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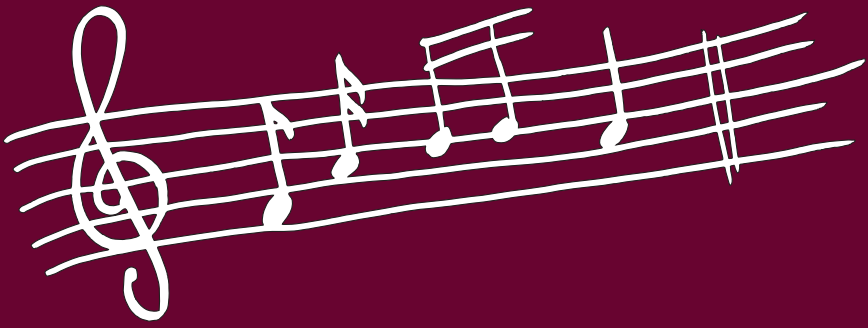
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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



SPRING CONCERT





On Monday evening, the Music Department held their annual Spring Concert, featuring an array of ensembles, soloists, bands and duets. The Year 11 band "The Extinguishers" performed a 25 minute set welcoming people as they were taking their seats, before the concert began with an amalgamated choir of pupils from all years performing Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now", accompanied by the Extinguishers. The orchestra featured a guest pupil conductor, Zach Jones, who arranged The March from the Nutcracker, and Rowan Rushall and Gabe Carson led the Jazz band. There were other ensemble items including the Chamber Choir performing "From Now On" from 'The Greatest Showman' with percussion, the Vocal Dectet performing Thomas Tallis' "If Ye Love Me"; Steel Band performing A-ha's "Take On Me", and the Brass Band playing a rousing version of Seven Nation Army. There were a number of soloists in the first half including Isabelle McGregor singing "Silent Worship" by Handel; Eden Baddeley-Gill performing "Ladies in Lavender" on the violin; Fergus Robertson singing a dramatic version of "Dust & Ashes" from the musical 'The Great Comet; Hannah Chakraborty singing a moving rendition of "Rise Up", and Kyle Kwok in Year 8 performing a heavily rhythmical rendition of "Caballos Espanoles", bringing the fiery heat of Spain into Kings' school hall. The second half also featured Gerlyn Teoh on the piano, Russell Pasley on the cello, Ethel Damalerio & Rowan Rushall performing an acoustic version of "Blackbird" by Lennon & McCartney; Emily Townley who sang with incredible control "I Could've Danced All Night", and Zach Jones & Gabriel Carson concluded the evening with a saxophone concerto.



Congratulations to Mr Clark, Mr Olexa, Mr Wood and the scores of pupils who delivered such exemplary performances.



HAMPSHIRE BOOK AWARD 2024

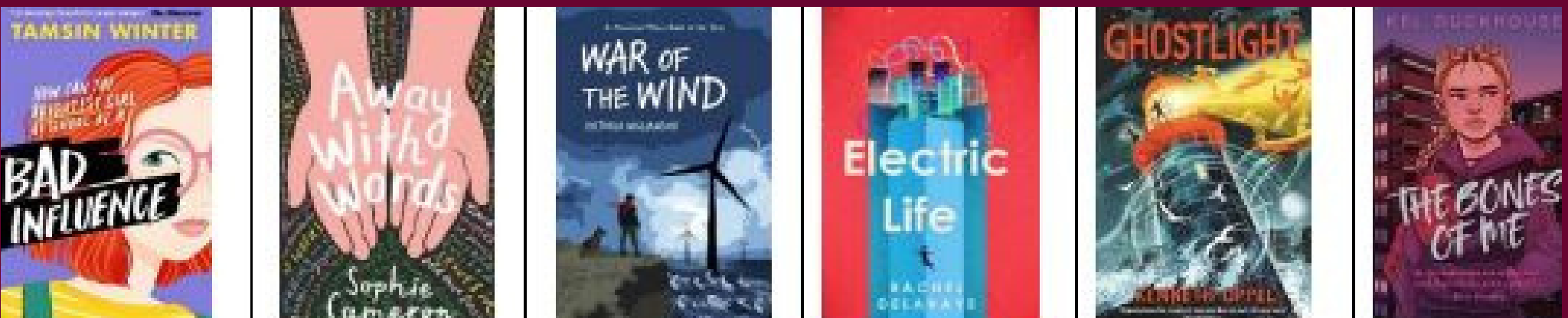
Earlier this term, Mrs Miles invited our Year 8s to submit written applications, outlining why they believed they would make good judges in the annual Hampshire Book Award (HBA) Once again, Kings' pupils showed excellent communication skills as well as being passionate and enthusiastic readers, and some fifteen pupils made it to the judging panel.

