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NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



Hundreds of skaters have attempted to set a new Guinness World Record. Geoff Else, a professional skateboarder and coach from Winchester, gathered 360 pupils from Kings' School in an attempt to conduct the largest skateboard lesson. The current record, set in 2012 in California, is 311 people in one lesson - but Mr Else believes that record has now been broken.

We now wait for confirmation from Guinness World Record judges.

The Guinness World Record rules stipulate that each skater must have their own board and helmet and they must do at least six different skills in a 30-minute lesson. Mr Birch, head of PE, said he "jumped at the chance" when Mr Else got in contact about the idea.

"The whole school community is really excited about this opportunity," Mr Birch said.



As the equipment was set out, Mr Birch was interviewed by the BBC





Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: working together at Kings' School

Recently our year councils from Year 7 to Year 11 have spent time thinking about how we celebrate the diversity of our community at Kings'. We want a culture that strives to ensure everyone, pupils, staff and parents have equal access to everything our school offers. We want a community where everyone knows they are valued and included at all times.

Feedback from our school councils highlighted some of our successes: pupils value equal access for everyone on school trips and extra-curricular activities. They love the different cuisines available in the canteen, from the regular, weekly items to the 'special events' where different cultures' celebrations are highlighted. From chow mein to Balti, from crepes to enchiladas, our tastebuds are regularly teased.

Parents of pupils who join us from other countries, where English is not the first language, have commented on the warmth of the Kings' welcome for not only their children, but their families as well. They love the celebrations at different times of year, like Christmas when we wish people a festive time in a wealth of languages spoken by our pupils and staff.

So, we know what the pupils enjoy, but now we want to take our vision further. We want to have input from parents and pupils, staff and governors, so that we can shape the future in a way that will underpin our culture at Kings'.

We really want to hear from you, our families at Kings' and in particular, we would love to have some parents who share this passion and would like to be part of a working party on this as we move it forward. We know that everyone has something to offer the school community, and would love it if our parents' working party was truly diverse – please join us so that we can ensure our children are surrounded by a community that values the people around them and are not divided by race, gender, sexuality, faith, physical disability or neurodivergence. As we say on the banners around our school: We are Kings'.

If you are interested in participating in the working party which is likely to meet once a half term and is being led by Lt Col Des Mhere (governor) and Mrs Anna Payne (Assistant Headteacher), please contact us using this form: [Show of interest Equality Diversity Inclusion parents' working party](#)



Easter Revision Workshops 2024.

217 Year 11 pupils were not only awake, but were in school, ready to participate in the free Kings' School Easter Revision Workshops... At 9 o'clock in the morning, in the Easter holiday... On three days of the first week.

18 different subjects and workshops were offered for free, with 217 pupils attending at least one of these.

Running for two hours at a time, pupils reviewed the knowledge base and content of their GCSE workshop subject. In addition, staff reinforced specific advice about how to gain the most marks in each of the questions.

35 members of staff committed their time and expertise to providing this opportunity for our pupils, for which we are very grateful, and we know our pupils appreciated the chance to have a useful, structured revision time.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 pupils – the uptake of these Revision Workshops shows their dedication to achieving personal academic excellence and their exceptional character. Working together with them, we are confident they will attain what they need to lead to inspiring futures ahead for them all.

We wish them all every success as they enter this last term at Kings' School and prepare to sit their GCSE exams. We would like to remind them as well, that time at school is about learning more than academic subject knowledge. We want them to know that we are proud of the people they have grown into and that their support and celebration of each other will be equally important to them as they move through this exam season.

Well done Year 11 – look what you managed in the Easter Holidays – we know you will do yourselves proud in the exams themselves.



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

YEAR 11 VS STAFF BASKETBALL GAME

Our annual Year 11 Vs Staff basketball match was another success.

This year we faced a particularly tough Year 11 team who made it all the way through to the Southampton Schools Plate Final and narrowly missed out on the silverware losing by a very controversial 1 point.

Geraint Wood and Luca Kendall were the most formidable opponents to try and stop (both can reach the 10ft hoop with ease) but nevertheless we managed to do just that.

Coming together with great Una Laborantes spirit we took the game to overtime to win 25-23, making us back to back to back winners once again.

Special mention to the MVP Graham Young for his youthful, relentless energy and leaving the crowd marvelling at his unbelievable handling and that "sick fadeaway floater" one Year 9 wouldn't stop talking about.

