents of new pupils to the school

May I take this opportunity to welcome you as new readers of the school's monthly newsletter. The newsletter is published on the school's website between the 14th and 18th of each month. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy, this can be requested from the school office.

The newsletter includes 'Dates for your diary'. If you wish to view a more complete list of events and dates, you will find a comprehensive calendar for the academic year on the school's website.

Excellent GCSE and GCE A Level Results

GCSE results

Pupils from Year 11 have achieved excellent GCSE results. The commonly used statistic of 5 or more passes at GCSE grades A* to C is 83.6%. Increasingly, the percentage gaining 5 or more passes at Grades A* to C including English and Mathematics is used in the national tables as shown below. The key statistics are as follows with the 2009 figures in brackets:

% 5 or more grades A* to C	83.6%	(78.3%)
% 5 or more A* to C inc En and Ma	74.4%	(71.9%)
% 5 or more grades A* to G	98.8%	(98.4%)
% entries resulting in grades A*/A	33.6%	(30.8%)

Many pupils have attained outstanding results. These include:

Stephanie Spreadborough	9 full grade A*, 1 full grade A, 1 short grade A*, 1 short grade A
Mike Rowe	9 full grade A*, 1 full grade A, 1 short grade A*, 1 short grade A
Cameron Currin	9 full grade A*, 2 short grade A, 1 full grade B
Ellie Clarke	9 full grade A*, 1 short grade A, 1 full grade B
Miriam Smith	8 full grade A*, 1 short grade A*, 2 full grade A, 1 short grade C
Eleanor Roberts	8 full grade A*, 1 full grade A, 1 short grade A, 1 full grade B, 1 short grade C

A2 results

The 2010 GCE A2 results, which reflect the achievements of students in Year 13 at the end of their A level courses are outstanding. The points scores used follow the QCA scale used by the DfE. The provisional key statistics are as follows, with the 2009 figures in brackets:

% entries resulting in grades A*/A/B	69.3%	(63.0%)
% entries resulting in grades A*-E	99.4%	(99.0%)
average points per candidate	926.7	(862.8)
average points per entry	235.8	(226.1)

This is the first year that the new A* grade has been available at A level. To receive an A* students must achieve an A grade at AS-level, at the end of the first year of A-level study, followed by a mark of above 90 per cent in their A2 examinations in the Year 13. Overall, 14% of entries at this school resulted in a grade A*.

5 students achieved 3 passes at Grade A*:

Thomas Cartigny	Maths, Further Maths, Physics + Grade A Chemistry
Christopher Quarton	Maths, Further Maths, Physics + Grade A Economics
Matt White	Maths, Further Maths, Physics + Grade A Chemistry
Neil Alliston	Maths, Further Maths, Physics
Chloe Daniels	Graphic Art, Drama, English

2 students achieved at least 3 grade A passes which included 2 passes at Grade A*:

Isobel Davies, James Whittle, Connie Bennett. Samantha Rouse, Lily Simmonds, Emma Stanbridge, Zoe Taylor

5 students achieved at least 3 grade A passes which included 1 pass at grade A*:

Laura Hitchcock, Jake Harvey Robert Hunt, Laurence Sale, William Stephens, Joshua Vaughan

A further 10 students achieved results which included 3 passes at grade A:

Jessica Caldwell, Michael Pink, Laura Pragnell, Jamie Simmons

AS results

The provisional key statistics are as follows. The grade A* which has been introduced for overall A level grades is not available at AS. The statistics below show the equivalent 2009 data in brackets:

% entries resulting in grades A/B	49.3%	(53.0%)
% entries resulting in grades A-E	94.2%	(95.2%)

One student achieved 6 passes at Grade A:

Ross McLaren Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Spanish, Critical Thinking, General Studies

A further 7 students achieved results which included 5 passes at grade A:

