



The King Alfred School

Upper School Newsletter



Summer
End of Term 2024

ART, MUSIC & DRAMA

The Greatest Showman: **Middle School Show**

The King Alfred Phoenix Theatre turned into a Big Top as students in Years 7, 8 and 9 took to the stage to perform *The Greatest Showman*.

Students worked with the Drama and Music Departments, and Year 12 UAL students, to create backstories for some of the key circus performers from the original musical.

The show was packed with brilliant performances. From solos to ensemble crowd pleasers, aerial gymnastics to full cast routines, it was a multi-coloured delight.

With KAS students taking their places in the band, on the stage and backstage, it was a delight to see the production come together with such flair.

Congratulations to the whole team who brought the performance to life – the Drama and Music Departments, Theatre Technician Matt, Year 12 UAL students and all the talented cast and band members. Thanks to Emma Ziff for the fabulous photos.



Click here or scan the QR code to read more about the performance.





Art, CCS & DT Exhibition 2024

Before half term, the Art and DT Departments held a fantastic exhibition for students in Sixth Form and Years 10-11 to showcase their work.

The exhibition comprised a variety of different medias that the students have been working hard on for many weeks. From blacksmithing to ceramics, jewellery to clothing, there was plenty to see.

Overall, it has been another successful exhibition for the three subjects and, it's safe to say, all attendees marvelled at the amazing work on show. Well done to all who participated!



Click here or scan the QR code to find out what some of our students had to say.



Photography Exhibition

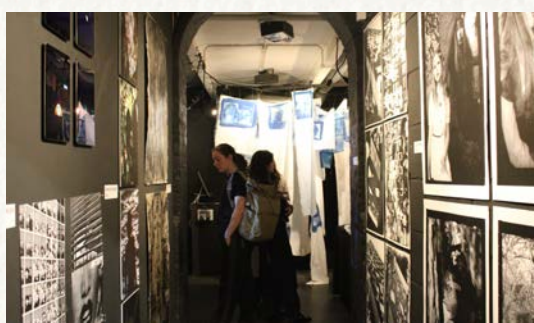
This year's Photography exhibition was perhaps the most ambitious show we've staged, with both A level and GCSE work on display along with a touch of Year 10 and 12 - around 75 of our student photographers had work on show.

I'm immensely proud of the work, both in terms of the number of wider issues that were examined, but also by the range of creative avenues explored.

Written by Cliff Bevan



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Students Perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

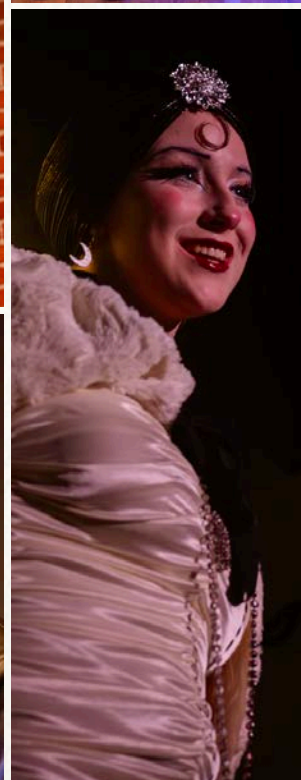
The UAL production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* set in the 1920s was a dazzling blend of Shakespearean magic and roaring twenties flair.

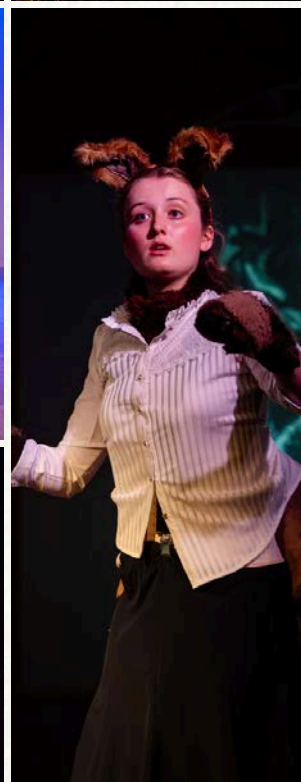
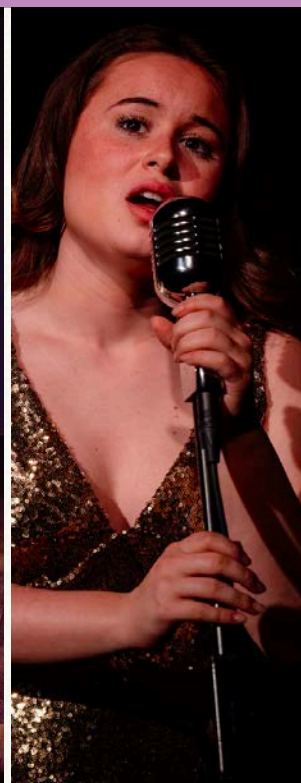
The performance cleverly intertwined period-specific music, featuring jazz and swing, with silent film-style projections that added a whimsical charm.

