



KIRKHAM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

KGS@Home

Friday 5 February 2021

As we approach the end of our fifth week of remote learning, we hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well. As always, we have received lots of lovely photographs of the pupils working hard at their KGS@Home remote learning. In this week's newsletter, we have shared some of the wonderful feedback we have received. It is wonderful to hear that, despite the current situation, our pupils are continuing to manage their studies and thrive due to their high level of self-drive and discipline. Well done to you all.



Last week, Upper Sixth Form student, Reuben, was given the opportunity to have a zoom call with the Army Air Corps about the next stages in selection to become an Officer Pilot. As an Army Sixth Form Scholar, Reuben has a confirmed place at Sandhurst, so now the next challenge is deciding which part of the army he would like to apply to join. The Army Air Corps is in his top two choices and if he gets a commission with them then this means he is a step closer to becoming an army Apache pilot. Reuben now has to pass an aviation medical, pilot computer based aptitude tests at RAF Cranwell and flying grading before he starts at Sandhurst. Flying grading is a four week course at Middle Wallop where he will live in the officer's mess and complete 13 hours of flying a rotary-wing aircraft.

Our Third Year Virtual Options Evening will take place on Thursday 11 February 2021 and will give pupils the opportunity to listen to Heads of Year talk about their subject/department. All Third Year pupils should now have received their Options pack in the post.



EDUQAS - Route A

Phase 1 - Themes in the modern world

- Ideology
- Globalisation
- Internationalism
- Human Rights

Ethical argument and debate - "If God is good, why do bad things happen?"

Phase 2 - Christianity

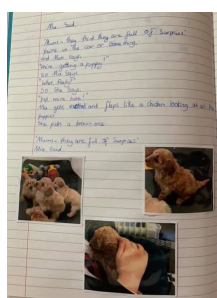
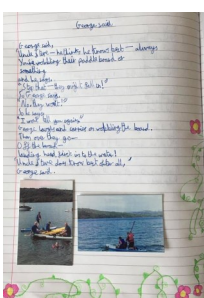
The beliefs, attitudes and practices of the world's largest religion, and the influence it has had on modern life in the 21st century, whether you practice or not.

Phase 3 - Islam

The world's fastest growing and possibly most misunderstood religion. Islam will have a growing influence in the next century. Our 21st century world is underpinned by its meaning and practice. It is the focus of recently contentious.

Mrs L. Bowles (HOD)
Other staff - Mr G. Partington

IRIS Department



Our J3 pupils have been looking at free verse poetry and were asked to create their own based on 'Rodge Said' by Michael Rosen. Well done to you all. To the left are a couple of free verse poems written by Evie and Mia.

In Humanities, our J1 pupils are studying the Roman invasion and occupation of Britain. This week, they have been looking at Queen Boudicca of the Iceni tribe and her conflict with the Romans. J1 pupil, Scarlett and her younger brother and I2 pupil, Hunter, spent the afternoon dressed as Boudicca and a Roman soldier! It is lovely to see them enjoying the topic and extending their learning. Well done, you both look fantastic!



This week is Big Garden Birdwatch week. As part of an activity with his Beaver Scout pack, J1 pupil, Henry, made a bird feeder for the garden and this morning they caught this lovely bird enjoying it! They believe it is a Great Tit!

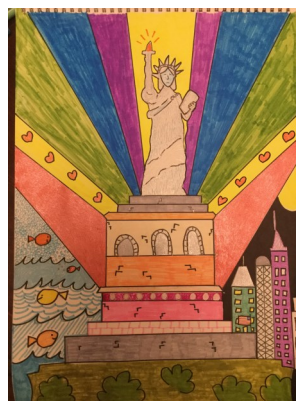
Pre-School pupil, Sam, had great fun bird watching. Sam also did some activities related to birds - one involved making his own bird feeder! Well done, Sam!



Our I2 pupils were asked to create an 'Arctic' scene during their science lesson. Well done to you all - our pupils have fantastic imaginations!

Our J3 pupils have recently finished some amazing art work in the style of Romero Britto.

Artwork (from left to right) by Evie, Hamish and Charlotte.



