

Kimberley School

SIXTH FORM

BULLETIN

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“Minds are like
flowers, they want
to grow”



W/C Monday 18th November – Week B



Congratulations and
thank you to all the
heroes and villains at
Kimberley Sixth Form.
You raised over £2500!

Choose Respect

Our call to action:

<< From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.

This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'. What will you choose? >>



The Sixth form common room is open for students use up until 5pm each week night



Don't forget to check your emails regularly (make sure that your notifications are switched on) as this is how most staff will communicate with you outside of lessons.

Reminder: If you are going to be absent from school (illness or medical appointment), although great to receive the information from students, we do need to speak to parents/carers and this will be followed up. **DO NOT** just take yourself home during the day without informing Miss Marriott.

If you have lost your ID badge, email reprographics@kimberleyschool.co.uk to arrange a new one and please sign in/out on the screen by the main reception desk. Also sign in on the screen if you have left it at home.



DO NOT take other people's milk



Respect the Sixth form and the toilets, clean up after yourself!



Year 12 Tea and Coffee – If you want to bring in your own mug and tea / coffee / hot chocolate you can leave them in one of the cubby holes.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 19th November	Year 12/13 Consultation Evening
Friday 6th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December – 12:30	Break up for Christmas
Monday 6th January	Return to school
Monday 10th – Friday 14th February	Year 12/13 mocks
Friday 14th February	Break up for half term
Monday 24th February	Return to school
Thursday 13th March	Year 12/13 Consultation Evening
Friday 4th April	Break up for Easter
Monday 21st April	Bank holiday
Tuesday 22nd April	Return to school
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8th May	Summer exam season starts
Friday 23rd May	Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June	Return to school
Thursday 19th – Wednesday 25th June	Year 12 mock exams

Monday 30th June – Friday 4th July
Monday 21st July (reserve – 23rd)
Friday 25th July – 12:30

Year 12 work experience
Sport's day
Break up for summer

Joke of the day:

Why couldn't the toilet paper cross the road?

It got stuck in a crack

Weird things we say and why: Have your guts for garters

Definition: To threaten to 'have someone's guts for garters' is to state the intention to do them serious harm. The threat isn't an actual and literal one and the overstatement of reprisal is meant to indicate humour, but with an indication that the threatened person has done something which has been something of an annoyance.

Origins: The expression 'to have someone's guts for garters' originated in Tudor England.

At that time disembowelment was used as a form of torture and execution. The punishment of 'hanged, drawn and quartered' was on the statute book in England until as late as 1790. However, even then, the threat wasn't meant to be taken literally.

Although the threat wasn't a real one it at least would have made sense then as garters were then worn by men as a way of holding up their stockings, a.k.a. hose. Garters aren't commonly worn now and the expression has followed them into relative obscurity..

In these more enlightened times the expression is limited to figurative examples like, "I don't want to tell Dad that I've scraped the car – he'll have my guts for garters".



To:

Amelia Spouge – 17th November

Honei Alcock – 20th November

Ka Lam Jang – 20th November



Thought for the week:

What is a Careers appointment and how can it benefit you?

A careers appointment offers you the chance to speak to a Careers Consultant one-to-one to explore your career thinking, questions and goals. It can give you the space to explore your ideas, work through your thinking and decision making, and support you along your career journey. It will be of benefit to you no matter where you are in your journey – if you are just starting out (or are not even sure where to start!), if you have some ideas or if you have a clear idea and are looking to put your plan into action. It's a chance for you to take some space and time to gather your thoughts, and identify next steps you can take.

If you would like to make an appointment, please see Miss Marriott to get this arranged. Appointments are Tuesday.

Searching Online For Degree Apprenticeships

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www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/degree/>

www.amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2022/11/HigherDegree-Listing-NOV-2022.pdf>

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.prospects.ac.uk

www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk

www.findapprenticeships.co.uk

www.future-talent.com

Don't forget, some large employers who run their own Apprenticeship programmes don't always advertise their vacancies externally. So if there is a company you really want to work for, check the careers page on their website. And check the regular jobs sites too eg Indeed or Reed, as you'll sometimes find opportunities on there that haven't been advertised elsewhere. www.mygreatfirstjob.com

Good Attendance Matters

Do not book holidays during term time.

