



Tudor Grange Academy
Kingshurst

 Sixth Form

Sixth Sense

Which Week?

This Week: 24th Jan (Week 2)

Next week: 31st Jan (Week 1)

Reasons to be Cheerful



Despite not being gifted with the body of an athlete (yes, its true!) I found myself at the National Running Show at the NEC this weekend, following a two year wait for COVID to pass in order for the event to run once again. Despite enjoying running, I'm not quick or aesthetic as I plod along, however the event always brings with it a perspective and a degree of fresh motivation. We've all got to have something to help us to stay reasonably normal and grounded and mine is definitely running.

This year allowed me to listen to talks by the Double Paralympic, World & European 100m Champion, Jonnie Peacock MBE, a former 400m Olympic silver medalist and a former European Champion, Iwan Thomas MBE (your parents would know him) in addition to a top Sport Scientist, Professor Greg Whyte who was responsible for preparing most of the Comic Relief celebrities for their various tasks, including swimming the channel (David Walliams), running 43 marathons in 50 days (Eddie Izzard) or climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

However, despite this accomplished field, it was Kevin Webber who had the most impact on me. Kevin's seminar was titled "Dead Man Running" and centered around his context of being 49 years of age in 2014, a dad of three and being given two years to live after being



diagnosed with incurable prostate cancer! He still has incurable prostate cancer and has outlived his prognosis by over 5 years (and has a counter on his website that records the extra days beyond this prognosis!) but has dedicated his time to running over 50 ultra marathons whilst fundraising for the charity Prostate Cancer UK. It was touching to hear of his account of living life to the full (having run marathons through deserts, dodged cobras falling into his path whilst running through the jungle and wearing four pairs of gloves in the arctic!) and to his mantra of "make the most of every opportunity, as long as its not at the expense of someone else". I very much hope you all manage to obtain either the clarity that Kevin has, but without the same context or indeed have an interest that allows you also to 'decompress' or to remain balanced amongst the hectic lives that we often lead.

And they're back [Year 12]!

Tuesday 25th January sees the return of ALL Year 12 students back to the Academy at 8.30am following the three day phase of working from home.

During this final day, please remember to:

- A. A. Log-in to Miss Foster's assembly via Teams at 8.30am. We will use this as an indicator of your engagement and to be able to mark you in for the day as a result of this. **All students not in attendance will require a phone call home** to check they are working on set tasks.
- B. To log-in to your respective Team for each of your classes in order to **access the electronic tasks and resources uploaded by your subject teachers**. The expectation will be for you to have completed these upon your return to normal lessons in order for you to continue to progress in the subject content.

And they're off [Friday]!

This coming Friday marks a Staff Training Day for the whole of the Trust that has been calendared from the outset of the academic year.

No attendance is required on Friday 28th January 2022 and no work will be set for this. All students will therefore return on Monday 31st at the normal time.

Final week of BTEC and Criminology External Assessments: Jan 2022!

Please find an update overview of the final timetabled week for Yr12 and Yr13 BTEC and Criminology students. As ever, please check your inclusion in this closely. Once again, I wish those involved, the best of luck.

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Overview of Week 3 of January Exams 2022 for both Year 13 AND Year 12

- **Monday 24th January –**
 - Yr13 BTEC Media – Location: B039 - 9am – 11am
 - Yr12 BTEC IT - Location: K2 Building (far side of car park) - 9am – 11am
- **Tuesday 25th January**
 - Yr13 BTEC IT – Location: D110 - 11.25am – 12.25pm
- **Wednesday 26th January –**
 - Yr13 BTEC IT – Location: D106 - 9-10am
 - Yr12 Level 3 Diploma in Criminology – Location: A104 / A208 - 9am – 12pm
- **Thursday 27th January –**
 - Yr13 BTEC IT – Location: D107 - 10-11am
 - Yr13 BTEC IT – Location: TBC- 2-3.05pm
 - Yr12 Level 3 Diploma in Criminology – Location: A104 / A208 - 9am – 2pm