

Dear Parents/Carers,

With only three weeks left before the end of term we are trying to fit in a lot of activities for our students to prepare them for the next academic year but also to celebrate their achievements on 2021-2022. We have a busy few weeks ahead!

As you may have seen on Facebook, our whole school community said farewell to the Year 11 students on the 23rd of June, with a guard of honour. This was an excellent way to send off the students organised by Mrs Weaver.

The Year 10 students have engaged well in their summer examinations that have been a carbon copy of the formal experience that they will undertake next summer. This is ideal preparation and we look forward to sharing these examination results with you very soon. Thank you to Mr Webb for organising these.

Years 7, 8 and 9 are also undertaking end of year assessments in all subjects and we will be writing to you with an updated progress report before the end of term.

We held sports day this week and it was great to see so many of our students participate in the athletics events. I have included lots of photographs from this brilliant event organised by Mrs Castrey. We even had an ice cream van attend and Mark Bright, ex-KSS student come to lend his support. Mark signed lots of autographs and had lots of photographs taken with the students. In addition to sporting events, we have three academic events taking place over the next few weeks. We have masterclasses in English, Maths and Science taking place for year groups, co-delivered by external subject experts alongside our own subject leaders.

To celebrate a remarkable achievement of receiving no negative points this academic year and hundreds of positive points, 28 students attended an extra special reward event with me this afternoon. These students epitomise what KSS is all about, growth-mindset, determination and hard work. Well done to the students invited, for being the ideal role models to the rest of our school community.

Finally, over the next few bulletins I will be introducing new staff that will be joining our team in September. The first appointment I would like to introduce is Mrs Pothelswaite, who is joining us as our new Senior Assistant Headteacher. She has provided a pen portrait on page two and she will be making a few visits over the coming weeks to meet the students.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Frost



4.7.22 Year 10 Festival of Apprenticeships

6.7.22 Maths Masterclass session

8.7.22 Science Masterclass session



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Sports Day...

Here are some photographs from our fantastic sports day. We were so lucky to be visited by Mark Bright, ex-student and former Premier League footballer. Mark spent the afternoon, talking to students, taking photographs and signing auto-graphs. He then presented the trophies to the winning houses to cap off a wonderful afternoon. Well done to all students involved.



Sports Day...



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Sports Day Banner (a message from Mrs Beard)...

In preparation for Sports Day, a small group of students from each house gave up their lunchtimes to make banners for their respective houses. They were given free rein to each produce a banner that best represented Bridgwater, Bright, Spitfire and Wedgwood.

We were extremely impressed by their creative talents and enthusiasm and the results they achieved in such a short space of time.

Well done to all who took part.



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Introduction... I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs E Posthelswaite as our new Senior Assistant Headteacher...

I have been teaching Science for 17 years and absolutely love working with Secondary students. I love the fact that in my subject area we get to explore the how's and whys and look at how everything around us works. I love practical work and always try to build in as much as possible into topics.

I am joining KSS from another Shaw Education Trust Academy and I've watched with interest how KSS has changed and developed over the years. This will be the third Secondary School I have taught at, and when I saw the role of Senior Assistant Headteacher advertised, I knew that this was the right time to come and join the school.

In my spare time, I love spending time with my husband and two boys aged 7 and 8. I have an interest in snowboarding, gardening and visiting new places.

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★ TEAM ★



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New School Uniform (Year 7 Only)...

As shared via letter and through the KSS Facebook page, the school will be launching a new uniform from September 2022 for the **new Year 7 students only**.

This will include a new tie, a new blazer and a new PE kit which incorporates our new school logo introduced in September 2021.

From **September 2023, all students will wear the new uniform** but we felt that with the cost of living increases and the financial pressures at this time, we wouldn't enforce a change for all students, as you may find that blazers and PE kit still fit your child and are in good condition.

