

The King's Chronicles



No. 31 Week 34: 14 - 18 June 2021

A Transformation

Between now and September 2022, the Academy will be undergoing a significant transformation in many areas to improve our already excellent facilities for students and staff. During the recent half-term break, a new and improved textiles room was created in just 9 days, enabling us to expand our provision in the upstairs restaurant to seat over 200 students. Work is well underway to achieve this in time for September's return.

We are also very excited to be working with Middlesbrough Council to build an eight-classroom extension at the front of the Academy. This extension is needed to support the Academy's growth in pupil numbers and will also allow us to create additional toilet provision for students in this area of the building. The Academy is currently working with architects to draw up detailed designs for the extension and we look forward to sharing these with students and parents in due course.

Mr Reader - Senior Vice Principal

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Year 11 Awards



Despite the difficulties of having to complete their sections during the period of government restrictions, it has been great to see so many Year 11 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award students managing to complete their Awards!

We had the great pleasure of awarding our Y11 students with their certificates and badges in school this week, with this representing a lot of hard work over the last couple of years. Such a wide range of activities were carried out, from participating in citizen science projects and coaching an athletics club, to running online church services and learning the guitar from YouTube... all this topped off with a two-day expedition - well done for all your efforts!

Mr King - D of E Coordinator



Key Dates

June

w/c 21 House Cricket
w/c 28 Flamingo Land Visits

July

Thursday 1 & Friday 2 CCF Field Exercise Event
Wednesday 7 Year 11 Prom, Wynyard Hall
Tuesday 13 Tutor Parents' Evening #1
Wednesday 14 Tutor Parents' Evening #2
Friday 16 End of Term (1.30pm finish)

Oxford University Essay Winner

We are very proud to be able to share the news that our Deputy Head Boy, Francis Sayer, is the winner of an Oxford University essay writing competition. Earlier in Year 12 Francis was selected to take part in the OxNet programme - this is a highly competitive Oxford University access initiative that is 'unapologetically academic in its focus'. Alongside a series of seminars, all participants on this scheme are given an essay to write over Easter as part of a competition.

Francis' winning entry has been published [here](#).

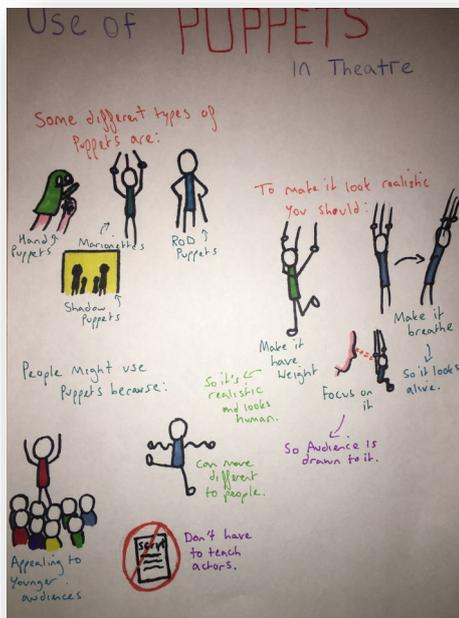
*Mr King - (this time as)
Teacher of Science*



Focus: Drama

Despite the challenges of teaching drama remotely and with social distancing this year, the students have continued to develop their skills and knowledge of the subject. I have been particularly impressed by the creative engagement of the year 8 students, focusing on the unit on non-naturalistic theatre and story-telling. The students have worked hard to understand the fundamentals of a range of non-naturalistic techniques and conventions including masks, physical theatre, epic theatre and puppets. I was particularly impressed by this poster on puppets by Megan Poole– which I think summarises her learning on the topic really well.

Mr Jones - Head of Drama



Additional Notices

Contact - For families with disabled children

Do you care for a child with a neurodevelopment need?

Free Virtual Workshops and Webinars. Small group events on a range of topics. Hear from an expert, ask questions, meet other parents and share ideas.

To book a place on the online workshops visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/contact-32919852105>

Contact's Free Listening Ear Service. Free, confidential help over the phone with a family support advisor.

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Highlights of the week

Year 7 - The Year 7 student council have shown lots of enthusiasm and have been working hard on sharing their ideas about healthy eating and exercise.

Year 8 - Fantastic conduct and effort within the assessments this week. Good luck to everyone.

Year 9 - Well done to Year 9 girls PE who have all been working hard towards their athletics disciplines in preparation for Sports Day. With special mention to Lucy Shingler who has the longest Javelin throw for Year 9 girls *and* boys- Hebrews will be very happy on Sports Day!

Year 10 - *The Junction* have been in speaking to them this week. *The Junction* is a local charity. They talked to the students about the work they do in the community supporting and empowering children and young people.

Year 12 - had a 'Live and Learn' talk from Andrew Bright from the Cleveland Fire Brigade on road safety and their responsibilities as young drivers and road users.

A Rare Sight!

On Thursday 10 June, students were treated to a rare opportunity to observe a partial



solar eclipse of The Sun. This occurs when The Moon crosses the direct path between the Sun and Earth, blocking out (some of) The Sun's light. By happy coincidence the eclipse reached a maximum during morning breaktime, meaning that many students were able to enjoy safe viewing using equipment supplied by the science department. If you missed this opportunity, it is worth noting there will be another partial eclipse in October 2022.

Unfortunately, if you are hoping to re-live the excitement of 1999 by experiencing a total-solar eclipse in the UK then you will have quite a wait... the next is due in 2090!

Mr Shovlin - Head of Physics

