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NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'

Cast of Beauty And The Beast



MESSAGE FROM DR ADAMS

What a fantastic term for our pupils and staff. The opportunities and experiences for pupils to enjoy the depth and breadth of trips, visits and extra curricular activities have been extensive: from Year 10 work experience, to sports fixtures, to our Year 10 art pupils enjoying a workshop with artist Ian Murphy which they thoroughly enjoyed. After an absence of 3 years we were delighted to see the return of Kings' School Summer Fayre in June. It was the most successful and best attended fayre we've ever held. Thanks to all involved in the organisation of it – here's to next year's!

Kings' Sports Day was a highlight with all pupils and staff competing in a range of sports, including the classic track and field events, as well as many all-inclusive sports. Sports Awards evening was a celebration of both participation and recognition of the many pupils who achieve elite performance.

Our school production of Beauty and the Beast was enjoyed by an audience of more than 700 over our four performances. The production was stunning and the quality of performance in acting, music and backstage operations was a wonder to behold.

The year has been rounded off with our renowned activities week, led by our House team, with over a thousand pupils being immersed in an wide range of trips, visits, in-house activities and residential opportunities. A HUGE thank you to all our staff, for their incredible passion, dedication and desire to provide these fantastic opportunities for all our pupils.

Our Year 11 pupils completed the first set of formal examinations in three years and conducted themselves with great credit, effectively managing their revision and preparation over the extended examination period. Huge thanks to our examination team, our teachers and to our parents for all their support in preparing our pupils so well. We are confident that our pupils' hard work and dedication will be reflected in their examination results in August.

As their time at Kings' drew to a close, our Year 11's celebrated in style at their Prom, with a night of fantastic outfits, fun and friendship.

I wish you all a safe break and look forward to seeing you all in September.



VISIT TO THE ART DEPARTMENT FROM IAN MURPHY

GCSE Art pupils were excited to be taking part in the first workshop at Kings' with renowned artist Ian Murphy on Friday 8th July. Pupils were involved in a mixed media workshop for the entire day with Ian, where they were able to develop new skills and techniques, using pen, paint and collage techniques. They were inspired by architectural photographs they had taken at Winchester Cathedral on a recent visit, in preparation for their mock exam and their exhibition which will be taking place in the cathedral in the Spring of 2023.



The pupils had a fast paced and highly productive, day developing much greater confidence in their creative skills and learning how a highly successful artist works.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the day and we would like to say a huge thank you to Winchester Arts Society for their kind donation towards the cost of this fantastic opportunity.



No more FOMO - follow us on Instagram!
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NEWS FROM CATERING TEAM

Congratulations to our Catering Manager, Mr Wooldridge who we are very pleased to report has obtained a pass with distinction from City & Guild's Level 3 in Patisserie and Confectionery course and is now a qualified chef-pâtissier. Well done Ian!



We were delighted to welcome 134 Year 4 pupils from our local feeder schools to enjoy a day of all things French for our Bastille Day celebrations!



Friday 1st July saw over 300 Year 11s enjoy their Leavers' Prom. The event was Oscars' themed, which saw a huge marquee adorned with gold statues along with a balloon arch on the middle field. Even more spectacular were the entrances to Prom, encompassed with the fantastic outfits the pupils had put together. After an exciting evening of dancing and catching up with their teachers and friends, the night finished with an elaborate fireworks display. We wish the pupils a relaxing Summer after all their hard work in their GCSEs and look forward to seeing them on results day.

Photographs by Giles Fletcher -Students can find them at <https://gilesfletcher.zenfolio.com/>





After an enforced three-year hiatus, the Kings' School Sports Awards evening returned to the middle field to celebrate the breadth and depth of Kings' pupils sporting achievements. On a glorious summer's evening the PE department awarded half and full colours as well as trophies for the most improved and players of the year for all the teams that they run as part of the extra-curricular programme. Pupils who achieved representative honours at county, regional and national level were also recognised.

Awards included;

London 2012 Paralympic Legacy Award

Team of the Year: Shared between U16 Girls' Basketball and U16 Boys' Hockey

Volunteer of the Year

London 2012 Legacy Award

Thompson Award

Pupils, parents and staff were rightly hugely proud of what has been a bumper year for sporting participation and achievement.





The OsKings' pupils have been working extremely hard and have thoroughly enjoyed learning in their new building. Year 11 pupils have been sitting GCSE and Level 1 exams, they have worked incredibly and have kept calm throughout. OsKings' pupils have taken part in lots of events this term, including playing the National Music for Youth Festival in Birmingham and the London Music and Drama Awards. It has been brilliant to see one of our pupils perform in the brilliant Beauty and the Beast performance, the first OsKings' pupil to take part. We would like to say a HUGE well done to Stanislaw and the Performing Arts team for such a successful show. We look forward to inviting more young people and staff to see our building in the Autumn Term. All the staff and pupils wish everyone a relaxing Summer.





BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



Some wonderful photos from our fabulous production, courtesy of Kevin Gover at Winchester Today.





