

**Headteacher's
Message**

It has been a busy and positive start to the new school year. We have had our prospective students Open Evening and look forward to welcoming students from a wide geographical area next September. Our new Sixth Form management

team of Mr Gowney-Hedges and Mrs Cottrill, as well as our A level teachers, are looking forward to welcoming you to the Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 1st November. Our current students will be sharing the many advantages of choosing to study at Kineton and why they chose to join our Sixth Form.

We had some fantastic results in the summer at GCSE with headline figures of passes at grade C equivalent or better well above national averages in English, Maths and Science. A level the percentage of students gaining the highest grades went up again with over 45% gaining A*-B and 70% A*-C.

The science department have celebrated outstanding GCSE results with Kineton students gaining almost half a grade higher in Additional Science than students nationally. They have also moved into our new science block and are enjoying the high quality learning environment. We are also opening the old science labs



as a newly refurbished and upgraded suite of English teaching rooms in the next few weeks.

Next term students will have a PSHE lesson on lockdown procedures on the Flexible Learning Day and will be able to discuss and understand why all schools are required to have a procedure in place. We will follow this with a drill. Our students are always incredibly sensible and well-behaved when we conduct fire drills and I am sure they will approach this with the same maturity.

Please put in your diaries the date of our Charity Christmas Fair on Wednesday 13th December. Tutor groups run stalls and are always very creative. It is a really special event so please do come along and help us raise money for Katharine House Hospice. Another highlight of next half term is our Sixth Form Charity Week which is always great fun.

Our Konnect initiative; connecting Kineton through business opportunity, has developed further and a group of students will be taking over the production, writing and editing of this newsletter with support from our Konnect apprentice. We will be advertising for roving reporters while The RSC and Warwick Arts Centre are coming in to share their publicity and marketing expertise with our student team. So watch this space for the new look Christmas edition. The project funding will also allow our student steering group to design and develop a Business Hub next half term supported by Whiteroom, one of our partner businesses.

I wish you all a very enjoyable half term break and thank you for all the support you continue to give to our Kineton Community.



Learning Resource Centre News



STUDENT LIBRARIANS

New Recruits!

Our new recruits from Year 7 are Ella, Peyton, Shay, Poppy (pictured) and Fred who have made a really good start and are settling in to the team very well.



We currently have eighteen Student Librarians, from Year 7 to 11, who are invaluable in keeping our busy library running smoothly. We now have a waiting list but would still love to hear from you if you would like to apply.

KHS Top Ten Reads of 2017

The Boy at the Top of the Mountain by John Boyne

Some of the Student Librarian team with the Top Ten books

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child by J K Rowling
Earthfall by Mark Walden
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) by Jeff Kinney
Username: Evie by Joe Sugg
Minecraft series

Lily Alone by Jacqueline Wilson
Apple and Rain by Sarah Crossan
100 Awesome Hair Days by Jenny Strebe
The Rain by Virginia Bergin



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Always popular are The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (series), Wonder by R J Palacio, Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy (series) and the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan, not to mention The Guinness World Records (2018 edition now in!).

For more book recommendations please take a look at www.lovereadingschools or call in and ask!

Looking for reliable online help with homework? Join your Public Library!

Not only can you take out books, CD's and DVD's from your local library, but you can use your Library card to access the online reference library with materials such as the Oxford English

Dictionary, Encyclopedia Britannica, music and art resources etc.

It is very easy to join online at:- <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jointhelibrary>



Elisabeth navigates the Reference and Learning section of the website.

LIBRARY CAREERS SECTION

KS4 and KS5 - Come and visit the Careers Section which offers information on post 16 options: sixth form, college, apprenticeships, gap years, university choices (and help with UCAS) and the world of work.

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Michael picks up the Careers 2017 directory for some inspiration

For online information visit: <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/> which offers skills tests, course searches, job search advice and personalised help from careers advisers.

Other LRC news.....

eBooks

Students can borrow eBooks which they can download and view on eReaders (except Kindles, although they can use the Kindle Fire), tablets, smartphones, laptops or PCs. Come and see Mrs Johnson for a log-in.



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eMagazines

Warwickshire libraries have a good selection of eMagazines available with your library card for example, BBC Wildlife, Top Gear, New Scientist, National Geographic and World Soccer etc. Once you have set up an account (using your library card and an email address) you can either download the app to read on your device/phone etc. or read directly off the pc.

