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NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



SPORTS DAY 2023

On Thursday 22nd June, in the midst of a near heat-wave, Kings' hosted another whole school Sports Day. All pupils from Years 7-10 in addition to all teaching and support staff donned their sports kit and ran, jumped and threw their way through a high energy day. Non PE staff once again swapped their whiteboard pens and powerpoints for measuring tapes and stopwatches in what is a truly whole school event. Pupils bought into the spirit of the day superbly, especially in the sapping heat.

With Godwin, Norman, Stewart and Tudor houses competing for the Sports Day Shield and the House Cup, competition was fierce and across the day a number of records tumbled. The most gifted runners across all year groups qualified for the afternoon track finals, bravely competing in front of nearly 2,000 people.

And even going into the very last relay final it was all to play for, with Tudor finally taking the Sports Day shield and the House trophy, where points are accumulated across the whole academic year, by a mere two points.

There were some exceptional performances from a number of pupils but those who received special recognition were:

- The Adam White Endeavour Trophy – Oliver White
- The Paul Donnelly Cup – Sam Milligan
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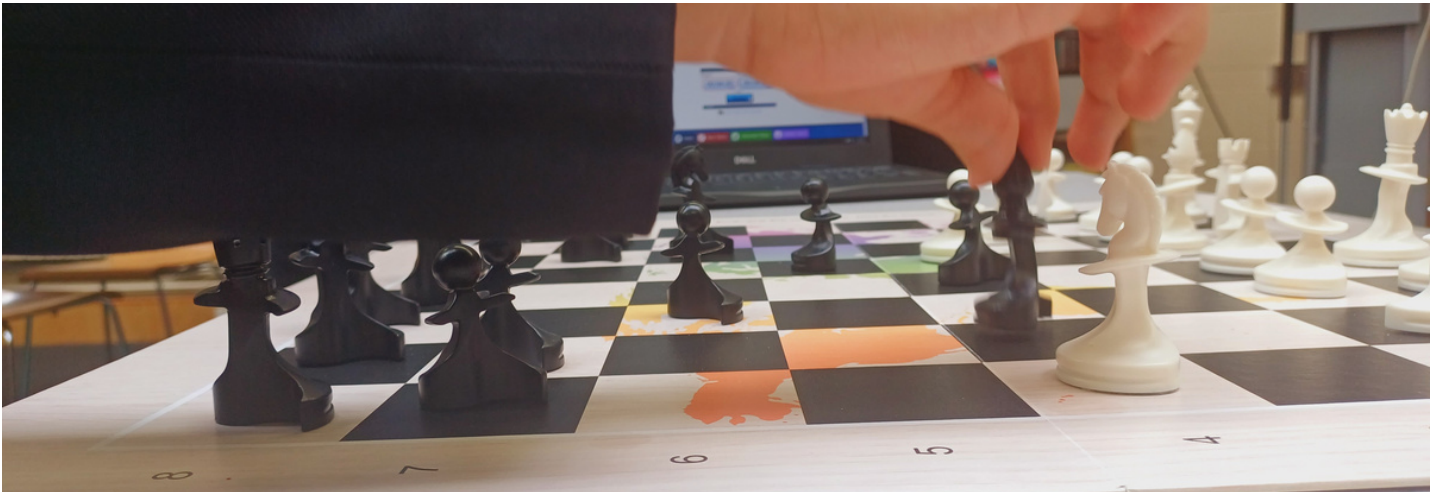
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INSPIRING FUTURES



HOUSE CHESS TOURNAMENT



On Wednesday 20th June 24 students gathered in the Library to battle it out in the House Chess Tournament. After four rounds of matches, which included many back-and-forth encounters and a dramatic stale-mate in the semis (won by Archie in the rematch), Fergus Robertson and Archie Campbell made it to the final. Fergus picked up a quick win with a well executed check mate to take glory for Godwin! Well done to everyone who participated, Collectively over 50 house points were won by all involved. Great work! Mr Frost & Mr Nickerson



GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY



A selection of our Year 10 Photography GCSE pupils spent the day at Winchester College photographing nature along the Itchen in the morning, followed by a tour of the site in the afternoon. Winchester College's ecologist was on hand to provide a variety of wildlife for the pupils to photograph including a tortoise!

During the day they were accompanied by a professional photographer who was happy to help teach our pupils about the business and also offer support with settings and lighting during the day.



Our pupils were effusive in their feedback for the tour and thoroughly enjoyed their time spent. Many thanks to all involved from Winchester College.

