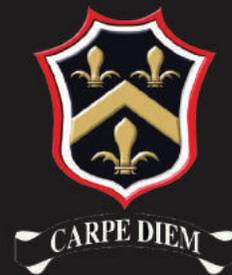


John Kyrle Prospect



Summer 2017



TECHNOLOGY
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John Kyrle High School & Sixth Form Centre
"A specialist Technology, Modern Foreign Languages & Learning College"

Headteacher: Nigel Griffiths BA (Hons), National Leader of Education, FRSA



Girls RUGBY CHAMPIONS

John Kyrle's U15 girls' rugby team finished an unbeaten season by winning the U15 Girls' North Midlands schools' tournament held at Five Ways Old Edwardians RFC, Birmingham. They were representing Herefordshire in this 10-a-side tournament and were up against opposition from Greater Birmingham, Shropshire and Worcestershire.

In the pool stages, John Kyrle played a well-drilled side, North Shropshire, winning 20-5 with a brace of tries from Captain, Carys Lowley and Cerys Johnson. They then came up against Summerhill School, Kingswinford, whom they beat 35-0 with tries from Aime Jenkins, Maisie Tucker, Ellie Lown, Anna Craig, Heidi Brodholt and another try each for Lowley and Johnson.

In their final group game, the girls put the ball through the hands to spread it wide and had a convincing 35-5 win over John Taylor High School from Burton upon Trent. The ever impressive Lowley bagged four more tries, another for Craig and one apiece for Ella Jones and Laura Rose Benjamin, the latter scoring her first ever try in a match.

In the final, the opponents were Thomas Alleyne's High School from Uttoxeter who had won their pool and proved to be excellent opposition. They put pressure on the John Kyrle forwards at the breakdown and forced several handling errors from the backs but it was Hollee Hayward who broke the deadlock with a well-timed pass from Carys Lowley sending her diving over the try line. This settled John Kyrle who then began to use the width of the pitch. With their opposition deep in their own half, it was Cerys Johnson who cut a great angle to break the first line of defence. She was, however, tackled just short of the line. Luckily she managed to pop the ball out of the tackle to Maisie Tucker who sprinted in to score the winning try and seal the victory.



With their 10-0 victory it was left to Captain, Carys Lowley, to lift the silverware and see John Kyrle crowned North Midlands U15 schools champions!

As a result of our success, the team now requires more kit than we currently possess. We are therefore looking for a potential kit sponsor for our successful girls' rugby teams. If you know of an individual, or a company, that would be interested in sponsoring a set of rugby shirts, please contact Claire Godwin in the PE Department: clairegodwin@jkhs.org.uk



Letter from the Headteacher

Dear All

I hope you enjoy this summer's Prospect and agree with me that Mrs Gwilliam has, as ever, produced a great edition. In our editorial meetings, the most difficult aspect is choosing what not to include. If we put everything in, you would now be holding something the size of the Argos catalogue! It shows, once again, that our students are involved in a multitude of activities and my thanks to my staff and those members of the local community who make all this possible.

It has been an interesting and successful school year. Ofsted inspectors endorsed our gradings of 'Outstanding' for student behaviour & safeguarding, leadership & management and the sixth form. The Ofsted report in March noted:

- *'Pupils are well behaved, polite and friendly'*
- *'Because of excellent attitudes to learning and strong academic results, pupils are very well prepared for life after school'*
- *'Parents value the education that the school provides'*
- *'Staff are proud to work at the school.'*

In a letter to me following the inspection, one of Her Majesty's Inspectors wrote, "You are successful in your aims to develop young people who are 'happy, healthy and successful'."

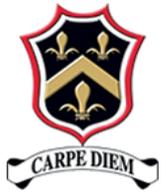
These positive views were reiterated recently with our whole-school Education Perceptions Monitoring review. In the executive summary provided to us, Kirkland Rowell, the independent organisation overseeing the survey, stated:

- *'The students gave a very good overall performance score'*
- *'The parents gave an excellent overall performance score'*
- *'Staff gave an excellent overall performance score'.*

Moreover, the sixth form was graded as outstanding consistently by pupils, parents and staff. These are all very pleasing outcomes but, as the Ofsted report noted, I am not complacent and am as determined as ever that the school will continue to improve.

At this time of year, we have staff leaving us to move to other schools or retiring. We all wish them well and look forward to welcoming their successors in September.





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I would like to take this opportunity to thank longer-serving members of staff who are retiring. Janet Gwinnett has been a member of the science department since 1983 and is an excellent teacher. Throughout her time here, Janet has been committed to vocational education, allowing pupils to learn the more practical elements of the course. This led to her running regular timetabled visits to local farms, as well as participating in annual field trips. Janet was also a much-valued tutor, latterly in the sixth form. Tracey Tumelty joined the school in 2000. She was then and remained, until she retired earlier in the summer term, an outstanding teacher of languages. Tracey was part of the team that gained us the status of Specialist Modern Foreign Languages College. This led to the ever-popular language lab and our current provision of French, German and Spanish.

