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# KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S SCHOOL

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## Newsletter – 21 September 2011

### Academy Status

During the period from Easter to the end of last term, we were working with our legal team at Rickerbys in Cheltenham to achieve conversion to Academy status. We received a letter from the Secretary of State for Education, Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, on Friday 29 July confirming that Katharine Lady Berkeley's School would open as an Academy on 1 August 2011.

The conversion process has been very complex and time consuming but I am confident that the funding and other arrangements will help us to continue to at least maintain a range of courses and quality of provision through the forthcoming period of financial constraint in the public sector. In our application for Academy status, we have also committed to continuing our work with our neighbouring partner primary schools in Languages and Sport which may have been under threat if we had continued as a local authority maintained school.

Academies are described as state funded independent schools, each established as their own company limited by guarantee. This may give the impression of organisations working in isolation but that will not be the case in Gloucestershire. 26 of the 39 secondary schools in the county are now operating as Academies. All secondary schools, whether academies or maintained schools, are committed to working together in order to secure the best possible provision for secondary age pupils across the county through mechanisms such as shared professional development and the joint procurement of services. Like other Academies in this county, we will also continue to work with Gloucestershire Local Authority, through purchasing their services and in supporting vulnerable pupils.

### Governor Vacancies

As part of the academy conversion process, we have reconstituted our governing body. While most of our governors have remained in post (and those who have left us have done so for other reasons), we now have three vacancies. Elections for a staff governor will take place in September and we will be advertising a parent governor vacancy and seeking proposals for a co-opted post once the new term is under way. More details will be sent out in due course and posted on our website. Meanwhile, thank you for your support over the last few months.

### Outstanding GCSE results

Pupils from Year 11 have achieved outstanding GCSE results. The commonly used statistic of 5 or more passes at GCSE grades A\* to C is 90.8% and the percentage gaining 5 or more passes at Grades A\* to C including English and Mathematics is 76.4%. The key statistics are as follows with the 2010 and 2009 figures in italics:

	2011	2010	2009
% 5 or more grades A* to C	90.4%	<i>83.6%</i>	<i>78.3%</i>
% 5 or more A* to C inc En and Ma	76.5%	<i>74.4%</i>	<i>71.9%</i>
% 5 or more grades A* to G	99.6%	<i>98.8%</i>	<i>98.4%</i>
% entries resulting in grades A*/A	34.6%	<i>33.6%</i>	<i>30.8%</i>
% achieving English Bacallaureate	41.4%	<i>34.6%</i>	<i>n/a</i>

Many pupils have attained outstanding results. These include:

Joseph Cridge	11 full course passes at grade A* and 1 short course at grade A
Lorna Rowe	11 full course passes at grade A* and 1 short course at grade A
Sarah Appleton	10 full course at grade A*, 1 full course at grade A, 1 short course at grade A*
Emma Travis	10 full course at grade A*, 1 full course at grade A, 1 short course at grade A*
Charles Patteson	8 full course at grade A*, 3 full course at grade A and 1 short course at grade A*
Harriett Noviss	8 full course at grade A*, 3 full course at grade A and 1 short course at grade A

The following achieved 7 full course passes at grade A\*:

Rebecca Stokes, Grace Bailey, Alasdair Gibson, Matt Jones and Emma Poole.

## Excellent GCE A Level Results

### A2 results

Excellent results have been achieved by our Year 13 students who took their A level examinations this summer. The provisional key statistics are shown below, with the 2010 and 2009 figures in brackets. (The points scores used follow the QCA scale used by the DfE - 300 points for A\*, 270 points for A, then in steps of 30 points to 150 points for grade E.)

