

Careers Department

Careers Convention 2018

Our annual Careers Convention took place last week and was supported by over 100 representatives of 70 organisations ranging from training providers, colleges and universities to a variety of local businesses.

The event is designed to be an opportunity for students from Years 9 to 13 to explore a wide range of possible career, apprenticeship and further/higher education opportunities. Students and parents are able to talk directly with employers about the skills and qualities that are most valued in the workplace.

This year most delegates were busy throughout the evening and there was a good deal of interest across the board in all represented employment sectors.

We are really pleased that so many students and parents make use of this excellent opportunity to speak to the different organisations and gain from the wealth of advice and guidance on offer. Many of the participating organisations were very complimentary about the way the students approached the event and the quality of the questions they asked.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the organisations that participated on the evening. We really appreciate the time they give up to inform our students about some of their options for the future.

Finally, thank you to the Year 11 prefects who helped to make our visitors feel welcome as they arrived and set up. We were so impressed by the willingness of so many students to help out and their support was invaluable to the smooth running of the whole event.

Here are just a few of the comments made by visitors from participating organisations:

Really lovely students, great questions

A very well attended and enjoyable careers fair, as usual. A nice range of questions and the students were really good at approaching the stand and engaging in conversation.

All students were very organised and had excellent communication skills and asked questions that were relevant

Very impressed with students when I came in - helpful and friendly and very smart

Brilliant - really engaged students and great questions. Fantastic hospitality, looking forward to next year.

The students were very prepared, they asked the right questions and they were very confident in their career paths. Thank you.

Very busy for us so was definitely a great and beneficial evening - the students (both those attending and those working the event) were absolutely lovely so please send on my thanks to both them and all staff - thank you!

A most enjoyable experience - thank you for having me along. I was really impressed with how engaged and prepared the students were.



Work Experience

In the current academic year, Year 10 work experience will take place during the week 8 – 12 July. Earlier this month Year 10 students received their work experience pack which included information about the process of researching placements and the forms that need to be completed and returned once they have found a suitable placement. The students were advised to keep work experience in mind when visiting the careers convention last week and one or two have already secured placements based on conversations they had with visiting companies on the evening.

Students should be aware that the application window for some popular placements at large organisations will close before Christmas; individual company websites often provide details of the placements on offer and the application procedure.

If students need support or guidance they should request help as soon as possible. If parents have questions regarding the work experience programme, please would they contact Helen Isaacs at hisaacs@klbschool.org.uk

Launch of Language Exchanges

Students in Year 9 and Year 10 will soon be receiving information about the different exchanges on offer to them. The school has long-standing exchange programmes with Collège Denecourt, near Paris, Santa Brigida School in Gran Canaria, Collegio Altair in Madrid, and Hikawa High School, not far from Tokyo, Japan.

You can find out more information on the school website (Students -> Overseas Visits), where updated copies of the application form will be made available later in the term. You can read reports of last year's visits in the newsletters on the school website.

Taking part in an exchange is a unique opportunity to experience life in a foreign country. It isn't just a chance to gain confidence in speaking and listening a foreign language, but many students come back inspired to take language learning further, and form bonds that will last a lifetime. It is an experience we would thoroughly recommend.

Manga & Anime Club

The club, run by students for students, is back in full swing this year. Students from all year groups enjoy a fun and relaxing atmosphere, where they can develop their existing drawing skills or simply enjoy learning something new. Each week we also watch a different anime episode or film. There is also the opportunity to make suggestions about what manga characters or techniques are covered each week, as the Year 11 organisers (Caitlin Hasson and Nisha Kang) welcome contributions. New members are welcome to join. The club takes place in K3 every Wednesday from 3-4pm.

Ms De Silva



UPDATE - KS3 Art Club Collaboration with Wotton Cotswolds Dogs and Cats Home

I am very happy to report that the tote bags the KS3 Art Club produced at the end of last year were displayed and sold within the shop and they made a total of £50 for Wotton Cotswolds Dogs and Cats Home charity.

As the 2017-2018 art club students showed such commitment, passion and enthusiasm, I am excited to see what the 2018-2019 members may create.

Watch this space!

