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# NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



## OPEN EVENTS

We at Kngs' School were very proud to open our doors last week to the next generation of students to join us in 2023.

We were visited by over 1000 pupils and parents across our four Open Events. They took the opportunity to visit us during a typical school day and were able to engage with teachers and activities in the evening. The morning and evening events were a huge success, and the school has received many comments of praise.

Special mention must be made to our Prefects. They acted as Ambassadors for our school by touring families around with immense knowledge and pride.



## MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

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What a week to visit Kings! Our Open Evening and Open Morning events were incredibly successful and are reflected in this message from a visitor "We wanted to say what an incredible experience we had walking around Kings' this week as a parent. Wednesday evening event was full of energy and great to see the school in action. However, the lessons on Friday during the day were utter calm and focus. You prefects were wonderful, confident and knowledgeable; a credit to the school. I'd give it a thumbs up....Your staff should be really proud – it was fantastic!"

Osbourne School, our partner school in our OsKings collaboration (which provides a highly inclusive environment for pupils at Osbourne School to learn at the Kings' site) had their Ofsted visit last week. The visit highlighted the enormous benefits to both schools of the project. The inspection report will reflect this once it is released in due course.

It was wonderful to welcome our Year 11 parents on to site this week for our Parents' Evening. Parents and staff really welcomed the opportunity for personal, face to face conversations about their children and their progress, even if the volume of parents meant that car parking was a challenge!

## WHOLE CLASS READING IN TUTOR TIMES.

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If you drop into some tutor times in Years 7 - 9 this half term, you will see whole classes engaged in interesting reading activities. The Reading Project is being piloted by two tutor groups in each year group: three times a week, they start each day by reading a novel together for 10 minutes, with a member of staff reading out loud to the class and the whole class following along. At times, there will be 'guest readers' who drop in to take up the story, as senior colleagues and the Year teams also participate.

Following this project, the aim is that after half term, this will be expanded so that all tutor groups across Key Stage 3 will have the same experience. Activities and information will also be provided for each tutor group so they can use this opportunity to expand their vocabulary and to learn more interesting facts related to the contexts of the novels.

We are very excited about this initiative because we know, looking at the research from around the country, that improving the quality and frequency of our pupils' reading will significantly support their learning across the curriculum. For those pupils who love reading already, we hope this will be a fun and stimulating way to promote their passion amongst their peers.



## LONDON MARATHON RUNNERS

Congratulations to our London Marathon Runners Mrs Nicky Matthews and Miss Emma Lewis. Please find below links to their JustGiving pages where you can see some of their pictures from the day and make a donation if you feel able.

From Nicki

I did it! I completed the London Marathon in 4hours 26 minutes, beating my previous time by nearly 30 minutes. Thank you so much to those of you who have already sponsored me. I still have a bit of a way to go to reach my target for Whizz-Kidz who provide mobility equipment for disabled children. If anyone is able to send a few pounds to my just giving page, I would be extremely grateful, and I am sure it would help mend my aching legs!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicki-matthews-tcs-london-marathon-2022-charity-place>



From Emma

I did it! I did it! I blumin' well did it. That was one of the toughest things I've ever done mentally and physically but am so proud of myself.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Emma-Lewis245>



*No more FOMO - follow us on Instagram!*

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## FACE TO FACE PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday night heralded a return to pre - Covid days as we welcomed Year 11 parents and pupils back to our first face-to-face Parents' Evening in over two years. It was lovely to see so many people on site: parents, pupils and teachers all working together to support each of our pupils to be successful. We know that our pupils' commitment to achieving personal academic excellence will be in evidence over the next months. We begin next week with a taster fortnight of Period 6 revision sessions, offered by our staff to support pupils as they prepare for their Mock Exams after half term. These will then begin again following Christmas as we make every opportunity available for our pupils to achieve results of which they can be proud.







# KINGS'

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## Welcome to our new Year Officers

YEAR 7 - MRS KATHERINE MISQUITH

YEAR 8 - MRS MICHELLE KNIGHT

YEAR 9 - MRS LEAH WOODD

YEAR 10 - TBC

YEAR 11 - CATHERINE BROWN

We are delighted to welcome to Kings' our four new Year Officers. They are all excited about the challenges that lie ahead in this demanding role. Mrs Misquith is looking forward to getting to know the year 7 pupils and hopes to form close relationships with them and their parents or carers over the next five years, a sentiment shared by Mrs Woodd, who is excited about being "part of a team to help my year group in any way.". Both Mrs Brown (year 11) and Mrs Knight (year 8) echo these words, and all expressed their desire to get to know the pupils better and to help get new starters settled in seamlessly.

Mrs Wood is Australian but has lived in Winchester for 16 years and knows Kings' well as her son attended the school, and Mrs Misquith was a pupil here herself. She says, "It's amazing to see the changes, and also the parts of the school that are still the same as when I was a pupil.". Mrs Knight worked in the care sector for over fifteen years before joining Kings' as an LSA, and Mrs Brown has revealed that she loves to go to Boxfit, but we assure you that this is not a prerequisite of a job at Kings'.

