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Newsletter – 20 July 2010

Y7 French Trip to Normandy

92 Year 7s accompanied by 9 members of staff set off for Normandy on Tuesday 6th July. We travelled by coach to Portsmouth and then crossed to Caen-Ouistreham on Brittany Ferries. We then continued our coach journey to the CREPS centre at Houlgate. Rooms were allocated and after the evening meal the excellent French animateurs Jessica and Simon arranged activities for the pupils. One group did various competitions on the beautiful astro-turf football pitch and the other group walked to the beach to play football. The following evening the groups did the other activity.

On Wednesday 7th July everyone went to see the Bayeux Tapestry. Afterwards the pupils were given €5 to buy their lunch at Bayeux Market. Pupils were encouraged to practise their French and to co-operate to buy a selection of items for lunch. Both groups then visited the cheese factory at Isigny-sur-mer. Pupils had the opportunity to sample the three famous cheeses produced in the factory.

On Thursday 8th July we visited a cider farm and an organic bakery. At the cider farm we were given a very clear description of the processes involved in producing apple juice, cider and calvados. Pupils were able to taste the sparkling apple juice which they did in a most mature manner. At the bakery, pupils mixed and kneaded organic dough and we were able to bring away the baked bread which the morning group had prepared. Pupils were encouraged to wear "French" clothing" to the evening meal, where they also had the opportunity to try snails cooked in garlic butter. After the evening meal, our animateurs had again arranged various quizzes and competitions for the pupils. Certificates were awarded to ten pupils wearing the best costumes.

We left early on Friday 9th July and arrived back at school soon after 4pm. The pupils behaved impeccably and the trip was a great success.



Trip to Rome and Pompeii

Thirty-two pupils from years 8 – 11 visited Rome and Pompeii at the beginning of July. In Rome they had a fascinating tour of the Colosseum and very hot visit to the Forum, followed by a cooler afternoon in Ostia Antica. The next day the group saw the Roman Catacombs, then, after a long coach journey and an excellent pizza near Monte

Casino, they spent a few hours at Herculaneum, the town buried by mud after the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD. The final day of sightseeing took the group first to Pompeii and then to Vesuvius itself, where the more determined made their way to the peak to look down into the crater. To add a final touch of excitement, the flight home was cancelled, but eventually the group flew home in comfort on an Alitalia flight, arriving home only seven hours later than planned.



KLB Friends



KLB Friends have been very active this year and their hard work has been to the benefit of the pupils and students at the school in many ways.

Earlier this year, we were able to purchase an additional minibus using funds raised by KLB Friends. This was aided tremendously by the generosity of Barclays Bank who matched the funds raised at the 2009 Summer Fayre. As you will see at the end of this item, there will be another Summer Fayre in 2011 which will provide another opportunity to raise funds to support the purchase of a significant item which will benefit the school community.



The 16th May 'Triathlon & more'

The collection of the sponsorship is progressing well and final amounts will be announced in the Autumn term once it has all been collected. Many thanks again for the support of all of those involved and all of those who sponsored the tri-athletes.

80:20 Draw

Winners of this month's draw were confirmed and include Anne Moseley and Nicki Dickinson.

As a reminder, if you would like to partake in this, it costs £2 per month per number. Please e-mail your details to the Friends e-mail address and we will forward you a form to complete. It is as simple as that, and you then support your PTA and might win in the monthly draw as well!

Year 6 Induction Evening

The three Year 6 Induction evenings were well attended by the 250 new intake pupils and their parents. The Friends provided refreshments and raised £57 through donations. This was also an excellent time to talk to parents about the great activities the Friends organise and how they might want to get involved.

Clothes Bag2School Collection

Primary Schools have raised over £800 in the past by donating clothes and other items to the school for the Bag Collection. We raised £48! This was better than nothing but we are sure KLB can do better! So, in the summer, if you are having a sort out, please put any unwanted clothes, shoes etc. to one side and we will do another collection in the Autumn term.

All parents – CAN YOU HELP?

Events like the Induction evenings can only be supported with your help. We would therefore like to compile a 'Helpers list' so that when we need parent helpers for events e.g. the Summer Fayre, Drama production refreshments, induction evenings etc. we can contact the 'Helpers list' and see who is available. This will not mean that you're part of the committee, just a very welcome extra pair of hands !

If you would like to be added to the list, please e-mail your details to the Friends e-mail address. If you have any particular skills that might also help us then please include these.

Dates for your diary

Finally, here are some dates for the future:

- 15 Sept KLB Friends Meeting 7.30pm The Well Being Centre, Kingswood
- 20 Oct - KLB Friends AGM, KLB School
- 25 June – KLB Summer Fayre 2011 11 – 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

YEP! Trip to Chosen Hill School

On Friday 25 June eight members of the Katharine Lady Berkeley's School Energy Management Team (SEMT) took part in a two hour inter-school sharing event hosted by the SEMT at Chosen Hill School, Churchdown, as part of the Severn Wye Energy Agency's 2010 Young Energy People Project.

