



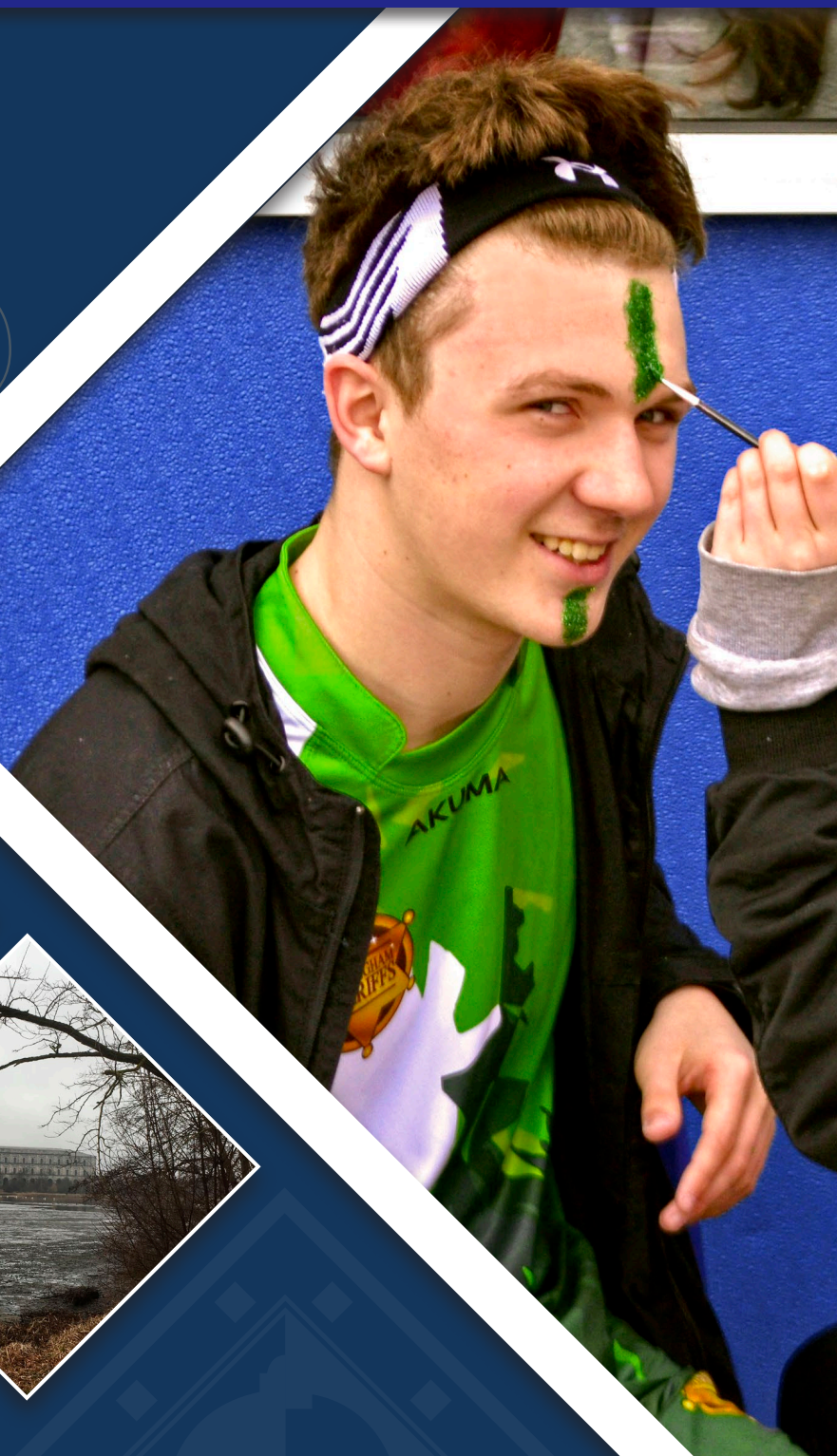
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A group of Year 10 students attended a 'Medical Careers Day' at the West Nottinghamshire College Campus on the 28th March.

Having indicated an interest in career paths connected to medicine and medical practice, our students flourished across the variety of sessions that they attended. Activities centred on emergency medical assistance, diagnostics, medical ethics and anatomy were delivered – to which our Year 10 students led discussion, actively participated and supported students from other schools in the county.

Our year ten students had opportunities to talk with practising doctors from Nottingham University. They demonstrated excellent subject knowledge and maturity in their performance with medical staff and professionals. The students are: Charlie Harrison, Jamie-Lee Brookes, Paige Wilson, Jake Tobin, Megan Greasby, Taya Kilner, Eve McGrenaghan, Amelia Hardy, Ramina Touranposhti, Emily Smith and Abi Langton.

The school is very proud of them!

