



## Head's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the first half term of the year comes to a close and we start to encounter the dark mornings it's worth celebrating how proud I am of our student community so far this term. There have been so many positive comments from members of other schools; visitors and organisations about their conduct and willingness to be confident, articulate and helpful in so many ways. Last week I received an email from a local Headteacher who felt compelled to comment on his experience:

*"This week I brought twenty KS1 children to your school to participate in an agility 'festival'. This event was supported by your Y8 and sixth form students and organised by Andy Sandford.*

*I wanted to let you know how fantastic your students were with all the children on the day....*

*Your students were polite, courteous and friendly to my children. Most importantly, they smiled at them and engaged them in what they were doing. It was really reassuring to see....*

*I haven't emailed a colleague for a long time about this type of positive behaviour from their students. I'm sure people just take good, polite behaviour for granted but it isn't the norm and your students were a fine reflection on your school."*

Well done to the 30 Year 8 and 12 students involved and to Mr Sandford who facilitated the event earlier in the month; it was clearly a great success! Please read about many of the other exciting activities and events Kineton staff and students have been involved in this term in today's newsletter.

In addition, you can read a profile and introduction to our new Chair of Governors, Mark Davis, who is also one of our parents. We are delighted he has stepped up to the role and that he'll be ably supported by his Vice Chair, David Savory who has been such a long standing governor and ambassador to the school.

I wish all our students and staff a great half term and will look forward to seeing everyone on the 4<sup>th</sup> November.

*Ms Bridge*

## Chair of Governors: Mark Davis

I am very pleased to have been voted in as the new Chair of Governors on 3 October 2019. I fully realise just how challenging and how important this role is in fulfilling the legal requirements of the Department of Education.

I must thank the outgoing Chair, David Savory, who has dedicated much of his time over the last 18 years to the KHS Governing Body and who has kindly agreed to be Vice-Chair for the next couple of periods. David has achieved much during his tenure but notably the successful move from being a Local Authority maintained school to becoming part of a Multi-Academy Trust within the Stowe Valley Trust has been a stand out achievement. We are already benefitting from the move with the securing of funds to improve the appearance of parts of the school.

Although originally from West London, I have lived in Kineton for 8 years with my family; my two children both attend the school. I retired as an Army Officer in 2016 and since then I worked with Airbus for over 2 years and I now teach ammunition safety to Defence related organisations. Latterly, I have been accepted onto the United Nations ammunition experts list to assist countries with ammunition safety. In my spare time, my passion is road cycling and I am a keen member of Banbury Cycling Club.

