

SUMMER TERM CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



1985-2025
40 YEARS
CELEBRATING
KINGS' SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a great year! As you will see from the Newsletter our pupils have been involved in so many fantastic opportunities, actively participating and contributing so much to our school community. They have grown as people, nurtured friendships and created many long-lasting memories. I am sure you will join me in thanking our staff for enabling such an amazing offer for pupils throughout the academic year.

We send our very best wishes to our Year 11 pupils – they have been a wonderful year group, who approached their exams with great maturity. We are confident their results will reflect their hard work and dedication, enabling their success in their next steps in life after Kings'.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents, for your superb support throughout the school year, genuinely embodying our school motto 'Una Laborantes'.

I wish you the very best for the summer break and look forward to welcoming you and our new Year 7 families to Kings' in September, at the start of our 40th anniversary.

Best wishes

James Adams



HALF TERM HIGHS

A flavour of some as too many to mention them all!



Ducklings



Thanks to your support, we raised an incredible £3,445.66!



Kings' School pupils arrive in tractors, trucks and double-decker buses for prom



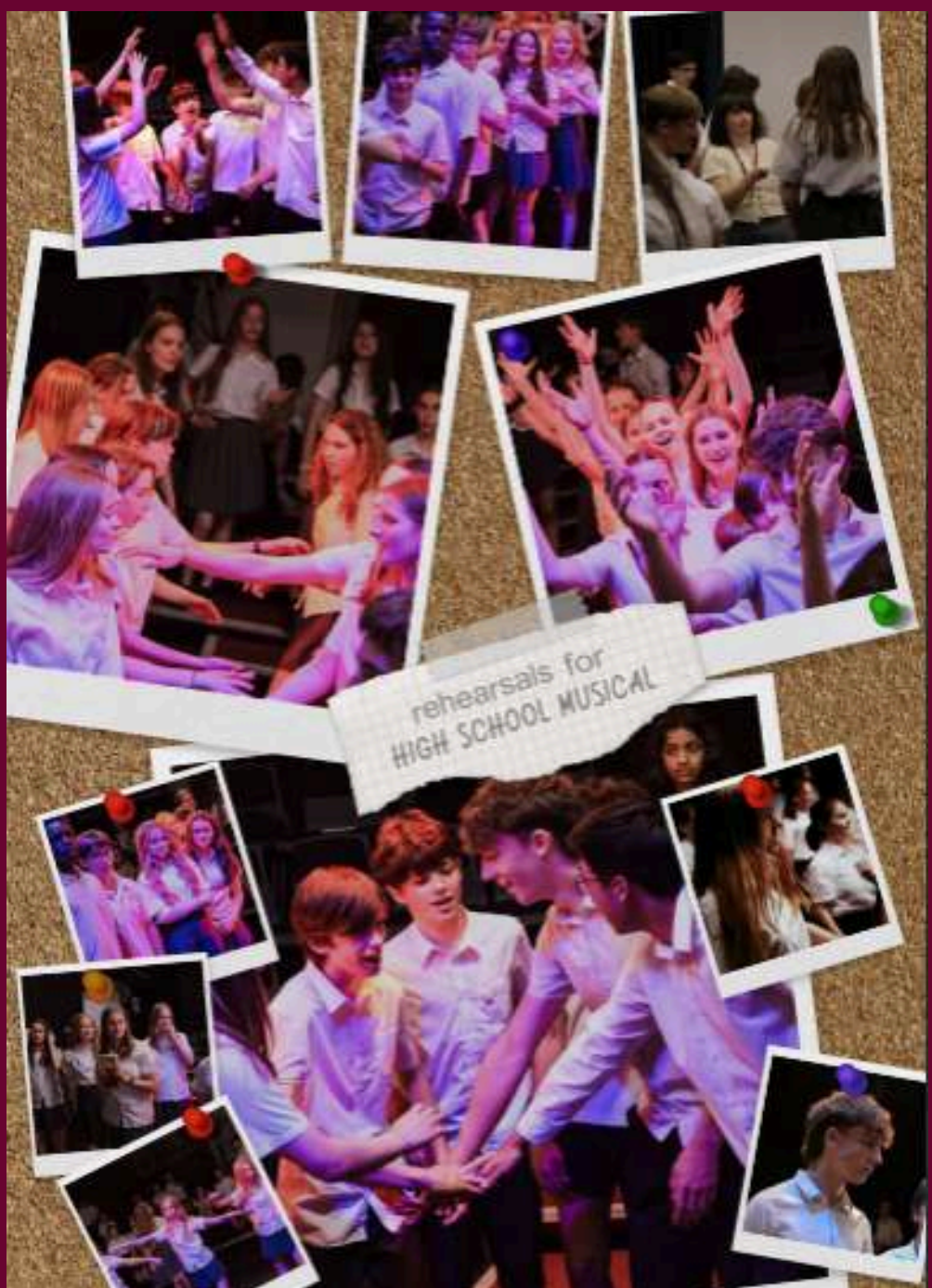
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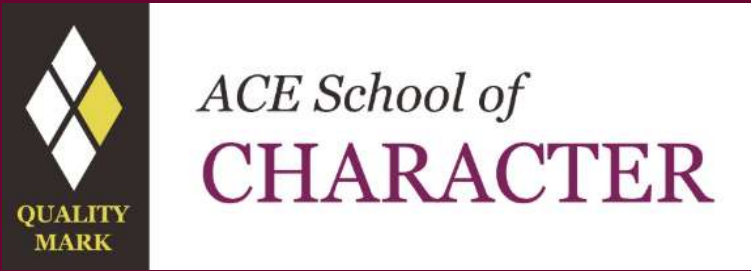


