

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great Easter holiday, this term has flown by and once more the students have continued to demonstrate a growth mind-set to their studies. This culminated in 150 students attending the reward trip to Chester Zoo on Friday 1st of April. The students had a great time and their attendance was much deserved as they had consistently met the high expectations of the KSS 'Code of Conduct' during the spring term.

We are already planning our summer reward trip and the students have taken part in a survey to decide where they would like this to be. We will confirm the destination when we return after Easter. I would like to lay down a challenge to the students who did not meet the criteria for the Chester Zoo visit to try their very hardest in the summer term to ensure that they are eligible for the summer trip. It would be incredible to have all students attending the final trip of the academic year.

In other news, I would also like to announce that Mrs Lloyd has retired from her position as Maths teacher at KSS. She has dedicated many years to teaching students of all ages the power of Mathematics and her passion for the subject has never dwindled. Mrs Lloyd has not left us totally though and the students will still see her from time to time, as she has taken on a new role, as a Maths tutor in school and we are delighted to retain Mrs Lloyd's services.

We will also be saying goodbye to Ms Critchlow at Easter. Ms Critchlow joined us for 12 months last Easter and she has been a great asset to the teaching staff as member of the Technology department. She has secured a position at a school not too far away in Stoke to continue her career. We wish her every success.

As a result of Mrs Lloyds retirement, I am delighted to announce that the school has appointed a fantastic new Maths teacher in Ms McDermott who will be joining us in September 2022 from a school in Cheshire. We cannot wait to welcome her officially in September.

Finally, we enter a very important term after the Easter break. The Year 11's start their final summer examinations in May, Year 9 students take their options and decide what subjects to study at Key Stage 4 and we will be welcoming the Year 6 students that will join us in September. The staff will also be working hard on planning the further improvements at the school in preparation for September. Exciting times are ahead and we even have Apple visiting KSS to showcase the work that students do with their iPads.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Frost



25.4.22

School Closed to Students

5.5.22

Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening and Options Event

16.5.22

Year 11 Summer Examinations Begin



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Curriculum Feedback to Parents/Carers...

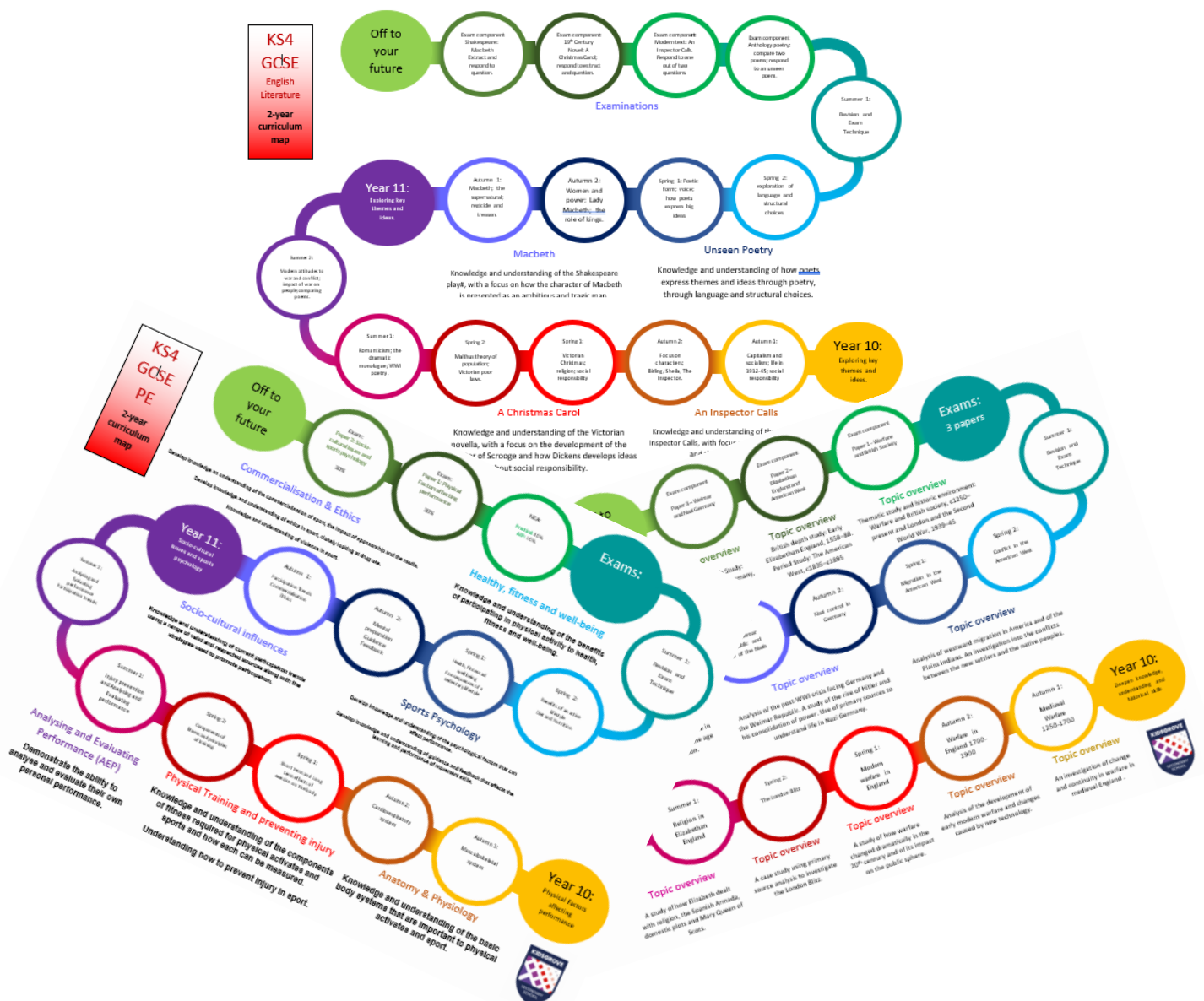
An area for development that was raised in the Spring term parental survey, was that you would like to know more about what your child is studying in each of their subjects.

