# VOL. 8 | 8 MARCH 2024 **NEWSLETTER** Updates for the parents of KINGS'





## OFSTED NEWS - WE'RE CELEBRATING!

The Ofsted report, following our recent inspection, shows that Kings' School achieved "outstanding" in 21 out of 22 criteria and is our first under the new inspection framework.

Dr Adams said: "The report highlights many of the things we are proud of at the school. Placed 15th in England for pupil attainment at state schools,

as listed in the recent Times Parent Power School Guide, this report highlights the reasons behind our success.

We were rated as outstanding in 21 out of 22 criteria. Only one criterion was rated 'good' which affected the overall grading.

Despite narrowly missing out on an outstanding rating, we are truly delighted with the positive feedback we received from Ofsted.

To read how our students demonstrate extremely positive attitudes to education and have commitment to their studies is a reflection of our excellent teachers in all years. The report also acknowledged that the teaching staff have impressive subject knowledge.

Our students really work hard and buy in to our values, culture, and ethos, as do parents and our parent teacher association.

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The report also noted that we have implemented a range of strategies across the school to help our pupils from low-income families and those who have free school meals. It mentioned the impact of these changes, but we know that we must continue to help them and ultimately improve their exam results. And we take on board the recommendations.

I am indebted to our fantastic staff who have worked tirelessly for our pupils, since the disruption of the Covid lockdowns. I am delighted that their hard work, passion and care for our pupils and their families has been recognised."

Inspectors praised the school's leadership, behaviour, curriculum and additional activities, inclusivity and achievement.

The report read: "Pupils feel incredibly proud to be a part of the Kings' School community. They recognise the very high expectations of their achievement and behaviour. They work hard to meet these, knowing that they have the full support of staff.

"Pupils' behaviour is impeccable. They are taught to do "the right thing at the right time for the right reasons". This ethos is clear to see around the school. Pupils treat each other with high levels of respect.

"The exceptional range of extra-curricular activities available to pupils embodies the school's aim of 'discovering brilliance in everyone'. It includes everything from rugby and hockey, to crochet and watercolour painting. The offer is highly inclusive, and there are ways for all pupils to

#### get involved."







#### Sporting success stories



#### **U14 BOYS BASKETBALL**

### CONGRATULATIONS COUNTY CHAMPIONS!



#### U16 BOYS HOCKEY

#### CONGRATULATIONS South central england

CHAMPIONS!





#### ESFA PlayStation Boys u13 Cup Semi Final: Here We Come

A three hour trip to Essex awaited 15 excited boys, Mr. Marwood and Mr. Osbourne. Although this journey might've been the last the Kings' pupils in Year 8 would take in the National cup, enthusiasm was still at 100%. Shenfield school was the latest challenge, and, some might say, their greatest. Straight from the off Shenfield dominated. The boys were shell shocked. Two quick goals in succession put doubt into the team's minds. 10 minutes later though, Josh Divers won a penalty, which Macey James Leigh-Jones took and scored to restore hope. After another five tense minutes, good pressing allowed our left winger to cross for a well finished equaliser by Josh. The celebrations were in Kings' favour. Alas, seconds before half time, they conceded.

As the second half got underway, the boys were trying to get back into business; their captain, Luca Martino, controlling from the midfield. However, a good ball left Oliver Booth 1 on 1 with the opposition striker, but a world class save kept the score at 3-2 to Shenfield. Kings' needed a goal, and Max Reay would give that to them, with the last kick of normal time. A 'top bins' banger led to chaos! 3-3.

Extra time meant seven minutes each way. James Wait and Ryan Mulligan made sure the football never touched their goalkeeper's hands.

In the second half of extra time Kings' struck not once, not twice, but three times to secure their place in the semi-final. Charlie Hoad scored to put Kings' ahead, and Macey James got two to seal his hat-trick.

Euphoria! The full time whistle blew. Sending emotions of both teams over the edge. But the damage was done. Kings' were through.

Semi final (Southern final) Tuesday 26th March v Northampton School for Boys @ Gangar Farm Sports Complex 12.30pm KO

#### Written by Macey James Leigh-Jones 8SWF











#### EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



### Sporting success stories



U15 Boys Basketball Kings' 32 - 30 Henry Beaufort A nailbiter in the Winchester derby!

U16 Boys Basketball Kings' 52 - 42 Bitterne Park A good win in the Plate semi-final.



U13 Boys Football Kings' 6 - Shenfield 3 Three goals in extra time take us into the National Semi-final



U16 Girls Football Kings' 3 - 0 Swanmore Into the District Cup Final!





U14 Boys Football Kings' 4 - 0 Henry Beaufort A strong performance in the District league.

