

SUMMER TERM CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



KINGS'
SCHOOL · WINCHESTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This half term has been an exciting one, which started with the opening of our new Reception area at the front of school - improving our site security and safeguarding of our pupils - and has been rounded off with our fantastic Year 11s approaching their exams with great maturity. I can still remember my own GCSEs and the challenges this number of exams presents! Year 11 have been brilliant in their preparation, including how they are supporting one another to revise and approach each exam in a calm and focused manner. Huge thanks to all our staff and to all our parents and families for supporting Year 11 to be ready to do their very best in their exams. We wish you every success!

The great weather has seen record numbers of pupils attending after school clubs and activities from the mass participation of House events to fantastic individual and team performances which have culminated in male and female County Cup victories. It is brilliant to see so many enjoying being active and competing - huge thanks to all our staff for enabling these great opportunities.

There is so much to celebrate in this edition, but I do hope you enjoy seeing the Calshot residential. It is one of the most significant events in our annual calendar. The two Kings' Governors who visited our pupils rightly described the experience as 'inspirational'.

Have a great Half Term break!

Best wishes
James Adams



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



A typical day outside the classroom at Kings', from group study, recreation or sport.

Pre-school morning...



Lunchtime...



After school.





EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



House Update

It's been an action-packed two terms for our house competitions, with students showing outstanding enthusiasm, teamwork, and school spirit across a wide variety of events. We kicked off with House Dodgeball and Maths, followed by high-energy contests in Netball and Science. The precision of Boule, creativity in the Logo Competition, and athleticism displayed in Basketball and Football added even more excitement.

Most recently, our House Volleyball tournament brought incredible energy to the field, with all teams demonstrating great competitive spirit. The support and encouragement from fellow students made it a fantastic event. Photo credit to Charlie F, Year 10.



And, we just held our auditions for Kings' Got Talent and Rounders competition.



1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
NORMAN	STUART	TUDOR	GODWIN

It is a closely contested race as we head into the rest of the summer term, with many more events culminating in our biggest House event, the Sports Day.





Duke of Edinburgh Award at Kings'

Since taking over the running of the Duke of Edinburgh award three years ago, the school run scheme is going from strength to strength. Following our most successful cohort of over 100 Bronze awards last year, we currently have 158 Bronze and 79 Silver pupils working towards achieving the award this year, taking on physical challenges, learning new skills, volunteering in the local community and undertaking two expeditions.

Our Year 9s have just completed their Bronze expeditions, the Year 10s' Silver expeditions are next half term.

