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NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



Primary School Event



HOUSE EVENTS



GODWIN

STUART

NORMAN

TUDOR

This year, the House team have been working tirelessly to deliver more events than ever before, with a new House event every single week! Last term alone, the Houses of Stuart, Godwin, Norman and Tudor have battled it out in a huge range of arenas in sporting, artsy and gaming events, such as hockey, portrait drawing and Mario Kart. As a result, we have seen one of the most successful terms ever, with over one thousand two hundred students attending events between September and December.

But is this enough? Of course not! We need more! More events! More participants! More...more!

With that in mind, we have asked students what they wanted to see from the House system, resulting in new events such as House Super Smash Bros and House Table Tennis. We are also bringing back some of our old favourites. In just three weeks, Kings' will present its sparkling Glitterball Trophy in our epic dancing showdown, Strictly Kings' Dancing. Now is the time to get the dancing shoes on!

We are particularly excited about our annual Great Kings' Bake Off, in which students from across the school compete to create the best baked good and win the coveted title of 'Star Baker'. The guest judges are excitedly (and slightly nervously) anticipating tasting the baked goods that our students have to offer.

We cannot wait to see all of our Kings' pupils at the House events on offer this term.

PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENTS

On Weds 18th January, 17 Year 5&6 boys' football teams travelled to Kings' for an afternoon of competitive football. Teams were split into two pools with 6 games played constantly across the two hours. At the end of the pooled games, there was a semi-final involving Oliver's Battery, Weeke, Kings Worthy and Westgate. Kings Worthy and Westgate won their tightly fought games to make it through to a very passionate final! Following a lot of extra time and a very evenly matched final, Westgate reigned supreme (despite being beaten by Kings Worthy in their earlier pool). Lots of fun was had by all, alongside a lot of exposure to a hugely popular sport. A big thanks to all the staff, both at Kings,' and from the primary schools who go out of their way to make these things happen, as well as the support of many parents.

YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMINATIONS 2023

CONGRATULATIONS!

During the early stages of this term Year 10 completed their mock examinations. They were impeccably well behaved during the mock season so, well done to all. We hope this gave the students an insight as to what to expect in their formal Year 11 GCSE examination period and ease any anxiety around the examination period. The Year 10 office want to say how proud we are of the mature and responsible way that they coped during the mock exam period. Well done and thank you for looking after yourself and supporting those around you.

The way that students have observed the rules and expectations around the conduct of examinations and the way that they have responded to their teachers, support staff and our exams staff has once again been a source of great pride to the school.

On behalf of year 10 we would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bumstead, Mr Duckering and the invigilators for their tremendous team effort to organise and support the pupils through what was a very intense two weeks of exams.

Once again, a huge well-done year 10.

Mr Beale Deputy Head of Year 10



No more FOMO - follow us on Instagram!
KINGS_HANTS

KUNG HEI FAT CHOY!

Chinese New Year was celebrated at Kings' in style with a sumptuous menu for the pupils to enjoy. Options included vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free so everyone could join in! The dining room and serveries were decorated with traditional decorations to complement this fantastic lunch!



BOULDER BRIGHTON INTER SCHOOLS COMPETITION 2023

A new and exciting opportunity presented itself for 13 of our intrepid pupils last week. Boulder Brighton held an Inter Schools Competition which was a qualifying event of this national competition for secondary aged pupils from Years 7 to 13 as the blocs were set up for fearless teenage climbers in mind.

The format of the competition consisted of a 2-hour session where climbers could attempt 25 competition blocs. Climbers scored each of their set blocs by awarding themselves 7 points for reaching the zone areas and holding in control and 10 points for reaching the top of their route. An extra 2 points could be awarded for those climbers who completed a flash, reaching the top hold on their first attempts after leaving the floor.

It was incredible to see so many of our pupils showing off their bouldering talents, excelling in a different environment and turning heads across the walls.