% entries resulting in grades A*/A/B	61.4%	(69.3%	63.0%)
% entries resulting in grades A*-E	98.9%	(99.4%	99.0%)
average points per candidate	870.9	(923.5	872.1)
average points per entry	221.9	(232.6	222.2)

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

4 students achieved 3 passes at Grade A\*:

Ross McLaren	Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry (+ Grade A Spanish)
Oliver Morgan	Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry
Alana Pain	Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry (+ Grade A Geography)
Peter Thurlow	Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry

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

Harriet Allman-Carter	Biology, Chemistry + Grade A Mathematics
Ruth Appleton	Graphic Art, Psychology + Grade A English
Olivia Digby	English, Textiles + Grade A Art
Jamie Evans	Economics, Sociology + Grade A Geography
Isobel Pennaligon	English, Textiles + Grade A History
Hannah Reeves	Biology, Mathematics + Grade A Chemistry
Lucy Robbins	English, Sociology + Grade A History
Emma Sankey	English, Mathematics + Grade A Further Mathematics, Spanish

7 students achieved at least 3 Grade A passes which included 1 pass at Grade A\*:

Sam Cross	German + Grade A History, Spanish
Annie Gordon	Film Studies + Grade A English, History
Flora Gordon	Geography + Grade A English, Sociology
Alastair Johnstone	Photography + Grade A Geography, Product Design
Gavin Pillinger	Mathematics + Grade A Chemistry, Music, Physics
Katie Wilkinson	Graphic Art + Grade A English, Spanish
Abi Woods	Mathematics + Grade A Further Mathematics, Psychology

A further 7 students achieved results which included 3 passes at grade A:

Thomas Jellings, Lily Jones, Tilly Martin, Joseph McKivitt, Rosie Summers, Elizabeth Watt, Chloe Weaver.

### 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 2010 data in brackets:

% entries resulting in grades A/B	48.5%	(49.3%)
% entries resulting in grades A-E	91.5%	(94.2%)

One student achieved 6 passes at Grade A:

Mark Green	Chemistry, French, General Studies, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics
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A further 3 students achieved results which included 5 passes at Grade A:

Olivia Gale	Business Studies, English, Geography, General Studies, Psychology
Sam Rice	Chemistry, General Studies, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics
Stephanie Spreadborough	Drama, French, German, General Studies, Mathematics

A further 3 students achieved results which included 4 passes at Grade A:

James Gallagher	Biology, English, General Studies, Sociology
Becky Hall	Geography, Graphic Art, General Studies, Psychology
Emily Schofield	Biology, Geography, Graphic Art, General Studies

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 have joined the school at the start of next term as follows:

Miss L Corfield	Physical Education
Miss L Williams	Mathematics
Miss C Hall	Art and Design
Mrs K McAllister	English

There are also some changes in key responsibilities as follows:

Miss H Khan	Continues as Deputy Headteacher but will include Head of Sixth Form in her responsibilities
Mr R Warren	Continues as Assistant Headteacher but will include Head of Year 8 in his responsibilities
Dr J Brown	Head of Mathematics
Miss K John	Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)
Miss S Upton	Head of Girls' PE

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## World Challenge Expedition to Vietnam - initial post expedition report

The plans for the expedition began in 2009 after the previous one had been so successful. The initial introduction was given to Y10, 11 and 12 through their assembly time. Information about Vietnam and photographs from the 2009 expedition were used to advertise the next expedition.

The initial response was overwhelming with approximately 90 students showing an interest in Vietnam. Parents were given an introduction to World Challenge by the South West manager for the company.

With so many students showing an interest there had to be at least 6 teams. Once the initial thrill of going on expedition wore off and the reality of working to raise the funds became obvious the numbers dropped to a sensible figure of 60. Finally there were 5 teams with a total of 56 students. This was the largest group for World Challenge to work with. It has made its mark in KLB as something to look forward to in the upper years of the school; there have been many siblings taking part over the last 8 years. I chose Vietnam for the expedition and each team worked out where they wanted to go within the country. 4 of the teams chose to go to the North and 1 chose the South. It was not possible to cover the whole of the country due to the distances involved; 2 sleeper train journeys were enough.

