



John Kyrle

Prospect



Winter 2019



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



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The Staff and Trustees of JKHS wish all their Students,
Parents, Carers & Friends



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



AND A HAPPY

NEW YEAR

On the weekend of the 17th of October, eight members of the NSEA equestrian team took part in the NSEA National championships held at Addington Manor Equestrian Centre in Bedfordshire.

It was a very testing four days with the weather and very stiff competition from over 300 schools from across the United Kingdom.

The JKHS NSEA members have been amazing. They were the first to qualify in so many classes as teams and individuals. The support and help they gave each other, whether it was mucking out flooded stables, walking courses or encouragement was fantastic. They showed great sportsmanship and represented the school with great pride.



NSEA Championships 2019
Verity Wallbridge & Mayzee



Hockey success for JKHS students

The U13 Girls' hockey team reached the semi-finals of the Hereford Schools County Cup this week with some strong attacking play in the early rounds. In the group stages John Kyrle recorded victories over Lady Hawkins (2-0), Tenbury (3-0) and John Masefield (3-0) and with only one defeat to The Elms, it was enough to see them through to the semi-finals. Goals came from Beatrise Zuka 3, Captain Megan Harry 2, Gracie Jones 2 and Scarlett Wood 1.

In the semi-finals the JKHS team met a well-drilled Hereford Cathedral side against which goalkeeper Ruby Wood made some magnificent saves. All the girls should be very proud of their efforts and they very much enjoyed the opportunity to put all their training into practice.




Gilpin 2020

His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, visited Ross-on-Wye on 5th November to officially launch the Gilpin 2020 Festival.

His Royal Highness toured local producers' markets and met groups representing the strong philanthropic heritage of Ross, including a range of local community organisations and their local business supporters.

John Kyrle High School, represented by Mr Griffiths and his wife Jan, along with Clive Richards KSG, OBE DL, the Head Boy and girl, Ben Thorne and Kate Ormiston as well as representatives from the schools Eco Club, Debbie Boyd and Chris Stonadge also met with the Prince of Wales.

The whole of Year 7 also lined the street to welcome the Prince.

Ben and Kate along with Debbie and Chris Stonadge, were also asked by the Mayor of Ross to light the Ross Beacon to commence the start of the festival.





2020 Gilpin Festival

A taste of life in the ROYAL AIR FORCE ARROWS™



Sophie with Nigel Griffiths, headteacher, and Rob Wallace, head of sixth form

Pilot Officer, Sophie Hancox, returned to John Kyrle High School to talk about life as part of the RAF Red Arrows display team. Having left JKHS sixth form with excellent grades, Sophie went to Durham University to read psychology. She was president of the students' union and coxswain to the men's eight rowing team.

Sophie is the public relations manager for the Red Arrows, part of the 130 strong support team which keep the team flying all around the world. She gave an inspirational talk to Year 11 students and to the sixth form. Sophie spoke about her role, how the Red Arrows are organised and what it takes to be a part of the famous team, either as a pilot or as a member of the support crew. They have just finished an 11-week tour of North America, covering 22,000 miles and flying 21 displays.

Sophie spoke about the skills she has gained as part of the RAF and told students that there was no limit to what they could achieve. She recalled being a student at JKHS, sitting in the same seats her audience were in, and how she could never have dreamed she would one day be a part of the Red Arrows. Yet with hard work, determination and perseverance, she had achieved something very special. She urged students to dream big and aim as high as the Red Arrows themselves flew.

Sophie now travels the world as part of the renowned aerobatic team. The Red Arrows showcase British industry and innovation, on their tours, as well as working with schools, colleges and other bodies to boost interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects. This is in addition to their display duties.

With technical information on the aircraft used by the team, fantastic video from the cockpit and insights into the way the displays are designed and created, Sophie kept JKHS students engaged. She described the training regime and the skills the pilots need to be part of the display team, as well as the huge range of careers in the RAF which support the aircraft. She took questions from students, told them how she had joined and encouraged everyone to think "I could do that", whatever that might be.

Sophie spoke warmly about their memories of John Kyrle and thanked Mr Griffiths, headteacher, Mr Wallace, head of sixth form, and all the staff for their care and belief in her. She paid tribute to the quality of teaching she had experienced in the school and said she was grateful for the experiences she had had here, such as sports and the rich extra-curricular events. Sophie said these had all helped prepare her so well for university and beyond.