Inter schools Climbing Well done to Tom, Leo and Anna. 6th place having qualified for the finals. A great achievement at a high level competition.

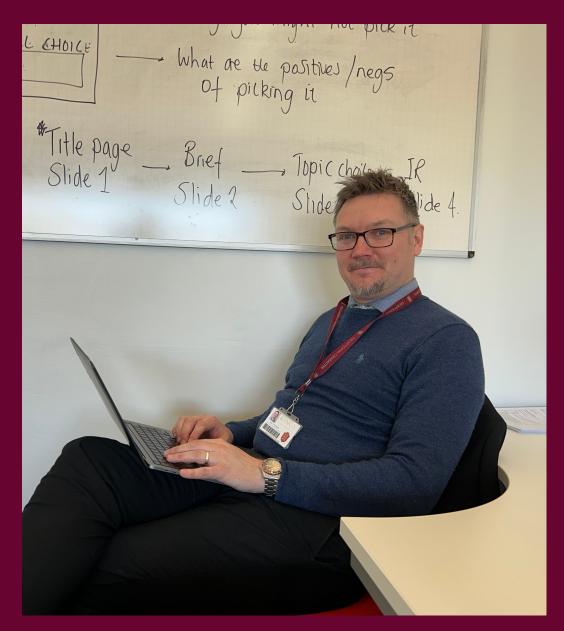




### Spotlight on Staff

# Mr Sam Palmer

Head of Creative Arts Faculty Digital & PR



Number of years at the school 15 Years

What attracted you to a career in teaching?

During my teenage years I spent summers coaching football for a local 'soccer school' and from this I developed early aspirations of moving into teaching. Following this I spent two years (upon completing my degree) teaching TEFL in Japan and loved building relationships with students of all ages. This is where I really discovered the passion to teach. When I first started at Kings' I taught IT and Business Studies and have since transitioned into Photography and Media Studies which I love.

Tell us why pupils enjoy coming to your lessons.

I like to keep my Media lessons as up to date and relevant as possible, so pupils feel the content is more applicable to them. It is always interesting trying to teach content such as the audience appeal of Fortnite to a teenage audience!

Within Photography the practicality of the course lends itself well to pupils who have such busy academic schedules. I also try to provide feedback as regularly as possible to help pupils develop pride in their work and outcomes.

What do you enjoy most about working at Kings'?

The camaraderie amongst staff. Even though schools always face staff turnover, the community here remains and I have colleagues who are dear friends that I get to see every day.

I also truly believe Kings' is unparalleled in the opportunities we provide for pupils. I look forward to my own son coming here so he can experience the trips, extra-curricular activities and engaging lessons to help him develop into a successful adult.



### SPOTLIGHT ON A PUPIL

## Imogen Beard Age 11

I joined the Winchester Cathedral Girls' Choir in September. I love singing and every week we get to perform in the cathedral at a service as well as two rehearsals a week. So far this year, we have also sung in Salisbury Cathedral, and performed in Handel's Messiah and during February, in the Moon



Medley.

There is always something interesting going on!

At Christmas we sang with the boy choristers in lots of services too. We have termly socials and it's great to get to know people from other schools around Winchester. I am currently the only chorister from Kings' in the choir. I'd really recommend it to any girls who love to sing!





# **BE A CHORISTER FOR AN AFTERNOON**

Unlock your child's musical potential and find out what it's like to sing in a professional choir



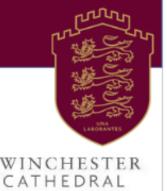
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 2.30pm – 6.30pm

Experience being a Chorister at Winchester Cathedral Sing with the Cathedral Choir, hear the mighty organ and try on a cassock Open to all girls in years 5, 6 and 7. Recruiting from current Years 6 and 7

Please contact choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk or call 01962 857200 to book

### Years 7 & 8...

Have you considered becoming a chorister at Winchester Cathedral? If you would like to audition, please email choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk









# DID YOU KNOW ...?

The Pupil Daily Bulletin is published on Satchel One every morning. You can check it yourself, and keep up to date with what's happening around the school.





