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# CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS THIS TERM

UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This Autumn term has been a huge success. The Una Laborantes spirit from pupils, parents and staff has been fantastic and truly embodied our school value of working together to 'make a difference'. Our sense of community continues to grow and I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our parents and carers for their continued support of our staff and school.

Our end of term newsletter highlights the rich opportunities our pupils have enjoyed - from individual representative honours and drama performances to House activities with friends. Huge thanks, as always, to the brilliant staff at Kings' who give their time, energy and care so willingly for the benefit of all.

I wish you all a restful holiday season. May it be filled with happiness, relaxation, and quality time with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year!

Best wishes  
James Adams





## ICELAND TRIP

Glacier walking, black beaches, waterfalls, the aurora borealis and a visit to the peak of Heimaey's Eldfell volcano. These are just some of the highlights of the Iceland trip this October.







# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE







## CELEBRATION BOWLING TRIP

This term our pastoral teams took large groups of pupils bowling to celebrate the accumulation of their 'achievement points' throughout the Autumn term. It was a fantastic few days, some pupils having never bowled before. A fun time was had by all!



## YR11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

Year 11s had the fabulous opportunity to participate in mock interviews with local, national and international employers. The experience has provided them with the enthusiasm, confidence and knowledge to follow future education and career aspirations.





# KINGS' CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Kings' Christmas Cracker on December 5th.

We were blown away by the stalls that the pupils and local community set up. Our Kings' students alone offered a wide array of goodies including delicious home made bakes, handmade knitted hats, mugs, paracord bracelets and keyrings, art work and handmade jewellery. There were some lovely local businesses that also came along selling honey, wreaths, floral arrangements, cushion covers, jewellery and plenty more.

The Year 11 Prom Committee and Prefects had a successful evening with a variety of games and donut selling to add to the amount that they have raised so far this year.

Finally, a big thank you to Mr Russell, Mr Rossiter, Mr Leigh-Jones and Mr Kingsnorth for keeping the BBQ going in some fairly inclement weather conditions!!

The event had a wonderful festive feel .







# PE AT KINGS'



It has been a bumper sporting term for a huge number of pupils at Kings'. Many pupils have supported a variety of primary events run by our School Games Organisers Mrs Maquillin and Mrs White where they have gained valuable experience as organisers, coaches and officials.

From a performance context, our pupils have continued to acquit themselves superbly in a sporting context. Our cross-country squad has been burgeoning under the guidance of Miss Thorp with a total of sixteen pupils qualifying to represent the Eastleigh and Winchester District at the Hampshire Championships. The girls' football side, again under her guidance and steering have made good inroads in both the Hampshire and National Cups, where the U15s look forward to their next round fixture after Christmas.



Y11 BOYS FOOTBALL



U14 GIRLS BASKETBALL



U14 BOYS RUGBY



Mrs White's girls' hockey sides have already brought home some silverware; the U13s winning the Hampshire festival and the U14s winning the Hampshire cup and progressing to the re-arranged South Central regional finals after Christmas.

Mr Osborne's boys' football programme has been over-subscribed all year with a host of A and B team fixtures and tournaments. The U16, U14, U13 and U12 boys have set the standard and continue to progress in their respective Hampshire cups.

Miss Doubleday and Mr Dunnico have continued to provide extensive opportunities for pupils to play basketball both before and after school. The girls' and boys' sides, as well as the mixed Junior NBA teams, have enjoyed a raft of fixtures and the U14 girls' and U15 boys' sides in particular have progressed well in competitions.

Girls' netball under Mrs Burgham and Mrs Frost has again proven very popular with the U14 and U16 sides enjoying some great wins.



U16 GIRLS TENNIS



U15 BOYS BASKETBALL



U14 GIRLS NETBALL



U16 GIRLS NETBALL





U15 GIRLS FOOTBALL



U16 INDOOR NATIONAL HOCKEY  
FINALISTS

Mr Breen has led the boys' rugby programme, alongside Mr Lang who has spearheaded the girls' sessions. The sides have met some very tough opponents in their respective Hampshire cups but continue to develop and progress well. The U14 Boys' are through to the semi-final of the Hampshire Plate.

The U16 boys' hockey team started the term off well with a highly successful tour of the Guernsey in the Channel Islands where they were undefeated. They turned their focus to indoor hockey where they finished runners up in the Hampshire competition but won the South-Central Regional Championships. They competed in the National Indoor Finals at the start of December where, after agonisingly missing out on the semi-finals, they eventually finished a highly respectable 6th in the country.

There was further individual success for this side with both Tom Nolan and Rory Jack being selected for the England U16 hockey team and Greg Williams, Eddie Kent and Matthew Richman being selected for the South Coast Talent Academy.

Boys' hockey in the younger year groups has also proven very popular this year and we will watch the progress of the U12s most keenly who won 19-0 in their first ever fixture.



U13 GIRLS HOCKEY





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH - BRONZE AWARDS



On Wednesday night we were delighted to present Year 10 students with their Bronze DofE awards. We had over 100 students complete the award this year. Our most successful cohort ever - well done Year 10!

Students have spent a minimum of 6 months working towards this achievement, taking on physical challenges, learning new skills, volunteering in the local community and completing two expeditions in September. We are so proud of all our students that have completed the award, a brilliant accomplishment.