John Docherty has been School Business Manager here since just after the invention of money! I could not have asked for a better wingman than John in my time as headteacher. John oversaw specialist college and academy status and all capital developments. (We split the work equally for academy status: John did all the administration, the finance planning and the application; and I went to a reception with the Prime Minister in Downing Street. Well I thought it was fair!) The list of developments at school supervised by John is very impressive: the art block; sixth form centre; all-weather pitch; restaurant; music technology suite; new classroom block with the multi-gym and conference centre, and the new Mathematics Centre of Excellence. These are multi-million pound developments. John's vision and attention to detail made them all possible. I owe John huge personal thanks.

We will be undertaking a major refurbishment of the PE changing rooms this summer and will be totally redesigning and refitting the English centre during next year. The capital work continues!

National events, including the atrocities in London and Manchester, and the devastating fire in the Grenfell tower block, have led to changes at school. All trips and visits now have enhanced risk assessments in the event of an emergency that requires the involvement of the security services. We have also completed a national survey looking at fire risks in all public buildings. In terms of the locality, parents and carers will know of the work we have done to educate our students about water safety. While we must be mindful of potential dangers and hazards, they are, thankfully, very rare.

Let me finish by wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Please encourage your sons and daughters to keep fit, do some reading, and go shopping with you for the correct uniform and equipment ready for a sharp and productive start in September.

Best Wishes
Nigel Griffiths

Nigel Griffiths
Headteacher





New Beginnings & Happy Endings

Over 200 Year 6 students attended John Kyrle, on June 29th, for their induction day.

The aim of the visit is to familiarise students with their new surroundings, tutors, teachers and Head of Year before the start of the school year in September.

In addition, parents and carers were invited to an open evening in order to meet their child's tutor and the pastoral support team. Head of Year 7, Mrs Markey, spent the day chatting to the new cohort and was full of praise for their enthusiasm for their new school.

Induction day is always an exciting day at John Kyrle, and this year was no exception. Students will be joining John Kyrle from over 25 partner schools and a number of new schools, including many students from Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire which lie outside the school's traditional catchment area.

Head of Lower School, Mrs Clarke, said how well behaved & enthusiastic the Year 6 students were and that they were great ambassadors for their primary schools. Headteacher, Nigel Griffiths, was delighted to welcome so many happy new faces. The feedback he had received from staff during the day was most positive and everyone is looking forward to the students joining the school officially in September.

My first year @ JKHS

I came here from Walford Primary School - it was a big step up from such a small school but my friends and I were excited. It was quiet on the first day in September because only year 7, 11 and 12 were in school and on the second day it was very startling when I turned the corner to see a sea of people walking towards me. It was a bit of a shock, but luckily my brother Adam was here already and I soon got used to it! I really enjoy history, geography, ICT and art. I have started a pony club which runs on a Friday lunchtime. In the Easter holidays my friend and I did a baking sale for riding for the disabled and made £128.40. My first year at JKHS has gone very quickly and it has been fun!

Natalie Middlecote 7R

Before I started John Kyrle I was worried that I would not make many friends and would be on my own at lunch and breaktimes. I was also worried about homework and didn't really want to leave my primary school, Whitchurch. When I started at John Kyrle, I was excited but a little bit scared. Then I met two of my good friends and after that I became more confident and now I have an amazing group of friends. All my teachers help me with school and homework if I am stuck. Mrs Knapper is there if I am worried or struggling in class. Now I've been here nearly a year and I absolutely love it - I wouldn't move schools for anything! I still get stuck in class sometimes and I still get nervous when a speaking and listening test comes up, but the teachers give everyone help and confidence. If I am stuck with homework I speak to the teacher or my friends who all help me. I love JKHS because everyone is kind and helpful.

Francesca Williams 7Y

YEAR 13 ARE ON COURSE FOR BRIGHT FUTURES AFTER SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS TO UNIVERSITY, APPRENTICESHIP AND EMPLOYMENT THIS YEAR

University applicants have been exceptionally successful in a very competitive year nationally. Currently 37% of Year 13 students are holding offers from Russell Group Universities with Imperial, Durham and Bristol universities all strongly represented as well as three offers from Oxbridge. We also have a record 25 students who received unconditional offers, several from Russell Group Universities.



Diverse course choices range from geology to classics, languages to computer science and marine biology to marketing. Apprenticeship applicants have been similarly successful with students departing for accountancy, engineering and marketing roles at local and national companies.

Sixth Form Leavers have deserved their success after being motivated learners and dedicated members of the school community.

Year 13s celebrated their last day with a picnic in the school grounds and the theme 'OAPs of the future'



Hello, my name is Leo. I am currently a Year 7 student at JKHS. In year 6 John Kyrle was my first choice for high school and I love it here. At the start I did feel nervous, but it is much larger than my primary school, Steam Mills, and I have to travel here on a school bus.

On the first day we got to spend time with and get to know our tutors and some teachers and then had an extra-long lunchtime. The day went by so quickly and then it was time to catch our buses to go home. I made friends on the bus, with people in my tutor group and at break times where I played on the ping-pong tables and the astro-turf.

The time has passed so quickly - it feels like I have been here forever!