Miss Taylor



Reading Club KS3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Our Key Stage 3 students have been invited to the Reading Club. The aim of the Club is to provide opportunities for students to share the experience of reading and listening to the same book in a peaceful and relaxed atmosphere. We want to encourage and nurture the joy and enrichment that reading can bring, particularly when stories are read aloud with others. There are many opportunities for students to give their reactions and ideas about the story during informal discussions without the pressure of having to respond in a particular way.

On 13 November students from the Reading Club will be visiting Wotton Library to meet the author Jess Butterworth to talk about her work and life living at the foot of the Himalayas.

The Reading Club meets every Tuesday lunchtime in S14. All students in Years 7,8 and 9 are very welcome to attend.

Music Department Autumn Concert Dates

This year's **Year 7 Welcome Concert** will be on **Thursday 11 October**, starting at 6.00pm. The Main Choir, Training Orchestra and Samba Band will perform material they have been practising during the term, and there will be the chance for solo contributions. Tickets will be available on the door, priced £2.50 for adults and £1.00 for students.

The **Music Department Autumn Concert** will take place on **Tuesday 27 November**, starting at 7.00pm. As usual, it will feature all the groups the Music Department runs – Senior and Training Orchestras, Jazz Band, String Ensemble and Samba Band, and Main Choir and Chamber Choir. Tickets will be available on the door, priced £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for students.

The **Annual Carol Service** will take place in St Mary's Church, Wotton on **Tuesday 18 December**, starting at 7.00pm.

Lockers

Current demand for lockers greatly exceeds the number the school is able to provide: the main limiting factor is a lack space to locate additional lockers. If any students currently have a locker which they no longer use, please encourage them to return the key to finance so that it can be allocated to students on our waiting list.

The £10 key deposit will refunded to the student's Scopay general prepayment account and the balance can be used to pay towards trips, events or materials by noting reply slips accordingly (please note the balance cannot be transferred to the canteen account).

If the key has been lost, £5 of the key deposit can be refunded when the finance office has been advised that the locker is no longer required. If you have any queries regarding this please contact the finance office, klbfinance@klbschool.org.uk

Starting at KLB

Year 7 students have made a positive start to their experience here at KLB. New friendships are developing, confidence is growing and already students are making great progress. I have been very impressed with the kindness shown throughout the school, many older students have gone out of their way to help the Year 7 students and for that I am thankful.

Over the forthcoming term I look forward to seeing students enjoying a range of experiences here, from clubs to year group events. It was lovely to meet so many parents at the Year 7 Information evening and I look forward to seeing you all again at the Parent Tutor Evening in October. To illustrate the brilliant start to Year 7 so far, here are some reports written by our Year 7 students about their transition.

C Landeg, Head of Year 7

Moving into a new school can be quite tough sometimes. But when I started KLB most of the students were welcoming. On one of the days where I got lost a six former noticed that I was and helped me get to my next lesson. As the week went by I started to feel like I was settling in quite well into my new school. All the time in KLB at least one person in the school would be available to help you if you are ever lost or stuck and I found that out on my first week. Every teacher is always there to help you if you are ever in need of anything at all. I have figured out how to map out the school.

Just know that you are always welcome in KLB.

My first day was tough that's why I'm going to talk you through what happened and hopefully you will get an idea of what I'm talking about, on my first day all of my induction day friends and I didn't see each other much so I decided to make a few new friends. I made an idea of who I wanted to be friends with, but I decided that I probably wouldn't be able to find my best friends then and there but later on I did manage to find myself some good, loyal and caring friends, it wasn't long before we decided to exchange phone numbers. And we texted each other quite a lot, I did make a few more friends which were connected to the new friends I'd made from primary school. I hope that's at least given you a vague image of what I'm talking about.

On my first day of school, at first I felt very nervous, but when I got to my tutor, everything seemed to be a lot less nerve racking but mostly exciting. When I got to my first lesson, I was scared that my teacher would not be nice but as the lesson started I realised that the teacher was welcoming, kind and understood that we were all very nervous. As the day progressed, I found that I felt like I had been at KLB for months, I had already met so many new people and made so many new friends on the first day. All of the teachers were so welcoming and they understood that we were all nervous of starting a new school and not knowing many people. When I first came to KLB, I didn't know anybody because none of the people at my old school came to KLB, but I've made so many new friends in the first couple of weeks at this school and all of the teachers have been so supportive that when the first day was over, I didn't want to leave.

