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NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



House Just Dance

KINGS' QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2023, 6.30PM

FUN, FILLED QUIZ AND A CURRY SUPPER FOR £15.00.

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FROM THE EVENTS LINK IN OUR BIO.



It's back again, get ready for a fantastic night out on 17th March. It's Kings' Quiz Night.

For those of you new to the school, this is a fun Quiz, which is accessible to all, and everyone can have a go. You don't have to be super brainy, all questions are either multiple-choice, percentages or guess the year. There's lots of fun and laughter.

Tickets are £15 and include a Chicken Balti Supper or a Vegan option. There's a bar all night.

Doors open at 6.30pm, supper is at 7.15pm and the Quiz starts at 8pm. We usually wrap up by 10:30pm. For those wanting to block book, it'll be tables of 8.

It's a popular event, so get your tickets quickly from the PTA website: www.pta-events.co.uk/kingssa



A little bit you may not know about our relationship with Sparsholt College.....

Sparsholt College is a further educational establishment located approximately five miles north west of Kings' School, which was established on its present site in 1914. Primarily it is known as an Agricultural College.

Each autumn the Head of Year at Kings' School has identified a small group of pupils in Year 9, whom it is believed would benefit from the opportunity of studying vocationally based courses at Sparsholt College as day-release options throughout Years 10 and 11.

Presently our pupils enrol on LINKS 14/16 entry level qualifications in Animal Care, Horse Care or Motor Vehicle Studies.

Interested pupils have a taster day at the college, followed by a written application and a formal interview.

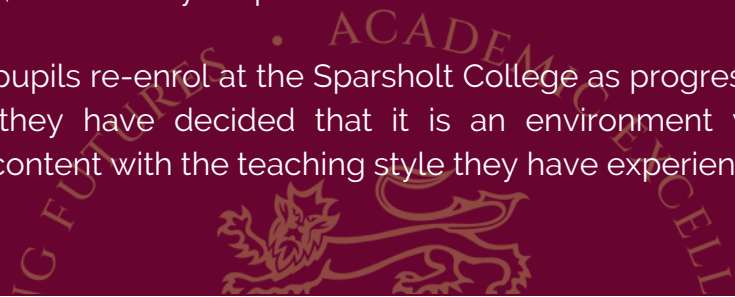
The courses are a blend of practical / physical skills and classroom studies. Each course has approximately twelve pupils. This allows our pupils to develop their interpersonal and communication skills, and further teaches them the value of working as a member of a team to achieve their objectives.

Since 2014, 120 Kings' pupils have studied on LINKS courses at external colleges. Our pupil experiences are overflowing with success stories and evidence of achievement.

On two occasions in the past five years our pupils have found that they are the only Kings' pupil studying on their course. Each has been the only person in their school cohort of 350 to have achieved their particular qualification.

Last year, one of our Year 11 pupils won the "Best Student" Award on the motor vehicle course. He is now studying at a higher level in the motor vehicle department at Basingstoke College of Technology, working as an apprentice with a local garage, with a vision two years into the future of further specialising in electric motor cars. Using his Sparsholt experience he has mapped out a clearly defined career path, matched by his personal determination to succeed.

The majority of the Kings' pupils re-enrol at the Sparsholt College as progression to a higher level in their chosen area as they have decided that it is an environment with which they are comfortable and they are content with the teaching style they have experienced.



ACTIVITY DAYS

Following on from the success of Activities Days in 2022, we are pleased to be running this event again in 2023. There is a slight change from last year, as this year's activities will run on Wednesday 19th July and Thursday 20th July. Friday 21st will be a half day with all pupils being in school.

There is a broad and balanced range of activities available from which you and your child can choose. We are sure that our Activities Days will give your child the opportunity to work with staff and peers in an enriched, more relaxed and practical environment.

These amazing, sometimes life changing activities, are a very important part of our school curriculum and as such, full attendance is both essential and mandatory. Pupils who are absent will be processed through the normal school attendance policy.

You can book your activities through the following link;
<https://kingswinchester.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The booking system will close on Thursday 16th March, and you will be unable to make any changes to your places after this date. Payments will be set up on parentpay after this date.



PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENTS

On Wednesday 22nd February, 9 primary schools attended the Year 5&6 girls football tournament at Kings'. It was a fantastic display of 'Lioness' football with a total of 57 goals scored across the afternoon. A big congratulations to the tournament winners, Kings Worthy Primary School who fought off a very closely contested South Wonston! It was fantastic to see such a superb standard of girls' football and we look forward to many of the pupils joining us in future years!



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SPRING CONCERT 2023

MONDAY 27TH MARCH - 7PM

CATHEDRAL ARTWORK

For the second time, Kings' School pupils have had the opportunity to exhibit their work in the majestic surroundings of Winchester Cathedral. "Inspired by our Cathedral" brought together Artwork produced by our GCSE students.