Do you know who our school governors are You can find out more on our website just click here:

> WE ARE RECRUITING: Teacher of Maths Teacher of Science

> > **Cover Supervisor**

#### PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

https://kings-hants.com/register-aninterest/











## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 11th March - Hampshire Book Award Launch

Tuesday 12th March - Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 14th March - Year 11 Latin GCSE workshop - Winchester College

Thursday 14th March - Year 11 Jeremy Hunt Economics Workshop -Winchester College

Friday 15th March - Year 7 reports sent home

Wednesday 20th March - SSCO Years 5 & 6 Athletics - Sports Hall

Thursday 21st March - Health & Social Care Nursery visit

Friday 22nd March - Spring Concert rehearsals

Friday 22nd March - Health & Social Care First Aid

Friday 22nd March - KSA Comedy Night

MOnday 25th March - Spring Concert













Paul McCaffrey



Fiona Ridgewell



Julian Deane

# FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND 2024



DOORS OPEN AT 6.15 PM





### **EVENT FINISHES AT 10.30PM**

## £25.00

THIS PRICE INCLUDES A DELICIOUS FISH, VEGAN SAUSAGE OR GLUTEN FREE FISHCAKES & CHIP MEAL

### **BOOKING YOUR TICKET:**

www.pta-events.co.uk/kingssa

or for a direct link click Kings' School Association via the Parent tab on the school website or scan the QR code in the right corner





# Winchester PeaceJam Conference Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th March 2024

Get ready for an action-packed weekend, empowering youth to be the change they want to see in the world through hands-on workshops, near-peer mentoring groups and a social action planning session. To facilitate sustainable change, schools and youth groups will also have access to a six-week programme that complements the Citizenship GCSE curriculum.

It will be held at Winchester University





#### Our inspirational keynote speaker will be Harshwardhansinh Zala!

As a young teen, he created a drone that can detect landmines and now he runs his own organisation called Aerobotic7. He embodies the next generation of peacemakers, taking after our amazing **Nobel Peace Laureate Jody Williams**. We cannot wait for him to work with our youth at this conference, and connect with Jody, who will be joining virtually to talk about her work and answer questions.

Registration will open soon! However you can register your interest and make enquiries by emailing: unitedkingdom@peacejam.org

The cost to attend and be part of the action will be £60.00 per young person. Teachers and Youth Workers are free. This can be paid for by schools, clubs or sponsoring Rotary Clubs. We also have access to other alternative funding streams.

Further information about PeaceJam can be found at: https://peacejam.org.uk/



Hampshire and Isle of Wight

## We're investing between £700 million and £900 million in hospital services in Hampshire.

We'd like to know what you think about our plans to build a new hospital, invest in Winchester hospital, and our proposals for where services are provided from in the future.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve your hospital facilities and services for decades to come.

## Have your say and help shape tomorrow's hospitals

To find out more visit www.hampshiretogether.nhs.uk or scan the QR code



You can also email hiowicb-hsi.mohhs@nhs.net call 0300 561 0905 or write to us at Freepost HAMPSHIRE TOGETHER

Our public consultation is open until midnight on 17 March 2024. We'd love to hear your views



# WILL TODD MASS IN BLUE Shearing Songs and Sonnets

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# 7.30 p.m. SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024

## SOUTHAMPTON PHILHARMONIC CHOIR southamptonphil.org registered charity 1050107

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Southampton University Philharmonic Choir Will Todd Ensemble David Gibson (conductor)

# Winchester Police Cadets

## RECRUITING NOW!

- Police cadets is open to anyone aged 13-17
- Cadets provide young people with a safe space to learn as individuals
- Develop positive relationships with the police
- Actively support the community.
- It is a separate youth organisation from Hampshire Police but is staffed by police officers, police staff and volunteers
- meet like-minded young people
- have the opportunity to volunteer at events within the community.

The unit in Winchester meets at Henry Beaufort School every Tuesday evening from 6pm-8pm and we are currently recruiting new cadets.



#### Volunteer Police Cadet Application Form (office.com)







**21st** 

**February** 

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# Your health. Our help. Whenever you need it

Not all Parents/Carers feel confident or knowledgeable when it comes to talking to their young people about relationships and sex.

PARENTS & CARERS

webinar

Effective sex education helps to equip young people with the skills and confidence to empower them to make informed and well-thought-out decisions that are right for them around relationships and sex.

#### During this webinar we will cover:

- Who we are and what we do as a Sexual Health Service supporting young people.
- What does safeguarding and confidentiality look like when accessing sexual health
- services.
- Understanding young people's sexual health rights.
- What services are available to young people including contraception and STI screening.
- Online services including Personal Health Record (PHR)
- How we support young people including discussions around positive relationships, sexuality and gender and the impact of social media.
- How we can support you to support your young person with their relationships, sexual health and wellbeing.

You must order tickets prior to the event. www.LetsTalkAboutIt.nhs.uk/Webinars

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# **Parent webinar** County Lines in Hampshire

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Ivison Trust, a parent with lived experience & a local police officer.

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National County Lines Coordination Centre

# i feel so much more confident to to talk to my child