All teams completed 4 phases within each expedition; acclimatisation, a main trek, a project, and rest and relaxation. Projects are usually done with schools or other such institutions. This time, 3 of the teams worked with a family in order to improve their home conditions. This was done through World Challenge co-ordinating with the Red Cross and its in-country agent. KLB school is the first to complete this type of project and all 3 were successful.

All teams found the climatic conditions a challenge and will have gained a great deal through working with people of a different culture and lifestyle.

The expeditions have all been successful even when there have been issues that have had to be dealt with. As this is my last expedition with KLB I should like to thank the Senior Management Team and the Governors for giving me the opportunity to provide such an experience for students.

Dorothy Chilton

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## Exchange with Braunschweig, Germany

The Braunschweig Exchange started particularly early this year, even before the term began for the pupils. Eighteen pupils from Y9 and Y10, together with Mr Birkenshaw and myself, set off on 2<sup>nd</sup> September to visit their partners.



Our partner school had particularly requested that we visit them this week in order to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Raabeschule. It was a particularly exciting week, since the school timetable was suspended and KLB pupils were able to join them in their activities. These included a whole school excursion (17 coaches full!) to the Castle and Mill Museum at Gifhorn and an unusual Sportfest, which included such sporting activities as muffin-eating, tightrope-walking and team-building. The KLB pupils became fully involved, with Reuben Wells being the speediest muffin eater, while Melissa Spreadborough and Rosanna Blacker showed themselves to be extremely good tightrope walkers. Louise Grziesick also bravely allowed herself to be passed over the heads of her partner's class in the team-building exercise.

The KLB group also enjoyed excursions to the Phaeno Museum and Autostadt at Wolfsburg, where they enjoyed interactive science experiments and wondered at modern car technology.

Our pupils were a credit to the school, not only being excellently behaved, but also highly appreciative of their hosts' hospitality.

We are now looking forward to the return visit by the German partners, which will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Lorna Minshall



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### A note from Mrs Chevin

Thank you to all parents, governors, teachers and pupils for their thanks and best wishes to me at the end of last term. I shall miss a lot of the work at KLB but am looking forward to spending time doing all the things I've been threatening to do for the last 20 years! I am still going to take the badminton club and look forward to seeing some of you there.

Best wishes, Cath Chevin

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### Prize Giving Evening

We were very pleased to welcome James Brickell from the BBC's Wildlife Unit to our annual Prize Giving Evening on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. James gave a very entertaining address and congratulated the pupils and students on their excellent progress and achievement. He also showed a breathtaking excerpt from a forthcoming series with some stunning underwater pictures and a dramatic soundtrack. James made reference to the achievements of a number of prize winners from the Sixth Form who have gained entrance to Oxford and Cambridge: Ross McLaren (Medicine, Ox), Alana Pain (Earth Sciences, Cam), Peter Thurlow (Medicine, Cam), Hannah Reeves (Medicine, Cam), Sam Cross (Law, Ox).



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### Library News

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and would like to welcome and invite our new Year 7s into the library. As well as having a large selection of fiction and non-fiction books available, we also have DVDs (free to borrow), chess/Scrabble for breaktime, a screen reads club and a lunchtime silent reading session.

To kick-start this new school year we have some wonderful new books and DVDs available including ['Shakespeare in Love'](#), ['Gulliver's Travels'](#) and ['Made in Dagenham'](#). We also have 13 new titles in the *'Books Retold'* series. These are shortened, simplified versions of well known classics, including Shakespeare & Bronte. They are aimed at giving younger readers an overview of the stories and a taste for reading the originals.

We have many new short reads in stock, including several ['Green Lantern'](#), ['Batman & Superman'](#) in the *DC SuperHeroes* series and more of the popular *'Dragonblood'* series and *'Return To The Library Of Doom!'*. There are no less than 20 new fiction titles to tempt you! Ranging from paranormal romance with dangerous faeries and werewolves in Maggie Stiefvater's *'Books of Faerie'* series, to combat adventure in Jim Eldridge's *'Black Operations'* series.

