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NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



ALL THE FUN OF THE FAYRE

Wow, what a fabulous day! The sun shone and the crowds arrived, and once again, Kings' School Summer Fayre brought together our wonderful community in a day of fun and entertainment. A vast range of stallholders provided a wide variety of goods, from homemade fudge to candles and pottery. The queue at the ice cream van never grew any shorter, and neither did the queues at the marvelous food stalls. Little siblings were entertained by the funfair rides and the adorable ducklings, while the classic cars were another crowdpleaser.

A truly wonderful day to celebrate the summer at Kings' made possible by the many generous helpers and supporters and our outstanding Kings' School Association.





No more FOMO - follow us on Instagram!
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DUCKLINGS

On the 7th and 8th June there was huge excitement in the Science Department as the newest little members of the Kings' School community, er, hatched! The ducklings had arrived! Thanks to Dr Rakic and her wonderful team a tiny flock of five little balls of fluff announced their arrival with chirps and the fluffiest of feathers.

Pupils have enjoyed visiting the ducklings and they were one of the star attractions at the Summer Fayre where children queued to see and hold and pet our five little friends: Strafta (meaning stripe), Tiny Bryn, Buttercup, Quaver and Donald.

All five will soon be off to their new home and a life of luxury in the lake at Broadlands in Romsey.



KINGS' GOT TALENT



A highlight of the Summer Term, the exceptional showcase that is Kings' Got Talent, took place on a warm, sunny afternoon in May. Pupils crowded into the quad after school on the 25th May to see and hear all our wonderfully talented performers. And the winners are....

3rd place - the dulcet tones of Dan Mcloughlin

2nd place - the Magical Marvel, Charlie Smith

and in 1st place...

The Extinguishers, featuring Zach Jones, Isaac Whittaker, Rowan Rushell, Tyler Novarese, Dexter Harris, Gabriel Carson (honourable mention to Peter Luffman, the person that hit the extinguisher a few times).

Congratulations to our KGT Champions of 2023!





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PROUDLY PRESENTS

SISTER ACT

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

12TH-15TH JULY

7PM

MATINEE PERFORMANCE

SAT 15TH JULY FROM 2PM



MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKEN

LYRICS BY
GLENN SLATER

BOOK BY
CHERI & BILL STEINKELLNER

ADDITIONAL BOOK MATERIAL, DOUGLAS CARTER BRANE

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

The musical production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (www.mtiworld.com)

YEAR 10 NEWS - PREFECTS

A huge congratulations to the many Year 10 pupils who were awarded Prefect status at Kings' School this year. This is a well-deserved acknowledgement of their contribution to school life and for upholding Kings' School values at every opportunity. The Prefects have taken to their new role with ease and efficiency, having taken on lunchtime duties and organising the Year 10 Summer Fayre hampers. We are confident that because our Prefects are those pupils who have already shown their exceptional character, they will welcome these opportunities to play a significant role in the school community. The pupils have had Prefect training which encompassed how to deal with concerns brought to them from other pupils and how to act as a role model for others in the school.

Once again, many congratulations to all the newly chosen Prefects. The awarding of Senior Prefects, which will include the Pupil Leadership Team and House Captains will take place after half term.



OSKINGS AT THE CAVERN CLUB



On Sunday the 28th of May pupils from the Oskings' provision headed to Liverpool to play a couple of exciting live performances. The pupils played two incredible shows at the world-famous Cavern Club, the venue which introduced The Beatles to the world! Pupils performed rock hits including 'Livin on a prayer', 'Flowers' and 'Paranoid'. The audience highlight was a 12-minute Beatles medley which included favourites 'Twist and Shout', 'Can't buy me love' and 'Get Back'.

The Beatles played approximately 200 times at the Cavern Club, so only 199 times until we match their record!

