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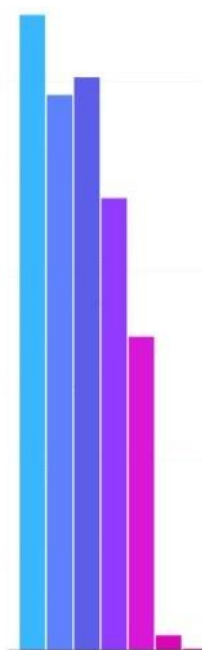
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CALENDAR

Tuesday 11th October, 6-8pm
Open Evening for Year 6 Families
Friday 21st October
Last day of term



Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11 Year 12

EPrise

Congratulations to Year 7 who are currently in first position for EPrise points. These are awarded on the EPrise system for good attendance and behaviour.

WELCOME!

Dear Parents

We hope you enjoy reading through the first bulletin of this Academic year. The students and staff have been as busy as ever, which is giving a very energetic feel to the Academy.

We are particularly proud of our Librarians who give a fantastic service to our students with the diversity of events that they arrange. Northamptonshire's Learning Resources for Education have recognised this outstanding service resulting in a Gold Standard Award.

With Best Wishes,
Paul Davies

Principal



NEWS

Open Evening for Year 6 Families

We are looking forward to welcoming families of current Year 6 pupils on the evening of Tuesday 11 October. Colourful boards highlighting the work of the different faculties give the Academy a bright new look and there are lots of volunteer students signed up to show guests around.

Principal Paul Davies said: 'Staff always put a really good show on but we are not just trying to show off the building or a sense of wonder, we want our children here showing off their work books so people get a sense of what it is like to study here. We can assure parents their children will be coming to a good school where they will be looked after and well taught.'

In addition, daily tours are filling up fast, these are being held from Monday 10 – Friday 14 October at 10.30am and 2.30pm to give prospective parents the opportunity to see the Academy during the school day.

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Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is being held on Tuesday 8 November so that students can see the range of courses and options available to Post-16 students.

Mr Davies said: 'The Sixth Form has really got into its stride and that is why it achieved a good judgement at Ofsted last year. We have always made sure we kept the Sixth Form small enough for it to be reactive and responsive and for things to be taught well. We only take on the students that we are going to be offering the best post-16 courses for.'

'Mrs Jane Watson is a tremendous Head of Sixth Form who tirelessly supports her students and really knows them well. We look forward to welcoming prospective students along.'



Student Librarians Confirmed

The library has now appointed the new student librarians for this year.

Over 30 students applied for the role, of which eight were luckily enough to be selected for the position.

The students had to complete both an application form and an interview.

Each student will volunteer in the library for one CAPS lesson per week. Their duties will include supporting the day to day running of the library, and assisting with library events.

Well done to all of the following students:

Year 7

Rebecca Aksu
Ellie Gray
Jack Mortimore
Olivia Perry
Jorja Walker

Year 8

Kira McKenna-King

Year 9

Amy Dimmock
Mia Williams

The following Year 10 students will also be helping as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award:

Bernard Dec
Stephanie Lefter
Taha Naeem
Owen Wilson

Each student will work towards completing their Bronze award. When they have completed the voluntary work they will be presented with their Student librarian badges.

Mrs Heidi Economou, Head Librarian, said 'Without the students the day to day running of the library would not be possible, they are enormously valued. It is great to see students helping other students and using the space that is designed for them.'



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Teaching Leaders programme

Kettering Science Academy teachers Angela Charlton, Rachael Davies and Grace Smith are among 16 teachers from across the Brooke Weston Trust who have successfully secured places on the nationally accredited Teaching Leaders Fellows programme.

This is a two-year course aimed at developing high potential middle leaders. Demand is high and the programme attracts delegates from all over the country. It stretches and supports participants to become leaders in the future and improve educational outcomes for students.

Principal Paul Davies said: 'We are delighted that we have the calibre of staff with the ambition, desire and drive to want to become better teachers. They flew through the recruitment sessions and are dedicated as well as being excellent role models.'

'Angela, Rachael and Grace take part in lots of out of school activities and residential work and they have all picked really significant Impact projects in their respective specialisms of PE, English and Maths.'

'These projects will deliver measurable results with regards to student progress in each of these curriculum areas and it will target those students that need it most.'

'I hope that the results will have such an impact on pedagogy and practice that we will be able to share this expertise with other schools in the Trust.'

KSA's university placements

This summer Kettering Science Academy celebrated its best-ever GCSE and A Level results that means many of our former students are currently taking up university places across the country.

Congratulations to former Head Boy, Dylan Birk, who is studying medicine at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge after gaining 2A*s and an A at A Level. He is pictured with Connor Beadsworth and Arash Ganji who are also studying medicine at Manchester University and the University of Exeter respectively.

Principal Paul Davies said: 'The results overall this year at KS4 and KS5 were the best in the school's history or in the history of any school on this site for the last 47 years since the first one opened.'

'This is really important because it has been a really big step change, we have hit national levels of performance in GCSE for the first time ever and at A Level we have a positive value added and are the only school in the Trust this year to get a student to Oxbridge. That is a huge thing and 88% of our students have gone to really good universities including Russell Group.'

'Dylan's achievement of studying medicine at Cambridge just goes to show that if you have the ambition, desire and commitment to work you can do as well at Kettering Science Academy as at any school in the country.'



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Karateka going for gold

Year 8 student, Dylan Hughes, has been selected to represent England at the SKDUN (Shotokan Karate Do of United Nations) World Shotokan Championships for the 12-13 age bracket. He is hoping to achieve gold in the event which will be held in Burgas, Bulgaria.

Dylan was one of ten selected from his local karate club for the national squad in April this year. He has been put forward to represent his country with only four others from SKC Kettering and Corby.