The event saw Matt Thames, Project Manager at Magnox North deliver an informative presentation about his role as Project Manager in the nuclear power industry. The presentation generated interesting discussions from the students in Years 7, 8 and 9.



Following the talk the students (trained earlier this year by SWEA to carry out a technical energy survey on their school building) presented their findings and compared the similarities between their schools before jointly planning a series of energy awareness days.

The teams will now work to set targets to reduce energy consumption in their school through the launching of an energy efficiency campaign during the next academic year. The YEP! (Young Energy People) Project aims to increase secondary school students' knowledge and practical experience in sustainable energy issues. The 2010 phase of the Young Energy People Project is solely funded by Gloucestershire County Council and is run by Severn Wye Energy Agency.

Year 8 Multi-Sport Day at Wycliffe College

Twenty five Year 8 students took part in a multi-sport event in July at Wycliffe College organised by the Stroud School Sport Partnership. The event was ably assisted by a group of our Year 10 sport leaders.

Our students had the opportunity to take part in a range of competitive activities mixing with other students from secondary schools within the Stroud Partnership. The events on offer were curling, crazy catch, tri-golf, ultimate Frisbee, quick sticks hockey and short tennis.

Year 10 Sport Leadership

Sport Leaders have continued to assist at a range of sporting events throughout June and July. They refereed and managed football sides in a World Cup event at North Nibley, assisted at the KS2 Swim Gala at Dursley Pool, helped at the Kwik cricket festival at Hawkesbury CC, run a Year 5/6 rounders festival at Alexander Hosea, assisted at the multi-sport event at Wycliffe and have helped at numerous after school clubs in KLB and associated primaries.

The introduction of the Year 10 sports leader programme this year has been received very well with all our local primary school and community clubs. Primary teachers, pupils and parents are full of praise about our sport leaders. All should be congratulated on doing an excellent ambassador role for the school.

Sharron Bates
School Sports Coordinator, KLB

Spotlight on Sporting Success (1)

Chloe Ball Hopkins

Chloe is just finishing Year 9 at KLB. She is looking forward to moving into Year 10 where she has chosen options of Creative and Media, PE and Drama. Chloe has muscular dystrophy and often acts as an ambassador for MD charities. In the recent Sports Awards evening she retained her half colours for tennis and was awarded her half colours for wheelchair racing.



How did you get into tennis and wheelchair racing?

I went to the Youth Games two years ago with other pupils from school. One of the coaches suggested that I tried wheelchair tennis. I initially said no because I had never seen myself as a sports person. However, I was encouraged to give it a go.....and I loved it! I became involved in the wheelchair racing relatively recently. At a county athletics day, I was approached by a coach linked to GB athletics to try this sport. I was suffering from an injury at the time, but began training and really enjoyed it.

What does your training regime involve?

I train most days. At the weekend, I usually have tennis practice either locally or at Oxtalls. On Mondays my tennis coach comes to school to help me train. On Tuesdays I go to the track at Brimsham and train with my coach for up to four hours. On Thursdays I alternate between dance and tennis. I have Fridays off!

How have you managed to balance your training with your school work?

I do my homework as soon as I get home. I usually get about one or two pieces each night so it's good to know that it's done. I actually took homework with me when I went to the National Disability Sports Events at Blackpool in July this year!

Who are your role models?

There are many sports people who have inspired me. Sarah Piercey has a similar disability to me. She started at the same age as me and eventually moved from track to road events. She now competes in the London Marathon, recently beating Tanni Grey Thompson! I met her recently and really enjoyed talking to her. Tanni is amazing too – eleven gold medals is such an achievement. I admire all athletes who get involved and show that they don't let things get in the way of what they want to achieve.

What has been the highlight of your sporting career so far?

I have two that I can't separate. The first was at the Tennis Nationals in Gloucester where I even surprised myself by reaching the finals! The second was at the National

Disability Sports Events at Blackpool where I won four medals for wheelchair racing. The main highlight was the atmosphere and the chance it gave me to meet so many incredible people. It's hard to explain but I would have enjoyed it as much even if I hadn't won! The whole experience was brilliant.

What's the 'dream'?

My ultimate dream is to compete in the Paralympics – maybe in 2016 in Rio. Imagine just being able to say you were there! It would be great to succeed at a high level. Even if I didn't get a medal, it would be fantastic to have got so close to such success knowing that I always tried my best. I think that I may eventually go into coaching so that I can help other people who share my dreams.

Spotlight on Sporting Success (2)

Kieran Slater

Kieran Slater has just finished Year 11 at KLB. He has been competing in archery for several years and was awarded the Tapscott prize for Excellence at last week's Sports Awards Evening. We were delighted to catch up with him before he went to Germany to represent Team GB in the European Championships.