Activity and Adventure



Marquee Celebration Events





House Update

The house competition finished on a high at our annual sports day. An action-packed three terms, with pupils showing outstanding team spirit, enthusiasm and competitiveness across a wide multitude of challenges and events. Most recently, we ran our Kings' Got Talent competition attracting performances in music,

singing, dance, magic and other talents and passions. Congratulations to all who took part for their courage and creativity and to this year's Kings' Got Talent Winners, Olivia H and Audrey M from Year 7. Special mention goes to the peoples favourite Marcello M F Year 9. Mrs Frost, Head of House



Sports Day - March on the House Teams



The sports day is one of biggest whole school event, with the aim to provide a safe, fun, enjoyable and memorable day for all pupils. The emphasis is on all and being part of a team, whereby every pupil is encouraged to compete in a number of events for their house; no one was a spectator. There was so much to choose, from team events, to adapted events, to something to just have a go, and, naturally, highly competitive events to challenge our keenest elite athletes.

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

There were some really heart-warming moments, competition and records broken, but in the end the day and Cup went to Stuart House.

Mr Birch, Head of PE.





Duke of Edinburgh Award at Kings'

After 150 students successfully completed their bronze expeditions in May, July has seen the school's first silver expeditions since DofE was taken in-house. 75 KS4 students completed two 3-day expeditions, the practise in Wiltshire and the qualifying in Dorset. Miss Morgan, D of E Manager.





ARDECHE ADVENTURE



54 staff and pupils, eight days, 1,500 road miles, overnight 2 day kayak river descent, caves excursion, adventure park, and much more. This was an adventure of a lifetime for some of our Year 10 on a trip to Ardeche in Summer Term Half Term. Mr Beale, Ardeche Adventure Trip Leader.





ARDECHE ADVENTURE



After two days kayaking over the rapids, it was onto the Aven D'Ornac caves, adventure park and experiencing the French culture visiting local towns. At 121 meters underground, Aven D'Ornac excursion is France's deepest show cave, with an amazing display of various natural concretions.



Back into adrenaline mode, day five was at the adventure park with all its high rope courses, rock climbs and zip wires.



After a fun last day of more high ropes and tag archery, it was back on the bus...



Some very tired adventurers returned!





RESIDENTIAL & ACTIVITIES



In the last week of Term, we ran our annual residentials and activity days for our Years 7, 8 and 9. Year 7 went on their three day, two night residential to Badinton Woods, Year 8 to Cuffley, and Year 9's to Land and Wave.



There was plenty of choice for those opting for the two activity day trips, ranging from surfing the wave to theatre trips, aqua parks to London museums, ski and snowboarding to a Winchester treasure hunt, and from tennis competitions to board games, science projects, art and design and even afternoon tea! All had a fantastic time, seeing out the end of the academic year on a high, whilst challenging themselves, discovering new passions and growing friendships.





