



Kelmscott School

NEWSLETTER

December 2014

Season's Greetings

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Awards Galore!

Several Kelmscott students have been celebrating various sporting and community achievements.

Design & Technology

Plenty of creative flair on show as our Year 7s get to grips with the sewing machine in Textiles.

Literacy

Find out who's made it onto the KS4 "Roll of Honour" this year.



A message from The Headteacher...



Dear Parents & Carers,

I know it seems a long time ago since the summer exams, but schools have to wait a number of months before the government is able to publish the national figures. These figures came out just a few weeks ago and were fantastic news for Kelmscott.

This year nationally, results have fallen by 7% across the country, yet Kelmscott's A*- C (including Maths & English) increased by the same figure. For the first time ever our results are at the national average of 52% (we are 51.49%). This is amazing news when you consider the range of backgrounds our pupils come from and their starting points.



Last year we were in the top 12% nationally for value added. I am confident with such improved results that this year we could get even higher.

Even other measures such as our Ebac increased to 26% which is way above the national average. Ultimately it is about ensuring every child achieves their own potential whatever that may be and these figures show that is the case. What is even more encouraging is that our monitoring shows that our present Year 11 pupils will do even better. As I write they are preparing to take their mock examinations so I am sure you will join with me in wishing them all the best.

Although we are enjoying our exam success, we still feel that education should include many more activities than just examinations. Our ultimate objective is to ensure we produce young people who really do have the skills for their future adult lives. We want to promote a love of learning for its own sake and through the range of activities we provide, hope pupils can find something they can really excel in. For some of our pupils learning Latin has really been a revelation. Gaining an understanding of how our own language has evolved has improved not only their Latin but their Literacy too.

We continue to raise aspirations with our links to Universities. Our new link is with the London School of Economics (LSU) a group of Year 10 pupils will be visiting there soon. Sport, Science and the Arts continue to feature in our extra-curricular programme and we aim to give as wide a range of experiences to our pupils as possible. A recent example is the wheelchair tennis tournament in the Queen Elizabeth Centre, Olympic Park.

We also recognise our obligation to ensuring our pupils are prepared for the next stage of their educational careers. Our Professional Interview Day which took place on the 19th November ensured pupils went through a gruelling interview process and allowed them to dress up smartly for the day. Our employers were genuinely impressed with the level of maturity our pupils showed.

In a few short weeks' time it will be Christmas and already the first term of the year will be completed. However a new term will bring a new challenge and Kelmscott will be ready.

As always I thank you for your support and hope you have a peaceful Christmas break.

L. Parvez

Lynnette Parvez
Headteacher



Latest News

Debating Workshop

By Badar Mahmood 9K

Today we have learnt a lot about debating in this workshop, and learned how P.E.E.L (Point, Explain Evidence, Link) helps us to construct a debate.

We were all involved in groups of three and discussed a range of topics including:

- Should football players be paid so much?
- Should beauty pageants be banned?
- Should Britain give so much money to other countries?

Pupils from our partner schools Willowfield and Walthamstow School For Girls were also involved in the workshop and we all worked well together.



"We all gained lots of confidence in speaking in front of other people, learnt skills on how to construct a debate and how an official debate runs".



French Theatre Production

Onatti Production came back to Kelmscott for the 3rd Year with a French play entitled "Une Erreur d'Identité" (Mistaken Identity).

The married owners of a run down hotel become convinced that their one and only guest is the escaped convict they have just read about in the newspaper. A lot of mayhem and fun, all in French for 50 minutes!

All students were able to follow the plot and had a great time thanks to the energy of the 2 French actors, Antoine & Justine who even gave students a chance to act!

