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NEWSLETTER



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic end to a fantastic term! There have been so many activities for pupils to enjoy, and they certainly have made the most of them! I cannot thank staff enough for their commitment to our pupils by providing them with such a fantastic array of opportunities. This plays such a central part in making Kings' such a great school for your children.

Sports Day was the usual celebration of individual success with multiple records set, mass participation that earned House points and new events and activities to try. Personal favourites are tug-of-war, seeing the utter determination of the teams to win and of course the relays finale. Sports Day was the culmination of the House competition, with Tudor prevailing this year.

Our Art and Textile celebration evening and our Sister Act production showcased the amazing talent, dedication and passion of both pupils and staff for the Arts at Kings'.

Year 11s were superb and are to be commended for continuing the excellent behaviour and attitude we have seen all year into the six-week GCSE examination period. They rounded off the year in style with the 'Festival' themed Prom and were hugely appreciative of all the Year 11 Team, led by Mr Gunning, has done for them.

Whilst it has been sad to see our Year 11s leave, it was a pleasure getting to know Year 6 students through our transition events. We are very much looking forward to them joining us in September as our new Year 7s and getting a taste of all Kings' has to offer during the 'Freshers' Fair' on their first day with us.

We finish the term with current Years 7, 8 and 9 on Activities Week and Year 10 on work experience - a fitting end to a great term.

One of the most important things for us and for our pupils is their friendships and we try to do all we can to enable pupils to develop them. The activities mentioned above and showcased in our newsletters enable our pupils to try new things, to challenge themselves and to build new friendships and strengthen existing ones, many of which will last a lifetime. Long may this continue!

I hope you all have a great summer break and I look forward to all that our next academic year will bring.

Dr James Adams

PROM 2023 PICTURE SPECIAL



DIVERSE



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



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ECLECTIC



INSPIRING FUTURES





EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



COLOURFUL



HAMPSHIRE BOOK AWARD



The Hampshire Book Award is an annual award for the best paperback fiction title published in the previous year for the 11-14 age group, running from the spring into the summer term. This prestigious event, much loved by Young Adult authors, began in 2003 and from the very beginning Kings' School has been actively involved in the evaluation and judging of the best new fiction.

Pupils in year 8 make up a panel of judges. They are selected after submitting written applications, outlining their own reading habits, preferred genres and reasons why they believe they will make good judges. This year's group displayed all the skills, confidence and all-round excellence of our outstanding teams in past years. Without fail, Kings' School is praised for the high calibre of our judges.

In March the HBA was launched and the shortlist of six recently-published books was revealed to our eager bibliophiles. It's fair to say that all were very excited about the prospect of reading the books and then meeting every week to evaluate them based on the criteria of Enjoyment, Enrichment and Engagement. Once again the books have challenged our readers on many levels, and led to many, often quite heated, discussions. On Thursday 29th June our Judges travelled to Applemore College to meet up with judges from other secondary schools from across our County. Lots of animated debating ensued, after which the judges voted for their personal favourites. To the delight of the Kings' team the winner was *When the World Was Ours* by Liz Kessler – the unanimous choice of our judges.

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH ASSESSED EXPEDITION

On the hottest weekend of June, 45 Yr10 pupils embarked on their final Bronze expedition. It was in stark contrast to their practice expedition that saw the deluge of rain on the Coronation weekend. Having undergone their thorough training program the groups set off from a variety of different car parks in the New Forest navigating to Tile Barn for the over night camp. It would be fair to say that their navigation was far superior to the plethora of other groups doing their expeditions in the forest who found themselves lost and in need of assistance from friendly leaders. All of the Kings' groups were in camp in good time and somehow found the energy to enjoy a friendly game of football with other school groups. Day two, found the groups up early, their choice, in order to set off in cooler temperatures. They all reached their destination car parks and all passed the assessment with flying colours. A fantastic achievement. Many thanks goes to the volunteers who trained them so well and were on hand to deliver timely water and encouragement throughout the expedition.



KINGS' CRICKETERS TRIUMPH



Kings' School enjoyed a great triumph last week, with the U13 Boys' Cricket team winning the Hampshire State Schools' Cup. There have been many cricketing triumphs in the history of this school, and the boys turned back the clock with a performance to restore that former glory.