Mr Allen (YPL Year 10)

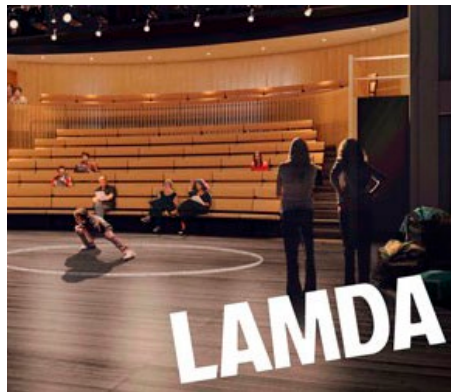


Stonewall

Acceptance without exception

An amazing **£455** was raised for Stonewall by the Kimberley School LGBTQ+ Society with the support of the Sixth Form Charity Committee. A huge thanks from myself and the LGBTQ+ Society for all who helped, supported and donated to this worthwhile cause! To find out more about how the money is spent, please go to www.stonewall.org.uk. Also a very special thanks goes out to all who sponsored Charlie Harrison's head shave. Please congratulate Charlie as a large part of the contributions came from backing this endeavour. And lastly it's amazing to see so many students and staff shown support with their ultra stylish Rainbow lanyards!

Thank you,
Shelley Coles



Are you Interested in an after school Drama club? Do you wish to explore your devising and performance skills further? LAMDA is the London Academy of Music and Drama and has been going for over 125 years. For the past 5 years the Kimberley School has provided an after school LAMDA club as an opportunity for budding actors to gain a qualification in performance. Devised work, group pieces, solo, duologues, singing – you name it! LAMDA provides a platform for students of all ages and abilities. We have had some fantastic results over the years and we're looking forward to getting started again after half term. If you are interested, please see Mr. Howes for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE



The Kimberley School kindly asks parents & guardians to please refrain from using Noel Street as a drop off point whenever possible. Reports of damage to resident's vehicles and careless driving has lead to complaints from the community and of course raised safety concerns. The narrow street serves as a main thoroughfare for students so drivers need to be extra vigilant and respectful to the residents when using the street. Thank you.

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Wow. What a year. Schools are relentlessly challenging and exciting places and it has been another interesting year at Kimberley. Shining through everything we do are our wonderful students and throughout this newsletter you will see countless examples of their fantastic achievements and how they are developing the wider personal attributes that they will need to lead successful adult lives. At Kimberley we strive to get the balance right between enabling students to achieve superb exam results and wider personal development and this newsletter once again demonstrates how we are managing to achieve this.

It is a funny time of year working in a school. We are gearing up to accept a new cohort of students into Year 7 for September. Staff across the school are turning their minds to this new cohort and are trying to learn as much as they can about them so that they can plan a successful transition. At the same time, they are working with Year 11,12 and 13 students to support them through during the very challenging exam season. Final conversations are taking place with Year 11 and 13 students to ensure that they have secured appropriate post-16 and post-18 pathways for next year.

This is also a time when staff start to plan ahead for the new year. Subject teams will use the time between now and the end of term to make changes to their schemes of work and resources so that they can ensure that everything is in place next year so that teachers can plan sequences of learning that enable all students to remain on track to achieve their Kimberley School Target. The two INSET days on the 25th and 26th June will be invaluable to subjects as they work together to adjust schemes of work in line with their developing understanding of the new GCSE and A-Level courses.

Senior Leaders are also planning to start ahead for next year. We have introduced many significant changes in how the school works since September 2016 and our priority remains to embed these developments. However, in addition to this in the next academic year we will continue to improve how we work including:

- Introducing a "smart card" to help us enforce the new uniform policy
- Strengthening our work with students who join us with low literacy levels by introducing the very successful Hackney Literacy Project
- Participating in the Nottinghamshire Mental Health Services and Schools Link pilot project so that we can strengthen our work in providing timely mental health support to our students
- Developing our programme of careers education in line with the governments' new careers strategy for schools
- Embedding the recent improvements, we have made in recognising and rewarding achievement through our new IMPACT strategy
- Participating in the Department for Education's Basic Maths Premium pilot project in order to provide more support for students who do not achieve a standard pass (Grade 4) in maths by the end of Year 11.
- Continuing to do refine and improve our work in accelerating the progress of high ability students across the school.

Nothing stands still at Kimberley school. We are continuing to do all that we can to make this the best place for youngsters in our community to grow up, learn and prepare themselves for a successful future. As is the case for all public services we are having to do this in an increasingly challenging financial landscape. The governors, staff and myself all appreciate and value the support of parents and carers as we strive to make this great school even better.

Andrew George

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Year 8

It has been a busy term for year 8, particularly with the exam period. Students were exemplary and clearly put a lot of time and thought into their revision. Lots of awards have been given out and there is an upcoming rewards trip to celebrate all of their success.

Every half term awards are given out to students who consistently work hard and try their best. Listed below are the subject nominations, top 100 and rising stars from the most recent awards assemblies.

