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Year 7 Music Concert

It was another successful start for Year 7 pupils who took part in the annual concert on Tuesday 28 September.

The evening's entertainment started with the school's training orchestra (with some assistance from older musicians) who played some selections from 'The Lion King'. This was followed by a number of items including the Samba band and the Singing group. A few brave pupils sang and played solos and highlights included Dominic Aston on the bass guitar and Mirrin Thomas who was accompanied by Sam Rice in Year 12. Year 7 pupils also had the chance to show parents and friends the singing work that they had been creating in their music lessons and this resulted in a rousing finale from all groups singing 'The Orchestra Song'. The next Music and Drama concerts are on 29 and 30 November and will showcase items from both departments.



Art Department

During the summer term Activity Days in July the Art Department ran a Digital Photography course with Year 8 students. The students produced excellent photographs on the theme of 'Growth' which were subsequently entered for the Wotton Garden Show and judged by professional photographer Matt Bigwood.

We are pleased to announce that 1st place went to Lauren Williams; the judge said: 'the flower was sharply focused, the colour separated the flower from the background and it was a pleasing composition.' 2nd place was awarded to Kerry Anne Hawkins, who also won the public vote, and 3rd place went to Chloe Bacon.

There were three highly commended places: Lauren Williams (for a second photograph), Emily Hayward and Megan Small.



The photographs will be on display in the reception area in the near future. 1st place photograph by Lauren Williams



2nd place photograph by Kerry Anne Hawkins



3rd place photograph by Chloe Bacon

Year 12 AS Chemistry visit to Bristol University

On Wednesday 29 September, a coach load of AS chemistry students took a trip to the Bristol University undergraduate chemistry teaching labs for a day of experiments and teaching led by post graduates and lecturers. The day started with an introduction from Tim Harrison, the School of Chemistry Teacher Fellow, who also gives talks at conferences and universities all over the world, before we all got to put on fetching white lab coats and safety glasses.

We split into three groups and all had a talk from a post graduate about infra-red spectroscopy, learned about gas chromatography and took part in some experiments involving chromatography, precipitation reactions and blue dye (some of which, unfortunately, ended up on my lab coat). During lunch a few of us were given a tour of the department by Tim and were impressed by the size and variety in the department, from a library full of articles from chemistry journals, to a diamond-making lab as well as a display case of blu-tack models made by students.



The day ended with a talk in the 300-seat lecture theatre from Tim who showed us what crazy things you can do with chemistry by making goo, exploding hydrogen filled balloons and making a liquid nitrogen waterfall down the stairs. Mark Green was lucky enough to go up and step on a rubber glove that had been frozen in liquid nitrogen, and got to keep the broken glove as a souvenir. Mark said the experience was "very satisfying, like standing on a crunchy leaf."

Everyone was given a Bristol Chemistry Labs pencil as we left, and I think it's safe to say the day was enjoyed by all.

Ellie Roberts

Year 13 Chemistry trip to Bristol University Chemistry department

On Thursday 9 September, chemistry students from Year 13 visited the School of Chemistry at Bristol University, a short walk from the city centre. The chemistry department at Bristol University boasts one of the most up to date research labs in the country and visiting their spectroscopy labs showed us the practical aspects behind the theory we are studying at the moment.

As part of the trip we were given a tour round each department looking at the various techniques chemists use to find out the chemical formulas for new molecules. These involve using gas chromatography, mass spectrometry and high performance liquid chromatography. These feature heavily in the "A" level chemistry course and it was very useful being able to observe the different techniques used to find out the structures of different molecules and compounds, many of which are used to investigate environmental pollution and also in archaeological investigations.

It was a very useful trip and gave us all an insight into a different side of chemistry. Thank you very much to Mr McRitchie who organised the trip and also to Bristol University's mass spectrometry department.

James Crighton



Intermediate Mathematics Team Challenge Year 10/11

This year's team challenge took place in the very grand surroundings of Prior Park College in Bath. Due to a very large hole in the road into Bath, the team minibus unfortunately spent over an hour in stationary traffic and the start of the tournament was missed.

Despite this setback, both teams battled well. KLB entered two teams into the competition; one team of experienced challengers and the other attending the event for the first time. Our seasoned campaigners put in an excellent performance and, if they hadn't missed the early rounds, would have been in with a chance of beating the eventual winners.

Well done to Josh Martin, Joe Cridge, Nicola Rouse and Matt Jones from Year 11 and James Rich, Molly Richardson, Chloe Featherstone and Michael Lin from Year 10.

