

# EXCALIBUR

King Arthur's Community  
School Magazine



~ Class of 2016 Leavers Awards ~



*A successful, happy school where learners take  
pride in their community.*

- December 2016 -



# Welcome to EXCALIBUR

**Excalibur** is the official magazine for King Arthur's Community School and is produced termly. Inside you will find out what's going on in your school, plus lots of pictures, news and events. We welcome local businesses who would like to support the school by advertising in Excalibur, which will be distributed to parents, our nine partner primary schools and public offices of Wincanton. If you would like to advertise or suggest an article for a future edition please contact the editor Mrs Cora Henry on 01963 32368 or by email: cora.henry@kingarthurs.org.uk.

We are now issuing the magazine to parents/carers via e-mail but will still provide a printed copy to those who do not have email access. Printed copies will still be available on request from reception.

## A message from Mr Beech, Headteacher



"The best things in life are not things"

This quotation is printed across one of our corridors and I must walk past it over a hundred times a week. However, this week, as we come to the end of the busy first term, it struck me again. Christmas challenges us to consider what is really valuable to us; when we are bombarded by adverts for the next latest thing it is easy to fall for the belief these "things" are "must have" items. There is a risk in our society that we give our young people too much of what they don't need and not enough of what they do need! At King Arthur's we have constantly revisited our core values of **respect, pride** and **courage** and imagine that, as families, you will be considering what is important to you during this time of togetherness and reflection.

I hope you have a great Christmas break and hope that 2017 is successful for those connected to King Arthur's School.



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**Somerset School Terms and Holidays  
2016/2017 Academic Year**

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September 2016							October 2016							November 2016						
M	5	12	19	26			M	3	10	17	24	31	M	7	14	21	28			
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**Term dates summary:**

Term 1: 01 September – 21 October 2016 (37 days)  
 Term 2: 31 October – 16 December 2016 (35 days)  
 Term 3: 03 January – 10 February 2017 (29 days)  
 Term 4: 20 February – 31 March 2017 (30 days)  
 Term 5: 18 April – 26 May 2017 (28 days)  
 Term 6: 05 June – 24 July 2017 (36 days)

**TOTAL = 195**

**Bank and public holidays 2016/2017**

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2016	Easter Monday	17 April 2017
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2016	May Day Bank Holiday	01 May 2017
New Year's Day Holiday	02 January 2017	Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2017
Good Friday	14 April 2017	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2017

Anticipated start date for the 2017/2018 academic year: 04 September 2017  
 The local Authority will consult on prospective dates for the 2017-18 academic year and the finalised dates will be published in April 2016

## GCSE Cooking Demonstration

The GCSE Catering groups were lucky enough to have representatives from the Royal Navy to come in and perform a cooking demonstration as well as giving students an insight into a career within the services.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### January

- 2nd - Bank Holiday
- 3rd - School Starts
- 9th - Year 11 Reports home
- 12th - Year 8 Parents Evening
- 26th - Year 8 and 9 Options Evening

### February

- 6th February - Year 9 full reports home
- 8th - Focus Day
- 10th - Inset Day
- 13th to 17th - Half Term

### March

- 1st to 10th - Year 10 and 11 Mocks
- 16th March - Focus Day
- 31st - Inset day







# Interview with Lieutenant Colonel Lucy Giles

by Charlotte Kiddell and Anna Hodges (Year 9 students)

When we first met Lucy Giles, she was very warm and welcoming. Once we had been introduced we sat down and began the interview. We asked her 10 different questions about her life and her career. Our first question to Lucy was;

## **“What got you into the Army?”**

“I joined the University Officer Training Core when I was studying Biology and I liked the idea of the challenges that the military environment gave me, so that was the start of my career in the military. I didn’t think I would join the Army but I ended up applying for it a year later after I finished University”.

We then asked a few more questions and found out that she has been in the Army for 25 years and obtained an injury to her knee (whilst playing rugby). She has also been through a wide range of different ranks and positions and has now hit her peak. When we asked her what countries she had visited she came up with practically the whole world.

## **“How did King Arthur’s help you throughout your journey?”**

“Yes, it helped me on my journey because of the amazing teaching staff and friends that gave me confidence. They gave me inspiration to be able to do the things I have done. Absolutely, King Arthur’s has helped me”.

She showed great admiration for King Arthur’s as she couldn’t stop telling us how much she appreciated the support she received. Mr Jarvis was my favourite teacher and my favourite subject was biology. Miss Dunitz was very inspirational as well.”