As a result of this feedback, the staff at KSS have created a new way of presenting the curriculum content for each subject that is visual and eye catching.

I am happy to report that the school website is now fully up to date and the curriculum maps for all subjects can be found @:

[Kidsgrove High - Key Stage 3 \(kidsgrovesecondary.org.uk\)](http://kidsgrovesecondary.org.uk)

[Kidsgrove High - Key Stage 4 \(kidsgrovesecondary.org.uk\)](http://kidsgrovesecondary.org.uk)



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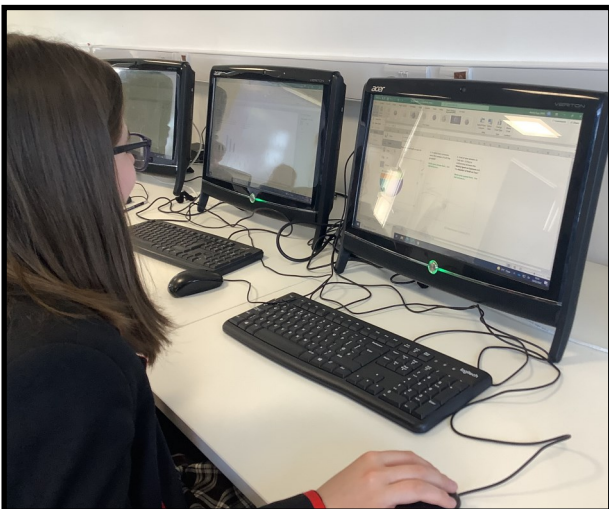
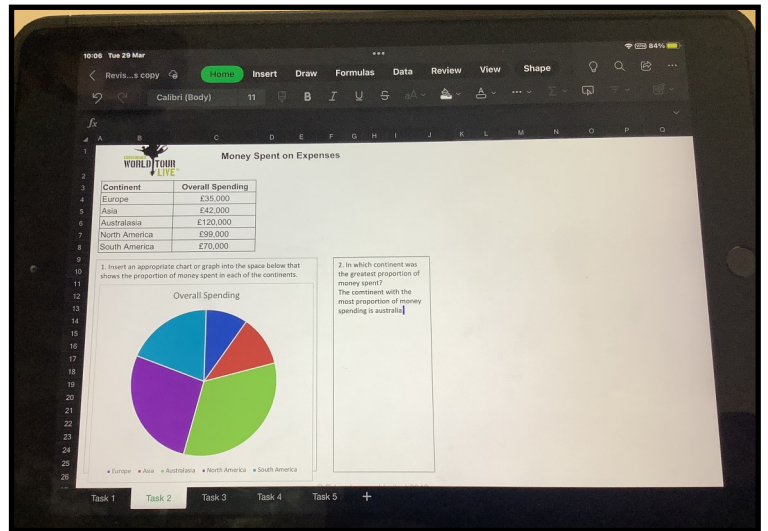


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A message from Mrs Morrell...