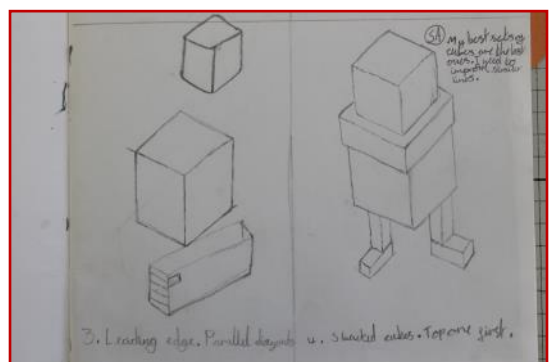
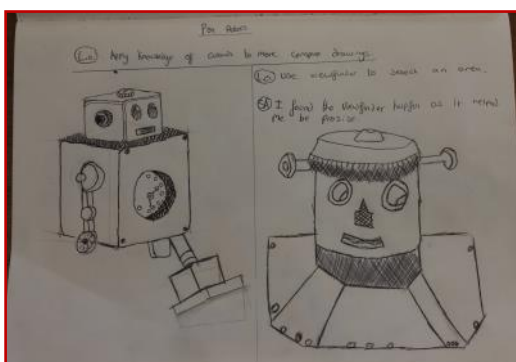
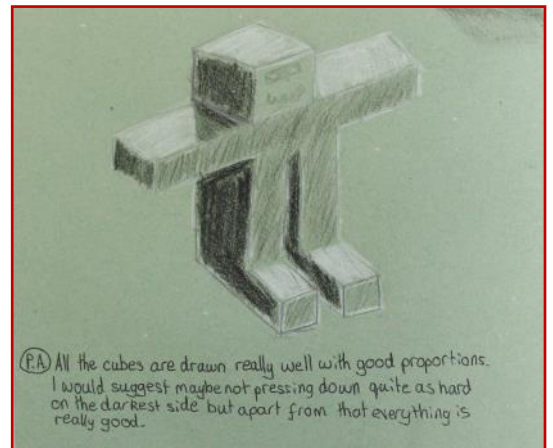
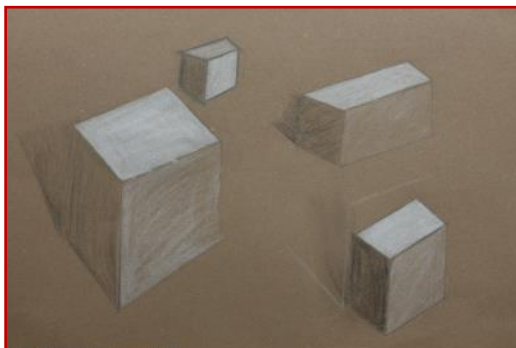
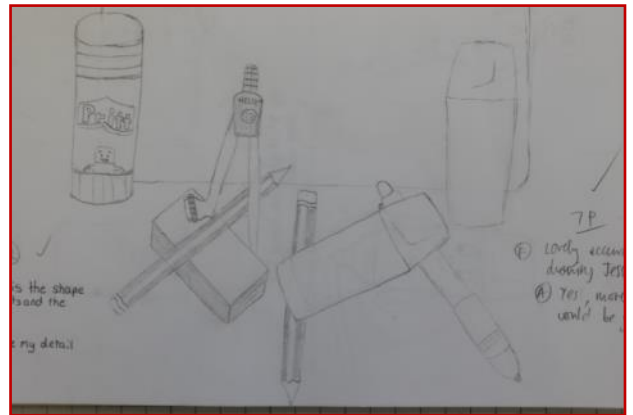
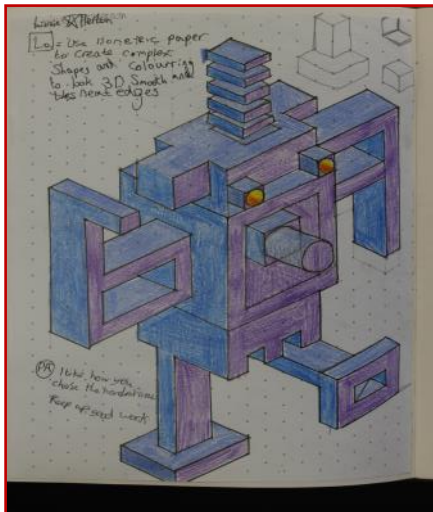
Aside from the legal aspects of being a Governor, (ensuring the school has a clear vision, overseeing the budget and holding the leaders to account for school performance), my primary aim is to ensure the best interests of the children remain paramount. My ambitions for the school are to support and enable the Head and teachers to deliver the best possible education to assist students gaining qualifications while enjoying a rounded education within a safe environment. Part of this entails ensuring that all students attend school for 96% of the school year; we all have a part to play in this and I therefore look forward to supporting the school in implementing effective initiatives in the near future.

I look forward to keeping parents informed on Governance matters over the coming months as we all strive to play a role in obtaining the most for our childrens' education.



## Year 7 Art

Our Year 7 students have got off to a great start with their Art and Design at Kineton. The year began with a drawing of their pencil case and its contents. This was assessed and is used as a 'base line' indication of the standard of drawing they come to us with. The main project for the rest of this half term has been on the theme of 'Robots'. Groups have learned several methods for drawing cuboids, have used tone to add a 3D effect, used pens to render tone and texture, and have used isometric paper to draw complex forms. They are now producing a larger mixed media piece to finish the project.