Our opposition was a strong Toynbee side, who contained a county cricketer in their ranks. Our opening bowlers - Freddie and Joe, set the tone by bowling extremely tight spells against the county batsman. They made it impossible for him to score quickly, so when he eventually retired on 35, Toynbee were already halfway through their innings. All of our bowlers were accurate, and put the batters under pressure. There some particularly good contributions from Isaac and the Fletcher brothers. We took regular wickets, meaning Toynbee only managed to score 104 from their 20 overs.

Opening the batting Freddie H set the tone by seeing off their county bowler and then punishing any loose balls from the other end. Freddie eventually made it to his 35 retired, but in quicker time than the opposition opener had done before. This left is plenty of overs to knock off the remainder of the runs. There were good scores from Oscar and Harvey, and some sensible batting from Joe, who faced a lot of deliveries from Toynbee's most dangerous bowler.

The victory was sealed when James W clipped a ball off his pads and into the leg side for four runs. There was much celebration and the boys were delighted and proud of their achievement. We hope this is only the start of the success for this team, as they all have a number of years left at Kings to try and bring home more silverware!

OBITUARY RAY PEARCE

Mr Ray Pearce, a long-standing and loyal friend of the school, passed away peacefully on the 11th May 2023 at the age of 84. Ray was a former mayor of Winchester, and in his Mayoral Year officiated at the launch of St Thomas' Old Boys Association in 1993. Under the auspices of our former Headteacher, Mr Ray Bradbury, the Old Boys of St Thomas' were affiliated with Kings' and Ray had been a stalwart member ever since. He supported the Chairman of the Association by reciting the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph at Kings' Annual Service of Remembrance. A well-known figure in Winchester and a dear friend of Kings' School, Ray will be sorely missed.



BACK TO SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Friday 1st September - INSET

Monday 4th September - Year 7 & PLT

Tuesday 5th September - all years return to school



MATHS CHALLENGE



Congratulations to Gerlyn Teoh for obtaining a Distinction and Klara Ellis for placing 2nd in the University of Southampton Senior Maths Challenge 2023.

This competition typically has 1,300 entries from schools across the UK and abroad and it is an amazing achievement for these students who spent many hours to complete the work in their own time. Their answers were displayed as exemplary solutions at the University of Southampton, where they attended a special lecture and prize giving ceremony with their families.

The competition emphasises creative problem solving and mathematical thinking.

This year is the 5th in a row that Kings' students have won Maths awards.

SHAKESPEARE SHOWDOWN



This week marked the culmination of hours of hard work by our year 8s to bring Shakespeare's work to life in the modern era for this year's 'Shakespeare Showdown'. They have had the chance to explore a range of the Bard's iconic works this half term, such as Macbeth, Twelfth Night, and a Midsummer Night's Dream and transform them into comedic creations. This has led to courtroom dramas with fairy Kings and Queens, to adverts from William Shakespeare himself, persuading audiences to purchase an all inclusive day out to the Globe Theatre.

From these fabulous ideas, each class battled to get through to the semi-finals on Tuesday, displaying their academic excellence and ability to perform for a chance at the finals. These took place on Wednesday in the Sports Hall, when the entire year group came together to support their fellow classmates as the top 8 groups competed for the trophy.

Keep tuned to find out who our victor was, as the results will be announced early next week.





NATIONAL SUCCESS FOR OSKINGS' PUPILS

Osborne School is a maintained special school for pupils with learning disabilities aged 11-19. All pupils who attend or are allocated a place have an Education Health Care Plan. The school philosophy is based on seven core values – Respect, Learning, Responsibility, Co-operation, Happiness, Honesty and Peace. As of Sept 2021 the school has a pupil allocation of 228 of which 50 places are in our FE department, Osborne College. 30 of our Key Stage 4 pupils are educated at our OsKings' provision at Kings' School,



Winchester. We are a fully inclusive and dedicated establishment which takes the education of young people with special educational needs extremely seriously, and have high expectations to ensure all achieve their full potential.