Maths	Leanne Webster
English	Adam Bosworth
Science	Daniel Foster
D&T	Martha Bowley
D&F	Connor Jolly
French	Daniel Foster
German	Joshua Bird
Spanish	Luke Garton
History	Costanza Gomez Di Cosimo
Geography	India Javes
RE	Jordan Hudson
Drama	Hannah Smith
Art	Livia Kingsland
ICT	Costanza Gomez Di Cosimo
LRC	Esther Blount

TOP 100

- 10- Harry Stevenson
- 9- Isabelle Elston
- 8- Emelie Wardle
- 7- Adam Bosworth
- 6- Ruby Damyan
- 5- Kiera Wright
- 4- Alicia Brown
- 3-Annabelle Rushbrooke
- 2- Joshua Bird
- 1-Letitia Cook

RISING STARS

- 10- Jake Dawes
- 9- Jozsef Nagy
- 8- Lucy Wilsher
- 7- Darcey Hulley
- 6- Megan Wright
- 5- Kimi-Elise Gelder
- 4- Zain Nadif
- 3- Leanna Webster
- 2- Millie Bamford
- 1- Callum Bonham

During the period 3 tutor time session, students have been looking at internet safety. A competition was launched where students have created a poster to advise others to stay safe. Many of the entries were fantastic and showed real maturity of the topic. The winners picked were Emelie Wardle, Ellie Wood and Emma Wilkins from LVM- well done!

The rewards trip this year is looking to be an amazing day out. Mr Tuck and Miss Hanks are taking 50 students to Xcape in Castleford. These students have been selected because of their outstanding behaviour, achievement and punctuality. The day involves a morning of sledging and bowling in the afternoon.

Year 9

Year 9 have had a busy term preparing for GCSE's! Option choices have been made and it's great to see the pupils excited about the subjects they have chosen for the next two years. Since Easter in Geography and History we have been able to start covering GCSE content and pupils have made an excellent start with this. Thank you for your continued support with this.

As a year group we have got off to a great start with the new IMPACT points. A massive well done to the top IMPACT point achievers from each tutor group since they were launched last half term:

- o **Chloe Cheetham BBC**
- o **Megan Barrett BPC**
- o **Evie-Mae Wardle CEW**
- o **Harriet Cross CNH**
- o **Ben Heysmond LLJ**
- o **Ellie Cassidy LSJC**
- o **Sophie Yates NJEM**
- o **Augustine Oppong NMF**

Amazingly the following pupils have all received over 100 Achievement/IMPACT points since the start of Year 9: Jessica Whale, Ella Morris, James Macrae, Ben Bonser, Ben Heysmond, Madeleine Leake, Megan Barrett, Callum Frogson and Millie Brandrick. Well done!!

Currently the top tutor group for achievement points are 9BBC with over an amazing 2000 points! But they are being very closely followed so this could all change by the end of the year.

We have had lots of replies and are currently sorting through the applications for the reward trip to Alton Towers in June. Pupils who have been successful in their application for this trip will receive another letter giving them further information about what to do next. This is an exciting opportunity to celebrate the hard work of pupils in year 9.

Congratulations on all your hard work year 9, keep it up! Miss Cooper and Miss Brett

LRC NEWS



Accelerated Reader

Well Done to the following Year 7 students who are already Accelerated

Reader Word Multi-Millionaires!

Erin Walker , 35 books	2,545,297 words
Olivia Houlton , 35 books	2,537,666
Leah Kilner , 41 books	2,285,440
Gabriel Hodgson , 22 books	2,182,540
Luke Dye , 30 books	2,134,428

And the following Y7 students are AR Word Millionaires!

Holly Appleby , 28 books	1,931,602 words
Rachel Vernon , 25 books	1,709,556
Eve Bradley , 26 books	1,580,433
Corey Tatum , 21 books	1,521,144
Daniel Rose , 39 books	1,374,749
Olivia McHugh , 27 books	1,324,202
Isla Shaw , 18 books	1,288,262
Benjamin Rockley , 20 books	1,285,232
Patrick Hodgson , 11 books	1,181,817
Isobel David , 25 books	1,111,319
Harriet Wardle , 15 books	1,068,238

And our Top Year 8 AR Readers so far this school year are: **Harley Glenn, Grace Woodland, Amy Sheldon, Rhianna Hill, Esther Blount and Harry Stevenson.**



The Brilliant Book Award



The 2018 Award Winning Books

Well Done to Charlie Bishop, Esther Blount, Martha Bowley, Eve Bradley, Olivia Houlton and Hicham Khene for reading and reviewing all 6 shortlisted books.

See website <http://bba2.inspire.rkh.co.uk>



Shadowing the Carnegie Book Award

Copies of the 8 shortlisted books are now available for loan in the LRC. Read and review the books on The Kimberley School page on www.ckg.org.uk

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Forthcoming Event:

Look out for the Half Price Book Fair in the LRC between the 13th-19th June



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Charity Events:

Since Christmas 6th Formers have been working hard to raise money for charity and have held more events than we have known before.

Sports Relief

The 6th Form Charity Committee organise charity events in school. Lewis Keech, one of the chairpeople of the Charity Committee, has written the account below of the great work that went on for Sports Relief.