# KHS Update

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## Events

### Mental Health Awareness Day

Thursday 10th October was Mental Health Awareness Day and we were supported in school by mentors from Lifespace, a local organisation who mentor young people and work with some of our students.

There were staff on hand to talk to pupils, lots of useful information for them to take away and 'Yellow' food on sale at break and lunch; cupcakes, melon, bananas and pineapple. Students and staff were also asked to guess how many 'yellow sweets in the jar', which proved very popular. This was in keeping with the #HelloYellow theme from Young Minds, the UK's leading charity for children and young peoples mental health. We donated all the money from the sale to the charity, raising £62.45 for them.

We are already thinking about making next year's event and making it bigger and better.



Reduce distress • Build resilience • Achieve more



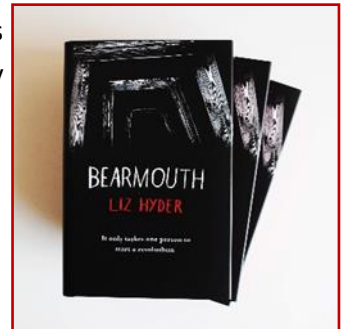
## Trips

### Year 8 and 9 Creative Writing Workshop with Liz Hyder

On Monday 21st October some of Year 8 and 9 students attended a creative writing workshop at Leamington Library with Liz Hyder, author of Bearmouth.

Our experience with author Liz Hyder was just wonderful. We took part in her Fantastic Fun with Words workshop at Leamington Library. This was designed to help the 15 budding young writers develop their imagery, editing and planning skills. We wrote two creative pieces based on child labour in the coal mines. We described the dark, dirty and dangerous conditions and expressed empathy through our writing. Liz was extremely impressed with our efforts and said we were her best group yet! Overall, everyone had a great time as Liz was so supportive and encouraging. We were able to ask lots of questions, get some really good advice and also some autographs!

By Emily Year 8



## Trips

### Granada

On a dark October day 28 Spanish GCSE students met at Birmingham Airport at a ridiculous time in the morning to travel to Andalucia. Once we were all woken up by the price of snacks on the plane, we were super excited to arrive in Granada and check into the converted monastery that was to be our home for three nights.



We went straight to our private reserved tren turístico that took us all around the city, up to the Alhambra, and back through the winding streets of the Old Town, where everyone high-fived us as we passed. We

ate an amazing six course meal in the Arabic quarter that night, and explored our new city before bedtime. The following day was spent at the vast interactive Science Park, and in the evening



we climbed to the

Albaycin, the home of flamenco, where we ate tapas before a very intense dance performance.

On Monday we managed to get entrance tickets to the gardens of the Alhambra, the world famous Moorish palace, and it was spectacular. We climbed the towers to

the very top, looking out over the city to the Sierra Nevada beyond. That

evening we returned to the Old Town where everyone had free choice over their food and restaurant- the only condition was that they had to order everything in Spanish.



Luckily we had some very patient waiters for the Year 9s, who haven't done the food topic yet; the Year 10s and 11s knew exactly what to

order and how to get the bill. After a final shop on Tuesday morning we headed to the airport and home. It was a fabulous few days with a lot of memories for all of us.



## Sports News

### Football



On Tuesday 8th October our Year 7 team played for the first time, taking on Studley. It was a great game and we won 4-0! Goals: Jack, Richie, George and Eddie. Player of the Match: Eddie.

Year 10 showed great teamwork, desire and resilience when they played against Studley on Wednesday 9th October, securing a 4-3 win. Goals: Jack, Edward, Brayden and Louis.



Due to a cancelled match against Henley on Tuesday 15th October, our Year 7 and 8 teams played against each other with Year 7 winning the match 3-0.

Year 10 played some brilliant football on Wednesday 16th October against Henley gaining them another win: 4-2. Goals: Brayden, Jack and Edward. Player of the Match: Jenson

Tuesday 22nd October saw our Year 8 team take on St Benedicts. It was a very open game with both teams having lots of chances in front of the goal. The match finished 6-3 to St Benedicts. Player of the Match: Ollie.

