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NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'

Hockey Tour April 2023



PE Department Hockey Tour to The Netherlands 3rd-7th April 2023

In the first week of the Easter holidays 68 pupils and 9 staff travelled to the beautiful town of Valkenburg in the Limburg region of The Netherlands for a five-day hockey tour.

Staying at the fantastic Hotel 2000 in the town centre, the pupils undertook a number of exhausting but exhilarating training sessions led by PE staff and Dutch coaches who introduced the pupils to a number of new skills and drills.

The pupils were rightly wowed by the hockey infrastructure in The Netherlands, where the game is only narrowly behind football as a national pastime. Every town has numerous pitches and additional facilities with each club fielding multiple junior, adult and veteran sides. The Kings' pupils were welcomed very warmly at every club, including one over the border in neighbouring Belgium and really rose to the occasion.

In what was an action packed schedule, the tour party was up early and late to bed. In addition to the hockey, all enjoyed an afternoon of a cable chair lift, tobogganing, laser tag and suspended bouncing in the caves, a relaxing afternoon of bowling in the town, a fascinating tour of the Zonneberg caves near the Maas river and some delicious waffles and browsing time in the enchanting city of Maastricht.

The group's main business was however hockey and all five squads enjoyed fixtures against local Dutch club sides on three consecutive evenings. The pupils looked immaculate and professional in their TK match shirts and mid-layers and represented the school superbly on each occasion.

Thanks to Miss Doubleday, the tour truly harnessed the power of social media with Instagram updates being provided throughout each day. Instagram followers were also able to track the very respectable hockey fixtures' results, which were as follows:



Round 1:

Kings' U14 A Boys' 4-0 HC Nova
Kings' U14 B Boys' 1-2 HC Scoop
Kings' U15 Boys' 0-6 HC Nova
Kings' U14 Girls' 2-4 HC Nova
Kings' U15 Girls' 5-0 HC Nova

Round 2:

Kings' U14 A Boys' 4-0 HC Sjinborn
Kings' U14 B Boys' 4-8 Hasselt Stix
Kings' U15 Boys 3-3 HC Sjinborn
Kings' U14 Girls 3-8 HC Scoop
Kings' U15 Girls 1-1 HC Scoop

Round 3:

Kings' U14 A Boys' 1-0 Hockeer
Kings' U14 B Boys' 1-0 Hockeer
Kings' U15 Boys' 2-2 Hockeer
Kings' U14 Girls' 1-2 HC Nova
Kings' U15 Girls' 0-4 HC Nova



Special mention is reserved for the U15 Girls' team who were the first Kings' Girls' squad to record a victory in The Netherlands in the school's history, and the U14 Boys' Squad who won all three of their matches without conceding a goal – a feat that will probably never be matched. Their final test as squad is to compete at the inaugural England Hockey Tier 1 State School's Championships in Nottingham on May 4th – so on behalf of the whole school community 'may the fourth be with you'.



The main objective of this trip was to allow pupils to experience hockey in a different country and culture; cement and forge friendships; have fun and make life long memories. They did all of this with aplomb whilst also being the most exceptional representatives for Kings' School, the Winchester community and even the UK. Their manners, conduct, kindness, attitude and character was complimented wherever they went and all staff present were immeasurably proud of all the pupils.



Our thanks go out to Masterclass tours for arranging aspects of the trip; Bakers coaches who were just incredible; Hotel 2000 who could not have done more to accommodate us; TK hockey who produced our fantastic playing and training kit and cricket-hockey.com for providing discounted hockey goods for the pupils and prizes for the tour.

But most of all, a huge thank you to the staff who gave up a week of their Easter holiday to assist with the trip and the pupils for making it such a joyous time and memorable experience.



IT'S SHOWTIME FOLKS!



What's that buzzing sound you hear?

It's the exhilarating sound of singers and dancers and actors and musicians rehearsing their socks off for the upcoming whole school production of Sister Act! Our talented pupils and staff are well into the rehearsal period now and as always, we expect a phenomenal production filled with superb performances from our stunningly talented performers.