"Throughout the week of **19th-23rd of March**, staff and students alike raised and donated money for 2018's Sports Relief, one of the major charity events of the year.

Volleyball and netball matches were held earlier in the week, on Tuesday and Thursday, between sixth-formers and teachers. The volleyball was won by teachers and the netball by the sixth-form students.

On Friday an even wider-range of activities and stalls were set up and managed by sixth-formers at break and lunchtime. This included selling hot dogs, hot chocolate, sweets and cakes, as well as running an open mic for Kimberley's musical talent! There was glitter and face-painting, a tombola as well as the classic sponge-throwing and Guess the Name of the Bear stall.

It is no surprise then that the school raised just over **£2,000** which is such a fantastic amount and significantly more than the last Sports Relief! We would like to thank all the people who donated and helped to make it a very successful week, and for raising awareness of the issues the money helps to tackle. "

Lewis Keech Year 13

LGBTQ+ Fundraiser

In February **£191.00** was raised by sixth formers selling cakes, hot chocolate, sweets and lanyards contributing to the Stonewall Charity drive (featured on page 2) that acts against discrimination towards LGBTQ+ people.

Valentine's Day

Students raised a total of **£192** by selling valentine roses, sweets, pancakes and cakes. Roses and poems were delivered to staff and students across the school and the money raised went to The Bone Cancer Research Charity. The school supports this charity in memory of our ex-student Emily Barker who very sadly died from bone cancer in December 2015. In July we will be holding the annual 'Emily Barker Day' where we aim to raise over **£2000** for this small, very worthwhile charity.

Cystic Fibrosis Research

In March a Year 11 student came to the charity committee to ask if an event could be held to raise money for this very worthwhile charity. So the week after all of the Sports Relief efforts our sixth form charity committee threw themselves once again into fund raising by selling hot chocolate, cakes and sweets and raised **£102.00**



Looking Ahead

Calling Year 11.....As we say a very sad goodbye to our Year 13 students we prepare to welcome the current Year 11 in to school for two days in July. These are called 'induction days' which everyone who has applied for the 6th Form comes to. The days aim to give students a taste of 6th Form lessons and 6th Form life in general.

There are two induction days on the **2nd and 3rd of July**. We have had a record number of applications this year and look forward to welcoming and getting to know the students who will soon be a part of the 6th form next year.

Events for Year 12.....

Our Year 12 and 13 students are currently working hard revising for their exams but once these are over there is plenty to look forward to..!

Year 12 start their second year of A level courses on Monday **11th June**.

Higher Education advice and trip for Year 12 students

On Tuesday **19th June** the University of Nottingham will be in school talking to Year 12 parents about finance at university and Mrs Livings will give a talk on applying to university.

This will be followed on Thursday **21st June** with a trip to the Higher Education Fair in Sheffield at the Motorpoint Arena. The event is a great opportunity for students to see what different universities can offer along with the chance to talk with apprenticeship providers and the armed services.

Work Experience Week : 2nd – 6th July

During this week Year 12 students will spend time experiencing a work environment. There are many really interesting experiences already set up but if by any chance you feel your workplace could offer a young person a week's work experience then we would be delighted to hear from you. We find the week is an invaluable experience in terms of helping students make future decisions as well as often being a great boost for self-confidence.

Summer schools:

A number of students in Year 12 have applied for summer schools. These are a great opportunity to get a taste of university life and can also be useful in gaining an offer for a place next year.





For many Year 13 students university beckons....

More of our students than ever before have applied for university this year with 65 applications!

We are delighted by the success of the students from Year 13 who have gained offers from the universities they applied to. We have students accepting offers for places to study a very wide range of courses all over the country.

Apprenticeships calling.....

We also have a number of students applying for a range of Higher Level Apprenticeships in, for instance, the Civil Service, Engineering companies, IT firms and Boots.



Year 13 are leaving us.....

Our Leavers' Assembly this year was on the 1st May followed by our annual Leavers' BBQ on the 2nd May. This gave us the chance for us to say thank you to our Year 13s for the really positive impact they have had within the school, as well as in the wider community through their charity work during the past two years. It has been a pleasure for staff to be involved with this year group and to see them develop and mature over the past two years has been an absolute privilege. Lewis has kindly written his reflections for us.....



The Leavers' BBQ

Wednesday afternoon's BBQ was about reflecting on and celebrating what has happened over the past two years in the sixth-form whilst also being a chance for sixth-formers to get a burger! We had tutor speeches, which were each a unique celebration of every Year 13 group, and a speech from Mrs. Livings who talked about the sixth-form as a whole and all the fantastic work it has done in lessons, charity days and fundraisers - as well as many other aspects of 6th Form life! There were also speeches from the Head Boy and Head Girl who gave their view on what has changed over the two years and they also thanked the tutors and Mrs Booth and Mrs Livings for all their hard work and care. These speeches were all a really good way to reflect on the impact Year 13 has made on the school, as well as a way to embarrass them with old school photos! It was also a chance, however, to reflect, not only with the next Year 13 group but with each and every person currently in Year 13 to think about what has been and the future ahead of us. This is what made it sad but also a very special day that we won't forget.