Coming into year 7 was daunting at first, however when we entered the pen and were given our prefix, I think everyone felt more comfortable. Whilst in the pen we were given our tutors and spent the first two periods sorting out time tables, journals and talked about work this year. Walking through the school was strange since I was not as tall as everyone else (as I expected) however finding the correct classrooms was not as hard as it seemed. All the members of staff were very nice told us the expectations of their class both inside school and through our homework which we were given a few lessons after. So far we have been doing some assessments to make sure we are in the sets but I'm still looking forward to my future years at KLB.

Head Lice

We have recently had reports about head lice in school. The advice below is intended to support parents/carers in dealing with this issue:

- Head lice are common and are picked up by head-to-head contact.
- Lice can also be spread through the sharing of personal articles like hats, towels, brushes, helmets, hair ties, etc. Head lice do not jump or fly and generally cannot survive longer than 24 hours off the host.
- Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. Check everyone in the house and treat on the same day if they have head lice.
- Have the infested person put on clean clothing after treatment. If a few live lice are still found 8–12 hours after treatment, but are moving more slowly than before, do not retreat. The medicine may take longer to kill all the lice. Comb dead and any remaining live lice out of the hair using a fine-toothed nit comb. These can be purchased through a pharmacy.
- Head lice can survive on a human host for approximately 30 days. They generally cannot survive longer than 24 hours off the host. A female louse lays 3-5 eggs a day. The eggs hatch in 7-10 days and it takes another 7-10 day for the louse to mature and lay their own eggs.
- There is nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head-to-head contact and long hair should be tied up.
- There is no need for students to stay off school.

Immunisations 2018/19

- HPV 1 (Year 8) girls only – 26.02.2019
- HPV 2 (Year 9) girls only – 23.01.2019
- DTP & MenACWY (Year 9) boys and girls – 09.05.2019

Details of these Immunisations are on the school website.

European Restart a Heart Day: Every child a life saver

Tuesday 16 October marks Restart a Heart Day, one intense day when over 150,000 young people across the nation are trained in vital lifesaving skills. At KLB we will be holding a non-uniform day to support the British Heart Foundation who have donated 35 resuscitation dummies for use in school. We will working with BHF to train all 250 students in Year 8 and all of Year 12 during the day. We also intend to train Year 7 students this year and create an ongoing programme as part of Year 7 PSHE in the future.

All students will be encouraged to wear something red on 16 October and a letter will follow shortly.

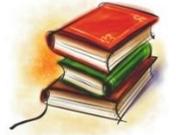


Library News

Holiday Reading Challenge



During the summer holidays many of this year's Year 8 students took part in the Holiday Reading Challenge earning themselves over 160 pace points in the process. Students read an impressive range of material from 'The Beano' to 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows'. Many also took the opportunity to borrow ebooks from our ebook platform meaning that they had access to an impressive selection of reading material throughout the holiday without having to stagger home laden with books from the library at the end of the summer term.



Borrow an ebook so that you can read on the move



It's not only Year 7 students who can use the ebook platform. All students are able to log in and borrow from the range of books on offer. The best course of action is to download the app (available from the App Store or Google play) and then search for the school library – Katharine Lady Berkeley's school. Login details are Username: usual school email address and Password: library. The password for Year 8 students is their usual klb password.



Story Explorers

Entry forms for the Story Explorers competition run by ALCS and the National Literacy Trust are now available from the library. The competition is open to students in Years 7 to 9. All entries should be handed into the library by 5 November.

To enter, students will be challenged to write a tourist guide or create a map based on a place they'd like to visit in a book they've read. Come along to the library for inspiration and an entry form.

The Day

We have recently subscribed to The Day, a daily current affairs service for schools. The organisation encourages all members of the school community to sign up to the resource and if you would like to do so the login details are as follows: Username: klbschool18 and the password is newspaper. Alternatively you can just sign up to receive a free Daily Headlines email at <http://theday.co.uk/info/daily-email>



Book Fair

In previous years we have hosted a Scholastic Book Fair in November but we have decided not to do so this year. We are looking at a variety of alternatives to give students the opportunity to buy books either for themselves or for the school library.

