

Thomas Knyvett College – Weekly Newsletter

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TKC HOLDS THEIR VERY FIRST CAREERS FAIR

Last Thursday, Thomas Knyvett College held their first Careers Fair. Representatives from twenty-three local colleges, universities, organisations and companies set up stands in the hall. All the students in Years 7-10 visited the fair during their lesson times, and Year 11 had the opportunity to visit at lunch.

The exhibitors were very impressed by the enthusiasm of our students, particularly those in Years 7 and 8, and most of them have said that they would like to come back next year.

Students were able to talk to the visitors about their organisation and ask questions. For the younger students it allowed them to start thinking about career options available to them in the future, and for the older students it gave them the chance to focus more clearly on what they would like to do once they leave school.



If you work for an organisation that might be interested in attending to a similar event next year, please get in touch with Mrs Manning at manning_m@thomasknyvett.org, we would love to hear from you.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

Last week the Year 10 students came back to school following a week of work experience. Most of the students seem to have thoroughly enjoyed their work placements, and the feedback that we have received from the employers has been extremely good. A large number of the employers have indicated that they would consider employing our students in the future, and overall they seem to have been very impressed with them, which is great feedback for our students.

A few students remained in school and took part in a World of Work Week, where they learned how to write a CV, were taught interview skills by volunteers from BP and had a practice interview with members of Ashford Rotary Club. They also had a session on personal resourcefulness delivered by volunteers from the chocolate company, Lindt, and a session on guide dog training by a regular volunteer to the school, Liz Wilkins.



Marc and Devon on site with Balfour Beatty



Akash, Shwe and Sebastian presenting at BP



Courtney helping train Rosie

Bringing out the Best

IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT WILL KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE

Please see below an alert from Healthcare on Demand; the link gives further information about the 'Blue Whale' social media phenomenon.

Please note that the link refers to the social media tool 'Yellow' available on Apple and Android devices which is billed as 'Tinder for Teens' and has been criticised by the NSPCC. This app was also recently highlighted as a risk at the recent Police and Schools Panel meeting by the Complex Abuse Unit of Surrey Police.

Healthcare on Demand statement:

It has come to our notice, including via the police, that there are some serious issues in the digital world frequented by our children and young people.

Specifically, an online 'game' that encourages self-harm and suicidal thoughts.

We have summarised the information available in a blog update, details can be found on the following link:

<http://healthcareondemand.org.uk/beware-blue-whale-challenge-alert-parents-school-staff/>

PARENT FORUM



The Parent Forum can be found on the homepage on the VLE, each week various members of staff will post a different topic for discussion. Just click on the Parent Forum button (image above right) and reply to the post from the school.

This week's topic is:

[How do you think we can best help your child in their transition from Year 7 to Year 8?](#)

LITERACY CHALLENGE

INTERESTING SENTENCES

Edit the sentence below to make it more interesting.

The holiday was fun.

Dates for your Diary

w/c 15 May:	GCSE Examinations begin
16 May:	Year 10 Geography Selsey Trip
	45 x Year 10 students
17 May:	Young Singing Leadership Evening Workshop
	3:30pm-4:45pm
	(15 x Years 9 & 10 students)
19 May:	Legoland, Windsor Trip
	(14 x Year 7 Goal students)
26 May:	Last day of term
w/c 29 May:	HALF TERM
5 June:	Start of term
7 June:	Cisco, Bedfont Lakes trip
	13 x Year 9 students
7 June:	Young Singing Leadership Evening Workshop
	3:30pm-4:45pm
	(15 x Years 9 & 10 students)
8 June:	Philharmonia Orchestra Concert, Southbank Centre
	(20 x Year 10 students)
14 June:	INSET Day
15 June:	Natural History Museum
	(All Year 7 students)
w/c 19 June:	Year 10 Examinations
w/c 26 June:	Year 9 Examinations
27 June:	Brooklands College, Weybridge
	(45 x Year 10 students)
28 June:	Brooklands College, Ashford
	(30 x Year 10 students)
28 June:	Big Bang Fair (All Year 9 students)
28 June:	Year 11 Prom, Holiday Inn, Shepperton
w/c 3 July:	Year 8 Examinations
4 July:	National Enterprise Challenge, Telford
	(6 x Year 10 students)
4 & 5 July:	Induction Days
4 July:	Induction Evening
5 July:	Maths Inspiration, Guildford
	(30 x Year 9 & 10 students)
10 July:	Year 7 Examinations
11 July:	Awards Evening Years 7-10
12 July:	PTA Meeting 6:30pm
12 July:	Strodes College (50 x Year 10 students)
16-19 July:	Spanish Trip to Barcelona
	(Year 7 & 8 students)
18 & 19 July:	Summer Production
19 July:	Activity Day
20 July:	Sports Day
21 July:	Last day of term

