



# NEWSLETTER - TERM 1 - 2016

## KNOWLE EDGE LEARNING CENTRE



# Learning Centre Term Dates:

Term 1 Thursday 1 September to Friday 21 October 2016

Term 2 Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December 2016

Term 3 Tuesday 3 January to Friday 10 February 2017

Term 4 Monday 20 February to Friday 7 April 2017

Term 5 Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May 2017

Term 6 Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July 2017

## **Inset Training Dates**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Induction Day

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017



Term 1 Newsletter 2016/17

Here we are at the end of Term 1, where did it go?

So far this term:

We have seen 37 new pupils make a fantastic start to learning at Knowle DGE.

We received a Duke of Edinburgh Award as a dedicated centre from the Earl of Wessex at St James Palace.

We received a Quality Mark Award for Nurture, this was presented by the Nurture Group and the Lord Mayor of Bristol.

- We also received an Ashden LESSCO2 Award for sustainable schools.
- So it has been an excellent start to the academic year.
- I have managed to catch a few of you at our coffee mornings and we have appreciated your attendance and support with these. If you would like to meet and discuss any issues, concerns or give positive feedback please contact the Learning Centre to make an appointment. Or if you see me out and about please stop me for a chat.

I know next term we have a number of exciting events taking place and the lead up to Christmas is going to be fun. Please take your time to read the rest of the newsletter for information and key dates.

I look forward to seeing you next term.

Best wishes

Darren Ewings

## Lower Discovery Newsletter Term One

This academic year, Discovery has split into two hubs—Upper and Lower Discovery.

**Lower Discovery has three classes:**

**Orange** (KS2) with Ms Bell and Kirsty/ Kelly

**Yellow** (KS2) with Ms Watson/ Ms Ward and Helen

**Blue** (KS2/3) with Mr Baker and Jane

Our **Behaviour Support** is Darren Smith

Our **Learning Mentor** is Louise Cranmer

Our **Nurture lead** is Amanda

And Ms Swords is the **Head of hub**

### Attendance

Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving 100% attendance this term!

Connor Warburton  
Lilli-Rose Best  
Jake Wheatley  
Destiny Meek  
Frankie-John Marvell



### Pupil Voice

Our pupil voice representatives are:

Connor Warburton  
Adam Chivers  
Tyler Slade



## Upper Discovery Newsletter Term One

This academic year, Discovery has split into two hubs—Upper and Lower Discovery. Upper Discovery has three classes:

**Purple** (Y10) with Miss Cullum and Teresa  
**Green** (Y9) with Mrs Findlay / Mr Carroll and Laura  
**Aqua** (Y9) with Mr Moore and Jo Reed  
 Our **behaviour support** is Darren Smith  
 Our **Learning Mentor** is Louise Cranmer  
 Our **Nurture lead** is Amanda  
 And Miss Kruk is the **Head of Hub**



### Attendance

Congratulations to the following people for achieving 100% attendance this term!

Jeremiah Parker Webber

Josh Parker Webber

Shayquon Wilson

Barnes Taylor

Colston Bishop

Alliyah Dinnall-Whittaker

Yasmin Harwood

Rebekah King

Mitchell Rawlings

Lorraine Walker



### Pupil Voice

Our pupil voice representatives are:

#### Purple

Alliyah Dinnall-Whittaker

#### Green

Bailey Young Street

#### Aqua

Paris Allan  
Joe Noel

### Some of the exciting learning and fun times this term





## Guidance News Term 2

Term 2 theme for 2016-2017 is based around  
**You've got mail.**

### School Day G1 & G2

Start 8.45—Finish 2.15

The Jolly Postman  
Flat Stanley.