Ben Dlugokecki, Musical Director of Rubiks Cube



THE RETURN TO THE ARDECHE



After 3 long years of waiting Kings' returned to the Ardeche. 54 Yr10 pupils and 6 staff endured the overnight coach journey to the South of France. It was well worth it. The stunning Ardeche Gorge hadn't changed in our absence and the two day descent with many rapids, capsizing some, managed backwards by others and swum by a few, didn't disappoint. Even the thunder storms added to the excitement of the occasion. The bivvy site offered protection in large tents for our over-night stop and some even managed some sleep! The second day was even more enjoyable with stunning views of the gorge and opportunities for rock jumps and floating down the rapids. All good things come to an end and we departed the gorge for more adventures back at the camp site, shopping in Vallon Pond Arc and visiting the incredible Orgnac cave, full of stalactites and stalagmites and stretching for miles. Further fun was had at the high ropes adventure park, claimed to be in a different league from some in the UK - probably zip wiring across the gorge had something to do with it. All too soon it was time to board the coach for the return journey, arriving back to the UK a little tired but changed by the experiences of the Gorge, the new friendships made and the skills learned. My thanks go to the pupils on the trip for being simply fabulous in every way and to the accompanying staff who ensured all had fun and were equally fabulous. For me this was the perfect last trip. Having lead the Ardeche Adventure for 27 years, taking over 2000 pupils down the magnificent gorge, I hand over the reins to Mr Beale. Yrg watch this space.

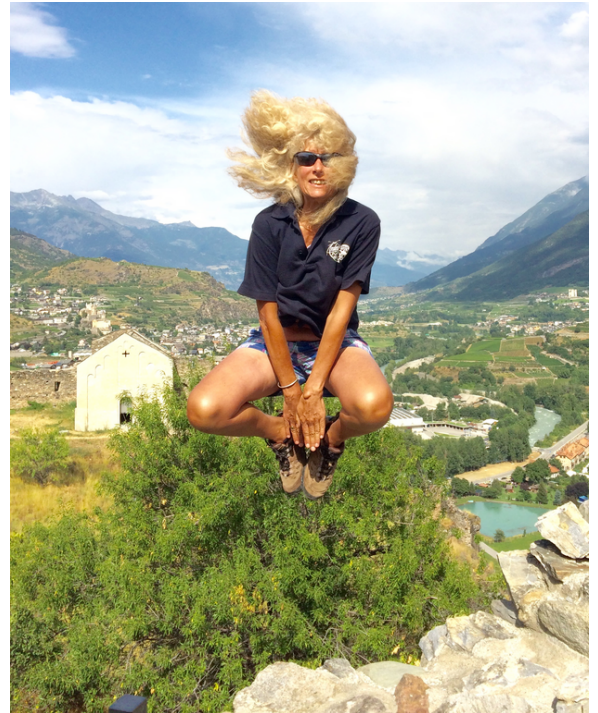
Miss Banwell



MISS S BANWELL

HEAD OF FACULTY - HUMANITIES
HEAD OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

TIME AT KINGS' - 33 YEARS



1. What attracted you to a career in teaching?

My mother was a teacher and so I knew a lot about teaching but didn't really fancy the idea of it, choosing an initial career in banking. However, I couldn't escape the inevitable and headed back to university to train as a Teacher of RS and Outdoor Education. The moment I stepped into the classroom I knew it was the right decision. My inspiration comes from my form tutor, Dave Bullard, who had a passion for the outdoors. He took us on numerous adventurous field trips which for many was the making of us and never to be forgotten. It also helped to forge a culture of trust and respect which enhanced the classroom experience. This I have tried to aspire to through the running of numerous school trips at Kings' not least the "Ardeche" which I have had the privilege to lead for the last 25 years.

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

I have taught at Kings' for 33 years. When I first joined it was a much smaller school having not long amalgamated from the boys school of Montgomery and the girls school of Danemark. It was exciting times being part of a new expanding school and transitioning to the site of where Kings' is now. When I first arrived my first impression was how friendly, supportive and focused on each individual the school was. If I'm honest I had no particular desire to work in Hampshire but I simply couldn't turn down the job offer because I felt so welcomed and wanted so much to be part of the school. 33 years on that feeling has not changed. It has been a privilege to have been part of the journey of Kings' for so long and to have worked with so many fabulous colleagues and pupils, many of which I am now teaching their children!

