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NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



'OUT OF THE BLUE'

MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Welcome back to a new term! I hope that everyone had a wonderful time during the festive break. It has been great to see so many young people return with such enthusiasm for their learning. We have started 2023 with Year 10 mock exams which will continue until 20th January. We have been really impressed with the dedication and focus shown by all. We have also commenced our new House activities and there are plenty of fun-filled activities over the coming term. At the time of writing, all year groups will have competed in the House Smash Bros. gaming competition and House Benchball competition.

Although we have just returned from Christmas, we are already starting the planning process for this year's Summer Fayre, and there will be more on that at a later date. In the mean time, please save the date - it will be held on Saturday 10th June. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new staff members: Connor Breen, Deputy Head of Year and Teacher of PE, Felicity Swift, Teacher of Science, Michael Palframan, Teacher of Maths, Hayley Eiles, Head of Year and Teacher of Science, Stephen Tibble, Head of History, Kelly Cox, Positive Behaviour Coordinator, and Kevin Gregory, Design Technician. I am sure you will join me in wishing them a warm welcome to the Kings' family.

I wish you all the very best for 2023!

Best wishes,

James

MUSIC NEWS

In December, we were delighted to welcome Oxford University's choral group 'Out of the Blue' to Kings' to lead a vocal workshop with members of our chamber choir. Pupils learnt various vocal techniques and thoroughly enjoyed the day



WINCHESTER HOCKEY CLUB

Winchester Hockey Club was formed in 1891, making them the oldest club in Hampshire. The club's President, Simon Hazlitt competed for Great Britain at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and more recently, Rob Moore continues to represent the club, having been a key part of the GB team at both the Beijing (2008) and London (2012) Olympics. The club fields seven men's sides in addition to four ladies teams, alongside numerous junior and indoor hockey teams. The Men's 1st XI compete in the South Central Premier Division 1, whilst the ladies are in South Central Division 1. In 2009 the Men's 1st XI won the senior Hampshire Cup following a famous 3-2 win over National League Fareham. They trumped this four years later by claiming the club's first National silverware after beating Ashbourne, Derbyshire in the England Hockey National Vase final. WHC continues to enjoy a very close relationship with Kings' School, using the astro turf pitch for weekly training sessions across both the adult and junior sections on every night of the week, and in a full fixtures programme running across both Saturday and Sunday. The club's main demographic of juniors within the U12-U18 section is from Kings' School pupils and many also give generously to help with Under 8 and Under 10 sessions and tournament matches on a Sunday morning. The club benefits enormously from sponsorship packages from Kings' alumni Rob Craddock (Craddock Design and Build) and Ed and James Hallet (Happy Hot Tubs) whose generosity supports the adults and junior sections respectively.

The Sports Centre at Kings' School in Winchester, Hampshire, has some of the best sporting facilities in the area that have benefited the pupils at the school since their opening in 2000. The facilities at Kings' are also open to the public outside of school hours and are currently utilised by several clubs and organisations in the area.

Our lettings are open 7 days a week with closures only during bank holidays and extended opening hours during school holidays. There is ample parking available onsite and our friendly staff are always available to help.

All our facilities can now be booked online with each facility page having detailed information about what we have available.

Please see our website for further details - [LINK](#)



No more FOMO - follow us on Instagram!

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CHARITY BEGINS AT.....KINGS'

We are very proud of Mrs Heaney's Year 7 class. At the end of last term, 7HNY had £25 to spend on a Christmas party, but the majority of the tutor group chose to only spend £10 on themselves and the rest of the money, £15, was donated to charity. The pupils decided on the charity championed by England International footballing hero, Marcus Rashford, FareShare. Such concern for the welfare of others is a wonderful quality - thank you 7HNY.



GCSE ART EXHIBITION AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

31 JANUARY - 13TH FEBRUARY

The Art Department are delighted to announce their 2nd exhibition of GCSE Art at Winchester Cathedral from January 31st until February 13th 2023. Pupils have produced pieces of work, which have been inspired by visits to the cathedral during the past two terms and by the Artist Ian Murphy, who came in to school during the summer term and ran a bespoke workshop for our pupils with this exhibition in mind. Some of our pupils went to Paris during October half term in search of further inspiration and some travelled further afield during their summer holidays, collecting first hand resources. I am absolutely thrilled to see the progress our pupils have made over the last term and the standard of work they have produced is exceptional. I do hope that family and friends of our pupils will be able to attend the exhibition during the two weeks to see our pupils' wonderful achievements.

Mrs Z Churcher - Head of Art



PRAYER ROOM

Kings' has recently established a Multi-Faith Prayer Room, located in the Maths corridor. This was necessary in order to maintain the promotion of fair and equal opportunities for everyone in the school, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. Article 9 of the Human Rights Act 1998 tells us that we need to protect the rights of people to take part in religious worship and we at Kings' are proud to respect these human rights.