They created a unit of work, resulting in a final piece, inspired by Winchester Cathedral. On a number of occasions over the summer and throughout the autumn term the students visited the Cathedral to gather photographs and sketches to inspire them in their work. They have had extensive tours with the cathedral guides, learning about the history, the architecture, the spiritual ethos and the art of this unique building. This has helped to create some long lasting and valuable connections and was an integral part of the initial brief in encouraging the students to become familiar with the cathedral. Some of the pupils have also visited Paris as part of their research for this unit and others have travelled further afield over the summer and autumn term collecting resources and being inspired by cathedrals in other countries.

The students have explored a rich and varied range of media, techniques and processes in their aim to create a thought provoking exhibition that will challenge the audience and engage them with their surroundings. Students took part in a workshop with visiting artist Ian Murphy as part of the programme of study for this unit, with kind sponsorship by Winchester Arts Society. It gave the students a sound understanding of how an artist works in the real world along with invaluable experience of using more diverse techniques and materials. The work in the exhibition includes Art and Textiles, based on a brief that incorporates the themes of "Hidden Figures", "Colour", "Pattern and Texture", "Architecture" and "Illumination".

We are delighted to have a second chance to reconnect with the cathedral and exhibit the students' work here. This initiative was born from a desire to develop closer connections with the Cathedral and the community and to show the students the wonderful resource that is on their doorstep. Whilst most of our students live in or around Winchester, many of them had not visited the Cathedral before this project. The Cathedral is at the very heart of our community and as such should be appreciated and enjoyed by all. The richness of the Cathedral and its contents gave all the students a wealth of resources that have been used to great effect to create a stunning display of preparatory studies and finished pieces.

Kings' School would like to offer their sincere thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral for welcoming us and allowing this exhibition to take place.



CAN YOU HELP?

The Art Department are looking for your help. We are excited to tell you that we are in the process of planning a major sculpture project, in order to create some amazing installations that will be placed around the school site. Our aim is to run a series of workshops with visiting Artists/Sculptors where students will be involved in the design process of a possible outcome, whilst experiencing working with new techniques, materials and processes.

We would like to ask our parents/carers if they would like to contribute in any way to this undertaking. We are aware that we have many talented Artists and Sculptors within our community and we would really value the opportunity to have you work with us on this exciting initiative. If you feel that you may have something to offer, please do contact Mrs Z Churcher – Head of Art . We will be delighted to hear from you.



Introducing our Pupil Support Co-ordinators

We are delighted to be able to introduce new roles and responsibilities within the Pupil Support Department.

INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY COORDINATOR - JO NASH

I am Jo Nash and I am a long-standing member of staff from Pupil support. I love being part of a small team that carry out physio programmes during the school day.

In my new role I help run an afterschool wheelchair basketball club that is open to all. We have 10 sports wheelchairs that we are able to use. Come and have a go on a Monday after school in the gym. I am passionate that our SEND and FSM pupils have opportunities in all sport and activities whilst at Kings'. My aim in my role is to increase participation across the school by working with staff and students to help them get more vulnerable students involved.



LITERACY AND DYSLEXIA COORDINATOR - JENNY CANN



I am Jenny Cann and I am the new Dyslexia and Literacy Co-Ordinator in Pupil Support. I have worked as an LSA at Kings for the past 8 years and my role has developed over that time to include dyslexia screening and supporting pupils with dyslexia and literacy difficulties. In my new role, I will be continuing to screen pupils for dyslexia and support them with strategies for effective learning. I will also be working closely with Lucy Marsh to identify pupils who would benefit from some support with Literacy and then delivering that support in the form of 1:1, group, and classroom settings.



NUMERACY AND ICT COORDINATOR- AMY HORSMAN

I am Amy Horsman and I am the new Numeracy & ICT Co-Ordinator in Pupil Support and have been an LSA at Kings' for 3 years. Many of you will know me as Amy Bell, but after getting married in the Summer I have decided this is the perfect opportunity to make the change. In my new role I will be working alongside Pupil Support and the Maths Department to identify and support pupils with dyscalculia and numeracy difficulties, providing intervention in 1-1 and small group settings. To begin with this will involve lots of research and trials of resources and methods to help us find the best ways of identifying and supporting those pupils most in need. In addition, I will be assisting pupils and staff around the use of technology and software to access learning through programmes such as DocPlus and Claro Reader, providing additional support during exam seasons



EAL COORDINATOR - ALINA ABYZOVA

I am Alina Abyzova and I am the new EAL (English as Additional Language) coordinator in Pupil Support. My surname is hard to spell or remember. Pupils know me as Miss AAA. I've been working at Kings' as an LSA since November 2019, and as an LSA with EAL responsibility since January, 2021. In my new role – an EAL coordinator – I will be responsible for coordinating the provision for EAL students which involves supporting their integration and learning as well as supporting subject teachers. I believe in an inclusive, multicultural, diverse school community where bilingualism is seen as an asset as each EAL pupil brings along a unique language, cultural and education background, and individual personality. I would be happy to hear your thoughts and ideas on how to make our school even more EAL-friendly. Please come and find me to discuss all things EAL.



