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# NEWSLETTER

UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



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## SPOTLIGHT ON STEM

SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY  
ENGINEERING  
MATHEMATICS





## SCIENCE CENTRE SLEEPOVER



As part of Kings' summer of STEM, the year 7's had an exciting sleepover at the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium. Over 20 dedicated teachers, science teachers, tutors and staff waited for 200 enthusiastic pupils to arrive and take over the centre!

The evening started with free rein on the displays, this certainly wasn't quiet time, and every button, pulley and prop was put to the test. Pupils jumped from one display to another and back again. They excitedly yelled to their mates and to their teachers 'Miss, Miss, look at this! I never knew that...!' 'Sir, Sir, have a go!'

They had a hot chocolate and biscuit break which helped them to maintain the evening momentum... By 9pm the lights were turned low, and they chose their sleeping spot or den. More snacks came out and they chose to lie back beneath the planetarium screen to watch a movie, or hang out with their besties in their sleeping bags. In the morning, the trip finished off with a planetarium show about space, the big bang and the origins of life. There is plenty for the science teachers to talk about.



The sleep may not have been a full 8 hours... but the year 7s were impeccably behaved. On waking up, they did a fantastic job of packing up and then cleaning up! We couldn't have been prouder of their exceptional behaviour. The feedback from the centre staff also highlighted their outstanding conduct and put the Kings' year 7s above all other visiting schools for respect and care of their public space.

Well done year 7!



## SPOTLIGHT ON STEM

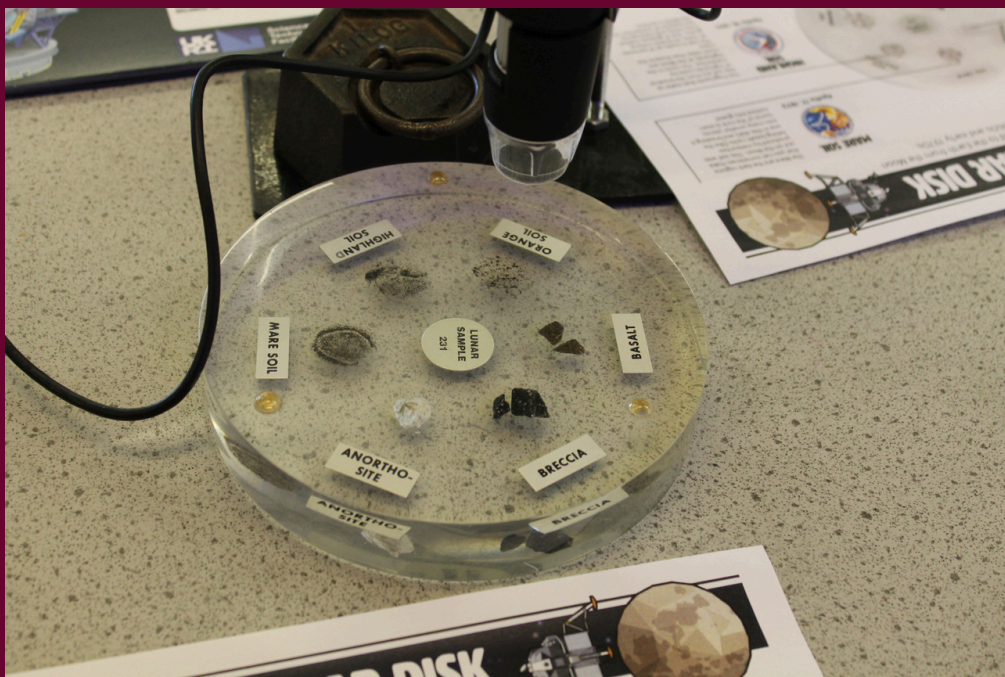




## MOON ROCKS!



Kings' School Science department has organised a very special loan of moon rock, soil samples and meteorites from NASA. These exceptional items were collected during the Apollo missions of the 1970s and brought back to earth to be studied by scientists. Staff and pupils alike have been enthusiastically handling these rare and special samples.