Mr Palmer





Pupils and staff are having an absolute ball, rehearsing for the Drama and Music departments' 2023 production of Sister Act! We have welcomed ex Kings' pupils, now studying Musical Theatre at Barton Peveril college to work alongside our cast and crew as they create scenes of glamour and glitter in amongst the dangerous underworld of 1970s America.

If you haven't already booked your tickets, what are you waiting for!? Head to the Kings' School website and join us to shimmy your shoulders, shake your hips and be 'Fabulous Baby' when you feel the 'Sunday Morning Fever'!

We can't wait to see you there.

Tickets on sale via the Kings' School website.

Wed 12th July - Sat 15th July inclusive. Matinee on Saturday 15th July at 2pm

All tickets priced at £12 each.



HOWZAT! CRICKET AT KINGS'

2023 has been a great year for cricket at Kings'. We have managed to increase our number of fixtures by entering the Hampshire State Schools cup and taking part in the newly reformed district cricket league for Eastleigh & Winchester. Alongside this we have entered the open county competitions and gone toe to toe with a number of private schools.

There have been a number of stand out successes. Our Under 13 mixed team have reached the State Schools cup final, and our U15 boys team have reached the County Plate final. Both of these are due to be played this week so fingers crossed we may have some silverware to write home about. Our U15 girls reached the quarter final of the State schools cup only to lose in a super over! Our U13 girls were victorious in their softball competition, winning the Hampshire Schools event. They now progress to the Southern area round.

Attendance at clubs has been superb, especially for Years 7 and 8 where we have had over 60 players on most training nights. This has enabled us to arrange extra fixtures and field B teams to provide cricket for more of our students.

We hope to finish the season by winning at least one of the upcoming finals, and look forward to next summer where we can build on this year's success and continue to grow cricket within the school.

Mr Osborne



U13 MIXED TEAM AFTER WINNING THEIR HAMPSHIRE STATE SCHOOLS CUP SEMI FINAL.

VIVA! YEAR 9 SPANISH EXCHANGE



On the 13th of June 2023, we and 24 other Year 9 pupils arrived at school for 3AM to travel to Majadahonda in Spain. We were going to be staying with our Spanish exchange families following their visit to Winchester in March earlier this year.

Upon arrival, we visited Santiago Bernabeu stadium- the home of Real Madrid. After a long day, we arrived back to the Spanish families' houses and experienced a traditional Spanish meal much later than we would eat at home which was our first experience of life in Spain.

The first day, we were all up early and visited IES Margarita Salas (our partners' school) for games and breakfast- such as Spanish tortilla. It was very interesting for us all to see how different the school was to Kings'. One of our favourite days was when we visited the city of Salamanca with our exchange students. Everybody took part in a tour of the city and we shared lunch in a local cafe. I'm sure everyone would agree that the long drive was definitely worth the beautiful views and areas in Salamanca.

We spent the weekends with our exchange families all doing separate activities. The many swimming pools around Majadahonda were a popular past-time for many of us to see friends and relax after a long week seeing the sights of Spain. Our final day was spent touring Madrid, buying souvenirs and we even got to experience Spanish life in a tapas bar trying new dishes such as paella, croquettes and patatas bravas.



We all really enjoyed the entire trip and would love to visit again after making friends for life and having so much fun! We are really going to miss our exchange partners and would love to meet up in the future.

Thank you to all the teachers who made this trip possible (and got us on and off the Metro without losing anyone!) and we really hope that others have this opportunity in the future.



Emily T, Issy, and Emily B

MR A BIRCH

HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
FACULTY

HEAD OF PE

TIME AT KINGS' - 20 YEARS

1. What attracted you to a career in teaching?

My mum was a massive inspiration to me. She was a primary school teacher and took incredible satisfaction from working with children – it was everything to her. From a very young age I loved a variety of sports and pretty much all physical activity so it occurred to me as a teenager that as I wasn't going to become a professional sports man but I could combine the thing I loved doing within a line of work that was hugely fulfilling. I had numerous sports coaching and leadership roles whilst I was growing up so being a PE teacher seemed like a natural evolution of those. I toyed with the idea of joining the RAF for a short while and also very nearly became a music journalist but becoming a PE teacher was always the front runner. And I've loved doing it for twenty years and counting.