How did you get into archery?

When I was eleven years old, I really wanted to have a party that involved archery. The local club, Bowmen of Minchinhampton, only let children have parties when you have joined the club for a year. So, I joined the club, had the party the following year and it was from there that my interest and love of the sport developed.

What does your training regime involve?

I typically shoot two hundred arrows a day – about three hours of archery training most days. Sometimes I practise in the garden; other times at the local club or in a practice field. My training is planned with my Archery GB coach. It is also important to work on physical conditioning. This is general fitness work and I usually do this twice a week.

How have you managed to balance your training in your GCSE year?

It has been a tough year, but I stick to a routine of shooting as soon I arrive home. Then I focus on school work. I do fit in a social life too and find time to catch up with friends on Facebook! Next year, I'm planning to stay on in the Sixth Form and study Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

Who are your role models?

I always enjoyed watching all the archers at the Olympics both in Beijing and Athens. But most of all I enjoyed

watching the Korean women's team as they were the only archers who really stood head and shoulders above everyone else. Especially Park Sung Hyun who made shooting under that level of pressure look so easy.

What has been the highlight of your sporting career so far?
Definitely being selected to represent Team GB in the European Cup in Italy in May this year. Before that, it would be being selected for the county team in September 2008. I'm looking forward to going to Germany this summer to compete in the European Championships.

What's the 'dream'?

I want to keep training as hard as possible. My dream is to represent Great Britain in the 2016 Olympics in Rio.

Parents' Focus Group

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who have supported the Parents' Focus Group meetings this year. This parental forum was set up in January 2008 to provide parents with the opportunity to share their views about various school issues. In the time that we have been meeting, we have discussed the following areas:

- Reports
- Homework
- Transition
- Special Educational Needs
- 6th Form
- Pastoral Care
- Behaviour and Sanctions
- Rewards
- Website and ICT packages
- PSHE

The meetings take place every half term on dates that are published at the beginning of the year. We welcome any parents to join us. Please contact Miss Khan (hkhan@klbschool.org.uk) and we will add you to our mailing list.

Uniform

Please do look through this information about uniform. As well as listing the required items, we have described the way in which this uniform should be worn. Hopefully this will help to clarify any misunderstandings and avoid any difficulties at the start of term. If a pupil needs to wear a non-uniform item of clothing, we ask that they bring in a note for their Head of Year or tutor.

It is important that all our pupils look smart, are appropriately dressed for school and are good ambassadors for the school.

Boys: Years 7 – 11

- 1 School blazer: maroon, with school badge. The blazer must not be modified.
- 2 Shirt: white school shirt. Polo shirts cannot be worn. The shirt must be tucked into trousers. The second button should be fastened.
- 3 V-necked pullover in official school maroon embroidered pullover. Black or grey jumpers and cardigans are not acceptable.
- 4 The school tie must be worn. This should be tied in a neat knot and sit no lower than the second button. The tie will need to be replaced if it is drawn on or damaged. The tie should be of a reasonable length.

- 5 Trousers must be black and of reasonable width and length. Patterned trousers, jeans, corduroys are not acceptable. Trousers must be pulled up so that the shirt can be tucked in.
 - 6 Shoes: black, brown or grey shoes suitable for school. Black, leather trainers can be worn if they have no other markings or colours. Recent trends have seen pupils wearing pumps or 'daps'. These are not sturdy enough for school so should not be worn.
 - 7 Outdoor clothing: simple anoraks or coats, large enough to wear over blazers. Hooded tops are not allowed.
 - 8 Socks: these should be plain grey, white, navy blue or black.
- Hairstyles should be tidy and inconspicuous. No artificial hair colour e.g. pink, blue streaks
 - Football scarves are not permitted
 - Hats should not be seen around school (baseball caps are not allowed)
 - Boys are not allowed to wear jewellery except for a watch
 - White T shirts and vests may be worn if they are not visible. Coloured T shirts and vest must not be worn.

Girls: Years 7 – 11

- 1 School blazer: as boys
 - 2 Blouse/shirt: this must be a shirt-style i.e. not open-necked. The second button must be fastened. Girls are allowed to wear a fitted shirt which does not need to be tucked in. There should not be a gap between the bottom of the shirt and trousers/skirt. Girls are allowed to wear a white vest if it is tucked into the skirt or trousers so that it cannot be seen. Coloured vests and T shirts are not permitted.
 - 3 V-necked pullover: as boys
 - 4 The school tie must be worn: as boys
 - 5 Skirts: simple style in plain, black, weave material, just above the knee, knee length or mid calf. No stripes or patterns. No shorts or cropped trousers. Skirts should be bought from a school uniform stockist – they should not be fashion skirts (e.g. no ra-ra, tight or mini skirts)
 - 6 Trousers are permitted in plain black and should also be bought from a school uniform stockist. No fashion trousers such as jeans, skinny, combat style, patterned, corduroy or low-slung. No wide belts/fashion belts.
 - 7 Shoes – black, brown or grey shoes suitable for school. Black, leather trainers can be worn if they have no other markings. Recent trends have seen pupils wearing pumps or 'daps'. These are not sturdy enough for school so should not be worn. No open-toe, slingbacks or high heels.
 - 8 Plain tights: black, beige, maroon, grey, navy blue
 - 9 Socks: as boys
 - 10 Outdoor clothing: as boys
- Girls are allowed to wear one pair of earring studs only
 - Hairstyles should be tidy and inconspicuous. No artificial hair colour e.g. pink, blue streaks