My favourite lesson is PE - I love sport and my favourite sport is hockey. At JKHS you have the opportunity to play in inter-tutor competitions, where all of the tutor groups in your year compete against each other in sports like rugby, football, netball and even athletics. I am also in the school cricket team and we have played against other schools.

The teachers here at JKHS are all very enthusiastic, kind and supportive in everything you do. I think it's safe to say that this is a brilliant school and I am so glad that I chose it!

Leo Wedley, 70





ARRIVING IN STYLE FOR THE *Year 11 Prom*

Over 200 students and staff met at school for the annual Year 11 Dinner and Dance or, as it's more commonly called, Prom. It has become a tradition, over the years, for students to arrive in novel ways and to have the opportunity for red-carpet treatment at school before heading off by vintage buses to The Chase Hotel.

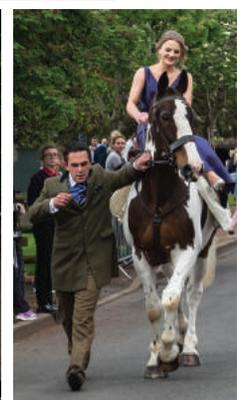
This year for the first time students made their arrivals and red-carpet entrances inside the school grounds – just outside the Main Hall/Gallery area. This was owing to the forecast of inclement weather (which never really materialised) and it worked so well, we are already planning to do the same next year!

More students than ever enjoyed the added bonus of free or discounted tickets for the event, thanks to the innovative **Passport to the Prom** reward scheme run by the school. Students met the requirements by fulfilling a range of criteria throughout the year such as maintaining high attendance, taking advantage of the numerous revision sessions on offer at school and membership of school clubs.

During the celebrations, Mr Griffiths paid tribute to the Year 11 students in a well-received speech. He thanked them for their contributions to John Kyrle since they began in 2012 and noted their academic progress, successful participation in Sport, the Arts and fundraising activities. Mr Griffiths went on to wish them all the best as they prepared for their final GCSE exams and said he was looking forward to seeing most students returning to the sixth form in September.

As Head of Year, Mr Croad then spoke about the privilege of working with and observing the Class of 2017 grow into the fine young people they are today, before handing the microphone to four students: Ralph Verney; Carly Davies; Morgan Harris and Harry Davies, who in turn shared anecdotes and reminiscences from a student's perspective.

The evening continued with alternative awards, presented by Mr Boyd. This section also featured the inauguration of John Kyrle's first ever Prom King (Elliot-Peeters-Vanstone) and Queen (Zoe Pritchard), as voted for by their peers. The evening concluded in traditional fashion with a disco and a memorable time was had by all.



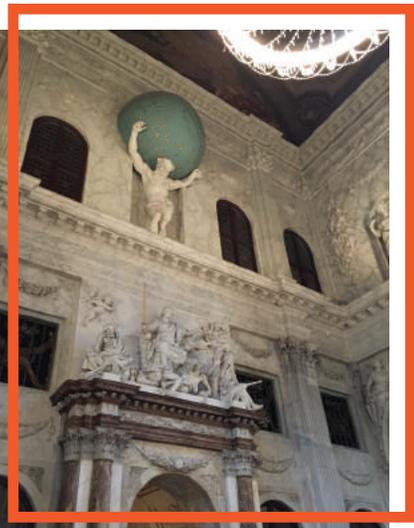


SIXTH FORM *Amsterdam Trip*

In February a group of 14 sixth-form students, accompanied by Mrs Nicholls and Mr Wardale, jetted off to brave the cold of Amsterdam as part of their A-level studies.

They packed a huge amount into the two-day visit. The trip was designed to particularly enhance students' understanding of Judaism, a new component of A-level Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics.

The group was based at the comfortable Vondelpark Hostel, centrally located so everyone could travel around the city on foot.



During the first full day of the trip, the group visited the Anne Frank House, a very moving and informative experience. They also explored central Amsterdam, calling in at the floating flower market and the museum quarter, with the Van Gogh museum proving to be a highlight. The day was ended with a boat cruise on Amsterdam's famous waterways and tasty pizzas at a nearby Italian restaurant.

The following morning was spent exploring Amsterdam's Jewish quarter; this included a visit to the seventeenth century Portuguese Synagogue and the Jewish Heritage Museum.

Students benefited from the expertise of a really lively guide who enjoyed answering their questions. The group also paid a reflective visit to the Holocaust Museum and Memorial.

After lunch the now tiring group of students had some free time to explore the shops and visit the Royal Palace and its rather gruesome execution chamber. They then headed back to the airport to catch their flight back to Bristol. Head of RE, Mr Wardale, was pleased by the success of the trip and paid tribute to the excellent behaviour of the students who, as ever, were fantastic ambassadors for the school. He hopes to run the trip again in 2019.

Music

Lunchtime Concerts

As part of our BTEC course in Music, the class had to organise a lunchtime concert which took place on the 3rd May. We had to plan everything from making posters and booking the hall to who was playing and setting up all the equipment etc.

We divided into sub-groups, each being responsible for one aspect of the planning and one area on the day. My job on the day was to announce all the acts and to thank everyone who came along and watched, as well as the sixth formers for doing the sound.