We know you'll appreciate just how valuable a production on this scale is to our school community. To be able to showcase their skills and talents, whether seen on stage, or unseen in technical roles, means the world to these dedicated young people. You'll also understand that a production of this scale is massively demanding in terms of time and energy, and of course resources. Our teaching staff have the ability to stretch time, and appear to have bucketloads of energy too. What we really need is some assistance with the huge cost involved in this worthwhile enterprise.

If you have a business, or know someone who does, we would love you to consider placing an advertisement in the programme. Alternatively you could support us by donating something for our luxury raffle, to be held on the final night of the show.

Please complete the form below to register your interest in supporting the production of Sister Act.

<https://forms.office.com/e/SANbyg1T46>

Any further questions please contact Mrs Miles on 01962 861161 or school email.

SUMMER FAYRE 2023 – “The best day out in Winchester”

Excitement is building ahead of our famously fabulous Summer Fayre. Already many great attractions have been booked, and an array of wonderful stalls promise to bring a smile to every face. From traditional games to handmade, homemade treats, there really is something for everyone. Little siblings will be as well catered for as grandparents, so be sure to bring the whole family. This year's star attraction will be the arrival of two army helicopters which will be parked on the bottom field for the duration of the Fayre.

Our popular Classic Car meet will, of course, be running too. If you have an interesting vehicle (not necessarily classic!) please bring it along on the day.

A promotional poster for Kings' School Summer Fayre 2023. The background is light blue with gold bunting at the top. The text is in gold and black. It lists activities like traditional stalls, entertainment, classic car meet, and food & drink. The main attraction is Army Helicopters. The event is on Saturday, 10th June 2022, from 10.30 AM to 2.00 PM, with free entry. A woman with a megaphone and the school crest are also visible.

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SUMMER FAYRE
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!

TRADITIONAL STALLS
ENTERTAINMENT CLASSIC CAR MEET
FUN & GAMES FOOD & DRINK

ARMY HELICOPTERS
A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

KINGS' SCHOOL
ROMSEY ROAD,
WINCHESTER,
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SATURDAY
10TH JUNE 2022
10.30AM - 2.00PM

FREE ENTRY

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A few spaces remain if you would like to book a stall, but please bear in mind that we reserve the right to limit stalls if there are duplicate sellers. If you wish to register your interest in having a stall, please complete this form. Any questions, just get in touch with Mrs Miles.

<https://forms.office.com/e/gfV2wSMVd8>



EASTER REVISION WORKSHOPS

9 am on the first day of the Easter holidays: you may be forgiven for thinking that the average 15- or 16-year-old would take the opportunity to remain in bed for a little longer.

But not our exceptional Kings' pupils!

Committed to their own personal academic success, over 130 Year 11 pupils attended on each day of our free Easter Revision workshops. Run by equally committed staff, three days of revision support was available – from the Core departments and many of the Options subjects.

For some, it was also a taste of what the next step to KS5 at College may feel like. They were able to dress as they pleased and came onsite for the subjects they were revising. Feedback from pupils as they left was positive – many commented that it had been 'helpful' and that they had been more focused than they would have been at home, away from the temptations of their phones and the kitchen cupboards!

We are delighted with the positive attitude of our Year 11 as they approach their GCSE exams. The first one begins on 15th May which is within touching distance now! As they continue to work hard, to maintain the balance between revision and relaxation and to look forward to the end of their time at Kings' with the celebration Prom, we would like to wish them all the best. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to celebrating their success in the Summer.



No more FOMO - follow us on Instagram!

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Did you know?

The Pupil Daily Bulletin is published every morning and can be read by parents and carers by checking in on Satchel One.

Find out what's happening on a daily basis, and see which events are scheduled or cancelled.