Year 7 Review 2009/10

Every June I reassure Year 6 parents that their children will settle in quickly and the year will be gone in a flash; I say the same thing to the Year 6 pupils too. Every year the children really do settle in quickly and this year really has gone in a flash. The nervous pupils who began in September are now confident members of KLB School and are almost ready to begin their second year.

There have been some impressive sporting team achievements as well as some individual successes throughout the year. Team achievements include: the girls' netball team winning all of their games, the boys' football team reaching the district final, the boys' rugby team coming third in the district tournament and both the boys' and girls' team coming first in the district athletics championships.

Many of the pupils have represented the county in a variety of sports including: Rebecca Chalmers in hockey, Courtney Ind in cross country, Tommy McAleese in basketball, Ryan Bates in swimming, Ben Newman in swimming, Sean Slater in archery and Casey Chappell in golf. Other sporting accomplishments include level 4 in diving for Alfie Hunt and a black belt in Karate for Bethany Jarrett.

Many pupils have undertaken some very impressive personal challenges including: Emily Mansfield and Niamh Bowyer who took part in the Chipping Sodbury Challenge which involved a 20 mile hike, Sophie Barnes who took part in the 5km Race for Life run, Abigail Humphries who performed at the Bristol Hippodrome, Jack Beckett who did a 27 mile bike ride, Kate Ashford who had a dress that she designed modelled on the catwalk at a charity fashion show and Daniel Riggs who is preparing to visit Uganda on a charity mission in the summer holidays.

The performing arts has also given the year group many successes with music exams being taken in a huge variety of instruments including piano, flute, violin, cello, music theory and electric guitar. The performances at school have also been very enjoyable, especially the Snow Queen during the first term where Clara Sanders performed a song that she had written herself.

There have been many other opportunities for the pupils to take an active role in school life; here are just a few examples:

- Ross Lawrence and Mia Neave have represented the year group on the school council committee; this has involved attending a number of meetings to discuss the issues relevant to Year 7.
- We were asked to be part of an exciting project that involved filming a DVD to be used in other schools in the area to offer advice to staff teaching PHSE. About 20 Year 7s were chosen and they were very professional young actors, even when they had to do the same scene over and over again!
- The whole year group were invited to apply for a job in a Youth Energy Project organised by Severn Wye Energy Agency. Successful applicants have been involved in a number of activities supervised by Miss Revie.
- The Eco Group at school has proved popular once again and many Year 7 pupils have volunteered to be part of it.

- The Year 6 induction process was supported by over 70 Year 7 pupils. Some got to visit their old primary schools to talk to the Year 6 pupils about what it's really like at KLB. The remainder did a fantastic job at making them feel very welcome during the induction days at the end of June.

The activity days recently gave pupils the chance to take part in a wide range of activities such as a pottery course, a 999 lifesaving course, a PGL residential trip, an American sports programme, a trip to the zoo, as well as trips abroad that were a great success.

Those pupils who were on the top 30 PACE point list, as well as the winners of the tutor group challenge this year, were taken bowling for the afternoon. In between the two games they relaxed with a burger and chips and a look around the arcade. Harvey Terry and Beth Jarrett did particularly well, scoring over 120 points. MJG were the winning tutor group but there should be a special mention to Sophie Barnes, Maisie Belton, Amelia Fussell, Elizabeth Stacey and Eleanor Harrod from MJG that were also on the PACE point list.

And here we are at the end of the year. I have mentioned just a few of the amazing things that the pupils has achieved this year and I wish every single one of them well for next year as I pass them on in to the capable hands of Miss Griffiths. I hope that everyone has a relaxing summer and return in September for an equally successful Year 8.

Abi Mabey
Head of Year 7

Year 8 Review 2009/10

This year has been an extremely busy one. One of the aspects of life in Year 8 is Reception Duty. Every pupil has had the opportunity to support the office staff and assist visitors to the school. This has helped the pupils to understand more about the workings of a large organisation, as well as helping to build their confidence in the work environment.

There have been many individual successes this year. A few examples are the Maths Challenge, the Prince of Wales Athletics Competition and the Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition. Winners of the Public Speaking Competition, Antonia Parker-Smith, Chrs Chapman and Anna Patteson, went on to represent KLB at the regional championships.