Lewis Keech Year 13



"The A level exams will begin in a week for Year 12 and 13 students and we wish all of them every success with these. We also wish our Year 13s every success for the future and thank them for all they have done for the school and 6th Form."

S. Livings & J.Booth

Nurture with Nature



GIVING THROUGH GARDENING

The spring term invited Kimberley students to flex out their green thumbs on the school allotment and indoor garden. A variety of plants were grown and repotted to distribute around the school to help raise money for a youth group in **Kosovo**. The group supports children in this southeastern european country effected by war. This year we raised **140 Euros**! In April the money was partly donated in person to help strengthen ties for continued support. The Nurture group conducts its own charity drive annually to support those less fortunate and to reflect and give

NUREMBERG

Germany School Trip
January 26th – 29th 2018

A large group of Year 11 students recently made a four-day visit to the beautiful German city of Nuremberg. It is quite a short flight to Nuremberg and the airport lies close to the Old Town which was all very handy. The youth hostel on this trip was the coolest accommodation ever and actually part of the Kaiserburg (imperial castle) with amazing views over the Old Town.

Saturday's theme was National Socialism. We stopped at the main market square, scene of the world's most famous Christmas market one month earlier. The square had been renamed 'Adolf Hitler Platz' from 1933 to 1945, then used local transport to reach the former Nazi Party Rally Grounds. These are on the south-east side of Nuremberg with their 'Great Road' pointing north westwards in a direct line towards the imperial castle, our home from home.

We crossed much of this vast expanse of land, peppered with information boards about what was and what might have been in the Thousand Year Reich, to the main grandstand on the Zeppelin Field. The central part of the grandstand is still intact, complete with the only surviving lectern used by Hitler. It is a bizarre and chilling sensation to stand on the very spot where he addressed the masses assembled on the vast meadow below. We did this only after some fans of an East German football team called 'Energie Cottbus' had moved away; they were in town - and very early - for a fixture against 1. FC Nürnberg at their stadium, itself a former Hitler Youth stadium a few yards away, but their drunken antics and right-wing rhetoric made for a depressing and unsettling experience.

We were grateful to get back to the Congress Hall, the gargantuan yet unfinished Nazi building which now houses a museum and exhibition all about the Third Reich. We could experience this at our own pace taking in short films, displays, pictures and text with the help of a hand-held audio guide.

After lunch we continued our tour in the Luitpold Grove and Arena, another expanse of parkland with a wealth of historical associations. Here too there are plenty of information boards in German and English with pictures from the Third Reich period. As visible as ever is the Hall of Honour, originally a monument to the fallen of World War One, then an integral part of Hitler's party rituals and now a monument to all victims of war. We walked across the Grove to the remains of another grandstand and then to the steps of the old Luitpold Hall, infamous as the place where the murderous Nuremberg Laws on racial purity were proclaimed



in 1935.

The group then returned to the centre of Nuremberg, its picturesque old town, and enjoyed free time shopping and eating. We arranged to meet back at base for our evening meal. It was an easy meeting point, due north and visible from almost anywhere in the old town.

After so much sinister history we needed some high-quality entertainment! On Saturday evening we were privileged to see a fantastic performance of the opera 'Carmen' in the Staatstheater. It had been a long but very fulfilling day in Nuremberg.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES MODERN FOREIGN

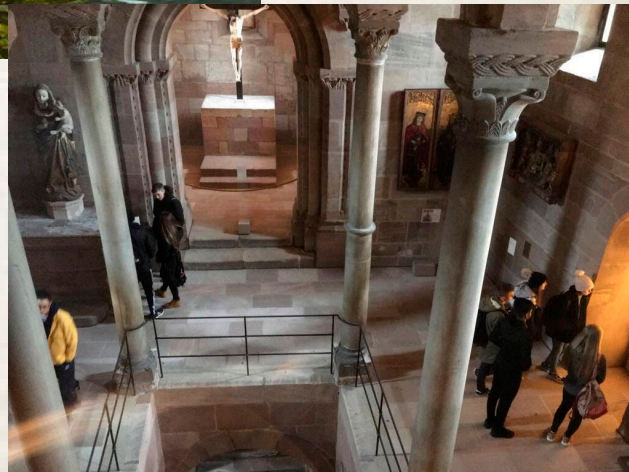


Sunday's theme was Justice and first call was the house of the Nuremberg Trials. This is still a working courthouse but mainly a museum – specifically about the Nuremberg (main and other) trials which were set up after World War Two. There is also much about other more recent genocides like those in Yugoslavia and Rwanda and the work of the International Criminal Court. This was also a self-guided tour with English audio guide if required, and a work sheet. We saw exactly where leading Nazis like Göring, Hess and Speer were brought to justice, before the world, in 1945-46. The prison where they were held and the gymnasium where 10 of the accused were hanged are no longer there but standing in the very room where the drama of the trials took place is quite an experience. This museum is not only interesting for history students but also prospective law students, as the Nuremberg Trials were a major event in the history of war crimes legislation. For linguists too, these trials marked the birth of simultaneous translation – just about everything that was said had to be understood in French, German, English and Russian.

