

SPRING TERM CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Spring has finally arrived! We finish the term in fine style with the campus budding, Our Yr10s completing their mocks and Yr11s their final GCSE preparations.

Huge congratulations to our Yr10s who have conducted themselves fantastically in their first set of 'formal' examinations. They have mirrored our Yr11s who have been brilliant over the spring term with their attitude and focus on their learning.

Highlights of the term include; significant sporting success with Kings' crowned National Champions at Hockey; and our fabulous Spring Concert showcased our amazingly talented and hard working pupils with group, duet and solo performances. Our pupils have continued to display exceptional character as Kings' moved to a 'mobile free school'; resulting in a marked increase in social interactions, with even more of a 'buzz' around the school.

Huge thanks to all our staff and volunteers for their continued support and hard work throughout the busy spring term. As we move into the summer term, we are focusing upon further evolving our character curriculum, our pupil leadership opportunities, our anti-bullying focus and as always improving pupils' learning experience in the classroom.

I wish you a great Easter break.

Best wishes
James Adams



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER

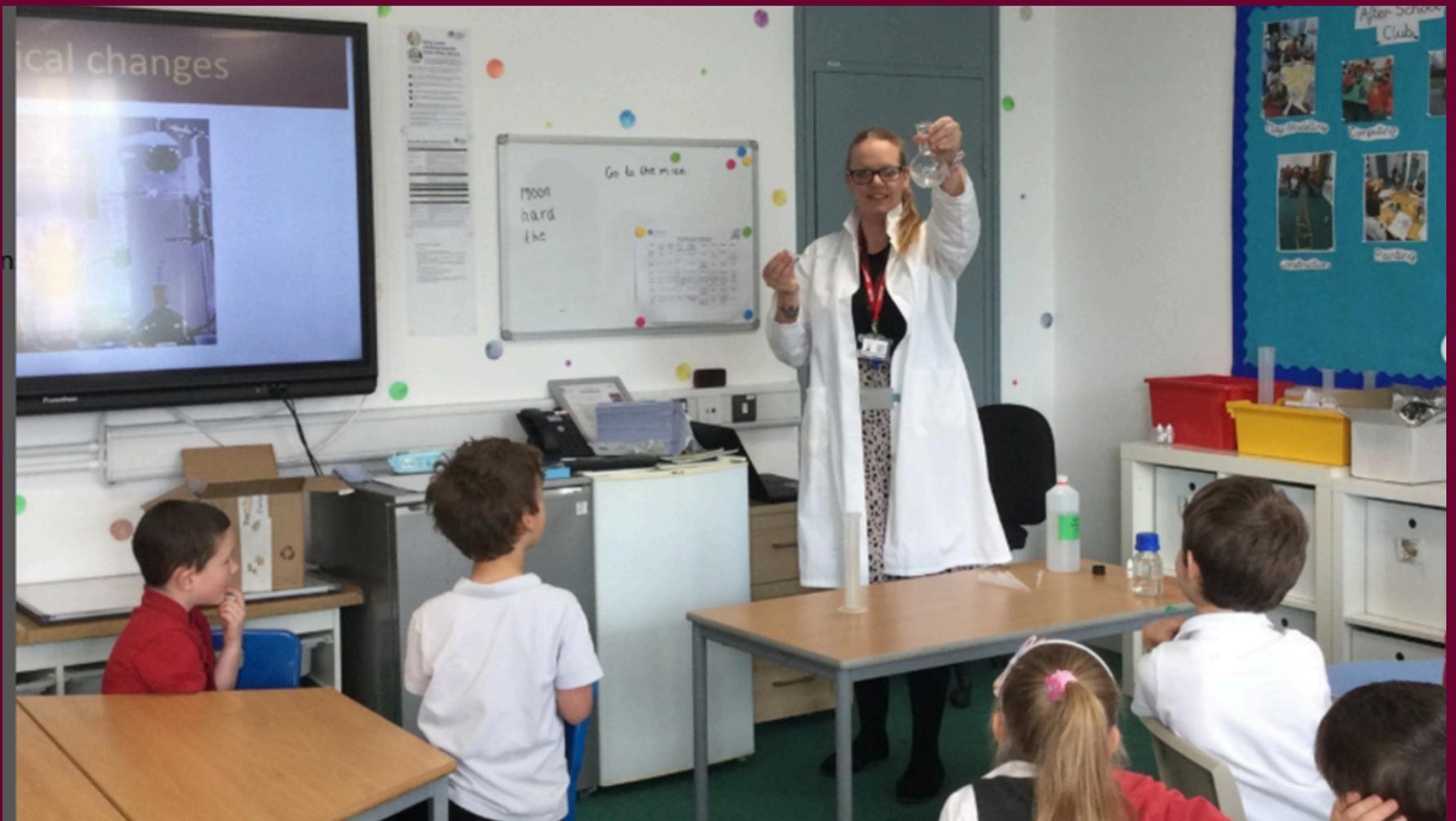




INSPIRING FUTURES



We have been excited to offer a full compliment of places to the current Year 6 to start at Kings' in September. We are now busy ensuring their transition is as smooth as possible with parents information events, visits to primary schools by our current year 7s, and hosting events here at Kings, such as celebration of national science week. We will continue this engagement through the summer term culminating in some transition days for future Kings' pupils.





ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



At Kings' we believe in enriching pupils to achieve academic excellence



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We have sent out information about the many ways pupils can increase their STEM involvement through the numerous external competitions the STEM team are running.

Well done to the 20 pupils who took part in our first ever involvement in the Perse Coding Team Challenge. Congratulations to Ionanna, Eleanor, Nicholas, Will, Joe, Evan, Ted and Benji for achieving Merits

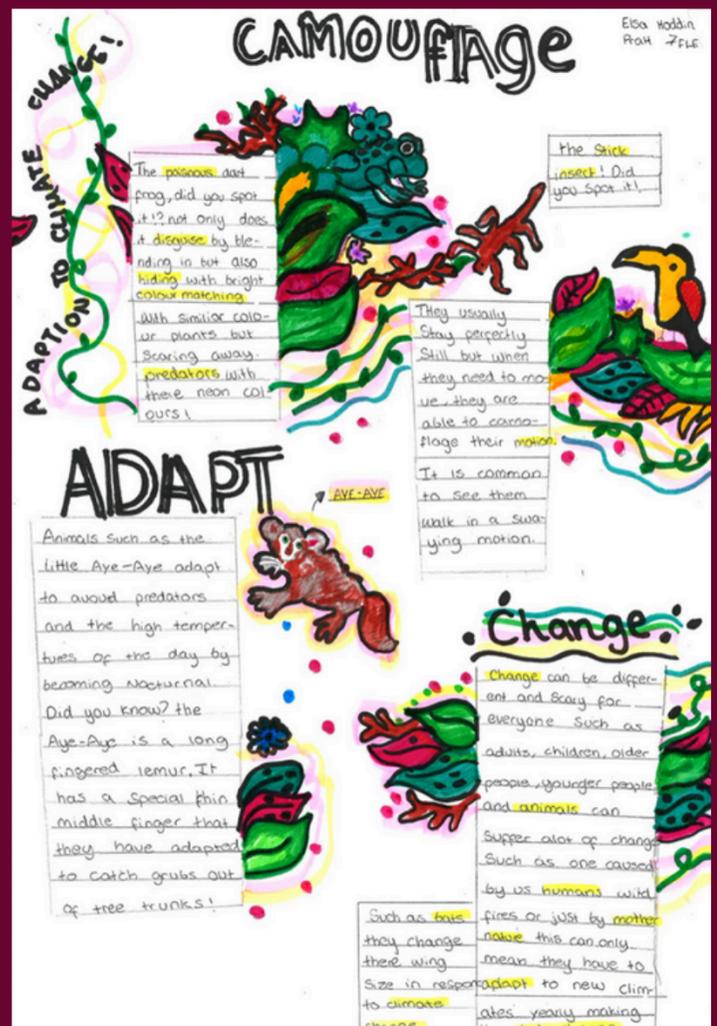


British Science Week saw Kings' teachers hold a week of lunchtime AMA (ask me anything) sessions in the foyer. Pupils could see displays of careers linked to all STEM subjects, read profiles of staff who have joined us from previous STEM careers and question them about their exciting roles.



Congratulations to Elsa Hoddinot-Pratt for her beautiful and informative poster that has won the House Science Week poster competition.

In robotics club pupils have continued to learn how to control our Microbit controlled robots, programming them to follow lines, avoid obstacles and make use of a number of other sensors on the Microbit boards. We have recently taken delivery of a number of sensors and Arduino boards which pupils will be experimenting with after Easter. We hope that this will generate lots of ideas for the many STEM competitions that take place each year.





