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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I am delighted to introduce the new look Parent Bulletin - THE ALFREdiAN'
We hope that this approach is more engaging, and a little easier to consume.
There has been a real sense of celebration across the Academy the last two weeks. Our annual Open Evening saw over 250 families join us on West Site – a brilliant opportunity to share the energy and sense of community across our school. The following day saw our annual Sponsored Walk; 8,5 miles, over 1500 students, glorious weather and quite possibly the most enjoyable sponsored walk in my long association with King Alfred's.
We have followed this with our Open Mornings; prospective students and their families have spent time visiting lessons on West Site with lots of positive feedback on how polite our students are, how engaging lessons were and how calm the site is. A big thank you also to the Year 10 and 11 parents who attended the information evenings on Tuesday and Thursday this week – a great opportunity to set out the year ahead.
Thank you also for all of your messages of support and condolence following the sad announcement of Miss Jones' passing earlier this week.
We have deeply appreciated it.

Jonathan Smart

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YEAR GROUP UPDATES

All year groups

Next week, students will be shown how to update their Independent Learning (IL) on Bromcom once a task has been completed. This will help students take greater responsibility for keeping their IL record up to date and to provide a clearer picture of work that remains outstanding.

Please bear with us whilst we work with students to align this record to be a true reflection of their tasks that are or may appear to be outstanding.

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child to complete their IL. Regular, purposeful work beyond the classroom is an important part of their eduction, providing students with opportunties to practise and strengthen what they have learned, develop greater independnace and take increasing responsibility for their own learning.

Year 10

Thank you to those who attended our Yr 10 Information Evening, this year is about establishing the habits, routines and attitudes to support your child through their GCSEs. You can view the presentation via this link: Year 10 Information Evening Sept 2026

Year 11

Thank you to those who attended our Year 11 Information Evening, this is an important year for your child and we will continue to work closely together to support them as they prepare for their examinations. You can view the presentation via this link: Year 11 Information Evening Sept 2026

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Yr 11 Cowley Road
History Day Trip
Tue 6 Oct
Wed 7 Oct

Nice Trip Parents'
Information Evening
Wed 7 Oct
5-6pm
Centre Hall

Yr 13 Parents' Evening
Thu 8 Oct
Make your appointments via the School Cloud platform, booking closes 8am 8 Oct

Morocco & Tanzania
Trips Parents'
Information Evening
Fri 9 Oct
5-7pm
Sixth Form Auditorium

Centre Site
Open Morning
Sat 10 Oct
10-1

DofE Bronze
Training Day
Sat 10 Oct

DofE Silver & Gold
Training Day
Sun 11 Oct

Careers Fair
Mon 12 Oct
Students in Yrs 9-13
Centre Hall

Yr 11 Bristol Geography
Fieldwork Day Trip
Tue 13 Oct
Wed 14 Oct

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Communicating with the Academy

A reminder that parents can contact the Academy via our enquiries webform. This has the functionality to allow you to select the member of staff you wish to contact. There is also a handy reference guide to help direct your enquiry.

www King Alfred's Academy - Enquiries Form

In addition to this, we have restructured our office teams to ensure we always have a dedicated telephone receptionist. Please select 'option 3' and leave a voice mail if your call is unanswered straight away as they may be busy on another call

KA students doing amazing things

Well done to Megan in Year 8 for having her story published in the Young Writers book, Story Lab-Incredible Tales . An incredible achievement.

Thank you to all of our students that helped out supporting subjects, or acting as tour guides during our Open Evening and Open Mornings. You have been incredible ambassadors.





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Academic Enrichment

Our Programme of AEP Talks for this academic year can be accessed via this link:
AEP Talks Brochure 2026-27

King Alfred's Academy - Academic Enrichment

Careers & Work Experience

For questions about our Careers Programme, or to find out who to contact for careers resources, please go to our webpage

King Alfred's Academy - Careers

And don't forget to check out our Careers Blog for upcoming events and opportunities for parents and students to explore future pathways

Please click on this link to view our Careers Programme Guide:
Careers Pamphlet Sept 2026

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Vacancies

Teacher - Subject Lead (Business)

Vacancies | King Alfred's Academy, Wantage, Oxfordshire UK (kaacademy.org)



Other news

School Health Nurse Newsletter
The Autumn edition can re viewed via this link:
Autumn Term 1 Secondary SHN Newsletter Sept 2026

Rehearsals for the cast and band have now begun for this year's production of '*Hadestown*' and the set and backstage crew have begun their work on the set, props and costumes

DofE Programmes

We still have places on all levels, if your child would like to take part, please pay the deposit on ParentPay. Please see the information here for Year 9 (Bronze): Bronze: start your DofE

Year 10 (Silver): Silver | start your DofE Year 12 (Gold): Gold | Start your DofE

If your child is interested and would like to see what the award involves before signing up, they can come to the training session on Centre Site (Bronze – 10 Oct 9am-4pm or Silver & Gold – 11 Oct 9am-4pm). They must sign up to a session by completing this form: DofE Training Taster Session – Fill out form