The acts included Zoe and Gracie, who sang *'Take Me to Church'*; Rory Sanger, who performed a *Pink Floyd* number and Casey Ball, who sang *'Hold Back The River'*.



Then it was the turn of members of our Year 10 class: Ollie O'Neill played guitar and sang one of his own songs followed by *'Skin'* by *Rag 'n' Bone Man*, and 4 Party sang two of their own songs.

How did it go?...Well, brilliantly! We raised £49 for our school Uganda fund, from 20p entry donations. The acts that played were really good, everyone enjoyed themselves and we have now completed 25% of our BTEC Music course...

Wow! We never thought that **"coursework"** and **"fun"** could be used in the same sentence.

Carys Williams, 10K



Herefordshire Music Festival

The school's Brass Band, made up of two trumpets, a tenor horn, trombone and tuba, took part in the Herefordshire Music Festival in March at the Courtyard Theatre. I play first trumpet and found it very interesting watching the other schools' bands perform as we all played a wide variety of music.

I enjoyed the afternoon out because I got to do something educationally different and see my friends perform. Our band played very well and the judge was impressed by the performances of our two pieces.

We had been working on the pieces for a long time, rehearsing every Friday lunchtime with our brass teacher Mr Griffiths - no, not the Headteacher - Mr John Griffiths! In practices we had worked on ensuring the balance was right and all the parts were heard clearly. This had been a criticism from last year when the 1st trumpet was drowned out by the tuba.



The other schools were very good on the day, as were we. I found that every school had different skills and it was a great experience, even though we didn't win. But as the adjudicator said, **'There are no losers'**.

I am very grateful to my teachers and peer, as they help me grow my music skills. In September we will start preparing for next year's music festival as well as the school concert. It's great fun and I'm really looking forward to it.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR BANDS TO PLAY IN FUTURE CONCERTS.
IF YOU NEED A REHEARSAL SPACE THE STUDIOS & PRACTICE ROOMS CAN BE
BOOKED OUT FOR LUNCHTIMES - SEE MR MARCO





John Kyrle High School is now a member of the National Schools Equestrian Association. The NSEA is the recognised body for equestrianism in schools throughout the UK, providing intra and inter-schools competitions for team and individual riders.

Members can represent the school at prestigious inter-school equestrian competitions throughout the country.

Disciplines include Dressage, Show Jumping, Arena Eventing, One-Day Events, Hunter Trials and Tetrathlons. They take place at local, county, regional and national levels, culminating in the annual National Schools Championships in October.



KINGS EQUESTRIAN BROMYARD

On a very cold Sunday in January the JKHS Riding Squad set off to compete in an NSEA Showjumping competition at Kings Equestrian Centre in Bromyard. Teams and individual riders competed in the 70cm, 80cm and 90cm classes.

All squad members rode brilliantly and our team came 5th out of 15 teams in the 80cm class, just missing out on qualifying for the County championship to Lucton School. This is an amazing achievement in what was the school's first NSEA competition.



On 20 February, they attended The NSEA County Show Jumping Qualifier for Worcestershire, West Midlands and Warwickshire. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the competition and see our riders in action!

The Allenshill Competition Centre in Worcestershire was a hive of activity; there were lots of school teams taking part, making for a tough competition.

Unfortunately, our team did not qualify but all riders rode brilliantly and maintained their positive attitude. It was a great experience all round! Thanks again to all the parents for their support and for surviving another long day with a very early start!

So, our congratulations to the squad:

Kate Middlecote (Yr 11)

Lydia Whitehouse (Yr 10)

Zoe Whitehouse (Yr 7)

Ronie Thomas (Yr 7)

and, of course, to their amazing horses! Thank you for being such brilliant ambassadors for JKHS.

We would also like to extend our thanks to parent, Zoe Thomas, who organised our entry, supported our riders and helped them to achieve such success.

Mrs Russell

We would love other students to share in the opportunities the JKHS NSEA membership offers. If you are interested in finding out more and perhaps becoming part of the riding squad, then please see Mrs Russell (Room 24, English).



UGANDA 2017

FUNDRAISING

The Uganda group has undertaken a huge fundraising effort this year and has been very successful, raising in excess of £6,000!

Years 7 - 11 have also helped to raise £1,500 towards mosquito nets which the group will give out at Namatumba Health Centre whilst they are in Uganda.

Fundraising activities have included students washing staff cars, delivering flowers for Valentines day, and numerous weekends spent in various supermarkets bag packing in the lead up to Christmas.



Most recently the group completed a sponsored walk which saw them hike the length of the Malvern Hills!

They have done a fantastic job of raising money to help support the link with Kisiki College and they are all looking forward to heading to Uganda for a well-deserved adventure after their A-Level exams.



AiP

ALLIANCE *in* PARTNERSHIP



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YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR

Competition

JKHS Year 10 Food Technology students once again participated in the 'Young Chef of the Year' competition, organised by AiP (Alliance in Partnership). Entrants were required to produce a main meal in 1½ hours that was nutritionally balanced, cost no more than £1.50 per head, and would be suitable to serve in a school canteen.

