



January 2002

Dear Readers,

As we wish each other a Happy New Year, we welcome three members of staff: Kay Morgan joins us as Head of Music, while Susan Rock and Andrée Matthews are now part of the Learning Support Team. We hope that each of them enjoys a happy and rewarding time at KNBS.

I should like to thank the many parents who were able to come into school for the first of our Review Days. We hope that you and your sons feel as strongly as we do that the day provided a valuable opportunity to support individual educational needs. The task before all of us is to remember what came out of the day and work together towards the agreed targets.

On the last morning of term, following the review day, the Year 11 GCSE Drama Group performed part of their production from earlier in the term. The rest of Year 11 formed the audience, and I wished that those who seek to criticise young people today could have shared that hour, when they would have seen a performance of high quality maturely and appreciatively received. It was a memorable occasion.

On Wednesday this week, we celebrated last year's GCE A-Level successes, when Dr Ray Plevy, twice President of the Old Nortonians Association and an active friend of the school, presented the certificates. This occasion, always held jointly with the Girls' School, was particularly enjoyable because of last year's level of success for both boys and girls.

I cannot end my section this month without mentioning the refurbished boys' toilets. When we begin to issue lockers and the toilets open on Monday, the boys will see how much we wish to provide them with a pleasant environment. One of our major New Year resolutions is to keep the school clean and tidy and we have started well.

Mr Sonley

DECEMBER MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to:

20 badge: **Matthew Barrington-Smith (7B), Sam Booth (7B), Jack Hitchinson (7C), Alex Lynn (7C), Matthew Plant (7C), Stuart Sheldon (7D), Joe Wilson (7A), Alex Taylor (8B), Steven Brown (8D), Andrew Connolly (8C).**

40 badge: **Matthew Barrington-Smith (7B), Andrew Connolly (8C), Matthew Kemp (8C).**

60 badge: **Matthew Kemp (8C), Jacob Crow (9A).**

80 badge: **James Steadman (8D).**

100 badge: **Daniel Birch (8B), Adam Whitehouse (9C).**

120 badge: **Isam Abed (9D), Jack Woodfield (9D).**

140 badge: **Daniel Kelly (9A).**

160 badge: **Jonathan Ford (9D), Milan Topalovic (9D)**

It was also a pleasure to give a large number of Sports and Music certificates to boys during assemblies at the end of the term and to award prizes for work done in the library.

A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

A small number of boys have not started the New Year as well as we had hoped and are not concentrating or working well in some lessons. If your son is not co-operating in a lesson, he may be removed from it to work away from the class and will bring home a detention slip to you. If this happens, please have a word with your son about the incident, sign the reply slip acknowledging receipt of the letter and expect him home half an hour late on the day of the detention. Staff and boys are determined to ensure that a good working atmosphere is the norm in all lessons and must not be disturbed. Everyone will benefit from this.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

This term we welcome Stephen Whitter and Ellen Waters (Art), Neil Kelly and John Dyson (History), Nicola Carpenter and Rachel Anderson (Modern Foreign Languages) and Matthew Davis and Simon Beech (Science).

The students will be with us until Easter and not only do we wish them every success with us, but as always we encourage your son to take advantage of their expertise.

Mr Brett

PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

			<u>Ticket No</u>
1 st	£100	Mrs S Reynolds	07732
2 nd	£50	Mr John Morris	03989
3 rd	£25	SJC	14134
4 th	£15	S Caulwell	06356
5 th	£10	Mr Keith Hiscock	02241
6 th	Food Hamper	Mrs M Vinall	08123
7 th	Christmas Cake	Mrs Stoker	02746

Well done to everyone who sold their tickets and thank you to parents who helped their sons sell their allocation and more; in some cases much more - parents of **Roberts Jenkins, Andrew Murphy, Daniel Kelly and Adrian Luck**. A big thank-you! £1400 was raised, and the money will go towards replacing the old minibus.

Mr Chapman

SPORTS NEWS

Year 7 Table-tennis: Thirty-six boys competed in the Year 7 Singles Table-tennis Tournament. The seven group winners went through to the quarter-finals in addition to the best placed loser. The final stages of the competition were very fierce, with all of the players showing a high level of skill.

Quarter-finals: **Alex Wood** v **Daniel Green**
Simon Gilligan v **Callum Sheehan**
Steven Byford v **Daniel Greaves**
Josh Bateson v **Hassan Adi**

Semi-final: **Daniel Green** v **Callum Sheehan**
Josh Bateson v **Steven Byford**

Final: **Daniel Green** v **Josh Bateson**

Winner: **Daniel Green**

The points were distributed as follows:-

A	=	15 points
D	=	15 points
B	=	30 points
C	=	40 points

After two events of the Interform Competition, the Year 7 totals are as follows:-

A	=	50 points
B	=	40 points
C	=	75 points
D	=	35 points

Well done to C! However, there are still eight competitions remaining.

Year 10 Basketball:

The Year 10 lads defeated Queensbridge School 40-32 in their first game of the season. The boys played some excellent attacking Basketball and thoroughly deserved to win. **Matthew Key** top-scored with 14 points. **Joe Molefe** made his long-awaited debut for the school and contributed well in attacking play.

Well done to all concerned!

Football:

Matthew Wylde, 9A, has been picked to represent the West Midlands County at football – an excellent achievement, and we wish him all the best.

Mr Preece

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 1 February

- February Newsletter issued.

Monday, 4 February

- Year 12/Year 13 Parents' Evening at KNGS: 4.00 to 6.30 pm.

Friday, 8 February

- Training day for staff (school closed for pupils).

Monday, 11 February

- HALF-TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS.

Friday, 15 February

- HALF-TERM HOLIDAY FINISHES.

Wednesday, 27 February

- Year 8 Parents' Evening: 4.00 to 6.30 pm.

Friday, 1 March

- March Newsletter issued.

Monday, 18, to Friday, 22 March

- Year 9 Geography Field Course.

Tuesday, 19 March

- Swimming Sports.

Tuesday, 26 March

- Review Day - LAST DAY OF TERM FOR PUPILS.

Wednesday, 27 March

- Training day for Staff (school closed for pupils).

Wednesday, 10 April

- Training day for Staff (school closed for pupils).

Thursday, 11 April

- FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM FOR PUPILS.