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"French was easy to understand!" Sarah 9M

"Very funny!" Taylor 9M

"Amazing!" Wiktoria 10L

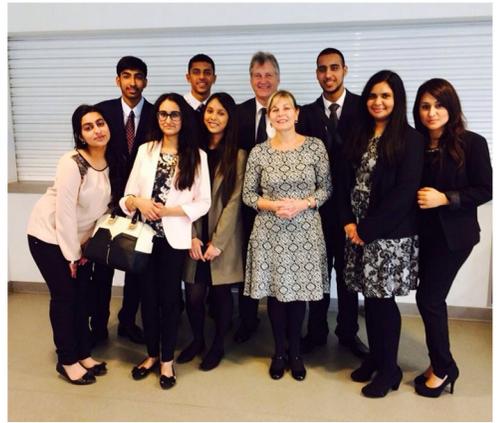
"The actors were so good and changed quickly!" Jazal 9S

Professional Interview Day

19th November 2014

Kelmescott welcomed guests from a wide variety of businesses, local government, educational institutions and former staff to interview our Year 12 and Year 11 pupils. In addition, selected Year 10 pupils were also invited to take part.

The aim of this day was to give students the experience of being interviewed by a professional employer, giving them confidence when it comes to applying and being interviewed for college courses or jobs.



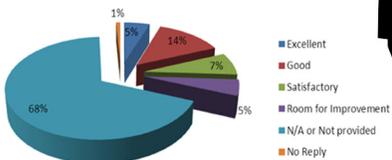
Below is some feedback from students and employers:

“A very confident young man. He has very definite goals. I admire the fact he has addressed his weaknesses and is making a conscious effort to overcome them”

“I really enjoyed this event and thought the interviewer was really welcoming which helped my confidence”



Quality of CV if provided



What a Year for ICT!

2014 was an amazing year for the ICT department. We managed to get our best ever results for ICT with 91% A*-C and also 100% with BTEC ICT.

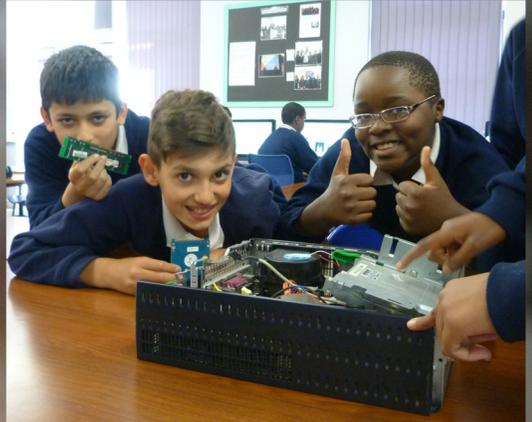
It was also the first year where a number of students managed to pass the CISCO IT Essentials qualification.

2015 is an exciting year with it's new challenges. It will be the first year where students will sit GCSE Computing. Its also the first year where students will be sitting the new BTEC qualification called *Information Creative Technology* (not Information Communications Technology). It's not just one word that has changed but the whole course itself.

To keep up with the demands of society, we have introduced an exciting and innovative computing curriculum. Pupils will learn to code, think like a computer scientist and use a range of software to solve problems and put their imagination into practice.

We have some big plans for 2015. These include having ex-students carry out a workshop with students, a trip to the Samsung Digital Academy and a trip to Bletchley Park.

For the third year running, we have entered into Microsoft's Kodu Kup competition where KS3 pupils create and code their own game. It is a national competition with runners up being invited to Microsoft HQ in Reading to take part in workshops and to win a prize.





KS4 Reading Excellence

Pupils were awarded a certificate and a Puffin badge at assemblies in November to celebrate KS4 students achieving and maintaining the highest reading ages in their year groups.

The badge is worn on a pupil's uniform as recognition of them developing their comprehension, vocabulary and fluency skills.

Literacy Roll of Honour

Reading Ages

Year 10

Over 15 years

Jasmine Norton 10S
Selver Ozbek 10S
Shah Rasool 10M
Cris Chefane 10M
Ismaeel Khaliq 10L
Hussan Khan 10L
Loic Nengese 10K
Roylon Mugas 10K
Mohammed Patel 10C
Ahmed Masood 10C
Hamza Rashid 10C
Alishba Saif 10E

Year 11

Over 15 years & 8 months

Ron Nengese 11M
Afraa Fazil 11L
Kevin Lam 11K
Alicja Lasko 11K
Kabir Islam 11S
Abdul-Jabbar Rahat 11S