INCLUSIVE LEARNING COORDINATOR - LISA SMITH

I am Lisa Smith, and I am the Inclusive Learning Coordinator, based in the Tower. I have worked at Kings' coordinating provision for pupils in BASE and now in HUB for 5 years. I work with pupils who find transition to secondary School more challenging. I support pupils with strategies to aid their confidence so that they can work independently and successfully in class. I work in collaboration with Pupil Support, Welfare, Heads of Year, class teachers and am part of the Inclusive Learning Department. The pupils I work with follow the curriculum, with lessons being shared by their timetabled teachers which I deliver in the calm, quiet environment of HUB.



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

The Pakistani and Indian community in Hampshire came together in a gesture of friendship and unity to host an Indo-Pak food festival on Sunday 26th Feb to raise funds for the Turkey/Syria earthquake disaster relief and Southampton Children's Hospital. The food fair included a wide range of home cooked food from the entire sub-continent, and also featured live music, henna and face painting stalls and a lucky dip raffle. More than 1300 people attended the festival, from local radio station to the Mayor of Eastleigh, to sample the huge variety of homemade authentic traditional snacks, meals and desserts. From Kings' School, Mrs Hussain and Mrs Jain cooked and served beautiful platters of home family favourites for their incredibly successful food stalls, while Mrs Rauf acted as a volunteer in the lucky dip stall and in the overall smooth running of the fair. A few of Kings' staff and pupils also attended the fund raiser which was widely appreciated by the community and wonderfully celebrated by all. All the food stalls completely sold out, a testimony to the success of this fund raiser.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 7 MARCH - TEENAGE BOOSTER CATCH UP YR9/10/11
- 7 MARCH - YR11 LATIN TRIP WINCHESTER COLLEGE
- 7 MARCH - YR10/11 BLOOD BROTHERS THEATRE TRIP
- 8 MARCH - PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENT GYMNASTICS
- 9 MARCH - YR9/10 HOUSE BADMINTON
- 9 MARCH - SPANISH EXCHANGE PARENT/PUPIL MEETING
- 13/14 MARCH - YR10 GEOGRAPHY TRIP HIGHLAND WATER
- 13 MARCH - HOCKEY TOUR PARENTS' EVENING
- 14 MARCH - U14 NETBALL TOURNAMENT - EMBLY PARK
- 14 MARCH - YR10 PARENTS' EVENING (ONLINE)
- 15 MARCH - INDUSTRIAL ACTION (TBC)
- 16 MARCH - INDUSTRIAL ACTION (TBC)
- 17 MARCH - YR10 GEOGRAPHY TRIP HIGHLAND WATER
- 17 MARCH - YR11 FOOD TECH PRACTICAL EXAM
- 17 MARCH - KSA SPRING QUIZ NIGHT



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WE ARE RECRUITING;

TEACHING
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER
HEAD OF FACULTY FOR LANGUAGES
TEACHER OF BUSINESS

SUPPORT
COVER COORDINATOR & ADMIN ASSISTANT
LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT
DINING ROOM ASSISTANT
IT TECHNICIAN
INVIGILATORS

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER
DETAILS

Parent Support Programme

6 - 7.30pm

First Tuesday of every month

Quakers meeting house, 16 Colebrook St, Winchester

Continuing with different mental health topics each month



Winchester Youth Counselling, in partnership with Solent Mind, will be delivering monthly information sessions on a variety of topics for parents/carers who support young people aged 11-25yrs 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. Booking is essential. £5 to secure your place (please contact us if you require support).

To book please click on the 'Events' section on our website;

www.winchesteryouthcounselling.org

or for more information please contact psp@winchyc.org



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Schedule of Events 2023

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6-7.30pm on the first Tuesday of every month
Quakers meeting house, 16 Colebrook St, Winchester

Date	Topic
Tuesday 7th February	Adolescence
Tuesday 7th March	Anxiety Management
Tuesday 4th April	Emotional Health & Healthy Relationships
Tuesday 2nd May	Neurodiversity
Tuesday 6th June	Teenage Physical & Sexual Health
Tuesday 4th July	Online Safety
Tuesday 1st August	School Transitions
Tuesday 5th September	Building Self-esteem, Confidence & Resilience
Tuesday 3rd October	Low mood, Suicidal Thoughts & Self-Harm
Tuesday 7th November	Gender & Sexuality
Tuesday 5th December	Loss & Bereavement

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