

KGAS Newsletter – 11 November 2022

Upcoming Events

Please click [here](#) for the school calendar

- **w/c 14 November – WEEK A**
- **17 November** – Year 9G Parents Evening
- **w/c 21 November - WEEK B**
- Year 13 trial exams
- **22 November** - Sixth Form Open Evening
 - School finishes at 2pm on this day

Wider Curricular Clubs

Please visit our webpage [here](#). Clubs include Dance, Geography, Yoga, Rugby, Cooking, History, Choir, Jazz, Tennis and many more....

TGAS Wider Curricular Programme						
Monday	Competitive Chess 3.30pm – 5pm MG7	The Write Word 3pm – 4pm OS7	The Art of Literature 3pm-4pm OS5			
Tuesday	Yoga 3.15pm-4.15pm Years 7,8 & 9 The new gym	Geography Club 3pm-4pm Yeas 7,8 & 9 WS1				
Wednesday	Modern Foreign Language (Lunchtime Club) Years 7,9 & 11 MG6	Combined Cadet Force (CCF) 3pm-5pm CCF Building				
Thursday	Cooking Club 3pm-4.20pm OF2	History Club 3pm-4pm MF3	Set Design Club 3pm-4pm P4	Y9 GCHQ MFL Club 3pm – 4pm MG6/MF5 (Only running until 17/11/22)	GCSE Skills Y9 Art Club 3PM-4PM P3	The Newsroom (Week A Only) 3.15pm – 4pm WG15

Attendance and Leave of Absence

We receive a significant amount of Leave of Absence requests for students to take time off during term time. You will be aware that these will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. We want to make you aware that we are now going to pursue penalty notices with the LA for unauthorised absences (for example when families take students out of school during term time). The aim of this is to bring us in line with other schools in the Local Authority and to reduce the number of days that students miss from school. Further information about attendance can be found [here](#) on the Academy website. Half Term 1 Attendance Reports will be available to view on MCAS early next week.

Safeguarding Update

Please check the [safeguarding page](#) of our website for regular updates and links to useful resources for parents. A new link to 'Brave Parenting' has been added, this enables parents and carers to stay up to date with the latest apps, technology news and trends.

RSHE Lessons for absent students

Please use the links below to access these lessons. Your child will need to log in using their school email address and password.

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Year 7: [P.9 - Accessing Support.pptx](#)

Year 8: [P.1 - Unifrog.pptx](#)

Year 9: [P.2. Human Rights Lesson 1.pptx](#)

Year 10: [P.1 - Interviews.pptx](#)

Year 11: Trial Exams - no lessons



Year 7 Disco 14th October 2022

Thank you to all the parent/carers that contributed towards the ticket sales /tuck shop and glitter tattoo sales. The children had a fabulous, fun filled evening. The disco was very successful and made a fantastic profit of £858.81. The school has received positive feedback from parents



Careers Information Request: GCSE Options Process

We have been considering how we can further embed careers information into the GCSE Options process and would like to include thoughts/advice from our parents/carers within this. This would refer to the importance of a subject within your career/role. Maybe you only studied it at GCSE level, but it taught you skills you use every day now? Or maybe it's a subject that you picked for GCSE and continued to study at A Level and beyond? We would love to get a range of subjects covered so you might want to consider a subject that isn't an obvious pick!

The GCSE options are:

- Art and Design
- Business
- Child Development
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Food and Nutrition
- Geography
- History
- iMedia
- Media Studies
- Modern Foreign Languages – French, German, Spanish
- Music
- GCSE PE
- Photography
- Psychology
- Science Trilogy or Separate Sciences
- Sociology

*Students continue with Maths and English so these wouldn't be included in the Options booklet.

If you would like your advice to be included, please send the following information to the school office email, FAO Miss Lowry.

Name

Current role/job title

Subject you wish to promote

Subject's importance/relevance to your role (please keep this advice specific to the subject)

Year 10 – MFL/PE Careers Assembly

On Thursday 20th October, Year 10 welcomed Steve Eadon, a former Leader of Languages for Arsenal Football Club and founder of Mingalaba. The talk covered Steve's 11 years working alongside some of the most famous and influential characters in the football industry such as Mikel Arteta and Alex Scott. He shared the importance of being able to speak another language, and some examples of where languages can take you. For example, his year abroad in Madrid, Spain and Koln in Germany and how this led to an internship with Arsenal which took him around the globe.

Hopefully some of our Year 10s were inspired to one day use their language skills to lead them to a successful career whether that be here in the United Kingdom or further afield.



Local Authority Notices

Help Your Child DO Maths

Following last year's successful online session, Dr Rosemary Russell will be repeating her author talk via MS Teams for parents/carers focusing on how any parent or caregiver (even those who think they are 'rubbish' at maths) can help give their child develop a 'can do' attitude towards maths. Based on her latest book; Help Your Child DO Maths, Even If You DON'T, Rosemary addresses how parents of pupils, from KS1 through to KS3 (years 7-9), can build up their child's confidence and give them the positive attitude that is so important to learning the subject. Please feel free to share the [attached flier \[link\]](#) with your parents inviting them to this free online session

Solihull Parenting Team – update for Spring 2023, with groups and sessions to attend, helping you to understand your child's behaviour. Link [HERE](#).

OUR NEWS - Neighbourhood Watch national newsletter for England and Wales

We are delighted to bring you **OUR NEWS for November** -[Nov 2022 OUR NEWS small.pdf](#)

With the cost-of-living crisis, many people are under financial strain. Our newsletter highlights where to go for additional support and how to support others.

We also look at: how to reduce your chances of being burgled this winter; how to support older people; combating the never-ending cycle of stress; creating places for connection; and more.

We hope you find valuable support for you and your community in this edition.