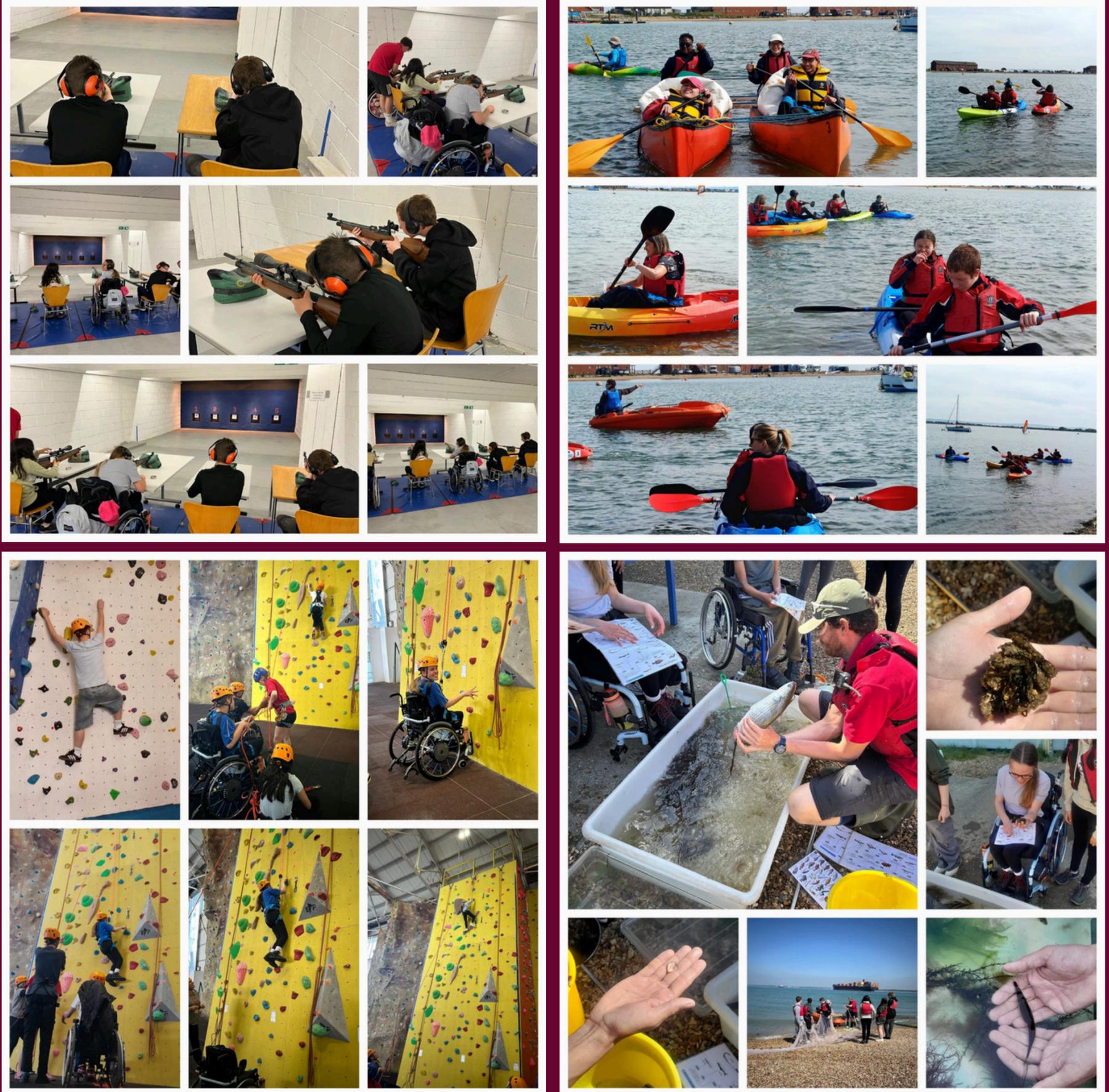




CALSHOT RESIDENTIAL



At Kings' we are proud to provide accessibility and opportunity for all to learn, develop exceptional characters and to inspire futures. Pupil support had their annual three day residential to Calshot, encouraging independence and team building for 10 individuals. An amazing time was had by all with activities such as archery, cycling, climbing, ringos, kayaks and shooting as well as enjoying some beautiful sunsets and scenery. Everyone was incredible, trying new things, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones, showing support and encouragement for each other, all the while having so much fun!





INSPIRING FUTURES



We held a highly successful careers fair, all thanks to parents and the wider Kings' community giving up their time to provide an insight session about their industry and career. This event is part of our ongoing effort to enrich our pupils' educational experience by exposing them to diverse voices and real-world perspectives. 54 classes in KS3 benefitted, with 26 presenters covering numerous industries, such as: accountant; archaeologist; advertiser; air traffic controller; business manager; chef; consultant; curator; electronics; engineer; fashion expert; IT, software and computing; medical; military; production; scientist; surgeon and vet. Amazing support, thank you so much for enabling our pupils to discover their ambitions and future goals.



Our thanks to Dr Pearce, Mr Cooney, Ms Ross, Dr Durrantie, Mr Stretch and Ms Woolley, our day 1 parent supporters and to all the other parents who supported us through the week.

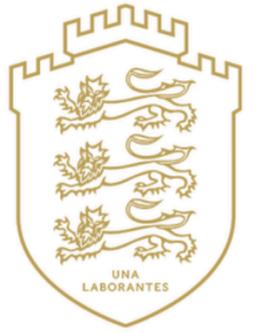




We have been in full swing engaging with our Year 6 cohort soon to start here at Kings' next term. to make their transition as smooth as possible.

We are looking at the next cohort with a series of open events for prospective parents and children. Please spread the word!