The use of film allowed for innovative scene transitions and dreamlike sequences. This creative fusion highlighted our exceptionally talented students' performance skills and imaginative vision.

Well done to all those involved and Thanks to Emma Ziff for the fabulous photos.

Written by Lucy Hall





CHOICE, EXPLORATIONS & GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Year 7 Project Week

Year 7 raised money for Alexandra Wylie Tower Foundation by creating and running food stalls.

Over the Monday and Tuesday of Project Week, the students were put into their Crews and split into three groups of three. These three groups were then divided across cooking, constructing wooden stalls and marketing. The project culminated in a fabulous food market for all to enjoy.

Later in the week, students were also taught how to make survival huts!

They built these huts from different materials such as foliage and tree branches, tarp and wood, working together to ensure that their shelters were stable and useable.

It was fantastic to see the students uniting, either to bring their food stalls together or to build their huts. Creative thinking, collaboration and communication were all definitely in use during the week!



SCHOOL NEWS

KAS^otonbury 2024

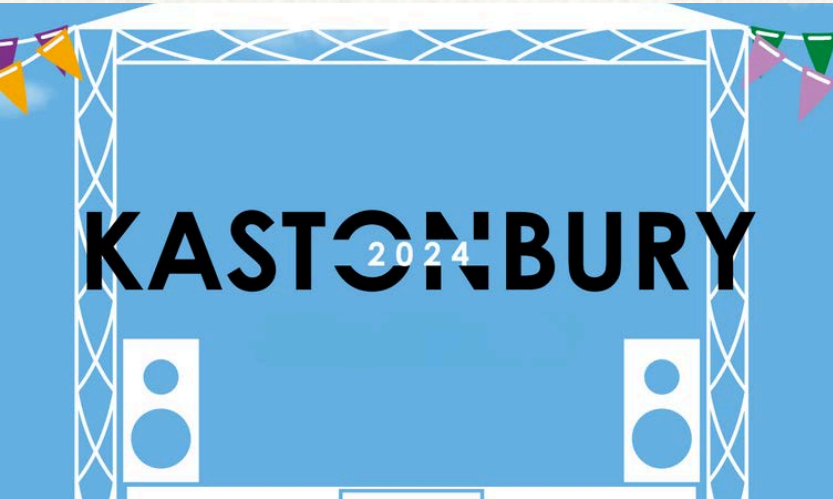
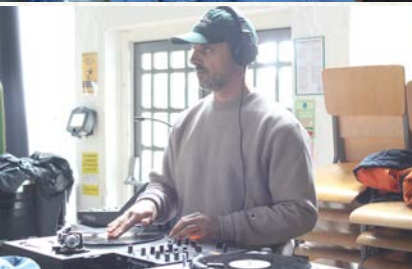
The rain did not keep KAS^otonbury away!

KAS^otonbury 2024 returned after a fantastic KAS 125 celebration the year before. KAS^oparents were brilliant in reorganising the locations of stalls and the stage in spite of the weather, allowing all to

still have a great time enjoying a large range of activities, food, drinks and an extensive set list of student-led bands.



Click here or scan the QR code to read more about the day.





The Village

As a pivotal event in the calendar, The Village was back for another year at KAS. This year's cohort had a brilliant week on site, living in the huts they had built in groups of 4-6 and participating in a large range of activities on and off site.

They learnt fire safety, bushcraft and cooking skills, while also having the opportunity to try new things such as learning about tea ceremonies with one of our Old Alfredians, Cyanotype, photography and Raku pottery glazing to name but a few.

It has been great to see the year group pull together as a community and share such a wonderful experience together.

Thank you to Claire, Clara and Isabella for organising another fantastic Village and to all those who made it such a special week for Year 8.



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YEAR 11 PROM





YEAR 13 GRADUATION & PROM



Election Day 2024

The KAS Politics team ran their own mock election for the Upper School community. Leon, Takako and Chloe were helped by lots of Year 12 students to run a poll for Years 7-10 and 12, along with KAS Upper School staff.