INSPIRING FUTURES

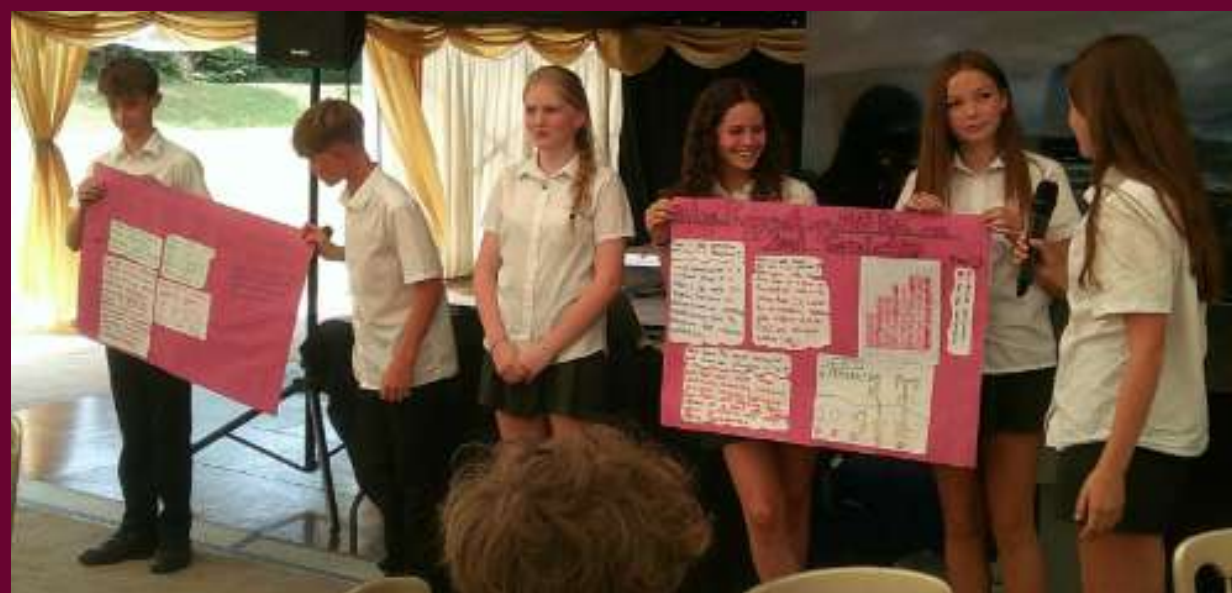


We were privileged to welcome a host of science specialists in June for an extraordinary STEM day, featuring:

- fascinating research by a PhD student on drug delivery systems opening our young scientists' eyes to the incredible technology, innovation and possibilities within the field of bioscience;
- enthralling discussions on bioluminescent in corals by specialist researchers;
- and, a Professor of Astrophysics who took the pupils on a journey through the cosmos.



A huge thank you to all our speakers, for their time, but most importantly their dedication and enthusiasm in their subjects. An inspiring day, sparking a sense of wonder and curiosity, taking our pupils beyond the conventional boundaries of science and alighting passions for their futures. Mrs Swift, Joint STEM Coordinator.



Sparsholt Futures STEM Day

A group of adventurous Year 8 and 9 pupils spent a day exploring Sparsholt College and an array of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths related education courses and associated careers.

One pupil said, 'I am now really keen to study Arboriculture, Forestry & Woodland Management.'

Pupils were inspired by the options on offer. Mrs Turner, Careers Leader.



INSPIRING FUTURES



Year 10 Work Experience. Our annual work experience week for Year 10 occurred in the last week of Term. We have been so impressed by their initiative finding these placements, and exceptionally grateful to the companies and individuals who have offered to take them on.



Polly N and Eleanor V-F review their notes @Deutsche Bank



Ethan R and Michael C hard at work @Taylor Wimpey

'It has been really fun and interesting learning about people's backgrounds and how they came to work here.'

'I've gained a well-rounded understanding of medical practice, diagnostics, and patient interaction within a multidisciplinary hospital environment.'



Ed S keeping up appearances at front of house



Eddie K and Max M on door duty at the start of the day

Visited industries included, architecture, banks and finance, construction and trades, engineering, farming, medical practices, retail and hospitality, schools and universities and sport and leisure to name a few. Mrs Turner, Careers Lead.



