



The King Alfred School

Upper School Newsletter



Summer Half Term 2024

ART, MUSIC & DRAMA

Spring Concert

The KAS community was treated to a fantastic Spring Concert to bring the term to a close after such a busy and packed few weeks.

The Concert offered the opportunity for a number of groups to perform and showcase their talent, from Orchestra to Jazz, individual and duo performances to our UAL groups. It was brilliant to listen to a variety of musical genres and songs.

Well done to all who participated, and thank you to everyone who organised the evening and helped make it run smoothly.



Students Perform at East Finchley's Got Talent

Eila in Year 8 and Luke in Year 7 performed at East Finchley's Got Talent earlier this term, which our Learning Support Teacher, Pat Leacock, helped organise.

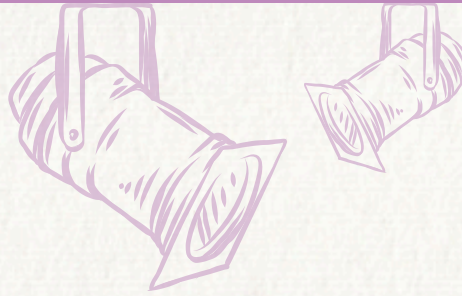
Eila performed an original composition, while Luke played the guitar - sometimes from behind his head!

The Show Goes On

This half term has been another busy one for the Drama Department. We have had some brilliant performances by our Year 12 Drama and UAL students. The Year 12 Drama group completed their devised piece, *Demise or Alive*, which presented a daring, satirical and thought-provoking performance which delved into our complex fascination with the macabre.

The UAL group performed *Top Girls*, written by Caryl Churchill, which considers the then-novel phenomenon of women taking on managerial positions.

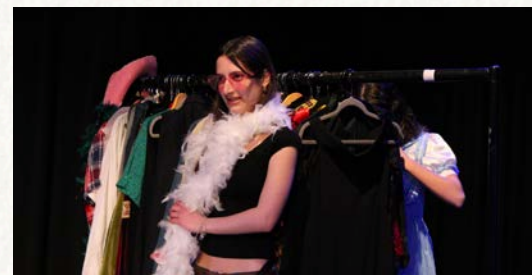
We also had some students in Year 9 participate in public speaking exams with LAMDA. Even those who chose not to take the exam still worked on the skills which are useful in all areas of life.



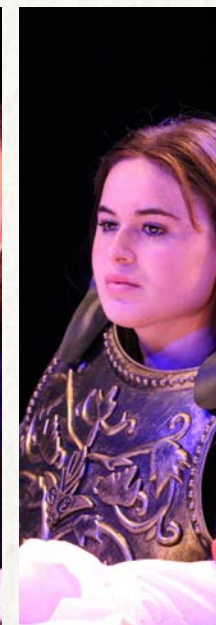
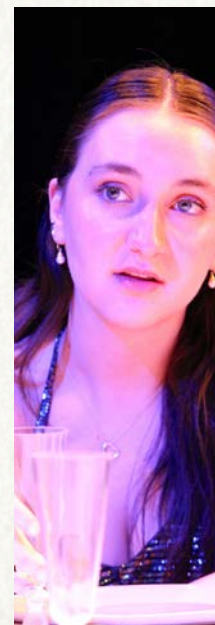
Demise or Alive



LAMDA



Top Girls



CHOICE, EXPLORATIONS & GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Year 8 Explorations Exhibition

Last term, Year 8 students participated in an Exploration titled 'How can the natural balance be restored?'

This Exploration began with a trip to Hampstead Heath to explore how abiotic and biotic factors influence each other.

For the final task, set for the start of the Summer Term, students created a model or a presentation of a system and how the balance can be restored. The students held an exhibition to explain their model to others.

Written by Hannah Sheath



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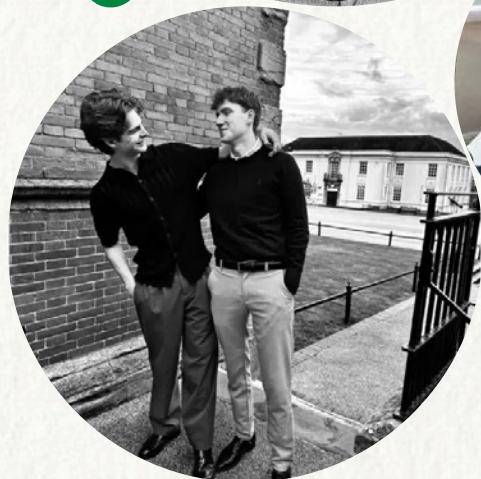
KAS Reels in Awards at London Schools Film Awards

Former KAS students (now Old Alfredians) attended the London Schools Film Awards at Mill Hill School with Head of Film, Nuray, and Assistant Head of Sixth Form, Shelia.