Harriett Allman-Carter	Biology, Chemistry, General Studies, Maths, Psychology
Ruth Appleton	Graphic Art, English, General Studies, History, Psychology
Gavin Pillinger	Chemistry, General Studies, Maths, Music, Physics (+ Grade C French)
Emma Sankey	English, General Studies, Maths, Further Maths, Spanish
Peter Thurlow	Biology, Chemistry, General Studies, History, Maths
Katie Wilkinson	Graphic Art, English, General Studies, History, Spanish
Abi Woods	Chemistry, General Studies, Maths, Further Maths, Psychology

A further 9 students achieved results which included 4 passes at grade A:

Georgia Adams, Jamie Evans, Annie Gordon, Scott Hannabuss, Alastair Johnstone, Oliver Morgan, Alana Pain, Isobel Pennaligon, Hannah Reeves, Chloe Weaver

The above results are clearly very impressive, as are the results of many other students not listed here. They represent the hard work and determination of the students and of their teachers. The vast majority of students from Year 13 will be starting university courses next term and I am sure that their efforts at A level will provide an excellent foundation for success in their degree courses.

New Teaching Staff

A number of new members of staff joined the school at the start of this term as follows:

Dr J Brown	Assistant Head of Mathematics
Miss R Mitchell	Mathematics
Miss E Bellamy	Mathematics
Miss N O'Connell	English
Mrs J Murdock	English
Miss C Phillips	Science
Miss K Cruickshank	Science
Miss N Sidney	Drama
Miss S Hardie	Technology

There are also some changes in key responsibilities as follows:

Mr J Newall	resumes post of Head of Sixth Form
Mr P Ashford	Head of Careers
Miss C Griffiths	Head of Year 8
Miss S Upton	Assistant Head of Year 11
Mrs J Daniel	Assistant Head of English
Mrs K Williams	Head of Religious Education
Mr S McRitchie	Head of Chemistry
Dr D Harrison	Head of Biology

Premises work during the summer break

The main focus during August has been the renewal of plumbing and the replacement of many radiators in the areas around the administration offices and the main corridor of the school.

Work has also been carried out in the Trust Building to move the office for the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator so that it is now adjacent to the Support Room.

Music Department Year 7 Welcome Concert

The Music Department is putting on a short concert on Tuesday 28th September. It will take place in the Drama Hall, starting at 6.30pm, and lasting about an hour, and will feature solo and group items on which the new Year 7 pupils have been working.

Tickets for the evening will be available on the door, priced £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children (this helps restock and add to resources for the Music Department).

All change for careers advice at KLB

Mr Ashford will be Head of Careers Advice and Guidance from September 2010. The school's much appreciated Connexions advisor, Alison Barker has been moved to another school whilst Anne Windsor, has been moved to work at KLB. She will be concentrating on helping Year 11 pupils consider course options at sixth form and college level. She will also be working with pupils regarding apprenticeships and work experience placements. Year 10 pupils have just received information regarding applying for work experience. If possible placements should be found before the end of January (Renishaw should not be approached until after Christmas).

If your son/daughter would like careers advice, or you would like them to receive some careers advice please send an email to Mr Ashford at the following address: pashford@klbschool.org.uk

Netball at KLB

Another season has started, so here are the training nights and fixtures for the 2010/2011 season so far...

Netball Training:

- Tuesday 3:00-4:15pm Year 10, 11, 12, 13
- Wednesday 3:00-4:15pm Year 8 + 9
- Thursday 3:00-4:15pm Year 7

Everyone is welcome! If you require any more information, please see Miss Upton.

