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Charity Work

Year 12 student Emily Cray has recently returned from a nine day trip to Mexico with fifteen others as part of an outreach project organised by Knowle Parish Church. Emily said that the trip enabled her to encounter people and experience situations which were distinctly different from her own in Knowle.

She spent time with young people whose childhoods had thrown up the most significant of challenges and Emily says that it was, at times, harrowing to hear their testimonies.

It was an amazing experience for Emily, and you can read a full account of her trip in the 'Latest News' section of the school website.



Another Year Draws to a Close

We have reached the end of a very successful school year. It has been a very exciting and busy final month. There have been so many occasions where we have celebrated simply outstanding performances in sport, drama and music and we hope that we have kept you up to date with this via Twitter, Facebook and our monthly school newsletter. I must, however, mention the recent amazing student performance of 'Grease' which really showcased the very special talent of the Arden students. I am also delighted to announce, *hot off the press*, that Arden has won the **Solihull School**

Games of the Year Award 2017/18, beating all other schools in south Solihull. You can read more about this in our Sports section.

I continue to feel incredibly proud of both the staff and students at Arden and I hope that everyone has a happy and healthy summer break. We will see many of our students on GCSE and A-Level results days where I am sure we will be celebrating their success. In the mean time, stay safe and enjoy the sunshine.

Mr Murphy

Arden Principal

Grease is the Word

The annual Arden school production is always an eagerly anticipated affair, and this year's was no exception. The cast and crew, along with their teachers have been working hard since September and have shown real dedication.

Mrs Warrender had this to say:

'We were thrilled with the professionalism and talent of the students; they were a credit to us all. Six shows and two weeks of rehearsals in the hot summer sun was no easy task but they worked with enthusiasm throughout. We all thoroughly enjoyed producing the show, staff and pupils alike. And before anyone asks - no we haven't decided on next years show!'



Wimbledon

Arden was lucky enough to get Wimbledon tickets in the Schools LTA draw – no mean feat as Wimbledon tickets are like gold dust! As someone who has been several times already, I am still taken aback by the sheer magnificence of the place and how it is a thousand times more exciting being there than watching it on television.

We were allocated ten tickets for Court Two and two tickets for Centre Court so after a very pleasant journey down to Marylebone and a little more wearisome journey on the tube, myself, Mr Pillinger Mrs Hull and nine Year 11 students who had been excellent Sports Ambassadors entered the grounds, taking in the atmosphere of everyone walking up the road from Southfields Station. There followed a superb level of organisation and time – keeping from us all as we swapped tickets for Court two and Centre Court between us on a rota system. It worked perfectly (notwithstanding the fact that it had to be a little open to fluidity as we could only move from court at the end of every other game..). We all got to see our favourite

tennis players; thank goodness we had different ones and were all treated to a superb match on Court Two between Kei Nishikori and Ernests Gulbis.

Of course, it is absolutely necessary to eat ice-cream, strawberries and cream, buy the £10 programme and just wander around to soak up the tennis atmosphere. The weather was, as we know, perfect, as was the whole day. Thanks to everyone and everything for making it happen !

Miss Corbett



Rotary Prize

Each year Arden students take part in the Rotary Young Photographer award. As always, we had some creative and interesting photographs entered by students. This year's theme was 'an unusual perspective' which encouraged our young photographers to think about using different camera angles. Congratulations to Matthew Swales who gained 3rd place in the in the District Final at Intermediate Level.



Year 11 Prom

It was another glorious evening of sunshine as we celebrated with our Year 11 Class of 2018 at their Prom. Following the much anticipated red carpet arrivals, the students headed off to the Hilton Metropole Hotel where they danced the night away. It was a wonderful evening and a fitting end to their GCSE studies.