Last but not least we have all twelve of the explosive *'Conspiracy 365'* series by Gabrielle Lord. Cal finds himself plunged into twelve months of adventure, danger and survival!

For more details, please visit the school website!

Finally, if you have any books which your children have read and loved, but no longer need, please donate them to the library. We are trying to increase our stock of the most popular books and would be grateful to receive anything that you have. Please send them to the library.

## Drama News

### Trips:

'**Blood Brothers**'. This trip has always been popular in the past and this year has been no exception. We will be going to the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon on September 28<sup>th</sup> leaving school at 12.30 with an anticipated return at 6.30pm. This trip is full but we do have a waiting list should there be any pupils who drop out. The production is, however, coming to the Bristol Hippodrome in the spring of 2012. Any queries should be directed to Miss N Sidney in the drama department. Pupils are reminded that they will need to bring a packed lunch with them.

'**Earthquakes in London**'. Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 are looking forward to seeing this exciting new production on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Theatre Royal, Bath. We will be leaving school at 6pm with an anticipated return of 11pm. Students will not need to wear their school uniform on this occasion. This trip is now full with a waiting list. Any queries should be directed to Mrs M Clare-Hudson in the drama department.

'**The Heart of Robin Hood**'. This Year 7 trip is planned for January 4<sup>th</sup> 2012. This is an exciting opportunity to see the Royal Shakespeare Company. Letters are being sent out this week to all Year 7s. Payment is due in by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of September and is only £21 including transport. The departure times were not mentioned in the letter and will be 3pm from the school sports hall, with an anticipated return of 9.30pm. For further information please contact the drama department.

### Productions:

'**Oliver**' rehearsals are well underway and Mrs Clare-Hudson would like to take the opportunity to remind all the cast of the importance of attending all the rehearsals. Anyone unable to attend a rehearsal must give a letter in writing to either Mr Bull or Mrs Clare-Hudson with the reasons why. Dates of the performances are as follows: November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets will be on sale after half term.

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## Physical Education News

### Girls' PE

There have been many changes to the Girls PE curriculum since September 2011. A variety of activities have been introduced at Key Stage 3 and 4 to provide more opportunities for the girls to participate in a number of new sports. These include the following:

#### Key Stage 3

Outdoor Adventurous Activities  
Young Leaders  
Volleyball  
Basketball  
Boxercise  
Rugby  
Cricket  
Circuits

#### Key Stage 4

Table Tennis  
Softball  
Aerobics  
Cheerleading  
Strength and Conditioning

Our main aim is for pupils to enjoy their PE lessons and achieve their potential. We hope by providing a variety of physical activities pupils will remain enthused about sport and exercise, and ultimately continue to be physically active when they leave school.

### Girls' Sports Clubs

Below is a list of the girls clubs that are being held in Term 1. Everyone is welcome, so please come along and have a go ☺

#### MONDAY

- Year 7-9 Badminton Club (lunchtime)
- Year 7 Netball Club (2:45-4:15pm)
- Year 7, 8+9 Badminton Club (...)
- Year 10-13 Badminton Club (...)

#### TUESDAY

- Year 7-11 Fitness Club (lunchtime)
- Year 10-13 Netball Club (2:45-4:15pm)
- Year 7-13 Street Dance Club (2:45-4:00pm)

#### WEDNESDAY

- Year 7-9 Trampoline Club (lunchtime)

- Year 12+13 Indoor Hockey Club (lunchtime)
- Year 12+13 Fitness Club (lunchtime)
- Year 7 Netball Club (2:45-4:15pm)

#### **THURSDAY**

- Year 8+9 Netball Club (2:45-4:15pm)
- Year 11-13 Football Club (2:45-4:15pm)

#### **FRIDAY**

- Year 7-9 Fun Club (lunchtime)

More details about these clubs can be found on the girls' PE notice board in the gym changing rooms. Alternatively ask your PE teacher for more information.