You can also choose eBooks and eNewspapers! <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ebooks>

Stationery Shop

The LRC sells a number of stationery items at very reasonable prices. For example you can buy a pen, pencil, 15cm ruler, sharpener, protractor, compass and eraser for 85P.

Coming soon !!

The Year 7/8 Warwickshire Book Award will begin in November, just as soon as the shortlist is announced. If you would like to read any of the books on the longlist, please let me know.

Mrs Johnson



The Duke Of Edinburgh Award

In the run up to the summer holidays the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh group completed their qualifying expedition. This meant an early morning in Long Compton to meet the assessors. All were then dropped off at the start point of either Hook Norton or Shipston.

All groups worked well together and despite some slow progress by a couple of groups all the groups managed to get to camp successfully. Tents pitched, dinners cooked they all settled down for a nights rest. Up bright and early on Sunday morning ready for day 2.

All groups got out of camp about on time and again showed great map reading skills and teamwork to reach the finish. After a quick debrief from the assessors most headed home for a rest. A mop up weekend took place early in September for 5 students who had been unable to make the 1st weekend. The weather was not as kind and after a very successful day on the Saturday about 30 seconds after they arrived at the campsite the heavens opened and the rain started which resulted in wet kids and wet tents. Sunday morning was dry but cold and the students were not that keen on moving but they got themselves going. They demonstrated great map reading skills and determination finishing the day in lovely sunshine. Well Done All.



The 15 silver students who all completed their expedition earlier in the summer have now all given their presentations



and they are now working on getting all the sections signed off. The last week of the summer holidays saw the Gold qualifying expedition in the Lake District. Leaving school on the Tuesday morning we arrived in Coniston in the early afternoon.

The rest of the day was fairly relaxed with the assessors arriving early evening for the introductions. The real business started on the Wednesday morning when they were dropped off at their start points a long day of walking ahead of them all groups started in high spirits. Team GI Jacks of Jack Bennett, Grace Gunn, Inca Hide Wright and Gabby Zuliani navigated well and made it to camp in decent time. The other 2 groups were slightly late after encountering a few challenges during the day but they all got to camp safely, unfortunately the weather had turned and they were in for a wet night.

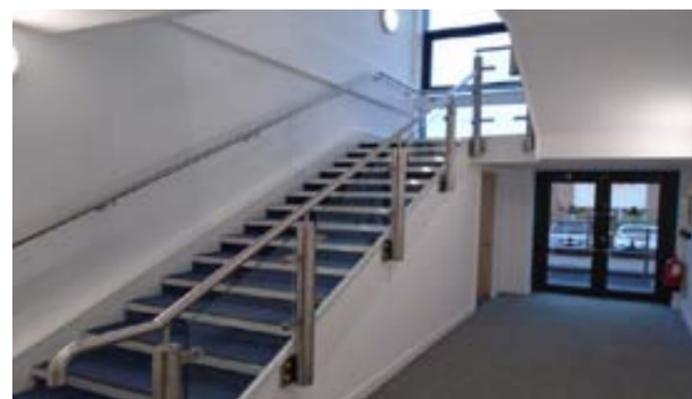


The next morning saw Team Faphld of Fraser Lindsay, Anna Young, Paul Philpott, Harry Ford, Louisa Briggs and Daryl Johnson start the day in a determined mood and all determined to get the navigation spot on especially as their route was through a forest which are notoriously difficult to navigate in. Well done Faphld you nailed it, the navigation we saw from them for the next 3 days was spot on. Lipton 2 of Nick Melton, Tom Penson, Ethan Stevens, Alice Hingley and Millie Jones had a long day ahead of them and they eventually made it to the next campsite a little downbeat and very tired. With the help of GI Jacks they were soon pitched and tranguias on cooking some tea. Day 3 was a long day for all groups with a big climb. All teams dug deep and made it to the last campsite which was on the banks of Ullswater, the views were amazing, and the midges were not.

The final day saw another big climb for 2 groups but they all knew

this was the last stretch and so all kept great time and were in great spirits whenever we saw them. At the end there was a lot of happy kids who really felt a sense of achievement. Congratulations all of you, it was a pleasure to accompany you on this adventure, remember the feeling of elation and achievement you had when you finished. Don't waste this effort and ensure you get all the sections signed off. Thanks to Simon Rolls and Mrs Green for coming with us and helping make it possible.

The New Science Block



Some quotes from A-Level scientists about the new Science block:

- It's nice to have new facilities and well equipped classrooms whilst studying A-Level Chemistry.
- It's great that the classrooms are now so close together.
- The new Science block is a great learning environment and an asset to the school.
- The rooms are big and spacious.