Sophie speaks to Year 11 students and gives them a taste of life in the Red Arrows

Sophie embodies the JKHS aim of ensuring our students are Happy, Healthy & Successful!

Former student gets a taste of life as a teacher at JKHS

Former student, Immy Croad, returned to JKHS for a week to experience life on the other side of the teacher's desk. Currently taking a degree in chemistry at the University of Nottingham, Immy spent time in the science department, working with staff and students from Year 7 to Year 13.

Immy is one of the future generations of teachers who will go on to inspire students with the same love of science she gained while at JKHS. Staff in the science department noted how well she had worked with classes and individual students.

Immy thanks Mr Griffiths and the science department for hosting her. She said "I really enjoyed my time here as a student, it's a great school and I have thoroughly enjoyed my week back. I was taught really well and always encouraged to aim high when I was here but I realise even more now just how much the staff go the extra mile for their students!"

Many JKHS teachers were also students at the school, including senior staff, heads of department and classroom teachers. If Immy chooses to apply after her teacher training there is every chance that she could join that growing group!





JKHS County Champions



JKHS U-15 rugby squad became county champions after beating Bishops in a close game at Ledbury RFC. With a large squad of players and strength in depth, JKHS were undefeated going into the match, having beaten all other local sides convincingly in the pool and knock-out stages.

JKHS started well with a try from Jake Ashley in the opening two minutes. However, Bishops then scored three quick tries from tactical kicks to move into a 19-5 lead with ten minutes of the first half remaining. At this point, with Bishops in control, the game looked to be moving away from JKHS. With the JKHS forwards on the front foot and disrupting the Bishops game and Curtis Williams at fullback now covering the numerous Bishops kicks, JKHS dragged themselves back into the game, scoring two more tries to bring the game to 17-24 at half-time.

With both sides making subs at half-time, the strength of the JKHS squad came to the fore as JKHS started the half the better team. In particular, Ben Deards at fly-half now began chipping the ball into the space behind the Bishops players forcing them onto the back foot. After JKHS had scored twice to retake the lead, both sides then scored again to leave the game at 36-31 to JKHS with five minutes to play.

A key strength of the JKHS side all season has been their defence and JKHS players gave everything as the clock ran down to prevent Bishops from scoring, an eventual penalty giving JKHS the possession that sealed the game. This was an exceptional performance from a fantastic squad of players and both captain, Noah O'Neill and coaches Mr Elias and Mr Hotchkiss were justifiably proud of the result.

International Cricket honours for JKHS student



Chloe Tingle, a Year 12 student at John Kyrle High school has been selected to represent Gloucestershire Under-17s Performance Tour of India in February 2020.

Chloe has been playing cricket since the age of nine and county cricket for several years. As well as playing as a key all-rounder at iconic cricket grounds such as in Delhi and Jappur, Chloe is also excited about experiencing the culture of India, with for example, a visit to the Taj Mahal.



Pictured here with Nigel Griffiths, Headteacher.

Diary Dates - Spring Term 2020

6th Jan: T&D - no students in school

7th Jan: Spring term begins

9th Jan: Year 11 Mock results and Parents' evening

13th-17th Jan: Yr 12 & 13 formal exams

23rd Jan: Yr 8 Parents' evening

31st Jan-2nd Feb: VI Form Physics trip to Cern

13th Feb: JKHS Red Carpet Film premiere

17th-20th Feb: History trip to Berlin

17th-21st Feb: Half-term

27th Feb: Year 9 Options evening

2nd-6th March: Year 11 mock exams

5th March: Yr 13 Progress review

12th March: Spring Concert

13th March: Sport Relief mile

16th-19th March: Yr 13 pre-public exams

26th March: Year 11 Parents' evening

2nd April: Year 10 Parents' evening

6th-17th April: Easter Holidays

6th-9th April: Easter school

Monday 20th April-Summer term begins

Dates may be subject to change.
Please see the school calendar on our website:
www.jkhs.org.uk/news/calendar, for further details.

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Congratulations...

to the A Level class of 2019 for outstanding examination results!

60%+ A*-B and 100% pass rate at A Level

Applications are now open for September 2020

AWARDED "TOP 5% SIXTH FORM"

Ofsted:

Leadership & Management: **"Outstanding"**

Student Behaviour & Safeguarding: **"Outstanding"**

Sixth Form: **"Outstanding"**

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