#### Girls' Fixtures (Terms 1 and 2)

##### **Cross Country**

- 21.09.11 @ Thomas Keeble School – Year 7+8 – Returning @ 6:30pm
- 28.09.11 @ Kingshill – Year 9+10 – Returning @ 6:30pm
- 12.10.11 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS @ Sir William Romney – All Year Groups – Returning at 6:30pm

##### **Football**

- 27.09.11 V's Ribston Hall High School for Girls (Away) – Year 7+8 and Years 11, 12+13 – Returning @ 6:15pm

##### **Netball**

- 22.09.11 V's Rednock (Away) – Year 7A+B, 8, 10 – Returning @ 5:00pm
- 26.09.11 V's Kingshill (Away) – Year 7, 8, 9, 11 – Returning @ 5:30pm
- 28.09.11 V's Castle (Home) – Year 12+13 – Finishing @ 5:00pm
- 05.10.11 Year 10+11 COUNTY TOURNAMENT @ Cheltenham Ladies College (1:00pm start) – Returning @ 5:45pm
- 05.10.11 V's Cleeve (Home) – Year 12+13 – Finishing @ 5:15pm
- 06.10.11 V's Thomas Keeble (Away) – Year 7, 8, 9, 11 – Returning @ 5:45pm
- 11.10.11 V's Stroud High (Away) – Year 7, 8, 9, 10 – Returning at 5:15pm
- 13.10.11 V's Deer Park (Home) – Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 – Finishing @ 5:15pm
- 17.10.11 V's Maidenhill (Away) – Year 7A+B, 9, 11 – Returning @ 5:15pm
- 19.10.11 V's Farmors (Home) – Year 8, 9, 10, 11 – Finishing @ 5:15pm
- 02.11.11 V's Farmors (Away) – Year 7A+B and 12+13 – Returning @ 6:00pm
- 03.11.11 V's Sir William Romney (Home) – Year 7, 8, 9, 10 – Finishing @ 5:00pm
- 10.11.11 V's Archway (Home) – Year 9, 10, 11 – Finishing @ 5:00pm
- 16.11.11 Year 12+13 COUNTY TOURNAMENT @ Cheltenham Ladies College (1:00pm start) – Returning @ 5:45pm
- 17.11.11 V's Archway (Away) – Year 7A+B, 8, 9 – Returning @ 5:15pm
- 21.11.11 Year 8+9 COUNTY TOURNAMENT @ Cheltenham Ladies College (12:00pm start) – Returning @ 5:00pm
- 23.11.11 Year 8 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT @ Wycliffe – Returning @ 6:30pm
- 28.11.11 Year 9 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT @ Wycliffe – Returning @ 6:30pm
- 30.11.11 Year 7 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT @ Wycliffe – Returning @ 6:30pm
- 05.12.11 Year 10 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT @ Wycliffe – Returning @ 6:30pm
- 07.12.11 Year 11 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT @ Wycliffe – Returning @ 6:30pm

Miss Upton (Head of Girls Physical Education)

#### **Boys' PE**

##### **KLB rugby makes a winning start!**

KLB have made a strong start to the season in their opening couple of games. The First XV was fortunate to retain the nucleus of last year's team but with the added strength of a strong year 11 team and Sam Makepeace joining Year 12. In their first game KLB started slowly against Beechen Cliff School. Trailing 5 – 0, KLB didn't look like scoring and lacked confidence, particularly at the breakdown. An early try in the second half from George Salter after some good work by Chris Field sparked the team into life. Ball was now being recycled with ease and the back line was looking dangerous with every attack. Further tries from Archie Bennett and Sam Makepeace stretched the lead further. KLB remained in complete control and finally ran out winners five tries to one.

The second match of the season saw KLB face local rivals Rednock. This time KLB were the team that started with the greater confidence. Against a far bigger and stronger pack, the KLB front five worked hard to secure set piece ball. Despite looking dangerous KLB didn't manage to convert pressure into points. The turning point in the game was two quickfire tries from debutant Joe Avis, twice flying down the wing to score after good hands by the back line. Captain Charlie Bennett capped a fine display with a try as KLB ran out worthy winners.