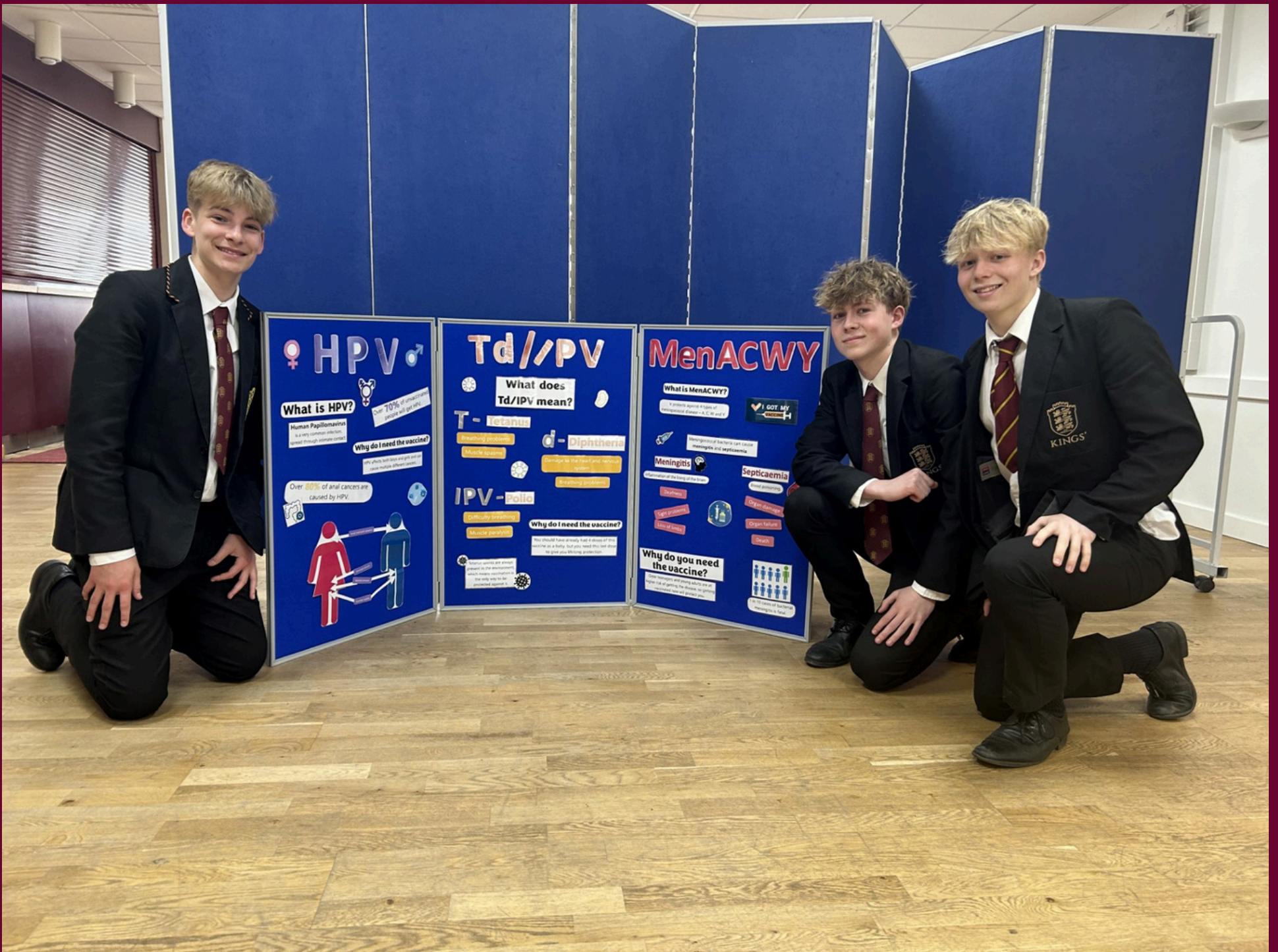
Many thanks to all involved.

Mr Dunnico





HPV VACCINATIONS



Vaccinating almost 300 Year 8 pupils in one day was a massive operation, only made possible by the help of our lovely Year 10 prefects/ helpers.

Oliver, Jack and Tom , along with others from Year 10, were of invaluable help.

Thanks to the efforts of our amazing Matrons, Mrs Rauf and Mrs Peters, the School Immunization team of six nurses completed the vaccinations in one day, instead of the scheduled two days.

The Year 10 prefects/ helpers were brilliant as always. Many thanks to Mr Breen for recommending such helpful pupils, without whom it is impossible to run such a large-scale operation.



HENRY SCHACHTER HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

A REPORT BY BELLA IN YEAR 11

The week before half term I and a small group of other year 11 students were lucky enough to be able to listen to Henry Schachter talk about his experiences and memories during the Holocaust. Henry started his story from when he was just a small baby living with his parents in Poland. He described how the antisemitic views grew drastically whilst living in Poland so he and his family emigrated to Germany. He talked about how for a short amount of time Jewish people were accepted into Germany before World War One ended and the Nazis began to rise in power. Henry spoke about how most Jewish people that had emigrated from Poland had their German Citizenship revoked and how they had to travel back to Poland where they were forced to wear the yellow Star of David and had to carry ID cards with Jew stamped onto them.