## **“What is the best and worst part of being in the Army?”**

The best part is all the opportunities you can have, coupled with the tangible affect you can have on people. The worst part is seeing the effects of man and human and the effects of conflict. People do nasty things and that’s not very nice”.



## **“What would you say to people who want to be in the Army?”**

“Do your homework and find out what you’re in for. Look for the websites online and look at the key areas you are interested in. The key to being in the Army is to keep fit and seize opportunities when they come”.

Lucy finds it a real honour to become the first female Commander in 110 years. She hopes that one day she will be able to come back and visit our school. We will look forward to that day.







# Our Journey so Far!

Year 7 have settled in well into their new school and adapted to King Arthur's life with ease. Every Year 7 has a 'Buddy' who has supported them in exploring the many different aspects of school life including the house system. On a

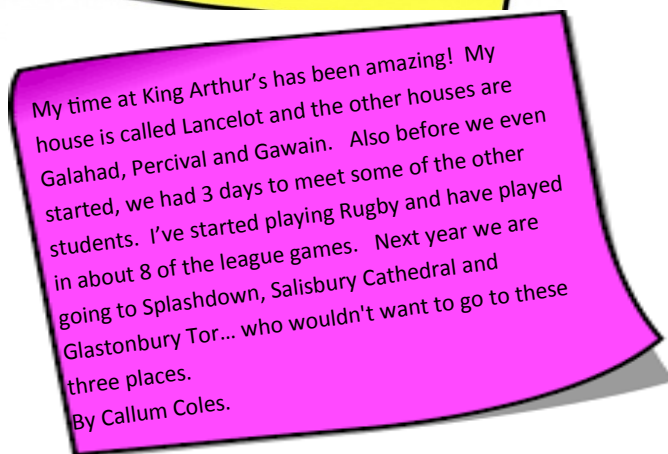
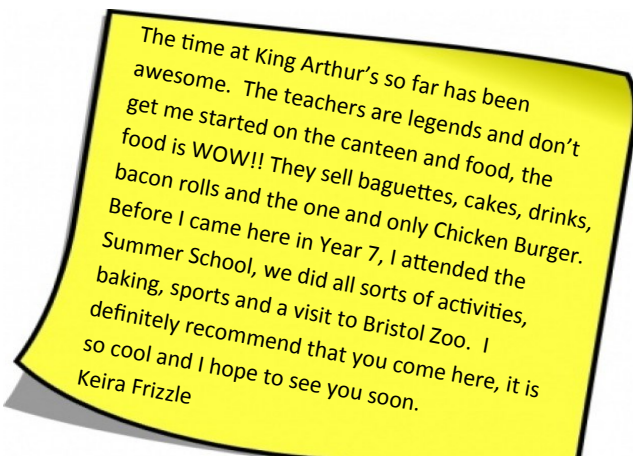
weekly basis students are battling it out to earn much needed points for their houses. Key highlights being the Tag Rugby and Tug of War competitions!

We have many important events coming up including reward trips to bowling, splashdown and London. As well as visits to Salisbury Cathedral and Glastonbury Tor. Finally, Year 7 will be involved in community based projects as part of 'Focus Day' where we will be supporting and assisting the residents of Wincanton.

I fully expect and hope that Year 7 continue to thrive in school and fully embrace every aspect of King Arthur's life.

Merry Christmas

Mr Chapman - Head of Lower school.



Year 3,4,5 & 6 students from a mixture of our feeder schools attended our first ever 'Super Saturday' last week. This amazing event was based with the PE

department and involved a variety of different sports including Boccia; Seated Volleyball, Fencing, Trampolining and Rugby.

The transition day enabled students from Wincanton, Our Ladies, Templecombe, Horsington and St Nicholas to work alongside Year 7 leaders and meet some staff members at King Arthur's and get to know the school environment even better. The next 'Super Saturday' will be in the spring term and look to involve other department areas.

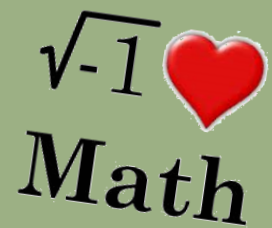


# Mathematics

## Revision Materials

There are many resources that can support students with their learning, I would like to highlight the ones that, as a department, we feel are the best.