SPOTLIGHT ON PUPILS

One of our pupils, Naomi Hillman Bermejo trialled, and was selected as the youngest player for the Senior Spanish Women's Cricket Team in the Summer of 2022. She competed in her first International T20 tournament in October 2022 where she was the top scorer in the 5 nation event and was voted player of the tournament. She recently took part in a T10 competition in Cartama Spain where she hit the highest ever women's score in European T10 Cricket scoring 99 not out off only 38 balls.

Well done Naomi!



TEGFIELD HOUSE CARE HOME VISIT

Last term the Year 11 Health & Social Care pupils visited Tegfield House care home as part of their course. It was really informative to see how a care home runs first hand. The pupils had great fun meeting the residents and decorating Easter biscuits with them!



The Spanish Exchange –The First Leg 21st- 29th March

For the first time since the pandemic a group of 27 nervous Year 9 Kings' pupils met their partners from our sister school I.E.S Margarita Salas for the first time. They had been in contact with the families since January, but it was still exciting but scary to meet face to face! The Spanish pupils went on trips every day, including to Stonehenge, Portsmouth, and London, and enjoyed it despite the awful British weather! In the evenings and at the weekend they learnt about British life and improved their English by staying with their partners. They participated in a range of activities from go-carting to rock climbing as well as fitting in to the normal routine of family life.

They were welcomed to Kings' by Dr Adams and given a tour around the school by some very excited Year 7 pupils. They tasted scones with jam and clotted cream, then made their own to take back to their host families. They were in awe of the amazing facilities and activities that Kings' has to offer.

From a teacher's point of view, I am delighted that this long running trip which has been running for over 30 years with the same school, has started up again and offers both schools opportunities to improve language and share culture: smashing through stereotypes and offering our pupils a unique perspective on life in another country.

We are now looking forward to the return leg in Spain in June.



MISS ALEXIA DRAKAKIS

TEACHER OF SCIENCE

TIME AT KINGS' - 9 YEARS



What attracted you to a career in teaching?

I had been a STEM Ambassador for the Bloodhound Land-speed Record Project whilst working in the private sector. It made me realise how lucky I was to have been inspired to study Physics and that it was perhaps time to repay the favour.

Tell us why pupils enjoy coming to your lessons?

I've not always been a teacher so I try to set science in the context of real-life, especially the things that are challenging, unexpected or interesting. This sometimes takes lessons from physics into philosophy... or business... or psychology.... I can only hope that pupils enjoy my lessons. They're a tough audience and there are times when I don't always get it right!

What is unique about your role in the school?

I not only have the privilege of teaching a subject that I love to our amazing teenagers, I'm also the NEU representative for our school. Happy educators make for happy students and I am proud that my school actively engages with the union and I can do my bit to support and preserve the wellbeing of staff.





HALO LUNCH



A small group of OsKings' students performed at an event on Tuesday that supports the elderly people of Hedge End in Southampton.

Sally and Frank Parker from the King's Community Church invited us to play at their seasonal 'Halo lunch' event. This event invites elderly people in the Hedge End community to the church and provides them with lunch and entertainment. The young people performed brilliantly, they got the crowd dancing and were rewarded with chocolate!

The pupils used this event as preparation for their performance at The Cavern Club in Liverpool on the 28th of May, the venue made famous by The Beatles!

INSPIRING FUTURES



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 1 MAY - BANK HOLIDAY
- 2 MAY - INDUSTRIAL ACTION
- 3/4 MAY - U14S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOCKEY
- 4 MAY YR7&YR8 HOUSE QUIDDITCH
- 8 MAY - BANK HOLIDAY
- 9 MAY - YR7&YR11 TUTOR GROUP SCHOOL PHOTOS
- 11 MAY HOUSE VOLLEYBALL
- 18 MAY - KINGS' GOT TALENT AUDITIONS
- 25 MAY - KINGS' GOT TALENT FINAL



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Teacher of Science
Teacher of Science Head of KS3
Teacher of Religious Studies
IT Supervisor
Dining Room Assistant
Invigilators

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