Results were counted and partly reflected the national mood - Labour won 85 of the 258 votes cast, closely followed by the Greens on 67.

It was great to see so many Year 12s volunteering in both the School and actual election, enabling students to experience their first taste of politics. Only five years to go until the next one!



It's All Roo-tine for Reuben

Congratulations to Reuben in Year 8, who obtained a gold certificate in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge!

His fantastic score meant Reuben qualified for the follow-on round that only the top few thousand in the country are invited to, the Junior Kangaroo. In this round, Reuben scored a brilliant 118 out of a possible 135, far surpassing the 103 threshold for a Merit.

Well done, Reuben!



Year 9 Culture Day

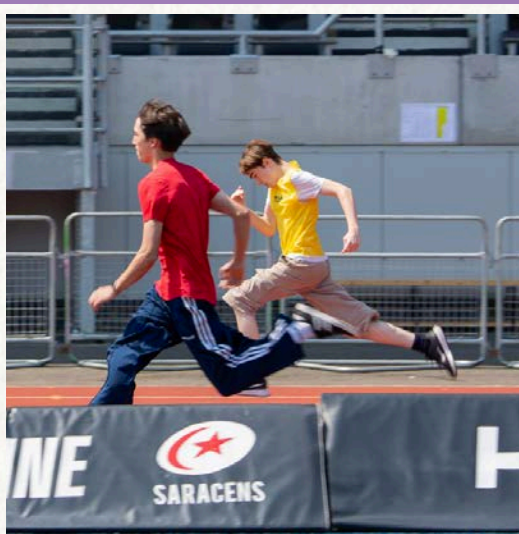
Year 9 hosted their second annual Culture Day. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase a variety of cultures and heritages that our students feel connected to!



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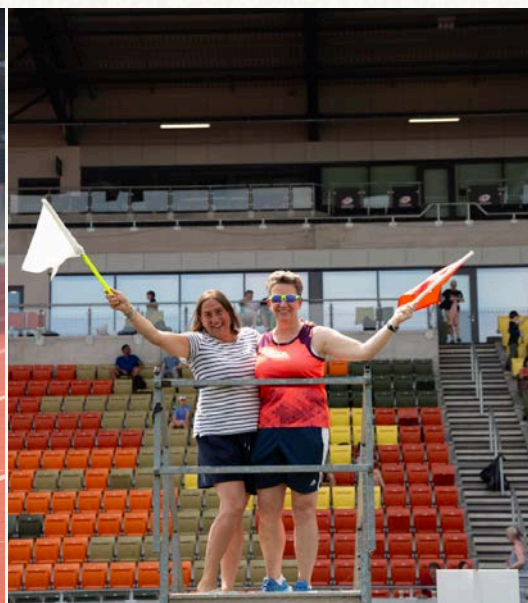


SPORTS DAY 2024



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Acing it in Athletics

After the Summer Half Term break, 50 KAS students between Years 5-9 travelled to Bedford International Stadium to compete in the Regional ISA North London Athletics competition.

Some students also qualified to represent North London at Nationals, held in Birmingham later in the term. Congratulations to Luca B (Year 5), Lola W (Year 7), Sierra K (Year 7), Vivian S (Year 7) and Ellie L (Year 8)!

While there were no podiums at Nationals, our students put in a fantastic effort and were a credit to the School. They should be very proud of all their achievements.

Well done to all those who participated at the competition and to all the staff that supported our students during their preparations and the event itself.