Training takes place on Monday evenings, with games usually taking place on Wednesday afternoons. Our next fixture is another derby against Castle School in the Daily Mail Cup on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at home.

In other matches this term the year 10 team drew a physical encounter against the The Grange School from Bristol. Ryan Collins had an impressive game in the midfield. Gethin Robson playing at full back had a man of the match performance, making some huge tackles at vital times. Training will take place on Wednesday afternoons.

The year 9 maintained KLB's unbeaten start to the season with a hard fought win against Beechen Cliff. Despite the running in 4 tries KLB will not be happy and felt they should have scored more. The pack provided a great platform to attack from, but a lack of depth and penetration from the backs kept Beechen Cliff in touch. A late score from Perry Milan eventually secured the win. Year 9 training will be on Tuesday evenings.

Mr McRitchie and Mr Sturt will be running the year 7 and 8 teams this year. Training will take place on Tuesday evenings. Any year 7 or 8 pupil is welcome to attend. Just turn up to the changing rooms at 2.45pm and get changed ready for a 3.00pm start. Training finishes at 4.15pm.

#### Boys' Fixtures (Terms 1 and 2)

Date	Sport	Year Group	Opponents	Venue	Starting	Parents collect at
08-Sep	Rugby	9	Beechen Cliff	Away	4.00	7.00
08-Sep	Rugby	1st XV	Beechen Cliff	Away	4.00	7.00
14-Sep	Rugby	1st XV	Rednock	Home	4.00	5.30
21-Sep	X-C	7	Various	Thomas Keeble	4.00	6.00
21-Sep	X-C	8	Various	Thomas Keeble	4.00	6.00
22-Sep	Football	7	St Peter	Home	3.30	5.00
26-Sep	Rugby	10	Thomas Keeble	Home	4.00	5.30
28-Sep	X-C	9	Various	Kingshill	4.00	6.30
28-Sep	X-C	10	Various	Kingshill	4.00	6.30
28-Sep	Rugby	1st XV	Castle (Daily Mail)	Home	3.45	5.30
29-Sep	Rugby	8	Marling	Away	3.45	5.45
29-Sep	Rugby	9	Marling	Away	3.45	5.45
03-Oct	Rugby	8	Kingshill	Home	4.00	5.30
03-Oct	Rugby	11	Kingshill	Home	4.00	5.30
06-Oct	Rugby	9	Archway	Away	3.45	5.45
04-Oct	Rugby	10	Rednock	Away	3.45	5.30
04-Oct	Rugby	11	Rednock	Away	3.45	5.30
05-Oct	Rugby	1st XV	Cleve	Home	3.30	5.00
05-Oct	Rugby	7	Thomas Keeble	Away	3.45	5.30
06-Oct	Rugby	9	Rednock	Home	3.45	5.15
12-Oct	X-C	All	Various	SWR (Tetbury)	4.00	6.30
13-Oct	Rugby	7	Wycliffe Prep	Away	3.30	5.30
19-Oct	Rugby	9	Farmors	Home	3.45	5.15
19-Oct	Rugby	10	Farmors	Home	4.00	5.30
20-Oct	Rugby	8	Farmors	Away	4.00	6.30
20-Oct	Rugby	1st XV	Farmors	Away	4.00	6.30
20-Oct	Rugby	7	Kingshill	Away	4.00	6.45
02-Nov	Rugby	10	Deep Park	Home	3.45	5.15
03-Nov	Rugby	7	Rednock	Away	3.45	5.30
05-Nov	Rugby	7	Various	Rednock	10.00	12.30
21-Nov	Rugby	7	Marling	Home	3.30	4.30
21-Nov	Rugby	11	Marling	Home	3.30	4.30

Mr Daniel (Head of PE)

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#### **Personal Development (PSHE at Key Stage 3)**

As part of their Personal Development curriculum, all Year 9 pupils have taken part in a simulation exercise, run by Gloucestershire Fire Service. Pupils entered a smoke-filled room to find a 'baby' and then got it, and themselves, out safely. They then went on to learn resuscitation techniques. Pupils enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot more about how to deal with fire related incidents. We are very grateful to the fire fighters who came out to run the event.