KINGS'



OPEN MORNINGS

APPOINTMENTS ONLY. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

TUESDAY 8TH JULY

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

OPEN MORNING & OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
(EVENING EVENT FROM 6-8PM)



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



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





HALF TERM HIGHS



We have been so impressed with our Year 11s' approach to their GCSEs., many now mid way through. We held a celebratory assembly, giving members of staff involved in their learning journey the opportunity to share their memories and highs.



It has therefore been a time of finales marking their five years at the school and sessions to wish them every success in their GCSEs and futures beyond, two such occasions below:



Geography Bake Off



Elevate Final Tutor Session Breakfast



And the all import breaking for study leave with a BBQ and shirt signing!



HALF TERM HIGHS



A huge well done to Violet, Lara and Zoe, who represented the UK with the Hockey Lions at the Rotterdam Easter Tournament over the holidays. Both UK Lions teams topped their pools — an incredible experience and achievement!



Congratulations to Kai B, Year 11, who competed in the Scottish British Cycling National BMX Championship! He showed incredible skill and determination racing at this highly competitive level.

Congratulations too to Ed S, Year 10, having completed a season with Bath's Rugby Development Group, has been selected to progress to their Academy group for next season.



University of Southampton Maths Challenge '25 Awards Ceremony

Outstanding achievement for Zach D in winning a merit in University of Southampton Junior Maths Challenge.



And a fantastic achievement for our U14s girls and boys football teams for getting the double and being crowned County Champions!

Our Years 7 & 8 ran movie nights to celebrate successes. One Year group of 90 consumed over 200 bags of crisps and 150 chocolate bars as well as a bag of popcorn each! Conclusion: it was never about the movie but an opportunity to share in an experience with their friends.



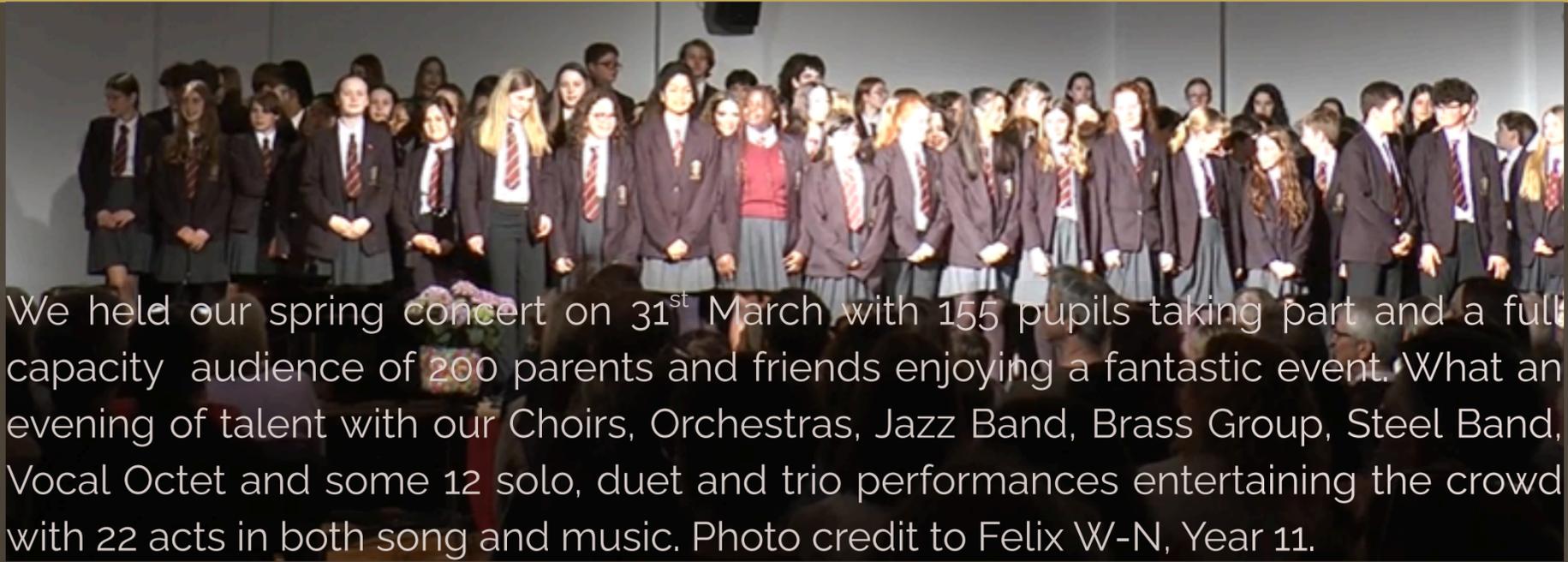
The Science department ran a cake sale at the staff meeting to raise money to pay for our ducklings.



