



UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

At the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, the school fell silent. Along with people throughout the country and around the globe, our pupils bowed their heads in respectful contemplation.

The service of Remembrance is a long-standing tradition at Kings' School and as in past years, we were privileged to be joined by members of the St Thomas' Old Boys Association. A number of retired members of staff attended together with parents of pupils who are current or retired members of the armed forces, our chair of the Board of Governors, Mr Colin Williams, along with our guest of honour, Mr Steve Brine MP.

Year 10s provided some beautiful poetry readings which were both poignant and thought-provoking, while Mr Dave Clarke, head of Music, accompanied the enthusiastic singing of the hymn and the National Anthem. Bridget Cooney, a Year 8 pupil, played an immaculate Last Post and Reveille on her cornet to book-end the two-minute silence that was observed throughout the school.

Main Hall capacity was such that it was filled with some 300 staff, pupils and guests but grateful thanks to Mr Sam Palmer, head of Media Studies, who live streamed the proceedings into all the classrooms, ensuring every pupil and every member of staff was able to feel a part of the event.

Once again we are indebted to the Rev Neil Birkett, a former deputy head of the school, for leading us in prayer and reflection. Following the service and the reading of the Kohima Epitaph and Exhortation, our guests and senior prefects retired to the library while our cadets planted markers in a Field of Remembrance at the top of the Middle Field.

Our school chef Mr Ian Wooldridge, and his catering team, provided a perfect centrepiece in the form of a beautifully iced cake and a selection of poppy seed cupcakes.

Both Mr Ben Culleton, School Business Manager, and Mrs Edyth Miles, Library Manager, who organised the event are gratified with the way in which the day's events proceeded so smoothly and are especially proud of the way in which our pupils conducted themselves.



We asked some Year 7 pupils what they thought about their first term at Kings'.....

My name is Memphis. I was really nervous before I started Kings'. My primary school was Oliver's Battery. I feel really good now I have started but I am still missing my primary school as you don't have to swap classrooms. My favourite clubs are Knitwits and Quiet club, both these clubs I really like because you get to make things like pom poms and crochet. My favourite classes are PE and Art because I like sports and I want to be an artist when I grow up. I have a lovely tutor group and the two best tutors. I am really looking forward to my time at Kings'.

My name is Caitlyn and I am in Year 7. Before I started at Kings' I felt really nervous. I came from St Peter's Primary. When I first started here I was nervous but I soon got used to things. I found the Peer Supporters really helpful. What I like about Kings' is they encourage you to be the best person you can be. Kings' also have a lots of clubs so there is one for everyone. Overall so far, I am having a great time at Kings' and I can already see myself improving to be a better person.

Hello, my name is Harry. I was quite nervous when I started Kings' but I have overcome the fear by doing after school clubs every day for example football, hockey and basketball. I have really enjoyed my time at Kings' and would really really recommend it.



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5 STARS FOR CATERING!

We had an unannounced inspection from the Food Standards Agency this month. They awarded our Food Hygiene & Safety Management System the full 5 stars! Well done to Ian and his team!



Remembrance cake

Homemade Toffee Apples



TUTOR READING PROGRAMME

This half term, the Tutor Reading Programme has been implemented across all Key Stage 3 tutor groups. This involves tutors reading to their tutees three times a week. The rationale behind the programme is to share a love of literature, to explore some exciting and challenging texts and to improve pupils' wider cultural knowledge. Research has shown that listening to fluent reading is advantageous for pupils' own literacy skills. Tutors will be supplementing the texts with explorations of the contexts and a focus on key vocabulary.

