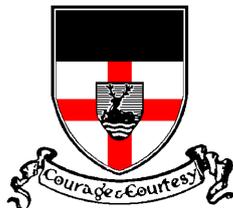


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PARENTAL WEEKLY UPDATE – 9th October 2014 (also available on our website)

Dear Parent or Carer,

What a great week at Knights Templar School last week!

We had two really successful Open Mornings, with nearly 1000 people coming through the school, seeing lessons being taught and listening to the experiences of our Head Boy and Head Girl. Visitors also listened to Freddie Goldscheider and Leah Bruce both in Year 7, talk about some of the high points of their first few weeks in the school.

We also held our 75th Open Community Coffee morning where over 200 people, mostly ex-students, came to see the school as it is now, to see the memorabilia boards and to listen to two of our previous Headteachers speak (Mr Crellin and Mr Chapman). The whole community (staff, students, Governors and visitors) planted 1500 bulbs on the morning as well! See [here](#) for the news reports from the local papers.

Thank you to all parents who have communicated regarding the Parental Bulletin. We are taking all your observations on board and will be slightly adapting our structure over the next couple of weeks. I am looking to introduce a 'student honours' board which will highlight significant achievements.

There are some lovely articles about the school in the local press this week (Hitchin advertiser). If you have a chance, please do have a look.

As well as all the 84 extra-curricular activities that run on a weekly basis, we have also had a Year 12 Speedmatching – Volunteering Opportunities event in the hall on Wednesday afternoon. Ten visiting voluntary organisations tried to persuade the students to come and volunteer at their charity. Trips to the Victoria and Albert Museum (Year 9), evening concerts in London and the Theatre trip to the Globe Theatre have made this a very busy week again. Thank you to all my colleagues who are organising and running these enrichment opportunities for the students.

Regards
Tim Litchfield
Headteacher

Standards Evenings – remaining dates!

Year 8 Thursday 16th October
Year 7 Tuesday 21st October

In each bulletin we will feature an entry from the Log Book of Frank Hancock, MBE; first Head-teacher of The Knights Templar School (then Baldock County School).

3rd September, 1939

War with Germany began at 11a.m. I have instructed the heads of the evacuated schools that no large meetings of children are to be held till further notice."

Dates for your diary:

10/10/2014	Friday	9T Art Trip to V&A, all day Yr 8 HPV Immunisations Yr 7-9 G&T Music - John Williams film making concert, Royal Albert Hall,, 5pm-11pm
13/10/2014	Monday	Yr 7-11 District cross-country relays, 2.20pm-6pm Yr 11 GCSE History Controlled Assessment, 3.30pm-5.30pm Governors Meeting (F&GP), 5pm-7pm
14/10/2014	Tuesday	Yr 12 Blencathra Geography Field Trip (returns 17th)
15/10/2014	Wednesday	Yr 13 Oxbridge application deadline Global Hand Washing Day

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16/10/2014	Thursday	Yr 12 Blencathra Geography Field Trip Yr 13 Mock interviews - all day Yr 11 GCSE History Controlled Assessment, 3.30pm-5.30pm Year 8 Standards Evening for Parents, 6pm in the Hall
17/10/2014	Friday	Yr 13 Progress Reviews Yr 10-13 Senior Chamber Choir Workshop with Apollo 5 Yr 12 Blencathra Geography Field Trip returns 17th Yr 11 'Revision Cracked' with Tim Foot (Periods 1-4) Celebrate '75 Gala Ball, 7pm

Strike Action?

You may be aware that UNISON have voted to take industrial action on Tuesday 14th October 2014, however the school will remain open.

Gamelan Workshop

This week, our A2 students took a trip to St Francis' College for a Gamelan Workshop which was based on their Anthology set work. The boys had a brilliant time learning about the context and culture of Indonesian music, and all had a go at performing on authentic Gamelan instruments. They really entered into the spirit of things by taking off their shoes and putting on the sarongs given to them by the workshop leader!



Football Fantasy

Have you got what it takes to be a football manager?

If you or child wants to join the school fantasy football league then you just need to follow the steps below:

Go onto:

<http://www.schoolsfl.com/Home> (you are best using google chrome)

Register your details

Choose your team

Use this pin: 7852410 to find the school league – ask to join

And wait till scoring starts on 18th October!

For any more information email me at asomerville@kemplar.herts.sch.uk

Or students can come to see me in T11

Many Thanks

Andy Somerville

ICT - Head of Department

Media Trip to BFI, London

Letters have gone home with students this week regarding a study day for year 11 media pupils. The trip, to the BFI in London, will cover all aspects of their unit 1 exam and help develop their understanding and Media knowledge. Reply slips needed in by 7th November please.