Careers Department

Year 11 parents were shown a brief film on apprenticeship at the open evening on 13 October. Any parent wishing their son or daughter to find out more about apprenticeships should ask the student to see me in the career's office or e-mail me on pashford@klschool.org.uk Pupils who have filled out application forms will be having mock interviews for courses or jobs given by Cotswold Rotary members on 11 or 12 November.

Year 10 pupils should be actively seeking work experience placements. If there are any issues or problems the student should see me during afternoon registration in the careers office. Thank you. P.J. Ashford

Football

English Schools Cup 2nd Round

KLB 3 Beechen Cliff 6

The Under 18 Boys crashed out of the ESFA Cup in a tense game against Beechen Cliff School from Bath. George Whatley and Max Minter both scored to go 2-1 up after an early Beechen Cliff strike. Poor defending gifted Beechen Cliff another goal to give a 2-2 scoreline at half time. In a tense second half KLB lost captain Rob Banister to a second yellow card and Max Minter to injury before conceding two goals. Ten man KLB then fought back to 4-3 before two goals in the last two minutes gave a Beechen Cliff a deserved but hard fought win. This was a tough game for both sides but a disappointing exit for KLB.

Promising debuts from Year 11 Ricky Bezar and Year 12 students Charlie York, Richard Lee and Will Dove suggest the team could develop in time for the County Cup.



English Schools Cup 2nd round

Year 10 and 11 Girls

KLB 1 Frome College 3

After a good 2-0 win in round 1 against Brunel Academy, the Under 16 girls faced a strong Frome College side with a weakened side.

A superbly worked goal from Hannah Falcon took KLB to 1-1 at half time but Frome attacked for most of the second half, eventually scoring two late goals to take the tie 3-1. This was a very tenacious performance from the whole KLB team but special mention must be made of brave goalkeeper Claire Gordon and superb defender Jess Sellen, plus another great captain's performance from Jo Mackie.



Year 8 Boys English Schools Under 13 Cup Cup 2nd round

Priory School 1 KLB 10

After a 14 -1 win against Merchants Academy in round 1, the Under 13 Boys travelled to Weston Super Mare to play Priory School. Priory School were able to provide a Premier league official as referee who did a great job in keeping the game flowing. The game was even for much of the first half until KLB took control of the midfield and started to open up the Priory defence. From then on KLB moved ahead 4-1 at half time. At the final whistle goals from Joe Stokes, Declan Frost, Tom Wingent, Chris Butcher and Chris Colston had given KLB a 10-1 win.

Year 9 Girls English Schools Cup 1st Round

Bridge Learning Campus 3 KLB 3 Bridge Learning Campus win on penalties

The Year 9 girls had a tough season opener against Bridge Learning Campus. Despite leading 2-1 with just minutes to go the game ended 2-2 at full time and 3-3 after extra time. In a tense penalty shoot out the result was all on the last two penalties. A miss from KLB and a converted penalty from Bridge meant an early exit from the competition for KLB.

The Under 13 Girls will play in the N Power National six a side competition with the first round being held in Cheltenham on 19 October.

Football Staff

Mr Mewse, Mr Ford, Mrs Ford, Miss Thomas

Rugby

The boys have had a busy start to the new term with a number of training sessions and matches for all year groups. The Year 7's have had fantastic numbers at training with over 40 boys attending this term. Mr Burton has worked hard with the help of Mr Setterfield in preparation for the annual district tournament on 6th November. Last week was the boys' first game taking 2 teams over to Thomas Keble for a mini-tournament. The "A" team came away unbeaten with 2 impressive victories scoring 50 points and conceding just 10. The "B" team were also unbeaten drawing one and winning their other game.

Like the Year 7's the Year 8's are yet to be beaten this year, playing in the 15-a-side district "A" league, the boys have racked up impressive victories over Rednock, Winterbourne Academy and Farmors School. The victory against Rednock being particularly pleasing as they had lost to their local rivals in Year 7.

The Year 9 team have had a tough year, numbers at training and availability for matches have disrupted team selection and meant that a different team has had to be selected each week. As a result some new faces have been given a chance and done fantastically well. Like all of KLB teams the Year 9's are in the top division of local rugby. So far the boys have won one game against Thomas Keble, drawn a highly entertaining game against Rednock 43-43 and lost to very well drilled and physically stronger Kingshill and Farmors sides.

The Year 10's have so far played three winning one and losing narrowly in the other two. The Year 10's have a busy few months with 7 games still to play in both National Cup and District League competitions.

The Year 11 team have managed one win and one loss so far this year, like all other teams they play in the top division of local schools rugby. Last Thursday saw them beat a dangerous Farmors team 35-8, some powerful running and committed tackling were followed by loud cheers from the passionate and large KLB support on the touchline.