- **MathsWatch CD:** These are CD Roms (Windows only). It is a set of resources of videos and worksheets that guide students through topics. If you want to have a preview you can look at their website - <http://www.mathswatch.co.uk>. These cost £5 and include all work at both Foundation and Higher Tiers and have been proven to support students with their personal learning topics. Students are familiar with them as they are used in mathematics lessons frequently. The CD can be purchased from Mr Dalzell.
- **Mymaths: [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk):** mymaths is an online learning platform for schools worldwide, which students use in class and independently in the computer rooms. This is great for students to concentrate on particular areas of weakness and exam practice. The best section for revision is the Booster Packs which select the key areas to work on to move students onto the next grade. Due to the changes to the GCSE specification it is important to change from Classic mymaths to GCSE exams 2017, 2018 using the menu on the left hand side. Students have been shown how to use this.
- **Homework and Grade Booklets:** All GCSE students either have a pink or blue homework book. On each page there are codes that can be used within the search box of mymaths.co.uk. They also have **Review** sections for all the chapters. Each student in Year 11 has been given at least one booklet that covers all the topics for each particular grade. These will be used in class and for homework. Homework will still be set every lesson to be reviewed the next day.



## ICCAMS Mathematics

### Increasing Competence and Confidence in Algebra and Multiplicative Structures

ICCAMS is a project that is going to investigate ways of raising students' attainment and engagement by using formative assessment to inform teaching and learning of mathematics in secondary school. Led by Professor Jeremy Hodgen and funded by the Education Endowment Foundation, and in collaboration with The University of Nottingham, Durham University and the University of Manchester.

The main focus is a particular attention on addressing the mathematical learning needs of low-attaining students and those experiencing particular difficulties in algebra and multiplicative reasoning. The idea is to develop 40 lessons and starters that help the teachers use different forms of assessment to support students learning. We are very pleased to be part of this National project as there are only just over 100 schools involved which will run for two years and will involve our current Year 7 only to start with. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Radley or Mrs Marsden.





## Open Evening

It was a very successful parents evening and the mathematics department tested students with some challenging tasks. The two that caused the most excitement was the estimation competitions. The first was to guess the weight of a very colourful cake with a smarties surprise inside to win a scientific calculator and of course the cake. The winner was a student from Charlton Horethorne whose guess was only 13g from the actual weight, which was fantastic. The second challenge was to guess the percentage of green sweets in a jar to win a mathematical equipment set and of course the sweets. The joint winners were from Wincanton Primary School who guessed correctly. I would like to thank the staff and of course the following students who helped out to make the evening a fun event;

Tom Bennett, Aidan Hiron, Callum Devonshire, Elissa Blake and Luke Brewer.



## Year 11 GCSE Results

Our students worked really hard in their examinations and the results they achieved put the department above National percentages again which is fantastic. I would like to thank all the students for their hard work and perseverance. I would also like to thank a fantastic team of teachers that also went the many extra miles to make sure students were prepared which meant running revision sessions at weekends, they are: Mrs Morris, Mrs Creed, Mrs Radley, Mr GT and Mrs Marsden. We will continue to strive to improve this year.

## New GCSEs and Resources

This September saw the start of the Mathematics department teaching the new GCSE to Year 9. The new qualification has been reformed to ensure it is rigorous and robust and give students access to high quality qualifications which match expectations in the highest performing countries. It will ensure students with a pass at GCSE have the numerical skills required to progress to employment. It will stretch the most able students and prepare them more thoroughly for the study of A level mathematics and embed problem solving more rigorously in teaching, learning and assessment.

All of the Year 9 students received a new homework book to supplement their studies. This book will last for either two or three years, with homework being set during the majority of lessons. To support with the homework students can use the mymaths [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) website and the codes at the bottom of each page which will direct them to online lessons.



MyMaths.co.uk



## MATHS STAR

During this term the Mathematics teachers have been nominating students from their classes as a special recognition of the work they have been doing. This could be for any number of reasons, from great contribution to class discussion, consistently good work in class/homework and improvement in effort and progress. All the students names that had been nominated were put in a hat and one name drawn out at random to win a £10 Morrisons voucher. This terms winner is Sam Hilton Jones. We will start again in September with the winner being announced before Easter.





# Year 11 Leavers Awards

It was nice to be reunited with the class of 2016 on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November for their Presentation Evening. Students received their GCSE certificates and Lieutenant Colonel Lucy Giles an ex King Arthur's student handed out subject awards to those students that had showed outstanding effort and progress.