3. Tell us why pupils enjoy coming to your lessons?

I am very lucky to work in the fabulous Humanities Department which runs lots of trips! Seriously, a passion for your subject - in my case Religious Studies, a passion to be the best teacher you can be, a passion for all pupils to thrive and enjoy their learning and a sense of humour, will ensure enjoyment all round.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

19 JUNE - UNDER 15 GIRLS COUNTY
CRICKET
21 JUNE - EARA MEETING BRIGHTON HILL
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
22 JUNE - SCHOOL SPORTS DAY
22 JUNE - BUSHCRAFT RESIDENTIAL
PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING
22 JUNE - D OF E BRONZE PLANNING
MEETING
24/25 JUNE - D OF E BRONZE AND SILVER
FINAL EXPEDITION
26 JUNE - INSET DAY
27 JUNE - INSPIRING FUTURES PETER
SYMONDS COLLEGE TASTER DAY
27 JUNE - YEAR 10 MATHS CHALLENGE,
WINCHESTER COLLEGE
27 JUNE - YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY
28 JUNE - YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY
28 JUNE - YEAR 10 LATIN ARTEFACTS
WORKSHOP
28 JUNE - MUSIC PERFORMANCE
STANMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL
29 JUNE - D OF E BRONZE AND SILVER
PRESENTATION TO PARENTS
29 JUNE - HAMPSHIRE BOOK AWARD
VOTING DAY, APPLEMORE COLLEGE
29 JUNE - HOUSE SUMMER GAMES
30 JUNE - YEAR 11 PROM

WE ARE RECRUITING;

COVER COORDINATOR &
ADMIN ASSISTANT
SCIENCE TECHNICIAN
FOOD TECHNICIAN
COVER SUPERVISOR
LSAS
DINING ROOM
ASSISTANTS
TEACHER OF MATHS
TEACHER OF SCIENCE

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE
FOR FURTHER DETAILS





NAME KIERAN JENKINS

AGE 16

How long have you been with cadets?

I joined Sea Cadets the day before my 12th birthday, so have completed 4 and a half years service.

How did you get into it? What made you take it up in the first place?

My older sister joined Air Cadets when she was 12 after we saw a recruitment stand on a day out. I saw some of the opportunities she was enjoying and wanted to join in, but I didn't want to go to the same unit as her so my parents suggested I try Sea Cadets instead. My dad was a sea cadet, so he was keen. I went along for a visit and enjoyed the evening, and it looked like they did lots of interesting things so I signed up.

What do you love most about it?

I get so many opportunities and experiences that I would not have without Sea Cadets. I have completed several qualifications including learning how to teach other cadets, how to be a coxswain in a rowing boat, and I have a powerboating licence too! I also have a BTEC in uniformed services and have served as the Mayor's Cadet, attending important events with the Mayor. I was present at the King's Proclamation last September, and the Freedom of the City parade as well as other events.





INSPIRING FUTURES



How much/often do you attend?

Sea cadets is on twice a week all year round, Tuesday and Thursday from 6.45 to 9pm. I am often out on the water or on training course on weekends and in the holidays.

What are your goals?

I want to make the most of the time I have in Sea Cadets, and take part in as many things as I can. The experiences will help me in my adult life, and are great fun too.





EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



KINGS' presents

2023
**Leavers'
Ball**

7pm 30th June

Tickets £35

Next Parent Support Session: 'Social Media & Online Safety'

Tuesday 4th July
6-7.30pm

Solent Mind Wellbeing
Centre, Parchment St,
Winchester

This session will be led by
Lily Dunn from **NSPCC**



Parent Support Programme

6 - 7.30pm

First Tuesday of every month

Location: Solent Mind Wellbeing centre, Priory Gardens, Parchment St, Winchester SO23 8AU

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.winchyc.org

or for more information please contact psp@winchyc.org

Schedule of Events 2023

Solent

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6-7.30pm on the first Tuesday of every month

SolentMind, Priory Gardens, Parchment St, Winchester SO23 8AU

| 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 Sexual Health |
| Tuesday 4th July | Social Media & 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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