### DATES FOR TERM 2

Themes Day  
Thursday 10th November

In set Day  
Monday 21st November

Christmas  
Dinner  
Thursday 8th  
December



Guidance Reward Trip  
Thursday 15th December



### School Day G3 & G4

Start 9.00am —Finish 3.00pm

### Christmas Fayre & Assembly



Friday 2nd  
December at  
9.30am



Come buy gifts, see  
Santa, have coffee &  
cake, & enjoy the  
Christmas Assembly

### Stars of the Term

Jack

Micky

Rhys

Myles

# Enjoyment Hub Term 1



**Term 1**  
Welcome back to a new school year at Knowle DGE. Every school year is a fresh beginning and we have welcomed students back with high ambitions, great enthusiasm and a new outlook on learning.

Matt Franzke - Head of Hub.



**Forest School**  
Every Wednesday afternoon our students participate in Forest School. They go into the woods and learn skills such as den building, fire starting, wood carving, nature observing and team building. As winter approaches please help your child remember some old shoes and clothing.



**New Students**  
Enjoyment Hub has welcomed several new students this term. We are very pleased to welcome Aston, Blake and Cormac into 8.1 Nathan into 8.2 and Jackson in Year 9.

**Term 2 Dates.**  
Oct 31st: Return to school.  
Nov 2nd: Team Building Trip  
Nov 16th: Film Festival Day  
Nov 21st: Inset Day  
Nov 30th: Parents Evening  
Dec 2nd: Christmas Fayre.  
Dec 8th: Christmas Dinner.  
Dec 14th: End of Term Trip.  
Dec 16th: Last day of school.



**End Of Term Trips-Points**  
This term students are going Paint Balling or Bowling. Next term we will be planning another trip so please encourage your child to talk about the points they earn each day in school.



# EXPLORE Term 1



It is great to see our new and not so new students with us in Explore. We have had some changes this year. Explore is now a larger hub which includes Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 & Year 13.

We have been very impressed with their uniform and feel that the students look very smart in their shoes, trousers and polo shirt.



We are looking forward to a successful year for our Explore students. I would like to thank all the students and families of Year 11 & Year 13 students who attended the EHCP meetings and we are busy working on the next steps for their transition into college and the work place.

## Qualifications



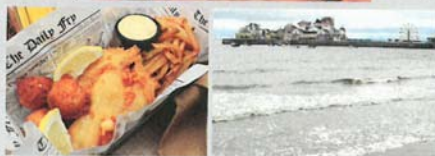
It was a bumper year for qualifications. This summer students in Explore received qualifications in English, Art, Science and Maths. GCSE's, Functional skills and Entry Level Certificates. They also received BTECS in Vocational studies.

We are all very proud of their achievements!.

## Rewards Trip



Year 10 rewards trip this term was at Bath Park Skate Park where fun was had by all.



Year 11,12 & 13 trip was down at Weston where we enjoyed the pier followed by Fish & Chips.

## The Lodge



Our Year 10,11,12 & 13 students have had team building evenings at the LoDGE this term.

This included dinner and a night of bowling. All the students had a good time and many of them have continued to use the LoDGE this term.

If parents would like their children to use the LoDGE then please contact the school.

Dates to remember

Start of Term 2 : Monday 31st October  
Parents Evening : Wednesday 30th November  
Christmas Fair : Friday 2nd December





**Overall winner of the Photograph Competition**  
**"Bristol"**

1st place—Bailey Young Street & Kwame Evans,  
2nd place—Frankie Marvell, Nick Lee-Wells  
Runners up—Nicky, Kyle Townsend, Mollie Johnson, Liz Barnes, Liz Wootten, Lorraine, Pauline, Lewis Tudor and Mitchel Densley.

A big WELL DONE to everyone. The photographs will be developed into a calendar and will be on sale next term.



Knowle DGE learners took part in the National Poetry competition this term. The theme was 'messages' and our pupils composed poems based on an idea of a message in a bottle, sent from a desert island. The poems were very imaginative with some excellent ideas and imagery.

The winners were: Kelsey Woods, in Explore Hub; Jackson Carter in Enjoyment Hub and Yasmin Harwood in Discovery Hub.