If you are ill and cannot come to school, please ask your parent or carer to telephone Miss Marriott (Mon-Thurs) or Mrs Pates (Fri) on extension 225 to confirm your absence.

If you have a lesson, DO NOT leave school without informing Miss Marriott. This will be followed up with a telephone call to parents/carers.

Please make sure your finger print has been taken for your dinner account and make sure that your account has been topped up. Speak to Andrea if you have any queries. If you wish to pre-order food for lunch, please speak to her at break and she can arrange this for you.

News Item of the Week:



One in three
T-level
students drop
out of health
course

Nearly one in three students doing a T-level in health and science drop out in their first year, according to a new report.

The Education Policy Institute (EPI) says T-level students overall are 20% less likely to complete their qualification than students on other types of courses.

Health students saw high levels of dropouts after botched exam papers in 2022, which saw the exam board responsible fined £300,000.

A Department for Education (DfE) spokesperson said the findings showed overall student retention rates were "improving as providers grow more familiar with delivering the courses".

T-levels are now in their fifth year, after first being rolled out in 2020.

They are two-year vocational courses taken after GCSEs, which focus on subjects like education, construction and IT, and include a work placement that makes up roughly 20% of the course.

Just over 16,000 students started a T-level in 2023. Although 2024 figures are not yet available, enrolment numbers have been rising each year.

But the rollout has drawn criticism from the regulator Ofsted, and the government's education select committee, with issues varying from the quality of teaching to the availability of work placements.

The latest EPI report also highlights a persistent issue with students dropping out of courses early.

The dropout rate of first-year health and science students was 31%, the report said. Only legal, finance and accounting courses had a higher rate, with 33%.

Aleasha Lancaster said three of her health T-level classmates dropped out after the exams fiasco in 2022.

Ofqual said it had had to take "unprecedented" action against the exam board, NCFE, to get 1,200 students' results recalculated, after it failed to develop "valid question papers".

Aleasha, 20, said it was a "big shock" when questions about "the acidity of volcanoes" came up in her science exam, rather than the health-based questions she had been preparing for.

The healthcare T-level is recognised by NHS Employers, as one way young people can start their career in nursing, or other NHS roles.

Aleasha has gone on to study mental health nursing at university, but said she and her classmates often felt like "guinea pigs", having the course tested on them in real time.

"I think that because the lecturers didn't really know the course themselves, it was like the blind leading the blind," she said.

She said the course was sometimes disorganised, and lacked structure.

The EPI report also raised issues which many T-level students have found with using their qualification to get into university.

Nursing shortages

It comes after a warning from the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) last month, that the number of people studying to become nurses has "collapsed" in each region of England.

"Across the NHS alone there are tens of thousands of vacancies, and demand for services continues to rise," RCN's Prof Nicola Ranger said at the time.

"We desperately need more people to join the profession, but the reality is nursing numbers are going in the wrong direction."

UK-wide Ucas data from August found 23,800 students were accepted on to nursing courses for this academic year – 340 fewer than last year and 6,350 fewer than in 2021.

The EPI report found that nearly half of health and science T-level students who drop out early end up leaving education altogether.

It also criticised the T-level transition programme (TLTP), a foundation year of study to help students prepare for the T-level, with only 2% of health and science TLTP students progressing to the full course.

T-levels were launched by the former Conservative government, which planned to make them the main route into vocational education by defunding alternative courses, like BTecs, with overlapping subject areas.

Critics have warned that many students who might not be suited to T-levels could be left with fewer options for post-16 education if the alternatives are removed.

The new Labour government said it would continue with T-levels, but it is considering whether to continue defunding other courses.

The result of that review is expected before the end of the year.

