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NEWSLETTER



UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

What a fantastic summer term and year this has been! I would like to thank you, our parents, for your continued support; 'working together' in partnership with you means we can do so much more to enable your children to thrive at Kings'.

The summer term has been action packed! Year 11 were fantastic as they approached their GCSEs, throughout the examination period and onward to their Prom. It was another very memorable night, full of friendship, celebration and fun. Thank you to our Year 11 cohort and our very best wishes for your next steps with life after Kings'.

We have had so many fantastic opportunities for our pupils throughout the term from our incredible Bugsy Malone production, Activities Week, Art Exhibition, Sports Day, Year 7 Hengistbury Head fieldwork, Sports Awards, Year 6 Parents' Information Evening, Year 10 Work Experience, trips to Ardeche, Sicily, Calshot, National finals for hockey and football, visiting a community care home, our Summer Fair and taking part in a world record attempt to name but a few! Huge thanks to all our staff for these amazing opportunities as well as our weekly clubs and activities.

You will have seen that we are expanding our Year Teams next year with our Heads of House moving into Year Offices to add further capacity in discovering brilliance in all: developing character; increasing participation; strengthening a sense of identity and building a feeling of community for all pupils. In addition, we have created the role of SEND Officer in each Year office. Their role will focus upon ensuring that all pupils receive the attention and resources they need to thrive. We are very excited about these adaptations to our provision in developing the whole child through our pastoral, academic and co-curricular programmes.

We have recently interviewed for and appointed our new Pupil Leadership Team. Congratulations to our Head Pupils - Reece McColl and Nora Cooney and our Deputy Head Pupils - Lily Gascoyne, Wolfie Jones, Isabelle McGregor, Sam Petherick, Fergus Robertson and Emily Townley.

In September, we will confirm the appointments for our Senior Prefects and be sharing with you our new Pupil Leadership Programme which we believe will give even more pupils the opportunity to develop themselves and contribute to the success of our school community.

Until then, I hope you have a restful summer break and look forward to welcoming you and our new Year 7 back for the start of an exciting new year!

Best wishes

James Adams





An end of an era at Kings' School as the DofE Award run by volunteers comes to a close. Pupils will be able to continue their participation in the DofE Award through our Kings' School provision, organised and supported by our staff.

In a moving tribute, Kings' School looks back on 22 years of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, which was originally set up by a few parents with the simple goal of guiding their own children through the program. Little did they know that with the dedication of parent volunteers, thousands of students would go on to achieve their Bronze and Silver Awards, carrying on the legacy of those early founders.

The impact of the DofE Award on young people cannot be understated, as it fosters essential skills such as independence, leadership, and the spirit of challenge. This year marks the end of an era as volunteers oversee the completion of the silver expedition for 16 students, braving challenging weather conditions during both the practice in the Brecon Beacons and the assessed expedition in Dartmoor. The sense of accomplishment was palpable, a true testament to their resilience and determination.

A special mention must be made to Doreen Joseph, affectionately known as Doz, who served as the overall coordinator for many years, ensuring the smooth running of the program with her tireless efforts in organizing volunteers, managing administrative tasks, and leading expeditions. Doreen's recent passing after a brave battle with cancer leaves a void in the Kings' DofE community, as her contributions and spirit of camaraderie will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and expertise over the years to support students in achieving their DofE Award at Kings'. Your unwavering commitment, skills and teamwork have made a lasting impact on the lives of young people, shaping their character and preparing them for future challenges ahead.

As the DofE program run by the volunteers at Kings' School draws to a close, we send our best wishes to all the students embarking on their own DofE journey with the guidance and support of the school staff. May your experiences be filled with growth, discovery, and unforgettable memories as you continue to uphold the values of the DofE Award. We look forward to seeing the legacy of your hard work continue as our Kings' School pupils have an opportunity to participate in the D of E Award as part of ourextra-curricular offer in Years 9 and 10.