We were excited to learn that, out of the 14 awards on offer, Tom Dyer, Laura Murphy and Bertie Richmond won 10. This is an incredible achievement, with 30 schools having entered the competition and eight being shortlisted to the finals.



Click here or scan the QR code to find out what categories were won.



UK Maths Challenge at KAS

Well done to all our students who participated in the UK Maths Challenge earlier this term. We had multiple Gold, Silver and Bronze results from Year 7-13 with two students securing a place in the invite-only follow-on round.



Au & Ag for Students in Science Olympiad

Congratulations to our two Year 13 students who successfully completed the Chemistry Olympiad, earning themselves a Gold and Silver certificate!



The Bees Are Back

KAS Beekeepers Sheila (Assistant Head of Sixth Form) and Chris (teacher of Design & Technology) went on a daring adventure to Berkshire to collect a new Queen Bee and colony. They are a special variety of Buckfast honeybee known to be friendly, high yielding, hardy and easy to work with. The colony moved into the KAS beehive and are settling in well. There will be opportunities to meet the bees and learn how to work with them coming up soon.

Written by Sheila Hanlon



Year 11 and 13 Final Day

For their final day at KAS, Year 11 and Year 13 went paintballing to celebrate the end of formal lessons and the start of study leave. Everyone had a great time and it was a fantastic way to finish.



Welcoming the New Cohort

This half term, we had our Year 7 Transition Day. Our new Year 7 cohort for September 2024 all came into school for a day of activities and got the chance to see what they could get up to in Year 7.



Happy Hot Chocolate Hour

The Sixth Form Council ran the second Happy Hour hot chocolate stand for Year 12 and 13 students. Devised as an initiative for Mental Health Week, the drinks proved so popular that it has now become a termly treat!

Written by Lucy Wiser



TEDx

Our TEDx talks are now available! You can watch them on a handy playlist that we have put together.

Click here or scan the QR code to find out more.



Fundraising for French

Keep an eye out for Pauline and students who will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for next year's French Drama Festival soon.

Tickets are £5 and there are some incredible French-themed prizes. Cash or cards accepted.



SPORT

Sign up to SOCS,
the School's sport
management app.



YEAR 10 BASKETBALL



YEAR 8 ATHLETICS



YEAR 7 ATHLETICS (ISA PREP)



YEAR 10 ROUNDEERS

TRIPS

Visiting Versailles

Year 12 students – accompanied by Lucy, Pauline and Julian – went on a day trip to Le Château de Versailles. While learning about the rich history entrenched within this palace, the group explored all the royal chambers, discovered secret doors and strolled through the Hall of Mirrors. It was safe to say the trip was unforgettable. Thank you to everyone who made it possible!

Written by Lucy Stapledon



We Do Like to be Beside the Seaside

Our Year 12 Geography class visited to the seaside town of Morecambe to aid our fieldwork studies. We spent time measuring the beach profile and rock characteristics, as well as time in the town centre, assessing quality of life and culture. We ended our trip with a hike in the Lake District overlooking the beautiful scenery and nature around us.

Written by Katy, Georgia and Florrie in Year 12



OLD ALFREDIANS & DEVELOPMENT

Old Alfredians v Sixth Form Football

Honours went to the Old Alfredian team for the first match, and the Sixth Form/Staff combined team in the second match. High quality football was overseen by our Old Alfredian referee, Eliot Katz, and the players were cheered on by a crowd of OAs, staff and students. This annual event is growing in popularity, with requests from OAs to run it again later in the year.



Reunion Dinner for Classes of 1978 to 1988

For the first time, we organised an evening reunion for our Classes of 1978 to 1988.

For many there on Wednesday 8 May, it was their first visit back to the School since leaving 40-odd years ago. Class photos from the KAS Archive provided much amusement, as did the photo montage film.

Thanks to our three Sixth Form School Six volunteers Elisabeth, Heidi and Ana who helped serve the delicious meal.



Upcoming Events

Title of event	Date
Bank Holiday	Monday 27 May
HALF TERM	MONDAY 27 - FRIDAY 31 MAY
Back to School	Monday 3 June
Soloist Concert	Wednesday 12 June
Year 13 Photo Exhibition	Friday 14 June
Year 7 Project Week Year 8 Village Year 9 Camp Year 10 Camp UAL Project Week Year 12 Mock Exams	Monday 17 - Friday 21 June
Year 12 Work Experience	Monday 24 - Friday 28 June
Sports Day (Years 6 - 10)	Wednesday 26 June
Sixth Form Prom	Friday 28 June
Year 11 Namibia	Friday 28 June - Tuesday 16 July
KASonbury	Saturday 6 July
MFL trip	Sunday 7 - Wednesday 10 July
Indonesia trip	Sunday 7 - Sunday 21 July
End of Summer Term	Thursday 11 July



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