Our Sixth Form team played some great football against NLS on Wednesday 23rd October, seeing them win 4-0! They go through to the next round of the cup. Goals: Henry, Miles and Rowan.



Year 9 also played on Wednesday 23rd against Myton. They gave an outstanding performance and just missed out on winning due to a last minute Myton goal. Goals: Jamie and Matt. Player of the Match Josh.

## Sports News

### Cross Country

On Saturday 19th October 5 of our Year 7 students took part in the Warwickshire Schools Cross Country. They all did exceptionally well, with 3 of them qualifying to represent Warwickshire. Well done!



### Hockey



Year 7 played against Sibford on Tuesday 8th October and won 5-2! There was some fantastic hockey played and all the hard work in training is paying off.

Our mixed Year 10 team played against Shipston on Monday 21st October. Both teams worked really hard, Shipston won 5-0.

### Netball

Our U15 team played some great netball on Thursday 10th October at Stratford School.



### Rugby



Thursday 10th October saw our team take part in a tournament with Alcester Academy and Alcester Grammar. All teams played great Rugby and we secured wins in both of our games.

### KS1 Agility

On Wednesday 16th October we hosted the KS1 Agility Event for local Primary Schools. Over 100 children took part in 8 events that were organised and led by our Sixth Form and Year 8 leaders.

It was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.

Thank you so much for yesterday morning the children had a great time. Your team of sixth formers and year 8's were great with the children giving them lots of praise and encouragement.  
Amy. Temple Herdewyke Primary School





## Congratulations:

- ◆ To Thomas in Year 8 (Redgrave) who has had a very successful sporting summer. He finished 1st in the West Midlands for javelin and 15th in the UK, 4th in West Midlands for discus and 3rd for shot put. He is also the Warwickshire County champion for javelin and shot put and set a new county record for shot. He also won the best overall under 13's boys performance at the county championships. He was chosen to represent Warwickshire at Shot put and came 2nd in his group. Last but not least, he broke the javelin record at the South Warwickshire Schools Competition.
- ◆ To Scarlet in Year 11 (Redgrave) who has been volunteering for Puritans Radio. She hosts a 2 hour show every Saturday from 12.00-2.00pm. The station is sponsored by Banbury United Football Club so as well as playing music she discusses the club's results and cuts in commercials. She has been doing this for the last 10 months. In addition to doing the radio programme she also volunteers at charity events that Puritan Radio have been asked to provide the music for.
- ◆ To Luke in Year 12 (Ainslie) who's been chosen to showcase Lead and Speed Climbing at an event at Warwick University.

## Notices:

### Art Department Instagram Account

Our Art department have recently launched their own Instagram account to showcase all the lovely work our students produce. Please take a look and follow them; kinetonhighschool\_artdept

### Plastic Bottles

Holly, a student at Stratford Girls Grammar School has started a campaign to ban the selling of plastic bottles in schools across the country, and is currently in the process of making this change in her own school. If you would like to support this please sign her petition: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/274431>.

### Wellesbourne Youth Club

Please see the letter on the next page from Wellesbourne Youth Services advertising their youth club for students in Year 7 and 8.

## Forthcoming events:

### Dates from calendar/trips:

- ◆ *Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November*
- ◆ *Year 12 & 13 Senior Maths Challenge - Thursday 7th November*
- ◆ *Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening - Thursday 7th November 4.30-7.00pm*
- ◆ *Y12 & 13 Geography Residential - Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th November*
- ◆ *Sixth Form Open Evening - Wednesday 13th November 6.30-8.00pm (see next page)*
- ◆ *Bronze DofE Training Day - Sunday 17th November*

Do follow us on Twitter where you can pick up ongoing news and information:  @KinetonHighSch



# Open Evening

Wednesday 13th November

Kineton Sixth is committed to ensuring its students achieve their personal best through high quality teaching and learning and excellent pastoral care. In a time of change and opportunity, with our new academy status and links with Southam College and Bilton School, it really is an exciting and promising time to join us.