On Monday 11th March, the shortlist of recently published YA fiction was announced, when Hampshire School Library Service Lead Adviser, Emma Ostler, visited Kings' to bring us brand new copies of the books.

The aims of the HBA are:

- To promote the enjoyment of reading
- To foster a reading ethos within the school
- To draw attention to the most rewarding and accessible fiction for the age group
- To challenge students to critically assess books and to make a reasoned argument in group discussions.

Over the next three months our judges will become highly critical readers, looking at the "Three Es" of reading – Enjoyment, Enrichment and Engagement, as they consider every aspect of what makes a book a page-turner and a possible future classic.



SPOTLIGHT ON CO-CURRICULAR

Video Games Club - Wednesdays after School

On Wednesdays a buzz of excitement sweeps along the upper corridors of Sarum building as pupils from all year groups make their way to Video Games Club.

A group of our regulars from Year 10 and 11 set up a bracket style open sign up event weekly, in which pupils pit their skills against one another in games such as Smash Bros, Mario Kart and Dragonball Z Fighter.

Meanwhile mobile games such as Clash Royale and Minecraft servers allow pupils to revel in their collective interests, discussing favourite games. Often Pokemon cards appear with collections on display, or a Yu-Gi-Oh card duel will take place in a quiet corner.

Having started two years ago, the club has now ballooned to a healthy regular attendance of 60+ pupils, meaning two rooms have now been opened to entertain pupils.





SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

MR SIMON LEIGH-JONES
COVER SUPERVISOR &
WELFARE OFFICER

NUMBER OF YEARS AT SCHOOL: 4



What attracted you to a career in teaching?

I think the desire to inspire. There are so many negative influences in young people's lives today; coupled with a sort of 'downer' on being bright, pursuing greatness academically, and being a shining light that way. I want to paint a different picture, to expose them to an alternate narrative which says, "Go ahead and shine, blow them away with your brilliance and be proud of it".

Tell us why pupils enjoy coming to your lessons.

Ooh, you'll have to ask them if they do to be fair. I think it may be because I am intentional about relating, connecting, and knowing them as the individuals they are. I sense they appreciate my justness. What I mean by this is that they know I will be firm, I will not let any misbehaviour affect the opportunity to learn, but I will always try to be kind and personal. I love laughing with the pupils as well – laughter brings lightness and joy to the learning atmosphere.

What do you enjoy most about working at Kings'?

The people! The caring, connecting staff who are real and relational. My Cover Supervisors team are a group of absolute legends who bring a genuine lightness to the task at hand. There are times when we are all laughing so hard together at shared stories that people on the other side of the school surely hear us. I also love the idea that I may be making a difference to pupils' lives, showing them something true, good, and beautiful about education and becoming the best 'you' possible.



SPOTLIGHT ON A PUPIL

MARIA MARTINO

AGE 16



My dance journey started almost 14 years ago with pre-school ballet.

Over the years I attended more classes in different genres of dance and have worked through the grades of the ISTD Syllabus.

In 2021 – after watching a performance of the Snow Queen by The Ballet Theatre UK at The Theatre Royal I applied to become an Associate and started training with them once a month in Leicester.



In January this year the Associates were invited to audition for a full-time school place for Year 12 and I was over the moon to be accepted onto their 3 year BA Hons in Ballet Performance and am looking forward to starting in September 2024.



COMEDY @KINGS'

HOSTED BY TOM DEACON

A great big heartfelt thank you from the KSA. The annual Comedy Night was a great success, and, after hoping to break even, actually made a £1000 profit.

All funds raised by the KSA go back into providing yet more wonderful facilities and opportunities for all our children.



POETRY LIVE!

A lucky group of Year 11 students attended Poetry Live! in February at the theatre in the Savoy Hotel in London. It was a star-studded event and the students got to meet and hear from a selection of important poets, whose work they are studying, including two Poets Laureate (Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage). The curriculum experience also included insights from senior AQA examiners who gave the students detailed advice and tips for their forthcoming GCSEs.

The event featured a diverse and impressive range of poets who not only answered questions, but also gave pupils a personal and exclusive account of why they wrote some of their best-known poems; and what they mean to them. One of the poets, John Agard, is now writing a new poem based on a question from a Kings' student (and on Kings' paper!)





CHILD DEVELOPMENT NURSERY TRIP

YR 11 Child Development classes are visiting The Hursley Childcare Hub this week. It is a great experience for pupils to see how a nursery runs firsthand and how the staff use the EYFS guidelines to plan a curriculum that meets the individual needs of the children in their care.

Mrs Rossiter



On Thursday 14th March, we went to Winchester College for the day. In the morning we learnt about some Roman artefacts which were found in England and some of us had the opportunity to dress up. Before a very fancy and delicious lunch we did a scavenger hunt around the museum. In the afternoon we had two lectures, one for Latin literature and the other for Latin language. This trip provided us with lots of helpful resources for our exams and was very interesting.