Year 10

Over 16 years

Alice Armstrong 10S
Denis Bilekera-Strong 10M
Talia Eringin 10M
Hina Malik 10M
Jade Dickins 10L
Zaem Najeeb 10L
Jakub Zdunski 10L
Adam Dhansey 10K
Hussain Alam 10C
Abbi Paget 10C
Brandon Winwright 10C
Manteen Aziz 10E
Laiba Hafeez 10E
Benjamin Wilkinson 10E



Year 11

Over 16 years

Samuel Burns 11M
Eebbaa Elfneh 11M
Usmaan Chatha 11M
Farhana Tutniwala 11M
Hasan Akhtar 11L
Azi Bham 11L
Luke Gentry 11L
Adhurim Podvorica 11L
Haroon Suleman 11L
Uthman Ahmad 11K
Zak Ahmed 11K
Mert Guvercin 11K
Raamiz Hussain 11K
Charli Kelly 11K
Shamoyle Ali 11C
Matas Grigaluskas 11C
Ahmad Hjej-Andaloussi 11C
Nelam Mistry 11C
Xu Dong Wang 11C
Khadija Bana 11S
Aliya Latif 11S
Asad Rasul 11S
Khunais Ahmad 11E
Noor Aziz 11E
Aminah Habib 11E
Kurt Martin-Brown 11E
Rehan Mughal 11E



AHMED DADABHOY

Macbeth
Shakespeare 4 kidz
The work is from a theatre
'Shakespeare 4 kidz.'

Mrs Dempsey and the Art department wish to celebrate the developing coursework of their GCSE Art pupils.

This work is based on the theme of William Shakespeare's play Macbeth and is in preparation for their mock exam in January.



AARON OSADEME



Artist Copy
HAKEEM JANHANGEER



BARBARA DA SILVA

SARA KORZENIEC



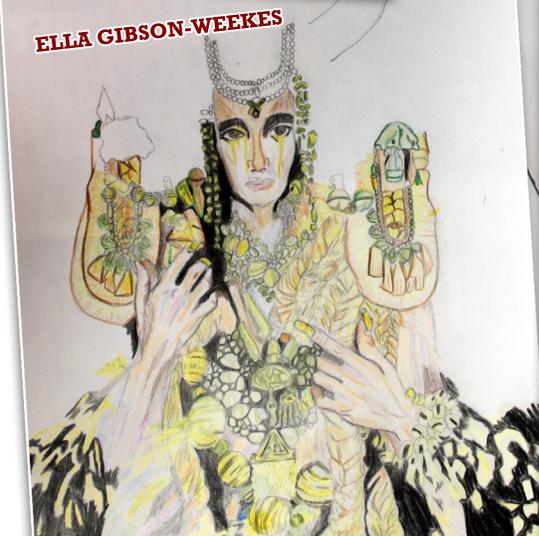
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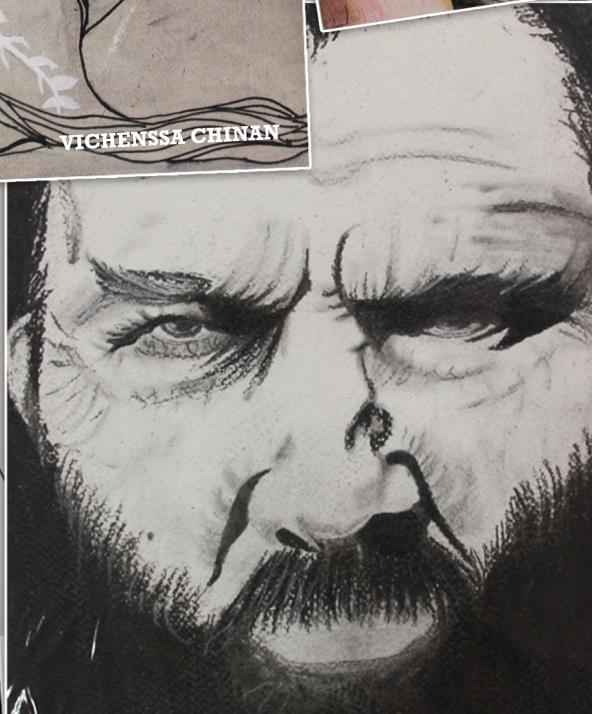
VICHENSSA CHINAN



ZAINAB MIR



ELLA GIBSON-WEEKES



CANAN ISCAN

Azi Bham Wins Community Award

Our Head Boy Azi Bham and Sab from the Salaam Peace Community Engagement Programme were both rewarded for years of positive contribution to the borough of Waltham Forest.