For the first time a number of Year 8 pupils also represented KLB at the Electric Picture House Film Festival in Wotton under Edge, and had the opportunity to meet Screen Writer Catherine Johnson.

School Council Representatives Daniel Wilson and Sammi Mullins have represented the year at the School Council Committee meetings. We have also had pupils involved in the Youth Energy Project, Eco Group and Year 8 Forum.

The ongoing Pace Point and Tutor Group Challenge have also been a big feature of the year.

Tutor Group Challenge

This year in the tutor group challenge we have not only had the weekly quiz, but also an art competition, short story competition, and 5-a-side football tournament.

1st prize in the Art Competition went to Anna Patteson (8ATY), 2nd prize to Teznie Lamb (8LMM) and 3rd prize to Laura Mayer (8SPO).



1st prize in the short story competition went to Alex Riley (8LMM), 2nd prize to Madeleine Jacobs (8GJB) and again close runners up in 3rd prize were Daisy Barton, Sophie Lewis and Naomi Stokes (8KAW).



Art Competition and Short Story Competition Winners

The inter tutor group 5-a-side tournament was played on a very wet and cold afternoon, so it was great to see so many pupils turning out, not only those playing but also those supporting. The winners of the tournament were 8RJS, 2nd place went to 8GJB and 3rd place to 8ATY.



The winning team, Jordan Ball, Mitchell Cornock, Joe Kinnear, Matt Dobson, Tom York, Joe Matthews and Aidan Faller.

The winning tutor group overall in the Tutor Group Challenge for 2009/2010 was 8GJB.

8GJB, along with the top 25 Pace Point winners, were rewarded with a trip to Hollywood Bowl.

Sports

Sports have featured highly this year with superb performances in football, rugby, netball, hockey, rounders and athletics. Sports Day was also a big success, with Ryan

Collings declared Year 8 Champion Boy and Anna Patteson, Year 8 Champion Girl.

Charity



This year we have been raising money for WaterAid, an international charity with the mission to improve access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation in the world's poorest countries. £116 has been raised via weekly tutor group loose change collections.

Enterprise

In March the year group were involved in enterprise activities run by STEM. The pupils had the opportunity to design, make and sell their own products using funky foam, card, wire, rivets, glue, as well as other materials. The aim of the session was to develop their team working, communication, negotiation and decision making skills; introducing them to the basics of cost, revenue and profit. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained a lot from the sessions. It was fantastic to see so many creative ideas.

Activities Days

Activities days this year were a great success. 70 students went to PGL camp in Shropshire where we went climbing, raft building, fencing, zip wire, giant swing and archery. Other activities back at school included water sports, photography, film maker, soccer skills and adventure days. It was lovely to hear so much positive feedback about the pupils from the various activity leaders.

Overall, Year 8 has been a very positive year, with our pupils achieving a great deal in many aspects of their school life. I am looking forward to continuing my work with the year group next year. Year 9 will be an extremely important year, with the focus being GCSE options choices.

Fran Hems
Head of Year 8

Year 9 review 2009/2010

"Only two weeks left until the summer holidays sir" was the gleeful statement made by one of the Year 9 boys on his way to fourth lesson, but honestly; all that was going through my head at that particular moment was "I'm sure that you never used to be taller than me?". There it is; in summary a year which began with my ego firmly in tact and ending with the dawning reality that I am indeed now shorter than over 50% of the my group. So at the end of Key Stage 3 and yet another milestone in the journey through education; it would seem appropriate to reflect on the events of another busy year.

As ever there have been days where it has seemed that the year group mission statement is; to **"find a problem for every solution"** but compiling the highlights always helps to more than redress the balance.

It was certainly a case of hitting the ground running with September seeing a number of meetings to explain the Options process and the variety of new choices on offer to the pupils. Each pupil had a meeting with a member of staff to discuss their choices and I was extremely impressed with

their mature and considered approach when trying to select subjects for next year. This helped to set up the following months with an increased sense of purpose as the reality of choosing Key Stage 4 options set in.

The ongoing Tutor Group Challenges provided a welcome distraction each Friday in the form of a number of quizzes and physical tests for the pupils to complete. Making an origami swan was a particular favourite and although it was fair to say that many did not necessarily resemble wildfowl in the traditional sense, there were indeed, at least some imaginative interpretations. The desire to win the tutor group challenge is intense and that is just between the staff. SJA finally managed to topple the reigning champions MCO and were duly rewarded with a paid trip to go ten pin bowling in July.

There is so much going on during the school year that there is a chance that I will inevitably miss a group or individuals from the review. I will apologise upfront if someone feels that they have been overlooked but here are some of the edited highlights.

The Snow Queen production



"The Snow Queen" was yet another highly successful production put on by the drama department. Year 9 provided many of the lead characters with some really eye catching performances.

