

Kimberley School

SIXTH FORM

BULLETIN

6th

“Minds are like
flowers, they want
to grow”



W/C Monday 12th October – Week A

Upcoming Year 13 NEA Deadlines:

Week Ending 16.10.26

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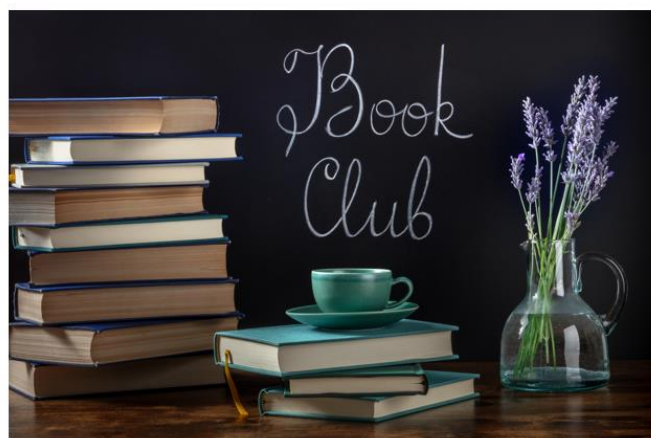
Sport

Health and Social Care

Book Club!

Love books? Join our monthly Book Club! Enjoy lively conversations, discover new favourites, and chat with others who share your passion for reading.

- Start date: Wednesday 7th October
- Location: D3
- Bring along your favourite read!
- Questions? Pop to D3 to speak to Mrs Parker



Year 12's are currently on site all day until October half term. If we are then happy with your commitment, attendance, folders and attitude to work, you will be allowed off site during your study periods. This can be revoked at any time.

Year 13 assembly will be Monday week A, year 12 assembly will be Monday week B. Both year groups must go to their form on the opposite Monday.

Mindset meetings have commenced for both year groups, these will have been arranged with your form tutors for the most convenient time for you, and **must be attended**. If you fail to attend you will lose the right to leave site.

Don't forget to check your emails regularly (make sure that your notifications are switched on) as this is how most staff will communicate with you outside of lessons.

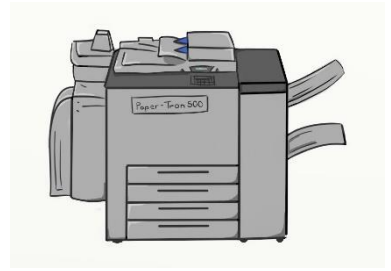


Do not forget to wear your lanyard and use your ID card to log in and out at the main reception door each time you enter/exit the building. This creates a list of students on site which is necessary for fire evacuation lists. This is extremely important.

Personal Development topics – Tuesday 13 th October	
Year 12	Year 13
Tutor Rooms – Financial Literacy 2 – Buying or Renting properties	Tutor Rooms – Student Voice – Give your teachers feedback

Printing

6th form students are entitled to print their school work out on school printers. When choosing a printer, please click on 'Holding Queue Mono on Papercut' (b&w) or 'Holding Queue Colour on Papercut' (colour). You can then access any of the printers around school, the closest being by the English staffroom and in the Art Block. Your ID card should activate it (place on the panel), if not, you can use your computer log-in details to activate.



At the start of each school year, each student is allocated an allowance of £5 for the whole year. If for any reason you go over this balance and are no longer able to print, please come and speak to us. Remember, if printing in colour, this is more expensive.



Please remember to keep all
external doors shut.
It's that time of year again,
it's starting to get cold.

All sixth form students have the use of the kitchen area. Feel free to bring in mugs, tea, coffee and milk.

Maybe share with friends but do not take others
without permission.

To allow students to use the kitchen area you must
make sure all cutlery and crockery is washed AND
dried AND put away.



DO NOT take other people's milk

Respect the Sixth form and the toilets, clean up after yourself! Use the soap but please do not mess with it for fun. We pride ourselves in the best student toilets in school, these are YOUR toilets and only YOURS.



Reminder: If you are going to be absent from school (illness or medical appointment), although great to receive the information from students, we do need to speak to parents/carers and this will be followed up. **DO NOT** just take yourself home during the day without informing Miss Marriott.

If you have forgotten/lost your lanyard (and waiting for the replacement from IT which you will email them to obtain, h.desk@kimberleyschool.co.uk), please sign in on the screen by the main reception desk.