Kings' School performed remarkably well but just missed out of qualifying for the next round of the Bouldering Inter Schools Competition, finishing in a very respectable 7th place. Ava Livermore was 3rd female for her age group and Zac Orton 4th male. Some very impressive scores for children new to the sport too.

Fingers crossed this is only the beginning of a new climbing adventure for Kings' School Winchester.



HEAD OF MATHS

MR STUART DUMBLETON

TIME AT KINGS' - 5 YEARS + 5 MONTHS



What attracted you to a career in teaching?

I was fortunate enough to go to a good school and had some excellent teachers. I always thought that one day I would get into teaching – but maybe as a 2nd career. After leaving university I decided to train as a teacher to get the qualification under my belt early. After 3 weeks in a classroom, I decided to opt for teaching as my 1st career! I loved it immediately! The interactions with pupils, the different challenges each day, and in Maths particularly, the “lightbulb” moments you get when a pupil understands how to apply a mathematical skill to a problem is such a rewarding thing.

What inspired you to teach at the school? What makes this school different?

During my training year, I had 2 placements at very contrasting schools. I decided I wanted to look for a school similar to my favourite placement. I was looking to move back to Southampton after moving home to do my teacher training so putting the two together I found Kings'. After 5 wonderful years here I decided to take on a new challenge as Head of Maths at another school in Southampton – a very contrasting school again! After 2 years there, the amazing opportunity to come back popped up as Head of Maths at Kings' School and I had to give it a shot. Thankfully, I hadn't burnt too many bridges and the school welcomed me back with open arms! There aren't many places of work or schools I have been in where everyone, no matter what position, is so friendly, welcoming, thoughtful and caring as the staff here at Kings' School. I genuinely love coming to work here and I don't know if everyone gets to say that about their job – I certainly wouldn't have come back if I didn't like it!

Tell us why pupils enjoy coming to your lessons?

Pupils enjoy coming to my lessons as I have the highest expectations for them. There are no ceilings for the pupils in my lessons. We go as far as I can take all pupils, no matter what class, what their “targets” are, what time of day it is or what day of the week it is! The numerous opportunities for success and challenge allow for many more of those “lightbulb” moments I mentioned earlier – the real enjoyment of Maths where you previously struggled with something you now understand. We look at real life problems regularly and I try to get them ready for not only their exams, but the big wide world out there too!

POETRY LIVE!

On Wednesday 25th January, a grey and misty morning, a group of Year 11 pupils and staff travelled to the Hexagon Theatre in Reading for Poetry Live! An experience like no other, Poetry Live! brings together the greatest living poets whose works are studied by our GCSE pupils. Instead of poring over the dry words on the printed page, analysing and annotating, they have the opportunity to hear these wonderful works brought to life by their very authors.

We heard from poets Imtiaz Dharker, Owen Sheers, Dhaljit Nagra, Simon Armitage (the current Poet Laureate) and John Agard, the "headline act" whose dramatic performance style brought the house down. But for one of our pupils, the highlight was seeing and hearing – and then meeting – former Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy. Imogen Millar asked permission to go backstage and have Ms Duffy sign the cast on her recently broken arm. Permission was granted, and Imogen was whisked backstage where she met Ms Duffy and gave her a gift of an onion – a reference to her poem Valentine. They discussed onion imagery as used by Dostoevsky in *The Brothers Karamazov*, how the vegetable represents love, generosity and humility.

"She's just a lovely woman. She deserves all the onions," said Imogen.

Others described the event as "magical" and "electric" and beneficial to their understanding of the poetry they are studying for their exams. Hearing teenagers whooping, applauding and cheering at a poetry reading is magical indeed.



YEAR 11 PETER SYMONDS COLLEGE INTERVIEWS

Our Year 11 pupils are busy applying for their post 16 options, including study at college and apprenticeships. Last week we were fortunate to have Peter Symonds College interview over 280 hopeful applicants and after five days of back-to-back appointments the task was complete. A great experience was had by all, with offers already flooding in. A huge thank you to the College Admissions Team for such a fantastic job!



