



UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



EQUALITY AND RIGHTS ADVOCATES



Hampshire Equality and Rights Advocates (EARA) is a group of students from secondary schools across the county who work collaboratively to promote equality and child rights in their schools, based on the nine protected characteristics of the Equality Act and the UNCRC. We present to students, teachers, governors and parents in our school communities and come together once a term to share our work and discuss ways forward. The group have designed a badge which unites us together.

We are an active student voice group in our schools, which supports Article 12 of the UNCRC which says that children and young people have the human right to have opinions and for these opinions to matter.

The most recent meeting took place on Wednesday 8th March when our EARA group travelled to Deer Park Secondary School. Together with representatives from eight other Hampshire schools we listened to an excellent talk by guest speaker, Liz Hubbuck, from the Office of the Police and Crime Commission Youth Division. The talk centred on the subject of Hate Crime and Hate Incidents, and how to differentiate between them, as well as what to do in the event of hearing or seeing a hate crime.

The Kings' EARA group then presented our findings from our recent survey on Attitudes towards LGBTQ+ people within the school. The survey was completed by over 500 pupils and staff and gave an insight into the way people think and feel about this important issue. We have concluded from our findings that more needs to be done on the subject of what it means to be an ally, and we hope to address this in future assemblies.

Car Park Upgrade

Starting from Monday 20th March, contractors will be working in the Kings' School main car park and surrounding area, adding additional parking spaces, landscaping and planting around the OsKings' building, and planting new trees elsewhere on the premises. Parents/carers and visitors should be mindful that whilst the car park will remain open, there will be a reduction in staff parking capacity for 4 weeks. The work is expected to finish in time for the start of the summer term on 17th April.

This is an excellent opportunity to improve our staff parking facilities and add more trees to our green and pleasant site. There will also be an improvement to the front of the school as bushes will be planted alongside the front fence beside OsKings'. We welcome the addition of tree restoration as we play a small part in tackling the climate crisis.

Changes to school uniform provider

Due to the changes in Government guidance concerning the cost of school uniform, we have taken the decision to make changes to our uniform and the way it is purchased. This will be a transitional change, leading up to 2027, so uniforms of current pupils will not require changing. More details are provided in the attached letter click [here](#).

ANTIBULLYING

Kings' School - working together to build our safe environment

At the heart of school family is a desire to ensure that all of our pupils feel safe and happy when they are on site. We continue to focus on this within school on a day to day basis.

Over this academic year we have worked hard to give pupils greater peace of mind around safeguarding and bullying. We have added a variety of different ways in which pupils can report any concerns and in our Personal Development Curriculum, we have ensured that educating our pupils about equality, diversity and inclusion is central.

We are also very excited that our Pupil Leadership Team, have decided to undertake a legacy project around equality and bullying. In the coming weeks they will be launching this to pupils, with ideas like a 'pupil drop in' clinic hosted by the Pupil Leadership team and other prefects - giving other pupils a safe space to raise more general concerns.. Within these sessions the Pupil Leadership Team will be offering advice on the best people and places to go to in school for support with their worries. In addition to this, their aim is to train Anti-bullying ambassadors within Years 7 – 10. These pupils will help deliver the message around the importance of equality to their own year groups. The Pupil Leadership Team are hopeful that by creating these ambassadors it will allow their introductory work to continue once they leave. They are looking forward to their first assembly to get their message out to the rest of the school. In the words of Allison, (Deputy Head Girl). "Change starts with you, change starts with us, and change starts with everyone here at Kings', so as the Pupil Leadership Team we are going to start to work together on this, we are excited to be part of this legacy project."

We are confident this will further empower the pupils here at Kings' to actively support our inclusive ethos and ensure that the message around zero tolerance to bullying is supported by our whole community. We know that none of this is done in isolation and we are grateful to all our pupils' families for emphasising the same message in their homes. Working together, we are building a strong, safe and secure environment for all our pupils, both in school and in their surrounding communities.



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



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SPRING CONCERT 2023

MONDAY 27TH MARCH - 7PM

SCHOOL HALL

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased via your son/daughter in the Music Corridor at lunchtimes. Tickets are priced at £4 each.



Tickets on sale in Bradbury Block at lunchtimes.

There has been a flurry of high quality sporting activity at Kings' in the last few weeks. The Under 12s, right through to Under 16s boys' hockey teams gave a good account of themselves at the Hampshire Hockey cup tournaments at Southampton Sports centre and in many instances were the sole state school represented. Boys' football is enjoying something of a purple patch with three of our sides through to the Hampshire cup semi-finals and our new rugby specialist Mr Breen oversaw the Under 15s narrowly defeated 14-7 by local rivals Westgate in the Hampshire Cup Semi final. His reflections of the game are as follows: 'A really well fought game of rugby with some incredible attacking skill and defensive work rate by both teams. Good luck to Westgate in the next game'. Elsewhere in rugby the Under 12s and Under 13s competed well at their respective Hampshire festivals, finishing in the top pool.

On the girls' side the hugely talented, seemingly all conquering, Under 12 netball side are through to the next round of the Hampshire Youth Games after a 100% win rate at their recent tournament. Both they and the much improved U13s enjoyed recent wins at Swanmore. The annual domestic netball tour for dozens of keen players to Liddington, led by Miss Cook with a full supporting cast of staff, ran last week. Girls' rugby has also enjoyed some recent success with a win over Toyntee in a very high scoring game.