Duncan J at a Textiles factory, Cape Town South Africa



Isabell W, Michael C and Ethan R on site

Our aim is to continue to provide an outstanding programme of careers education, advice and guidance activities that satisfy the National **Quality in Careers Standard** to address the career development needs of all our pupils. A Careers & Employability Fair for Years 9, 10 & 11 will be held at on 17th September.



INSPIRING FUTURES



There are just our Year 6 Summer Schools to run during the holidays to support and ease their transition to starting here at Kings' in September in Year 7.

We welcomed over 160 families to our first Open Event of the year, giving parents and their children from Years 4 and 5 a chance to see what Kings' offer. There are three more events in September 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

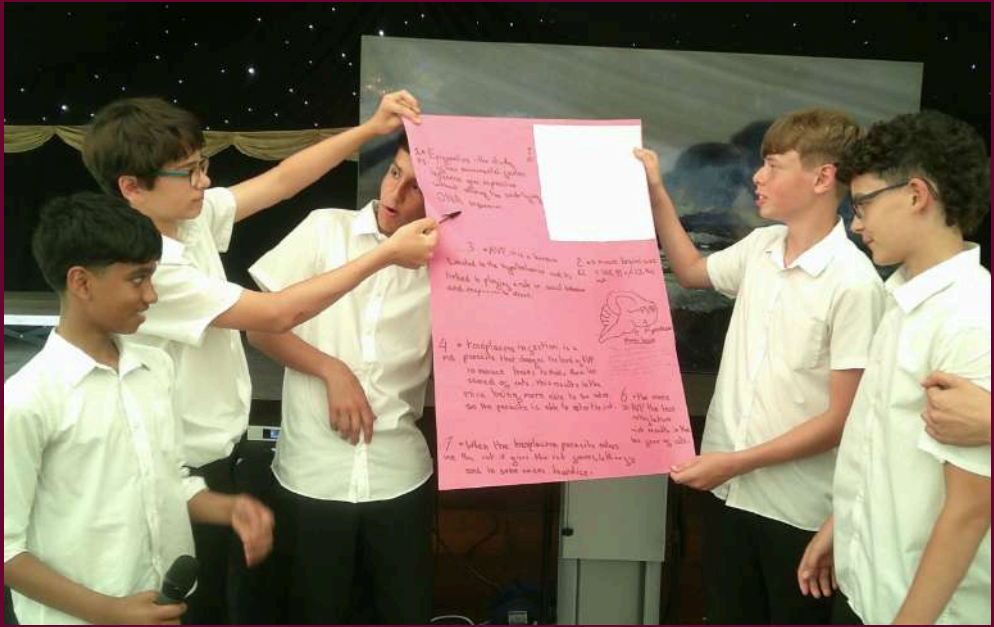
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
(EVENING EVENT FROM 6-8PM)



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



In recognition of our pupils that demonstrate academic excellence and consistently display our values, we hosted a number of events, utilising the prom marquee, to celebrate their success. Mr Kirby, Celebrating Success Event Lead.



One such event with invites across all years was a talk by Mandy Hickson, an ex-RAF fighter pilot, who was the first woman to fly the Tornado GR4 on combat missions. She delivered such an inspirational talk for our pupils to go after their passions, whatever challenges you encounter along the way.



English Showdown

Year 8 pupils were tasked to devise their own adaption of a Shakespeare play. After a series of knock-out events, selected groups from the half year group semi-finals performed in front of the whole year to choose a winner. It was fantastic to see staff and pupils celebrating each other, demonstrating 'our Una Laborantes' ethos. Meanwhile, Year 9 have been showcasing real talent performing their verbal essays, crafting 'Room 101' speeches. Mrs Player, Head of English.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



We have been excited and amazed at the conduct and curiosity of our pupils on various faculty outings and field trips across the year groups, broadening their learning experience, such as the Year 7 trip to Hengistbury Head.

Mrs Kaine, Head of Geography



The Year 10 Child Development pupils have been supporting the community in their learning visiting the Ampfield Childcare Hub. Pupils take part in a range of activities, including water tables, painting and reading. These visits will provide invaluable experiences and real benefit to the coursework they are about to start, looking at how a child develops and planning activities to aid child development.