The top winners of the evening were:

- Jordan Hunt who won 2 subject awards – Maths & Science, and also the top Male Academic performance award sponsored by Yeovil College;
- Alicia Theissen who received both the Art award and the Top Female Academic Performance;
- Jack Wilkins who was presented with the Strobe College award for contribution to School life and the French award.
- Mr Wright was awarded with a 'Lifetime Contribution Award for Teaching'
- Mr Evans was voted by the students as 'Most Inspirational Teacher'.

It was a lovely evening where staff, students and parents were able to celebrate the achievements of five successful years at King Arthur's School.







## Young Leaders

Year 8 PE students have completed a 6 week programme of Young Leadership. They demonstrated teamwork, organisation, and problem solving skills. The pinnacle of the block was a session leading Year 7 students in activities that they had devised and implemented. Students that stood out with outstanding Leadership qualities were Erin Wileman, Nathan Lampard and Ben Belcher – Well done!



## Mixed Rugby Team

The Year 7 Rugby team started with not many players and we were losing games back to back as the team were not performing to their full ability. Suddenly we began to build as a team and started to draw in games (that we should have won). On the last game of the season we won, a well earned game. The score was 6-1, we were ecstatic. I scored 3 tries, Samuel scored 2 and one from Gabrielle. Ellie Holmes got man (women) of the match. Well done to the team and good luck with our next fixture.

By Dylan Keane (Year 7 student)



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## Bath & West Railway

### By Aidan Church (Year 9 student)

On this trip we went to the Bath and West Railway. The trains are miniature steam power designs of real size versions. The people showing us around and giving us information were called Roy and Robin. In the group I was in we were shown the workshop and the signal box. In the signal box there were lots of wires and levers. In there was a map so they would know where the trains are. The levers change the track and control where they go and to keep them in order so there will be no mistakes.

We were told that it takes around 5 years for a man to build one of these trains. We also learnt that a train only leaves the station when the person in the signal box switches the level down (this means it's safe to go).



I quite enjoyed this trip because it was really interesting looking at all the different devices on the train and what they do. I also learnt that most of the trains are based on real life sized trains.



### By Nathan Lampard (Year 8 Student)

On the Bath and West trip we had a train ride on a small train. After the ride we were split into 2 groups, we went into the main building and then over inside the control station. The group inside saw all the trains get made and one was called 'Primrose', which is the one we rode on. At the end we thanked the men and went back to school.

## Christmas Card Competition



The winner of this years Christmas Card competition is **Daisy Legg— 9 Percivale**

Participants, earned 5 points for their house.

- Rosie Hodges - 7 Lancelot
- Josh Champion - 9 Gawain
- Jess Mogg - 7 Galahad
- Emma Scammel - 7 Lancelot
- Devon Clark - 7 Lancelot
- Poppy Rose Taylor - 7Percivale



- 4<sup>th</sup> place: 25 points for the house: Erin Wileman - 8 Gawain
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 50 points: Alice Macey - 9Lancelot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 75 points: Amy Rendall - 9Percivale
- 1<sup>st</sup> place : 100 points :Daisy Legg - 9 Percivale





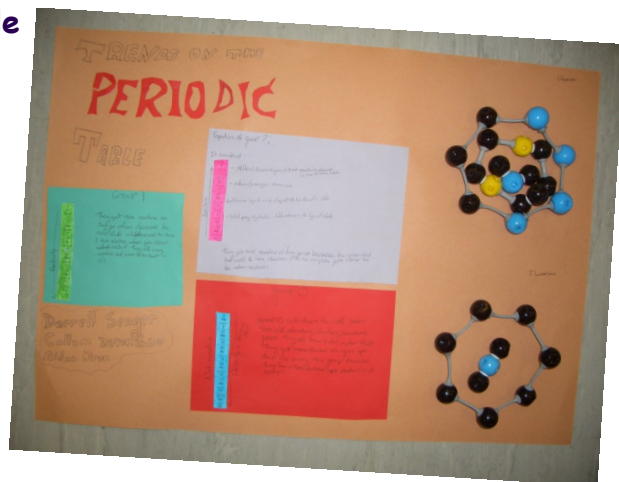


## Trends on the Periodic Table

Year 10 Chemistry Students were asked to group together and identify each group on the periodic table, along with describing the properties and then explaining the trend within.

Darrell, Callum and Aidan did this in written form and made models of the electron structures of some of the halogens to explain the reactivity too.