Only one dish could be entered into the final (a live 'cook-off' held on the 27th April at the University of Birmingham School), so internal heats were held to determine the best three. The winning dish was prepared by Jenny Bell (Salmon en-croute served with hollandaise and green beans). Joint second place went to Debbie Boyd and Gracie Roberts.

At the final, Jenny competed with winners from 14 other schools across the Midlands. Amongst the panel of judges was celebrity chef Jean-Christophe Novelli.

Even though Jenny was not placed in the top three, Jean Christophe was very impressed with the skills that she had demonstrated and the fact that she had made her own 'rough puff' pastry in the allocated time.

Jenny said:
"It was a lot of hard work keeping the cooking within the time, especially as I made my own pastry. I love cooking and watch Masterchef. I am studying Food Technology at school and would like to become a chef, so this experience has been invaluable."

Headteacher, Nigel Griffiths, said:
"It is a great competition that not only promotes cooking as a valuable life skill but also inspires students to look at catering as a career option".



ON FEVER

With election fever striking the country, John Kyrle students were not to be left out and subsequently launched a much more polite, collaborative and well-mannered campaign of their own!

Five students (Charlie Manning, Tom Marshall, Ingrid Morgan, Rhydian Williams and Nye Morgan) ranging from Years 8 to 10, took part in canvassing, hustings and various meetings to design and implement an election campaign.

Major national parties were represented (Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrats, UKIP and the Greens) which helped to deliver a broad range of ideologies so that the students received a balanced perspective on the various political parties.

Years 7 to 10 voted on the Wednesday before the General Election and results were published the following day, thanks to the hard work of volunteers from 9K who gave up their lunchtime to count ballot papers. The results didn't entirely reflect the view of the general populace, but students felt they had received a balanced set of policies and ideologies. Well done to the five students involved!



THE RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

LABOUR



42%

CONSERVATIVES



22%

GREEN PARTY



14%

11

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



13%

UKIP



9%

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SPORTING *Achievements*

HOCKEY

John Kyrle's hockey team overcame a strong John Masefield team in the final of the Hereford U15 County hockey tournament.

After losing to them 2-3 at home, following extra time and penalties in the preliminary stages of the tournament, John Kyrle faced Hereford Cathedral School in the semi-finals.

The game, played at Whitecross School in Hereford, was tied 0-0 at full time with John Kyrle failing to take their chances in front of goal. After a three minute golden-goal period the match remained tied so penalties followed. When Hereford Cathedral had one of their penalties saved by goalkeeper Carys Lowley, captain Amie Jenkins stepped up and slotted the ball home to take John Kyrle through to the final.

There they met John Masefield again, who earlier in the evening had gained victory over Lucton School in their semi-final. John Kyrle gave their all with Debbie Boyd in goal making a great save to keep John Kyrle in the match. Sadly the game was halted here as the astroturf had a prior booking so the final golden goal period was played two weeks later.



It was John Masefield who started with the most promise, attacking John Kyrle's goal early on but Ella Jones, making her debut in goal, made a fabulous save to ensure the game went to penalty flicks. A change of goalkeeper saw Carys Lowley pad up with Cerys Johnson, Elysia Williams-Tettey and Aime Jenkins the penalty takers. A tense few minutes then ensued with one miss from each team going into the third and final round. The John Masefield player shot wide of the post leaving Amie Jenkins, showing great maturity and composure, to score the winning goal to crown John Kyrle County Champions.

Pictured above (L to R): Back row; Mia Evans-Powell, Lara Banks-Martin, Ella Jones, Carys Lowley, Laura-Rose Benjamin, Ros Brown, Ella Burton Front row; Kate Ormiston, Amie Jenkins (Captain), Cerys Johnson, Lydia Whitehouse, Elysia Williams-Tettey, Carys Williams

FOOTBALL

John Kyrle High School has had another successful football year. Both Year 8 and 9 teams finished third in their respective leagues, just missing out on a semi-final place. The Year 10 team finished second in their league, beating John Masefield, Ledbury, 2-0 in their semi-final but then lost in their final at Edgar Street.

Pride of place, however, goes to the Year 11 team (pictured) who won all seven league games. They won 8-1 in their semi-final and went on to beat a strong Aylestone team 3-0 in the final, also played at Edgar Street, the home of Hereford FC.

Mr Donoghue would like to thank the staff who have worked with the teams, Mr Smith, Mr Elias, Mr Godwin and Mr Deucher. He would also like to thank all students who played for their effort and commitment and, finally, parents and carers for their continued support.



Pictured above (L to R): Back row - Nigel Griffiths (Headteacher), Will Freer, Charlie Cole, Huw Rogers, Matt McLeod, Luke Firkin, Tommy Hall, Will Marshall, Mike Donoghue (Head of PE) Front row - Harry Cronshaw, Oliver Purdy, Nathaniel Nash, Elliot Peeters-Vanstone, Max Phillips, Daniel Champness, Josh Perry



ATHLETICS

John Kyrle athletes won six medals at the Hereford and Worcester schools' athletics championships held at Nunnery Wood, Worcester on 10th June.

With over 500 competitors from eight districts, this event saw our athletes compete against the best in the county.