Year 10 Art Trip to Walsall Art Gallery

Year 10 Art students visited Walsall Art Gallery this month as part of their GCSE studies. Student Eve Luckett had this to say about the visit:

‘The Year 10 art trip was an excellent opportunity for us to meet a professional working artist. Andrew Tift creates hyperrealist works of art using the drawing media of ink and acrylic paint. He is fascinated with portraiture. He depicts family members and other characters of interest from all walks of life, with the occasional landscape that has special significance to him personally. Andrew talked to us about how he became an artist

and about how his paintings and techniques have evolved throughout his career. Perhaps one of the most interesting things we learnt from this experience is that serendipity can often play an important part in the creative arts.’



Art Ambassadors

The Art Ambassadors interviewed some of the Year 11 students after their GCSE exam to find out about the inspiration for their exam work. Here, Emily Perkins and Sophie Williams speak to Archie Backhaus:

What style/famous artist inspired your artwork?/ What techniques did you include?

I used dots/pointillism inspired by Georges Seurat. I found an artist who did paintings in turtle shells of different marine life that I liked so I got a picture of a beach and a picture of a turtle and went from there.

What does it show/does it have a story behind it?

No it doesn't have a story as I just picked an image of a turtle and a beach that I liked. There might be an association with the beach and the turtle however I didn't intend on there to be at the beginning.

How do you think the exam went?

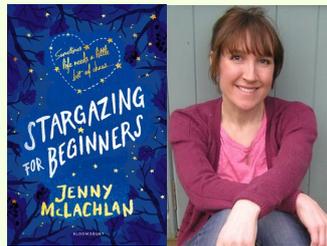
I think it went alright. It took a lot of time and I had to put a lot of time in beforehand as well. I am pleased with the result.



Author Visit

In the final week of term, Arden students in Years 7 and 8 were treated to a workshop with author Jenny McLachlan, as a reward for achieving the highest scores on their quizzes on the Accelerated Reader programme.

In the workshop, students were encouraged to write a novel, by creating and developing the plot, even creating their own book cover! Year 7 student Daniel Tall described the workshop as, “a step-by-step guide to writing a novel”. Every



student left with the beginnings of a story, something they can continue to work on over the summer, if they wish.

Jenny also held a Q&A with Year 9 students who were interested in a potential career as an author.

Well done to all participants – keep reading!

Eco-Group

During this academic year Arden has re-launched its Eco-Group responding to a growing concern of both pupils and staff to ensure that we minimise the impact of school life on the environment. Half- termly meetings now take place with representation from pupils from each year group in the lower school and teachers from a variety of subjects.

So far this year the Eco-Group has made the following recommendations and improvements:

- To stop selling bottled water in the school canteen. Pupils are now encouraged to bring their own re-usable bottle and use the fountains around the school during break times

to access water.

- Ensure that the school's cleaning company separates rubbish and recycling collections.
- To provide water containers at sports day (and other outdoor activities) instead of single use bottles – many thanks to the PTFA for their generosity in purchasing 8 water containers with taps (pictured)
- To increase the awareness of the environmental impact we have as individual assemblies have taken place and posters put up around the school

Next year we hope to make further changes including:

- Providing more recycling bins – to hopefully be made from recycled wooden pallets



- To label rubbish bins with “landfill” to prompt people to think before using them
- To reduce further the amount of single use plastics in the canteen particularly
- The Eco-group intends to meet on the second Thursday of each half term and any new members are most welcome to attend

Mr. Kilbey and the Arden Eco-Group

Year 7 Visit to Normandy

This month saw the annual Year 7 visit to Normandy. In total 266 pupils on six coaches travelled to France. We would like to say an enormous thank you to Mr Edgington for organising the trip, and for all of the staff who supported the pupils on the trip. Below is an account of the week from Year 7 pupil Chloe Davies:

'I really enjoyed my visit to France as I learnt lots of new things about France and I feel that my French has improved since then. The first day was spent travelling, it was very exciting but tiring as the journey was very long. I enjoyed the ferry as there many fun things to do and had lots of opportunities to buy things in French.

On the first full day in France we went to the American cemetery where a number of American soldiers are buried facing towards America. We also visited Omaha Beach where all the American soldiers fought against the German Army and most lost lives during or after D-Day.