Currently, Year 7 and 8 are reading *Trash* by Andy Mulligan - *Trash* touches on the themes of inequality, poverty, corruption and friendship. There are a number of moral questions raised throughout the plot:

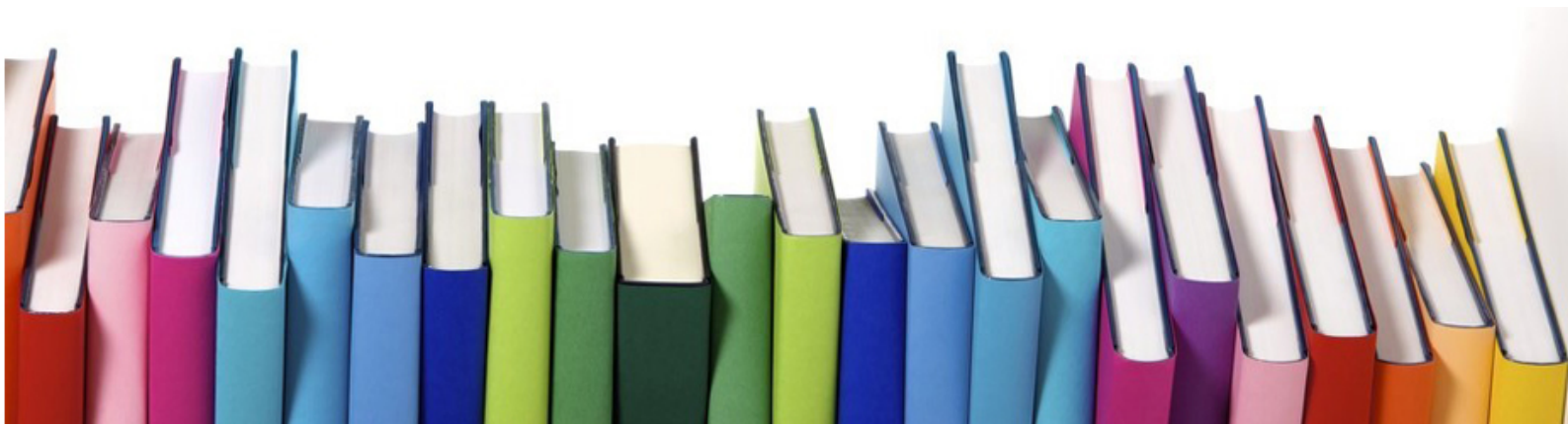
"Raphael is a dumpsite boy. He spends his days wading through mountains of steaming trash, sifting it, sorting it, breathing it, sleeping on it. Then one unlucky-lucky day, the world turns upside down. A small leather bag falls into his hands. It's a bag of clues. It's a bag of hope. It's a bag that will change everything. Soon he and his friends are running for their lives. Hounded by the police, it takes all their quick-thinking and fast-talking to stay ahead. As the net tightens, they uncover a dead man's mission to put right a terrible wrong. And it's three street-boys against the world..."

Year 9 are reading *Another Twist in the Tale* by Catherine Bruton. This novel explores the context of Victorian London which coincides with what the pupils are studying in English. Bruton vividly explores a depth of historical details- workhouses, slums and sweatshops and the starving street children exploited by criminal gangs. She exposes the social injustice, gender inequality and life-threatening poverty rife in Victorian London and does so using challenging vocabulary.

"This is the story of Twill Twist - and her journey through the gambling dens and workhouses of London, as she attempts to make a life for herself, rescue her friends, and uncover the mystery of her past - while meeting some familiar faces along the way."

Throughout the year, pupils will be working through a range of texts from different cultures and contexts.

We hope you are having some interesting conversations at home about the books they are listening to.



YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

The Year 11 team would like to congratulate the year group on successfully navigating their mock GCSEs. It was an intense period of assessment that was designed to replicate the real experience in the Summer Term, where there will be times when our pupils are tested with back to back exams on the same day! What we witnessed was a resilience and a mental toughness that is certainly needed in this situation and for this your sons and daughters should be commended.

It was particularly pleasing to see our most senior students adapting so quickly to the new arrangements prior to their exams. This resulted in the calm and purposeful atmosphere that we were aiming for and helped to settle any nerves that may have been lingering as the pupils entered the exam room.