All 27 entrants had a small prize and the winners received a box of chocolates each. We had fun reading them and hope that everyone enjoyed participating in the competition.

Vicky Mundy and Jenny Bradbury (English Teachers)

# CLUBS - TERM 2

## MODEL MAKING CLUB



LEARN HOW TO MAKE AND PAINT  
MODEL KITS FUNNY AND EASY



Tuesday 3 till 4pm  
Starting on 8<sup>th</sup> of November



## Dance Club



***Where?***

Drama Studio

***When?***

Tuesday

3.10-4.00 pm

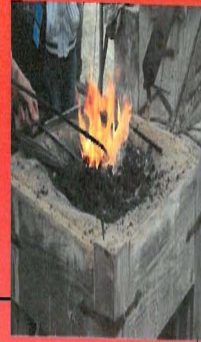
***Who?***

Miss Bradbury



# Forest Forge

Start date 10<sup>th</sup> of October  
Thursday 3.00pm to 4.00pm



## Activities

Basic Fire Building and safety

Build a fire and making charge cloth.

Building a basic outdoor forge and learning how to light and control it

Heating up metal to the different colour, hammer use.

Using Forge shaping a toasting Fork  
First activity cutting metal

Using Forge shaping a toasting Fork  
Scrolling metal

**Extended Activities Permission Letter.**

Your child has expressed an interest in ..... Extended activity club.

The club leader is .....

The club runs every ..... from .....pm to .....pm

If you agree to your child attending the chosen club, please complete the following and return it to the named club leader along with the termly payment of £3.00

.....

Child's Name:.....

I agree for my child to attend the ..... extended activity.

I have read and understand the extended activity guidelines.

When the club finishes, my child will:

(please tick)

Walk / catch public transport home independently / unaccompanied.

Be collected from main reception at Knowle DGE by ..... (name of person collecting) at the club finishing time.

I wish to arrange and pay for Knowle-DGE transport.

My telephone number is:.....

Emergency Contact number: .....

Signature:..... Relationship:..... Date:.....

### **EHCPs**

All statements have to be converted to EHCPs, we started this last year and have already had our Year 11 and 13 ones this year. In Term 2, pupils in Year 2, 6 and 9 will have their statement converted to an EHCP if they haven't had it done already. Normal annual reviews of statements or EHCPs that aren't conversions will take place in the spring.

Please contact your child's tutor if you have any questions.

*Kate Lee-Wells*

Deputy Head Teacher

### **No Pens Day Wednesday!**

Thanks to all the classes that took part in No Pens Day Wednesday on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. It was a National day to focus on language and communication, it looked like some of you had great fun!



*Kate Lee-Wells*

Deputy Head Teacher

### **Children in Need**

Young people are welcome to wear spots, onesies and Pyjamas on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

All donations to Children In Need.



*Kate Lee-Wells*



## News from the Nurture Room

Back in Term 6 of the last school year the Nurture Room was visited and assessed by Helen Stollery from the National Nurture Group Network.

We are very pleased to say that following the visit the Learning Centre was successful in achieving the Quality Mark Award.



On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 we celebrated the presentation of the award in an assembly. The Lord Mayor of Bristol was with us for the occasion.

We would like to thank all of the guests, parents, carers and young people that also joined us for this special event.

*Many thanks from Amanda and Liz*

# The Lodge



The Lodge is a place for the students of Knowle DGE to come and get away from it all. We offer a two night stay, with in-house activities such as; **dodgeball, football, pool, DVD's & PS4** on the first night and occasionally offsite trips on the second for those that have managed to achieve their positive points.

Some of the trips and activities we do include;  
**swimming, cinema, bowling, football stadium trips, laser quest, arts and crafts, crazy golf, rock climbing, and go karting.**

There are 12 bedrooms in total, 6 with en suite facilities. All the rooms are provided with fresh bedding and towels.

For more information please call Knowle DGE main reception to enquire about making an appointment with a member of the Lodge team for an induction.  
0117 3532011