We returned to the centre of town for lunch and visited the Street of Human Rights with its striking gateway and collection of columns running down the middle of the road, a tribute to the 1948 Declaration of Human Rights. Nuremberg has done so much to reinvent itself and become a champion of Justice in the modern world. Adjacent to this is the Germanisches Nationalmuseum, where we had the chance to see a most diverse range of exhibits including the oldest globe in the world. After our evening meal we travelled out of the city centre to a swimming paradise

known as 'Kristall Palm Beach', an exclusively indoor experience at this time of year. This provided a most welcome distraction with its amazing slides, rapids, jacuzzis and host of pools!

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Monday's theme was a big jump back in time, Medieval Nuremberg. After packing and leaving our luggage in a secure room at the youth hostel, we went into the main castle itself. We saw the long and complex history of the castle condensed into a 15 minute animation, went into the main palace and chapel with countless

to great lengths to create optimal conditions for preserving the art work, experts at the Germanisches Nationalmuseum recommended a temperature of 18° C be maintained in the art bunker so all manner of heating systems and regulatory devices were installed, walls and ceilings were covered with several layers of insulation. The bunker was



exhibits, glimpsed a permanent exhibition on the history of warfare, climbed the Sinwell Tower and visited the Deep Well, all in an hour! From the top of the tower, you can see on a clear day the Rally Grounds we visited two days earlier. Today, we could almost peer into our bedrooms in the youth hostel next door.

One last appointment remained – the historic art bunker, a remarkable place brilliantly brought to life by our expert guides. The bunker was specially chosen to protect art as it was easily accessible from the road and had a natural slope rather than steps, making it particularly handy when bringing in large items. The officials went

permanently staffed by a crew of four men, for 48 hours at a time, they had a toilet and a day room with a Volksempfänger radio. We also learned about the war-time bombing of Nuremberg (91% destroyed, second only to Dresden (92%)) and how the surviving population dealt with the aftermath of World War Two (Nuremberg had enough rubble to fill the Great Pyramid of Giza, for example), and what you see today is stunningly beautiful but it is basically a replica, a 're-build.' One fascinating 'thread' is the so-called 'Imperial Regalia' as they are properly known in English (German: Reichskleinodien), which are kind of like the Crown Jewels of the Holy Roman Empire. These were committed to Nuremberg in



1423 by the Emperor Sigismund – this seems only right, given that Nuremberg had become the Empire's 'unofficial capital'. They stayed there for centuries but to keep them well away from the roving French they were moved to Regensburg in 1796 and Vienna in 1800. After the Anschluss of Austria in 1938 Hitler decreed that the Imperial Regalia be returned to Nuremberg, where they were exhibited in the Katharinenkirche. In WW2 they were stored in many places (and there are stories of them being moved from place to place by bicycle!) including to this very bunker. In 1945 the jewels were found by US soldiers and taken back to Vienna – one can well understand the desire to deliver this slap in the face to Hitler but in all honesty, if we can just ignore Hitler for a minute, the Imperial Regalia should reside in Nuremberg, shouldn't they?



And finally we all went for a traditional meal together in the Barfüßer beer hall where our students were free to order from various dishes such as sausages, steak, pork shoulder, sauerkraut, fried potatoes, dumplings, chicken, salad, ice cream etc. Nuremberg sausages (Nürnberger) are so small that 8 or 10 of them constitute a normal portion. Many centuries ago when large parts of the population were affected by the plague, charitable people determined to feed them would make sausages small enough to thread through their keyholes, thus avoiding direct contact and infection; the plague has gone but the finger-like sausages remain.

We collected our things and made our way back to the nearby airport, eventually getting back to school in the early hours of Tuesday morning.



This was a highly educative trip with striking curriculum links to GCSE and A level history and German, and of great general interest too. If you wish to have the series of emails sent in the run-up to the trip – on a range of topics relating to Nuremberg – please drop me a line to a.vinter@kimberleyschool.co.uk. Thanks to Ms Walter, Ms Brett and Ms Levett for their constant support and care, to all the students for their interest and enthusiasm.

Andrew Vinter

German Exchange 2018



Students from years 8 and 9 lived a memorable week in **Aachen, Germany**, as guests of our partner school the **Anne Frank Gymnasium**. The 6 day programme in March included a day trip to Cologne, a tour of the historic city of Aachen and a wonderful meal in the Old Town. Our students also got to spend some time in school, attending lessons and completing projects with their German partners. They spent most afternoons with their host families, exploring the local sights, trying new foods and experimenting with the language. The week was rounded off by a delicious farewell breakfast, where the students said a tearful goodbye but "see you again" or "Auf Wiedersehen" to their new friends. The German party returned to a welcoming Kimberley in April.