The second day we had an amazing visit to a goats' farm where we met lots of different goats. My personal favourites were the kids (baby goats). After that we all visited a caramel factory



where we watched how the sweets were all made and how the machines worked.

The third day was my favourite as we had a fun time doing the market mission where we bought food for our lunch. Each group had to do a presentation in French and we had a competition to see who spoke the most impressive French. After that we went to the supermarket, where we

bought gifts and souvenirs. However the best part of the day for me was when we visited the British cemetery in Bayeux, where I had a family relative buried there as did many others.

The journey home was



such a long journey as we were all up very early in the morning and we travelled a slightly different route to the one we had taken on the way.

Overall I have had a wonderful time and I am thankful to have been given this opportunity.'



AIM Maths Challenge

Over the course of the year, many KS3 students have participated in the AIM Maths Challenge. The competition comprised of six mathematical activities and required problem solving skills, determination and resilience. The questions caused students to build upon their knowledge of topics learnt this year and to think a little bit deeper.

The entries have been fantastic, showcasing arguments with clear, justified solutions and students have earned achievement points, certificates and postcards home throughout the year.

Pupils were awarded with certificates and chocolates for the most effort in each year group, as well as for the most points.

Congratulations to everyone involved and keep your eyes peeled for the start of the next AIM Maths Challenge in the Autumn Term!

Miss Fellows

Charity Bike Ride

On Saturday 7th July 2018, 14 Year 9 students from Arden set off on a 100km charity bike ride for the Stroke Association. We set off at 7:30am from the school site and cycled to Snitterfield, Studley, Ullenhall and Wythall. At first, the temperature was quite cool but throughout the day it gradually got hotter. After several quick breaks, we had a proper lunch break 60km down the line at the Winged Spur where our head of year, Mrs Brennan, met us. She gave us each a pack of Jelly Babies. In total we had four stops, three of them were 10 minute breaks at Hatton, Great Alne, Ullenhall (lunch) and Wythall. We each had to lead the ride for 20km in groups

of 2 or 3.

The brave teachers who also took up the challenge were Miss Sheppard, Mr Humphries, Mr Fletcher, Mrs Hyde and Mr Singh, with Mr Hunt driving the minibus.

Before the actual ride, we did two training rides which were 27 miles to Kenilworth and back and a 46 mile ride to Stratford. We also had to put our own time aside to do more training before and after school. We all decided to choose the Stroke Association as we hadn't heard about it before and we thought it was a good cause. In total, we raised £3,507.43 which made up for missing the England match. It was a great opportunity that we will always remember.

Written by Evie Reid, Jamie Hyde and Tessa Franks



Year 7 Probability Fair

Last week, Year 7 took part in a maths probability fair to raise money for Cancer Research. Each team had to invent and create a game that was based around the topic of probability with the aim of making as much profit as possible.

The game ideas varied from pulling an umbrella out of a box to picking a prime number out to win £1 and from Pip in a Cup to Higher or Lower.



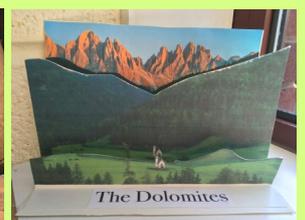
Mr Murphy and Mr Gethins enjoyed

pitching their skills against the games, along with the pupils and maths teachers, but as the games were so well designed by the students, they didn't have a chance! Nearly every game made a profit which was fantastic. The house with the highest average profit was Alyward and the winning team with the most profit was Nikita Bhat, Freya Bolwell, Nicholas Smith and Matthew Swales. Over £200 was raised. Well done to all that took part.



Outstanding Languages Work

Miss Potter was delighted with the work her Year 10 class produced as part of an extended project on 'Regions of Italy'. The group were set the task of researching the history, geography, landmarks, food, culture and language of the 20 regions of Italy. They had a week to research one region each in depth then create a visual and spoken presentation to deliver to the rest of the class, and a 3D model of something representative of that region. They worked really hard and produced some great pieces.