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

Pupils who are organised, hardworking, punctual, respectful, polite, selfless and compliant enjoy coming to my lessons because whatever their level of sporting ability they have the chance to work hard, step out of their comfort zone and achieve something and progress. Pupils get the message very quickly that my lessons are fast paced, highly energetic and where 'failure' is not a bad thing, as that's the best way we can learn and then improve. Pupils often find that their blood is pumping and their bones rattling, but I think the vast majority are very happy with this as they derive great satisfaction from their achievements and skill acquisition. I have consistently high expectations of all pupils' behaviour and effort and the vast majority of them try to meet these. I think a good number of pupils take a lot of confidence and enjoyment from my lessons as they attend our extra-curricular programme. I quite often bump into ex-pupils in the local area and the vast majority say I was firm but fair, that I had their best interests at heart and that they still enjoy sport and exercise– I'll take that. I run the Kings' Alumni and it's hugely satisfying creating a newsletter for them three times a year and the alumni sporting events are always very well attended and fulfilling.



3. What do you enjoy most about working at Kings'

I love hockey, so having a great astro has always been a key factor for me. In 2003 when I first came to look around the campus I literally couldn't believe the facilities and knew that it was the place for me. Other schools who come here for fixtures are rightly in awe of everything we have and I never forget quite how lucky we are.

The polite, good-humoured, hardworking, resilient, kind, humble, organised pupils – what I'd call classic Kings' pupils, are also a total joy to work with. They never cease to amaze me in lessons around school generally, at clubs and fixtures, on trips or tours or at the whole school events we run such as Sports Day and Legacy Day. But in equal measure, the thing I most enjoy about working at Kings' is the staff and in particular the members of the PE Department. They are amazing people who inspire me every day with their individual sporting achievements, their humour, their energy and their character. Kings' pupils have exceptional sporting opportunities because of the great lengths my close colleagues go to and the sacrifices they make. I ask so much of them and they give even more. They run through brick walls for the pupils every day and do so with a smile on their face and I am indebted to them for this. I sometimes dream up what seem like overly ambitious plans involving huge groups of pupils, and the PE staff sometimes roll their eyes at me but always say 'what do you need from me?' It's a huge honour to lead them.

I have played for Winchester Hockey Club since getting my job at Kings' where I have loyally remained for 20 years. There have been many highlights and as captain I lifted the trophies in both 2009 and 2013 and these are two of the greatest leadership privileges I've experienced.

But my very greatest honour is being a father and nothing gives me more joy than watching my son play sport. In addition to a variety of other activities, he well and truly has the hockey bug and has been attending sessions since he was three years old. I help run the minis and junior coaching at WHC in the hope that it will bring young people the life lessons, friendships and affirmation that it has brought me. Having spent three seasons as a non-travelling reserve in the England O35s side, I am incredibly excited and honoured to represent England B at the O40s European Championships this summer. This is for all the people that have helped me along the way and instilled in me that however big the challenge might be of realising a dream, you never give up; you absolutely never give up.





NAME CHLOE BEARD

AGE 12

When Chloe started at Kings' School last September she took one look at the map of the school site in the handbook and concluded that it was not very good at all. "I can design something better," thought Chloe, and she promptly set about doing just that.

She searched on Google maps for an aerial depiction of the school site, traced it to get the proportions right, and then went from there, designing a new, and much improved, version of the school map.

Once completed, Chloe showed it to her tutor, who was so impressed she showed it to her Head of Year and then to Dr Adams.

As a result of her initiative and excellent design skills, Chloe's map will appear in future handbooks and will help to guide our next cohort of Year 7s around our wonderful school site.





DATES FOR THE DIARY

5 JULY - INDUSTRIAL ACTION
5 JULY - YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY
5 JULY - YEAR 6 PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING
6TH JULY - HPV VACCINATION CATCH UP
7 JULY - INDUSTRIAL ACTION
10TH JULY - YEAR 10 SPORTS STUDIES TRIP WOODMILL ACTIVITY CENTRE
11TH JULY - OPEN MORNING
12TH JULY - PE WIMBLEDON TENNIS TRIP
12TH JULY - SISTER ACT MATINEE PERFORMANCE
12TH JULY - SCHOOL PRODUCTION
13TH JULY - SCHOOL PRODUCTION
14TH JULY - SCHOOL PRODUCTION
15TH JULY - SCHOOL PRODUCTION, MATINEE AND EVENING PERFORMANCE
15TH JULY - D OF E BRONZE EXPEDITION
16TH JULY - D OF E BRONZE EXPEDITION
17TH JULY - YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE BEGINS
17TH JULY - HAMPSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE YOUTH DAY, ST SWITHUN'S SCHOOL
17TH JULY - SPORTS AWARDS EVENING
19TH JULY - ACTIVITIES DAY
20TH JULY - ACTIVITIES DAY
21ST JULY - LAST DAY OF TERM
22ND JULY D OF E SILVER FINAL EXPEDITION

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