A reminder that the current uniform is supplied by 'Clive Mark' located in Newcastle Under Lyme and the Year 7 uniform will be supplied by 'Smart Uniform' in Tunstall.

Below are some images of the new uniform that the Year 7 students will be showcasing in the next academic year.



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Students with '0' negative points this academic year...

The students below have zero negative points this year which gives them a 100% positive ratio of achievement points.

This is a fantastic effort. This means that for 190 days these students have met the KSS expectations consistently well. I am aiming for even more students to be on this list at the end of the next academic year.

Joshua
Lauren
Amelia
Holly
Evie
Macy
Lucie
Ryan
Amber

Emily






Leighton
Reece
Alfie
Lucy
Keira
Ashleigh
Leah
Iona

Molly
Holly
Madelyn

Bailey
Matthew
Logan
Izzy

Evie
Georgia
Isabella

Our Expectations Code of Conduct

-  Attend lessons on time and with the correct equipment
-  Be smart in your appearance and wear correct uniform
-  Follow routines and instructions
-  Complete class and homework to a high standard
-  Be kind to others and respect the school environment

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If you do enough **small things** right, **big things** can happen



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Student Leadership Interviews...

Myself and Mrs Castrey interviewed candidates from Year 10 who had applied to become Head Students for the 2022-2023 academic year.

We are delighted to announce that the following students were selected after some brilliant formal interviews:

Head Students: Emily and Ryan

Deputy Head Students: Amelia, Ashleigh, Isabella and Keira

Senior Prefects: Nathan, Kyle and James



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Shaw Education Trust 'Above and Beyond' Nominations...

As we are proud members of the Shaw Education Trust, we are invited to join in Trust wide competitions throughout the academic year. These range from subject awards to individual awards.

The latest competition is for schools to nominate students that go above and beyond in their studies or through enrichment activities. Mrs Raybould has asked colleagues at KSS to nominate students that fit this criteria and I am delighted to announce that the following students have been recognised:

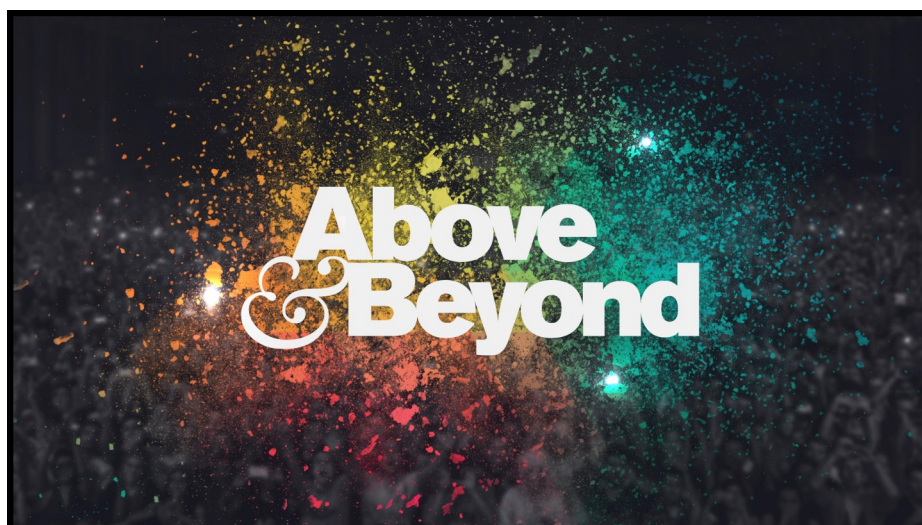
Logan (Year 9)

Chloe (Year 9)

Aaron (Year 8)

Leo (Year 7)

Mrs Platt (Shaw Education Trust, Head Office), will be evaluating all of the nominations from the numerous trust schools and she will be selecting the overall winners from thousands of students that are part of our wider trust community. We will inform you in the next bulletin if any of the KSS nominee's have won one of these prestigious awards.



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