## MOON ROCKS!

Mrs Swift writes:

A year 7 pupil was holding a chondrite meteorite in his hand and I told him how the spherical 'blobs' inside were molten droplets / space dust, preserved inside when the asteroid formed and represent one of the oldest solid materials within the solar system.

Delivered so carefully, and with pauses, he said

'Miss.. I think.....that.... is the most intriguing thing..... I have ever heard!'





## DUCKLINGS!



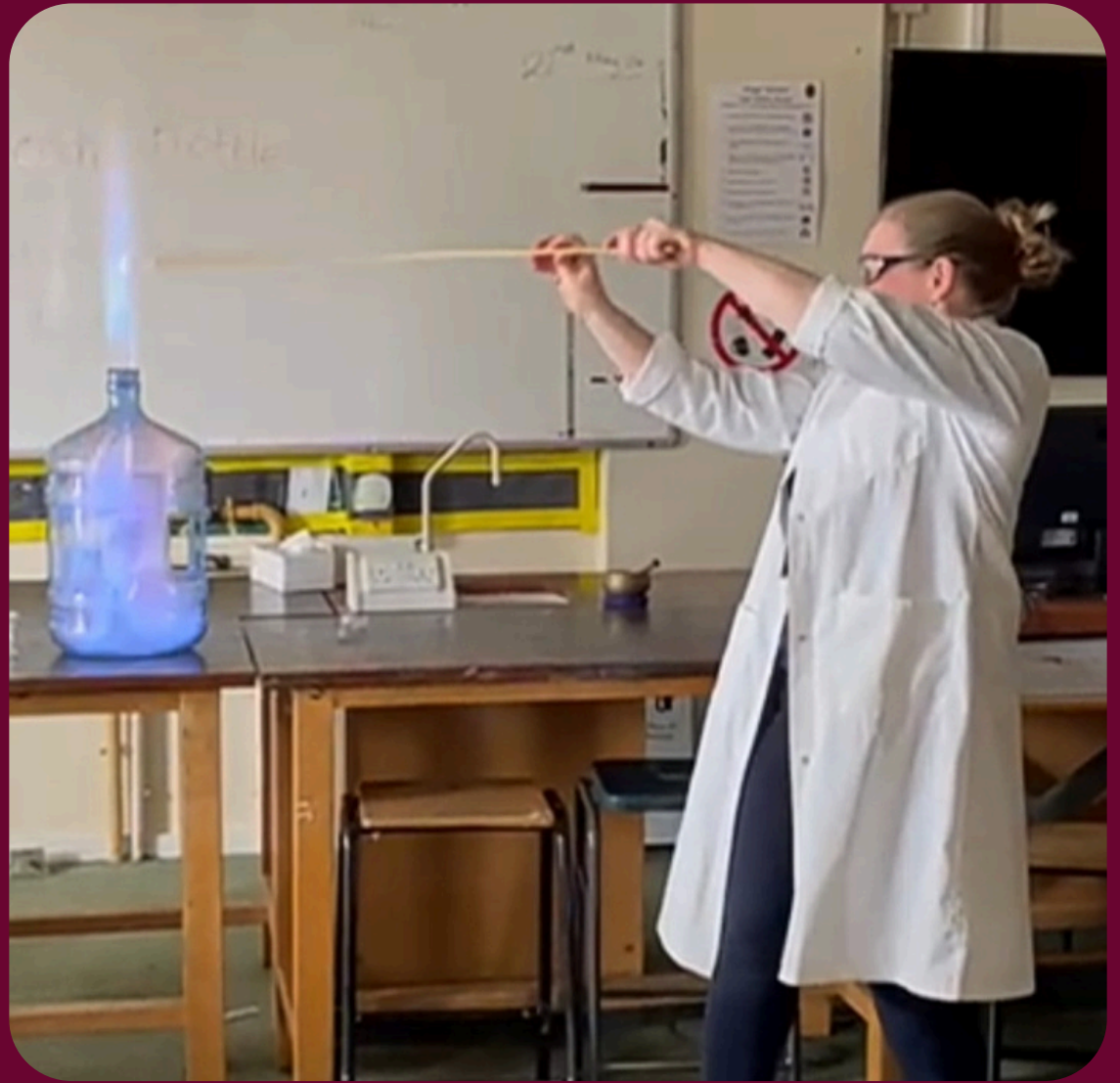
On the 5th and 6th June there was huge excitement in the Science Department as the newest little members of the Kings' School community, er, hatched! The ducklings had arrived! Thanks to Dr Rakic and her wonderful team a tiny flock of five little balls of fluff announced their arrival with chirps and the fluffiest of feathers. Pupils have enjoyed visiting the ducklings and they were one of the star attractions at the Summer Fair where children queued to see and hold and pet our five little friends: Smoki, Tayto, Quack the Ripper, Sir Francis Drake and Poppet. All five will soon be off to their new home and a life of luxury in the lake at Broadlands in Romsey.





## SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

### MRS F. SWIFT TEACHER OF SCIENCE



What attracted you to a career in teaching?

I got into teaching to make a difference and inspire; and I strive to do this every day. Having previously worked in offshore renewable energy projects, I hoped to connect with young people and empower them with knowledge and the understanding that they can be the change the world needs.

Our science department's vision statement: "You cannot change the world if you do not first know the world" sums up the message I hope to share. If our fantastic Kings' students can understand the world—its complexities, challenges, and nuances—they can make meaningful changes. I hope to build on the interconnectedness of their knowledge and future action.

Tell us why students enjoy coming to your lessons.

I think students enjoy coming to my lessons because I'm very passionate about what I teach and I'm always happy to see them. Not everyone loves school or science, but I certainly try to make it meaningful to all my students. If they feel that my classroom is a good place to be, that is a great beginning.

What do you enjoy most about working at Kings' ?

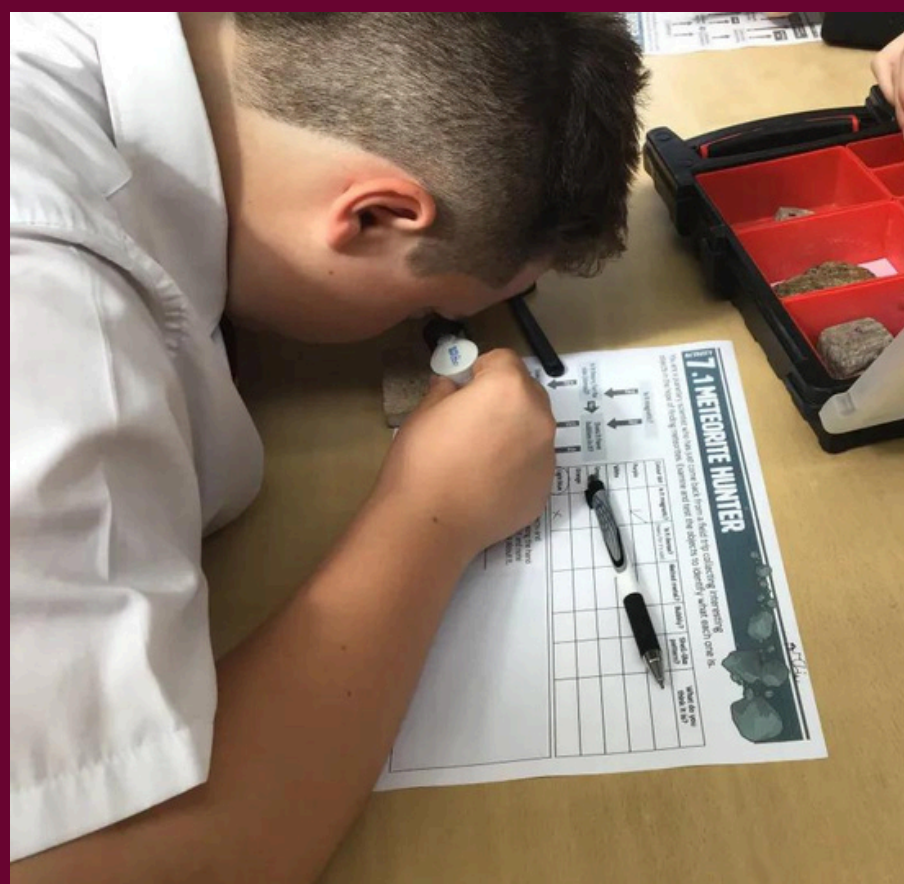
Kings' School is full of students and teachers that really care. When you're at school, you don't feel that it is as large as it is. I feel like I can make a connection with all students, which means that a fantastic community has been nurtured here.



