

## **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

Marvel at the wonders of the natural world during this week's episode of Planet Earth, complete with high-resolution videography and David Attenborough's time-honoured voice.

## **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Test your checkmating abilities in the traditional Study Centre chess tournament. A ladder system will provide every motivation to spur yourself on to the higher boards: all the while, enjoy a homemade cappuccino.

## **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Challenge yourself in a game of five-a-side football at a local venue. Invite your friends; bring £6 and suitable Astros for a spring kick-about.

## **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

This week's guest speaker has extensive experience and knowledge of the political world. Feel free to ask questions after a fascinating talk on a crucial aspect of modern world politics.

## **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Laugh and make others laugh in the end of spring term show. Be creative, by thinking of and performing original sketches or old sketches in new ways. Musical, artistic, comedic, and acting prodigies all welcome.

For those who would like to take a spring retreat and missed the previous one, there will be an opportunity to do so this weekend at Thornycroft Hall near Manchester. Details to follow.

There will be the usual annual Intensive Study Week in Thornycroft Hall in Cheshire during Easter Week. Full details will be available in March.



## **Spring 2018**

### **Study Centre**

Year 11 to 13, Sat 1.45-9pm

Kelston provides both a stimulating environment for private study and a programme of constructive activities for schoolboys and young people. Over time, members will find they improve in their study, develop new talents and grow in self-esteem, all within a relaxed and friendly environment.

The Kelston Study Centre principally meets on Saturday afternoons and evenings, but members can come for private study and to use the activity rooms at any time of the week. However, Sunday afternoons are also especially set aside for silent private study. There is also a Tuesday Study Club from 4.30pm till 6.45pm.

Smartphones may be kept in the locked charging station during times of study.

Members have drawn up a programme of weekly events, but everything is sufficiently flexible to be spontaneous at the same time. Friends of members and anyone interested in joining should feel free to come along and try the Study Centre out for a month. A modest annual subscription is due after the month's trial period, with sponsorship available so that no

one is excluded due to cost. The high tea meal and Wednesday tea are charged at a modest rate.

With its strong and confident Christian atmosphere, Kelston entrusts its spiritual activities to Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church. Membership of Kelston, though, is open to all on a non-denominational basis. The Study Centre is part of the Netherhall Educational Association, a registered charity (number 236586) that promotes educational initiatives in accordance with Christian principles.

### Typical Timetable

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| 2.00 pm | Informal football out on the common. Ends 3.25pm. |
| 3.55 pm | Afternoon tea                                     |
| 4.15 pm | Study period for all in the library               |
| 6.15 pm | Spiritual activity                                |
| 6.45 pm | Get-together                                      |
| 7.15 pm | High Tea  |
| 8.00 pm | Activity of the Day                               |
| 9.00 pm | Ends  |

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January

All good terms begin with an unconventional round of ping pong. Feel free to use your own bats or Kelston's, your hands, feet, or anything capable of returning the ball. Items used in the past have included kettles, rugs, and even a football, but these are likely not to be on the cards this time!

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January

After a long period away from school, there's nothing like a competitive game of Articulate to jog the mind back into action. Two teams battle for ultimate supremacy in an attempt to describe correctly as many words as possible in one minute, 60 times over...

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Join us for a recent blockbuster movie, jam-packed with action and suspense.

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Look forward to this week's evening activity by reading the local and world news, and formulating your opinions on one or two pieces. What follows is Roundtable, where participants are challenged to lead and contribute to discussions on current affairs, along with some more bizarre topics...

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

This is a special event for those who wish to enjoy Super Bowl LII overnight in Kelston. Be transported to Minneapolis for one evening (and morning – the game ends at 3am!) where this year's legendary face-off will be staged. Bring typical American snacks: team football shirts optional.

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

This weekend's retreat at Wickenden Manor provides a golden opportunity to develop your personal spiritual resolutions for the New Year. Leave at 8pm on Friday and back 6pm on the Sunday. Details to follow. For those who do not wish to take part, the club runs as usual. On the Saturday evening, there will be a short seminar and discussion on how to study well, and preparing for revision. It will take place again closer to the exam season during the summer term.

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February

This weekend we will open the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dog, by dining at a local Chinese or oriental restaurant. Bring £12-plus and a readiness to move beyond chicken chow mein and noodles!