One of the cast members' Alistair Whittle, enjoyed success later on in the academic year when he captivated and astonished his audience in equal measure with a flawless performance in the Near Native category of The Routes into language French speaking competition. Also successful at the same competition were Iona Thomas who won her category and Miriam Thurlow who was highly commended on her performance.

Mrs McDonald, assistant Head of Year, enjoyed further success with a select group of year 9 pupils in the school's Latin Plays Competition, gaining a creditable third against a field of private schools.

There has been much to celebrate on the sporting front this year. Mr Hester and Mr Dart took the Boys rugby team to the Bristol Schools 7's competition where they collected some notable private school scalps. While the girls netball team coached by Miss Upton, enjoyed tremendous success on their PGL tour to Devon in March where after winning 11 games they eventually lost narrowly in the final. Sports Day was held at the beginning of July and another resounding success, yet again year 9 featured impressively with the highest scoring individuals receiving medals for their achievements. In closely run competition Abi Medd was best girl and Archie Bennett ran out (Pardon the pun) as highest scoring boy.

Joseph Penaliggon gave yet another stunning performance as he played a trumpet solo in the summer concert. I would

like to wish Joseph the very best of luck as he is moving to take up an offer of a full scholarship at the Cathedral School in Wells next year.

The start of July is always an extremely busy time of year with sports day, work experience and activities days. Year 9 spent three days working on different events designed around the theme of business and enterprise. The "Blue Caterpillar" is a group based practical activity run in the drama hall where teams work together in a "Dragons Den" style competition. The second day was held on the school field and was made up of a variety different problem solving challenges. The final day consisted of a visit to a business park in Gloucestershire and a chance to ask questions in order to make a presentation on the companies on their return to school. I received a number of complements from the businesses on the excellent attitude displayed by the year 9's and the presentations given at the end were both entertaining and imaginative.

Looking forward to next year it promises to be extremely busy as the year group embark on the start of their formal exam courses. Work Experience will also be very much a focus for next year and will hope to pick up on some of the aspects covered in the enterprise days.

There are of course some farewells to mention: Mr Coles is leaving as is Mrs Case and I would like to thank them for all of their hard work and support during their time as tutors. I know that they will be missed.

It is also goodbye and good luck to a number of pupils who are moving on for a variety of different reasons. These are; Georgia- Lee- Hughes; Tahsin Abdi; Chloe Derrick; Joseph Penaliggon and Caitlyn Bird.

Lastly I would like to thank my tutor team and Assistant Head of Year for all their help and of course, last but not least a big thank you to the many parents who I have worked with this year, for your continued support.

Simon Burton
Head of Year 9

Year 10 Review 2009/10

Year10 is always a very busy year. Students embark on new courses and they are given a variety of opportunities to help them develop both academically and socially. A number of trips, events and activities have been provided for the students and I am pleased that so many of our learners grasp the opportunities they are given with both hands.

I was particularly pleased with the year group's enthusiasm to raise money for Sports' Relief Week (£2,000 was raised). A number of activities were organised such as badminton, netball and football. I am, however, embarrassed to admit that the boys beat the girls at netball and Mr Daniel and I lost in an exhausting badminton match. I am already looking forward to the re-match next year!

I am also proud to witness students' achievements in clubs and activities organised in and out of school. I am aware of music, art and drama successes. A number of students are involved in school sports and I know that both the girls and boys' football, hockey, netball and rugby teams were successful (again!) this year. The students will be aware that I encourage all of them to be part of an extra-curricular

activity to help them grow into healthy, mature and responsible people.

I was also impressed recently with the commitment shown by our students on their work experience placements. Staff had the pleasure of visiting students on their placements. It was refreshing to hear workers in the various companies comment upon the maturity, capability and confidence shown in the week's experience. Some of our students worked at places such as a Magistrates' Court, Vets, various engineering companies and plumbing. A big thank you must go to all the companies for providing placements for our learners. I would also like to express my thanks to Helen Issacs for all her help with organising the week.



The students will be aware that next year is their final year in compulsory education. It will be a demanding year and learners will be mindful of the importance of commitment, hard work and meeting deadlines. I am looking forward to helping all of them achieve their full potential in Year 11. On behalf of the students I would like to say thank you to the tutors for all their hard work this year and we wish Miss Morris well in her new job. I am sad to be losing Mrs Griffiths as my assistant head of year. She has been a tower of strength for the year group and she will be sorely missed. However, I wish her well in her new job as head of year. Miss Upton will be replacing Mrs Griffiths and I am looking forward to working with her. A big thank you also to all the parents and guardians of the Year 10 students- your support is invaluable. Have a great summer!