Mrs Rossiter, Head of Faculty

Every year our science department hatches duck eggs using the lab's incubator. This provides great enjoyment for our pupils on their education journey. Congratulations to Nora C and Fletcher S for winning our annual duckling naming competition with Bob, Quacky and Quark. Dr Rakic, Science Teacher.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION



'Yo, yo, WILDCATS! The original **'High School Musical'** film was so iconic, I knew it would be a hit with the Kings' school pupils. One thing it reminds me is no matter which group or groups you belong to, we're all in this journey of growing up, school and life together!' Mrs Hawker, Director.

Months of preparation and build, six performances over 4 days, and in the sweltering heat, what an outstanding achievement for all involved!

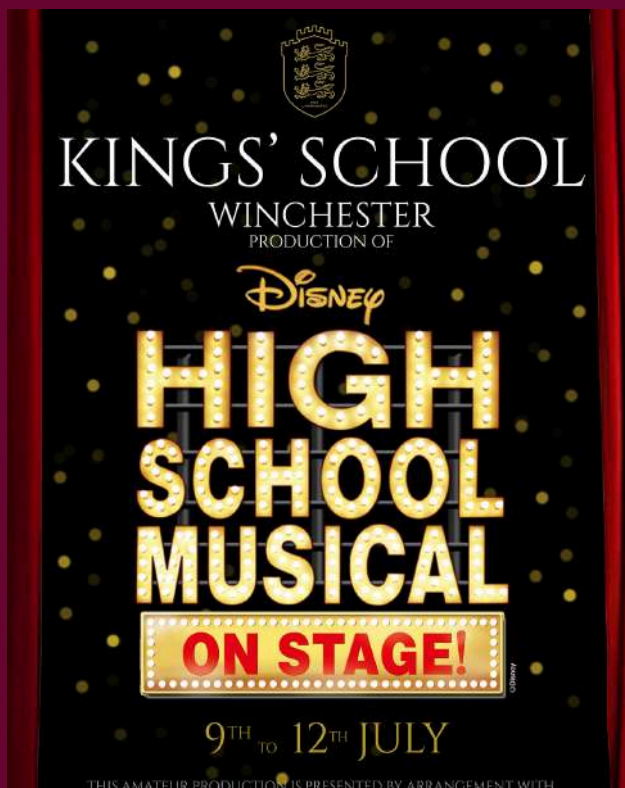


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SCHOOL PRODUCTION



SPRING MUSICALE 2025
CREATIVE + CREW

STAFF

Directors
Mrs Sawher
Mrs Nicks
Mrs Skemitt

Musical Direction
Mr Clarke
Mr Olexa
Mr Wood
Mrs Duncombe

Stage Management
Miss Jones

STAGE

Stage Manager
Cecidene M

Deputy Stage Manager
Rob C

Tech Swing
Thera Fletcher

Stage Crew
Ellis H-P
Hope T
Amber S
Ryan H
Jessica B
Alice D-L
Holly T
Daniel B
Annabel L

SOUND

Head of Sound
Skye Whitaker

Sound Assistant
Santiago T
Ava-Grace F
Ismo T-M

LIGHTING

Lighting Designer
Jonas Murdoch
Milly Westall

Lighting Operator
Milly Westall

Follow Spot Operator
Lucas M
James F
Sebastian T
George M

COSTUME

Wardrobe Assistant
Sophia H
Anna H
Mike M

Make-up Assistant
Andishe M
Josephine P
Call W





SPORTS DAY



Taken from the Sports Day Padlet

High Jump Records Smashed!
Three high jump records have been broken today...

Year 10 - Theo H with 1.67m
Year 9 - Lexi D with 1.4m
Year 8 - Omawumi E with 1.5m

Adam White Endeavour Trophy

For the most committed participant throughout the day - goes to - Taryn T-F

Una Laborantes

Michael Mason Trophy
For the pupil with the greatest level of enthusiasm throughout the day - goes to Bella Williams!

Paul Donovan Trophy

For the athlete with the best relative performance in the most gruelling race - goes to Niraj K!

Broken Record - Theo H
Year 10 with 1.67m!!


Record Breaker!

Alexa D smashes the school record for Year 9 Girls 200m with 27.3s. A record held since 1999!!!!!!


Year 9 Girls Relay Record
Alexa D (once again!) and co break the girls relay record with a very impressive 56.57s!

Year 10 Boys Relay
Team Norman break the school record with a fantastic run of 49.28s!