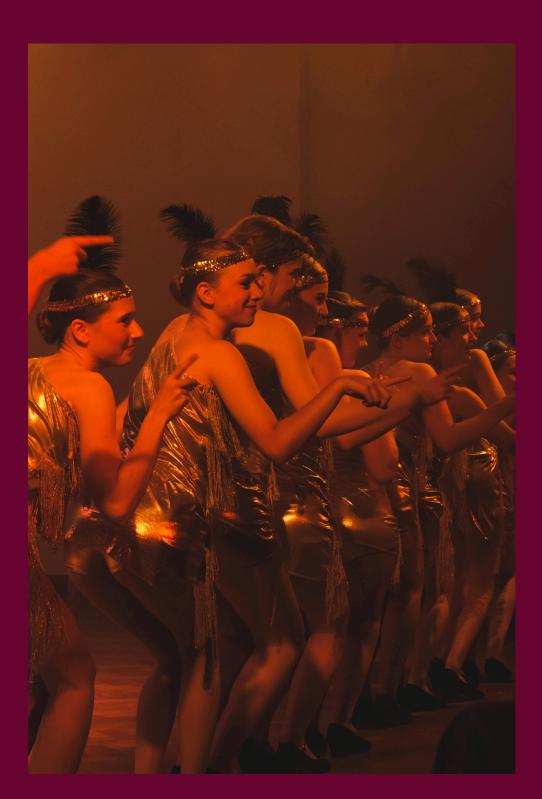








A TRIUMPH! BUGSY MALONE PICTURE SPECIAL







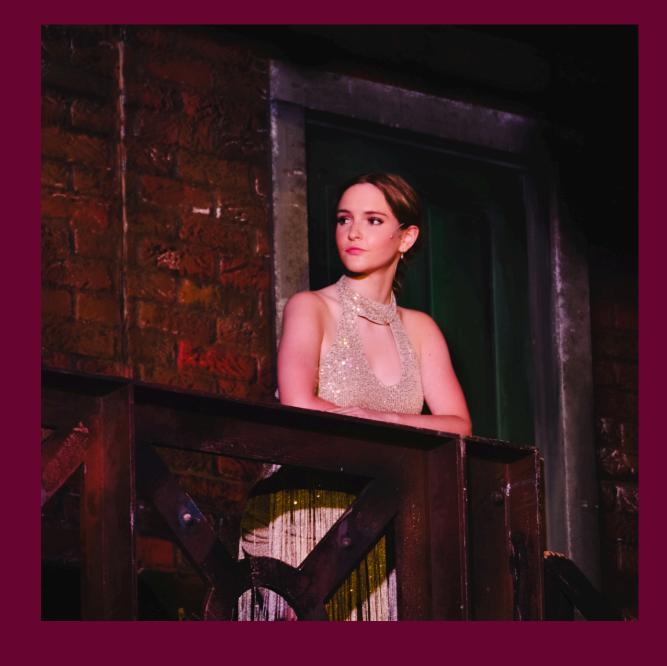






















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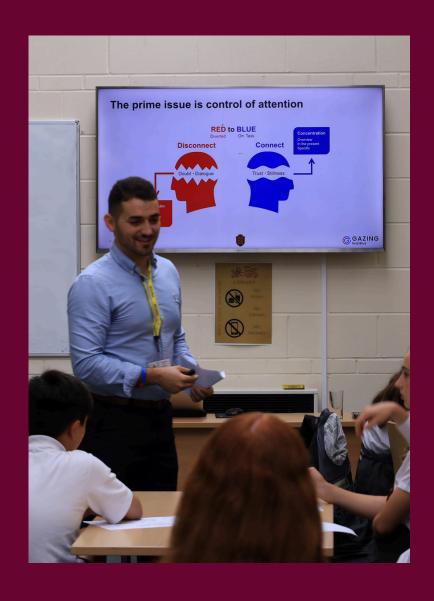
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INSPIRING FUTURES





Our former Head Boy Alejandro Arguelles (2016) delivered a Gifted and Talented workshop, inspiring our pupils on how to perform under pressure, in both sport and school.

Alejandro is part way through completing his PhD in Mental Health and is currently working for a company called Gazing, which specialises in helping various professions perform under pressure, whether that be in education, sport, armed forces, business or the NHS. We hope the initial workshop will give our pupils guidance on high performance in a sporting arena and in the classroom.

