

Excalibur



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King Arthur's Community School

Examination Results 2009



Congratulations to former Year 11 students on their examination success. The number of students achieving 5+ A* - C grades across all subjects was just over 60%: one of the best results in the school's recent history. Over 83% of Year 11's have gone onto further education - the highest number ever - with Strode and Yeovil Colleges being the main destinations. The School has worked hard to raise student aspirations and the fact that so many students will be continuing with their learning is testament to our work.

Ms T Bradbury, Headteacher

Cambridge University Visit



On Monday 28th September, 6 students from Cambridge University worked for a morning with Year 11 students from both King Arthur's and Whitstone School on life as a student, getting into Cambridge and preparing for a university interview.

European Day of Languages

On Wednesday 23rd September we celebrated European Day of Languages. The main event of the day took place in the Food Technology rooms where Mrs Flynn and her Year 11 Catering group prepared dishes from France, Germany and Spain. During PSHE, Year 8 students went to taste the dishes but had to use either German, French or Spanish to ask for the food! Thank you to Ms Cadieu, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, for organizing this day. For a full report on this event, see inside pages.

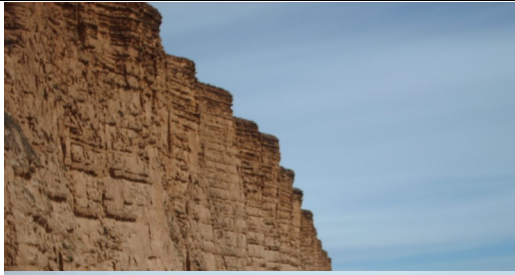
Greenpower 2009



September has been a very busy month for the 'Team KA'. On 13th September they took part in their first race at Castle Coombe, achieving a creditable 72 miles in four hours, despite a half hour breakdown! The following Saturday was the Somerset heat at Haynes Motor Museum, a very difficult but exciting circuit, where they managed 70 miles. These results were good enough to get through to the National Final which takes place on the 18th October. This is an excellent achievement for a team with very little experience.

Mr D. Kiddell, Team KA Manager

Our Day Out: Geography Trip to West Bay



On Monday, 21st September, a group of Year 11 students studying GCSE Geography went to the West Bay beach to do some intense research!

The sun was out and Mr. Lemon put on his stylish hat to shade himself from West Bay's glorious sunny spells. However, whilst the teachers escaped from the sun's glare, the students absolutely loved it!



It wasn't just a day out to the beach unfortunately; the main aim of this trip was to do fieldwork for our GCSE coursework assignment which will see us through to our exam! We were studying erosion and other elements that occur at West Bay. We gained a lot of knowledge about the physical and human geography processes at West Bay.

A lovely, fun, educational day out to the beach! Complete with chips, ice cream, and one great field study to equip us for the year ahead!



We all had a great day out and learnt much to help us with our Geography.

By Cheyanne Long-Anderson, Year 11

European Day of Languages

On Wednesday 23rd September, Year 8's from all across the school were treated to a spot of food testing.

Invited to report on this event, and tempted by the German biscuits (less commonly known as "Deutsche Kekse"), I stood soundly watching a sea of Year 8s in absolute carnage as they slaughtered the crepe stand!! Of course, this was only because it was European Day and the lucky students were given the opportunity to taste the food of the world (well, Europe anyway!).

Made by one of Mrs Flynn's Year 11 Catering groups, the food was prepared and presented to what I like to think of as "The Best King Arthur's Standard". The Spanish omelettes were "Delicioso", the Crepes, "Magnifique" and the Deutsche Kekse... well ... lets just say I ate a few too many of those! It wasn't just how the food turned out at the end of it that went well either, the students worked in an extremely professional manner and a talented few were assigned as Head Chefs.

However, when it came to the actual tasting I couldn't help but feel... possibly a little bit nervous?. Everybody was ready, the food was out, warm, appetising.... tasty..... and tempting me slightly to say the least! But eventually Mrs Flynn's group and my fellow catering chums managed to refrain me and help me concentrate on the job in hand – serving the food and not eating it! Then, the doors were opened and the students finally let in. Crepes, biscuits and omelettes flew left, right and centre into the hungry student's mouths and as they munched, satisfied and, what I could only hope to be, full.

The students had to ask for the food in the language of the country it came from and because of this I managed to pick up a few things. Everything worked well and I really do think we should thank Mrs Flynn and Mrs Cadieu for giving us the opportunity to make and eat 'foods of Europe'. I think that the Year 8s and the Catering group learnt quite a lot that day, me especially, and I can honestly say that I know that I can't handle six German biscuits!

By Bethany Carter and Cheyanne Long Anderson, School Journalists

PSHE Programme

Eleven guests from local businesses, the careers service, and the Magistrates Society were in school for Wednesday morning's PSHE lessons. Working with Lower School students topics such as the role of local Magistrates, career opportunities post-16 and the nature of the local economy were explored. Students gained valuable experience meeting and greeting the guests and hearing about their varied roles. In assembly on Friday, Reverend Feaver from St Peter and St. Paul's gave a presentation to Year 7 students.

