

The Knights Templar School

Headteacher:
Mr T. Litchfield, G.G.S.M.

Park Street
Baldock
Herts
SG7 6DZ

Email: admin@ktemplar.herts.sch.uk
www.ktemplar.herts.sch.uk



Tel: 01462 620700
Fax: 01462 620701

PARENTAL WEEKLY UPDATE – 22nd January 2015 (also available on our website)

Dear Parents and Carers

The school will be **closing 10 minutes early** on Monday 26th January to allow students and staff to make their way to Stevenage for the funeral of our dear colleague, Mrs Jan Waite. Students who need to stay in school until the usual closing time of 3.20pm, can make their way to the school hall where there will be members of staff to supervise.

Please may I remind you that **Mrs Waite's funeral** will take place on Monday 26th January at 4.15 pm at Harwood Park, Crematorium, Stevenage. Everybody is warmly invited to attend.

Please may I draw your attention to two **first class performances** that are going on in school in the next few weeks. I do hope that you will support us on these occasions. There are not many schools where such enrichment is offered to its community. Each of the performances will be outstanding.

The Crucible – Performances next week (27th – 30th January).

World Class Guitar Recital – Craig Ogden - Monday, 9 February, 7pm.

His Classic FM albums, The Guitarist, Summertime and Summer Guitar have all reached No. 1 in the UK Classical Chart. Tickets are £8 and are available from KTS Reception. Again please could you let any friends know who may be interested.

Regards,

Tim Litchfield
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

23/01/2015	Friday	Yr 10 GCSE Controlled Assessment Geography Fieldwork Trip
24/01/2015	Saturday	School Production Tech Rehearsal, all day - Drama Studio/Hall
25/01/2015	Sunday	School Production Tech Rehearsal, all day - Drama Studio/Hall Navigation Practice at Ampthill Park either 9.30am - 12.30pm or 12.30pm-3.30pm
26/01/2015	Monday	School Production Final Dress Rehearsal, 8.55am-3.20pm - Hall Yr 8 Indoor Hockey Tournament, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Sports Hall
27/01/2015	Tuesday	School Production, The Crucible, 7pm in the Hall
28/01/2015	Wednesday	Yr 12 (AS) Art/Photography Study Day - all day School Production, The Crucible, 7pm in the Hall
29/01/2015	Thursday	School Production, The Crucible, 7pm in the Hall
30/01/2015	Friday	Yr 11 Triple Scientists Trip to Science Live Event, London - all day School Production, The Crucible, 7pm in the Hall
31/01/2015	Saturday	Yr 7-13 County Cross-country Championships, 9am-4pm

KS4 Information Evening for Year 9 Parents

Mr Burrows briefed Year 9 in assembly yesterday about their options in Year 10 and this evening (Thursday 22nd January) the information evening for parents of Year 9 students will take place from 7pm to 9pm. A copy of Mr Burrows' presentation is available on the website, along with the KS4 options booklet (<http://www.ktemplar.herts.sch.uk/Options-Information-for-Year-10/>).

'KTS Presents... 75 Years'

Our gala performance at the Gordon Craig Theatre is now sold out. We have looked at ways for parents who were unable to get a ticket to see some of the performance. Unfortunately, a second full performance is logistically too complicated with the large number of students and staff involved. On Thursday 26th February 2pm-3pm, we will be performing an abridged version of Act 1 of the gala to primary school children. We would like to open this performance to family members of the performers. There will be a limited number of seats for this performance, so we will restrict the number of seats to two per performer on a first come first served basis. Please check with your child whether they are involved in this act. If you would like to take up this opportunity, please email DramaBoxOffice@ktemplar.herts.sch.uk or write a note to the Drama Department. In both cases please include the title 'KTS Presents/Primary', state the name of your child, your name and whether you would like 1 or 2 seats. We will also aim to produce a DVD of the gala performance.

The Crucible

***Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th January
7pm in the Main Hall
Adults: £8 and Concession: £5***

Opening night of this year's school production is next Tuesday! This weekend will be filled with Technical and Dress rehearsals as we make our final preparations.

Tickets are selling well, with Thursday and Friday almost at capacity. Students can purchase tickets at break or lunch in the canteen. Parents can reserve tickets by emailing DramaBoxOffice@ktemplar.herts.sch.uk and pay by wisepay (£10 minimum), pay by cash or cheque in a sealed and clearly marked envelope to the Drama Department or pay when collecting tickets on the door. Reserved tickets will be available for collection on the nights of the performance. We hope to see you there!



Read the new item from this week's Comet about our forthcoming performance of the Crucible [here](#)
Follow KTS Drama (@drama_kts) on twitter #TheCrucibleKTS2015 #countdowntothecrucible

Edinburgh Trip – Summer 2015

About twenty Y10-13 students, who currently study an Arts subject, have signed up for the Arts trip to Edinburgh this summer. Further information and payment details will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Year 7 Parents' Evening – 10th February 2015

Please be aware that the Year 7 Parents' Evening Online Booking system will open for bookings on Monday 26th January. Access to the booking system is available through the school website under the "[Parents Tab](#)". All Year 7 students will be given a letter regarding the procedure of booking appointments but if you have any difficulty accessing the website then please don't hesitate in contacting the school.

Year 7 Netball

The year 7 girls played netball against St Chris School on Thursday 15th Jan. The girls had a fantastic game winning 17-1, strong attacking play from Maisy Tomlinson, Alicia Padget-Dunthorne and Maya Clawson and great defence from Revaie Tilbury, Millie Haywood and Mia Luk.

Fitzwilliam Museum visit

On Tuesday 20th January, Year 11 GCSE and BTEC students enjoyed a visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge where Ian, a gallery expert and artist in his own right provided information, inspiration and practical experience as a starting point for their exam/project preparation. Students were able to supplement this by exploring the Fitzwilliam's collection and the current exhibition 'Silent Partners'. With plenty of ideas to work from, we wish them all the very best of luck.



