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KINGS' ALUMNI

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HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS



What a fantastic term for our pupils and staff. The opportunities and experiences for pupils to enjoy the depth and breadth of trips, visits and extra curricular activities have been extensive: from Year 10 work experience, to sports fixtures, to our Year 10 art pupils enjoying a workshop with artist Ian Murphy which they thoroughly enjoyed.

After an absence of 3 years we were delighted to see the return of Kings' School Summer Fayre in June. It was the most successful and best attended fayre we've ever held. Thanks to all involved in the organisation of it - here's to next year's!

Kings' Sports Day was a highlight with all pupils and staff competing in a range of sports, including the classic track and field events, as well as many all-inclusive sports. Sports Awards evening was a celebration of both participation and recognition of the many pupils who achieve elite performance.

Our school production of Beauty and the Beast was enjoyed by an audience of more than 700 over our four performances. The production was stunning and the quality of performance in acting, music and backstage operations was a wonder to behold.

The year has been rounded off with our renowned activities week, led by our House team, with over a thousand pupils being immersed in an wide range of trips, visits, in-house activities and residential opportunities. A HUGE thank you to all our staff, for their incredible passion, dedication and desire to provide these fantastic opportunities for all our pupils.

Our Year 11 pupils completed the first set of formal examinations in three years and conducted themselves with great credit, effectively managing their revision and preparation over the extended examination period. Huge thanks to our examination team, our teachers and to our parents for all their support in preparing our pupils so well. We are confident that our pupils' hard work and dedication will be reflected in their examination results in August.

As their time at Kings' drew to a close, our Year 11's celebrated in style at their Prom, with a night of fantastic outfits, fun and friendship.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Dr J Adams

CURRENT AFFAIRS

30 years of Pupil Support



The Kings' School pupil support department was established 30 years ago with just a handful of pupils. Over the years it has grown and flourished, becoming an integral and valued part of our school. The most notable expansion occurred in February 2002 with the opening of the Therapy room, where our regular physiotherapists work with pupils during the school day. Without this highly skilled treatment, some of our pupils would not be able to remain in school for the entire day. Our five trained staff, allow for a greater range of time slots and reduces the loss of physio due to illness. We now have a department of over 40 LSA's (Learning Support Assistants) who provide support and assistance to pupils, with a variety of needs, across the year groups. We are incredibly proud of our Pupil Support department and all the work the team does and has done over the years to create a fun, welcoming and fully accessible environment that the pupils enjoy coming to, providing support inside and outside the classroom. The department has purchased 10 sports wheelchairs enabling both able bodied and disabled pupils to take part in the after school Basketball Club. Swimming continues as an inclusive activity with Oskings now taking part too, and we are always delighted to see the whole department heavily involved in our flagship event, school Sports Day. Many of our Pupil Support alumni have gone on to achieve great things and we celebrate their successes, large and small. Lara Clarke, a former senior prefect and senior librarian, went on to read Psychology and Linguistics at Oxford. Lavanyah Singh is soon off to The University of London to study economics. Jamie Winduss, now at Reading university is an enthusiastic rider and aspirant para-Equestrian. We celebrate these and many more successes, including George Gray , successful at Wheelchair basketball, Thames Valley King Team; Craig Boardman - paralympian, attended the David Weir Academy; Tom Kelly - Powerchair footballer who plays for a national team; Hannah Burkhill, currently studying law at Bournemouth university with an in-house carer and Lewis Lloyd is playing wheelchair basketball for London Titans The last word goes to past pupil Harvey Matthewson who has expressed a wish to return to the school, to speak to current pupils at Kings' about his experiences of the department. He said: "My experiences are especially relevant because I know that I wouldn't have the life I have now without attending Kings' as it is a school which promotes opportunity and gives so much care to its pupils. I will forever have a debt to the school and it would be a pleasure to speak (to current pupils) in an attempt to repay the school a little."



SPORTS DAY

After a two year hiatus, we finally welcomed the return of the much anticipated Kings' School Sports day. With the sky clear of rain, we saw pupils and staff massively engaged in a variety of sport and the event united the whole school in a way that made the PE department incredibly proud. Huge congratulations to all the participants and especially to those who achieved podium finishes. It was a day to remember.



SPORTS AWARDS EVENING



After an enforced three-year hiatus, the Kings' School Sports Awards evening returned to the middle field to celebrate the breadth and depth of Kings' pupils sporting achievements. On a glorious summer's evening the PE department awarded half and full colours as well as trophies for the most improved and players of the year for all the teams that they run as part of the extra-curricular programme. Pupils who achieved representative honours at county, regional and national level were also recognised.

