

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Staff Training Day	19 th April
Summer Term Begins	20 th April
Bank Holiday	2 nd May
School closes for half term	27 th May
Half Term	W/c 30 th May
School re-opens	6 th June
Term Ends	20 th July
Staff Training Day	21 st July

Dear Parents and Carers

We had 4 senior colleagues from schools visiting the Trust last week. This is because we are part of a sharing practice network called Challenge Partners, where schools work together. They met pupils and students and teachers at Wootton Upper School and Kimberley College as well as visiting a range of lessons. The visitors were glowing in their praise of what they saw. In particular I would like to thank the 10 pupils who represented the school and met with visitors:

Kayla Gasa and **Zak Lindsey-Clarke** in Year 9, **Nathaniel Lawson** and **Clara Della Ripa** in Year 10 and **Jack Parkinson-Smith**, **Rae Neagle**, **Jenson Miller**, **Ella Searle**, **Darragh Hughes** and **Raeya Agarwal** in Year 11.

Wishing all of our families a lovely Easter holiday!

Kind regards

CMcMorn

Mrs McMorn

ENRICHMENT DAY

Enrichment Day was a total success!

From pupils proud of their knitting, to ‘wow’ looks when others saw the DJ decks. From LED Harry Potter wands, to intricate marble runs. From those soaked but happy from sports sessions to those fighting it out to be gaming champions, there was something for everyone.

The day was planned to develop skills including team work and give pupils a chance to try something new or practice the skills they have. Year 9 also had an Engineering workshop, Year 10 had a careers workshop and Year 11 had a Study skills session.



ATL ACHIEVERS BOARD

Top 10% Achievers for each year group, period February half-term to 24th March 2022

Attitude to learning is about the effort and resilience pupils show. We know learning can be a difficult business. Well done to all pupils achieving grade 4 and grade 5. Our aim is that 100% of pupils and parent/carers log in to class charts regularly.

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<p>Ted Almond Arna Beasley Theo Brazier Zac Coaker Alecks Connaughton Ava Daruvalla-Riccio Lizzie Golding Claudia Gomez Alamar Max Hardy Tilly Hickson Alfie Ingram Millie Judge Mya Kang Matthew Lake Sam Lammin Gracie Lang Alaina McDougall Taylor Morgan Corey Nyasulu Nicholas Rempel Bella Sanderson Ryan Sharpe Shay Simms Balraj Singh Rebecca Smiley Elisa Southerden Aimee Wilson</p>	<p>Oluwadamilola Ajayi Tomi Ajayi Keeley Botha Ryhanna Cummins Lyla Danobrega Clara Della Ripa Grace Ford Izzy Harvey Ewan Higgins Eleanor Hogben Sukhman Josan Georgia Joseph Zainab Khan Tushar Krishnan Nathaniel Lawson Emily Mann Ella Marshall Ella Martin Lola Moore Tee Nevard Ahmed Rashid Alex Smith Sophie Watt Jax Watters Adam Williams Erin Wright Chloe Young</p>	<p>Mysarah Baqader Hannah Bell Joe Bland Mieya Bolino George Brabner Hannah Brackley Rachel Bradbury Barney Cheney Megan Conway Hayden Doyle Claire Fennell Megan Griffiths Billy Griffiths Rayan Iqbal Ethan Kalyan Kevin Khanbanihayeh-Ghazvin Lana Leach David Martinez Gomez Khayleigh Mehmi Megan Moclair Jessica Mooney Oluwanifemi Oridate Ruby Perkins Grace Rickwood Elliott Sims Aimee Smith Hannah Tomkins Joseph Watts</p>

SCIENCE STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 9 – Grace Rickwood and Maisy Nichol
Year 10 – Jessica West and Hayden Bedford
Year 11 – Matthew Van Oorschot and Issy Castleman



COMIC RELIEF

The final amount raised for Comic relief at Kimberley College & Wootton Upper School on 18 March, was £1,029.95. Well done to everyone!



ART

In the art department creativity is flowing. Year 11 are beginning their GCSE final pieces for their Portraits project, and Year 10 have been to St Mary's Church in Wootton, to do some observational drawing for their Architecture project.