Sean Bolton Memorial Cup

For the best overall athlete - with three broken records! Alexa D!



SPORTS AWARDS



On 3rd July we hosted our annual sport awards recognising the individual and team achievements, with over 300 individual awards, and celebrating what has been one of the most successful sporting year Kings' has seen. Over the year the PE department have run 350 fixtures, which equates to nearly two fixtures per year group, per week, every week!



59 pupils were celebrated for representing in their sport discipline at County level or above, including international caps for Rory J, Tom N, Zoe J, Lara J, Violet L (Hockey), Saffia R (Football) and Emma M (Cricket) having been selected for the National team.

Over 100 pupils were award their school colours for representing the school in either three (half colours) or four (full colours) sport disciplines.



Notable awards were: Our U14s Girls Hockey team who were awarded **Team of the Year** for an outstanding season, crowned National State-School Champions and coming second in the National all-schools Championships! **Paralympic Legacy Award** - Oli W, an all-time basketball player despite serious challenge and adversity; **Volunteer of the Year** - Matthew R, who gave selflessly his time across a number of activities and shared his excellent knowledge and skills with younger pupils; **Olympic Legacy Award** - Saffia R, who represented the school at a number of sports as an incredible role model and represented England U16 Girls' at football; **Thompson Award** - Rory J, who has been an excellent role model in sport throughout his time at the school, broke the 100m record in 2024 and represented England U16 Boys' at hockey.

Mr Birch, Head of PE.



Congratulations to all those who received an award, to all those runners up and a really big well done to all those who participate in school sports!



SPORT



KINGS'

SCHOOL • WINCHESTER

2024-2025 Champions

(sadly not to include the many teams who were runners up!)

Athletics

U13 Girls and U15 Boys 1st in Track Knock-Out Finals,
District Athletic Champions 3rd year running

Basketball

Boys U12 - South England Champions
Boys U15 - County Champions
Boys U16 - League Champions

Cricket

Boys U13 County Plate Champions and State School Cup finalists
Girls U15 County Champions

Football

Boys U12 District League Champions
Girls U14 County Cup and District Champions
Boys U14 County Cup Champions
Girls U15 made last 16 of the National Cup
Boys U15 District League Champions

Hockey

Girls U14 Hampshire Champions, South Central Regional Champions, EH Tier 2 National Cup Runners Up, EH State School National Champions.
Boys U16 South Central Indoor Champions, National Indoor Finalist, Hampshire Champions (11-a-side), EH Tier 2 Nation Cup Semi-Finalist.

Netball

U14 Winners of the League and PGL Tournament Champions

Rugby

All Years KP Cup Champions

Tennis

Boys U15 League Champions



ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS



We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort in September. One of their first events is the Extra-Curricular Fayre to encourage participation in the many pre-school, lunchtime and after school clubs we run. Mrs Frost, Head of House.



It is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, ignite new passions, and develop character and team work. It is also a timely reminder at the start of a new year for all to try something new, make a difference and discover brilliance!



Typical Calendar of Activities and Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Debating	Hockey	Basketball	Basketball	Hockey
Hockey	Puzzle Club	Brass Group	Trading Card	String
Choir	Chamber-	Chess Club	Games Club	Orchestra
Book Club	Choir	Graphic Novel	Hockey	Netball
Jazz Band	Steel Band	Club	EARA	Badminton
Enterprise	Eco Club	Programming Club	Art-Music	Swimming
Club	Netball	Robotics Club	Club	
English Cafe	Rugby	Knitwits	Science Club	
Steel band	Inclusive	Video Games Club	Computing	
Computing	Swimming	Football	Club	
club	Latin	Orchestra	Football	
Inclusive		German		
Sport		D&T Practical		
		Projects		