All expressed how much they are enjoying supporting our pupils and liaising with different departments around the school as they start to build those relationships with colleagues and pupils alike.



## SPOTLIGHT ON KINGS' STAFF

MRS REBECCA BAXTER  
PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER



### **What is your role in Kings' and what inspired you to do this role?**

I work as part of the Welfare team as a Pastoral Support Worker. I qualified as a Youth and Community Worker in 2014, and spent the first seven years of my career in a variety of community-based youth work roles, including drop in centres, youth clubs and LGBTQ+ groups for 11-25 year olds. In 2015, after having my first child, there had been cuts to youth services across the UK, so I decided to pursue school-based roles so I could continue the work I am most enthusiastic about; working face to face with young people.

### **What is unique about your role at the school?**

I am not a member of teaching staff, so I don't spend much time in the classroom. I have the privilege of helping young people when they are having a difficult time whether due to unexpected life events or mental health issues, or even the pressures of school. I spend a lot of my time listening to pupils and signposting (and referring) them and their families to specialist services that can support them through a variety of issues. I work with external agencies such as CAMHS, local counselling services and Family Support Workers/Social Workers. I enjoy being part of the wider network of support for a person so that they can overcome difficulties and achieve their potential.

### **What do you enjoy most about your role?**

I enjoy getting to know the pupils I work with over the course of their time here at Kings'. I love being part of the busy community of a secondary school and seeing young people arrive as nervous y7's and leave as confident 'almost adults' ready for the world of college and work is really fulfilling, especially if I know I have had a small part to play in supporting that pupil on their journey into adult life.

### **What are your future ambitions and what do you hope to achieve during your time at Kings'?**

I love being part of the pastoral team and developing the way we offer pupils support during their time with us. Whilst it is challenging, and not a job many would want to do, I get a lot of job satisfaction from being one of the school's DSL's and working to safeguard children. During my time here, I hope to achieve a reputation for being a kind, proactive listener that advocates fiercely but professionally for all our pupils!



It has been a very positive start to the new academic year for all OsKings' pupils. They have settled well and been made very welcome by all King's staff and pupils. They continue to integrate and as a result feel very relaxed in their new surroundings. Pupils are enjoying attending lunchtime social clubs with King's pupils in the new OsKings' provision helping them build new friendships.

Osborne School, including OsKings' had an Ofsted inspection last week and whilst walking King's' School at lunchtime the inspectors were extremely complimentary about the integration during lunch break. They believed that integration between OsKings' pupils and King's pupils was largely because of the positive attitude and relationship between staff and pupils. The aim is to continue to develop opportunities to integrate, building on the positive start to the year.



## CONGRATULATIONS ZARA!

Well done to Zara Faizi Yr 8 who won the Hampshire Squash County Closed tournament for under 13 Girls on Sunday.





# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



KINGS' SCHOOL PUPILS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO

## WINCHESTER COLLEGE EVENING TALKS

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Weds 2 Nov: The Cameron Bespolka Memorial  
Wildlife Lecture: 'Across a Waking Land: A  
Long Walk through a British Spring' by Roger  
Morgan-Grenville

Thurs 10 Nov : Sara Wheeler and Douglas  
Russell talk about 'The Worst Journey in the  
World', a gripping account of Antarctic  
exploration on Scott's expedition

Tues 6 Dec: Dr Adam Rutherford from the  
BBCs 'Curious Cases of Rutherford and Fry'  
talks about human genetics

### 7-8PM

WINCHESTER COLLEGE  
COLLEGE STREET  
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## KSA NEWS

The latest KSA fundraising project will see our busy library receive a much needed update.. We will be sending surveys out shortly and value your opinion. We would hope to create a comfortable and inviting area for reading and learning.

More to follow shortly....



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

10TH OCT YR7 MEET THE TUTOR  
12/13TH OCT YR11 H&SC NURSERY VISIT  
13TH U12 GIRLS HOCKEY COUNTY TOURNAMENT  
17TH OCT YR8 CARE ASSESSMENTS  
17TH OCTOBER PARENTS INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION  
19TH OCT YR9 LAST ORDERS/HALL & TOWER PSHE  
24-28TH OCTOBER HALF TERM  
ICELAND TRIP/PE FOOTBALL RESIDENTIAL  
YR11 ART GALLERIES & MUSEUM PARIS  
SCIENCE YR9 EDEN PROJECT RESIDENTIAL



WE ARE RECRUITING  
Deputy Head of Year  
& Teacher of subject  
Head of History  
Lead Practitioner - History  
Teacher of Maths  
Teacher of Science  
Teacher of Business  
Teacher of PE  
Teacher of Computer  
Science  
Positive Behaviour  
Coordinator  
PE Technician  
Cover Supervisor  
Dining Room Assistant  
Community Supervisor  
Lifeguard