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PROUDLY PRESENTS



SISTER ACT

AUDITIONS

TUES 24TH JAN- YR 7 & 8 MUSIC AUDITION. 3.15-5PM.

WED 25TH JAN- YR 7 & 8 DRAMA/MOVEMENT AUDITION. 3.15-5PM.

THURS 2ND FEB- YR 9, 10 & 11 MUSIC AUDITION. 3.15-5PM.

MON 6TH FEB- YR 9, 10 & 11 DRAMA/MOVEMENT AUDITION. 3.15-5PM.

CALL BACKS

WED 8TH FEB

THURSDAY 9TH FEB

FOR YOUR AUDITION, PLEASE PREPARE:

THE CHORUS FROM 'RAISE YOUR VOICE'- LISTEN ON YOUTUBE FROM 0.32-1.00.

"RAISE YOUR VOICE! LIFT IT UP TO HEAVEN! RAISE YOUR VOICE! COME ON, DON'T BE SHY! IF YOU FEEL IT, WHY CONCEAL IT? LET YOUR SOUL REJOICE! RAISE THE STAKES! RAISE YOUR GAME! RAISE YOUR VOICE!"

YOU DO NOT NEED TO PREPARE ANYTHING FOR THE DRAMA/MOVEMENT AUDITIONS.

MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKIN

LYRICS BY
GLENN SLATER

BOOK BY
CHERI
& BILL STEINKELLNER

ADDITIONAL BOOK MATERIAL DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE

BASED ON TOUCHSTONE PICTURES MOTION PICTURE "SISTER ACT" WRITTEN BY JOSEPH HOWARD

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk

NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGE?

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR? SIMON HOWES TELLS US WHY THIS COULD BE THE ROLE FOR YOU.

After 6 happy years of being a governor at Kings' I'm stepping down in February, and I'd like to ask you to consider becoming a governor and a part of the thriving future of this amazing school.

Being a governor means attending 2 or 3 evening meetings each term, reading reports and papers, and helping the school be the best it can. It's a strategic role and means asking questions and challenging staff to ensure we're doing the best for our pupils and staff. You may need to lead on a particular area and visit the school once a term, during the day, to check and query some activities.

All of that can sound quite dry but, for me, this is balanced with being able to encourage and support the school, and to see first-hand the difference it's making for the lives of local children.

It's a tough time in education and the staff team at Kings' need a strong and organised governor body. Plus, it needs to have a wide range of people and voices within it, to ensure it does an effective job.

So, please consider applying for a governor role, it will keep you busy, but it's incredibly rewarding and will enable the school to continue to grow in its mission to create Inspiring Futures, Exceptional Character and Academic Excellence. Our school motto is "Working together" - now's your chance.

Please click **here** for further details.



INSPIRING FUTURES



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

31 January - Yr9 Booster Jabs
31st Jan - 13 Feb - Art Exhibition - Cathedral
1 February - Yr9 Options Evening (online)
1 February - Industrial Action
2 February - House Strictly Kings' Dancing
7 February - House Bake Off - Godwin & Norman
7 February - Yr8 Parents Evening (online)
8 February - House Bake Off - Stuart & Tudor
10 February - Last day of term
13-17 February - **Half Term**



WE ARE RECRUITING;

Exams/Data admin officer
LSA
DRA
Cover Supervisor
IT Technician
IT apprentice
Site apprentice
PE teacher
Geography teacher
Business teacher
Governors
Community Supervisors
Invigilators

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER
DETAILS

WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO OUR

EXHIBITION

OF GCSE ART & TEXTILES WORK AT
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

FROM JANUARY 31ST
UNTIL
FEBRUARY 13TH
2023

FEATURING WORK INSPIRED BY VISITING ARTIST
IAN MURPHY



KIENZ'S



INSPIRED BY OUR CATHEDRAL

2023

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ANNOUNCING OUR GRAND

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 2023

10.30 - 2.00PM

KINGS' SCHOOL,
ROMSEY ROAD,
SO22 5PN



SAVE THE DATE

THE BEST DAY OUT IN WINCHESTER