Netball Report

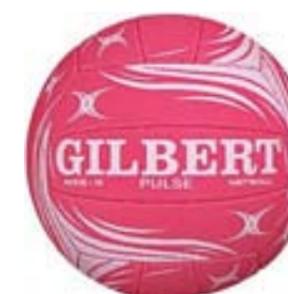
The netball season has got off to a phenomenal start with over 50 students regularly attending in our

after school session on a Thursday evening. All teams have so far had fixtures against Shipston. The year 10 got off to a flying start with an 18-13 victory. The shooting circle was dominated by Jess Atkins and Anastasia Heath. Katie Holland, Beatrice Swanwick and Ella Dyson played hard throughout the game ensuring that the ball was mostly in our

attacking third. Our defence of Willow Lee Lewis and Chelsea Breton was formidable and they kept the pressure on their shooters. Congratulations to Jess Atkins who was player of the match.

Year 9 had a convincing victory of 14-4 over Shipston. It was definitely the shooters day with Nicole Beard, Sophie Crawford and Chloe Bree hardly missing a shot. The hard work of our centre court players Lucy Heawood, Hermione Walls, Diana Bloomfield and Phoebe Wilkes meant the ball was rarely out of our attacking third. Kitty Gordon and Megan Edwards were tight in defence and kept their score to just 4.

Tension was the order of the day in the Year 8 game which resulted in an 8-6 victory for Kineton. They travelled end to end and our shooters really held their ground in the circle. Hannah Chadwick and Sophie Torrance work well together to get the ball through the hoop.



Annabelle Drake made sure the ball kept moving down the court, whilst Esther Rea and Bailey Band kept their shooters under pressure with some excellent defence.



In their first games Year 7 held Shipston to a 2-2 draw, a fair result. Poppy George and Rosie Swanwick had far more attempts at shooting and dominated the circle even though the goals would not go in. A great mid court team of Becky Smith, Flo Parry and Kathryn Bickley meant that we held possession in centre court, whilst Isabella Knight and Poppy Rughoover made shooting difficult for their attack.

Congratulations to Rosie Swanwick as player of match but all played well and have great potential.

My thanks must go to Megan Chadwick, Sarah Lane and Emily Moist for their fantastic coaching and support at practices.



Football Report



A good squad of players has been assembled this season to try to win promotion from Division Two of the Mid and South Warwickshire League. So far the team has produced mixed results and are still searching for that elusive victory. The first game against Shipston was a close game that ended 1-1 in windy conditions. Shipston took the lead early on before Jamie Edden equalized with a sweet finish. Cameron Trowell was the Man of the Match.

The second game of the season was against Champion School. A thrilling game concluded 7-5 to Champion but that didn't reflect the spirit showed by the team having been 5-0 down at half time. In the second half the team competed and supported each other when in possession creating a series of chances. Josh Hunter, Oli Isted, Malachy O'Sullivan and Alex Mercer 2 were the scorers. Ethan Clarke Dennett was the Man of the Match.

The most recent match against Southam was disappointing in more ways than one. Despite only having ten players, Southam played some smart football against a demoralized Kineton team. Ethan Clarke Dennett showed determination to score in an 8-1 reverse.



Cross Country Report



At the start of term seven Kineton students attempted to gain a place in the South Warwickshire team at Alcester Grammar, Matthew Steer, Finlay Goodman, Malachy O'Sullivan, Daniel Cox, Lucy Heawood, Molly Wasson and Abbie Wootton all showed great effort in an attempt to finish in the top twelve of their race. From the seven runners, Matthew, Dan, Lucy, Molly and Abbie all qualified to represent South Warwickshire at Stratford School on Saturday 14th October.

Due to other commitments only Lucy, Molly and Abbie were able to attend at the next round. Lucy and Molly put in creditable performances but were just short of reaching the qualifying place to represent Warwickshire. Abbie Wootton managed to finish in 7th place and will represent Warwickshire in November.



Well done to all who have taken part.

Mr Daly

Digital School House

Ask most Yr5 pupils (and some of our Yr 8s!) They might reply It's the "Hudson 2000 XZ" Jam Sandwich making facilitator! A state of the art snack creator! As long as it's a jam sandwich!