And finally a huge well done to all the pupils who, despite the recent drop in temperatures and the disruption of the recent exams, have continued to attend clubs, practices, fixtures and tournaments in huge numbers: they have been a joy to work with.



U15 Boys' Rugby



U12 Boys' Rugby



U14 Girls' Rugby



U13 Boys' B Hockey



U13 Boys' Football

NETBALL TOUR 2023

Last weekend 74 pupils travelled to PGL Liddington for their annual Netball tour. The weekend was full of lots of competitive netball matches against schools from across the country and many fun filled adventurous activities such as giant swing, trapeze, and archery. All pupils showed great netball skills and tactics over the two-day tournament, however our Year 7B and Year 9A team went through to the semi finals and were both awarded 3rd place overall which is a great achievement for Kings' School.



STAFFING NEWS

As you are aware Mr Rob Jeckells our Deputy Headteacher has been on a secondment to The Clere School since January. I am delighted to announce that he has secured his first Headship in a Hampshire school, which will start in September.

I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Rob the very best for his future, he will be sorely missed by staff and pupils at Kings'. The school will be formally recognising the significant contribution that Mr Jeckells has made over the past 31 years at the end of the summer term. If you would like to pass on any message please email; kings'.school@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk



MISS TESSA PLAYER

HEAD OF ENGLISH AND PSYCHOLOGY

TIME AT KINGS' - ALMOST 20 YEARS



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

At Kings' we really value the whole child – as a keen netball player in my free time, I was attracted to a school that encourages pupils to take part in a huge range of activities outside the classroom whilst also offering an unusually wide range of options academically. Teaching at Kings' means I can teach Psychology as well as English: a fascinating subject that deals with key issues that impact our everyday lives. Pupils at Kings' have the opportunity to take option subjects that are wide and varied and allow them to explore different skills and knowledge. This is rare in secondary schools in 2023.

What do you enjoy most about working at Kings'?

Team English! We are a large Department, filled with colleagues from many different walks of life. Working with such a committed group of teachers who are determined to do their best for our pupils is pretty inspirational. We support each other through all aspects of our teaching lives and often socialise outside of school. We are a cohesive group of people who like nothing better than a heated discussion - be it about literature or football!

Tell us why pupils enjoy coming to your lessons?

Hopefully they enjoy lively, engaging class discussions undertaken with good humour and detailed subject knowledge. I hope they also benefit from knowing the clear boundaries in my class and that I will have the highest expectations of them at all times. There is always plenty of opportunity to practise and to be successful.



MUSIC PERFORMANCE



We have organised, on behalf of a selection of OsKings' pupils, a special music performance in aid of the British Red Cross on Tuesday 21st of March 2023 at 7pm.

A selection of pupils from OsKings' have been practising Rock music in their lunchbreaks. The pupils have asked for an opportunity to perform in a professional setting, and to perform songs that match their musical interests.

The OsKings' pupils have decided that they could use this event to raise money for the British Red Cross. Steamtown in Eastleigh have kindly allowed us to use their venue for free, so there will be no charge for entry. Any students wanting to attend will need to be closely supervised at all times, and if attending, must come with a parent or responsible adult.

If you're interested in attending, please bring some spare change for the donation and please email b.dlugokecki@osborne.hants.sch.uk with the approximate number of attendees.



No more FOMO - follow us on Instagram!
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 21 MARCH - PRIMARY SCHOOL YR1/2 ENDBALL
- 22 MARCH - PRIMARY SCHOOL FESTIVAL NETBALL AND HOCKEY
- 22 MARCH - YR11 STUDY SKILLS EVENING
- 23 MARCH - YR10 POWER OF LOVE PSHEE
- 24 MARCH - SPRING CONCERT REHEARSAL
- 27 MARCH - SPRING CONCERT REHEARSAL AND CONCERT
- 28 MARCH - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING P1
- 29 MARCH - H&S NURSERY TRIP
- 30 MARCH - YR11 INTERIM REPORT HOME
- 30 MARCH - KINGS' GOT TOUGH
- 31 MARCH - HAMPSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE ROCK TO THE BEAT
- 31 MARCH - LAST DAY OF TERM**
- 2 APRIL - HOLLAND HOCKEY TOUR
- 17 APRIL - FIRST DAY BACK**
- 18 APRIL - PE GCSE MODERATION
- 18 APRIL - ARDECH PARENTS' EVENING (ONLINE)
- 26 APRIL - PRIMARY SCHOOL FESTIVAL MULTI SKILLS
- 27 APRIL - YR7/8 HOUSE BASKETBALL
- 28 APRIL - TRANSITION COFFEE AFTERNOON
- 28 APRIL - YR9/10 HOUSE QUIDDITCH



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WE ARE RECRUITING;

TEACHER OF BUSINESS
IT TECHNICIAN
COVER COORDINATOR/ADMIN
ASSISTANT
MATRON

PLEASE SEE OUR
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DETAILS



Volunteer **police cadets**

We need more leaders & cadets!

Our units cover:

- Portsmouth North
- Portsmouth South
- Havant & Petersfield
- Gosport
- Isle of Wight
- Hedge End
- Southampton
- New Forest
- Winchester
- Basingstoke
- Andover



- Free to join & all uniform provided
- Weekly 2 hour session (term time)
- Volunteer opportunities at big events
- Learn new skills
- Make friends
- DofE sign up (optional)
- Awards & certificates
- Boost confidence
- Leadership promotions
- Meet VIPs

Cadets aged from 13-18 years old

Leaders from 18+

enquire via the email address below:

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