LANGUAGES



At Kings', we are proud of the number of languages pupils can learn and receive qualifications, including Spanish, French, German, Italian and Latin. In January Year 7s undertook their first language assessment, and Years 10 & 11 have both undergone modern language speaking and written mock GCSE exams, preparing them for their final year and GCSEs respectively.



In March, 36 from our Spanish class met Spanish students on an exchange visit and spent the afternoon on a walk around Winchester city centre. All pupils were matched in groups with Spanish students and given conversation starters so they could practice speaking Spanish.



Also in March our Latin class went to a regional workshop sponsored by Winchester college, and met with contemporaries all studying Latin



THEATRE TRIPS



The English Department have truly brought literature to life with an incredible line up of theatre and poetry experiences.

On 29th and 30th January, over 100 pupils each night had the thrilling opportunity to visit the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton to witness the gripping production of *An Inspector Calls*. The suspense, the drama, and the unforgettable staging left everyone on the edge of their seats!

Fast forward to 26th February, and we took over 100 pupils to Poetry Live in Basingstoke—a truly inspiring day filled with verse and insight. Pupils were captivated by Carol Ann Duffy, impressed by Imtiaz Dharker's powerful rendition of *Tissue*, and absolutely delighted to meet the legendary John Agard—always a favourite!



Then, in March, we rounded off our literary adventures with nearly 200 pupils attending a stunning production of *Frankenstein* in Winchester. Not only did they witness this classic brought to life on stage, but they also had the rare chance to engage in a Q&A with the cast, crew, and creative team. Thought-provoking discussions included debates on who the true villain is—Victor Frankenstein or the creature? and the artistic choices behind the depiction of the DeLacey family.

These experiences have truly enhanced our pupils' understanding of their English Literature studies, making learning both dynamic and unforgettable.



SPORT



It has been a year of unprecedented success for our sports teams at Kings' and is true testament to the dedication of our PE department, pupils and wider staff who help run training and fixtures. There have been 170 fixtures and two tours in 58 school days, covering all age groups, girls, boys and mixed, principally in five core sports, averaging three fixtures a day and with only one day this term without a fixture. We have won regional leagues, a number of tournament trophies, county cups, and even national championships. All those involved have been a credit to the school and themselves, and should be filled with a real sense of pride.

Hockey

Our hockey teams have had an incredible season, in particular our U14 girls who secured 2nd place at the England Hockey National Tier 2 Finals in February, the only state school to qualify, and went on to win the Tier 1 (state schools) National Competition at Nottingham in March, scoring 35 goals in 7 games - the first Kings' school girls team to win a national title!



Our U16 boys, having won the South Central regional indoor championships, qualifying them for the nationals, and being crown county outdoor champions, culminated a fantastic 5 years as a team making the semi-finals of the Tier 2 National Championships, an unmatched achievement for the school in this age group, only to narrowly lose to Kent College. Congratulations to Tom and Rory being selected for the England international squad and to Matthew, Greg and Eddie called to join the South Coast Talent Academy.



Basketball

The U16 boys basketball team were undefeated across their entire regular season in the face of some tough encounters. They were up against the strong St Georges team at the Championship Cup Final, and having gone in at half time 17 points down fought back with an indomitable second half to win 70-64. Special mention to Parkin Hui in Year 10 who fired three successful three point shots, the turning point of the game.



Football

It has been a busy term for football with over 70 fixtures played. The highlight has been the Hampshire Cup runs from the U14 boys and girls teams. Both sides have reached the county final, which will be played in the near future. In addition to this we had a large number of teams reach the District Cup finals.



The U14 girls are the District Cup champions, and the U15 boys won their league. The U13 and U16 boys and U12 girls teams are all still to play their final and have league positions confirmed, most stand a very good chance.

Massive congratulations to Saffia (pictured), Year 11, for being called up to represent England U16's against Denmark!

We will be rounding off the season with an exciting tour to FC Utrecht in the Netherlands. 120 pupils from 3 year groups will undertake skills training with academy coaches and each team have two local team fixtures.