It is so nice to be able to start educational visits off site again. The Reverend Peter Ackroyd came to see the pupils working and was very impressed with their skills. "We are now looking forward to planning more art visits in the future" say Mrs Willmott.



YEAR 4 TAG RUGBY

After a delay of two years due to Covid, on Thursday 24 March we were finally able to host the Year 4 Tag Rugby festival organised by the Redborne School Sports Partnership. On a week when the sun shone brightly with glorious temperatures it was so pleasing to see over 100 Year 4 pupils on our school field taking part in the tournament.

Of course, this would not have been possible without the help of some sports leaders and our Year 13 Kimberley Sport Studies students who did a fantastic job refereeing, scoring and helped to organise teams on the day. A number of lower school staff commented on how well they performed and the relationships they built with the children in such a short space of time. The day was a huge success and we look forward to being able to host it again next year. We know we have leaders in Year 11 who will be involved in the next year or two.



THE MARINES DROP INTO FOOD DEPARTMENT

Year 10 and 11 were treated to a training session with the Marines last week.

After a short talk about the Career opportunities available in the Marines, the class approached a 'Ready, Steady Cook' style team task making apple pies and lasagne.

Feedback from the pupils included 'the careers presentation was very informative and gave me a lot of information that I did not know about the Marines'. 'We enjoyed working in teams creating a dish, and we were delighted that the marines tried all the dishes and gave us feedback'. We saw great team work and enthusiasm in all of our pupils.



DTP/MEN ACWY and HPV Vaccination clinic

This is a catch up clinic for those in year 10 and 11 who missed their vaccines at school.

Bromham Village Hall

MK43 8JP

Monday 4th April 2022

9.30am-3.40pm

This clinic is by appointment only and you can make your appointment by calling 0300 790 0594

CROSS COUNTRY

After a week of being unwell, **Lyla Danobrega** managed to pull it together at the English Schools cross country on 19 March running for Bedfordshire Schools. She finished 25th out of a field of 320 people. This was an excellent run for her. Here is **Lyla** with her team mate Milly.



YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

On Tuesday 22 March the Year 11 football boys travelled to Stratton for their league quarter final under the guidance of coach Mr Durcan. The boys took a while to adapt to the hard pitch and bounce of the ball but soon after the goals followed with scores from **Albara Elforjani** and **Ashley Harris**. Stratton pulled one back to make it 2-1 at half time. Some strong words and positional changes were enough to see us go on and score and another 3 goals with **Ashley** getting another 2 and **Aidan Kavanagh** also getting one. Final score 5-1 to Wootton. We now play the winners of Samuel Whitbread and Lincroft after Easter in the semi-final.

This week on Tuesday the team had their long-awaited County Cup quarter final against Sharnbrook at home. This was always going to be close game and so it showed. After going 1-0 down we equalised through **Lewis Whittmore** and then went 2-1 up with another goal from **Ashley**. Sharnbrook equalised again and then we went and got another from **Aidan Kavanagh** to lead 3-2 with 10 minutes remaining. A mad scramble in the box in the final minute could not prevent Sharnbrook from stealing another equaliser which sent the game to penalties. Unfortunately, it was not our day and we went down 4-3 in the penalty shoot-out. I must go on record to thank Mr Durcan who leaves us on Friday for his effort with the boys from September and they have grown under his tutelage and made massive strides both on and off the pitch. Hopefully they can reward him in the league semi-final.



KIMBERLEY 6TH FORM

Due to the availability of the 6th form boys, there have been more Year 11 boys making their debuts for the Kimberley side in recent weeks, namely **Reece Kenington**, **Ahmad Salihu** and **James Litchfield**. All 3 have added real value to the team, which saw a great performance against 2nd in the league last week in YDP from Peterborough, who we lost to 6-3 and in Wednesday's game this week, where we beat Stratton 2-0. With a backlog of fixtures to play, there will be more opportunities for the boys after Easter and, if recent weeks are anything to go by, these should be very winnable games.

A very special mention must go to **Ashley Harris** who scored a hat trick last week against YDP and another goal yesterday against Stratton which gives him 7 goals in 4 games for the college to make him the top goal scorer currently. I have no doubt that he will add to this after Easter. Well Done!