Lee Poole
Head of Year 10

Year 11 Review 2009/10

I am so proud of the year 11s and the way they have conducted themselves in recent months. They have worked very hard preparing for their exams, many voluntarily attending extra lessons or revision lessons. My thanks go to Mrs Bretherton for chairing the team of pupils who organised the Ball at the Bristol Hotel. Many parents would have seen a few of the young people as they prepared for the ball, but to meet over 200 of the most well dressed, polite and self confident young people imaginable at the ball was a real thrill. The event was marked by its happiness and good nature and I am sure it will be a lasting memory for all those who attended. Thanks to all parents who made sacrifices to make this event work for their youngsters. Thanks are also due to the team of pupils who worked on the decorations for the ball, the group who organised the leavers' hoodies, and the prefects that in many cases reliably did their duties and contributed to the wider

community of the school. Finally, thanks to all the talented musicians who competently entertained the year in their last two hours of official full time compulsory education. Everyone who heard the presentation was 'wowed'. Thanks also to the pupils who created video for the last day events.

During the year there was notable success for the year 11 badminton team: Emma Topping, Lucy (lamp-post) Johnstone, Connie Singer, Mattie Smith and Charlotte Gigg. They won all their league games and the final of the County Championship. They went on to represent the county in the South-West finals. Furthermore the Under 16 girls hockey team also met with considerable success. They won all three matches in the district tournament and were narrowly defeated by a shocked Wycliffe in the final. They also beat six other teams in the local league without conceding a goal, compared with the 26 they scored. The team was Lucy Johnstone, Becky Robins, Sarah Wingent, Izzy Grimes, Beth Caley, Lauren Leyland, Rachel Draisey and Olivia Gale. The team were ably supported by some year 10s and one or two other pupils. I am grateful to Mrs Chevin for coaching these girls and to all the other games staff who have run sports teams this year.

I would like to complement the Year 11s for their hard work and wish them well for the future. I will be here on results day and hope to share in the success that many will feel. If there is anyone who is still unsure about their future then they can access the help of Connexions for the next few years. Alison Barker, the Connexions advisor linked to the school is happy to contact anyone if there is a need. Please let me know at school on pashford@klbschool.org.uk if you or your child would like to obtain careers advice at this point.

With all my best wishes and thanks for all the support I have received from parents and pupils alike.

Philip Ashford
Head of Year 11

Sixth Form Review 2009/10

Academic Progression

As I enter the last twelve months of Sixth Form, it is surprising to look back on my time in full-time education. One change in particular stands out; the shift from Year 11 into the independence of Sixth Form. From September onwards, academically at least, a whole host of changes have taken place. Ten months ago, as I sat newly suited and booted in the Drama Hall, it quickly became apparent how things were done differently in Sixth Form.

Now, in retrospect, it is clear to see how smooth this transition is - to a style of learning more akin to university. Though this new independence was a shift change, the support provided demonstrates how the Sixth Form operates; assisted self-reliance. Recently, this has become even more evident due to the commencement of the UCAS application process; a theme that I feel will likely form a motif for the next six months. Again, few would have known how hard four thousand characters of personal statement could be to write! Fortunately, Lower Sixth has seen us well prepared, with assistance in the form of seminars, workshops and tutor support. The UCAS convention in March at the University of the West of England was a real eye-opener and enabled us to talk first hand to university student ambassadors about their institution and experience.

Nonetheless, due to the seemingly tireless effort of the Social Committee, the perfect anti-dote to AS-based stress, we can work hard and play hard. Let us hope that this continues, along with the Sixth Form's continual development of its students into the next academic year and beyond.

Ollie Stimpson

Football



The 2009-2010 season was one of mixed fortunes for the KLB Sixth Form Football Team. This year saw the squad go further in the National Under 18 Schools' Trophy than the school had ever previously managed. The side scored 14 goals in their first three games, before being knocked out in the fourth round. The lightning fast Ali Warren helped the team's cause with numerous goals including a first-half hat-trick in the second round. George Pettifer and Dave Mackie battled in midfield and in defence Tom Leahey even scored a goal from his own half. The county cup was less successful, as the team were beaten in the first round.

Nevertheless, bring on next season!

Jamie Evans

Film and Drama

This year's film festival showed an extraordinary amount of talent, creativity and imagination in storylines and cinematography. Although all winners were Year Thirteen who have shown considerable progression and jaw-dropping special effects using only a camera and software, Year Twelve proved themselves to be worthy opponents. Hilarious films such as 'Ninjas' by Dave Higginson and 'Caught Up' by Catherine Carnegie gave sweet relief from more hard-hitting shorts that evoked sighs, gasps and watery-eyes.

After studying plays and practitioners, the Year 12 drama group were able to separate themselves into three groups to play three diverse plays: *Daisy Pulls it Off*, *Bouncers* and *Shakers*.

Shakers, performed by Catrin Rees, Charlie Williams, Sophie Whitbread and Georgina Arkell, was entered into the One Act Festival, where they sped into the next round with high praise from the judge and much celebration from their friends.