To:

Finley O'Neill – 12th October
Crystal Patchett – 12th October
Ruby Patchett – 12th October
Vincent Man – 13th October
Zara Dudey – 16th October

Please be patient with the younger students as you are moving around the site. Set a good example



Dates for your diary:

Friday 16 October	Break up for half term
Monday 2 November	Back to school
Friday 13 November	Children In Need
Thursday 19 November	Yr 12/13 parents evening
Thursday 10 December	Christmas Jumper day
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 4 January	Back to school
Monday 8 February	Yr 12/13 mock exam week
Friday 12 February	Break up for half term
Monday 22 February	Back to school
Wednesday 10 March	Yr 12/13 parents evening
Thursday 25 March	Break up for Easter
Monday 12 April	Back to school
Monday 3 May	Bank holiday
Friday 28 May	Break up for half term
Monday 7 June	Back to school
Monday 21 June	Yr 12 mock exam week
Monday 28 June	Yr 12 work experience week
Friday 2 July	Inset day
Friday 23 July	Break up for Summer

Joke of the day:

A career burglar called Calvin Smith would break into houses to steal stuff, but would put a brick into their washing machine and put it on a spin cycle, destroying the machine.

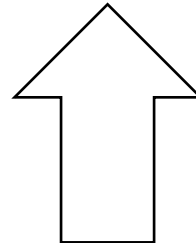
Eventually the police arrested and charged Calvin and he was sent to prison for three years.

All the local residents agreed, washing machines last longer with Cal gone!!

**The Sixth form common room is open for students use up until 5pm
each week night**



TOP UP!
HAT



Make sure that you have money on your account for lunches

What is a Careers appointment and how can it benefit you?

A careers appointment offers you the chance to speak to a Careers Consultant one-to-one to explore your career thinking, questions and goals. It can give you the space to explore your ideas, work through your thinking and decision making, and support you along your career journey. It will be of benefit to you no matter where you are in your journey – if you are just starting out (or are not even sure where to start!), if you have some ideas or if you have a clear idea and are looking to put your plan into action. It's a chance for you to take some space and time to gather your thoughts, and identify next steps you can take.

If you would like to make an appointment, please see Miss Marriott to get this arranged.

Weird things we say and why: Gaffer

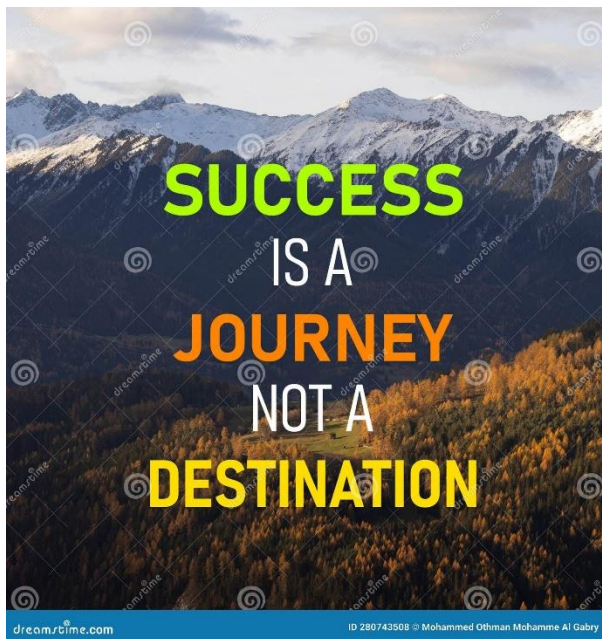
Definition: A person in charge of others, a boss. The chief electrician in a film or television production unit.

Example: Ask the gaffer if we need to work overtime this weekend.

Origins: The word 'gaffer' has a humble and distinctly English origin, evolving from a term of respect into one of specific technical authority. It began as a 16th-century colloquial contraction of 'godfather,' used as a familiar term of address for an elderly man, particularly in rural communities. By the 18th century, its sense of respectful familiarity extended to any foreman or boss of a workgang. This meaning was directly adopted into the early film industry in the 20th century, where

the head of the electrical crew—the lighting boss—came to be known as the gaffer, solidifying its modern professional definition.

Please make sure your finger print has been taken for your dinner account and make sure that your account has been topped up. Speak to a mid-day supervisor if you have any queries. If you wish to pre-order food for lunch, please speak to the mid-day at break and they can arrange this for you.



**Thought
for the
week:**

Searching Online For Degree Apprenticeships

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www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/degree/>

www.amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2022/11/HigherDegree-Listing-NOV-2022.pdf>

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.prospects.ac.uk

www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk

www.findapprenticeships.co.uk

www.future-talent.com

Don't forget, some large employers who run their own Apprenticeship programmes don't always advertise their vacancies externally. So if there is a company you really want to work for, check the careers page on

their website. And check the regular jobs sites too eg Indeed or Reed, as you'll sometimes find opportunities on there that haven't been advertised elsewhere. www.mygreatfirstjob.com

Good Attendance Matters

Do not book holidays during term time.