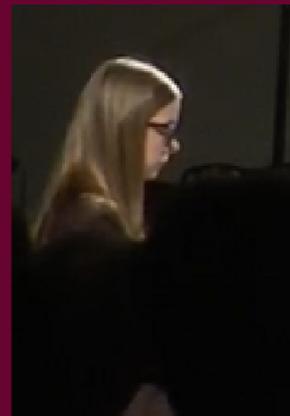
50 pupils and staff headed up to London over a weekend to enjoy a day at the O2 Arena watching the British Basketball League Playoff Finals. Two tense women and men games made for a great day out.



SPRING CONCERT



We held our spring concert on 31st March with 155 pupils taking part and a full capacity audience of 200 parents and friends enjoying a fantastic event. What an evening of talent with our Choirs, Orchestras, Jazz Band, Brass Group, Steel Band, Vocal Octet and some 12 solo, duet and trio performances entertaining the crowd with 22 acts in both song and music. Photo credit to Felix W-N, Year 11.





SPRING CONCERT

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED!



Orchestra



String Orchestra



Brass Group



Jazz Band



Chamber Choir



Year 7 Choir



Main Choir



Steel Band



Vocal Octet



Steel Band



SPORT



Our summer extracurricular programme is in full swing - with matches, meets, and games happening every week! Volleyball, tennis, rounders, cricket, and athletics, from the courts to the fields, pupils are showing amazing teamwork, energy, and school spirit.



Congratulations to both our U14/Year 9 Boys and Girls Football Teams for being crowned County Champions 2025!





HOLLAND FOOTBALL TOUR



For a week over the Easter holidays, nearly 120 pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 and 15 staff travelled to Holland for a football extravaganza. The eight teams received professional training from Utrecht FC coaches before taking on local teams, winning all but one of their fixtures.





ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS



Enterprising Club: a dynamic approach that encourages pupils to think creatively and empowers them to become Young Entrepreneurs. It integrates entrepreneurial thinking into the curriculum, helping students develop skills such as: Problem-solving; Teamwork; Financial literacy; Communication; Leadership.

The club has run successful projects creating an array of products for sale. This handmade heart plush was very popular. The creator Fraya, Year 7 said, "I like to do Enterprise Club because I would love to be an entrepreneur when I am older so doing stuff like this just makes me so happy".



There will be several pupil stalls at the school's Summer fair on the 14th June, please come and support the enterprising pupils.



Science Club

The afterschool Science Club has been a real success this year, with consistent high numbers in attendance and sessions ranging from dissections of owl pellets, kiwi fruit and eyeballs to making rockets and fossils. Recently, we went down to the dip to investigate our local wildlife. Pupils were able to classify many different organisms and also undertake surveys of the local flower populations!



Equality and Rights Advocates

This lunchtime club meets every Thursday. Josh Year 9 said about it, "we identify and discuss equality problems at school". Oscar, Year 7 added, "its a safe place to talk about your feelings and your problems". The group has the ear of the School's SLT and has briefed other pupils in year group tutor time.

Trading Card Club

A popular lunchtime club, with attendees consensus that they did it because they like playing cards.





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 Steel band Cricket Inclusive Sport	Hockey Puzzle Club Chamber-Choir Steel Band Eco Club Rounders Inclusive Swimming Latin	Badminton Brass Group Chess Club Graphic Novel Club Programming Club Robotics Club Knitwits Video Games Club Athletics Orchestra German D&T Practical Projects	Volleyball Trading Card Games Club Hockey EARA Art-Music Club Science Club Computing Club	Hockey String Orchestra Swimming

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



Everyday is a school day, however not everyday is a good day, but we know that.





COMMUNITY



Shared Facilities. We are passionate about instilling pride and a sense of belonging in the Kings' community. We are privileged to have some talented individuals and fantastic facilities we like to share with the community, such as hybrid and grass sports pitches, and indoor heated swimming pool.