Gritty and hilarious *Bouncers* won huge praise from its audiences for its wit, black comedy and flamboyant acting skills which left eyes streaming and mouths gasping between laughs. The energetic Gareth Snelling played Ralph, loveable Scott Hannabuss was Eric, cool-headed James Britton played Les, and the splendid Simon Wood played Jud.

Jolly-hockey-sticks *Daisy Pulls it Off* was of a traditional, friendly and captivating girl's school in the late 1920s. Talented actors performed a range of accents and exaggerated gestures to create slapstick humour that littered the set (especially on the headmistress' door) that had been wonderfully created by Rob Hall.

Enthralling monologues and duologues wrenched hearts, captivated minds and sent chills down spines at the end of the year, with performances ranging from the humorous to the hellish.

Libby Borton

Inspired By Italia!

The last school year has been an exciting and rewarding one for Fine Art, Graphic Art and Textiles students. A particular highlight for nearly every student was the 5 day trip to Florence in October.



Equipped with watercolour pencils, brush pens and cameras, and led by our tour guide 'Lorenzo' (Laurence), we spent most of our time visiting sites of artistic importance and recording them in our sketchbooks. We visited historic galleries like the Uffizi and the Bargello National Museum. At the Accademia Gallery we saw and sketched the famous 'David', Michelangelo's impressive 17 foot sculpture. Another big spectacle was the 'Duomo di Firenze' – the domed cathedral church of Florence - which we climbed to the top of on a gloriously clear day, which allowed us to see dazzling vistas of Florence.

The rest of our time was spent shopping in the markets and enjoying the Italian pizzas, ice creams and hot chocolates! Our hotel, The Pendini, was fantastic, with views of the Main Square and opera music drifting into our rooms at night.

Following the trip, all students created responsive pieces for an exhibition at the Fusion Gallery in Wotton. On the opening night, the gallery was buzzing, and artwork ranged from intricate paintings of the Duomo and Bobelli Gardens to photo collages and an embroidered corset. Many students managed to sell their work, including Emily Nixon, Emily Kimbell, Izzy Penalligon and Sophie Whitbread.

A level students recently had another chance to exhibit their work in the annual KLB exhibition. Furthermore, a handful of AS art students – Chloe Weaver; Hannah Fry; Lucy Maitre; Emily Kimbell and Clarissa Galloway – will be featured in the Kingswood Art Show in September.

More reassurance of the talent fostered by KLB's art department came with the results of Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year. Alastair Johnstone received second place, Joe York was highly commended, Jack Pasco was commended and Georgie Aldridge, Harriet Drohan, Tilly Martin were accepted. Examples of their work are on the next page:



Alastair Johnstone



Jack Pascoe



Tilly Martin



Georgie Aldridge

Dates for your diary

The school calendar for 2010/11 can be accessed from the front page of the school website or directly at: <http://calendar.klb.org.uk>

19 Aug GCE 'A' Level Results published
24 Aug GCSE Results published

Academic Year 2010/2011

1 Sept	First day of term 1 – Staff Training Day (1)
2 Sept	Staff training day (2)
3 Sept	First day of term 1 for pupils
15 Sept	Prize Giving – 7:00pm
28 Sept	Year 7 Music Concert
30 Sept	Year 6 information evening
1 Oct	Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils
5 Oct	Year 7 information evening
6 Oct	Year 8 information evening
7 Oct	Year 9 information evening
8 Oct	Drama Production – 'The Trial'
12 Oct	Year 10 information evening
13 Oct	Year 11 information evening
14 Oct	Year 12 information evening
20 Oct	KLB Friends AGM – 7:30pm
22 Oct	Last day of term 1
1 Nov	First day of term 2
9 Nov	Year 12 Parents' Evening
17 Nov	Post 16 information evening for Year 11
23 Nov	Year 13 Parents' evening
29/30 Nov	Music and Drama Concerts
6 to 17 Dec	Year 11 mock examinations
9 Dec	Year 7 Parents' Evening
15 Dec	School Carol Service – 7:00pm
17 Dec	Last day of term 2
5 Jan 2011	First day of term 3
12 Jan	Year 9 Options Evening
20 Jan	Year 9 Parents' Evening
26 Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening
8 Feb	GCSE Music Concert
16 Feb	Year 10 Parents' Evening
18 Feb	Last day of term 3
28 Feb	First day of term 4
3 Mar	Year 8 Parents' Evening
15 Mar	Year 12 Parents' Evening (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
21 July	Last day of term 6

After all these achievements, we await excellent results from this year's sixth form art students.

Katie Wilkinson



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Sat 18 Sept
11am - 5pm

young bands night auditions

We are holding a Young Bands Night in the Autumn, and are looking for local acts to take part. To book a place at the auditions on Sept 18, please contact us on 07791 323869 or info@utea.org.uk

www.utea.org.uk

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Wotton-under-Edge

Booking no.

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