Azi was awarded the Young Volunteer of the Year award for outstanding work in the E17 area. At the age of 16, Azi has raised over £10,000 for community projects over the last 4 years. Sab, who over the last 4 years has won the BBC London Award and National Awards from StreetGames and V Inspired, was rewarded for 2 decades of work in the borough by being awarded the Outstanding Contribution award.



“Very well done to Azi on his success, as he was the catalyst for our development in the E17 and E10 area.” Sab Bham

Wigs For Kids - Fundraiser

Fakhira, Maryam & Nazima Ahmed are going to donate 12 inches of their hair to a charity called Wigs 4 Kids www.wigsforkids.org

Once they receive the hair, they will make a wig for a child who has alopecia, lupus, or any other illnesses or disorders that cause children to lose their hair.

Visit the website to find out more info, or their Just Giving page...
Just a few pounds off their target!

JustGiving

Maryam, Nazima and Fakhira's Hair Donation

We are looking for 10 inches of hair for Little Princess Trust because we want to help someone who needs it more than us

91%

£410.00
total of £400.00 target

17 donors

Donate

www.justgiving.com/ahmed-sisters



Ibrahim El Maanni won a Bronze medal at the Polish Karate World Championships this October.

Annual Eid Dinner

Students and staff at Kelmscott recently had their annual Eid dinner.

The event was a whopping success with staff and students enjoying good food, listening to a hilarious comedy show, enjoying an intellectually stimulating quiz and some even had Henna designs carried out by a professional henna artist. We managed to raise **over £450** which went to Islamic Relief's emergency appeal.



There were many staff and students who helped contributed to its success. Students included Farhad in Year 9 who was in charge of the comedy show, Head Boy Azi and Head Girl Klodaina who hosted the evening as well as Adam in Year 10 who baked a cake that Mrs Parvez won in the auction.

Thank you to all those who helped and donated!

Mr Elfallah

Design & Technology



Ben Watt in 7K has proved himself to be exceptional on the sewing machine.

Despite only starting Textiles at the start of this term, Ben has shown that he can set up a sewing machine and use it with skill and accuracy. He has started to sew an appliqued design of a monster on a cushion cover.

We look forward to see how his creative skills on the sewing machine develop in the future.

Well done Ben!



This is a photograph taken on a recent trip to Kew Gardens, as part of the GCSE Art/Photography course by Maya Sokolwska in Year 10.

She used a DSLR camera with a macro lens to achieve this close up shot of a flower. There were so many excellent photographs taken that it was impossible for Mrs Stone to choose the 'photo of the day' so there was a vote amongst the art pupils. Pupils especially liked Maya's photograph because of the bright colour and the repeat pattern of the petals.



NOTICE BOARD

The winners of the 2nd Annual Year 6 Basketball tournament were Sybourn with 16 points. Coppermill gained silver medals with 14 points.

Other teams which entered were South Grove, Barncroft, (who were the champions in 2013) Mission Grove and Thomas Gamuel.

All schools had a great time and showed good sportsmanship throughout the event, and we will continue to work with our local primary schools hosting more sporting events throughout 2015.

Well done to all the schools that took part.

Mr Wood.



End of Term Arrangements

Term ends on Friday 19th December. On this day pupils will leave school at approximately 1:00pm.

Spring term begins as normal at 8.35am on Monday 5th January 2015.

I wish you and your families a happy and restful holiday.

Lynnette Parvez
Headteacher



L.R.C AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY
Homework Club
3.35 - 4.05pm
TUESDAY
Dictionary Club
3.05 - 3.35pm
WEDNESDAY
Book Club
3.05 - 3.35pm



YEAR 11 TRIP TO THE TATE GALLERY, COMPLETING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THEIR MACBETH MOCK EXAM WHICH TAKES PLACE IN JANUARY!



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