Physics Trip to Alton Towers

On Monday 16th July, 24 Year 12 students had the chance to visit Alton Towers to see how Physics is used in some of their most popular rides. After an early start we arrived at the park, and headed straight for the Dark Forest where we had been given early access and so could enjoy Rita and Th13teen without any of the queues. Afterwards we headed to the education centre where we were

given a talk on the Physics of rollercoasters. Students were talked through how Newton's laws apply to the rides and how they are used to create thrills through experiences of high and low g-forces. The Physics we have used in the classroom was directly linked to the rides and students were asked to calculate various forces and accelerations generated in the park, with the promise of fast track passes as

prizes for the correct answer!

The afternoon gave the students a chance to explore the park and put into practice the Physics they had looked at on rides like Nemesis, The Smiler, The Wicker man and Oblivion. All in all a good day was had by everybody!



Positive Mental Health Day

On Tuesday 10th July Arden students, from year 7 through to year 10, as well as all teachers, took part in a Mental Health Awareness day. The end goal of the day was to give the students and staff a better understanding of mental health and how to cope with it, as well as a change of environment for the whole school.

The day started off with a 40 minute assembly talking about mental health. In the assembly students were told about how it affects people, as well as giving examples of how mental health affects daily life. After the assembly students were sent all over the school to participate in activities of their choice. Each of the groups (on average) contained a mixture of students from year 7 through to year 10.

I went round to different activities for the whole day and discovered that the majority found that the activities they were participating in were helping them as well as being fun. The staff also told me that they were finding it very enjoyable. I went down into the kitchen area where they were **Baking Bread** to have a talk with Miss Herbert who told me ***“bread making can give people time and space to think and be reflective, it can also help get frustration out. If you feel a bit angry or upset you can use the kneading process to physically get your emotions out on the bread, and by the end you have a lovely product to share with your family and friends...”***



Gardening

I also had a chat with some of the students; I asked them what their opinion was of baking breadsticks as a way to cope with mental health, they replied ***“I found that kneading the dough was a good way of releasing my anger.”***

Colouring was another popular activity



Baking Bread

that students liked. There were a lot of different colouring groups but the greatest number of students agreed with the fact that colouring was a good way of relieving stress. One of the students explained that ***“colouring is a good way to take your mind off things that are causing you distress.”*** Many of the students agreed with this statement.

Some of the physical activities I visited included **boot camp**. I asked Mrs Crawford her thoughts on how the session would benefit the students, she replied ***“I find that by having a short 7 minute burst of physical activities the students are burning their energy in a way that is useful and helpful.”*** I asked the student whether they agreed and their responses were all positive.

My favourite activity, in which I got involved, was **Gardening**. I asked Mrs Steele and Mrs Scott their opinions on the potential effect of gardening on people's health; their reply was ***“gardening is a great way of putting your energy into something that can become a hobby, it also refreshes your mind to be outside...”*** I had a conversation with some of the students involved, the majority of them told me



Bootcamp

they found that gardening was relaxing because they could be outside looking after pretty plants but they didn't enjoy the bugs! I asked who would do this again or suggest it to others, to which one of the students said ***“I would probably suggest this to my grandpa or someone like that...”*** I laughed at this and asked if they would suggest it to younger people as well, they again said probably.

At the end of the day I asked a handful of staff if they found that the day was useful in any way and the response from them all was positive, I then proceeded to ask the students if they



Colouring

found the day useful and again all responded positively with lots of them telling me they have found a way to deal with potential mental health issues, as well as possible new activities to help them relax. It was a fantastic day all round.

Olivia Bentley (Year 9)



Zumba

One of the strands of ArdenAIM is 'Excellence Students'. Tying in with the Arden Values, this aims to highlight and celebrate some of the astounding achievements made by Arden students, in a range of different activities, outside of school.