Mrs Vanden-Heede



Students were soon clamouring to reserve books as everything was half price. Books were bought as presents for siblings and parents. We knew we were under pressure though, because, to be able to hold another half price fair next year, we had to make at least £500. We exceeded that and were able to claim 10% commission too, so the library is benefitting from fifteen new books.



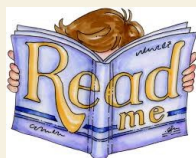
### The Benefits of reading regularly:

- \* Increased vocabulary
- \* Improved spelling and grammar
- \* Enhanced writing skills
- \* Understanding of more complicated sentences
- \* Improved self confidence
- \* Greater general knowledge
- \* Ability to read and understand longer pieces of writing
- \* Improved concentration
- \* Mental stimulation
- \* Improved memory
- \* Strengthened analytical skills
- \* Reduced stress
- \* More beneficial relaxation time
- \* Creativity is stimulated
- \* Imagination is broadened
- \* Free entertainment!
- \* There really is no down-side!



## Accelerated Reader this Term

**Highest points scorer this term:**  
Alicia Crees 257.8 (7 Gawain)



**Most words read:**  
7 Gawain 2,476,057  
8 Gawain 2,054,469  
9 Galahad 1,930,434

**Total points earned this term:**  
Gawain—763.8  
Galahad—700.6  
Percivale—431.9  
Lancelot 472.6

**Total words read:**  
17,181,996





## Taster day at Kingston Maurward for our Year 9's.

On 22nd November students from Year 9 got the opportunity to visit Kingston Maurward in Dorchester to tour the College, Gardens and Animal Park. A few of our students have commented below on their experiences.



"Our day at Kingston Maurward Agricultural College was a good experience. The best bit was handling the Eagle, Owl and the other birds".

"The experience has been fun because we got to learn about different jobs at the college. We have seen many opportunities that we could study in the future. If I had the chance to go back, I would".



"On the 22nd November, we went on a trip to Kingston Maurward. We got given a tour around the College which was an old Elizabethan House and got to see some lizards and snakes. We then proceeded down to the farm area where we saw a variety of farmyard animals, we even got to feed an Alpaca".



On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Mr Hayes will be running the London Marathon for the first time and will be hoping to complete it in a reasonable time of 3 hours and 30 minutes. He is running for the national charity, Heads

Together, which is a mental health charity and has the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry as its Patrons.

He has been set a target of raising £2,000 and so far has managed to raise £400 in total.

He will be planning to hold a car wash in the New Year at King Arthur's on a Saturday morning, which he is hoping will attract many staff, students and parents to come and support. He will also be doing a sponsored leg wax, cake sale and house sponsored event. He has set up a just giving account which is <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JonnyHayes>.



### Extra Curricular Achievements

"Kira and Elissa have been racing in Flyball for 4 years, competing most weekends over the country through the spring and summer. They've raced in British and European championships and also this year have qualified for Crufts, the largest dog show in the world and will race against the other best teams in the country in March. Their dogs are a golden retriever called Falkor currently ranked 1st in his breed in Britain and Zeb a young collie who started racing last year".





# Focus Days

Focus days throughout the year aim to provide students learning in areas of Citizenship, Personal and Economic Wellbeing. In October Year 9 chose a charity to research and raise money for, whilst organising and partaking in a sponsored event.

We were also supported by the PCSOs who talked in depth about keeping themselves safe on social media. Year 10 meanwhile experienced workshops with Racial, Awareness, Inclusion, Support and Education (R.A.I.S.E) South West workers, further work was completed on Human Rights & Responsibilities and Public Speaking. Year 11 had representatives from Bath University discussing 'University Life', FJ Chalkes were able to show students how to look after a car and keep it road safe, and we completed some important workshops on Mental Health awareness and Stress Management.



The November Focus Days were centred around options, work experience and post 16 opportunities with a trip to the Careers Fair at Yeovilton for Years 9 -11. Research time was available to study KUDOS and Launch Pad, computer programmes designed to support students decision making. The Army were also drafted in to demonstrate the opportunities students could have if embarking on careers in the services.



Year 11 had the valuable experience of undergoing 'mock interviews' to prepare them for the challenges ahead, and ensuring they were able to draw on their strengths and experiences in order to promote themselves.



All the opportunities available to the students throughout the Focus days would not be possible without the support from a variety of outside agencies, companies and people – we would like to extend you our gratitude.







# Christmas Concert 2016



Tuesday evening was the school concert and what an amazing evening of talent on display. It all began with the orchestra, which included 3 ex King Arthur's students, playing some 30's classics to such a high standard that they sounded almost professional.