Our athletes won six medals overall and Emily Jarvis, Year 9, took pride of place. Having claimed top spot at the district trials in May, Emily not only won the gold medal in the Junior Girls' Shot Put County final but she also broke the school record which had stood since 2008 with a throw of 9m 2cms.

Briony Bishop ran strongly and gained a medal, finishing in second place in the Inter-Girls' 3000m. Bronze medals were won by Carys Lowley in the Junior Girls' discus, Katrina Bennett in the Junior Girls' 800m, Indiana Sharp in the Junior Girls' javelin and Adam Davies in the Junior Boys' 80m Hurdles.

Pictured (L to R): Claire Godwin (PE teacher), Adam Davies, Carys Lowley, Indiana Sharp, Emily Jarvis, Nigel Griffiths (Headteacher), Mike Donoghue (Head of PE)



Almost 50 athletes from JKHS participated in the Hereford Schools' athletics trials, which took place on 24th May at Hereford Leisure Centre.

In sweltering conditions, the students performed magnificently with many recording personal bests. As a result, 25 students succeeded in making the Hereford Schools' athletics squad and went on to compete at the Hereford and Worcester County Championships in Worcester on Saturday 10th June.



John Kyrle's youngest athletes have also been busy making their mark at the Hereford District trials which took place in Hereford on Wednesday 14th June.

In warm conditions the Year 7 and 8 athletes performed well, with the best performance of the day coming from Kai Harris in the long jump with a distance of 4m 73cms.

On the track the Year 7s competed well with Faith Robbins and Jake Ashley both gaining a place in the District squad for the 800m. Ivor Harrington finished his morning with a punishing schedule, running both the 300m and 200m, with his efforts helping him qualify in the latter.

In the field events Emily Hermon and Cale Thurston threw personal bests in the discus and shot respectively to both qualify for the County Finals. Olivia Porczynska saved her best till last in the long jump to also make the next round.

Pictured above (L to R): Claire Godwin (PE teacher), Kai Harris, Faith Robbins, Ivor Harrington, Olivia Porczynska, Jake Ashly, Emily Hermon, Mike Donghue (Head of PE), Nigel Griffiths (Headteacher)

Gold medal performances were well deserved from Adam Davies (Triple Jump and 80m hurdles), Emily Jarvis (Shot), Katrina Bennett (800m), Joe Thomas (800m), Briony Bishop (1500m), Otto Mendelsson (1500m), Ella Jones (Triple Jump and Long Jump), Charlie Price (shot) and Alice Hassan (300m).

A school record was broken by Year 8 student, Indiana Sharp, in the Junior Girls' Javelin who threw a personal best of 22m 13cms to take second place.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ROWING

Two years ago, I started rowing. Since then, it's pretty much taken over my life!

I am part of Ross Rowing Club Juniors, along with approximately 50 other students from JKHS. We train five times a week, all in preparation for regattas and competitions which we go to every few weekends throughout the year. We usually wake up very early and travel all over the country to compete. At the end of May, we went to the National Schools' Regatta at the Olympic Lake in Eton Dorney. An experience to remember.

The conditions were much worse than we expected and we didn't place as high as we had predicted. We're now training for National Championships and hope to come home with medals.

Ellie Lown, 9L



Jacob Burton, Yr 11, started competing in canoe slalom in March last year, and made amazing progress in his first season.

Starting in Division 3, he had gained enough wins and points to move straight up to Division 2 by the end of April. Jacob continued to compete all over the country, eventually securing two wins at Symonds Yat in October, making his goal a reality and ending the season in Division 1. It can take several seasons to move up through the divisions so this is a fantastic achievement!

Jacob is now a member of the Seren Dwr Development Squad and his next ambition is to make it into the Premier Division and compete internationally.



FOOTBALL *Champions*

Pictured above are Callum Davies, Archie Sharland and George Aubrey; Year 10 JKHS students who play for Ledbury Swifts football team.

In May they competed in the Stuart Sheehan Cup Final in the Herefordshire Junior football league, held at Belmont Abbey. They beat Westfields 2-0 in the final, to lift this year's cup!

Coach, Chris Skidmore, praised the boys on their manners & commitment, saying what a pleasure it is to coach them and have them on the team.

CELEBRATING *Mathematics Success*



Pictured Left to Right: Elic Wales, Lara Stallard, Michale Deaville and Ethan Lerego with Miss Rainbow, Head of Mathematics and Mr Griffiths, Headteacher.

Students at JKHS have once again had the opportunity to take part in the UK Mathematics Trust annual challenge. This aims to stimulate mathematical thinking and enhance problem-solving skills.

Approximately 10% of students nationally are awarded gold certificates, and the top 5% invited to participate in the follow up UKMT Kangaroo competition.

John Kyrle students have once again enjoyed success in the challenge, with a number of students achieving gold awards and qualifying for the Kangaroo competition.

Charlie Sandison in Year 7 achieved the top mark in the junior challenge, achieving a gold certificate and an invitation to the junior Kangaroo.

Elic Wales and Lara Stallard of Year 8 also achieved gold certificates in the junior challenge, however both narrowly missed out on the Kangaroo competition.

In the junior challenge a further 12 students achieved a silver certificate, while 28 students achieved bronze for scoring in the top 40% of all students nationally.