We are very proud that a number of our students have received recognition for their outstanding talents in the arts and in sport at local, national and international levels. They are truly inspirational role models.

Every month, we shall be shining the spotlight on one of our Excellence Students to find out exactly just what it takes to excel in their field and to achieve such success.

Scarlett Cawthorne (Year 9)

Scarlett is a very talented sailor. In December 2017, she successfully gained a place in the National Development Squad for Sailing. She sails yachts and dinghies, but specialises in the 420 fleet, within which she competes nationally in the 14-20 year old category.

How did you first get into sailing?

My grandparents had a yacht and my uncle was a Laser sailor, so I just remember spending lots of time and several holidays around boats. When I was about 9 or 10, I decided that I wanted to have a go and had the opportunity to sail in a small 'Optimist' boat. I really loved it and it was then that I realised that I wanted to pursue sailing more seriously.

What kind of training do you have to do?

I have coaching every weekend, on both Saturday and Sunday, when I have to travel all over the country to work with lots of different coaches. Recently I have been to Cardiff, Weymouth and Pwllheli for training. I usually have to take my boat with me. My two brothers are also sailors, so we often all go as a family, however, it can also just be me with my Dad.

On Thursdays and Fridays, I train at my local club in Shustoke, which is about a half an hour drive away. I have to go straight from school until about 7 or 8pm.

Apart from actual sailing practice what else do you have to do to stay as successful as you are?

I have a fitness programme that is set by my coaches, to ensure that I can maintain a high level of physical fitness to be able to control the boat. This focuses on strength and core training, which I have to do both at home and at the gym. On top of that, I have to eat healthily, following a low-fat and high protein diet to maintain optimum weight and fitness.

How do you fit all of your school work into your busy training regime?

I have to do my homework either as soon as I get home, or



in the car on the way to training. When I am away at the weekends, I have to make sure that I take everything with me, so that I can do it at the hotel. It can be a bit of a challenge at times, but I just have to be organised to keep on top of it all.

Who is your Sailing inspiration?

One of my coaches, Steve Irish. He is a former 420 World Champion and was in the Olympic Sailing team. He now coaches all over the world. He is an amazing sailor, who has such high expectations, but he finds ways to make training sessions fun, even though they are really hard work.

What is your ambition?

I would love to be selected for the Olympic team in 2024, either in the 420 or the 470 class. Ultimately, it would be amazing to make a career out of sailing, becoming a Yacht Captain. My uncle is currently a Yacht Captain of the biggest yacht in the world, which is based in Cannes. He gets to meet lots of famous people; Donald Trump was even on his yacht recently! I would love to do something like that.

What is your motto?

Long hours lead to good results.

Sports News

For all the latest news about all things sports related don't forget to follow the Arden PE Department on Twitter

 @ArdenPE

Athletics Champion

Congratulations to Jamie Russell (Year 10) who recently competed over two days in the Octathlon at Abingdon.

Jamie won the event to become the U17s Midlands champion. This victory means that he has now qualified for the English schools competition which will take place in September.

Well done Jamie!



Secondary School Games Award

We are delighted that Arden has won the Solihull Secondary School Games Award for the fourth year in a row.

Throughout the year points are awarded for all of the competitions that are run as follows:

- 1 point for each team entered
- 4 points for 1st place
- 3 points for 2nd place
- 2 points for 3rd place.

The overall results saw Arden coming top with 116 points, Tudor Grange in second with 108 and Langley in third with 47. This is a fantastic achievement, but it is not the full picture of sport at Arden because it doesn't take into consideration other things that we participate in outside of these games, such as all the Rugby games, national competitions and friendly fixtures.

Congratulations to all of the students who have taken part in sport this year, and to all of the teachers who made it happen!

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day was a great success. The students were a credit to the school with their team ethos and supportive competitive attitude.

Over the course of the day a range of events were contested, from 75m to 1500m and bean bag to sack races.