On the 3rd of July 2023 Nancy and Jamie, two OsKings' pupils travelled to London for The Shine School Media Awards at the Stationers Hall in London to collect their awards and to meet pupils from other schools from all over the country, and the world!

Nancy was 'Highly commended' in the best editor category – the first time OsKings have been nominated in this category! Well done, Nancy! And Jamie was awarded the Harrison Cup, first prize, for his article 'What it's like to be me' which you can read here.



WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ME

By Jamie Turvey

I feel like it is quite difficult being me. For a start, my head, shoulders and arms do not work in the way I expect them to.

Each day I feel like my arms are getting stiffer and stiffer. I can get quite overwhelmed and emotional like now. I struggle a lot with all of this and can find it quite hard to cope with lessons at school.

I can get very cross sometimes and need to be reminded to keep calm, which is the hardest thing ever!

I am not the person who gives up on things, although I find it really hard to find the positives. In my head there are no positives, but everyone around says there is. It's pointless being worried sometimes, however, I feel I'm going to be worried all my life.

My teacher bothers me everyday telling me that there are POSITIVES. Here are things to look forward to:

- Being with Ben (who never believes me!)
- Fun people
- People understanding my worries
- Hanging with my friends that look out for me
- Scrummy Pizza
- Drinking Tea
- Holidays
- An Amazing life, I think
- Hot Chocolate
- My wonderful Family

MRS R SPENCER DEPUTY HEAD OF SCIENCE TIME AT KINGS' - 9 YEARS



1. What attracted you to a career in teaching?

Having studied Psychology at university, I then started here at Kings' as an LSA. This was a brilliant opportunity and a role that I look back on with great affection. Kings' has an amazing Pupil Support Department and the facilities it has for physically disabled pupils mean that they are able to fully participate in school life. It was such a privilege to work so closely with pupils, build relationships and see pupils with potentially huge barriers feel success. It was during my time in this role that I decided that I wanted to become a teacher so that I too could do more to inspire the next generation.

Now more than ever we need young people to have the knowledge to make informed choices in the future from issues such as climate change to vaccinations. It is the next generation of scientists that will go on to make new scientific discoveries, push the boundaries of what we already know and maybe build the next rocket that will take us back to the moon or even Mars! As a teacher, I get to be a part of this exciting future. Who knows, maybe a pupil here at Kings' will be a future Nobel Prize winner!

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

Science is a fascinating subject. It is the key to understanding how the world around you works and by understanding it, it offers pupils a rich appreciation of its complexities and an increased ability to overcome its challenges.

I would like to hope that pupils enjoy coming to my lessons because I foster a sense of curiosity and enthusiasm for Science. It is my job to support and navigate them through the demanding science curriculum in such a way that they feel success, but also to push them to think hard and achieve their very best.

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

Kings' is a really special place. Having worked here for 9 years, I have worked in a number of different roles and seen a number of changes at the school, however at its heart it is still the place that I have always known. It is more than just a school, it is a community and a place that I am very proud to work. It is a team and it is that sense of 'una laborantes' that makes you want to walk through its doors every day.

I am also extremely lucky to work within a brilliant Science department bursting with specialists from a variety of different scientific backgrounds who also are extremely invested in doing the very best for the pupils that we teach.



STAFF CRICKET MATCH - KINGS' VERSUS WESTGATE SCHOOL

It is sometimes said that sport is all about escapism, and in honour of a certain tournament currently taking place with an historical and legendary context behind it, the Kings' Staff Cricket Team (formed 12th August 2023) stepped up to the crease in a bid to escape from the classroom and create new legends, on a rain-soaked Summer's evening.

Captained by Mr Breen, Deputy Head of Year 9, the Kings' team led out against a battle-hardened, ringers-infested Westgate alumni. The first innings saw Kings' fielding against a Westgate onslaught that ended on an impressive 113 runs after 16 overs, but not before losing wickets thanks to the dabbly dobbly bowling style of Mr Chainey and pace bowlers Mr Marwood (taking three wickets) and Mr Palframan. There was some solid fielding from the Kings' team, despite PE staff dropping catches more than the BBC drops its pundits, and impressive glovework by Mr Osborne, but it was now time for the hosts to imbed fully into its Una Laborantes creed and create history, with 16 more overs between glory or the death of Kings' Cricket.