## Parents dropping off pupils at school

We are increasingly concerned about the number of cars dropping children off and turning in the small car park by the main reception entrance of the school. This presents dangers to pupils walking to and from Wotton and limits access for parents collecting children with impaired mobility. Would parents therefore please use the main car park by the Sports Hall for dropping off and collecting pupils.

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## Finance

Most departments are now well into the swing of the new academic year, and many will be planning departmental trips and events. With this in mind, the finance department would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the schools online payment system. A large number of parents have logged onto their account and we have received a great deal of positive feedback from many of you, for which we are grateful. We would like to encourage any parents who have not yet logged on to do so.

'Scopay' offers the secure payment of most trips and events using debit and credit card payment. Parents who are familiar with online shopping sites such as Amazon will find the process very similar (using the basket and checkout facilities). Parents are also able to make payments to their account to save towards more expensive trips which pupils may wish to take part in.

If you require any further information, or would like to receive details on how to log on to your account please email: [klbfinance@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:klbfinance@klbschool.org.uk).

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## KLB Friends Update September 2011

After the success of our Summer Fayre the Friends held their first meeting of the new school year on 13<sup>th</sup> September. We reviewed the last school year's events and started to plan forthcoming fund raising events, to ensure that we can continue to support the school in a manner that serves to enrich our children's education. Amongst other things we will continue to provide refreshments at key events throughout the year and organise a disco for the Year 7 pupils.



Just a reminder that our fundraising in the last school year has enabled us to assist in purchasing a PA System for the school and an information system, which relays news to staff and pupils around the school, via screens linked into the school's computer system. This was installed ready for the start of the new school year in September. We have also recently donated £200.00 to the Careers Department. Please contact the KLB Friends if you require information about the 80/20 Club or any of our other fundraising schemes which run alongside our individual events.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011, this will be our annual AGM and it is to be held in the sixth form study room at school, starting at 7.30pm. We would be delighted to see you there. Please contact the Friends should you require further details on the address below. A reminder that our normal meetings are held monthly so do please feel free to come along and join in, all are welcome, fresh ideas are always great to hear and are invaluable in supporting our fundraising efforts.

Although we have been experiencing some problems with our webpage you can gain access to all our documents by following the link for KLB Friends from the school website. We hope to be up and running soon.

If you wish to contact the KLB Friends for more information please email us at [klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk)

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## Dates for your diary

The school calendar for 2011/12 can be accessed from the front page of the school website or directly at: <http://calendar.klb.org.uk>

22 Sep	Year 6 information evening – 6:00pm	31 Oct	First day of term 2
23 Sep	Staff training day – school closed to pupils	16 Dec	Last day of term 2
27 Sep	Year 7 information evening – 7:00pm	4 Jan 2012	First day of term 3
28 Sep	Year 8 information evening – 7:00pm	10 Feb	Staff training day (4) – last day of term 3
29 Sep	Year 9 information evening – 7:00pm	20 Feb	First day of term 4
4 Oct	Year 10 information evening – 7:00pm	30 Mar	Last day of term 4
5 Oct	Year 11 information evening – 7:00pm	16 Apr	First day of term 5
6 Oct	Year 12 information evening – 7:00pm	7 May	Bank Holiday
13 Oct	Year 7 concert – 6:00pm	1 June	Last day of term 5
18 Oct	Parent focus group – 7:30pm	11 June	First day of term 6
19 Oct	KLB Friends AGM – 7:30pm	19 July 2012	Last day of term 6
21 Oct	Last day of term 1		