KHB WELCOMES OUR NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Wizard of Oz – Tech / Arts Trek
Tech Arts faculty produced a spectacular festival walkway for the Year 6 induction day to welcome our new students. The amazing weather complemented the school’s performance of the ‘Wizard of Oz’ which our new students enjoyed during their day with us in the summer term.

The set design had been worked on for weeks by our key stage 3 students during their Technology and Arts lessons. Our talented Drama students brought the performance to life as Dorothy, the tin man, lion and scarecrow. They re-enacted famous scenes to bring the story to life which impressed our newest members immensely.

See more pictures of our Tech/Arts Trek inside on page 5...

Exam update 2018
Students in the summer received some well deserved results. They were all following new curriculum in the majority of their subjects and the final examinations took place in one of the hottest summers we have experienced for a long time.

On a much cooler August day they came to collect their results and there were lots of smiles from staff, students and parents. We were very proud of them.

Year 10 also took their GCSE English Literature examination in the summer and gained some very good results – this bodes well for next year. They have now set themselves benchmarks. Two students gained a grade 9 - a truly outstanding performance!
We were welcomed by Reverend Kathy Roberts, and after some refreshments were introduced to two church volunteers who explained to our students, the Knights of the Temple and their connection with Temple Balsall.

In the afternoon Kathy showed us around St. Mary’s church, giving us the historical background and her main duties. She is also the first woman Reverend of this church.

This was followed by a walk of the grounds and primary school, finally finishing with the sheltered courtyard, where the Leveson foundation care for the older people, within a Christian context.

It gave our students a different religious context to compare with their own.

We went on our trip, with my Secondary School, to Coventry University, where we took part in a big activity. We designed our own products to prevent massive real world problems like pollution, traffic, cutting down trees and ageing. I designed my product with the group which was about graffiti.

Our product was a portable can of anti-graffiti spray that you could spray in your own homes and cars to stop graffiti. We would then have to talk to our class about our product design.

Before then, we went on a tour of Coventry University and it was amazing. We went around the library where they have over 10,000 books! We also went to try out the VR (Virtual Reality) which is quite crazy.

After we had our awesome tour we had to reveal our product to the class. Some people went for underground tunnels to stop traffic and pollution. Somebody even went for jetpacks to stop road traffic. Some people had the idea to have robotic trees to stop tree cutting and pollution, whilst my group and I explained our anti-graffiti spray.

After the tension of the presentation lifted, it was then on to the winners! The winning team took home an awesome prize, but my team did not win.

It didn’t really matter though as I did get some really good feedback. After this experience, I do feel as though I could design new products and present my ideas to a large number of people.

George Lovell
Kings Heath Boys
David Allton from Frontline Living History visited our school last term to give us a presentation on World War 1. This tied in with our current topic of study within History, ‘Warfare through Time’.

During the presentation, we were told about a brief history of warfare leading to the period of World War 1. We learnt about weaponry, tactics and even uniforms as well as the composition of the army and how it has changed over time.

The main part of the presentation was very hands-on and interactive. We were asked a wide range of questions to see what knowledge we already had as well as being taught information to expand on that knowledge.

When talking about the main weapons used in the war we were shown replica weapons as well as weapons actually taken from the battlefield. This was an interesting experience because we were able to touch and hold items that were actually used during the war.

Furthermore, we were shown a wide range of sources that allowed us to learn the effects of the war on civilians as well as on the soldiers. This was helpful because this is part of the curriculum which we are learning and will be examined on.

I would recommend this experience for future years because the presentation was very educational but was also fun due to the hands-on and practical aspect that gave the presentation a more relaxed twist.

Aadam Ali

Supporting students in Tanzania

Two of our students, Mohammed Younis Khan and Mohammed Yousef Khan spent a week of their summer holidays out in Tanzania with the charity Islamic Help. They have spent a great deal of time fundraising and requested a non uniform day. Supported by Mr Hussain they also organised a bake sale. Kings Heath Boys always enjoys a bake sale.