He achieved his black belt in October 2014 after just 3 years and 2 months of training and competing. He has participated in both many national and local competitions achieving 10 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Mr Haywood, Head of PE said 'The PE Department is very proud of Dylan and he should be very proud of himself for this achievement.'

Dylan said 'I am a bit nervous about the competition as I am hoping to achieve gold but I am mostly excited and looking forward to the event.'

He became interested in the sport at the age of seven when he watched the film 'Kung Fu Panda'.

He said 'The moves of the characters really inspired me, I thought I want to be able to do that. My mum then helped me to find a local class and it all went on from there.'

Competitions for the 12-13 age bracket take place October 8 – October 9.

We wish Dylan the best of luck.



Jorja's dance success

Well done to year 7 student Jorja Walker who won 6 awards at a recent Highland Dance contest. More than 5,000 people attended the Harpenden Lions Highland Gathering where Jorja won 5 golds and a silver, clinching titles in the Premier Highland Dancer and Overall National Premier in the U-15 category and the Overall Premier All ages memorial trophy.

She has been dancing from the age of four and practices twice a week at Lesley's School of Highland Dancing in Corby, starting to learn her routines five weeks prior to competitions.

She said 'I am really pleased with my achievement. I used to take part in other dances such as tap but my passion has always been Highland.'



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World Marathon Challenge Day

Year 7 students took part in a challenge to try and beat the World Marathon Record.

Over 60 students participated in the annual international simultaneous relay competition which took place on Wednesday 5 October. Two groups ran the distance of the Marathon, with each student running 200m at a time on the sports field.

Team 1 managed to run the distance in 2 hours 45 minutes while Team 2 ran the distance in 2 hours 41 minutes coming close to the world record of 2 hours 22 minutes held by Dennis Kimetto. These results will now go onto a World Leader board, with awards for the winners. This will be announced after the competition closes on Friday 7 October.

PE teacher, Mr Liam Feely said 'Students worked brilliantly as a team and learnt that what may seem impossible can actually be achieved. I hope this will inspire students to achieve their desires.'



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh underway

26 students have applied to take part in this year's Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme taking part in an expedition as well as voluntary and skills work.

This year's cohort will take part in an overnight expedition and complete a range of independent activities including a skill, a physical activity and volunteering.

They have already begun their activities that take hours of commitment over the year. After Christmas they will meet weekly to develop their expedition skills.

Last year 27 students successfully completed a 15-mile expedition in Rutland and they are currently awaiting sign-off on their bronze awards.

Miss Rachael Davies, who co-ordinates the scheme said 'It is great for students who will have lots of fun and grow in confidence. It also helps with job and university applications as it shows commitment, leadership and teamwork skills.'



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Show My Homework

Log-in details have now been sent out to anybody who completed a permission slip in order to request their own personal log-in. We hope this system is working well for you, please let us know if you are experiencing any issues so that we have the opportunity to rectify them.

If you require a personal log-in and have not yet received one, please complete a permission slip (letters are available from reception) and return to reception so that we can set this up for you.

Macmillan 'Cake Off'

More than £230 was raised for the Macmillan Cancer charity after students and staff brought in homemade bakes for this year's 'Cake Off'.

Seven students organised the event which took place on 30 September and served refreshments and cakes in the boardroom. Congratulations go to Mrs Heidi Economou who won first place for her pig in mud cake, closely followed by Mrs Sally Shannon with a classic coffee and walnut combo and Miss Kimberly Lynch with her chocolate marble creation.

The event was part of the teamwork unit on the Princes Trust Award and has raised a total of £235 for charity so far.

Teaching Assistant and organiser of the event, Mrs Alison Upson said 'The students worked so hard, they were amazing from making the posters and invites through to serving all the cakes and drinks themselves.

'This is the first time that the school has held both a caking judging competition and a cake sale after school and we are very happy with the result.'

A special thanks to 10MYA who stayed late baking as well as all those who donated cakes or supported the event on 30 September.



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Library gets the gold ticket

Congratulations to Mrs Heidi Economou and Mrs Jenny Brackwell who attained a Gold Standard Award for their continuing hard work in the library.

The librarians at Kettering Science Academy entered the award, organised by Learning Resources for Education in Northamptonshire. They put together a portfolio of work to represent the different elements of the library.

They aimed to fulfil the gold criteria, which took them six months. Areas of excellence included showing support for the whole school curriculum, encouraging reading for pleasure and the well thought out space that meets the needs of students and encourages them to enjoy the library.

Mrs Economou, Head Librarian said 'It's nice to know we are doing the right things, we think we are but having an outside influence look in and notice the work we are doing is very reassuring and rewarding.'

Mrs Economou has worked in libraries most of her life and has been at the academy since it first opened.

She said 'I even did my work experience placement at a library. I was really disappointed at first when I found out, I wanted to go somewhere cool. By the time I left I thought it was brilliant, I love it and got to meet such a diverse range of people.'

The library is now in line with other Brooke Weston Trust schools including Brooke Weston Academy and Corby Business Academy libraries that have also received the Gold Standard Library Award.

Students Staying after School

Students are more than welcome to stay after school but they must sign in and out at Reception, their form tutors will have advised them of this procedure.

Please be reminded that school closes for students at 5pm Monday to Thursday and 4pm on Friday.

They must vacate the building by these times.

Car Parking

Can we please remind all parents/carers to consider others when parking your cars at drop off and collection times at Kettering Science Academy.

We have recently received complaints from residents in the area who have been

inconvenienced by parents' parked cars left in the way of driveways and limiting the access to their homes.

We would ask for you to consider others with your parking decisions in the residential streets in the area around both the Compass Primary and Kettering Science Academy site.

Thank you for your co-operation regarding this matter.