In the meantime we are continuing to run a **Scholastic Book Club**. Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running. Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/katharine-lady-berkeley> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by October 19th, 2018.**

These girls run

The girls running club, run by Mrs Daniel and Dr Ziegler, is looking to welcome more students. The club runs on a Tuesday after school from 2.50-3.30 and even though it is called a running club, you don't have to be able to run fast, or ever that far! We welcome students of all abilities.

Our aim is to help girls improve their fitness and work **towards** being able to run nonstop for 20 minutes. So if you can already run and you fancy putting in some distance on a Tuesday, or "can't run" and want to get fit, then please come along. Remember, it's not how fast or how far you go – you are still lapping everyone who has gone home and sat on their couch!

Year 7 Rugby

It has been an incredible first month of rugby for the year 7s who joined us this September. Numbers at training have been consistently around 60, with the vast majority of the boys having never played contact rugby before. The commitment and positive attitude shown by the students has led to significant progress being made in their skills and understanding of rugby union.

On 25 September we welcomed Bournside School for a training fixture involving over 120 boys from the two schools. It was a fantastic environment for the players to be introduced to the game. Despite this being a training fixture, the games were highly competitive with some outstanding rugby on show from both schools.

Huge thanks to Mr Clark, Mr Verber and Mr McRitchie for coming out to help officiate and coach the boys, and to the large number of parents that came along.

Training continues every Tuesday with fixtures planned for most weeks. Where possible we will be running A, B, C and D teams and encourage students of all abilities to come along.



Upcoming fixtures include:

- Tuesday 2 October A B Tournament at Deer Park
- Tuesday 9 October ABCD v Marling (Home)
- Saturday 13 October ABC at KLB District Tournament.
- Thursday 18 October ABCD v St Peters (Home)

Lots more after half term.

Should you want to know any more about Year 7 rugby please email Mr Daniel: rdaniel@klbschool.org.uk

KLB Friends



Welcome back everyone, and hello and welcome to parents getting to know the school for the first time from KLB Friends, the PTA for Katharine Lady Berkeley's School. We are a small and friendly group of parents, who work with the school to raise funds to improve the school experience for all our children. We have already been busy this term selling refreshments at the Year 6 Open Evening earlier in September – the delicious cakes donated by some of you sold out so many thanks for these! We will be holding our AGM on Weds 17 October, 7.30 pm in room A1 (near Reception), so if you are interested to learn more please do come along.

Over the last year we raised roughly £4000, including £1500 through the 80/20 club and nearly £1200 from refreshments and raffles at school events. So, thank you all for your generous donations of raffle prizes last autumn, and for coming along to the Music and Drama productions if you were lucky enough to do so. We also made £600 from our three Bag2School collections, the first year we've run this, a great success which we hope to continue later this term. Also for the first time, we teamed up with Wotton Community Sports Foundation and ran a Mocktail Bar at the Party in the Parc in June, where we raised over £200. Not bad for a first attempt, especially given the not-so-generous weather on the day! We all had a great time and the support of KLB parents via Friends was really appreciated by the Foundation, who raise money to maintain & develop the sports facilities and fields around the School on which many of our children are keeping fit, representing the school in competitive matches and enjoying their Games lessons. So, a very big thank you to all those who helped on the day, and to all those who donated raffle prizes, cakes or their valuable time throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining our small and friendly group, please do get in touch via:
KLBFriends@klbschool.org.uk

Dates for Your Diary

Wed 3 Oct	Year 11 Information Evening – 7:00pm
Thu 11 Oct	Year 7 Welcome Music Concert – 6:00pm
Tues 16 Oct	Year 7 Parents' Evening with Tutors
Wed 17 Oct	KLB Friends AGM – 7:30pm
Fri 19 Oct	Last day of term 1
Mon 29 Oct	First day of term 2
Wed 14 Nov	Sixth Form Open Evening
Tues 27 Nov	Music Department Autumn Concert
Mon 10 Dec	Year 11 Mock Examinations start
Thu 13 Dec	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Mon 17 Dec	Year 13 Parents' Evening
Tues 18 Dec	School Carol Service, St Mary's, Wotton-under-Edge, 7:00pm
Fri 21 Dec	Last day of term 2
Mon 7 Jan	First day of term 3
Wed 23 Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening

The full school calendar is available on the school website. The direct link is:

<https://www.klbschool.org.uk/news-events/school-calendar/>