Both events raised £580.72 towards this good cause.

Update from the boys on their return from Tanzania:

“We renovated a school to help them have the same education as we do. We built them new toilets and made them cleaner to prevent diseases such as cholera and diarrohea. Painting the school made it stand out and the aim was that children would think of it as a new start and a new beginning to their education.”

There will more of an update in the next version of bits and bytes.

Beyond the Horizon

We all need help sometimes in our lives and sadly school was in need of the support offered by the charity Beyond the Horizon. This is a charity that offers bereavement support and staff, students and families benefited from the immediacy and consistency of their support last academic year. They helped us all during a very difficult period. It was therefore only right that we do something from them so in March Kings Heath Boys held a non-uniform day and the money raised was donated to the charity. We raised a fantastic £303.
Staff at Birmingham School of Art gave the students an opportunity to attend a photography workshop. Ten talented Kings Heath Boys GCSE art students were selected from Year 9 and to take part in a photography project. The boys were shown examples of light exposure photography and given an assortment of torches, LED lights and glow toys to create their own light exposure photographs. It was a really fun and engaging morning enjoyed by all. New skills were acquired which students will find very useful in producing GCSE art coursework this year.

The annual South Network exhibition took place at the Birmingham School of Art in the city Centre between the 25th June and 6th July 2018. The exhibition offers a fantastic opportunity to see the best artistic work from pupils at a large range of schools and this year did not disappoint.

Our Year 11 had been working on their main coursework project of Identity. Taking inspiration from a wide range of contextual references, pupils are encouraged to develop their own ideas and concepts through experimentation with a wide range of materials and techniques.

As well as the more traditional techniques of drawing, painting and printmaking pupils are encouraged to utilise modern technology with the use of photography, photomontage and photoshop.
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OUR NEW YEAR 7
CLASS - 2018

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

THE KHB WAY

THE WICKED WITCH IS DEAD

MEETING LION AND TIN MAN

SCARECROW JOINS THE TREK

A VERY COLOURFUL JOURNEY

THEY ARE ALL OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD

TO FINALLY ARRIVE AT THE EMERALD CITY (KHB EMERALD ANNEXE)

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Kings Heath Boys go sailing

10 excited students were taken to the Land Rover BAR 1851 Road show in Bartley Green on a beautiful sunny day. They completed a series of challenges all based on race boat design and were given the opportunity to learn to sail which they took in their stride!

Thankfully the sun was shining and any wet feet quickly dried off. Pupils met Olympic sailors, discovered how their skills in Design Technology could be used in industry as well as learning how to operate a sailing boat.

A very different experience for our students.
Kings Heath Boys love reading

Reading Week 2018

Reading week is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and most importantly it is a celebration of reading and is marked in over 100 countries all over the world. The main aim is to encourage students to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to participate in a range of literacy related competitions and activities.

The school was a hive of activity with both staff and students working hard to complete the array of tasks, activities, challenges and competitions.

Well done to all the students and staff who participated in the event!

Winners were …

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Library

Library Assistant Reward Programme

Congratulations to the following students who have gained their Library Assistant Award Badge:

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THE LANGUAGE OF SUCCESS

English Careers Event

On a very sunny day in June, Year 9 and 10 had the opportunity to speak to representatives from colleges, sixth forms and industry about the different paths they could follow after completing their GCSE examinations. There was lots of information linking the skills students use in their English Language and Literature GCSE studies to a wide range of careers including journalism, law, medicine and accountancy. This showed them the importance of perfecting these skills over the next academic year.

Our students were a credit to the school, demonstrating excellent social skills and great enthusiasm about future careers.
We have a new editor, Mr Hussain and he would appreciate your feedback, so please feel free to email any questions or suggestions to him. We are always looking for new ideas so if you have any please contact him.

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