This half term we have hosted five primary school tournaments in hockey, handball, tennis and cricket, most recently involving 16 local primary schools in the District L2 Dynamos Cricket Tournament. Pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 help facilitate providing advice and coaching as well as officiating the games.



'And, a Winchester triathlon using the school facilities. Hampshire Chronicle said, ,

'Sponsored by NFU Mutual Winchester, Alton and Wickham, the event showcased Winchester's community spirit, local or not, everyone came together through their love for athleticism.'



Kings' Cluster Vocal Festival

We hosted a choir event for our local cluster of primary schools and our Year 7 choir on 20th May. Lin Marsh, a leading vocal specialist, ran a workshop during the day, leading then to delivering a concert at St Stephen's Church that evening. A fabulous event with 126 children taking part and 130 tickets sold for the concert.

Textiles and Weaving Loom Donation

The Textiles department were delighted to receive the kind donation of an incredible weaving loom. Julian and Katrina Raffle have been extremely generous donating materials and equipment they inherited from Julian's late Mum. Some excited pupils were keen to start work; it will certainly add a new dimension to their learning.





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



Our new reception and visitor centre (at the base of the Tower) opened on time at the start of the term; we hope you are enjoying this enhanced welcome!

It has been great to welcome back our swimming pool users from the community and thank them for their forbearance whilst we conducted an extensive refurbishment, replacing the pool liner, roof and wall decorated and the all-important boiler upgrade to manage the pool temperature. We are very impressed with the new look!



Work is under way on phase two of our development programme, building the pupil welfare hub and new staff room.



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

We currently have no job vacancies to advertise at this time. For up to date information please visit our web page: [Support Vacancies | Kings School](#)

CASUAL WORK

COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSISTANT/ LIFEGUARD

SALARY: £10.00 P/H

INVIGILATOR

SALARY: £12.82 P/H

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



Summer Fair

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025
11AM TO 2.30PM



Join us for • entertainment •
• food stalls • fun & games
and much more!



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As a state-funded, community school Kings' relies on volunteers and the wider community of parents and families to support the school with fund raising for additional equipment, events, and resources to provide opportunities for our pupils.

The Kings' School Association (KSA) is run by a dedicated team of parent and carer volunteers and exists to plan and run educational, cultural, sporting, social events and fundraising initiatives that draw the community together and raise essential funds for the school. It helps to provide financial assistance for facilities not normally supplied by the Local Authority.

The committee has been extremely generous of its time, energy, and commitment towards the school. Due to personal circumstances, the committee has had to paused, with the school taking on organising the events. However, we still need a team of volunteers to help run the events - Summer Fair, School Production, Christmas Cracker Fair and the Spring Concert.

Please contact us if you would like to be actively involved or with any related enquiries.



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



NOTICES



**No mobile
phone zone**

Thank you for your continued support in implementing this policy.

Dates for the diary

- 22 May - Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 23-30 May - Ardeche Adventure
- 26-30 May - Half Term
- 2-6 Jun - Year 7 Assessment
- 10 Jun - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- 11-13 Jun - Year 10 Geography Highland Water Visits
- 14 Jun - Kings' Summer Fair
- 20 Jun - All School Sports Day
- 20 Jun - Year 8 & 9 Sparsholt Futures Day
- 20 Jun - Last GCSEs
- 23/24 Jun - Year 6 Induction Days
- 26 Jun - Inset Day
- 27 Jun - School Prom
- 30 Jun-4 Jul - Year 7 Hengistbury Head Visits
- 1/2 Jul - Year 6 Induction Days
- 2 Jul - Year 6 Parent Information Evening
- 3 Jul - Kings' Sports Awards
- 5-6 Jul - Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Practice Expedition
- 8 Jul - Year 4 & 5 Open Morning
- 9-12 Jul - Kings' School Drama Production
- 12 Jul - Year 6 Uniform Event
- 14-22 Jul - Year 10 Work Experience Week
- 16-18 Jul - Years 7, 8 & 9 Residentials and Activity Days
- 19-20 Jul - Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Expedition
- 22 Jul - Last Day of Summer Term