Netball Fixtures:

- Tuesday 21 September V's Stroud High School (Away) – Year 7, 8 + 9 (return to KLB at 5:15-5:30pm)
- Tuesday 5 October V's Rednock School (Home) – Year 8, 9 + 11 (finish at 5:00pm)
- Thursday 7 October V's Thomas Keeble School (Away) – Year 8, 9 + 10 (return to KLB at 5:30pm)
- Wednesday 13 October V's Archway School (Home) – Year 9, 10 + 11 (finish at 5:00pm)
- Thursday 14 October V's Farmors School (Away) – Year 7 + 8 (return at 6:00pm)
- Tuesday 19 October V's Farmors School (Away) – Year 9, 10 + 11 (return at 6:15pm)
- Tuesday 9 November V's Kingshill (Home) – Year 7, 9, 10 + 11 (finish at 5:15pm)

District Netball Tournaments:

- Wednesday 24 November – Year 9
- Monday 29 November – Year 11
- Wednesday 1 December – Year 7
- Monday 6 December – Year 10
- Wednesday 8 December – Year 8

Please check that you can play in the above matches and tournaments – put the dates in your diary or on your calendar!

Miss Upton ☺

Library News

Report by Madison Ford, 8VKM:

The Screen Reads and pupil librarians went on a trip to Bristol to the **Blue Reef Aquarium and IMAX theatre** in July. We witnessed many weird and wonderful species and were lucky enough to watch the sharks being fed, as well as have a go at feeding the vegetarian piranhas. The Blue Reef Aquarium is home to hundreds of amazing creatures including sharks, seahorses, puffer fish, a huge 32 year old lobster named Lionel, terrapins and even a giant octopus. There are lots of beautiful tanks and enclosures in which these stunning creatures are kept, all of which are perfectly suited to the fish that live in them.

These include a Mediterranean tank, a coral reef tank, a tropical tank and a huge ocean tank that is home to hundreds of beautiful fish.

Melissa Spreadborough said: "I really liked the jellyfish. They were pretty colours and looked really strange! I also liked feeding the vegetarian piranhas. It was strange seeing how big they were compared to the meat-eating ones." Another member said: "My favourite bits were the leopard sharks and the conger eels. I found the trip very interesting and would like to go again." The trip was a great success and I strongly recommend the Blue Reef to anyone who loves sealife.

Rotary Young Chef 2010 Competition

First round of the competition is on 16 October hosted by Katharine Lady Berkeley's School. Good luck to our two competitors this year, Matthew Albon-Crouch and Kiera Madden, both Year 12 AS Food Technology students.

Jane Cooper
Head of Food Textiles

Year 7 Trip to Boppard and the Rhineland, Germany

A change of destination this year took us to the lovely town of Boppard by the River Rhine. We were very fortunate to stay in a small hotel in the centre of Boppard, by the main square, just two minutes from the River. As usual, our short visit to Germany was action packed and afforded a wide variety of activities. The bright sunshine made our Rhine river cruise on a new luxury boat very special. The pupils enjoyed sipping a cool drink on the sun deck as we passed by fairytale castles on route for the Lorelei Rock, where, according to legend, a beautiful blond maiden lures boatmen onto the rock with her siren songs.

We berthed in the medieval town of Rudesheim, where we took a chairlift to have lunch with a view of the Rhine. Siegfried's mechanisches Musikkabinett in Rudesheim houses one of the largest collections of self playing musical instruments and we all found it fascinating. Some of our group really entered into the spirit of the occasion and danced to the music. Later, a tour of Marksburg, a twelfth century castle and the most original in the Rhine valley, was of great interest. After dinner, a stroll along the river and a game of mini golf tired everyone out.

The following day we took a coach trip along the Moselle River to visit the historic town of Cochem, where we visited a vineyard, watched a wine making demonstration and sampled grape juice. After some free time exploring the centre of Cochem, we enjoyed an afternoon at the huge open air swimming pool. We were back in time to watch an outside viewing of the world cup match between Germany and Spain with the locals and other tourists. We decided that German spectators are much quieter than their English counterparts.

Our last full day in Germany was spent at Phantasialand, a theme park, which proved to be very popular with all the pupils. After packing, a final stroll along the River Rhine, a visit to the Eiscafé and a game of football we went to bed very tired, having thoroughly enjoyed our stay in the Rhineland. Thank you to Miss Coleman who volunteered to join the group at the last moment.