We also had excellent success in the intermediate competition, with Ethan Lerego and Michael Deaville of Year 9 and Phoebe Gibson of Year 10 all achieving gold certificates and invitations to compete in the follow-up Kangaroo.

A further 13 students achieved silver certificates and 21 bronze in the intermediate challenge.

Michael Deaville performed excellently in the kangaroo competition and received a certificate of merit for scoring in the top 25% of students who had qualified to sit this paper.

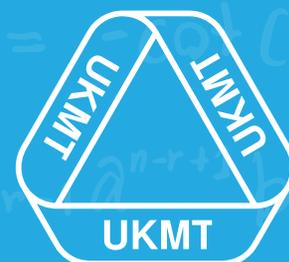
Sixth-form students were equally successful in the senior competition earlier in the year. Thomas Goulding achieved gold and an invitation to the senior Kangaroo in which he too received a certificate of merit.

A further four sixth-form students achieved silver and six bronze in the senior challenge.

The Mathematical challenge provides students with the opportunity to test skills which have formed a large part of the new GCSE specification.

It is encouraging to see a number of students from every year group enjoying success in these challenges.

These results are a testament to the hard work that students and staff put into Maths at JKHS, and reflect the success that many of these students will enjoy later in their GCSE and A-level studies.



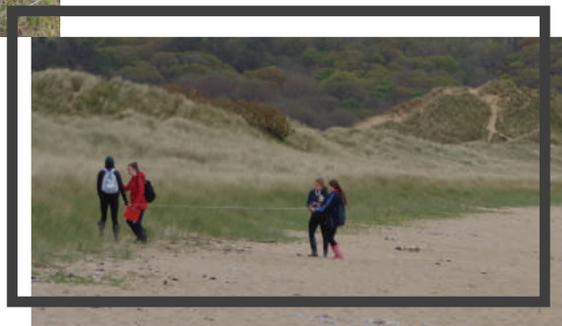
Geography

FIELD TRIPS



Geography students have been hard at work outside the classroom across the country in recent months. In December, Y12 students visited a number of locations in Cardiff not, as was suggested by some, for last-minute Christmas shopping but instead to explore the land use patterns and quality of life across the city.

At the end of April, Y12 set out again, this time to Oxwich Bay on the Gower to investigate beach profiles and sand dune succession before rounding off the day with fish and chips in The Mumbles. We are still not sure which excited Mr Wallace most – the orchids or the fish and chips!



There is an increased emphasis on the importance of fieldwork at both GCSE and A level in the new exam specification that started in September 2016. At JKHS we are keen to ensure that our students are given as much opportunity as possible to get out of the classroom and experience geography in its real context. Y10 GCSE students are set to visit Birmingham as part of their studies towards the end of the Summer term where they will look at variations in quality of life and the regeneration of the CBD. They will then head out into the Forest of Dean in the autumn of Y11 to undertake physical fieldwork centred on the Blackpool Brook.

Y12 geographers braved the recent heatwave to travel to the Nettlecombe Court Fieldcentre on the edge of Exmoor in Somerset for their residential fieldtrip. Students undertook a variety of activities including studying hillslope hydrology, coastal erosion/transportation and carbon sequestration.

Having developed their skills in a practical setting students then undertook their own independent investigations that will form a substantial part of their final A-level assessment. In addition to the academic challenges that this trip presents it is an opportunity for students to develop their independence and self confidence. It is always impressive to see how our students 'grow' over the course of the week, something which is only really possible with the immersive nature of a residential fieldtrip.

This fieldtrip continues an association with Nettlecombe Court that stretches back over 25 years and our students were some of the first to experience the enhanced facilities at the centre following the recent multimillion pound refurbishment. The dates are already in the diary for next year and we look forward to taking the next group of JKHS A level geographers. Unfortunately we can't guarantee sunshine!

ENGLISH *'Matters'*

Poetry by heart

This year, for the first time, JKHS entered the national 'Poetry By Heart' Competition.

Poetry By Heart is an inspiring competition for students in Years 10 to 13 to learn and recite poems by heart. Not in an arm-waving, props-supported thespian extravaganza, but as the outward and audible manifestation of an inwardly-understood and enjoyed poem.

The competition is a pyramid of participation from individual classrooms to whole-school contests, then county contests, regional semi-finals and the grand final, held this year at the British Library in London. In the process, students foster deep personal connections with the poems chosen and bring poetry alive for their audiences.

Each student is challenged to memorise and recite two poems – one published before 1914 and one in or after 1914. Students choose their pre-1914 poem either from the Poetry By Heart timeline anthology of 1000 years of poetry or from the Shakespeare sonnets showcase. They choose their post-1914 poem either from the timeline anthology of 1000 years of poetry or from the First World War Poetry showcase.

We launched our entry in the Sixth Form. Students volunteered to take part and worked independently to select and rehearse their chosen poems. They were, of course, brilliant and our congratulations to all the participants and to our winner, Lizzie Bell, and our runner up, Jackson Sharp.