Y8 have been using Microsoft Excel to create graphs from numerical data. They have made decisions as to which type of graph, (bar, line, or pie chart) would be the most suitable to display the data. They have learnt the importance of adding axis titles to their graphs and how to interpret the data in the graphs. They went on to embed their graphs into a word document. Great work Y8!



Digital Strategy...

The digital strategy is really ramping up and this will be a real focus for the summer term with a new partnership with 'Minecraft'.

Mrs Weaver and Mr Frost will be trailing the use of the software to bring Geography and History lessons to life.

We really cannot wait to explore historical cities and geographical features through the iPad.

We will keep you posted with updates as and when they arrive.

If parents/carers would like more information please take a look at the website below:

[Minecraft Education Edition: Free Support - TA Education](#)

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Headteacher Reward Lunch...

Each half term I get to sit down and eat lunch with students who have gone above and beyond in the half term.

I was delighted to be joined by:

Maisey, Izzy, Amy, Emily, Ryan, Olivia, Tyler, Kenzie, Gracie, Alesha, Madelyn, Lilly and Emmie.

Well done and keep up the excellent growth mindset.

You may notice Mrs Beardmore in the photo also. She has been absolutely instrumental in supporting the schools improvements over the last few months. Thank you Mrs Beardmore.



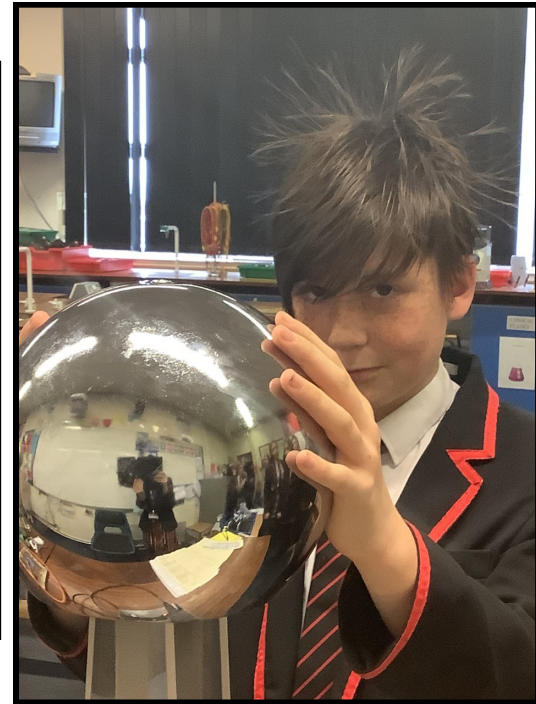
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A message from Dr Ma...

As part of the topic 'Electrician', year 8 pupils had some fun with a Van de Graaff generator.

When you rub two insulating materials together, some electrons around atoms are able to move. With the Van de Graaff generator, the electrons move into the metal ball and then into the body and the hair of the brave volunteer. Each hair moves as far away as possible from all other hairs as the electrons repel each other.

So, what caused the students hair to stand on end? Electrons!



Year 8's have also been investigating magnetic fields using bar magnets and iron filings.

The magnetic fields around magnets exert forces on other magnets and magnetic materials such as iron filings.

The students sprinkled iron filings around bar magnets and obtained some great results.



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The Shaw Education Trust—Science Competition Winner, a message from Mrs Unwin...

We are delighted to share that Gracie in Year 8 was the overall winner of the recent Shaw Education Trust Science Competition. We had some lovely work from students in Years 7, 8 and 9 and they really engaged with the task. Some of them found the theme of 'Growth' a challenge, however they rose to it and produced informative and creative work as a result. Gracie obviously impressed with her flamingo!

Well done Gracie, a superb effort!



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Enrichment Day (March 2022)...

The enrichment day organised by Mrs Weaver was a real hit last week with students taking part in lots of exciting events. Each year group had their own focus.

Year 7 and 8 looked at being a good citizen.

Year 9 focused on their future.

Years 10 & 11 focused upon independent living. It was a great day and the students really stepped up to meet the challenge, even helping the community by taking part in a litter pick.