Drama Update:

King Lear - Shakespeare Schools Festival

'A very watchable ensemble with excellent stage presence'! The Cast of King Lear went to the Gordon Craig Theatre last Friday to work with two professional actors and one professional director. This was for the Cast Workshop, which helped the students develop their characters in preparation for the final performance on Tuesday 21st October at the Gordon Craig Theatre. We are very proud of how all of the performers are working together as a proper theatre company. Tickets are available directly from the theatre... buy yours now!!

The Crucible

Cake and rehearsal... what could be better! Although the performances aren't until the end of January, rehearsals are truly underway. We have had fantastic debates about the characters and themes... whilst eating cake of course. See the latest themed cake on the website on the Drama Productions page [here](#). Soon after half term, the backstage roles will be finalised, so any student make-up artists and costumiers should see Mr Sills before we break up.

PE News:

See [here](#) for next week's PE fixtures. We love to see any friends and family come along to support us!

Baldock Crusaders Netball Team are recruiting. Please see [here](#) for further details.

The winning streak continues

The year 8 football team continued their undefeated start to the season with an enthralling 7-3 win over Stevenage school, Thomas Alleynes. Once again, it was the attacking flair and pace of Ollie Leach and Remarn Harmsworth that troubled the opposition, with the attacking pair scoring 4 and 2 goals respectively. Ollie Plant got in on the action with a well timed header from an exceptional Gus Long delivery and the heroics of Ross Canter in goal and Will Elsom in defense, ensured that the visitors were unable to reduce the deficit.

Hard fought win for year 7 footballers

The year 7 football team came from 2 goals down to beat Stanborough 5-4 in the County Cup competition. Fantastic defensive performance from Jamie Livings and Archie Page, combined with goals from Owen Haynes (2), Rhys Davies, Julius James and Louie Trezise ensured that the KTS boys' held onto their crucial lead. The year 7 team have now secured themselves a place in the 3rd round of the County Cup competition. Congratulations to all of the boys involved.

Basketball Debut

Knights Templar took on Meridian School at home during their debut Senior district league game last Thursday. The squad was made up mostly of Year 10 & 11 players, together with 3 sixth form players, and looked strong! This proved to be the case as the home team dominated from the tip to scoring a magnificent layup on the counter attack with the first play of the game. By the final buzzer KTS were leading with a healthy margin of 58-36.

Any new (or returning players) wishing to become involved with the Senior squad should attend Wednesday lunch training with Mr White & Mr Chantrell.

Sixth Form News Section:

Volunteering event a huge hit with KTS Sixth Formers

On Wednesday 8th October, 19 KTS Sixth Form students attended a 'speed matching event' aimed at matching young people with volunteering opportunities at 8 different charities. All of the students managed to sign up to an opportunity that they found most appealing and the feedback from the charities was fantastic to hear. One representative commented; 'it's nice to be able to recruit volunteers of such a high calibre.' We would like to thank all of the students for their enthusiasm and participation in this event, as well as Ms Brando who organised this wonderful opportunity.

Basketball superstar leads by example

Year 13 basketball superstar Nick Allin led by example in the Senior Basketball team's first fixture of the season, as they cruised to a comfortable win over Meridian School, Royston. The National League player was the top scorer in the team's opening league fixture and led the team brilliantly as the most senior and experienced player in the squad.

Why do students choose the KTS Sixth Form?

'There were a number of factors involved in the decision for me. The main reasons were that I had a fantastic and established friendship group, I knew the teachers and therefore knew that I would be supported really well in every subject. The final factor was that I knew how great the Drama department would be during my A-Level studies and that was my main passion'. (Jo Mance: KTS graduate 2014 and now studying Drama at Queen Mary University).

This week's KTS graduate profile- Jo Mance

Jo left KTS having achieved ABB in A-Level Statistics, English and Theatre Studies and also excelled in a number of extra-curricular opportunities. Jo was heavily involved in school productions such as The Sound of Music and Nicholas Nickleby and even received a formal accreditation from the Letchworth Arts for her performance in the physical theatre production 'Project 100'. In year 13 Jo decided to take up singing and as ever, did so with fantastic success, achieving a Distinction in her Grade 5 Musical Theatre exam. Jo is now studying Drama at Queen Mary University and we are incredibly proud of all her accomplishments and ambitions!