The ukulele ensemble goes on growing and producing high quality performances and gave a very enjoyable rendition of "Cecilia". There were some very notable solos and duets featuring some fantastic singers. It seems that we have loads of beautiful singers! And then there were also talented instrumentalists including Aaron Riggs, Freya Maskell and Daniel Chapman to name just 3.

A huge well done to everyone involved.



<b>F</b> riends	We would like to say a Big thank you for all those who bought Raffle tickets for the Winter Draw.
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<b>K</b> ing	Top prize of £100 cash was won by Mrs Targett
<b>A</b> rthur's	
<b>S</b> chool	









# Creative Arts Adventure around London

By Georgina Isaacs (Year 11 Student)

On the 14th November, a group of Art, Drama and Photography students went on a joint arts trip along with music students to London.

The art, drama and photography side of the trips visited the Tate Modern, the National Portrait Gallery and the Gielgud Theatre.



The Tate Modern is a famous art gallery that displays international modern and contemporary art. At the time of our visit, exhibitions included the EY Exhibition: Wilfredo Lam, The Radical Eye: Modernist Photography and a Robert Rauschenberg exhibition.

The National portrait gallery is home to many famous portraits, such as Anne Boleyn, Shakespeare, Darcy Bussell and the Royal Family. At the time of our visit, exhibitions included Picasso Portraits and The Black Chronicles.

In the evening, we went to a stage version of the book 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time', at the Gielgud Theatre. The play revolves around a young boy with Asperger's Syndrome trying to solve the murder of his next door neighbour's dog.

We returned home in the early hours of Tuesday 15th after a very enjoyable trip.

## English Resources

### Revision Materials

To help students structure their own independent revision at home and during holidays, we have procured some revision resources that are available to purchase at a discount rate through the school for our Year 11 students.



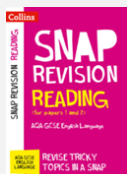
Pearson AQA English Language

**Revision Guide:** £2.50

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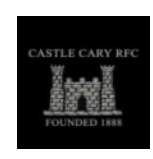
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# P.E @ King Arthur's



Since the All Schools Rugby launch on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Rugby has absolutely taken off at King Arthur's with lots of students exposed to the game for the first time, especially girls and our new Year 7's. Four King Arthur's students were responsible for designing 20 brand new rugby shirts in October, which is currently being created by the sports brand Canterbury. The U13 and U15 girls rugby teams both won their first matches.



We have had a brand new rugby pitch put in place on the top field with new posts and protectors. We are hoping to take a coach of students and staff to Twickenham in February to support the one lucky student who will unveil our newly created rugby shirt in front of a packed crowd of 80,000 people.



Boys in Year's 7, 8 and 9 had a chance to train with Castle Cary Rugby Club's coaches and check out their facilities on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, which was an opportunity to be inspired to join the club and create the link between Castle Cary RFC and King Arthur's Community School. Girls in Year's 7, 8, 9 and 10 will also get the opportunity to do the same on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

## Badminton

This year King Arthur's PE department have invested in James Elkin the Somerset badminton coach, who has been providing free coaching to all students on a Thursday afternoon after school. With good numbers attending the club, King Arthur's School fielded both a boys and girls team in the Key Stage 3 and 4 South East Somerset badminton tournament this year.



The key stage 4 squad was hit hard by mock exams and ISA's with key students missing. However, Tom Rendell and Caleb Maskell led their troops well winning numerous games.

The magic number in the Key stage 3 event was TWO. It was the position the girl's team came, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the next round. Two was also the points the girls missed out on qualifying by, where the final game decided which team qualified. However, most remarkable was it was only the second time Rosie Hodges in Year 7 had picked up a badminton racket- and looks to be a promising player.

The quads were made up of the following players:

- KS4 Boys - Caleb Maskell, Tom Rendell, Josh Nancarrow and Szymon Frychel
- KS4 Girls - Emily Ruppersbery, Lauren Talbott, Charlie Osborne and Georgia James
- KS3 Boys - Kieran Barnicoat, Henry Cochrane, Dan Smith and Corben Adlam
- K3 Girls - Freya Maskell, Scarlett Hoadley, Anna Hodges and Erin Beckey







## X-Country Success

A limited number of entries took part in the annual South East Somerset Schools X-country event hosted by Kings School Bruton. After a quick walk of the course lead by team captain Ocean Moore - the Year 7's started the proceedings. Bobby Lloyd and Ellie Taton came a respectable 35th and 36th respectively in their events.