K Caldwell

Trebuchet Challenge

Some Year 8 pupils had a unique opportunity at the end of the summer term to design and test a model trebuchet. Engineers from Sula Systems Ltd in Wotton-Under-Edge, led by Dr David Bamford gave up their valuable time to help in an after school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiative to encourage young people to think about engineering as a career.

During the first session, designs were discussed and the Science and Maths of siege engines was demonstrated. There followed the building stage in DT workshops and finally the models were ready for testing. The last week saw the competition phase where two challenges were set; the trebuchet achieving the greatest range and the one with best accuracy (hitting a cardboard castle).

Both prizes were won by the girl's team. Congratulations to all the teams and thanks to the staff who helped and the engineers from Sula Systems.



Save Wotton Swimming Pool

A public meeting is to be held in Wotton under Edge to help determine the future of the town's swimming pool. The meeting to be held next week has been called by members of the Wotton Swimming Club and Wotton Town Council to discuss the possibility of holding a referendum in the town.

Alan George, who has helped coordinate efforts with the town council to establish the feasibility of running the pool as a community enterprise said 'I do hope the referendum goes ahead. We need to know whether the townsfolk of Wotton really want this pool.'

The public meeting to decide whether or not there is a referendum will be held at Blue Coat School Hall next Thursday 23 September at 7.30pm.

German Exchange from Friday 1 October until Friday 8 October

We are looking for hosts for **one male German teacher** (1 – 8 October), and **one female German teacher** (1-4 October). They both speak very good English, so don't worry if you can't speak any German. Both of them will be travelling to London on their own on Saturday 2 October, so you wouldn't need to entertain them that day.

Please let Sandy Revie know via email if you are interested or if you have any questions regarding this:
srevie@klbschool.org.uk

School Fixtures

Could parents/pupils please be aware of the following: all sporting bodies state that school fixtures have priority over 'out of school' club practices (and matches – although this would be negotiated, hopefully, between PE staff and clubs). We will be as flexible as possible to accommodate all sports for all pupils but do need pupils to be available for all school matches.

Adult Education Classes

From October 2010, we are very pleased to be able to continue to offer a range of adult classes.

We aim for the classes to start in the week beginning 4 of October. Subject to levels of interest, the classes will be:-

GCSE Maths:	Evening	Wednesday	5.30-7.30pm
GCSE English:	Evening	Wednesday	5.30-7.30pm
French:	Daytime	Monday	11.50-12.50am
	Evening	Wednesday	6.00-7.00pm
Spanish:	Daytime	Tuesday	10.50-11.50am
	Evening	Wednesday	6.00-7.00pm

The costs will be £170 for 12 weeks for the 2 hour evening classes. The 1 hour classes will cost £85 for 12 weeks.

Classes will run depending on sufficient interest. Class size will be restricted to a maximum of 10 to ensure that sufficient one to one support can be provided.

Please contact Mrs Jo Godfrey by e-mail to express an interest in the courses at jgodfrey@klbschool.org.uk; the deadline for applications is 27th September 2010.

Secretarial Job Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint a secretarial assistant to work in our mathematics, science and ICT departments. The successful candidate will have good keyboard skills and be familiar with MS Word and Excel to include mail merging and setting up and working with simple spreadsheets.

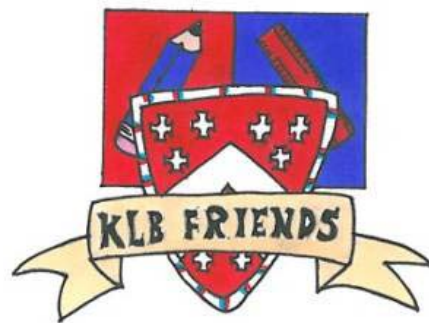
This is a fixed term contract until 31 March 2010, term time only for 30 hours per week and will be paid at point 13 of the NJC scale for local government workers (0.68 fte @ £15,444 = £10,499).