## YEAR 11 CHILD DEVELOPMENT NURSERY VISIT

The Year 11 Child Development pupils have been visiting The Childcare Hub in Ampfield this week. It has been a great opportunity for pupils to see how a nursery runs firsthand. They got to visit the Baby Room, Toddler Room and Pre-School Room, spending time interacting with the children and staff. We even saw Mrs Spencer's little girl!

Pupils saw how different the developmental milestones are for each age group, which they can now apply in their coursework. We would like to thank Vanessa and all of her staff who took time out of their day to give us a tour and answer all our questions.

Mrs Rossiter







## VISITING ARTIST LUCY MARTIN FROM HAND AND LOCK, LONDON



What an absolutely awesome day with Lucy Martin from Hand & Lock, London. The GCSE Textiles pupils from Kings' School, Winchester, were treated to a goldwork masterclass and presentation by Lucy which was nothing short of outstanding. Lucy demonstrated exceptional knowledge of the history of Hand and Lock and delivered a fascinating presentation about her amazing career so far at this prestigious company. The pupils took part in a masterclass exploring embroidery, beading and the use of bullion in traditional goldwork, which they thoroughly enjoyed and produced some amazing work. We would like to thank Lucy, Hand and Lock for this amazing opportunity, for pupils to see how they can transfer the skills they are learning in school, into a viable career choice. We would also like to thank Lucy for the incredibly generous donation of materials for the pupils to use which will be invaluable as they progress towards their final exam.

The pupils were joined by the broderers from Winchester Cathedral, Anna Diamond, Margaret Bingham, Janet Roche, Teresa Fuest, Lizzie Aston, Gerry Sollom and Pam Meir from Winchester Arts Society who were very impressed by the work of our pupils and the presentation by Lucy. The pupils have been very fortunate to visit the broderers at the cathedral and see the huge amount of incredible work they do to conserve existing textiles along with creating new textiles pieces. The Art Department would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the broderers for their very kind donations of fabrics, threads and beads to the school over the past few years. The pupils have been exceptionally lucky to have such kind sponsors and the materials have been greatly appreciated.





The broderers and Lucy were on hand during the day to offer advice and ideas regarding a whole school project that the Textiles department at Kings' would like to develop.

The old Kings' School flag is being replaced with a new one and in the spirit of conservation/re use/recycle/reinvent, we would like to embellish the old school flag with the textiles techniques we have learnt, as part of our celebrations to commemorate 40 years of King's School.

We would like to invite all of our pupils, parents and the wider community to join us in this venture and add a stitch, or a button or a bead to the flag at some point over the coming year. We would like to extend this invitation to our wider community and ask any of our alumni, past pupils, past textiles pupils or anyone who enjoys textiles and would like to come in and help with this monumental task. We would also like to ask for your kind help to find necessary materials to complete this task to a high standard. We will be looking for threads, yarns, beads, buttons, sequins etc but only Burgundy/Red and Gold colours. If you have anything that you think might be of use to us for this project, we would be very grateful for your kind donations.

I will create a calendar of dates when the school will be open for people to drop in and add a stitch or two, to our flag. If you have any questions please contact me at the school.







# KINGS' SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE



The Kings' School Carol Service at Winchester Cathedral was a truly magical and uplifting event, bringing together our school community in the heart of this historic and awe-inspiring venue. The festive atmosphere was palpable as the pupils' voices soared, accompanied by the beautiful music and readings that captured the spirit of Christmas. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mr. Clarke and his dedicated team for their meticulous planning and hard work, as well as to the pupils who performed with such talent and enthusiasm. The evening was a wonderful celebration of togetherness, joy, and the true meaning of the season.











Here is our winning Christmas card design this year from Daniele Zukauskaite - We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas from Kings' School.



## SUPPORT VACANCIES

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## 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.

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)





## YEAR 11 PRESENTATION EVENING

In a term that has been dedicated to setting the foundations of another successful year, it is important to reflect and celebrate prior successes. On the 28th of November, we had the opportunity to do just that in our annual Year 11 Presentation Evening.

The Class of '24, joined by over 700 family members, staff and governors, gathered in our sports hall to celebrate and recognise the cohort's fantastic results and create a wonderful atmosphere throughout the evening. Speeches were given by Dr Adams, their Head of Year Mr Gunning and former Deputy Head of Year Mr Beale, each illustrating the unanimous respect and admiration felt for our former students, and a universal belief in their future success. The evening also allowed us to recognise the achievements and progress made by our students in their studies, with numerous subject prizes being awarded.

We at Kings' would like to thank everyone that gathered in support of our wonderful students and helped make the night so memorable. To the Class of '24, we hope you continue to make us proud with your exceptional characters, academic excellence and inspiring futures.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AT KINGS'



It was Christmas jumper day at Kings' on Thursday 19th December, Mr Fletcher's class embraced the day. All proceeds to Save The Children

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

17TH & 19TH DECEMBER PUPIL CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

18TH DECEMBER SNOWBALL DISCO

20TH DECEMBER LAST DAY (FINISH AT 12:30)

6TH JANUARY INSET DAY

7TH JANUARY RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR PUPILS

9TH JANUARY YR11 PARENTS' EVENING