Parent Remote Learning Feedback



"Thank you all for doing such a brilliant job of looking after our children in boarding. My son is happy and is excelling still so much - worth the sacrifices that you've made - it's much appreciated. The boarding staff are so brilliant and I can't thank you all enough!"

Parent of a Lower Sixth Form Boarder

"As the father of a First Year pupil, I just feel that I need to say how organised and professional all your colleagues were in the parents' afternoon today. We are so proud as parents of how our daughter has come on leaps and bounds. The decision we made to send her to the KGS family is already reaping its rewards. In this current situation we all find ourselves in, as teachers, to take on all these changes and to still inspire and motivate a child in their own bedroom at home, as an ex-teacher, I am amazed! Good luck to you all in whatever is thrown at you next, from what I have seen so far you will all deal with it in the common sense, no nonsense manner, which is refreshing when listening to my ex-colleagues and a primary school governing board."

Parent of a First Year pupil

"Thank you for keeping us abreast of what seems to be an ever-changing situation. I can only imagine the challenges that yourself and all of the staff face on a daily basis! I just wanted to say that you are all doing an amazing job. In an uncertain situation, school has successfully managed to remain the constant that our children really need right now. Even though it is being delivered remotely, there is a great sense of 'everything continuing as normal' in the comforting routine of lessons, that is incredibly important to parents, as well as students! (My own day is so much more structured on a school day; I achieve more and feel more motivated!). So thank you and keep doing what you are doing, you are doing brilliantly."

Parent of a Fifth Year pupil

"I am pleased to say that we are settling in great and finding our feet at KGJS. Both our children have adapted beautifully to the challenge of remote learning and we can't fault their willingness to learn and engage with their new teachers. The support has been outstanding and quality of lessons is a credit to you and your team. Thank you!"

New KGJS Parent



Kirkham Grammar School are deeply saddened to pass on the news that Catherine Stacey, wife of former Headmaster Barrie, died peacefully in hospital last Friday, after a long and brave battle with illness. It would be impossible to exaggerate Catherine's role in supporting KGS during Barrie's highly successful tenure as Headmaster (1991-2002), and she and Barrie have remained loyal and active supporters and promoters of the School and the OKA, even through her recent years of ill health. The KGS flags flew at half mast at the beginning of this week and we shall pay fuller tribute to her in due course, but for now our thoughts, love and prayers are with Barrie and his family - two of his three grandchildren are current KGS pupils.



Once again, our students are not letting a lockdown situation get in the way of completing the sections of their DofE Awards. There is so much fantastic evidence being uploaded for the Skill, Physical and Volunteering sections of the DofE Awards – well done to you all. The unique skills our students undertake to complete their DofE Awards are always impressive. We have students learning cake decoration, cross-stitch, blacksmithing, First Aid Skills, British Sign Language, Music, LAMDA, cooking, artwork and photography to name just a few. It is great to see that our participants are utilising lockdown time to keep up with their physical activity. Lots of new challenges and goals were set at the start of the year and the evidence suggests lots of success towards these is being made. Many of our students are continuing with fitness programmes for their competitive sports, ready for their return to these activities when they recommence. The efforts of our young people with the volunteering section continues to inspire their teachers. It is more difficult to complete this section with social distancing in place, but from litter picking to organising collections for food banks, to organising online quiz nights to raise money for charity our students are adapting and overcoming all the hurdles put in their way. We were delighted that this week, Thomas Hewitt represented DofE participants of the Fylde at a virtual event hosted by the Mayor of Fylde, Councillor Angela Jacques. This honoured and rewarded the efforts of charities and community organisations throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Thomas volunteers at Lytham Hall for his DofE Volunteering section and when it had to close its doors last March, Thomas joined the Lytham St Anne's COVID Volunteer Support Group and helped with shopping for vulnerable and shielding members of our community. Thomas was one of many students who have helped others less fortunate than themselves during the recent difficult times. For help with your DofE Award, please email Mrs Sutcliffe or join the DofE Google Classroom meet on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday lunchtime.



Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in last week's KGS CCF Quiz Challenge. In total we had 18 correct entries, however Mr Moffatt was feeling very generous this week, and all entries went into the draw! This week's winner is Finntan Doyle. A £10 Amazon gift voucher will be sent in the post to you tomorrow.

Please take a look at this week's challenge on our school website and social media channels.

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