We recognise that prayer is an integral part of many faiths and enables our pupils the opportunity to develop their religious practice. This room is available for nurturing healthy religious identities for pupils of all faiths. Whilst small, the Prayer Room can safely accommodate up to five people at a time to pray at prescribed times.



KINGS' VIRTUAL LIBRARY - INTRODUCING SORA

As well as the outstanding collection of books, magazines and other resources to be found in our fabulous, physical library, we also have an excellent eLibrary, which pupils can access anywhere, anytime, across multiple devices.

If your children have not yet signed up for our wonderful eReader platform, now is the perfect time to do so. As well as a great range of popular books for teens there are also magazines and audio books, which are perfect for long car journeys. SORA also has a range of reading materials in languages other than English, including French, Spanish, German, and Ukrainian.

Rest assured that all the content available to borrow is thoroughly vetted by librarians at the Hampshire School Library Service and that all material is age appropriate.

Pupils can go directly to the platform via the SORA button on their launch pad. To download to a mobile device, search your playstore for SORA.. The school to select is "Kings' School Winchester" – watch out, there are other schools with the word 'Kings' in their name, but only one in Winchester!

Pupils then log in with their usual school credentials and that's it!

Any problems, just email Mrs Miles on E.Miles@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk

[SORA Youtube LINK](#)



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

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NAME: LISA BENNOCH

JOB TITLE; FINANCE MANAGER



LENGTH OF TIME AT KINGS' - 2.5 YEARS

What attracted you to a career Finance?

After achieving a qualification in HR, I then studied with the AAT for my accounting qualification. I started at Kings' as a Finance Assistant, then achieved a promotion to the HR Officer role. Through the support and encouragement of my colleagues I applied and was successful in moving back to Finance as the Finance Manager.

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

Being the only school I have worked in, I can't say what makes Kings' different. However, I can say that I believe this school is special. Every one of my colleagues, whether they are involved in support and teaching, administration or looking after the site, do everything in their power to make it the wonderful, caring, and welcoming place it is.

What do you enjoy most about working at Kings'

The people I get to work with every day make my role enjoyable. Working with people that go above and beyond to ensure every pupil receives the best outcomes possible during their time at Kings' is truly inspiring. I know that my Finance team provide an excellent and invaluable service to the school and I enjoying seeing the benefits of our hard work through the enrichment of our pupils' lives with us.



Parent Support Programme

NEW

6-7.30pm

Tuesday 7th February 2023

Only £5
to attend!

Topic - Adolescence

Quakers meeting house, 16 Colebrook St, Winchester

Continuing with different topics on the first Tuesday of each month



Winchester Youth Counselling, in partnership with Solent Mind, will be delivering monthly information sessions on a variety of topics for parents/carers in the Winchester district. The sessions will be delivered by clinical experts and will provide an opportunity to meet other parents/carers who support children or young people experiencing mental health and/or emotional difficulties.

To book or for more information please contact
psp@winchesteryouthcounselling.org



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KINGS' SCHOOL PUPILS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO

WINCHESTER COLLEGE

EVENING TALKS



NEW HALL
WINCHESTER COLLEGE
SO23 9NG

Rewilding with Sir Charles Burrell and Derek Gow Tues 31 Jan 7-8pm

Sir Charles Burrell and Derek Gow talk about the power of rewilding and landscape-based solutions to transform the British countryside.

Book your place at:
bit.ly/WCRewild



or using the QR code:

Alan Lovell, Chair of the Environment Agency Wed 22 Mar 7-8pm

In a year where damage to the environment by water companies and other corporate entities has been much discussed, we are pleased to welcome Sir Alan Lovell who has recently been appointed Chair of the Environment Agency. He discusses the importance of regulation and the role of the Environment Agency in addressing the threats to environmental commons.

Book your place at:
bit.ly/WCEnvAg



or using the QR code:

INSPIRING FUTURES



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 9 - 20 January - Yr10 Mocks
- 16-20 January - Yr11 Peter Symonds Interviews
- 17 January - U13 Girls Indoor Cricket
- 18 January - Primary Festival Netball
- 18 January - Primary Festival Boys' Football
- 19 January - House Yr7/8 Table Tennis
- 19 January - House Yr9/10 Smash Bros
- 24 January - Sparsholt College Taster Day
- 25 January - English Yr11 Poetry Live
- 25 January - Cross Country Yr3/4/5/6 Primary
- 26 January - Yr0 Winchester College Trip - Latin
- 26 January - House Just Dance
- 26 January - Yr11 Parents Evening - online

WE ARE RECRUITING

TEACHING

TEACHER OF MATHS
HEAD OF FACULTY FOR
LANGUAGES
TEACHER OF BUSINESS
TEACHER OF ENGLISH
DEPUTY HEAD OF YEAR &
TEACHER OF SUBJECT

SUPPORT

DATA AND EXAMS OFFICER
DINING ROOM ASSISTANT
CLEANER
LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT
COMMUNITY SUPERVISOR

Please see our website for further details.

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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