## OSKINGS' PUPILS HOLD METEORITES IN THEIR HANDS!



On Wednesday 15th May a group of Oskings students had an amazing opportunity to handle some genuine meteorites on loan from NASA. As well as the meteorite collection students were also able to see samples of rock and soil taken from the moon in the 1970's Apollo missions. We spent time studying the rocks and their properties with magnets, magnifiers and microscopes. Not every day you get to hold a piece of the moon!



Lucy Tabor, Head of Science, Oskings'





## NEWS FROM OSKINGS'

Students from OsKings' who form Osjam, the band part of 'Rubik's Cube' (the school rock choir) were invited to perform a set of music at the Bristol Beacon in Bristol in April. The event was organised by 'Music for Youth', an organisation that has provided our young people with many memorable performances. The pupils performed brilliantly with excellent playing from the band, great singing and solos. The music mentors commented how much they enjoyed the song choices and the energy. We were interviewed by BBC News and even featured on the TV!



We are extremely proud of our Year 10 & 11 pupils Mason Huni & Finnley Puffett, for receiving their prefect braids and ties. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students of OsKings' to aspire to be recognised as representatives of the school.



# ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!



KINGS' SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR 2024





## SPORTING SUCCESS STORIES



### U13 GIRLS IN2HOCKEY NATIONAL FINALS – NOTTINGHAM MAY 10th 2024

An amazing group of super talented Year 8 Girls won the County and Regional Competitions to make it to the National Finals in Nottingham.

The only state school to get through the Regional round and then take part in the finals, they surpassed expectation by coming 5th playing exceptional hockey and performing as a solid squad.

This is the best ever result achieved by a Kings' School Girls Hockey team since the school began in 1985.





## WE ARE RECRUITING

Support roles:

- Library Supervisor
- Cover Supervisors

<https://kings-hants.com/support-vacancies/>



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](mailto:recruit@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk)





## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### JUNE

Monday 17th - Tuesday 18th - Stained Glass Workshop

Thursday 20th - Annual GCSE Art, Textiles and Photography Exhibition

Friday 21st - Sports Day

Monday 24th - Art - Year 10 visit to Winchester Cathedral

Tuesday 25th - Year 10 Peter Symonds Taster Day

Tuesday 25th - Year 10 Solent University Business Competition

Wednesday 26th - INSET day

Thursday 27th - Year 8 National Rounders Competition

Friday 28th - Year 11 PROM

Sunday 30th - Drama Production Rehearsal

### JULY

Tuesday 2nd - Hampshire Book Award Voting Day at Applemore College

Tuesday 2nd - Y 6 Transition Day

Wednesday 3rd - Equality and Rights Advocates - Inter-school meeting

Wednesday 3rd - y 6 Parent Information Evening - Sports Hall

Thursday 4th - Health and Social Care Home Visit

Thursday 4th - Sports Awards Evening - Middle Field

Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th - D of E Silver Qualifying Expedition - overnight camping



## AND FINALLY ... ANOTHER SPORTING SUCCESS STORY

So proud of past pupil, Jagger Curtis, now a first year student at Barton Peveril Sixth Form College, who achieved a bronze medal in the Boccia Heathcoat Cup. A fantastic achievement!



# SUMMER HOLIDAY LUNCH SCHEME THE SUMMER HOLIDAY LUNCH SCHEME ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN.

If you need support for the whole family, please register for a full food parcel – [www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/get-help](http://www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/get-help)

We are inviting families with school-aged children (who live or attend a school in the city of Winchester and some surrounding areas, including Alresford) who feel they need some extra help over the school holidays to register for our Holiday Lunch Scheme.