The final results were:

- 1st – Eliot – 821
- 2nd – Baird – 761
- 3rd – Fleming – 744
- 4th – Aylward - 662

It was incredibly close until the relays when Eliot took control of the competition.



Mr Hunt would like to thank all of the staff for their support throughout the day and for helping to make the event a truly 'whole school' one. He said, 'It's days like today that make you realise what amazing staff we all work with. It makes a huge difference to the PE staff knowing that we have the support from everybody else throughout the day'.

A great day all round which really showed 'Team Arden' at its best.

Water Polo

Four boys from Arden took part in an U16 Inter Regional Water Polo Championship in Liverpool this month, where they came away with a Silver Medal in Division 2.

This was a fantastic achievement for the boys who were selected to represent the West Midlands. They competed against teams from East Midlands, North West Ravens, South West, South East, Wales & Ireland. They played their best match against Ireland where they won 8-3 to put them in second

place.

The boys involved are Callum McCourt, Rory McGoldrick, Ben Rice and Rhys Tippings. Congratulations to them all.



Table Tennis

Congratulations to Henry Belcher in Year 9 who was presented with a special award by his Table Tennis club recently. Henry was awarded the Young Member of the Year Award, which recognises the achievements and commitment by any member of the club under 21.

Since September Henry has played weekly matches against teams from around Birmingham, mostly experienced adults, and won every match he played (42/42).



Athletics

The Solihull Borough Athletics Championships took place this month. The Arden athletes did amazingly well to win both the boys and girls overall competitions!

Also this month we took the Year 8 boys and girls teams to the regional L3 Athletics finals. The boys finished 4th overall and the girls came in 1st which is a fantastic result.

The pupils who compete in athletics train in the mornings and we have had 12 athletics competitions this year so it really is a big commitment from them. We took 45 pupils to the championships and every single person contributed points to our total (by finishing in the top 8 in their event) this is amazing considering the strength of the schools we compete against.

We also had another amazing individual result in Athletics with Year 8 pupil Cairo Mendez-Brown competing with Langley School at the L3 Panathlon, he loved the day and came away with a gold medal as well as the values award. Check out twitter @ArdenPE for a great photo of him with his medal.

Well done to all of the athletes who have taken part in competitions over the course of the year. All of their contributions have helped to make this a fantastic year overall for Arden in Athletics. A huge thank you also to all of the PE staff involved.

Tennis

The girls tennis squads have had a great season this year! the Year 7 and 8 girls came second in the slams competition in a very close contest , narrowly losing out to Tudor Grange .

The U13 squad are unbeaten this season and have finished top of the Solihull league, they now progress the regional knock out rounds in September.

The U15 squad also had a great season and are awaiting other results in the



league to see whether they will finish 1st or 2nd in their league.

Congratulations to the players who have been fantastic ambassadors for the school throughout .

Rounders

The Year 7 and Year 8 girls recently took part in the Solihull Rounders tournament. The tournament involved twelve teams in each age group.

The pupils did really well with the Year 8 team coming in 5th place and the Year 7 team coming 2nd.

Also this month, a Year 9 mixed Rounders team travelled to Leicester University to compete in a national competition.

It was a hard fought affair and the team worked hard to win their group to progress to the next stage. Unfortunately they lost their semi-final but the pupils were an absolute credit and did really well considering the level of competition from schools across the country.

Well done to all pupils who have competed in Rounders this year.

House Tennis

This year's House Tennis competition was a hotly contested affair, not least because of the summer sunshine. The annual event sees mixed pairings of staff and Year 10 students. In total 24 pairings took part in the competition this year.

The final was a well fought battle between Mrs Hull/Conor Leake and Mrs Corbett/Ben Smith. The match was very close from the first point to the last. Unfortunately for Mrs Hull and Conor, Miss Corbett and Ben were too good in the end and their aggressive attacking approach was the difference on the day.

Thank you to everyone who took part, once again a great team effort.

Synchronised Swimming

Congratulations to Natasha and Olivia Cannell who have been celebrating following more synchronised swimming success.