There will of course be further assessments over the coming months where subject staff are looking to build on these experiences further, however, if pupils maintain high attendance levels between now and their final GCSEs then we can look forward with real confidence. Well done.

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U13 GIRLS' TENNIS COMPETE AT THE LTA AEGON REGIONAL FINALS

TENNIS

The Kings' U13 Girls' Tennis team competed in the Aegon South West Region tennis finals at the impressive Exeter University sports complex on 10th November. They qualified for this hugely prestigious event as a result of winning the Hampshire Division 1 league, thanks largely to a crucial win over city rivals St. Swithuns. They then progressed to the initial regional rounds where they enjoyed a good win over Wiltshire winners South Wilts Grammar School. In the regional final they unfortunately drew Talbot Heath, last year's competition winners who proved a bridge too far on this occasion and won comprehensively. But they picked themselves up superbly after this, beating Bishopstoke, from Wales, to round off an exhausting day by finishing third in the South West.



Don't forget our wonderful Christmas Carol Service at Winchester Cathedral on Tuesday 6th December.





RUBIK'S CUBE AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

On Tuesday 15th of November, Oskings' pupils were joined by Kings' student, Micah, in performing at the Royal Albert Hall, as part of the Music for Youth Proms 2022.

Rubik's Cube is Osborne School's rock choir, and Oskings' pupils continue to perform at events and shows with the choir. Micah, alongside two other Kings' pupils, has been joining in with weekly rehearsals at the Oskings' provision.

Rubik's Cube performed a medley of songs at the Royal Albert Hall to thunderous applause. Pupils sang and used Makaton sign language in their performance. Pupils Mikey O'Donnell and Oscar Galpin gave outstanding performances as the backing band.

Rubik's Cube will be performing at several events over the Christmas period including at the Winchester Market (13th December at 5.30pm) and at the Children and Young People Now Awards in London, on Thursday 24th of November.



SPOTLIGHT ON KINGS' STAFF

Mrs Katherine Wilde

Lead SENCO

Length of time at the school; Since Sept 2004 - 18 years!



What attracted you to a career in teaching?

I trained to become a teacher following a brief role on the graduate scheme at PriceWaterhouseCoopers. Having mentored some young people whilst at PWC, I realised that I had a passion for helping young people to achieve their potential and wanted to make a difference to their lives.

What makes this school different?

Kings' is a truly special school - staff genuinely care about all pupils and are really passionate about giving pupils the best possible outcomes.

What is unique about your role at the school?

My role as Lead SENCO is truly unique- I have the pleasure of working with pupils and families on an individual basis, understanding any difficulties that students face and trying to put plans in place to ensure that they are successful learners. I also have the opportunity to work with the Senior Leadership Team to shape the future of school support which is really exciting.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

18 Nov - KSA Comedy Night (tickets still available)

23 Nov - Year 10 Parents Information Evening

24 Nov - Old Year 11 Leavers Presentation Evening

25 Nov - INSET DAY

1 Dec - Christmas at Kings' Fayre

30 Nov - Spanish Exchange DBS Evening

6 Dec - Carol Service Winchester Cathedral



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WE ARE RECRUITING;

GOVERNOR
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY TEACHER
FOOD TECHNOLOGY TEACHER
BUSINESS TEACHER
COMPUTING TEACHER
SCIENCE TEACHER
DINING ROOM ASSISTANT
INVIGILATOR
LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT
COMMUNITY SUPERVISOR
LIFEGUARD

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THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2022

5.00PM - 7.00PM

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Christmas at Kings

COME ALONG AND
GET INTO THE
SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.

CRAFTS - HANDMADE GIFTS - LOCAL HONEY
GIN TASTING - MULLED WINE
CAROL SINGING - SWEETS & TREATS
FESTIVE FACE-PAINTING

Free entry