Interesting sentence from last week's newsletter:

Grumpy Miss Elland, set the most difficult geography homework, ever!

YEAR 11 LEAVER'S CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2017 INVITATION

INVITATION

*All year 11 students are invited to attend the
Year 11 Leavers' Celebration Assembly 2017*

*Date: Friday 26th May 2017
Location: Drama studio
Timings: 1.45pm Drinks reception
2.00pm: Leavers' Celebration Assembly
2.45pm: Year Group Photo
Dress Code: Formal (Dress/Suit and tie)*



MATHS CHALLENGE



Three people enjoy a meal at a Thai restaurant. The waiter brings the bill for £30.00 so each person pays £10.00.

Later the chef realises that the bill should have only been £25.00 so he sends the waiter back to the table with £5.00. The waiter was not very good at Maths and could not figure out how to divide the £5.00 so he gave each person a £1.00 and kept £2.00 for himself.

So....the three people have paid £9.00 each for the meal.

$$3 \times £9.00 = £27.00$$

The waiter kept £2.00

$$£27.00 + £2.00 = £29.00$$

What happened to the other pound? Does this make sense?

[Last week's solution](#)

[The holiday was 12 days long.](#)

ABSENCE CONTACT DETAILS

If your child is unwell
please contact Mrs Canton
on 01784 243824

(then select '1' on the keypad which will then
divert directly to the absence line)

and follow the instructions
or via email

canton_v@thomasknyvett.org

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it.

– William Arthur Ward

Bringing out the Best

A representative from Kooth visited the school last week, giving assemblies to all year groups about the wonderful work that they do with young people. Students were told about the website, along with the services that www.kooth.com provides.

Details of all services can be found on their website, along with the live forums shown below.

Live Forum Topics:	Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 7:30pm-9:30pm
❖ Friday 12 May	Funny Poems and Limericks - National Limerick Day (12 May)
❖ Monday 15 May	Families - International Day of Families (15 May)
❖ Wednesday 17 May	Vegetarian Recipes - National Vegetarian Week (15-21 May)
❖ Friday 19 May	Deafness - Deaf Awareness Week (15-21 May)
❖ Monday 22 May	Life Pressure
❖ Wednesday 24 May	LGBT: Coming Out
❖ Friday 26 May	Victims of Crime Quiz: Being a Witness
❖ Monday 29 May	Poverty Around the World - World Hunger Day (28 May)
❖ Wednesday 31 May	Social Takeover: Music, Movies and TV

YEAR 10 CRICKET TEAM NEWS

On Tuesday, the Year 10 cricket team took on Mathew Arnold in the first round of the District Cup; they were ably assisted by a handful of Year 9 students who bolstered the team well.

Tom captained the side and put Mathew Arnold into bat first. Suhi opened the bowling and the team started strong, Tom came onto bowl and took 2 wickets in his first over. Thomas Knyvett started by restricting Mathew Arnold to 8 for 5 at one point. Tom took 4 wickets, Suhi 2, Mitchell 1. These

bowlers were backed up well by Luke, George, Andre and Ollie. Mathew Arnold finished on 72 from their 15 overs.