"During the Exchange I have experienced so many new things, such as different foods and new cities. I have really got to know and love Germany" – **Harrison Reed**

"I have had a wonderful time in Germany and would certainly consider doing it again. The highlight of the trip for me was visiting the three countries corner, where Holland, Germany and Belgium come together at one point."
– **Grace Woodland**

"My host family was so nice and made me feel really welcome. I would highly recommend the trip because it's a great opportunity to learn about a new culture and practice your German..." – **Jennie Gibb**

"I found this week really exciting even though there were obvious challenges. I tried to speak as much German as I could" – **Esther Blount**

"I enjoyed visiting the Olympic Sports museum and seeing the amazing views from the Cathedral in Cologne. I would strongly recommend doing the Exchange because you can extend your German vocabulary and learn lots of everyday language" – **Martha Bowley**

"This was my second consecutive year doing the German Exchange, so it was fun to catch up with old friends here, as well as make new friends. I felt a lot more relaxed this time round and used a lot more German!" - **Daniel Walker**

"One of the best weeks of my life! I'd definitely go again and would recommend it to anyone!" – **Jude Bartram**

"It was great to climb the cathedral in Cologne and go shopping with our new friends" – **Jessica-Hollie Taylor**

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MUSIC



During the Spring Term in the music department, students have had more opportunities to perform in school and in the local community. Students have been able to showcase their musical talent in assemblies, lunchtime concerts and at the Kimberley Pensioners Club, some building on their experience from the previous term and others performing for the first time. It has been great to see students taking opportunities, growing in skill and confidence, and enjoying playing and performing together.



Kimberley Pensioners Club Concert

On the afternoon of Wednesday 7th February, a group of 22 students from years 7 to 9 went down to Kimberley Parish Hall to perform for the Kimberley Pensioners Club. The students put on a lovely concert with performances ranging from small pop bands, to classical soloists, to a woodwind trio performing a Disney number. The pensioners really appreciated the students coming to perform for them, and the students even got to sing to one of the pensioners who was celebrating his birthday! A huge well done to all the students involved.

"The members really enjoyed and appreciated the students coming to perform for them, and the students were a credit to the school."

Jean Skinner – Kimberley Pensioners Club

Lunchtime Concerts and Assemblies

Last term we also held two Lunchtime Concerts in the community room, with year 9 students and sixth form students taking part. Both lunchtime concerts were a great opportunity for students to showcase their talent to a room full of students and staff who came to support! Some of our students have also taken a courageous next step, taking the opportunity to perform in front of their peers in assembly. Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have all had assembly performances, and this has even led to other students volunteering to showcase their talent. A huge well done to all students who have taken part!

Singer-Songwriting Workshops

We have also had the exciting opportunity to partner with Inspire, our local music hub, to run a singer-songwriting workshop every Thursday after school. Nina Smith, a professional singer-songwriter based in Nottinghamshire, has been leading the sessions along with Miss Calder to help students create their own original songs. This has so far been a great success with around 20 students engaging with the project during the Spring term. Students are currently working towards recording their compositions at the Old Library Recording Studio in Mansfield, which is an incredible opportunity for all involved.

We look forward to hearing the students' finished compositions!



School Ensembles



In the Spring term we have also been building on the music ensembles. These groups have been giving students opportunities to make music together on a weekly basis, learn songs that they know, and take part in music performances. We have had students come along to ensembles and form a keyboard group, guitar group and small woodwind group that now run alongside the school choir and samba group. It has been great to see students gain enthusiasm for making music together and working hard throughout the term to produce great pieces.

To showcase all that these students have been learning, the ensembles joined together to put on a Lunchtime Concert in the Hall on Monday 30th April. Students performed arrangements of *Somewhere Only We Know* by Keane; *Hold Back the River* by James Bay; *This is Me* from the Greatest Showman; *Cheap Thrills* by Sia; and then a piece called *Resistencia* was performed by the Samba Group. The concert was a great success with around 40 students involved from years 7–9 with brilliant performances and a lovely supportive atmosphere. Well done to all the students involved for your hard work and efforts, and thank you to all the staff and students who came along to support!

"I started piano lessons in September looking for a musical hobby, but since then so many amazing opportunities have come my way. I first performed in a Lunchtime Concert in December, and then I recently got the chance to perform in assembly in front of my whole year group. I have made so many friends who share the same musical interests as me and have grown to love playing music".

Eve Hunt (Y7)

A huge thank you and well done to all those who have engaged with extra-curricular music during the Spring term. We look forward to many of you being involved in the Summer Showcase at the end of the year!

Broxtowe Beckons

Well done to the Boccia teams who came first overall in the Secondary School Broxtowe competition held here on Wednesday **21st March**. The competition was very close but they managed to secure victory and now go on to represent Nottinghamshire in July. The teams were Connor O'Kane, Ben Bonser, Adam Bosworth, Letitia Cook, Cian Price and Jake Copeland. Congratulations also to those runners who qualified to represent Broxtowe at the Nottinghamshire finals held at Wollaton Park on Saturday 3rd February.