Gifted and Talented

As part of the school's Gifted and Talented Programme a group of Year 10 students will

be visiting Stourhead after school on Friday 9th October. The trip will include a tour around the house and gardens and will be an opportunity for students to appreciate the history, architecture and landscape of a National Trust property.



New Mini-Bus!



King Arthur's has leased a mini-bus to take students on trips, visits and to sports fixtures. In the past the school has hired transport and it was calculated that, in the long term, it would be more cost-effective for the school to manage its own transport. Various members of staff have undergone a Somerset County Council approved mini-bus driver training course. Thank you to Matt Hopkins and Dan Guyatt, Year 10, who have volunteered to clean the mini-bus each week.

Prevocational Group



Jake Gillard showing off his cooking skills as part of 'Licence to Cook' in his Prevocational lesson. Jake and three of his peers served the whole of the group with this healthy snack they prepared themselves. Most students tried the vegetables and were quick to comment on Teaching Assistant Mr Golden's lack of enthusiasm!

New Website



King Arthur's has launched a new website! Please visit www.kingarthur.org.uk to get information on forthcoming events, view school policies, check holiday dates and lots more. Thank you to Mr Seviour, IT Manager, for all his hard work in creating the new website.



Year 9s have made a good start to their course, which includes working towards ASDAN Youth Award (Bronze). Some students are working with Wincanton Primary (making jewellery with Yr6 students) and joining Our Lady's students as young mentors in their Forest School sessions. You will have noticed Lewis Trigg's letter asking you to send in your Morrison's 'Let's Grow' vouchers. Lewis and his group of students will be carrying on from last years Year 9 prevocational group with developing our on site allotments and gardens. Last years Morrison scheme enabled us to grow our own vegetables which we sold at the FOKAS Summer Fete. We hope to do the same in 2010.

Sport



Year 7 Fun Festival

40 Year 7 KA pupils were involved in a joint Year 7 Fun Festival with Ansford School on Thursday 1st October. Many pupils played new activities for the first time, such as Ultimate Frisbee, Rocketball, Table Tennis & Handball. The aim of the Festival was to socialise with



students from their year group and with a neighbouring school; to try out different sports; and most importantly to have fun! Six Yr 10 Sports Leaders supported the event by helping with equipment, coaching and refereeing, Josh Dare-Cullen, Ross Andrews, Sean James, Rhiannon Copland, Kerry Stone, and Graham Hutchings all gave up their time willingly contributing towards their JSLA course. Similar to last years Festival certain students were



rewarded for excellent motivation, effort and attitude, these included Bradley Caines, Holly Austin, George Heal, Patrick Nugus, Alicia Bargery, and Billy Clarke. All students were buzzing with enthusiasm and went home on a high and we look forward to their future participation within sport at King Arthur's.



Thank you to Mr Elloway, Head of Year 7, for organising the event.

Rugby — Practices are very well attended on Thursday night's. Lower and Upper School local cup tournaments get under way after Christmas and all year groups are entered. Last night, Thursday 1st October, the under 16s began their sequence of friendly matches with a valiant loss to a strong Gryphon side. Great performances were noticeable from Richard Kirby, Matthew Phillips and Gareth Cadwaladr. After half term North Dorset are hosting a floodlit tournament at U16 level. In the meantime, next week's match is against Sexeys and the following week against Gillingham.

Football — The U16 team played Holyrood on last week in an area cup match. The game went to extra time, then to penalties with King Arthurs losing 5 – 4! Gareth Cadwaladr again in goal was excellent and nearly kept the team in the competition. Good performances also from Dan Ness and Terry Thorne meant that although we are knocked out of the competition, we can hold our 'heads high' for having competed at a very high level.

Dates for October to New Year

Open Day/Evening	7 th October
Yr 7 and Yr9 Photos	14 th October
Yr 7 Music Concert	20 th October
Progress Reports	21 st October
INSET DAY	23rd October
HALF-TERM	24th – 3rd November
Yr7 CATS	9 th – 11 th November
HPV Vaccinations (Yr8, Yr10 & Yr11)	12 th November
GCSE Maths Modules (lower sets)	13 th November
Anti-Bullying Week	16 th – 20 th November
Parent/Tutor Consultation Day	18 th November
GCSE Science Modules	19 th November
Yr11 Post 16 Information Exhibition	19 th November
GCSE Science practicals ISA – Yr10	25 th November
Classical Music Concert	25 th November
Presentation Awards Evening	26 th November
Yr11 Mocks Begin	30 th November
AUTUMN TERM ENDS 18th December INSET DAY 4th January STUDENTS RETURN 5th January	

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