The School First XV have begun the season with two closely fought loses against Castle School and Cleve School, during both occasions the team were leading, but eventually ran out of steam during the second half, losing both narrowly. It has been a rebuilding year for the sixth form with a number of players representing the school for the first time in a number of years.

New players are always welcome to come along to training, Years 10-13 usually train on a Tuesday, Year 9's on a Wednesday and 7-8's on a Thursday. These days however do change depending on fixtures and staff commitments, pupils are should keep their eye out for notices in the register and notices on the PE notice board.

Thanks to all the staff who give up their valuable time running teams.

Mr Daniel

KLB Girl's Hockey

The first 11's played Castle School, we were without three regular players but despite this the team played really well and fought back to earn a 2-2 draw having been down 2-0.

On the 12 October the U16 11's played Wycliffe, who are always an extremely strong team. We had a large squad, as we are preparing for the tournament and leagues after Christmas. We played well in patches and never gave up, which was very creditable. Beth Priday was excellent in goal and the mid field was ably manned by Lottie Aldridge and Marianne Buist. Jo Mackie made some good runs from the back and Millie Dann and Addy White both had promising debuts. We went down 2-0.

We have quite a few fixtures before Christmas and all family members are always welcome to come along and support the teams – there is often room on the coach if you can let me know beforehand and most matches start around 4pm.

Girls' Hockey Fixtures

Date	Opposition	H/A	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	1st 11
19 Oct	Castle	A		X				
20 Oct	Stroud HS	A					X	
4 Nov	Ridings	A		X				
9 Nov	Wycliffe 2 nd 11	A						X
11 Nov	Ridings	A						X mixed
16 Nov	Ridings	A				X		
22 Nov	St Peters	A						X
25 Nov	Castle	A					X	
6 Dec	Wycliffe U14 B	A			X			

Year 10 National Champion!!

Chloe Ball-Hopkins in Year 10 has been astounding coaches and competitors with her skills recently when she competed at the National Championships at Stoke Mandeville.

Chloe came away from the National Junior Championships with 5 medals!

Silver in 100m and 200m wheelchair racing
Gold in 400m wheelchair racing
Silver in manual Slalom
and Gold in Archery

She is being considered as a possible competitor for 2012 and is an inspiration to others.



Culture, Religion & Society (CRS)

What's in a name?

This year has seen some changes for us in the CRS department. We have a new Head of Department, Mrs Williams, following the retirement of Mr Edwards and, up until now, you probably recognised the Department as Religious Education (RE). We decided this year to change the name to go further in reflecting the range of areas we study. Of course religion is still a key part, but understanding the way people live and the values and norms of different societies are also important areas of study.

Photography competition

We are currently running a photography competition which is open to any pupil at KLB but also younger siblings if they are in Years 5 or 6 at primary school. We are looking for lots of different original images, taken by pupils, to make a huge photo collage to display in the Department.

The photo must have a link with culture, religion or society and a brief sentence should be written on the back explaining why you chose the picture.

There are lots of prizes to be won and a special award for the best Year 5 or 6 entry. Entries can be sent to Mrs Williams at school or by email to kawilliams@klbschool.org.uk. **Please send in your entry by the 31st October.** We look forward to receiving your entry!

School Council 2010/11

Following recent elections, the following have been voted to represent their year groups on the school council:

Year 7	Eleanor Blackie and Man ho Hui (reserve - Jack Taylor)
Year 8	Katie Jenner and Nicholas Maitre (reserve - Chloe Moss)
Year 9	Kobi Merrikin and Matt Dobson (reserve - Josie Buist)
Year 10	Polly Lynton-Jenkins and Luke Holloway (reserve - Ellie Evans)
Year 11	Maisie Simmons and Adam Hanney (reserve - Alex Rothwell)

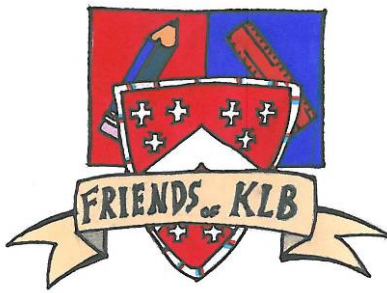
Save Wotton Swimming Pool

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.





KLB Friends Update

Come Along to the AGM Wednesday 20 October at 7.30pm

Just a reminder that the AGM is on the 20th 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, come into Reception and you will be directed to the venue.

Date for your diary

- 25 June – KLB Summer Fayre 2011 11am – 3pm

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 at 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>

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

2011/2012 Academic Year

1 Sep 2011	First day of term 1 – Staff Training (1)	4 Jan 2012	First day of term 3
2 Sep	Staff training day (2)	10 Feb	Staff training day (4) – 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 (3)	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