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We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to parents for ensuring that their children come to school each day in their full Kings' School uniform. This is massively appreciated by us and contributes to the purposeful and business-like atmosphere that we aim to create at Kings' School. Heads of Year have been speaking to year groups about this in assemblies and, I know, overall, are very pleased with their pupils.

Our uniform is central to the culture of the school and our expectation is that it is worn properly – we feel that wearing it correctly gives a really strong and positive message about our pupils being purposeful and ready to learn. Hair colours / styles and piercings that do not comply with the school rules (alongside things like false nails and jewellery) have sometimes taken a considerable amount of time for our Heads of Year to resolve at the start of the new school year when, ideally, we would want them to be focusing on our pupils' welfare and progress. So, we ask you, as usual, to continue to support us and ensure that your child arrives at school in September 'Kings'-ready' in terms of their appearance.

An area where there has perhaps been uncertainty in the past has been around which styles of shoes are considered appropriate and I would ask parents to look school policy on the website.

I would like to thank you again for your continuing support; it is appreciated greatly and contributes very much to the success of the school.

INSPIRING FUTURES



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Message from our Chair of Governors - Colin Williams

As we all get used to life post lockdown, I would like to say that I am immensely proud of the way that the whole school (pupils, teaching staff and support staff) have come together to once again make Kings' the busy, vibrant and fun place that we all know it is. There have been many challenges this year, especially for those starting at school and for those who have taken their GCSEs after two years of no formal exams. We have seen some great examples of what makes Kings' special and really shows the school motto of 'Una Laborantes' with the school fete, sports days and of course the tremendous school production of Beauty and the Beast.

Looking ahead as a Governing Body, we are committed to supporting and challenging the school and in driving forward the strategic direction of the school to improve the quality of Teaching and Learning, so that every pupil has the chance to achieve the best academic outcomes, whilst also developing themselves through the numerous extra-curricular activities on offer.

As I am sure you are aware the Government has a recently published White Paper (see link below) titled "Opportunity for all: Strong schools with great teachers for your child". Whilst this White Paper is not yet official Government policy, as a Governing Body we will be meeting in the near future to discuss what this means for the strategic direction of the school, in particular the indication that a target will be set for all schools to be in strong multi-academy trusts, or have "plans to join or form one", by 2030.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1063601/Opportunity_for_all_strong_schools_with_great_teachers_for_your_child__web_-_accessible.pdf



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We wish to say a very fond farewell to the following staff. Their contribution to the life of the school has been immense. A particular mention to those staff who are retiring - in some instances, they have spent their entire career at Kings'! There are also a significant number of staff who have gained promotion, which is a fantastic reflection of those individuals and also of our commitment to invest in all our colleagues and their professional development, even if this means other schools benefitting from their developing expertise. We will miss you all greatly and wish all you the very best for the future.

Shannon Marmara-Salter, Imogen Lee, Paul Hodgson – starting teacher training
Yvette Ashman – School Business Manager – joining the private sector
Laura Taylor – Science Teacher - relocating
Chris Miles – Maths Teacher - relocating
Tina Neale – Finance - retiring
Milly Gifford – English Teacher – promotion to Deputy Head of English
Jess Drain – English Teacher – promotion to SENCO
Katherine Birch – Finance - retiring
Alex Sutherland – PE Teacher – promotion to Deputy Head of PE
Chloe Fox – Attendance – promotion to Head of Year
Paul Greer – Science Teacher – promotion to Head of Science and Associate Senior Leader
Eddie Owusu – Maths Teacher – promotion to Assistant Head
Caron Morris Thomas – Science Teacher - retiring
Sarah Dineen – Latin Teacher - retiring
Andrea Johnson – Art Teacher - retiring

The following are leaving to pursue new opportunities: Ben Taylor – Cover Supervisor, Sara Rose – Admin, Kate Ive – Admin, Shay El Mamouni – Admin, Emma Poole – PE / Drama teacher, Emma Rickman – Business Teacher, Heidi Ellis - History Teacher, Jimmy Neil – PE Teacher / Cover Supervisor.

Welcome to the following staff; Ben Culleton, School Business Manager. Emma Akhurst, James Chisholm and Susan Hurman - Science. Lauren Hood, Lucinda Pope and Helen Puddy - English. Natasha Gruenke - Drama. Jozsef Olexa - Music. Emma Henshaw and Evangeline Leggatt - History. Lauren Cook - PE, Josef Nickerson - Maths. Rebecca Honour re-joins the Art Department, and Stuart Dumbleton returns as Head of Maths.

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022	
MORRISONS Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.	IKEA Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).
ASDA CAFE Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.	BELLA ITALIA Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.
DUNELM One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.	DOBBIES Kids eat free with an adult main meal.
YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.	TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.	CAFE ROUGE Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.
HUNGRY HORSE Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.	MORE TO COME!! M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

1st Sept - INSET DAY
2nd Sept - Yr7s and Peer Supporters and PLT
(Pupil Leadership Team)
2nd Sept - Freshers Fayre Yr7s
5th September - All years return



WE ARE RECRUITING;
Reprographics Admin Assistant
Science Technician
Site Supervisor
Inclusion Leader
Cover supervisor
Teacher of Business & Computing
Lifeguard
Community Supervisor
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