Then came the juniors event (Year 8/9) - Running over 2k. After an early slip Hubert D, finished a good 17th position.

In the girls race young Megan Bevan (Year 8) picked her way through a strong field to qualify for the county trials in January with a finishing position of 15th.

Captain Ocean Moore then lead for a large part of the inter girls race to stretch the field in a very quick early pace. This tactic paid off leaving the top 5 break away girls in front by some margin. Ocean got the best result of the day finishing in 4th position and easily qualifies for the Somerset country trials in January.



## Sports Hall Athletics

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December eight Year 7 girls formed the King Arthur's Sports Hall Athletics Team, after a couple of weeks of practise they competed against other local schools in the area. Gabrielle Voiciulevic captained the team competing in the first event , the 2 lap race beating her opponents.

The team went from strength to strength with some quick performances from Amy Calder, Gemma Squire and Ellie Taton. Emma Scammell excelled in the Speed Bounce, whilst Megan Read, Lucy Nancarrow and Darcy Speirs-sims put in resilient performances in the team events.

I was proud of the way the girls supported each other, conducted themselves, overcame nerves and performed to their best. I am pleased to say that the girls won the area competition and have now progressed through to the next round taking place after Christmas.

A special Thank you to Freya Willison & Chloe Cook for supporting and leading at the event.



## School Games Coordinator

Student leaders have been doing King Arthur's really proud when working with the primary schools so far this year. Aidan Church and Jack Matthews received a lovely compliment from a Year 6 student from Milborne Port Primary School on their great leadership skills they displayed when running their activities.

The Sports hall athletics competition was fantastic with 8 schools in attendance and over 150 primary students involved. The day was so well managed by King Arthur's students that Mr Hayes didn't need to be there. Well done to all leaders involved!







Work Experience took place week commencing 11th July 2016 for our Year 10's. I would like to say a big thank you to all the businesses that supported us, without your help our students would be unable to gain valuable experiences within a working environment.

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William Paull did his Work Experience in catering at The Hunters Lodge, Nr. Wincanton. William has now decided he would like to follow this career path after enjoying the whole experience.

Mrs Legg- Pastoral & Careers Co-ordinator







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# Children in Need

The Students of King Arthur's took part in this years Children In Need. Each house organised for two activities to take place at lunchtime and were in direct competition with each other to see who could raise the most money. The activities

included, bottle flipping, guess the number of sweets in a jar, treasure map, Giant Jenga, cup stacking, Mario Kart, Crossy Road and the malteser challenge.



We raised a total of £93.00 and the winners of the competition were Percivale raising £31.40.

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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



**DofE**

A new year and a new group of students have started the journey towards achieving their DofE bronze award; Ocean Moore, Connor Woods, Jade Hughes, Amy George, Tilly Gratton, Alan Dembinski, Sam Hilton-Jones, Julie-Ann Bishop, Dan Chapman, Cameron Mitchell, Skye Chidgey, Harry Legg, Amy Ball, Danielle Sage have all produced impressive application forms to show their interest and willingness to take on the challenges ahead. Each student will have to participate in a physical, skill and volunteering activity for at least three months each as well as the practice and expedition weekends.

These weekends involve plenty of walking, a night spent in tents and using their map skills to not get lost!

A big congratulations to the following students who have fully completed their bronze award and are awaiting the awards evening at the Octagon Theatre this spring. Ellie Bailey, Jasmine Bailey, Sophie Bridger, Maddie Green, Brecon Lee, Holly Peddle, Ellie Robinson, Sophie Wadlow and Jack Wilkins all showed tremendous character and perseverance to complete their awards. The expedition weekend involved the students grappling with the Mendips to complete what has been a busy DofE year for all involved.



Jane Hansford, (Pastoral Support Worker) has now taken on the role of DofE Leader and is looking forward to working alongside Mr Evans in helping the students achieve their bronze award.

# Santa Dash *2K Fun Run*

12 students from King Arthur's Community School took part in Castle Cary's first ever Santa Dash on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Students relished the challenge of completing a 2K loop around Castle Cary dressed as Santa's and two of the students even brought their dogs, 'Nuts and Trevor', for the exercise.



## Taylor Shaw

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## F.J Chalke supporting the local Community School

FJ Chalke was invited to take part in our Focus day for Year 11 students.