A spokesperson from the DfE said: "We welcome these findings that show T-level students are more likely to go onto advanced apprenticeships and other higher levels of study than other vocational qualifications."

University Open Days

University of Lincoln

- Saturday 7 December

Aston University, Birmingham

- Saturday 23 November

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YOUNG ADULTS BOOK GROUP

Aged 13-18 and enjoy reading?

Come and join our group to meet like-minded people and discuss a range of books. You will receive a book to read and return for the following months discussion.

Venue

Kimberley Library

Date

3rd Saturday of each month

Time

11am - 12pm



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Virtual Talk Series

Thinking about your next steps after school? Whether you're in Year 12 just starting to explore your options or in Year 13 ready to take the plunge, our Information and Guidance (IAG) Talks are here to help you make informed decisions about your future.

UCAS Process & Personal Statement Tips (Year 13)

Wednesday, 9th October | 4:30 - 5:15 PM

Navigating the UCAS process can be daunting, but we're here to simplify it, along with top tips for crafting a standout personal statement.

Choosing a Course and University (Year 12)

Tuesday, 15th October | 4:30 - 5:00 PM

With thousands of courses and universities to choose from, making the right choice can feel overwhelming. This session breaks down what you need to consider ensuring you pick the perfect match for your future.

Student Finance Explained (Year 13)

Thursday, 7th November | 4:30 - 5:15 PM

Worried about how you'll afford university? This talk covers everything you need to know about student finance, including budgeting tips and managing your money wisely.

Student Life (All Years)

Wednesday, 20th November | 4:30 - 5:00 PM

Hear from a current student on what their life is like, ask your questions to someone who is currently studying and living in Leicester.



Ready to take the next step?

Register for these sessions by scanning the QR Code so you can join us on Zoom and start shaping your future! These talks are packed with essential information, real-life insights, and advice to guide you on your journey to higher education.

Don't miss out!



Bishop
Grosseteste
University

3rd December & 14th February | BGU

The Lincoln Record Society and BGU Historical Games Jam

Join us at BGU for our very own Games Jam!

- Use documents from the Lincolnshire Archive to make an historically accurate game
- Work as a team to develop a board game from concept to competition
- Suitable for Year 12 students in teams of 4 or 5
- Free lunch and refreshments provided

This two day event will take place on:

Day 1: **Tuesday 3rd December 2024** (9.30am - 2.30pm, with optional extra time 2.30 - 4.30pm for those who would like some extra time on campus designing their games)

Day 2: **Friday 14th February 2025** (9.30am - 2.30pm, with optional extra time 2.30 - 4.30pm for those who would like some extra time on campus designing their games).

Sign up by scanning this QR code:



For further information email
outreach@bishopg.ac.uk



The
Kimberley
School

Academic Year
2024-2025

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School Holidays



Public Holidays



Administration Days

www.kimberleyschool.co.uk

NG16 2NJ office@kimberleyschool.co.uk 0115 938 7000

Please note: an additional Admin day is currently planned for the 7th or 8th of July. TBC in due course.



Information available if you need it...



Bullying, self-harm, exam stress, cyber bullying, depression, feeling sad, abuse... if you need to talk to someone

Calls are free and confidential 0800 1111



Samaritans works to make sure there's always someone there for anyone who needs someone.

Non-judgemental, confidential, emotional support, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

Calls are free 24/7 on 116 123



Beat provides helplines for people of all ages, offering support and information about eating disorders. If you or someone close to you has been affected there is someone to talk to.

**This helpline is free from all phones
0808 801 0677**



Brook offers both clinical sexual health services (pregnancy, contraception, sex & relationships, STIs) as well as education and wellbeing services for young people aged 11-25

Ask Brook on 0808 802 1234



Shout is a **free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging support service** for anyone who is struggling to cope

Text 85258



Harmless is a local Nottinghamshire charity that works to address and overcome issues related to self-harm, and to promote recovery amongst individuals affected by it

**Call on 0115 880 0280 or visit
<https://harmless.org.uk/>**