Jackson Sharp **was the County Runner Up for Herefordshire!**

Here are the judges' observations about Jackson's recitations:

"Both pieces showed good understanding of the source material and were delivered with nuance and poise. His Shakespeare sonnet was paced to allow the listener to follow the argument clearly. Jackson seemed to relish the precision of the breakfast described in 'Still Life' and it had us feeling decidedly peckish! Herefordshire was one of our highest scoring counties across the board and so Jackson should be very proud to be runner up in such a tough competition. We would be really pleased to see Jackson in the competition again next year."

Whilst we didn't get through to the final, our students displayed commitment, enthusiasm, determination and real critical understanding in their very polished recitations. I commend them for rising to the challenge and look forward to having another go next year!

Why not take a look at the Poetry by Heart Timeline Anthologies to see the range and complexity of the poems on offer? <http://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/>



Round 1: pre-1914 poems

Lizzie Bell:	William Shakespeare, Sonnet 116
Elysia Cotton:	William Shakespeare, Sonnet 25
Annie Edgington:	Rudyard Kipling, The Way Through the Woods
Milly Gowman:	Rudyard Kipling, The Way Through the Woods
Jackson Sharp:	William Shakespeare, Sonnet 18
Alice Wilson:	C P Cavafy, The God Abandons Antony

Round 2: post-1914 poems

Lizzie Bell:	Edna St Vincent Millay, I Being Born A Woman and Distressed
Elysia Cotton:	Sylvia Plath, Morning Song
Annie Edgington:	Edwin Morgan, Strawberries
Milly Gowman:	Michael Symmons Roberts, Pelts
Jackson Sharp:	Elizabeth Daryush, Still-Life
Alice Wilson:	Allen Ginsberg, A Supermarket in California

DEBATING SUCCESS FOR THE MACE TEAM

In March, Alice Wilson and Nina Warren competed in the third round of the country's oldest, biggest and most prestigious debating competition, The Mace, run by the English Speaking Union. At this stage, the motions become much more challenging and the time to prepare the argument and conduct research much shorter. The motion chosen by the organisers was:

This house would replace the current system of welfare payments with a negative income tax

Alice and Nina were opposing the motion against the host school, the Royal Grammar School, Worcester. It was a tremendously exciting night and the standard of the competition was very impressive. The team from Wycliff College won the day, with John Kyrle a very close runner up. Shiraz Engineer, the ESU's Mace organiser, commended our team and emphasised what a close-run competition it was. The 8 teams nationally that won this round competed in the finals day at Dartmouth House in Mayfair. Eton won overall.

This placed Alice and Nina in the final 16 teams out of over 300 who entered nationally! It is a remarkable achievement and members of the English and History Department had the pleasure of witnessing their success on a very memorable night.

We hope that both students will continue their debating career at Oxford University, from whom they both have offers.



On April 27th, members of the English Department took their Year 13 literature class to see Anthony and Cleopatra at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford.

The play was a set text in the A-level syllabus and to see it brought to life by accomplished actors such as Josette Simon and Antony Byrne was very exciting. The acclaimed Iqbal Khan directed the play and designed the set, which was simple but powerful with statues and columns representing Egypt and Rome, and magnificent costumes for all players.



It was decided to make the evening an even more memorable one by eating at the theatre's Rooftop Restaurant, with its panoramic views of Stratford. The management thoughtfully placed us near the windows overlooking the river and the food was as fabulous as the view.



All in all, it was a thoroughly enjoyable night to round off 18 months of English study with an exceptional class. We are hoping to do the same next year with one of the texts being studied with the current classes.

Diary Dates Autumn 2017

4th & 5th Sept: TEDs, No students in school

6th Sept: Term begins for Yrs 7, 11 & 12
School Photographer

7th Sept: All years in school

14th Sept: Year 13 Parents' Evening

20th Sept: School Photographer (Yr 9)

21st Sept: Prizegiving

26th Sept: Yr 9 Expectations Talk

27th Sept: Yr 12 Expectations Talk

28th Sept: Yr 7 Parents'/Tutor Evening

5th Oct: Careers Convention

10th - 11th Oct: Open Mornings
(Please call to make an appointment)

12th Oct: Year 11 Parents' Evening

19th Oct: Open Evening (6 - 9pm)
School finishes at 12.30pm

20th Oct: TED, No students in school

23rd - 27th Oct: HALF TERM

2nd Nov: Yr 11 Exams briefing for Parents

9th Nov: Sixth Form Open Evening (6 - 8pm)

16th Nov: Year 9 Parents' Evening

17th Nov: Non-Uniform Day (children in need)

20th Nov - 1st Dec: Yr 11 Mock Exams

24th Nov: Yr 10 Interim Reports to Parents

30th Nov: Yr 12 Parents' Evening

8th Dec: Yr 13 Reports to Parents

11th Dec: Carol Service (tbc)

13th Dec: Sixth Form Dinner & Dance (tbc)

15th Dec: Yr 7 Interim Reports to Parents
Yr 11 Mock Results
Term Ends 3.25pm

18th Dec - 3rd Jan 2018: CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY
(3rd Jan: TED, No students in school)



JOHN KYRLE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS



Robin's Hoodie

A modern twist on a classic pantomime



Wed 6th, Thurs 7th, Fri 8th December 2017