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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week has seen a hive of activity across the school. Extend clubs are well and truly underway, alongside our fixtures ensuring plenty of opportunities for our students to demonstrate ambition in stretching and challenging themselves beyond the classroom. Auditions are taking place for our Summer show, Matilda (an absolute favourite of mine). It's not all about performing on stage, there are many facets of theatre life that the students can become involved in – do encourage participation here.

60 of our Y10 GCSE drama students alongside a small number of Y9s saw the invigorating and inspiring production of the Life of Pi at Bristol Hippodrome on Wednesday. Again, Kingshill students demonstrated the STEPs beyond the classroom and were fantastic ambassadors for us all.

### **Active Minds**

The Active Minds focus in our student bulletin this week is the Silent Solo which links to the theme of Ambition within our STEPs. In a Silent Solo, students practice applying the knowledge they have learnt in silent, focused writing. It means students are thinking harder and digging deeper and it gives teachers the opportunity to move around the classroom checking for errors and misconceptions which they can then respond to.

Mr Trevor Lee  
*Assistant Headteacher: Teaching & Learning*

### **PD assembly**

In their assemblies this week, Mr Macaulay, Head of PSHEE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) raised the importance of personal development for our students. Whilst their academic outcomes are crucial in helping young people move onto the next steps of their lives, we are passionate in wanting to ensure that all of our students understand the importance of them making choices that keep them safe and healthy, and that develop their characters through taking advantage of all of the opportunities that are available to them, both within and beyond school.

Mr Jeremy Morland  
*Senior Assistant Headteacher*

### **Y11 CV Writing**

During the past two weeks, all of our Y11 students have been involved in a CV writing workshop, led by Mrs Hicks, our Careers Advisor and myself. This is in preparation for their Mock Interview day on Friday

15<sup>th</sup> March when they will be interviewed by a local employer, but also beyond this, they have been encouraged to appreciate the importance of a CV that succinctly conveys their interests, achievements, experiences and qualifications to support their progression to further/higher education and employment. All Y11 students should be working to ensure that their completed CVs are with their tutors by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January so that their accuracy and quality can be checked before they are sent onto the employers ahead of the mock interview day.

Mr Jeremy Morland  
*Senior Assistant Headteacher*

### **Y7 Reading Challenge**

In our English lessons this week we have launched a reading challenge for all Year 7 students. The students have been given a postcard with various categories to tick off. Once they have read something in each category, they can use their postcard as an entry into a prize draw. There are various book vouchers to be won, and the closing date isn't until Monday, 18th March. So, there's plenty of time to get reading!

Miss Jacqueline de Carles

### **Y9 Play**

Next week we are pleased to welcome the Narrative Alchemy theatre company to school. They will be performing *Breaking the Chain* to all year 9 pupils. This play has knife crime as its focus, a topic that is rarely out of the news. We know that the best protection we can give to our young people is knowledge of the dangers so that they are aware and can protect themselves, as well as letting them know where they can go for help and support if they are worried. The play has been funded by Gloucestershire Constabulary and Police Crime Commissioner and is being performed in schools all over the County.

Mrs Debbie Christopher  
*Senior Assistant Headteacher*

### **UK Intermediate Mathematics Challenge**

On Wednesday 31st January approximately 120 Y9/10 students will take part in the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. This is a UK run competition, consisting of a 60-minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge. The problems on the challenge encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make the students think. The top students will then receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold Certificate.

Use this link to have a go!

[Competitions - UKMT Competitions](#)

Good luck to all of those taking part. We look forward to seeing how you have done.

*Mathematics Faculty*

Have a wonderful weekend – do spend some time asking your children about their Active Minds in their learning. I look forward to meeting with the parents signed up for the parent forum on Tuesday morning at 9:10am.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Jo Lindley  
Headteacher

### **Sports Update**

- Clubs have resumed with a wide variety of opportunities on offer most days at lunchtime and after school for students to attend. We are excited to be offering both Girls Indoor Cricket and Girls Rugby this term. Please bring warm clothing for Rugby...that you don't mind getting muddy 😊
- A team of year Year 9 and 10 girls attended the U16 Girls football tournament at Rednock school. They competed very respectably against some physical opponents in freezing conditions. Mrs Hussey and Miss Herbert were very proud of them all.
- Mrs Squire and Mrs Hussey held auditions for our Evening of Dance and Gymnastics. They were extremely impressed by the variety and quality of the performances and look forward to working with the performers over the coming weeks, ready for the show on Tuesday 27th February.

### **Upcoming events**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y11 Bath Forum Poetry Live (9am-5pm)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Parent Forum at (9:10am)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Y7 Parents Evening: Online (4:30-7:30pm)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Y9 Play 'Breaking the Chain' (9-10am)