On Saturday 7th July the girls competed at the national synchronised swimming event at the London Aquatics Centre - the 2012 Olympic pool.

It was a wonderful experience for the girls despite being a long hot day. Natasha's team came 9th out of 13 and Olivia's team came 5th out of 17.

The weekend before, they both won silver and gold medals with their teams at the Warwickshire and Staffordshire synchronised swimming competition.



Summer Participation

Research has shown that just twenty minutes of exercise per day can have a significant effect on your health and fitness. The PE department would like to challenge students to increase their participation in sport and exercise over the Summer holidays.

We would love to hear what everyone is getting up to so why not take some photographs and tag the Arden PE Department on twitter with the #getfitinsummer.

We would love to share some of the stories in the September newsletter.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Megee (Learning Support Assistant) who gave birth to a baby girl, Eva at the start of the month. Mrs Megee will now be on maternity leave.

We will see a few changes to staff over the summer holidays: Mrs Herbert (Food) and Mrs Hull (PE) are retiring after 43 years' service to Arden between them! They have made an amazing contribution to Arden in this time and we would like to wish them well for the future.

In addition, the following staff are moving on for

promotion: Mr Kimber (Maths), Mrs Barratt (Psychology) and Mr Temple (Design Technology). Miss Potter (MFL) is relocating to be nearer to home in East Yorkshire while Mrs Hawker (Maths), Mrs Dean (Science) and Mr Wood (PE) will be leaving teaching. I am sure you will join me in sending the staff off with all our good wishes.

We have welcomed Mrs Goodridge (Maths) back from maternity leave and there will be several new staff joining us in September and we are looking forward to welcoming them to the Arden team and to you in our first newsletter of the new academic year.

Lost Property

We would like to advise you that lost/left property will be available to view on Monday 23rd July, between 10:00am and 2:00pm – please come to Reception.

Please note that all lockers must be emptied at the end of term as they will be reallocated over the summer period by the locker company and we, as a school, have no control over this. Items left in the lockers will be removed.

Uniform Exchange

Following much interest in this last year we have decided to offer it once again; if you have any items of current school uniform that has been outgrown or is no longer used or if you have any unwanted **good quality and clean** items of current

school uniform or PE kit that you would like to donate to other students, we would be happy to receive them in school **by the end of school on Thursday 19th July.**

These will then be available for other parents/guardians to come and look at/take away with them on **Monday 23rd July between 10:00am and 2:00pm.** Once again, please come into school through Reception.

There will be no charge, however donations towards school fund would be welcomed.

Any items of lost/donated property that are remaining at the end of Monday will be taken to the Charity shops in Knowle.

Important dates for September

Monday 3rd September	Inset Day
Tuesday 4th September	Inset Day
Wednesday 5th September	School opens to all students Sixth Form Dedication Service @ Knowle Parish Church (pm) Year 11 Dedication Service @ Knowle Paris Church (pm)
Thursday 6th September	Year 7 & Year 12 Photographs Year 10 Dedication Service @ Knowle Parish Church (am) Year 8 Dedication Service @ Knowle Parish Church (pm)
Friday 7th September	Year 10 Photographs Year 9 Dedication Service @ Knowle Parish Church (am) Year 7 Dedication Service @ Knowle Parish Church (pm) Y12 Induction Day Visit to Leicester Outdoor Pursuit Centre
Monday 10th September	Year 10 Parents Meeting – 'The Year Ahead' (7.00pm)
Thursday 13th September	Parents/Information Sixth Form Welcome Evening (7.00pm)
Friday 14th September – 16th September	Year 10 DofE Bronze Practice Expedition
Monday 17th September	Year 11 'Year Ahead & Revision Meeting (7.00pm)
Saturday 22nd September	Year 11 GCSE Computer Science Visit to EGX Show @ NEC
Thursday 27th September	Open Evening (6.00-8.30pm)
Friday 28th September	Open Morning (10.45am–12.00pm)