Henry then continued to explain how the situation across Germany and Poland worsened leaving his family with no choice but to go into hiding – this is when Henry was around 9 months old, and his family found themselves in the situation of terror that they would be found by the Nazis as Henry was unable to understand the situation and would start crying. The family then came out of hiding to protect the other families that they were in hiding with and were forced to keep out of the public eye as much as possible although at this time it was proving nearly impossible. One day when Henry's father was out, he was stopped and asked for his ID card which he did not have with him so was sentenced to 10 days in prison. At this point Henry's family had to do something as the Nazis were now most likely going to come after his whole family.

Henry's father was able to get papers to travel to Germany on a work basis allowing them to set up and try and find a place where his family was able to settle. Once this was achieved Henry and his mother had to make the difficult and illegal journey to go and join his father. Henry spoke about the fake papers that his mother had to acquire and about the horrific journey that he and his mother had to make in a state of constant fear through a forest where they could have been found at any point. Once they managed to safely reach Germany, they were able to live in less fear for a few months until the Nazis gained more control and their lives were at stake, so they had to do something.

When Henry was about two, he was placed into a fostering scheme ran by Christians to protect Jewish children by relocating them with a Christian family and completely changing their identity. Henry described his new "mama and papa" fondly however he began to recount when he had last seen his mother on his fifth birthday. He was only able to spend an hour with her and when she left, he was so upset that he refused to give her a hug. This is what Henry said is the greatest regret of his life and he became very emotional as did many Year 11s due to the moving nature of his story. He then described how a few days later his mother was taken away to a Nazi death camp and was killed in the gas chambers as was his father.

He described the multiple memories that Henry made with his adopted parents sheltered away from the war. When the war finished Henry began to tell us of the miracle that occurred that allowed him to reunite with his family and his identity. His uncle was travelling for work when he realised that in his distant state, he had gotten on the wrong tram so then when he got off, he saw a young boy skipping on the other side of the road who then ran up to him shouting "papa" and ran towards him. This young boy was Henry confusing his uncle for his father. Because of this simple mistake Henry was able to learn his family history and reunite with his identity.

It was a real privilege for us to hear first hand the experiences endured by Henry during this terrible time in history, meeting him and asking questions and understanding what his family went through.

Bella Year 11



ECO COUNCIL



A record number of pupils have signed up to our Eco Council, and have collaborated to introduce some fabulous initiatives at Kings'.

Our council was recently awarded £250 form the Winchester 'Dragons' after participating in the Winchester Sustainability Pyramid Competition. This money was awarded after they developed an idea on sustainability and worked together on an excellent presentation. 5 students took this presentation to Sparshalt College in competition with other Hampshire schools and did us really proud.

In addition to working on improving recycling and reducing plastic usage, setting up bat and bird boxes, amongst other 'green' projects, the council are rolling out their sustainable fashion swap shop initiative; the aim in addition to tackling fast fashion and land fill is to generate income to fund future projects.





KINGS' SCHOOL LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

Our busy library is a hive of activity from before the school day starts, with pupils from all years making use of the space to catch up on homework or catch up with friends. Years and years of use by lively teenagers have left the room looking a little shabby and in need of some TLC. And I am happy to say that there are plans afoot to do just that.

The smart new library is due to open its doors in September after a long-awaited refurbishment. As well as cosmetic improvements such as a new carpet and window blinds, there will be structural changes – much more than just a lick of paint. The room is to be divided into a dedicated classroom area, and a separate reading library. The removal of the temporary walls will open up the Fiction area, and new seating will allow pupils to read on their own in quiet spaces or with friends.

Additional space will be made available for displays and our book stock will be showcased on fixed bays as well as movable shelving. We think a fresh new reading space is just what the Kings' Community needs, and we look forward to welcoming one and all to our sparkling new library.

[Support us here](#)





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KINGS' SCHOOL ECO COUNCIL IS HOSTING A SWAP SHOP

To improve the school's sustainability by raising money to invest in waste-sorting bins and various other recycling projects.



WHY SWAP AND SHOP?

Eco-friendly exchange: reduce waste and join the sustainable revolution by giving your pre-loved items a second chance at happiness.

Save Big, Swap Smart: At the Swap Shop you'll find unique, quality items; swap individual items or pay per kilo.



DATE & PLACE OF SWAP SHOP TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!



HOW IT WORKS

Bring your items: clean out your cupboards and gather those items you no longer need or use.

Quality is key - we believe in promoting items that still have plenty of life left in them.

Swap or Shop: browse the diverse selection of goods brought in by other swappers.

Find something you love? Make a trade or purchase - the choice is yours.

All clothes must be washed and in good condition.