Netball

As we reflect on the 2024/2025 netball season, there is a lot to be said about commitment, effort and perseverance. Regular attendance at training mixed with a healthy number of fixtures really pays off and the improvement across the teams this year has been immense. Testament to this is our U14s, who in the third season together became league winners and PGL tournament champions. The U12, U13 and U16 teams all came 4th in their respective District Leagues, each of 9 schools.

All the best to our U16s in their GCSEs, futures beyond and continued participation in netball. For the remainder, it is with great anticipation we look forward to next season!



PGL NETBALL TOUR



In March six Kings' teams travelled to Liddington for the weekend to compete in the PGL Netball Competition. Amongst some amazing and talented netball play, the group also enjoyed a fantastic social event in the new surrounds that these tours offer.

The results speak for themselves!

U12a Tournament Runners Up



U13b 3RD Place Overall



U14a Tournament Winners



U13a 5TH/10 playing up a year group



U13c 8TH Place Overall



U14b 3RD Place Overall





SPORT



Rugby

Despite traditionally being notorious as one of the muddiest sports, proud grounds' persons don't like you to play when at its muddiest and we had a fair share of poor weather at the start of term. However, each team has managed to have two-three fixtures in the second half of this term drawing towards the annual KP (Kings' v Perrins) Cup. As it stands we are 2-0 up with two more to play.





ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS



Typical Calendar of Activities and Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Debating Hockey Choir Book Club Jazz Band Enterprise Club English Café Computing Club Steel band	Hockey Puzzle Club Chamber-Choir Netball Rugby Table Tennis Cross-Country	Basketball Brass Group Chess Club Graphic Novel Club Programming Club Robotics Club Nitwits Video Games Club Football Orchestra Latin D&T Practical Projects	Trading Card Games Club Hockey Basketball Football Art-Music Club Science Club	Hockey String Orchestra Netball Badminton Swimming

Extra curricular club lists can be found on our website here:
<https://kings-hants.com/clubs-activities>





DEVELOPMENTS



At Kings' we continue to have unlimited ambition for our learners and the experience they have whilst at school. As part of our mission to make a difference, we are keen to enhance our facilities and services to ensure high quality provision and the positive experience your child deserves.

Amongst day-to-day refurbishment, upgrade and repair, the school has been undergoing a two phase site development programme.

PHASE 1 (SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024 TO EASTER 2025)

- Securing perimeter fencing and gates
- IT and Wi-Fi improvements
- Library and new Drama area
- Tower Reception and Visitors' Centre

PHASE 2 (EASTER TO SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025)

- Pupil Welfare Hub
- New staff room



As we near completion of phase one, we are excited to announce that our new reception and visitor centre (at the base of the tower) will be operational for the new term. This will provide a much better experience for visitors to Kings' and, importantly, it will improve site security to maximise the safety of our community.

From this...



To this...



Furnishings and decorations to come!



Kings' School was formed in 1985 by merging the two previous schools on the site: Danemark School (girls) and Montgomery of Alamein School (boys). These schools trace their roots as far back as 1889.

We will be celebrating this milestone from September with an emphasis on building our Alumni community. If you were a previous pupil at Kings' we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school so we can keep you informed about upcoming events.

SUPPORT VACANCIES

Clerk to School Governors
Salary: Grade D £15.35 p/h
Hours: 150 hours annually

School Leisure Centre Duty Manager – 1 year contract (with potential to extend to permanent)
Salary: Grade D £26,918 - £29,616
Hours: 37 hours, 52 weeks (Part-Time would be considered)

for more information, please visit our web page. [Support Vacancies | Kings School](#)

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



NOTICES



At the start of this term we reinforced our policy banning mobile phones during the school day. Thank you for your support. It has been successfully adopted with an immediate 80% reduction on phone related behavioural issues. Pupils have commented on how much more energetic and noisy through chat and laughter the school breaks are!

Dates for the diary

- 7-11 Apr - Years 8, 9 and 10 Football Tour to Holland
- 22 Apr - First day of Summer Term
- 22 Apr-2 May - GCSE Modern Foreign Languages Speaking Exam
- 30 Mar-2 May - Calshot Residential
- 3-4 May - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
- 6-9 May - Year 9 Assessments
- 12 May - GCSEs start in earnest
- 17-18 May - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- 19-21 May - Year 10 Geography Highland Water Visit
- 20 May - Years 7, 8 & 9 Cluster Vocal Festival
- 22 May - Year 10 Parents Evening
- 23-30 May - Ardeche Adventure
- 26-30 May - Half Term