If you are ill and cannot come to school, please ask your parent or carer to telephone Miss Marriott (Mon-Thurs) or Mrs Pates (Fri) on extension 225 to confirm your absence.

If you have a lesson, DO NOT leave school without informing Miss Marriott. This will be followed up with a telephone call to parents/carers.

'Young Writers' are holding a UNITE poetry competition for 11-18 year olds

Do you want the opportunity to be a published poet? If so, this competition is for you!

Unite is an open-themed poetry competition, so you can write about anything that matters to you.

There are no restrictions on style or theme. Poems can be up to 80 lines.

Find your poem idea

Start with the one that feels most like you. There is no right answer.

MY PEOPLE

Write about someone, or a group of people, who matters to you.

A best friend • someone in your family • your team • your community • someone you miss • someone who inspires you

MY WORLD

Write about a place, experience or part of your life that matters to you.

Where you live • your culture • school • nature • a favourite place • a memory • something you do every day

MY VOICE

Write about something you believe in, care about or want to change.

Something that feels unfair • a cause • something that makes you angry • something people misunderstand • a message you want heard

OUR FUTURE

Write about the kind of world you'd like to be part of.

Hope • kindness • belonging • celebrating difference • working together • a dream for the future • making things better

What are the prizes up for grabs?

First prize: You can win a pair of Beats Headphones and £100 Amazon voucher

Two Second Prize winners: Kindles

Three Third Prize winners: £50 cinema vouchers

Want more information? Speak to Miss Lowther or Miss Flynn

Enter by Friday 16th October. Good luck!

News Item of the Week:



US death row inmate Christa Pike awake and speaking after failed execution, lawyers say

US death row inmate Christa Pike is "conscious and speaking" after surviving a failed execution attempt in Tennessee last week, her lawyers say.

Pike, 50, continues to receive critical medical care while "handcuffed and shackled to the bed" in hospital, her lawyers said in a statement on Tuesday. An anaesthesiologist advising her team told the BBC that Pike was able to communicate in a "basic way" but did not seem to recall the execution attempt.

Pike, who was sentenced to death after murdering Colleen Slemmer with her then-boyfriend in 1995, survived two lethal injections on 30 September in Tennessee.

Experts and her legal team say her apparent recovery is unprecedented.

Pike is believed to be the only person to survive a lethal injection. The execution attempt was described immediately afterwards as a "mess" by Slemmer's mother, who had pushed for Pike to be put to death.

After it became clear Pike would not die, she was taken to hospital, where she remained unconscious for days as medical staff cleared her body of the injected chemical.

In their statement on Tuesday, her lawyers said her prognosis remained unclear, but that "at a minimum, we expect a long recovery".

In additional comments made to the BBC, the anaesthesiologist advising her team said Pike had been taken off a ventilator.

"She has some memories of being in the hospital but no memory, I believe, of the execution attempt," Dr Joel Zivot said of the limited communication that had taken place.

Zivot said Pike was able to recall her name and had made an incorrect guess at the date, believing that the month was still September.

In an earlier interview, Zivot said the likelihood of recovering from lethal injection was low. "Most people who get lethal injection die from it," he explained.

There remained many unknowns, he said, including how much of the drug used by the prison authorities, pentobarbital, got into her system.

"I would not, in any way, say at this point that all the big risks are behind her," he said.

Deborah Denno, a criminologist and professor at Fordham Law School, said she was "absolutely astonished" that Pike was conscious and speaking.

There had been seven other cases where prisoners survived executions but in those cases, executioners were not able to inject anything into the inmates' veins, Denno told the BBC.

Pike "is the only person for whom some kind of toxin has been injected", she said.

"They did everything they were supposed to do as part of the execution process, and it simply didn't work," Denno said. "This has never happened before."

Speaking to Radio 4's Today programme, a local journalist who witnessed the attempted execution said that he, too, did not know of "an exact precedent".

Steven Hale, a journalist for the Nashville Banner, said the case raised many questions, including "what must this be like for the victim's family, who for 30 years has been told we are gonna give you justice and justice is us executing Christa Pike".

Authorities have not yet said whether they will try again to execute Pike. They have also not offered an explanation for what went wrong after twice injecting her with the chemical pentobarbital.

Zivot has suggested the pentobarbital was more likely to have spread across the tissue under Pike's skin than to have entered her bloodstream in a quantity that was sufficient to kill her.