The aim of the scheme is to provide food to cover 5 lunches per child per week. Please note that the holiday lunch scheme is in addition to our normal operation, and does not count towards the number of standard vouchers you can receive. However, we ask that you don't claim both during the same period of time. If you need more support, please register for a full food parcel for all the family – [www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/get-help](http://www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/get-help)

Please be aware that the food supplied is designed to replace the hot meal and will be tinned/dried; we do not have food items suitable for packed lunch style meals. We can offer food suitable for most dietary requirements.

This summer we have 4 locations for you to collect from:

Bar End (The Vineyard Church, SO23 9NR) – Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.;  
Highcliffe (21a Penton Place, Milland Road, SO23 0PZ) – Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New Alresford (St Gregory's Church, SO24 9HD) – Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.;

Weeke (St Barnabas Church, SO22 6DS) – Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You will be asked to nominate which location you will be collecting your food from – please think carefully about this as we cannot change it!

Collections will be necessary 3 times from your chosen hub – each collection will contain 10 lunches.

The dates will be:

Week 1/2 Between Monday 15th July and Friday 19th July.

Week 3/4 Between Monday 29th July and Friday 2nd August.

Week 5/6 Between Monday 12th August and Friday 16th August.

Closing date is Sunday 7th July 2024.

To register click here: [SUMMER HOLIDAY LUNCH SCHEME](#)

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YEAR 11 PROM

# MASQUERADE

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024

6.15 PM FOR 7.00 PM  
CARRIAGES AT 10.00 PM

DRESS CODE : FORMAL



ALAN PARKER'S  
**BUGSY**  
MALONE  
THE MUSICAL

10th - 13th July

**TICKETS NOW  
ON SALE**

#prepare2Bpied

Kings' School Production of Bugsy Malone - Paul Williams.

It is 1929 in New York and the city is divided by gang warfare. On one side, Dandy Dan's mob terrorise the district, taking out those they turn against with their new splurge guns. On the other side, Dandy Dan's rival, Fat Sam, runs his successful Grand Slam Speakeasy.

When Fat Sam's gang is brutally splurged and his empire is under threat, he engages the help of Bugsy Malone, a smooth-talking man about town. While Bugsy simultaneously attempts to woo Blousey Brown, the new-girl singer in town, he helps Fat Sam steal a fresh delivery of splurge guns from Dandy Dan. Leading to an all out whipped cream shoot out.

But can these gangs realise they are not so different after all and put aside the splurge, learning that "if you give a little love then it all comes back to you"?

With iconic songs, Charleston dancing and memorable characters come and join us in the Roaring 20's at Fat Sam's Grand Slam Speakeasy for a night to remember. #prepare2Bpied

# Hampshire County Youth Choir and Training Choir Sing-Alongside



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PERFORMING?

LOVE SINGING?



**Are you looking to join a choir from September?**  
Come and sing alongside our current members.  
**Friday 21 June 2024**

- Training Choir 7.30pm- 8.45pm Yr 7 to Yr 9
- Youth Choir 7.30pm- 9pm Yr 10 to Upper Sixth

The United Church, Jewry St, Winchester



MAKE NEW FRIENDS



To sign-up  
and find out more  
information, scan the QR Code



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[www.hcyc.hmsensembles.org.uk](http://www.hcyc.hmsensembles.org.uk)

# WALTHAM WOLVES



**U13 DIAMONDS**  
**24/25 SEASON**



**PLAYERS WANTED**  
**AS WE MOVE TO 11 ASIDE**

**FRIENDLY, WELCOMING TEAM WHO HAVE SEEN GIRLS MOVE  
ON TO DISTRICT AND ACADEMIES**

**TRAINING: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ SWANMORE**

**PLAYING DIVISION 2 HAMPSHIRE GIRLS LEAGUE**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOE: 07594 172224**



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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.

Colden common



# Colden Common YFC

Looking to join a team, we would like to hear from you....

- **U11 Royals** – Brand new team, school year 5/6 (Sept 2024)
- **U13 Royals** – After a first successful season we are looking for 1-2 players to join our squad, year 7/8 (Sept 2024)

Both teams play on Saturdays in Hampshire Girl's Youth Football League (HGYFL)

To register your interest please email



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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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