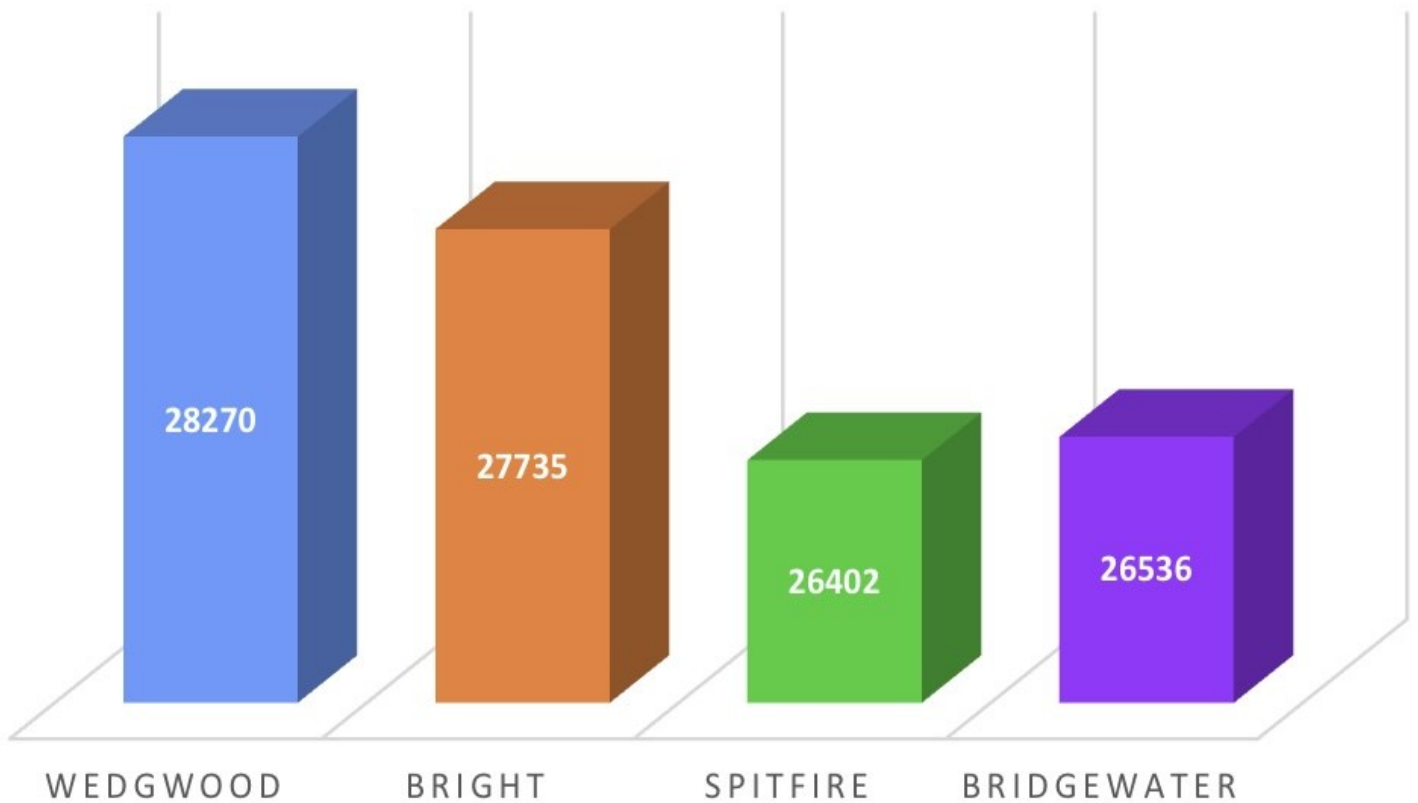
House Points Update...

The House Points have been increasing in every year group over the last few weeks and since the House launch back in February. Please see below for the latest totals.

There are exciting plans afoot and Mrs Castrey will be posting updates on our Facebook page after Easter.

Well done to Wedgwood who are leading so far but here is a long way to go for the other three houses to catch up. Every lesson really does count.

TOTAL HOUSE POINTS



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Easter Reward Trip...

As mentioned in my introduction page, the students who met our high expectations attended Chester Zoo on the 1.4.22. Please see the photos below from Mrs Castrey showing what a great time was had by all.



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Easter Reward Trip...



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