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NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



PRESENTATION EVENING

On Thursday 24th November we welcomed back the Class of 2022 to celebrate five years of hard work, dedication, and success, that culminated with this Summer's GCSE examinations. Despite all of the disruption to their education, they overcame, they succeeded, they achieved, and the numbers align to support their truly excellent outcomes.

- 83% of pupils achieved a Grade 4 or better in five subjects including Maths and English
- 32% of the Year group achieved grades 7-9 including English and Maths (up from 22% in 2019).
- 85% of the Year group have gone onto either Sixth Form or College; 11% have gone onto further education programmes and 4% have gone into traineeships or apprenticeships.

On behalf of the staff, we would like to thank the pupils for their hard work and dedication. Thank you, parents, for entrusting us with the development of their children. They leave Kings' as individuals with exceptional character - confident, determined and inspirational. We wish them all the happiness and success possible, as they embark on the next chapter of their young lives - well done to the Class of 2022!



KSA COMEDY NIGHT

The Comedy night was a great success with lots of laughter and a good night had by all. We raised £1,500 profit, all of which will be going to the library refurbishment.



No more FOMO - follow us on Instagram!

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NETBALL

A lovely spirit of friendly competitiveness was all pervading as the Under 14 netball tournament got underway here at Kings'. Eight teams participated, including our A, B and C teams who all represented Kings' with flair and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Perins School who went on to win the tournament after a 2 - 2 draw against Kings' A team.



MRS BERRIDGE

For all kinds of reasons life can, at times, be very stressful.

When personal issues and worries make it difficult to concentrate and cope with school, or your personal life, you may need some help. Mrs Berridge is the Guidance Manager and works with, supports and monitors and pupil with personal, social, emotional and or mental health issues that are affecting access to education. She has 14 years experience at Kings', holds a counselling skills qualification, and can offer individual support to give you an opportunity to share problems fears and worries, help you learn to cope and ensure you get the best out of school life.



Mrs Berridge is also one of the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) and liaises with parents and other professionals where appropriate.

MRS BAXTER



Mrs Baxter has worked at Kings' since 2017, initially working with pupils who suffer with anxiety around attending school. Before this, she was a Youth and Community Worker in a variety of settings across Winchester and beyond, including drop in centres and LGBTQ+ youth groups. Mrs Baxter enjoys supporting pupils throughout their time at Kings', helping them overcome the variety of obstacles that life can throw at us. She holds a PG Dip/JNC in Youth and Community work and studied Fine Art as her undergraduate subject. She enjoys finding new ways of helping people talk about their feelings, including using arts and crafts in her 1-2-1 sessions. In her spare time, Mrs Baxter enjoys cycling and days out with her husband and two children.

MRS A SKETCHER

Miss Sketcher has worked with vulnerable young people for 11 years. This has been both at Kings' and in other educational settings, including children who have found school challenging. She has worked with young people who have offended, and also as a youth engagement officer in a creative environment. Working with families, she understands how hard it can be for a young person in crisis and the demands of being a parent. She is a warm and friendly member of staff, here to support parents and young people. Miss Sketcher is in the final year of her Level 5 Counselling qualifications; in her spare time, she enjoys going to the theatre and walking her dog, Reggie.



MR D NICHOLS



Mr Nichols is a member of the Welfare Team and has been a Learning Support Assistant at Kings' School since March 2014.

He liaises with Sparsholt College and Peter Symonds College helping to set up Year 9 pupils who go on "2Day Release" courses during Years 10 and 11. He has three children -- all of whom were pupils at this school. In his last job Mr Nichols worked across Hampshire and The Isle of Wight where he spent time helping to sort out people's difficulties, upsets and grievances.

Out of school he enjoys running, cycling, walking his dog and supporting Southampton Football Club, home and away.

USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS

CAMHS

0300 304 0050

YOUNG MINDS PARENTS HELPLINE

0808 802 5544 FROM 9:30AM - 4PM
MONDAY - FRIDAY.

HAMPSHIRE YOUTH ACCESS

02382 147 755

FAMILY MEDIATION

023 9282 7026

BARNARDO'S

WWW.BARNARDOS.ORG.UK

YOUNG CARERS

01962 808339

SAMARITANS

116123

CAMHS EATING DISORDER TEAM

0900 304 0062
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-5PM



EMPLOYABILITY INTERVIEWS

Over two days in December, Year 11 Kings' pupils will participate in Employability Interviews to:

- prepare pupils for college and apprenticeship interview processes
- develop interview techniques, including effective questioning and answering
- raise self-confidence and an awareness of their personal skills, traits and achievements
- appreciate the importance of preparation and reflection in day to day life
- broaden career aspirations

Pupils have applied for interviews with professionals from a variety of career sectors:

Healthcare, AI, Software Engineering, Pharmaceutical, Life Sciences, Childcare, Veterinary, Law, Aviation, Business & Marketing, Sport, Hair & Beauty, Automotive, Investment Banking, Equine, Media, Music Production, Construction, Animal Management & Criminology

Feedback shows what a fabulous opportunity this is for pupils and employers:

"I had the pleasure of being involved in mock interview sessions with year 11 Kings' pupils. The pupils I interviewed were all so keen to find out about careers in the Legal profession and showed great potential to work in the sector."

"There was a real buzz as the room filled up with interviewers from a wide variety of professions. I was incredibly impressed by how well prepared the pupils were, many were very mature in their answering of questions and participate in such a wide range of extra- curricular activities that have helped develop their employability skills."

"I feel that one of the main benefits of the interviews was providing further guidance on Post 16 education and training options, in particular raising awareness of the degree apprenticeship opportunities available through employers. The interviews also gave less confident pupils a chance to practise talking about themselves in a non-jeopardy situation and realise that they had already achieved many things in their life that they could discuss at interview."

The initiative was not only of great benefit to the students but also to the various professions that were represented, by raising awareness, aspirations and challenging stereotypes.





SPOTLIGHT ON KINGS' STAFF

Name; Steve Russell

Role; Site Manager

Length of time at the school; Started in 2001



What do you enjoy most about working at the school?

The family feel amongst staff, we are all supportive of each other and the students are always polite.

What is unique about your role at the school?

Never two days the same, one day I can be building new classrooms or preparing the hall for exams and the next pumping water out of the flooded car park!

What do you hope to achieve while working at this school?

To make the school a better place for staff and students by continuing to improve the site alongside my team.

INSPIRING FUTURES



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

29 Nov - 6th Dec - Scholastic Book Fair

6 Dec - Carol Service Winchester Cathedral

7 Dec - House Swimming

7 Dec Primary Festival Girls Football

8 Dec - Yr11 Mock Interviews

9 Dec - Rock 2 The Beat Christmas Concert

12&13 Dec - Yr7-10 Drama Performance evening

13 Dec Yr7 Christmas lunch

14 Dec Yr 8/9 Christmas lunch

15 Dec Yr10/11 Christmas lunch

14 Dec - 'Beyond The Beat' Stanmore Primary

14 Dec-Music - Carol Singing Dover Care House

15 Dec - House Karaoke

15 Dec- Yr7 Drama Pantomime Mayflower

16 Dec- last day 12.25pm finish



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WE ARE RECRUITING;

TEACHER OF BUSINESS

TEACHER OF MATHS

COMMUNITY SUPERVISOR

DATA ADMINISTRATOR

DINING ROOM ASSISTANT

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE
FOR FURTHER DETAILS