They brought along two vehicles as part of their presentation which focused on basic vehicle maintenance and ownership, road safety, awareness of the impact other passengers in the vehicle can have on the person driving the vehicle, especially in the case of new or inexperienced drivers and the various alternative fuel source vehicles that are now available in the market, including the market leading 100% electric Nissan leaf.

During the five, one hour sessions, the students were keen participants in the discussions on the various topics and enjoyed exploring and investigating both the petrol and 100% electric models on display.

The students also took part in a fun Quiz based on the topics discussed and had the opportunity to win a T-Shirt by using their creative imagination listing 5 items they would include if designing a car themselves.

The two winners were Edward Young and Lauren Ashford and both were presented with their T-Shirts at the school after the half term break.

It was a great opportunity for the company to give something back to the local community having previously assisted with work experience opportunities and fund raising.



## House Competitions

The house system has really taken off this year with some really well supported and attended house competitions including the Touch Rugby, which was part of the All Schools Rugby Launch and I am pleased to report that Gawain won this event.

The Tug of War was the best supported ever and Galahad were the overall winners of this competition for the third year in a row. House Captains were also responsible for Children in Need fundraising activities in the School Hall and there were some great activities including 'bottle flipping', colour switch using the IPAD on the big screen and cup stacking.





# Our Belgium Adventure



On Friday 21st October, the much anticipated and delayed Creative Arts trip to Belgium finally got underway. 38 students got to experience the delights of Bruges and Ghent. There were chocolate shops, waffle stalls, gift shops and cafes and restaurants a plenty. There was the Salvador Dali exhibition, the river cruise, the performance in the retirement home and the amazing trip to the ballet. The buildings were beautiful, the weather was chilli, but dry and all the students were really fantastic and a credit to the school.

For the final trip we went to see Ypres and the Menin Gate along with an emotional visit to the First World War museum.

It may have been a long time in the planning but Belgium was a brilliant experience.





# Modern Languages

## Language Workshops

Some of our students were invited to take part in a language workshop at Ansford Academy and had a great opportunity to learn some basics about Esperanto and Chinese.

Finally, to test and improve their language abilities further, they were asked to create their own language.

It was also a good opportunity to share their knowledge with the neighbouring school. Erin Russell and Charlotte Kiddell were amongst the Year 9 students who attended the workshop. This is what they said:

“It was nice to learn something different, that other students wouldn’t get the chance to learn”  
 “We also enjoyed working and socialising with students from other schools.”



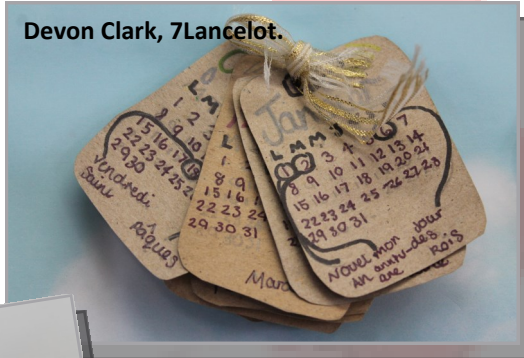
## Le Calendrier Français

This year, our Year 7's have again completed very impressive homework in French!

They were asked to create a French calendar, mixing their language skills with their creativity.

It was a great success and very well received from all students.

Devon Clark, 7Lancelot.



Can you guess the Language?

### numbers

- |            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| • 1 – unu  | • 11 – dek unu  |
| • 2 – du   | • 12 – dek du   |
| • 3 – tri  | • 13 – dek tri  |
| • 4 – kvar | • 14 – dek kvar |
| • 5 – kvin | • 15 – dek kvin |
| • 6 – ses  | • 16 – dek ses  |
| • 7 – sep  | • 17 – dek sep  |
| • 8 – ok   | • 18 – dek ok   |
| • 9 – naŭ  | • 19 – dek naŭ  |
| • 10 – dek | • 20 – dudek    |

What do you notice about the numbers?  
 How do you think you say 21?

Answer..... Esperanto



Rosie Lambert, 7 Galahad



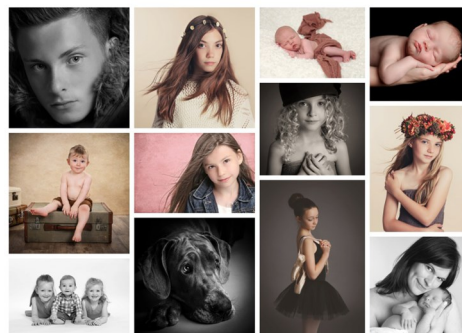
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