Suhi and Azan came into open the batting and started really strong. Suhi was asked to retire on 22, after looking exceptional and unphased by playing up a year. Tom and Mitchell came into bat to finish off the innings and get to Mathew Arnold's total in 9.3 overs.

An astounding 8 wicket victory for Thomas Knyvett who advance to the next round of the Cup.



So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.

– Christopher Reeve

TKC UPDATE ON PENALTY NOTICES FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME



Please see below for an update on Fixed Penalty Notices provided to us by Surrey County Council:

On 13 May 2016 the High Court heard an appeal brought by the Isle of Wight Local Authority in respect of the case of Jonathan Platt who had successfully argued at the Magistrates Court that he had no case to answer in respect of a summons for failing to ensure his child's regular school attendance following his failure to pay a penalty notice for taking his child out of school for seven days to go on holiday.

The High Court agreed with the Magistrates' decision and the Isle of Wight Authority, supported by the DfE, appealed to the Supreme Court for clarification of what is 'regular school attendance'. The case was heard on 31 January 2017 and the judgement was delivered on 06 April 2017.

The judgement states that regular attendance is defined as 'in accordance with the rules prescribed by the school.' Previously in Surrey, in conjunction with the Schools' Phase Councils, it was agreed penalty notices would only be issued for 5 or more days of unauthorised leave of absence (including holidays).

Following this judgement, we will now revert to issuing penalty notices for 5 or more days unauthorised leave of absence where it can be shown that the parents have been warned (via a recent newsletter or parent mail shot) that if they took such unauthorised leave of absence they could be liable to receive a penalty notice.

In summary, TKC will send the necessary paperwork to Surrey County Council for the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Please remember that the Fixed Penalty Notice is not issued by the school.

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice (reminder)

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is £60.00 **per parent, per child**, if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120.00 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the recipient will be prosecuted in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you take action without delay to secure their regular attendance.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in improving the attendance of all students to school.

PUNCTUATION OF THE WEEK AT TKC

Colon (:)

There are three main uses of the colon:

1. Between two main clauses in cases where the second clause explains or follows from the first:

We have a motto: live life to the full.

2. To introduce a list:

The cost of the room included the following: breakfast, dinner, and Wi-Fi.

3. Before a quotation, and sometimes before direct speech:

The headline read: 'Local Woman Saves Geese'.

Work as hard as you can and then be happy in the knowledge you couldn't have done any more.

- Anonymous

Bringing out the Best



Just under one week until the next **Bag2School** clothing collection on Wednesday 17 May 2017!

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bags provided (or you can send your donations in any bags) – this can include adults’ and children’s clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). We will receive **£0.40p/kg** which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition, it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the front porch at reception on the morning of Wednesday 17 May 2017 by 8:30am and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Your PTA

PE DEPARTMENT CLUBS

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH	Badminton CSP		Badminton ABL	Cricket HBO/ABL	
	MUGA - ABL	MUGA - HBO	MUGA - HBO	MUGA - CSP	MUGA – ABL Hockey
AFTER SCHOOL	Meetings	Athletics ALL PE Department		Rounder's CSP	Cricket ABL/HBO

SPORTS FIXTURES

Month	Date	Fixture	Year Group	- Vs -	Venue
May	17	Athletics	Year 8 League	Bishop Wand	Bishop Wand
	18	Rounders	Year 9	Bishop Wand	Bishop Wand
	24	Athletics	Year 7 League	Bishop Wand	Bishop Wand
June	7	Athletics	Spare League Date	Bishop Wand	Bishop Wand
	8	Rounders	Year 8	Bishop Wand	Bishop Wand
	12	District Athletics	Year 7/8		Guildford Spectrum
	16	District Athletics	Year 9/10		Guildford Spectrum
	20	Athletics	Year 9/10	To be arranged	Jubilee High
	22	Athletics	Year 7/8	To be arranged	Jubilee High
	29	Rounders	Year 7	Bishop Wand	Bishop Wand

TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

Please note these dates are subject to change.

HALF TERM 29 May 2017 – 2 June 2017

END OF TERM 21 July 2017