Year 7 Netball success

The year 7 girls played netball against St Chris School on Thursday 15th Jan. The girls had a fantastic game winning 17-1, strong attacking play from Maisy Tomlinson, Alicia Padget-Dunthorne and Maya Clawson and great defence from Revae Tilbury, Millie Haywood and Mia Luk.

Year 7 continue to dominate the district hockey season with two more victories

The Year 7 hockey team continued their excellent start to the District League with two more wins over local rivals Highfield and St Francis School. Outstanding attacking play by Anna Wallace and Abby Fearfield helped secure the winning scores of 3-0 and 1-0 respectively.

Revae Tilbury worked tirelessly in midfield and strong defending by Mia Luck and Millie Haywood ensured KTS were dominant throughout the matches. Molly Wright had another great game as goal keeper and the team has still not conceded a goal!

Practice continues to be on every Monday after school, 3.30-4.30pm. New members always welcome, so come and give it a try and be part of the winning team!

Senior Basketball

The Knights senior team took on Highfield away last Wednesday. From the start of the match, the competition looked threatening as after winning the tip, Highfield went on to score the first two baskets of the game to pull out an early lead. However following this the lead was exchanged several times in the first two quarters giving a half time score of 22-27 in favour of KTS.

The fitness of the senior team started to show in the 3rd quarter as Highfield slipped behind due to several missed shots. Knights Templar pulled away to secure a safe 5 point lead going to the final quarter of play. As the match drew to a close it was clear to see that KTS were the team on top, with the lead only growing leaving the final score at the buzzer: 37 – 52. Once again Nick Allin top scored with points (25) but there were also notable performances on offence and defence from Joe Croker and Eliot Campbell-Gumb.

Training continues on Wednesday lunchtime with Mr White & Mr Chantrell. New & returning players always welcome.
Report by Ibukunoluwa Odumade

Science is going "Live"

22 pupils from year 11 will visit GCSE Live to listen to a selection of eminent scientists. The speakers will include: Prof Robert Winston, Prof Andrea Sella, Prof Jim Al-Khalili, Prof Steve Jones, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock and Examiner Stewart Chenery. The students will be collected from school by coach at 8am and will return at approximately 5pm. Students are required to wear school uniform for safety and as ambassadors of the school. The presentations will support the GCSE work and provide an opportunity to aspire our young scientists into careers involving science.

Sixth Form News

University application success!

We would like to congratulate sixth form student Lily McLure on securing an unconditional university offer, only 1 week after the deadline for applications to be sent in expired. Lily, who is currently studying BTEC courses in Sport and Drama, has been offered an unconditional place at The University of Northumbria to study a degree in Events Management.

We look forward to bringing you more application success stories over the coming months!

Senior 5 a-side tournament

The Senior boys' football team travelled to Borehamwood with a hugely depleted squad for a 5 a-side tournament at Yavneh College. Despite missing a number of key players, the boys battled well with the A and B teams finishing 3rd and 4th respectively. Congratulations to Alfie Laughton (yr12) in particular for being named 'player of the tournament'.

Get tickets to watch the sixth form stars of 'The Crucible'.

A selection of cast members from the school production of The Crucible appeared in this week's assemblies to give the students a snap shot of what is to come when the play hits the KTS stage next Tuesday 27th January. 10 sixth form students performed a selected scene from The Crucible with fantastic skill and artistry, leaving the crowd of students and teachers very impressed.

Please support the sixth form students and other cast members involved by purchasing your ticket for performances from Tues 27th- Fri 30th January: £8 adults, £5 child. This is a show not to be missed!

Corpus Christi College Masterclasses

Corpus Christi College Cambridge is running a series of one-day subject Masterclass events in February and March. The programmes include a series of lectures by Corpus Fellows and graduate students designed to stretch and challenge year 12 students who are planning to apply to competitive universities. Each Masterclass also includes a talk by the Admissions Tutor giving advice on preparing a competitive Cambridge application, as well as lunch, a tour of the College and a chance to meet current undergraduates. There is no cost to attend these events.

The Masterclasses are open to all UK students currently in year 12 or the equivalent who are on track to meet the [minimum offer](#) for acceptance to Cambridge (typically A*AA in the arts and humanities and A*A*A in the sciences, or the equivalent).

KTS are able to nominate up to two outstanding students per Masterclass, so if you feel that you may qualify and are interested in this opportunity then please speak with either Mrs Hopkins or Mr Raymen.

Calling all aspiring Barristers!

The Inner Temple is hosting a one-day insight event open to any year 12 students who are interested in exploring and developing the skills provided to work as a Barrister

<http://www.purepotential.org/events/barrister-insight-event>

In order to attend this event, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be in Year 12
- Achieved a minimum of five A or A* grades at GCSE
- Be either the first generation in their family to attend university OR be eligible for or have been eligible for free school meals OR receive the 16-19 Bursary OR come from a family in receipt of income support
- Be available to travel to London on Wednesday, 18th February (11.45-15.45)
- Students need to complete the short online application form in order to attend the event. Applications are now open but will close at midnight on Friday, 30th January 2015. As part of your application, students will need to submit a 150-word summary of why they would benefit from attending the event.

Good luck!

University prospectus and open day information

We aim to provide each student in the KTS sixth form with as many opportunities and as much information as possible relating to higher education study. At the moment, we have a comprehensive list of university open days and prospectus information advertised and available outside of the common room and on notice boards around the sixth form areas. If your child is in year 12 please encourage them to take note of this information and start researching their higher education options now, in preparation for the UCAS process in year 13.