BRING YOUR SWAP SHOP ITEMS TO THE LIBRARY OR
TUTOR ROOM FROM MONDAY 6TH MAY





WE ARE RECRUITING

TEACHER VACANCIES

- *Deputy Head of Maths
- *Teacher of Maths
- *Teacher of Science
- *Teacher of Art/Photography
- *Teacher of Art (Maternity Cover)
- *Teacher of Business

SUPPORT VACANCIES

- *Deputy Site Manager
- *LSA
- *Cover Supervisor

CASUAL WORK

*Invigilators: Our invigilators are essential to maintaining an organised and safe exam environment for pupils and we are always looking for Invigilators to join our friendly team. There is no previous experience required for this role and full training is given. The work is casual so you can choose which exam sessions you work and there is no expectation to pick up work in any particular frequency or pattern, full and half days are available.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

If you have a passion for gardening and nurturing green spaces, we invite you to be part of our Kings' School Community. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, this role offers a fulfilling opportunity to witness the school landscape thrive under your care. As a volunteer Gardener/Groundskeeper, you'll play a crucial role in maintaining Kings' School's greenery, ensuring a healthy and safe environment for our pupils. Your tasks may range from planting and tending to floral displays to shaping hedges and creating wildlife habitats.

For more information on any of the above roles, please call the school on 01962 861 161 or email recruit@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk





Monday 29th April - Friday 3rd May - GCSE Photography Exams

Monday 6th May - May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May - Thursday 27th June - GCSE Examinations

Wednesday 8th May - Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Information Evening 6 - 7pm

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May - Hockey Finals, Nottingham

Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th May - Year 10 Geography Field Trip - Highland Water

Friday 17th May - Year 8 Report 2 sent home

Friday 17th, Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th May - Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition, new Forest

Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd May - Year 8 Latin trip to Fishbourne Palace

Friday 24th May - Friday 31st May - Year 10 Ardeche Adventure, France

Friday 24th - Wednesday 29th May - Geography trip to Sicily

Friday 24th May - close for half term

Monday 3rd June - school reopens



YEAR 11 ONLY

Lifeguard Courses in July in Winchester after the GCSE exams.

Winchester swimming pools are looking for part time lifeguards and this is a great way of working for the community.

15TH July – 19th July 2024

OR

22nd July – 26th July 2024



Summer Lifeguard Course 2024

Dates:
15th July to 19th July 2024 (Monday to Friday)

Location:
St Swithuns School Swimming Pool Winchester

Course Details:
Fee £280.00
This qualification is often referred to as the National Pool Lifeguarding Qualification (NPLQ). The IQL Level 3 Award in Pool Lifeguarding, Intervention, Supervision and Rescue. With AED and PXB Training included.
Must be 16+ years of age and physically swim fit.

Contact Details:
Reuben Mason RLSS NTA Mentor
Mob: 07876660407
Email: falt@sky.com

Enjoy Water **Safely**



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SPORTS CAMP

TUESDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 30TH
AUGUST 2024

DAILY START TIME: 9.15-9.45 DROP OFF DAILY FINISH TIME: 4-4.30PM PICK UP

**OPEN TO PUPILS IN CURRENT YEARS 6, 7, 8 & 9
AT KINGS' SCHOOL WINCHESTER & THEIR FRIENDS!**

**ON SITE ACTIVITIES - THE GREAT WAY COSTS £30 PER DAY
OR £100 FOR THE FOUR DAYS**

**OFF & ON SITE ACTIVITIES - THE EXTREME WAY COSTS £180
FOR EVERYTHING!**

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CLICK HERE

ON SITE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: FOOTBALL, FUTSAL, TAG RUGBY, DODGEBALL, BASKETBALL, TENNIS, BADMINTON, VOLLEYBALL, SOFTBALL, CRICKET, ROUNDEERS, NETBALL, SWIMMING, SLIP 'N' SLIDE, WATER FIGHT, TRAMPOLINING, CLIMBING, BOULDERING, WATER POLO, TEAM BUILDING CHALLENGES, OLYMPIC LEGACY DAY, HOCKEY, TABLE TENNIS, CAPTURE THE FLAG, GOLF AND MORE!

OFF SITE VISITS INCLUDE: THORPE PARK, TEN PIN BOWLING & FLIP OUT.



LION'S PICNIC

Family Fun Day!

Sunday 26th May

Winchester Rugby Club | 10am - 4pm

BOUNCY CASTLE

CRAFT FAYRE

SENSORY AREA

**MEET YOUR
NHS TEAMS**

LIVE MUSIC

BBQ

**Come and join us
for a fun filled
bank holiday!**

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Multi-terrain chip-timed run
SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

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Family friendly day with
Community Fete

11am to 3pm at Compton All Saints' Primary School
Including a licensed bar, BBQ, raffle, games, stalls, activities and more


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SUMMER FAIR

SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY

8TH JUNE 2024

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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