Sophie Year 11

LATIN TRIP





YOUNG ECONOMISTS WORKSHOP

Kings' School Year 11 Business students had the opportunity to engage in a Young Economists workshop at Winchester College. Collaborating with other schools, they were tasked with devising a novel economic policy aimed at boosting the UK's GDP. Presenting their policy proposals to a panel of Winchester College students, they showcased remarkable problem-solving abilities, effective teamwork, and impressive presentation skills. I am also proud to announce that one of the Kings' teams was awarded best policy.

However, the highlight was undoubtedly the speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Jeremy Hunt. Mr. Hunt's insights on how technology will shape economic policy in the future were particularly relevant. His discussion of the various cabinet roles he has held and the valuable experiences gained from these were also enlightening. The Q&A session with the Chancellor provided further depth and engagement with fiscal policy.

Overall, this experience at Winchester College not only enriched our students' understanding of economics but also exposed them to real-world perspectives from a member of parliament.





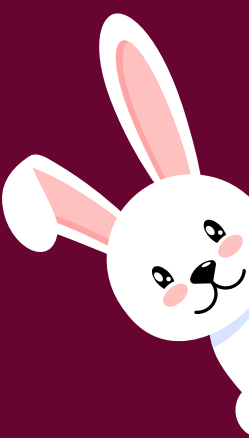
SPORTING SUCCESS STORIES



Kings' U16 Boys' Hockey team finished runners up at this year's U16 Hampshire championships. They trumped this however when they won the England Hockey Tier 3 South Central regional championships at Reading Hockey club. This was a huge achievement and meant they progressed to the national finals at Nottingham Hockey Centre. After beating St. Albans school 2-0 they were in a great place but unfortunately lost their next two pool games by a single goal. All teams at this level are very evenly matched. They picked themselves up however, in their classification game, by winning 4-1 to finish a very respectable 5th place in the country in the EH U16 Tier 3 championships. This was a fitting end for the Year 11 pupils but will hopefully motivate the Year 10s to try even harder next year. The school is rightly proud of all of them.



U14 Boys Basketball had a season that will not be forgotten, going undefeated and dominating the entire league for the Cup win, as well as beating the toughest opponents across Hampshire to become U14 County Cup Champions!





SPORTING SUCCESS STORIES



Year 7 Girls County Cup
Champions - winning 66 - 21



Year 7 Jr NBA cruising past Castle View
with a 34 - 2 win!



Year 8 District Champions 2024



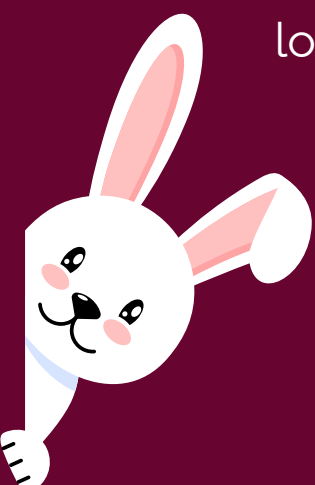
Under 14 Girls took victory at the
District Cup Final against Henry
Beaufort 6 - 1



U13 Girls IN2Hockey Regional WInners
at Reading. Undefeated all day and
looking forward to the Nationals in
Nottingham in May!



70 Pupils travelled to PGL Adventures,
Liddington, for their annual weekend-
away netball tour. They were fantastic
whilst away, demonstrating exceptional
character, and the Year 8s ended the
weekend in first place and undefeated.





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 15th April - Summer Term Starts

Monday 15th April - Year 7 Science Centre Sleepover - Parents' Information Evening, Hall

Tuesday 16th April - Base Parents Afternoon Tea, Tower Base

Thursday 18th April - Year 7 Parents' Evening

Friday 19th April - Year 7 Sleepover, Science Centre

Monday 22nd April - Shaping the Future Forum, the Training Suite. The focus will be on Anti- Bullying

Friday 26th April - Transition Coffee Afternoon, Library

WE ARE RECRUITING:

Invigilators

Cover Supervisors

LSAs

Teacher of Business

Teacher of Maths

Teacher of Science

Teacher of Food Technology

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR
FURTHER DETAILS

<https://kings-hants.com/register-an-interest/>



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Sparsholt GIRLS cricket festival



Tuesday 9th April

Up to age 12: 10:30am to 12:30pm

12-16 years: 2pm to 4pm

Free for all girls! Come and have fun and cake!

Book a place <https://tinyurl.com/cricket4girls>

For extra info contact srz@soton.ac.uk





SUMMER FAIR

 SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY

8TH JUNE 2024

 FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Kings' School, Romsey Road, Winchester, SO22 5PN





Wishing you a blessed
last ten days of Ramadan
and

Eid Mubarak

UNA
LABORANTES
in advance

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HAPPY
easter



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