

KAS Connected

Y10 ARE BACK

This week we welcomed our Y10 students back to site. There will be one session for each GCSE group with their teacher, which means that all students will have seven sessions in total. The aim is to reconnect the groups, reflect on learning since lockdown and plan for September.

The start times are staggered and spaces have been allocated for each session so groups are kept separate.



On Monday students lined up for hand sanitiser and temperature checks on their way in and it was clear they were happy to be back!

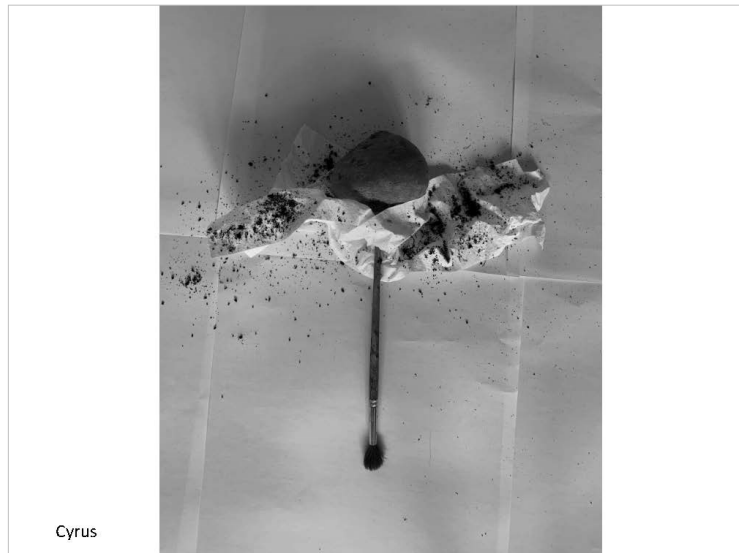
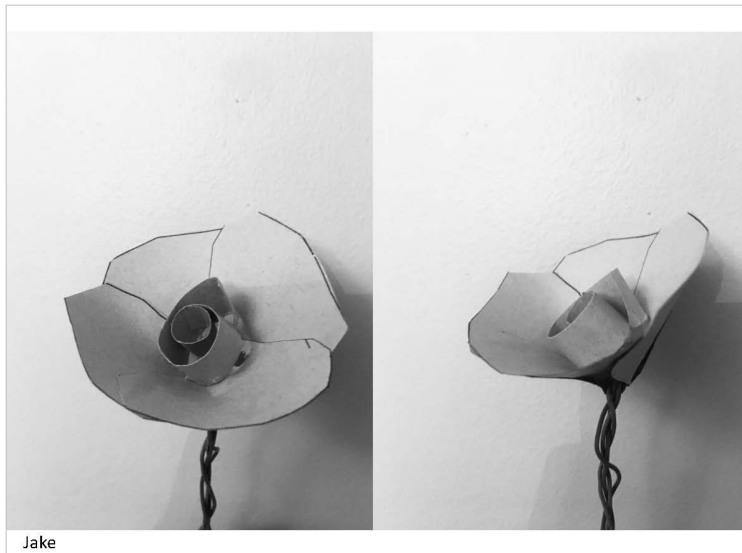
Head of Geography, Fay said: "It was lovely to be back in school to have the opportunity to teach the students in person again, and to remember what 'normal' actually is. I felt comfortable in a large classroom with plenty of space and lots of open windows - a breath of fresh air in lots of ways! "



PHOTOGRAPHING 'NATURE' — Y8

Our Year 8 artists have been inspired by Karl Blossfeldt and Joan Fontcuberta for their recent project. The students were asked recreate a natural form, similar to Fontcuberta's work, and then photograph it in the style of Blossfeldt. The beautiful black and white images have a haunting quality and will make you look twice.

[Read more and see all the images on the school website.](#)



NO SHOW FOR EXAM ARTISTS

As having a physical exhibition wasn't possible, the Art and Design Technology Departments are delighted to showcase the work of all the GCSE and A level artists and designers of 2020 in a beautiful catalogue.

[Visit the school website](#) to flick through the pages where you will find sketchbook work, sculpture, painting, installations, photography, fashion and drawings from our talented students.



CONNECTING WITH THEIR FUTURE

One of the many positives to be taken from this difficult time has been the success of our new Connections sessions.

Organised and hosted by the Old Alfredian and Development Office, these Q&A zoom sessions with our Old Alfredians, have been full of tips, insights, advice and measured thoughts on life experiences after school. Thank you to our Old Alfredians who have given their time to answer questions for our Sixth Formers. It has been a pleasure to get to know our OAs and to hear their interaction with our students. Here is a flavour of some of the sessions over the past six weeks.

Paul Moore (OA 2009), TV Producer for ITV



Paul recorded a video featuring some of his work, how his interest in TV began through a work experience placement when he was at KAS, and his career to date. He also shared links and advice on how to access roles in television, and answered questions by zoom.

"I found the talk helpful and it was very laid back which made everyone more comfortable to ask Paul questions. The talk helped me understand more about the benefits and fun aspects of working in TV." Sixth Former
"Lockdown can feel like an aimless and limiting time for our Sixth Formers, so it was helpful to hear the different things they can still be getting on with." Megan, Sixth Form Support

Benjy Goodwin (OA 2015) The Good Gap Year

A packed session with 25 students joining us during the hour, Benjy shared his thoughts on his gap year before university, and how to use the summer holidays for travel that supports and enhances your studies and interests.

"Travelling by yourself is a great way to meet people and experience new things. Do your research. Don't do nothing!" Benjy



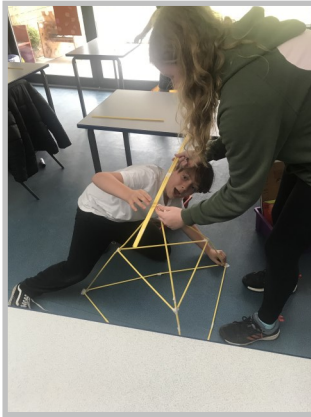
Will Davies (OA 2011) International Marketing Assistant, Live Nation

Will talked to our students studying music with an interest in pursuing a career in this field. Informative, honest and helpful for all those thinking about university or straight into work.

BUILDING (LITERAL) BRIDGES

Last week, Y6 were given a bridge building challenge. They were given just 25 straws and a metre of tape to build a bridge that carried a weight in the middle of it.

The Octopods pod winning bridge was able to carry 1kg before it collapsed!



PRINTING PROTECTION

Head of Design Miranda and Sixth Former, Conrad, have been 3D printing PPE for the NHS for two months now. They have distributed around 350 shields so far through 3D Crowd UK. A huge thank you to all parents who donated to the 3D printer fund in order to make this happen.

ROBERT AND KAREN'S MESSAGE

Organising the return to site for Reception, Years 1, 6, 10 & 12 was a huge logistical challenge, but seeing the students in school has been a real boost. These preparations also meant that when the government Primary guidance finally came through giving the green light for Lower School Classes to return, we were ready.

We are so excited to welcome back all of Years 2,3,4 & 5. The support and teaching teams have cracked the complex 3-D puzzle of students, staffing and spaces and we're proud to be able to offer a model which will allow small pods of children to enjoy the next three weeks at school. The provision will give high priority to the children's emotional well-being, outside learning and social development. Its thanks to our amazing staff that we're able to offer this where many schools cannot and we can't thank them enough for always pulling out all the stops!

