



# THE EAGLE

Summer Term 2018



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Celebrating achievements and events from departments around the school.

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Welcome

# HEADTEACHER

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A number of parents have spoken to me recently saying they would like to hear more about what's happening at school and that they feel we need to celebrate the great things our students are doing.

Therefore, we have decided to re-launch 'The Eagle' the school's traditional publication. We plan to produce 'The Eagle' for the start of each term where we look back at the previous term. The next Eagle will be published in early September.

Just reading through all of the contributions here, it makes me realise yes we should have done this before. Well, as I regularly say "we are all learners".

Well done to all of the boys who get a mention and thanks to all of those who contributed to the publication itself and to all the different activities.

# Upcoming Key Dates

# Summer Term 2018

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## UPCOMING KEY DATES SUMMER 2018...

### YEAR 7

Y7 Assessments	Monday 7th May 2018
Y7 Residential trip	Monday 9th July – Friday 13th July 2018

### YEAR 8

Y8 Assessments	Week commencing Monday 7th May 2018
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### YEAR 9

Y9 Assessments	Monday 30th April 2018 - 4th May 2018
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### YEAR 10

Y10 Pre public examinations	Monday 18th June – Friday 29th June 2018
Y10 Work experience	Monday 16th July 2018 - Friday 20th July 2018

### YEAR 11

Y11 External exams	Monday 14th May – Tuesday 18th June 2018
Y11 Prom	Friday 22nd June 2018

### YEAR 13

Y13 External exams	Monday 14th May - Monday 25th June 2018
Y13 Prom	Friday 6th July 2018

### WHOLE SCHOOL

Parents E-Safety Evening	Thursday 10th May 2018
Parents E-Safety Evening	Monday 4th June 2018
Parents' Forum	Thursday 7th June 2018
Summer Music Concert	Friday 29th June 2018
Summer Music Tour	Monday 2nd July – Sunday 8th July 2018
Y7 & Y8 Achievement evening	Wednesday 18th July 2018
Y9 & Y10 Achievement evening	Thursday 19th July 2018

# Department News

## Mathematics

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It was an eventful term for the Maths department, with several activities being arranged outside of school, coupled with a lot of hard work going on from Year 11 and Year 13 students who are preparing for final exams.

Mr Butler took four Year 10 students (Tom Evans, Dylan Mustafa, Ganesh Bargota & Nat Khanan) to the Y10 Maths Feast at Hillcrest School. They boys were put through their paces with a range of logical and arithmetic based problems and came through with flying colours, coming runners up to Camp Hill School. This was our first participation at such an event so well done to the boys!

Shortly after was the Junior Team Maths Challenge for Years 7 and 8. Mrs Jones took Charlie Hill, Sonny Leigh, Jack Rose and Joe Deghani to Aston University to compete against a range of schools in the Midlands. The boys did themselves proud against a quality field of entries in a range of team based activities to really stretch their mathematical reasoning.

Finally, there was a large group of Year 7 students who went to Warwick Racecourse for the day, understanding how Maths applies to the world of horse racing. This involved the boys going behind the scenes, into the jockey's changing rooms where they got to try on the colourful outfits worn by jockeys, a session where they were shown what aspects of Maths link to horse racing and they even got to see a live horse race! A big thank you to Mrs Jones for organising it and Mrs Hiscock, Mrs Newton & Mrs Wallace for helping to ensure the event ran smoothly. The boys had a really enjoyable day.



# Department News

## History

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In December, the History Department, with the kind help of Mrs Newton and Mr Julian, took 40 Year 11 boys to Auschwitz, Poland.

Our annual trip to Poland allows students to understand in more depth one of the darkest chapters in human history, the Holocaust. After a very early (and snowy) start in the morning and a slight delay at Bristol airport, we arrived in Krakow and settled into our hotel.

The second day was spent at Auschwitz –Birkenau where the boys were given a guided tour of both sites, which included being able to go into one of the few preserved gas chambers. After our visit to Auschwitz, we made our way to the Oscar Schlinder Factory museum where we learnt about the Nazi occupation of Poland during WW2 and also the part that Schlinder played in saving over a thousand Jewish lives. Some much needed light relief was provided in the evening with a traditional Polish meal and dancing; Dylan James and Ethan Chinnock provided their own 'interesting' dance moves for the latter!

Our trip ended with what was probably the most powerful and moving experience of the trip, listening to the personal story of one of the survivors of Auschwitz - an inspirational lady who endured unimaginable horrors but yet was still able to talk of forgiveness and hope. Our last afternoon was spent exploring the beautiful medieval city of Krakow.

We finally arrived back at school on the Thursday evening (thankfully most of the snow had gone), feeling tired and weary but bringing back memories, stories and images that will stay with us all for a lifetime



# Department News

## Outdoor Education

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The outdoor education department has been very busy this year organising a huge range of activities for our students.

