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# NEWSLETTER



**KINGS'**  
SCHOOL • WINCHESTER

UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



**OPEN MORNINGS**  
APPOINTMENTS ONLY. PLEASE VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

TUESDAY 11TH JULY  
WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER  
THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

**OPEN EVENING** THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER  
FROM 6.30PM - 8.30PM

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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE  
NEW ACADEMIC YEAR FROM ALL  
AT KINGS'.

An especially big welcome to all our new Year 7 pupils, and their families. They have shown a lot of independence in successfully navigating their way around a new school site. All pupils have settled well into the new term both in tutor time and in lessons, which has been great to see.

Our Year 11 Class of '23 produced another exam performance to be very proud of. There was so much to celebrate in the GCSE results. All of our pupils thoroughly deserve their achievements and the exciting opportunities that now await them. We wish them all the best for their next steps at college, apprenticeships and beyond.

If you have visited the school site you will have seen our new astroturf. We are delighted that our careful saving has enabled us to install a new surface for pupils and the community to use. Our PE lessons and extra-curricular programme (links on page 8) starts next week and we eagerly await pupils starting to use the new surface. Please sign up to our clubs and activities using the EduLink app.

We are excited about the year ahead and very much look forward to working with you and welcoming you into school for the various parental events throughout the year.

Dr James Adams





## SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

### MR WILL LOCKE

#### ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER



What attracted you to a career in teaching?

I originally trained as a mechanical engineer, designing and installing manufacturing lines for the food industry.

I spent a year working with Walkers' crisps, setting up

potato slicing machines and peelers. Whilst I enjoyed the problem solving and design processes, I soon realised that it was quite a lonely undertaking, often spending days on end designing and tweaking without much interaction with others.

I reflected on what I enjoyed most about work, and it was the people I met, as opposed to the task itself, so I considered careers which would lead to more of this. In addition, my mother was a Geography teacher, and had always advised me against going into teaching, so that was the only motivation I needed to go for it.

From the very start of my PGCE, I realised that I had made the correct choice. I loved (and still do) the unpredictable nature of a school day and the wonderful relationships we can build with the youngsters in our care. I trained as a Maths teacher as I have always enjoyed the problem-solving nature of the subject, which has served me well as I've graduated onto timetabling and managing data systems across the school.

Tell us why pupils enjoy coming to your lessons.

I hope that students in my lessons feel they have the opportunity to express themselves in a safe, proactive environment. Good teaching is all about building relationships and enabling young people to build confidence. Maths in particular can often be a subject for which confidence is a real barrier to learning. Parents casually stating they "were never any good at Maths", or challenges from Maths learning in primary school can easily lead to an acceptance that the subject is just difficult, and therefore it's ok to give up when it gets tricky. By rebuilding confidence where necessary, and regularly highlighting progress, we are able to slowly develop a positive, can-do approach to learning which is key to the exceptional character we value so highly.

What do you enjoy most about working at Kings'?

I have been struck since joining Kings' by the atmosphere around the school. The students are a credit to the school, and I have witnessed many examples of exceptional character already. Staff have been especially welcoming, with the result that I already feel like a member of the team. Joining a new school is always tricky and coming into a senior leadership position provides additional challenges, but I have been grateful for the support I have felt from the first day. I'm looking forward to settling into the new role in the coming weeks and contributing fully to the life of the school.



HOUSE EVENTS/EXTRA CURRICULAR

## SPOTLIGHT ON GAMING CLUB



Our video games club proved a huge success when introduced last March. Pupils come along and participate in a bracket, battling to win the Gaming Club trophy for the week.

We have a catalogue of games of the Nintendo Switch that we cycle through, from popular titles such as Smash Bros and Mario Kart, to more niche multiplayer games such as Taiko No Tatsujin (Drums) and Tsuru Spirits (Fishing).

Pupils enjoy gathering to discuss games and battle one another on the big screen every Wednesday in our Media Studies rooms.





## KINGS' SCHOOL CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY FAIR

Wednesday 20th September 2023

Venue: Kings' Sports Hall

Year 11 students will be attending the fair during school time on Wednesday afternoon. We then invite Year 11, 10 & 9 students and parents/carers to attend from 1545-1730.

The objectives of this event are:

- to support students with their post 16 education, training and employment choices
- to raise awareness of and aspirations for the vast array of education/career opportunities available
- to support Year 9 students with GCSE option choices

There will be a number of colleges, sixth forms and apprenticeship providers attending, alongside a breadth of employers including:

Army, Co-op, Eastleigh Borough Council – Public Service & Government,

Evelyn Partners – Wealth Management & Professional Finance Services, IBM – Technology

National Oceanography Centre - Marine, NHS, RICS – Real Estate, Royal College of GPs,

Royal Navy/Marines, Specsavers – Optical Science, Retail/Business

Taylor Wimpey – Construction/Civil Engineering – Trade & Professional Roles

Winchester University – Nursing Careers, Wisser Academy - Insurance

We look forward to seeing you there!



## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE: JULY 2023

WE ARE PROUD TO CELEBRATE THE FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR YEAR 11 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED WORK EXPERIENCE IN JULY. WE HAVE RECEIVED EXCELLENT FEEDBACK FROM ALL OUR PLACEMENT HOSTS, MANY OVERWHELMED WITH THE DEDICATION AND CAPABILITY OF OUR STUDENTS AND WHO HAVE OFFERED FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AS A RESULT. WE ARE SO APPRECIATIVE OF THE EMPLOYERS FOR THE TIME GIVEN, EXPERIENCES SHARED AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE OF AND ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR THE WORLD OF WORK.





# TWYFORD AND COLDEN COMMON CYCLE BUS

Welcome to the Twyford and Colden Common CycleBus Community on ChangeX. The Cyclebus initiative is about giving school students, commuters and leisure riders the opportunity to cycle safely and sociably into Winchester. Our route is focused on getting Westgate and Kings' students into school but this will also help anyone looking to travel into Winchester in the morning.

It's about promoting a healthy, social, and enjoyable environment. It's about community involvement where everyone can join in to cut pollution and traffic congestion around our villages and cities, empowering children and adults alike to become more active and enjoy the freedom of a lifelong love of cycling.



FIND OUT MORE HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.CHANGEX.ORG/IE/CYCLE-  
BUS-UK/TWYFORD-WINCHESTER-  
HAMPSHIRE](https://www.changeX.org/ie/cycle-bus-uk/twyford-winchester-hampshire)

# KINGS'





## HOUSE SYSTEM

The House system at Kings' is an integral part of school life. Through the Houses we offer a character-building range of extra-curricular activities that help to foster a healthy spirit of competition whilst allowing all our pupils to excel and to shine outside the classroom. We oversee sport and cultural events as well as fun and games. Under the House umbrella you will find almost every kind of club as well as the Duke of Edinburgh award

We would like to welcome Mr Richardson as the new Head of House Stuart.

House is kicking off with two of our favourite events: House Dodgeball and House Portrait.

We have taken over Duke Of Edinburgh Award to promote exceptional character, run by Miss Morgan, who is gearing up for their upcoming expedition

We have some exciting new plans in development that we hope to release soon

We will end this half term with House Karaoke, a particular student and staff favourite.







# SISTER ACT

MAJOR  
PRODUCTION  
2023

Sister Act was the sparkling, Kings' 2023 production. Playing to full houses for 6 performances, involving over 150 students from all year groups both on and back stage, it was one of the most ambitious productions to date! The audience were taken on a whirlwind journey of laughter, huge musical song and dance numbers and a few twists along the way, following the story of Delories Van Cartier as she hides out in a convent to escape her murderous boyfriend, Curtis.

The cast and pit band spent 4 months working hard in rehearsal and the huge backstage crew worked with the professional set, lighting and costumes to bring the performances to life with incredible effect. There were even some guest appearances from different members of staff each night as the pope! Mrs Lee and the music and Drama teams were so proud of what the students achieved, in the words of Delories 'it was Fabulous Baby'!!





## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUB LISTS

CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE HERE:  
[HTTPS://KINGS-HANTS.COM/CLUBS-ACTIVITIES/](https://kings-hants.com/clubs-activities/)



2023-2024

YEAR 7 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
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YEAR 8 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
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YEAR 9 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
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YEAR 10 & 11 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
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## PE EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUB LISTS

CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE HERE:  
[HTTPS://KINGS-HANTS.COM/PE-AT-KINGS/](https://kings-hants.com/pe-at-kings/)

## PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

See what is on offer in our wide variety of extra-curricular offerings.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

19 SEPTEMBER - YEARS 7/9/11  
SCHOOL PHOTOS

20 SEPTEMBER - VACCINATION  
CATCH UP

20 SEPTEMBER - Y11 CAREERS AND  
EMPLOYABILITY FAIR

26 SEPTEMBER - Y11 MACBETH TRIP

27 SEPTEMBER - OPEN MORNING

27 SEPTEMBER 710/11 FRANTIC  
ASSEMBLY, THE MAST STUDIO,  
SOUTHAMPTON

28 SEPTEMBER - OPEN MORNING

28 SEPTEMBER - OPEN EVENING

29 SEPTEMBER - INSET DAY

04 OCTOBER - Y11 PARENTS'  
EVENING



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WE ARE RECRUITING;

DEPUTY SITE MANAGER  
DINING ROOM  
ASSISTANT  
INVIGILATORS

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE  
FOR FURTHER DETAILS