The highest profile awards were presented as follows:

London 2012 Paralympic Legacy Award: Toshani Maharatna
 Team of the Year: Shared between U16 Girls' Basketball and U16 Boys' Hockey

Volunteer of the Year: Harry Wilson

London 2012 Legacy Award: Joe Jenkinson

Thompson Award: Leo Webster

Pupils, parents and staff were rightly hugely proud of what has been a bumper year for sporting participation and achievement.



KINGS' FAYRE



The sun shone and the crowds came. And kept on coming...it was the most extraordinary, fun-filled day! After a long absence the Summer Fayre made a welcome, and triumphant, return. We were delighted to welcome The Marquess of Winchester's Regiment, a Civil War re-enactment society, who delighted us with their drills and soldier's encampment. In a first for Kings'. they fired their muskets into the air and encouraged our younger visitors to join in and train to be soldiers in the King's Army. Elsewhere our first ever Classic Car Meet held the attention of the many visitors as an array of fascinating vehicles lined up. The oldest dated from 1913 and took us back in time, while a Delorean whisked us all back to the future.



Traditional games like coconut shy and hook-a-duck proved hugely popular, and our external stallholders all did a brisk trade, with many selling out completely! The newly-hatched Kings' ducklings and our therapy dog Peppa, were the feathered and furry stars of the show. The food stalls served up wonderful fare, the queue at the ice cream van never got any shorter, and the performers were all on form. Thank you to all the year 10 volunteers who did such a sterling job of helping on the day, and to all in the Music and Drama departments for their wonderful contributions.



Edyth Miles



HOCKEY ALUMNI



On Saturday 11th June, against the backdrop of the summer fayre, Kings' hosted its first alumni hockey fixture in a decade. Having won the U16 Hampshire cup and beaten every hockey playing school in the county and having also enjoyed a good run in both the EH National Cup and National plate, the superb Under 16 boys' side were worthy opponents for our players of the past.

The Alumni team lay siege to the Kings' U16 goal early on and goalkeeper Jamie McCabe pulled off a string of outstanding saves. But he was powerless to the onslaught and with defensive legs also tiring in the heat, the Alumni team scored in quick succession to race into a 3-0 lead, thanks largely to the wizardry of Cambridge University student Kabir Sahota and the endless running of Peter Symonds first year Max Wedderburn before then adding a fourth. But as has been their way throughout their time at Kings', the U16s bounced back through an Alex Potts goal just before half time to pull it back to 4-1.



England U18 hopeful Wedderburn, the most recent of the alumni side, donned the burgundy he wore with such distinction in the second half and had an immediate impact, bringing the creative force of Joe Jenkinson and Charlie Hoad into the game far more. But it was the Alumni who once again scored first with Sam Green blasting an unstoppable reverse shot into the far corner following excellent link up play with his brother and fellow UWE student Oli. An unlikely comeback from the U16s then looked on the cards following a string of good saves from Connor Baverstock, and then the completion of a superb Alex Potts hat-trick. Year 10 Seb Eaton, playing the second half for the U16s kept the tie alive with a miraculous triple save but with the team pushing for another goal he was left stranded for a final Alumni goal.

There was the usual mutual respect at the end and the Alumni then enjoyed catching up over stories of Dutch hockey tours and famous wins over fee paying schools whilst enjoying the barbeque and bar at the Kings' Fayre. Thank you very much to all who made the effort to attend and make it a very special event. We are very keen to host a similar fixture at the Kings' Fayre next year.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST 2022



Kings' School Drama and Music departments were delighted to be able to offer our wonderfully talented students the opportunity to finally tread the boards again this month. Following the successes of *We Will Rock You*, *The Lion King*, *The Crucible*, *Oliver!* and *School of Rock*, the staff team were chomping at the bit to offer the hugely talented pupils at Kings' the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience again.

The 80+ cast, pit band and backstage crew produced a wonderful production of *Beauty and the Beast*, received with standing ovations following every performance. The costumes were elaborate, the lighting was atmospheric, the music was enchanting and above all, the performances from the pupils aged between 12 - 16 were nothing less than phenomenal. As a staff body, we are so privileged to work with young people who are willing to commit to such a huge venture, that has reaped significant rewards. Our sincere thanks go to all of the pupils involved as well as the parents, staff and KSA for their support - bring on 2023...who knows what lies ahead...we look forward to you joining us on this journey.

Carrie Lee, Head of Drama





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We currently have several exciting opportunities to join Kings':

Roles available to start this summer:

- Lifeguard £8.36 an hour, 0 hours contract.
- Community Supervisor £9.26 an hour, 0 hours contract
- Site Supervisor 37 hours, 52 weeks

Roles available for September start:

- Reprographics assistant 25 hours, 40 weeks
- Science Technician 37 hours, 40 weeks
- Inclusion Leader 37 hours, 40 weeks

For more information and to fill out an application form please visit <https://kings-hants.com/support-vacancies/>

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