Students have had the opportunity to canoe on the river Severn, sail at Bartley Green reservoir, ski in Les Menuires France, conquer the mountain bike trails around the West Midlands and indoor climbing at Creation Birmingham . We look forward to the exciting adventures of the year 9 residential to the south of France in May and the year 7 residential in the summer where students can experience a week full of incredible activities led by professional instructors.

Students in years 9, 10 and 11 are currently undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver awards. The Duke of Edinburgh award is designed to encourage young people to develop initiative, resilience and team work skills as they work through the four sections which make up the award. DofE is held outside of school hours on evenings and weekends and students receive first aid training, camp skills and navigation skills through the programme, we thank both our students and staff for the dedication and commitment the award requires.

This year we aim to help even more of our students to successfully complete their silver award and in February Mr Julian Head of Outdoor Education and Mr Woodhouse received a cheque for £500 from DofE's Jo Huck after a successful bid for the Strive for Silver award.

If you would like to find out more about the award or how your son can get involved please have a look at the website <http://www.dofe.org> or talk to Mr Julian.

Outdoor Education at King's Norton Boys' is open to all students. Learning outside the class room helps develop students' confidence, self-esteem, team work and social skills to name a few. Students also get the chance to achieve national governing body qualifications in these outdoor activities which look great on students CV when applying for colleges and universities.



# Department News

## Careers

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Students in Years 9, 10, 11 & 13 have been considering their future career options.

In October we held our first ever careers fair, open to students in years 10 - 13 and their parents. It was a huge success with representatives from colleges, apprenticeship providers, armed forces and employers all coming into school to meet with students, providing impartial advice and support.



Year 10 students had a fantastic Employability Skills Day where companies such as the Yorkshire Building society and the Department for Work and Pensions provided in school workshops to teach students about money management, apprenticeships, CV building as well as participating in mock interviews.

Year 9 students and staff had a great time at The Big Bang Fair. The show was full of stalls, advisors, workshops and information on a huge variety of careers, skills and apprenticeship opportunities. Students were able to meet representatives from the armed forces, national and international companies, as well as colleges and universities proving an invaluable opportunity to students considering their next steps.



Year 10, 11 and 13 students also visited the apprenticeship event at the ICC Birmingham, where they were given opportunity to meet with employers, colleges and training providers, to look at apprenticeship opportunities across a wide range of industries.

# Department News

## PE

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Some notable achievements from our PE department last term.

- Year 8/9 Football teams all got to Birmingham Schools Cup semi finals.
- Year 10 Football team have reached Birmingham Schools Semi-Final.
- Year 9 Rugby team came 3rd in Greater Birmingham Rugby Championship.
- Year 10 Rugby Team got through to 4th round of National NatWest Schools Cup.
- KS3 and KS4 Badminton teams both 4th in Birmingham Schools Badminton Championships.
- 2 new school Cross Country records on House Cross Country day.
  - Year 7- Morgan Hill (8:31).
  - Year 11 - Lewis Henry (7:15)
- Cross Country Champions:
  - Year 7 - Morgan Hill.
  - Year 8 - Jake Phillips.
  - Year 9 - Ben Shepherd
  - Year 10 - Sam McFall
  - Year 11 Lewis Henry
- Year 11 Basketball Team Birmingham Schools Champions.



# Department News

## Music

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We are thrilled to announce that in January we were awarded the Music Mark for the second year running.

The Music Mark indicates the strongest possible focus on the impacts and outcomes for children and young people, musically, personally, socially and educationally and the dedication to best progress and highest achievement for all.

Music students are busy preparing for an exciting end to the school year with a number of concerts, events and trips. Preparations are underway for our annual European music tour to Barcelona where we will be collaborating with the Barcelona Youth Orchestra to stage a performance involving nearly 150 musicians! To provide financial assistance and musical equipment for students going on our European music tour students and staff have been participating in many fundraising activities such as concerts and cakes sales with even more events to follow!



This year, King's Norton Boys' School has also been selected to be an official school partner for Birmingham Contemporary Music Group (BCMG) with composer-in-residence, Dunghoon Shin, commissioned to write an original piece of music for the group. You can now keep up-to-date with music news and events through our departmental twitter @KNBS\_Music.



# Celebrating Success

# Achievement

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It's been another exciting term with regard to our School VIVO Championship.

Saturn House have done it again having seen off some excellent competition from Neptune, Jupiter and Mercury students- well done, Saturn!

With only one term left to go before we announce the overall championship winners and take our highest achieving students to Alton Towers, it is important to remind students that they can earn VIVO points in and around school for positive behaviour, 100% attendance and community achievements.

## Keeping in touch

# Subscribe

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