



Knox Academy



The Knox Newsletter

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From the Head Teacher

Dear Friends,

We have had a busy start to the session already: sporting events (all the best to the U18 Boys' Rugby team in the final of the Brewin-Dolphin Plate); drama productions; chef-ing competitions; and raft races to name a very few of the things that have been going on. The pupils have thrown themselves into the session and are going "full tilt" towards getting the most out of the year.

There were some excellent exam results. My congratulations go to all, but we can still do better. To that end, many departments have already started with revision and consolidation sessions for S4 to S6 pupils. I will be posting the school's Annual Report on the website soon, so you can peruse the results. The S6 are working and playing hard. Children In Need will be upon us in a couple of weeks and that is when their fundraising efforts get into full swing. Thereafter each House will be fundraising for a particular charity, supported by their House Captains and the Leadership Team. The Head Boy and Girl and their deputies are also looking at ways to improve links between the S5 and S6 through a book-buying forum and the S6 offering to buddy up with S5s to help them through the year.

On the staffing front, things remain stable. We did say a fond farewell to Mrs Hubbard (Support for Learning) early on in the session, and her shoes have been filled on a temporary basis by Ms Cumming. We are interviewing this week for a full time, permanent teacher of Computing. I look forward to letting you know who we appoint. Huge thanks go to Mr Walls for holding the fort so ably since June.

We had a very well attended P7 Open Evening last week. It was great to meet new people and to reacquaint myself with others. It looks like we are going to have a cracking new S1 in August and I am looking forward to getting to know them as we progress our transition events. I know that some people have been asking when they will start and we'll let you know when we have finalised our plans. Rest assured our Transition Team have already begun visiting the primaries to get to know the youngsters a bit better—either personally or on paper.

The best way to keep up with what is happening at school is to register for updates on our website. Just go to www.ka-net.org.uk and click on "sign up for website news here" (it's just under the picture on the top left of the screen) and then you will be treated to all the updates and news items that we put onto the site. You can also follow our Twitter feed for more concise updates.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7th Nov	Tally's Blood	Monday 16th Dec	Christmas Concert Rehearsals
Monday 11th Nov	HPV (S2 Girls)	Tuesday 17th Dec	Christmas Concert Rehearsals (am)
Tuesday 12th Nov	S4 Music Performing Prelims		2pm Christmas Concert 7pm Christmas Concert
Thursday 14th Nov	S4 Music Performing Prelims	Thursday 19th Dec	S6 Panto Rehearsals
W/c Monday 18th Nov	S4 Work Experience		7pm Panto for parents
Tuesday 26th Nov	S4 Progress Reports	Friday 20th Dec	S6 Panto by House
Wednesday 27th Nov	PSP		All Break (12.05pm)
Tuesday 3rd Dec	S4 Parents' Evening	Monday 6th Jan 2014	All Resume
Wednesday 4th Dec	S5/6 Music Performing Prelims	w/c Monday 13th Jan	S4 Assessments begin
Thursday 5th Dec	S5/6 Music Performing Prelims S5/6 Progress Reports	w/c Monday 20th Jan	S5/6 Assessments begin
	Bus. Ed Pantomime Visit	Thursday 23rd Jan	Burns' Supper
Tuesday 10th Dec	Christmas Dance 7-10pm	w/c Monday 27th Jan	S4-6 Assessments continue
Thursday 12th Dec	S2 Progress Reports S5/6 Parents' Evening	Monday 27th Jan	S3 Photographs
Friday 13th Dec	Christmas Concert Rehearsals	Thursday 30th Jan	S1 Progress Reports
		Tuesday 4th Feb	S1 Parents' Evening
		Wednesday 5th Feb	PSP

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