At Kings' we believe the concept of the studentathlete (combining high performance in sport and school) is a powerful one; not only is Alejandro a superb role model but he also provides living proof, that education and high-level sport can lead to lifelong happiness and career success.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



In science, Year 8s have been reviewing work previously covered on acids, alkalis and indicators. An application of this is making 'rainbow fizz'. The image shows one made by Junior Gray and Faiz Koraishy in Mrs Heaney's class.





EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



Congratulations to Violet in Year 8 who was selected to join UK Lions after last weekend's tournament in Nottingham.

This means that she is one of the top 36 hockey players in the country and will be playing internationally!





INSPIRING FUTURES



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 please call the school on 01962 861 161 or email recruit@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk

Dates for the diary - September

Autumn term begins

Monday 2nd September - INSET day

Tuesday 3rd September - Year 7 return, supported by volunteer Prefects. Year 7 Freshers' Fair

Wednesday 4th September - all pupils return





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

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

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 oPZ) – 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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We're looking for Volunteer Playworkers

Could you give one
morning a week to care
for young children whilst their
mums receive therapy and
support in our Mums and
Young Children group?

The group has really helped me and my child to grow in confidence

A small amount of your time can make a huge difference. Apply now!

Contact us:

volunteer@fotfwinchester.org www.fotfwinchester.org 01962 864466

Full training provided

Friends of the Family is a Winchester charity supporting local children and families facing adversity, enabling them to face their future with confidence.

All volunteers are subject to references and an enhanced DBS check.



Company Number 7577875
Charity Commission Number 1143462



We're looking for Volunteer Befrienders

Just two hours a week to befriend a young person aged 5 to 13 can make a huge difference to their self confidence and wellbeing.



When I'm with my befriender I can just be me.



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> Next training: 17 & 19 October 2024

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ACCESS ALLAREAS Family Event

AT SOMERS CLOSE RECREATION GROUND



Dive into this free family-friendly event

during the summer holidays. Free activities, a chance to meet other families and exciting activities for all ages

2024 30 AUGUST

Somers Close Recreation Ground - Somers Close, Winchester SO22 4EJ (no on-site parking).

11:00 - 15:00

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE...



The Human Football Table



Army assault course



Laser quest



Interactive play system



Football speed cage



Hot dogs, burgers and more available to purchase from the Carroll Centre

AND MUCH MORE!

* SOME ACTIVITIES WILL BE LIMITED TO THOSE AGED 11-16





PLAYING DIVISION 2 HAMPSHIRE GIRLS LEAGUE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOE: 07594 172224



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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







secretary@ccyfc.co.uk



www.ccyfc.co.uk

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 OR22nd July – 26th July 2024



Summer Lifeguard Course 2024

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

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

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Hampshire Outdoors

BIKEABILITY

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

- KS1 Cycling Skills £10
- Level 1 (1.5 hours) £15
- Level 2 (3 hours) £45
- Level 3 (3 hours) £45
- 1:1 (1 hour) £30



at Weeke Primary School, Winchester 26 July, 7 & 22 August 2024

Booking is available online https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/hampshire-outdoors-bikeability

FOR MORE INFORMATION TO BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD FOLLOW THE QR CODE







For additional Bikeability enquiries bikeability.enquiries@hants.gov.uk



Join us for a day of free family orientated fun, Saturday 3rd August. There will be live rugby, local food and drink vendors, stalls and many other offerings to create a truly vibrant festival atmosphere.

Learn more about your Army and how you can get involved as well as the opportunities available.

03 August 10 AM - 9 PM

Activities:

- Rugby
- Live music
- Amusements
- Hang tough
- Helicopter
- Plus more



Scan here to learn more about the Army

Get your **FREE** Tickets here:



https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bula-festival-uk-24-tickets-929058588247





Come and join our Music Mayhem Summer Activity Days





Join us for three days of music and fun this summer! With opportunities to try new instruments and learn new skills and working with others to create songs and even form a rock band!

We have lots of instrumental workshops over the three days including samba, music production, woodwind, strings and a Rock2theBeat workshop with guitar, bass and drums!

Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th August 2024 9.30am to 4.00pm each day

Suitable for Years 3 - 8 (as at September 2023)
The Kings School Fair Oak
Fair Oak SO50 7DB

£90 for the three days



Scan the QR Code to Sign up. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as these are limited.