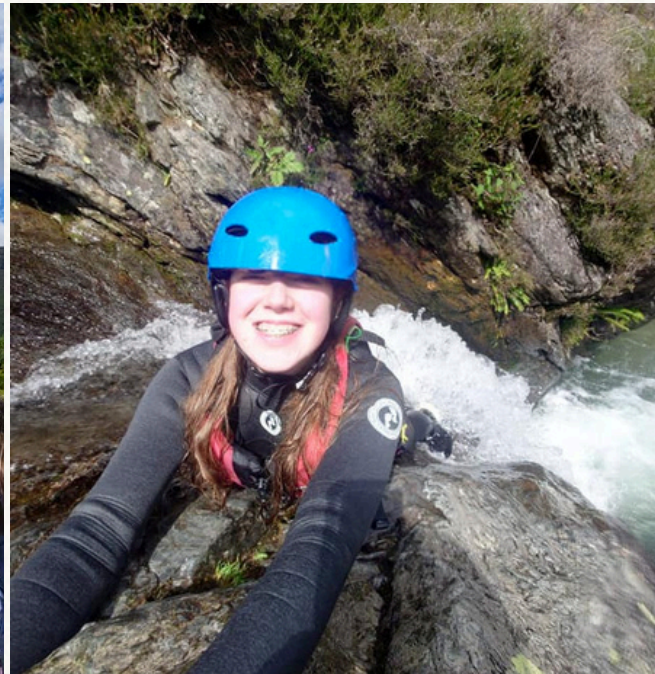
CAMPS

Year 9

Year 9 had a fantastic time on their respective camps this Summer Term. Split into three groups, one set of students went to Devon, the other travelled to Dorset, while the third group visited the Lake District.

The Devon group had the opportunity to learn how to surf, the Dorset group went sailing, and the Lake District slid right into ghyll scrambling. The weather was a major benefit considering all the outdoor activities!

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and accompanying the students on a lovely trip.



Year 10

Towards the end of term, Year 10 had a fantastic time at camp. The group went to Mendip Activity Centre in north Somerset, which provided them with beautiful surroundings to sit back and relax after the hard work of Block exams.

The trip included rock climbing, fire building and a day trip to Bristol.

Thank you to Dan, Chelsea, Chloe, Jeff, Simona and Cliff who attended the trip; we had such a lovely time with the students.

Written by Lynne Sasson



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OLD ALFREDIANS & DEVELOPMENT

Carol Essex Connections Series Talk

Carol Essex (OA 1988) led the Connections Series Talk to Year 12 students in May.

Carol is the Global Communications and Sustainability Director for Vestergaard, a company that serves people in vulnerable situations around the world, supplying mosquito nets to Africa among other initiatives. She was previously the Global Communications Director for Coca Cola with a particular focus on sustainability, and now regularly addresses the United Nations and WHO on malaria prevention.

From delivering pragmatic strategies for preventing AIDS in the most remote locations throughout Africa to implementing emergency strategies at the time of the 2004 Tsunami, Carol has always leveraged her positions in the corporate sector to effect change - a central value to KAS students and community.

It was a fantastic opportunity to introduce Carol to Year 10 student Ellie, who wrote a children's story to support the Against Malaria Foundation as part of her Global Challenges project.

Thank you, Carol, for coming back to KAS and sharing your stories.

During her talk, Carol encouraged students to be adventurous and go for as many career experiences possible. A great way to get started is by signing up to reach out to your KAS community on [KASConnected](https://www.kasconnected.org)!



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OA Reunion at the Forge

Old Alfredians and current members of the KAS community celebrated the Forge's 10 year anniversary in June.

Big thank you to Isabella and Nic for hosting us all, and to Tony for showing us what fun banging iron can be!

Everyone got a turn to get stuck in with some Forge work, with beginners making a bottle opener and our more advanced blacksmiths making mantel-ready art. Impressive skills shown by all! Thank you to our OAs for coming to celebrate.



Episode 5

What I *REALLY* Learnt at School

Alfredian Voices



Esmond Harris MBE
Class of 1945

Forester, Conservationist and Author

Awarded an MBE for services to Forestry and Conservation in the South West. Esmond has numerous awards named in his honour for conservation.



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the QR code to
listen now!*

Alfredian Voices: What I **REALLY** Learnt at School

Join us for episode 5 of our podcast series. In this episode, Esmond Harris, Old Alfredian from 1945, forester, conservationist, and author, takes us back to pre WWII through evacuation, recounting how he found his passion for forestry at a young age and how KAS nurtured that passion. Did you know that in 2009, Esmond was awarded an MBE by King Charles III for his contributions to forestry and conservation in the South West? As a retired director of the Royal Forestry Society, Esmond has dedicated his life to his passion.

Upcoming Events

Title of event	Date
<i>End of Summer Term</i>	<i>Thursday 11 July</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ivy Wood: 12.15pm</i>• <i>Manor Wood: 12.30pm</i>• <i>Upper School: 12.45pm</i>
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
A level Results Day	Thursday 15 August
GCSE Results Day	Thursday 22 August
2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR	
Staff INSET Days	Monday 2 - Wednesday 4 September
<i>Start of Autumn Term</i>	<i>Thursday 5 September</i>
Autumn Half Term	Monday 21 October - Friday 1 November
<i>End of Autumn Term</i>	<i>Friday 13 December</i>



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