The second innings started strong for Kings', with a series of big hits from Mr Marwood and Mr Palframan (who scored three sixes in a row), but the onslaught soon subsided as cricketing newcomer (at the age of 52 and oldest person on the pitch) Mr Culleton occupied the crease, scoring only 8 runs and wasting overs whilst facing cafeteria bowling that clearly put him off his stride. That stride was well and truly impeded after a torn hamstring whilst displaying the utmost exemplary selfless commitment to the Kings' team.

The runs increased, and the overs reduced, with a tense ending to the match. Needing 6 points to win from the final ball, it was time for Mr Simpson to cement his immortality in the annals of Kings' history, but alas, his unorthodox batting style missed the ball completely and victory went to Westgate with 113 runs, as Kings' ended on 108.

A thoroughly entertaining contest that managed to avoid a Duckworth-Lewis Method despite the inclement weather that halted proceedings several times, the Kings' players held their heads high and earned a moral victory for fielding a mixed-sex team against a male-only Westgate. Praise should be heaped on Mr Breen for arranging the match, which should now be an annual fixture in the Kings' calendar. It was reported in *The Sporting Times* in 1882, in Affectionate Remembrance of ENGLISH CRICKET, which died at the Oval on 29 August 1882, deeply lamented by a large circle of sorrowing friends and acquaintances. R.I.P.' Not so, Kings' Cricket, we will be back.



NAME OTTAVIA JAMES

AGE 13

How long have you been playing your sport?

I have been training Choi Kwang-Do Martial Art since I was six years old.

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

My step-dad is a 2nd degree Black Belt, and I was always fascinated and curious by this sport, so I started joining some sessions and got quickly into it.

What do you love most about it? Learning how to self-defence yourself and the principles and pledges of the sport.

What level do you compete at?

I am now a 1st Dan Black Belt. (There are 18 coloured belts before reaching the Black Belts).

How often do you train/compete?

I train twice a week.

What are your goals? To continue training, improve my techniques, learn new patterns and keep progressing within the Black Belt ranking. As well as learning other techniques and principles in different clubs which I will be thinking on joining very soon.





DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
17TH JULY - YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE
19TH JULY - ACTIVITIES DAY
20TH JULY - ACTIVITIES DAY
21ST JULY - ACTIVITIES DAY
(MORNING ONLY)
21ST JULY - LAST DAY OF TERM
SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 12.25PM
22ND JULY D OF E SILVER FINAL
EXPEDITION

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER
FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER - INSET
MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER - YEAR 7 &
PLT
TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER - ALL YEARS

WE ARE RECRUITING:

RECEPTIONIST

SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

DESIGN TECHNICIAN

IT TECHNICIAN

COVER SUPERVISOR

LEARNING SUPPORT
ASSISTANTS

DINING ROOM ASSISTANTS

INVIGILATORS

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FOR FURTHER DETAILS





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@ MAGDALEN HILL DOWN

WHAT IS IT?

A fun and free opportunity for young people aged 13 - 17 to gain hands on experience of nature conservation. Learn about butterflies and moths, while helping local wildlife and people!

WHEN AND WHERE?

Tuesdays: 1st, 8th, and 15th August 2023

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Winchester
(near Winchester Science Centre)

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

For more info and to register scan the QR code below or go to:

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HAMPSHIRE OUTDOORS

BIKEABILITY

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

KS1, LEVEL 1, 2 AND 3

- **KS1 (1.5 hours) £10**
- **Level 1 (2 hours) £15**
- **Level 2 (3 hours) £45**
- **Level 3 (3 hours) £45**



**at St John Baptist Catholic Primary School, Andover
2nd, 3rd, 8th & 9th August 2023**

**at Scantabout Primary - Eastleigh
31st July, 1st August, 17th & 18th August 2023**

**at St Peter's Catholic School Waterlooville
7th, 23rd or 24th August 2023**

**at The Vyne School in Basingstoke
10th, 11th, 21st and 22nd August 2023**

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