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



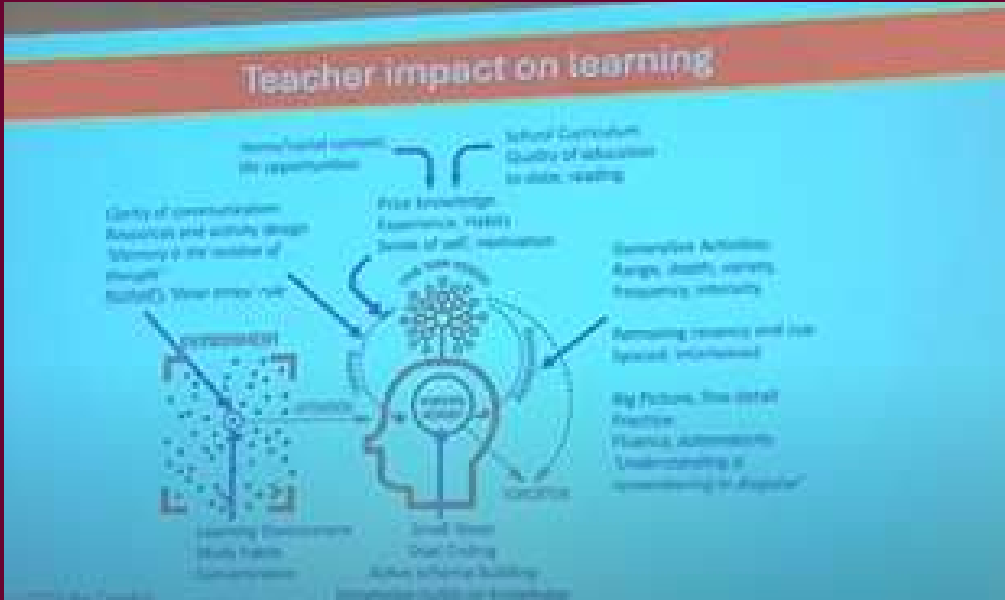
THE STAFF



You will be pleased to know that we do get out! Here is a group shot of this year's summer staff party held at Winchester Rugby Club.



But, it's not all play! Have you ever wondered what an Inset day involves for the staff? At Kings', it is a training day for all staff, to share the future strategy for the school given by the senior leadership team, enhance consistency in service delivery with sessions such as adaptive teaching, common lesson structures, and lesson routines, and broader department planning. All presentations are taken from work carried out on certain projects by the staff throughout the year. It is also a time for team bonding and encourage personal development; there was a great session this time on the work to grow great staff.





COMMUNITY



We were delighted to be part of 'Relay Your Way', a national event that has been held by Cerebra Charity, a charity that help children and families of children with brain conditions that result in complex medical, educational and social support needs. Their vision is that every family that includes a child with a brain condition will have the chance to discover a better life together.

The relay travelled 2500km, over 33 days and involving 9,000 young people. Mrs White, School Games organiser.



We continue our work with local primary schools' Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 offering subjects such as science and languages to provide variety in their learning, but also start to introduce some insights to secondary school.

Mrs Tagg, Deputy Head of Science.





NOTICES



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

Dining Room Assistant

Salary: Grade B3 FTE £24,348 - (actual £5,629)

Hours: 10 hours, 39.4 weeks (11:45-13:45, Monday-Friday)

We are looking for a reliable and enthusiastic Dining Room Assistant to join our excellent Catering team. You will assist the Catering Manager and Catering Supervisor with the daily operation of the catering department.

Cover Supervisor

Salary: Grade C £24,405- £25,184 FTE (actual £17,151 - £17,698)

Hours: 30.4 hours, 39 weeks

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic person to join are Cover Supervisor Team. If you are passionate about the learning of young people, or interested in a route into teaching, this is a great opportunity to get involved in school life. No previous experience required; full training will be given.

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 when to work.

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



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 pause, 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 - kings.school@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk - if you would like to be actively involved or with any related enquiries.



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



NOTICES



Dates for the diary

- 23-24 Jul - Year 6 Summer School
- 21 Aug - GCSE Results
- 26-29 Aug - Summer Sports Camp
- 1-2 Sep - Year 6 Summer School
- 3 Sep - INSET day
- 4 Sep - Year 7 (and mentors) only at school
- 4 Sep - Year 7 Freshers Fayre
- 5 Sep - All Years start Autumn Term
- 14 Sep - Internet Safety Information Evening
- 17 Sep - Kings' Careers and Employability Fair
- 18 Sep - Year 7 Science Centre sleepover
- 22-25 Sep - Year 7 Cats Tests
- 26 Sep - INSET day
- 13-24 Oct - Year 9 Assessments
- 27-31 Oct - Half Term
- 3-14 Nov - Year 11 Mock Exams
- 11 Nov - Remembrance day
- 14 Nov - INSET day
- 9 Dec - Carol Service
- 19 Dec - Last day of school