Through fun and games Kineton High School as part of the Digital High School initiative is going out to primary feeders and supporting colleagues with Computer Science in KS 1 & 2. Digital School House (DSH) is an initiative powered by Playstation and supported by organisations such as Sega, Computing at School (CaS), Mayor of London, UKIE and Dept of Education. It combines, computing, fun, creativity, innovation and ties in with industry expertise to equip pupils with 21st century creative digital skills.

The brief is simple, teach Computing without computers! We've taken an 'unplugged' approach to inspire the pupils to try out new ideas and develop and encourage creativity, computational thinking skills and innovation. And to learn computing in a way that is both fun and creative both for the pupils and their teachers. The teachers are left with completed follow-on resources to bridge gaps in preparation for the next sessions so there's continuity.

And we've only just started! So far we've covered Jam sandwich making, Hand Jiving, Magical appearing cards, Blaise the robot, the mouse and lion goes horrible wrong! and the knights errant!



**DIGITAL
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PlayStation.

Primary schools are signing up to this idea because it's free, it's inspirational and most importantly it's fun! If your primary school hasn't signed up or been in contact with us then ask them to or visit the Digital school website.

And the connection is...

...They both rely on algorithms – small sets of sequenced instructions to complete a task!

A couple of teasers to look out for during the rest of the year

e-Sports – A national PlayStation competition starting at school level and progressing towards national finals.

iDea - Discover new skills and hone the ones you've already got by taking the iDea online challenge.

Computer clubs – will be starting again when we're back in room 20.



Computational Thinking - Unplugged!

At The Dasset, we have been so pleased to be involved with this great project. The children are loving their learning about computational thinking with Mr Wicks - and they haven't even touched a computer yet! They have been amazed at how they can develop their thinking skills, decomposition of programs and pattern recognition in such a fun and practical way. The size and number of resources coming into school has been impressive and the children of Year 5 really look forward to their fortnightly visits - just seeing how computing is taught in KS3/4 has been both inspirational and highly motivating. Thanks Kineton High for letting us get involved!

The year 5 and 6 pupils from Moreton Morrell C of E Primary School have relished the opportunity to take part in the Digital Schoolhouse ICT project being organised by Kineton High School. Mr Wicks has taken their learning and appreciation for digital technology to another level and has inspired the pupils to make their own class podcasts.

In the sessions so far, the pupils have been focusing on algorithms and programming. They have begun to understand how to write simple computer programs to ensure that the computers can behave 'intelligently'. The sessions have been very creative and have shown the pupils how to use their problem-solving skills. The impact on the pupils has been very beneficial and the links between our two schools has been strengthened further as the following comment from a year 5 pupil shows. 'I can't wait for the next time we get to do this work, I feel that I have developed my skills so much. I never really thought that I was good at computers before.'

We look forward to working with the ICT department again in the future.



Dear Parents,

Management of Drugs Incidents and Substance Misuse Policy

Sadly, it is the case that a small minority of young people in society choose to use illegal substances that are damaging to their health and well-being.

In order to discourage drug misuse, a Management of Drugs Incidents and Substance Misuse Policy has been developed by SWEP – the partnership made up of all secondary schools in South Warwickshire. As a group we are committed to emphasising the role of drugs education but it should also be noted that central to this policy is the understanding that:

1. The unauthorised possession, use or supply of illegal and other unauthorised drugs within the confines and boundaries of the School premises or when attending an organised School activity is unacceptable.
2. Save in exceptional circumstances and on the basis that each case will be assessed individually, a student will be permanently excluded for possession, possession with intent to supply or supplying controlled drugs, even for a one-off or first time offence and details may be passed to the Police.

We are asking all parents of children in South Warwickshire secondary schools to read the Management of Drugs incidents and substance misuse policy, available on the school website, carefully and support us in encouraging a culture of intolerance to drugs. After all, evidence shows that drug misuse undermines a young person's health, safety, independence and opportunities, and encourages others to do the same.

Reminder for parents and students - School policy re school uniform

Footwear - No canvas shoes, trainers/pumps or footwear with logos

Skirts - No skinny, stretchy skirts.

Trousers - Male/Female - No skinny tight trousers or black jeans

No Hoodies to be worn in school at anytime.

No Bracelets – of any kind including ankle bracelets

No Earrings or nose studs

Hair Accessories - plain school colour and not for decoration, no braiding

GCSE Success – Learning Toolkit

- High levels of literacy
 - Reading
 - Comprehension
 - Extended Writing
 - Key terminology
- Stamina
- Exam technique/timing
- Memory
- Problem solving
- Independence
- Interpretation, reading between the lines
- Dealing with large volumes of information
- Analytical skills
- Awareness and understanding of current affairs and real life scenarios
- Interpretation of numerical data
- Making informed predictions

How can we develop these?