**Head of Sixth Form Welcome 6.45pm, arrival from 6.30pm**

Opportunity to meet subject staff, students and participate in sample activities 7.15pm onwards.

*Achieving Personal Best*

*'Kineton Sixth Form combines personalised teaching with increased independent opportunities, in order to create an ideal learning environment.'* - Isaac Dewhurst – Head Boy

*'Supervised study (and the dedicated silent study rooms) allows me to work independently in a focussed environment.'* - Jasmine Nahal, Year 15

*'At Kineton High School, our sixth form play a full part in the life of the school. We are incredibly proud of what they give to the community; they are great ambassadors.'* - Helen Bridge, Headteacher

*'Teaching is having a good impact across the school, enabling pupils to be curious and interested in their learning.'* - Ofsted 2017

*'A strong set of results in a year where all students sat at least 3 A Levels or equivalent qualifications in a wide range of subjects. We are delighted that over 70% students who applied to university will go onto their first choice having secured some impressive grades.'* - A Level Results 2019



Wellesbourne  
Youth Services

Dear Parents/guardians,

We are writing to invite your son/daughter to the Wellesbourne Youth Club. This group is for young people in Years 7 and 8 and meets on Monday nights during term time, from 6:45pm to 8:15pm at St Peter's Church Centre.

This is a friendly and welcoming group in which we do a range of different activities including sports (such as Unihoc, football, badminton, table tennis etc); arts and crafts; games; quizzes; cooking; karaoke; film nights; competitions and projects and sometimes outings. Any further requests young people have as to activities they want to do can be considered too.

The first session is free as a taster and then subsequent sessions we ask £1 to help us cover costs and materials (but please speak to us if finance is an issue).

All leaders are recruited in accordance to the Church of England's thorough, Safer Recruiting Procedure. This is an open, social club, there is no requirement to be a Christian to come. We welcome people of all faiths or none. They are welcome to bring friends within the age range, including young people who live outside the area. When you first bring your daughter/son, please come in and complete a consent form for them. If you have any queries, concerns, questions or requests, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Tony Norton

Children and Families Youth Worker, St Peter's Church Wellesbourne

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# Leave of Absence

## During Term Time 2019-20



### 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.

### Authorised Absence

Child illness, family bereavement **call 01926 645611 the Absence line**, leave details and a note when child returns for Attendance Officer.

### 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.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

### Unauthorised Absence

There are times when children are absent for reasons, which are not permitted by law. Examples of unauthorised absence are parental illness, term time holidays or a family day out. Where there is no explanation for an absence or where the explanation or reason for the absence is considered unsatisfactory absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Unauthorised Absences have to be reported to the Local Authority. The Attendance Compliance Enforcement Team may contact you where unauthorised absence continues to be a problem.

Unauthorised absence could result in a Fixed Penalty Fine or other legal action. We are always concerned about the amount of school time pupils miss as a result of term time leave. There is no entitlement to time off during term time. Leave of absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Headteacher in accordance with the school policy as agreed by the governing body.

Leave of Absence forms are available on our website

<http://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/information/attendance/>

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.

It is our policy:

- Only in an exceptional circumstance will term time leave be allowed. Parents/Carers wishing to apply for leave of absence need to fill in an application form well in advance and before booking tickets or making travel arrangements.
- If term time leave is taken without prior permission from the school, the absence will be unauthorised and you may be liable for a fixed-penalty fine or other legal action.
- Please remember that absence for whatever reason disadvantages a child by creating gaps in his/her learning. A good understanding of the work and good progress can only take place when the child is in the classroom regularly and on time.

If you think you have exceptional circumstances please talk to us without delay and before arrangements are entered into or money committed. If exceptional circumstances are accepted the Headteacher will determine how much absence will be authorised. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

The full Attendance policy can be found under

<http://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/information/school-policies/>

# Leave of Absence

## During Term Time 2019-20



The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. 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. 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.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

**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 £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.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority**

**Warwickshire Secondary School pupils recorded 10,017 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 1,122 on the previous year.**