To apply for this position, please contact Mrs Pavey at the school for an information pack and application form. Appointment to this post will be subject to a full CRB check. The closing date for applications is Friday 1 October 2010.

KLB Friends Update - September 2010

KLB Friends are raring to go this new school year and will be holding their AGM on the 20 October. This is an ideal time to come along and find out about all of the activities the Friends get involved in and the great contribution that is made to the school. This is all about fundraising for YOUR children's school and YOUR PTA.

We are looking for new committee members but also people just willing to add their names to a 'helpers list' and help out occasionally at the various events throughout the year. There will be wine and nibbles served on the evening and updates on all of the great fundraising to date and what the plans are for these funds. We also need some fresh ideas for events and activities.



So, do come along, meet some other parents and teachers, have a drink, find out more about what we do and share your thoughts with our eager team of volunteers.

The AGM will be held at the school on Wednesday 20 October at 7:30pm, come to Reception and you will be directed to the venue.

Dates for your diary

Finally, here are some dates for the future:

- Wednesday 20 Oct KLB Friends AGM, KLB School 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start
- Saturday 25 June KLB Summer Fayre 2011 11.00am – 3.00pm

If you have any suggestions for future events, or would like to find out more about what we do or how to support us further, please visit our website <http://www.klbfriends.org.uk/> or e-mail us on klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk

Dates for your diary

The school calendar can be accessed from the front page of the school website or directly at <http://calendar.klb.org.uk>

15 Sep	Prize Giving – 7:00pm	5 Jan 2011	First day of term 3
28 Sep	Year 7 Music Concert – 7:30pm	12 Jan	Year 9 Options Evening
30 Sep	Year 6 information evening – 6:15pm	20 Jan	Year 9 Parents' Evening
1 Oct	Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils	26 Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening
5 Oct	Year 7 information evening – 7:00pm	8 Feb	GCSE Music Concert
6 Oct	Year 8 information evening – 7:00pm	16 Feb	Year 10 Parents' Evening
7 Oct	Year 9 information evening – 7:00pm	18 Feb	Last day of term 3
8 Oct	Drama Production – 'The Trial' – 7:30pm	28 Feb	First day of term 4
12 Oct	Year 10 information evening – 7:00pm	3 Mar	Year 8 Parents' Evening
13 Oct	Year 11 information evening – 7:00pm	15 Mar	Year 12 Parents' Evening (2)
14 Oct	Year 12 information evening – 7:00pm	22 Mar	Year 13 Parents' Evening (2)
20 Oct	KLB Friends AGM, sixth study – 7:30pm	30/31 March	Music and Drama Concerts
22 Oct	Last day of term 1	8 April	Last day of term 4
1 Nov	First day of term 2	26 April	First day of term 5
9 Nov	Year 12 Parents' Evening	2 May	Bank Holiday
17 Nov	Post 16 information evening for Year 11	27 May	Last day of term 5
23 Nov	Year 13 Parents' evening	6 June	First day of term 6
29/30 Nov	Music and Drama Concerts	8/9/15 Jun	Year 6 information evenings
6 to 17 Dec	Year 11 mock examinations	25 Jun	KLB Summer Fayre – 11:00am – 3:00pm
9 Dec	Year 7 Parents' Evening	21 July	Last day of term 6
15 Dec	School Carol Service, St Mary's – 7:00pm		
17 Dec	Last day of term 2		

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1 Sep 2011	First day of term 1 – Staff Training	4 Jan 2012	First day of term 3
2 Sep	Staff training day (2)	10 Feb	Staff training day – last day of term 3
5 Sep	First day of term 1 for pupils	20 Feb	First day of term 4
29 Sep	Year 6 information evening – 6:15pm	30 Mar	Last day of term 4
30 Sep	Staff training day	16 Apr	First day of term 5
21 Oct	Last day of term 1	7 May	Bank Holiday
31 Oct	First day of term 2	1 June	Last day of term 5
16 Dec	Last day of term 2	11 June	First day of term 6
		19 July	Last day of term 6