- Current affairs - Assemblies
- Teach memory skills in form time
- Terminology and meaning on walls
- Reading



LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure all school uniform and PE kits are named. Items are to be claimed within 2 months from Student Services, after which time they are donated to charity.

E-Safety and the school holidays.

At Kineton we take our safeguarding responsibilities extremely seriously and recognise that the school holidays are an ideal time where young people may have time and freedom to access the internet. E-safety is an area where it is easy to assume that a young person is safe and knows what they are doing; the reality may be very different. All students learn about e-safety in the school curriculum and this is supported through work they do in their Personal Tutor Groups but there is no guarantee that they follow this away from school.

At school we use an internet screening application that ensures young people are unable to access websites that are inappropriate. If devices are being given as presents that allow access to the internet or have social media that allows communication with others or share/discover information. There is a very real concern that the privacy or security settings that you may have installed on the IT equipment at home is not set as securely as at school or that they may post or use social media in an inappropriate way.

I have identified a number of web sites that, you as parents, can access for help and guidance in helping to protect your child over this time period and in the future. Alongside this can I point out that various documents and policies are available to parents via our website that cover these issues as well as attendance, safeguarding and school trips.

I wish you all an internet safe and responsible school holiday.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>



Attendance

There is no doubt that the more somebody attends to something the likelihood of improving is much greater, the same applies at school. Lots of research points to a very strong link between attendance and success at GCSE and A level.

Last year the Government increased what they call 'Persistent Absenteeism' to 90%, that's the equivalent of 1 day off school in our two week timetable. This may not seem much but the knock on effects can be dramatic in the amount of work that is missed and then the additional time required to catch up. As a school we would not want more than 6% of our students falling into this category. As we prepare for next year please be aware of your son/daughter's attendance percentage. If it does fall below 95% or if we feel there is a concern or a pattern of absence then the school will send a letter or contact you to discuss the matter further.

Government guidelines re: Term Time Leave of Absence stipulates that the school is unable to authorise time off unless there are exceptional circumstances to support it. Please consider your application very carefully before asking the school for permission.



Leave of Absence During Term Time 2017-18 Information for Parents



In September 2013, the Government introduced some significant changes to attendance regulations for pupils at school. The regulations will continue to apply during this academic year (2017/2018). If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

The most important of these is in relation to term-time leave of absence. The amendments set out in Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, govern all requests for leave within term-time. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s). It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of

The amended regulations removed references to 'holiday' and 'extended leave', as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. It is now clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for. £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days). Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

The Government has not defined 'exceptional circumstances' as referred to in the 2013 regulations. It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices. We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Student Absence Procedure

If a student is absent, please call the 24 hour Absence Line daily on 01926 645 611 and leave a brief message stating their name, tutor group and reason.

When the student returns to school please provide written confirmation of the date(s) and reason they were absent.

Medical/Dental Appointment

If a student will not be present during morning registration due to a medical/dental appointment, please provide Student Services with written notice of the appointment prior to the event.

Governors

Governors would like to congratulate students and staff on the excellent exam results received in the summer. A particular well done to everyone for getting to grips with the new GCSE grading which is now numbered from 1 to 9.

Two of our Parent Governors are due to end their 4-year term of office in February 2018. We would like to thank both Alison Chapman and Margot Horsley for their contributions during this time. This means that we will be seeking two new Parent Governors to join our team.

Governors play a key role in the strategic leadership of the school, ensuring that students receive a high-quality education, planning the future direction of the school and making sure that the school budget is well-spent. You do not have to be an expert on education to be a school governor and we value the experience that all individuals can bring to the role. No special qualifications are needed, the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. Look out for further details after Christmas, but if you have any questions in the meantime, or would like to express an interest, please contact the Clerk to the Governors at: clerktothegovernors@kinetonhighschool.org.uk

At the recent Full Governing Body Meeting, Governors received a presentation on 2017 examination results. In addition, the Safeguarding Policy was updated and approved by Governors.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

Half Term Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October
Term Ends Friday 22nd December

Spring Term 2018

Teacher Training Day Friday 5th January
Term Starts Monday 8th January
Half Term Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February
Term Ends Thursday 29th March



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Sixth Form Open Evening

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Wednesday 1st November
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