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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to this week's edition of the THE ALFREdiAN

There were two acts of Remembrance at King Alfred's over the course of the past week. On Sunday 8 November I was joined by Fabian and Holly (Year 11) and Jade, Ciara and Evie (Year 13) at the Alfredian Remembrance Service held on Centre Site. Fabian, Jade, Ciara and Evie did a magnificent job of reading the names of those former pupils of our school that lost theirs lives in the two World Wars and laying the wreaths. Holly played the 'Last Post' perfectly. Then on Wednesday 11 November the school community observed two minutes silence, paying their respects to those who gave their lives to ensure our liberty and freedom. Students observed this brilliantly.

In wrapping up this week's Headteacher introduction, I have two important messages for Year 11 students. Firstly; good luck with your Mock Examinations over the course of the next fortnight. These are a crucial opportunity to help students prepare for their GCSE exams next Summer. Secondly; we hope to see as many students as possible at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 19 November. Gathering as much information as possible post-16 education, training and employment options at this stage is vitally important and Thursday represents a great opportunity for our students to explore possible course options in our large and successful Sixth Form. More details about the evening are attached to this Newsletter.

Jonathan Smart

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Year 7

During our assembly we revisited the expected conduct in lessons as well as the importance of being ready to learn, and congratulated our students on maintaining their attitute to learning, and the importance to keep up these standards.

Year 9

We marked Remembrance Day during assembly this week, reflecting on the importance of the Armistice and those who have served and sacrificed. Students were respectful and thoughtful throughout the assembly. As a year group, we are particularly proud of the students who represented the Academy and wider community by taking part in the Remembrance Sunday Service. Their conduct was exemplary and reflected the values of King Alfred's Academy.

Year 11

Year 11 mock examinations began on Thu 12 Nov. Please ensure your child knows which examination they have each day and where they are required to be.
Students must also ensure that they bring the correct equipment for each examination, including their candidate ID, which should be kept in a clear pencil case.
If your child requires a replacement examination timetable or candidate ID, they should speak to their tutor in the first instance.
We wish all Year 11 students every success in their mock examinations and the very best of luck during this important period.

We would like to invite all parents and carers of Year 11 students to attend the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thu 19 Nov from 5pm. Further details have been emailed to you previously.

YEAR GROUP UPDATES

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Yr 11 Mock Examinations
Thu 12 - Thu 26 Nov

Sixth Form
Open Evening
Thu 19 Nov
5-7.30pm
Please refer to a previous email or our website

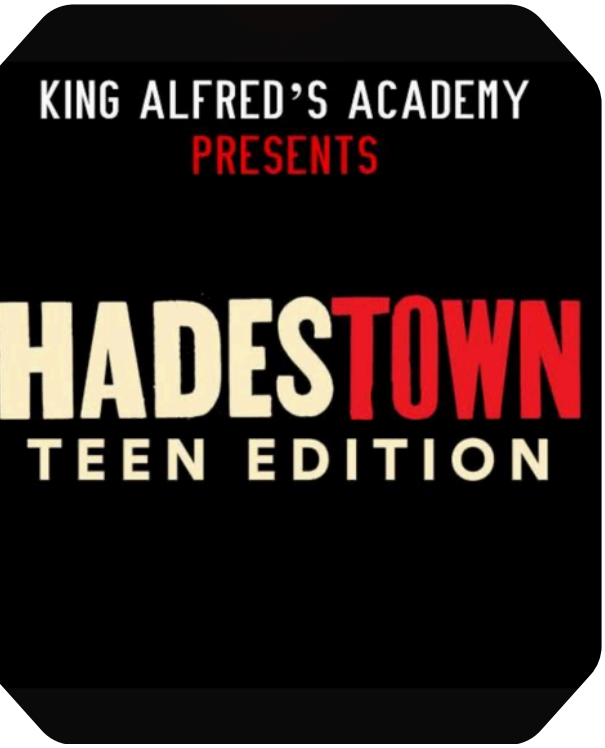
SEND Coffee Afternoon
Wed 25 Nov
3.45-5pm
Details by invitation

AEP Talk
Hieroglyphs for All
Tue 1 Dec
5pm
Sixth Form Auditorium
FREE but booking in advance is required

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KA's students doing amazing things



Tickets are on sale and can be purchased from Ticket Source via the following link https://www.ticketsource.com/king-alfreds-academy/hadestown/e-bpxqvg or by scanning the QR code which will take you directly to the bookings page



Yr 9 students creating key scenes from Macbeth as part of Set Design Enrichment

Congratulations to Grace in Yr 9 for passing her RSCM Silver Award with a Commended result!

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Is your child on the SEND register?

If your child is on the SEND register, please support them in completing the short form that has been sent to them via Bromcom. This should take no more than 5 mins but will provide the Inclusion Team with really valuable feedback relating to their support and moving forwards.

Sweatbox Grand Opening on West Site



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Academic Enrichment

Our Programme of AEP Talks for this academic year can be accessed via this link:
King Alfred's Academy - Academic Enrichment Talks

Other events can also be found at: King Alfred's Academy - Academic Enrichment BLOG,

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