Pike's lawyers previously warned that her medical history and anatomy - including thrombocytosis (a blood-clotting condition) and small veins could scupper the execution and cause her pain.

While the incident is investigated, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee has suspended all executions for the rest of the year - and the head of prisons in the state is resigning.

Pike was 18 when she and her then-boyfriend, Tadaryl Shipp, beat, tortured and killed 19-year-old Slemmer, whom they had met at a job training camp for troubled teens.

Shipp was 17 years old at the time, meaning that he was spared the death penalty for his part in the attack because he was not yet legally an adult at the time. He remains in prison.

Pike's lawyers are scheduled to appear in court in Nashville on Wednesday. They also plan to hold a news conference outside the court.

In their latest update, they repeated their call for Lee to use his powers to commute Pike's sentence to the lower punishment of life in prison without parole.

In 2022, more than a third of executions across the US were botched or highly problematic, according to the Death Penalty Information Center, which tracks information about such cases.

For lethal injections, such incidents have typically occurred due to difficulty obtaining reliable IV access to the veins, though the underlying reason differs from person to person.

In cases the centre has documented, all failures happened before the lethal drugs could be administered. The last failed lethal injection that was tracked happened earlier this year - also in Tennessee.

The execution of Tony Carruthers, who was convicted of kidnapping and murdering three people in 1994, was postponed in May after staff were unable to find a vein for a lethal injection. He was granted a year's reprieve by the governor.

University Open Days

Queen Margaret Uni, Edinburgh (QMU)

Saturday 7th November

Cardiff University

Saturday 17 October

University of Derby

Sunday 8 November

Saturday 5 December



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Pathways to Veterinary Medicine

Pathways to Veterinary Medicine is a programme delivered at the University of Nottingham in partnership with the Sutton Trust.

This free programme is aimed at students who are interested in studying a veterinary medicine or animal and bio-veterinary science degree and following a career in the veterinary profession.

Running over a two-year period, the programme provides ongoing support and guidance through:

- veterinary and animal and bio-veterinary science-related tasters, lectures and masterclasses
- opportunities to speak to current undergraduate Veterinary Medicine Student Ambassadors
- advice and guidance sessions on UCAS, interviews, careers and employability
- a residential summer school
- work experience support

All sessions will take place online or at the University of Nottingham.

Pathways to Veterinary Medicine is an excellent opportunity to enhance your university application.

Email: Pathways-VMAS@nottingham.ac.uk

Who should apply?

All applicants must:

- be starting year 12 in September 2026
- attend, and have always attended, a state-funded, non-fee paying school/college
- studying three or more A levels, including biology and chemistry
- have achieved at least five GCSEs at grades 9 – 6 (A*–B), including English and Maths. A minimum of two of these qualifications should be at grades 9 – 7.

There are additional eligibility criteria which can be viewed on the Sutton Trust website shown in the 'How to apply' box below.

How to apply

Applications for Pathways to Veterinary Medicine are now open and close on 2nd November 2026.



www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-veterinary-medicine/



Everyone is welcome



NHS
Sexual Health Services
Nottingham and Nottinghamshire



0300 131 7010



sexualhealthn.n.co.uk

SEXUAL HEALTH

DROP-INS

at the CEDARS Hub



4th **Wednesday** of the month

14:00-17:00



47 Nottingham Road
Eastwood, NG16 3AN

Upcoming:

26th Aug

23rd Sep

21st Oct

25th Nov



FREE & CONFIDENTIAL



Drop-in – no appointment needed



Information and advice



STI testing (no symptoms)



Pregnancy testing



Condoms





The
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Academic Year
2026-2027

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6 School Holidays 8 Public Holidays 5 Administration Days



Information available if you need it...



Bullying, self-harm, exam stress, cyber bullying, depression, feeling sad, abuse... if you need to talk to someone

Calls are free and confidential 0800 1111



Samaritans works to make sure there's always someone there for anyone who needs someone.

Non-judgemental, confidential, emotional support, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

Calls are free 24/7 on 116 123



Beat provides helplines for people of all ages, offering support and information about eating disorders. If you or someone close to you has been affected there is someone to talk to.

**This helpline is free from all phones
0808 801 0677**



Brook offers both clinical sexual health services (pregnancy, contraception, sex & relationships, STIs) as well as education and wellbeing services for young people aged 11-25

Ask Brook on 0808 802 1234



Shout is a **free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging support service** for anyone who is struggling to cope

Text 85258



Harmless is a local Nottinghamshire charity that works to address and overcome issues related to self-harm, and to promote recovery amongst individuals affected by it

**Call on 0115 880 0280 or visit
<https://harmless.org.uk/>**