Biathlon Success

A brilliant debut from Livia Kingsland who came third on Saturday 17th March in The **National Schools Biathlon** at **Crystal Palace**. After running in freezing conditions she was deservedly pleased to be awarded third place in her first year of competing.



Spring into life

Congrats to Megan Greasby from Year 10 who competed at the end of January on behalf of Kimberley in the Trampolining Zonal final. She came a fabulous 3rd place and qualified for the final in Belfast.

Thea Dane continues to impress in the Gymnastics Arena!

Thea Dane competed at the British Championships at the Echo Arena in Liverpool recently. She took part in the Junior 'All Around' Competition against 50 Elite Junior Gymnasts, some already in the GB Junior Squad. Thea rose to the occasion, the nerves did not get to her and she excelled and had a clean competition with no falls leaving her in 11th place in the whole of Great Britain! Thea also qualified for the Floor Final, where the top 8 gymnasts with highest scoring floor scores are selected. The floor final took place Sunday morning. Thea was third to compete and put in an amazing performance to be in 1st position at that point. The next four gymnasts to compete were all in the GB Junior Squad so we were very pleased when Thea finished in 4th place. Thea handled herself superbly to deal with the size of the venue and the nerves that such a competition can bring. She achieved a ranking of 11th in Great Britain as an 'All Around' gymnast (competing all four pieces) and 4th in the country as a floor specialist. Well Done Thea!

Year 8 Handball Success

On Friday **13th February** a team of Year 8 Boys travelled to the Nottinghamshire Winter Games to represent Broxtowe. They faced a difficult first match with Ashfield School, which they came through after a battle and then won their remaining group matches and quarter and semi-finals to reach the final. With support from Mr Clark, who was at the event with his new school, the boys faced Trinity School who are trained by the England Mens Handball Coach. The boys put up a great fight but eventually lost 5-3, but were commended for their play. Finishing 2nd means the team will progress to the Midlands finals in May!



ONTO ONTARIO!

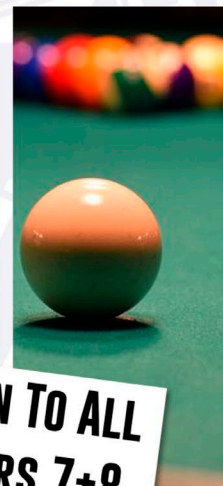
Congratulations to Kimberley's year 9 student **Kieran Chung** on the news that he has been accepted to join the **Canadian International Hockey Academy** in **Ontario Canada**. Kieran

has worked hard over the years honing his skills and talent to become a fantastic Ice-Hockey player and spent last season playing for Sheffield (although he is a Panthers fan of course!) We wish him all the best in his chosen pathway and hope to see him at the National Ice Centre in the future in the 'black and gold' of Nottingham Panthers! Well done Kieran on a fantastic achievement!

CHILLAX

After School Club

MON-FRI
3.30-5.30pm



**OPEN TO ALL
YEARS 7+8**

Meet in the LRC before heading to the
Kimberley Leisure Centre to get active and involved.

For more information speak to Chillax co-ordinator Kymberley Eagles or visit www.kimberleyschool.co.uk for details on extra-curricular activities.

KEY DATES

2018/19

2018

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June:

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

JUNE

Tuesday 19th - Year 6 Induction Club (1 of 2)

Monday 25th - INSET Day (4 of 5)

Tuesday 26th - INSET Day (5 of 5)

Wednesday 27th - Year 10 Exams begin

Thursday 28th - Year 11 Prom

JULY

Monday 2nd – 6th

Sixth Form Work Experience Week

Tuesday 3th - Year 6 Induction Club (2 of 2)

Friday 6th - Year 10 EXAMS end

Tuesday 10th-17th - Year 9 & 10 Munich Trip

Thursday 12th- Year 6 Induction Evening 4:30pm

Thursday 12th-13th - Year 6 Induction Days

Wednesday 18th - Sports Day

Wednesday 18th - Year 7 Graduation

Friday 20th - Sports Day (Reserve)

Wednesday 25th - School closes at 12.20pm

Thursday 26th July – Tuesday 4th September:

SUMMER HOLIDAY

August

Thursday 16th - Sixth Form Results Day

Thursday 23rd - GCSE Results Day

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 4th School opens for students

Friday 28th INSET Day

DECEMBER

Friday 21st School closes (12:20 pm)

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JANUARY

Monday 7th School opens for students

FEBRUARY

Monday 11th February INSET Day

APRIL

Friday 5th – Tuesday 23rd

EASTER HOLIDAYS

MAY

Monday 6th May Day Bank Holiday

JUNE

Monday 24th June, INSET Day

JULY

Friday 19th School closes at 12:20 pm

Monday 22nd INSET Day

Tuesday 23rd INSET Day

Wednesday 24th July – Friday 30th August