

AUTUMN TERM CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS



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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

As we "wrap up" the first term of the school year, it's wonderful to reflect on all that our pupils have achieved so far. From hard work in the classroom to acts of kindness and creativity, the energy and positivity around school have been truly inspiring.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful support and working together with us for the benefit of your children.

We hope all our families enjoy a festive break filled with laughter, relaxation, and special time together. Thank you for your ongoing support this term, and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone back in January for another exciting and purposeful term.

Best wishes

Kings' Senior Leadership Team



CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Following on from our placement in the Telegraphs school league table, the latest nationally published performance data by Gov.UK for 2025, placed Kings' in the top 10 out of all the 152 schools and colleges in Hampshire and 4th best non-independent school, with an Attainment 8 score of 57.7; well above the national average for state schools (45.9). In the Sunday Times 'Parent Power 2026' school league tables guide, we are once again very proud to share that Kings' School was ranked 10th place nationally in the non-selective state schools (11-16yrs) category, where 40% of all grades achieved were 7-9, these fantastic results highlight the continued success of our pupils and our incredibly dedicated team of staff.



THE SUNDAY TIMES

PARENT POWER

School league tables 2026: the best UK secondary schools revealed



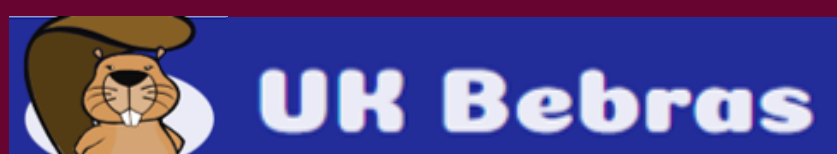
A huge congratulations to Katherine B (Year 11), Ioanna S (Year 10), Hilary C (Year 10) and James F (Year 9), who came first representing the school at the annual Royal Society of Chemistry The Top of The Bench competition held at Portsmouth Grammar School. They were assessed on their laboratory skills, teamwork and knowledge.

competition come second in the southeast region, which should mean they are safely through to the next stage of the competition. The Year 8 Girls have dedicated hours of their own time to solve the challenges.



Charlotte, Freya, Annabel, Ava, Felicity, Nina, Alice, Amelia, Fatima, Hajrah, Issy, Layla, Lillia, Lottie, Nazifa, Polly, Rania and Tess were an exceptional group where their resilience and ambition has driven them throughout; great role models for Year 7 preparing for next year.

Mr Jefferson STEM Co-ordinator



Years 7-9 have again taken part in the UK Bebras Challenge, where they tackle a series of interactive tasks, designed to encourage logical thinking and problem-solving skills. Congratulations to Robert E (Year 9) in the intermediates category achieving full marks, which ranked him number 1 nationally, with over 268,000 taking part.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS



We are incredibly proud to share with you that three of our Year 10 girls were recently selected for the England Under 16 Hockey Team!

Huge congratulations to Zoe, Lara and Violet, and of course to their coach Mrs White for all that hard work and dedication!

The girls will be joining the 2025–26 England Age Group Programme, where they will gain their first experiences of international hockey, whilst also learning about key performance disciplines, including anti-doping, nutrition, strength and conditioning, injury management, and psychology.

Congratulations too to Bertie (Year 9) who was selected to captain the UK Lions U14 Boys Hockey Team at an international tournament in the Netherlands this half Term. Great achievements all round and we look forward to following all our sporting talents' progress!



As we approached the end of term, we embraced a culture of celebration. Our pupils have been working incredibly hard and striving for academic success. Year 9 had their assessments, starting their journey to Key Stag 4 options next term. Year 11 sat their first set of Mock GCSE Exams to help focus their revision and preparation for the next stage of Mocks in February. To recognise achievements in academics, behaviour, and attendance, all year teams held celebration assemblies to recognise individual successes as well as bespoke events to honour pupils who have excelled and demonstrated exceptional character. This term we've reached a record high: staff have awarded over 107,000 credits and made more than 1,250 positive phone calls home. This reflects the dedication and effort pupils at Kings' continue to show.





EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



House Update

It has been a busy term for House Competition events and great to see so many pupils step up to represent their house. This half term we have had the House Bake Off, Chemistry Competition, Basketball and Rugby in November.



Particular thanks to the bakers from the staff who had the arduous job of having to taste and score the products! House Rugby was battled into the darkness with every point being a hard fought contest. Norman House won for the girls and Godwin for the boys.



And, in December we held Hockey, Christmas Card design, Gingerbread Housebuilding and House Karoke. Snow or shine, sport on the astro is fine!



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



The Remembrance service is always a special occasion, where we welcome back the 'old boys' from antecedent schools and serving or retired Service parents. Pupils serving in the cadets come dressed in their uniforms and representation from across the school gathers in our main hall foyer, while the rest of the school joins through a live stream to their classrooms. This year we reflected on our 40 Years since formation and 80 years since the end of the second world war. We will remember them!



Our EAL specialist, Mrs Abyzova supported by Mr Palmer and other staff produced our annual Christmas greeting in different languages. Across the Kings' community we have some 48 various first and or home spoken languages. Over 60 pupils volunteered to take part covering 26 languages in our video message in Ukrainian, Hungarian, Romanian, Bulgarian, Tamil, Japanese, Welsh, Italian, Hindi, Cantonese and Mandarin, Italian, French, German, Spanish, Twi, Yoruba, Nepalese, Basque, Russian, Portuguese, Polish, Farsi, Hebrew, Arabic, Filipino. See the full version on [Instagram](#)!





INSPIRING FUTURES



Over the past few months our **Year 11** pupils have been engaged in activities to help shape their future pathways. Academically, there have been sessions to enhance their study skills, exploring effective revision techniques and advising on personal health and wellbeing during exams. They have also attended to their Post 16 options, with deadlines for colleges very much upon us. As well as education and careers fairs, pupils have participated in interactive workshops to explore employability skills, practice interview formats & techniques and completed an assessment centre task. Staff also have walk in sessions to provide further guidance at these times.



2025 Leavers. We welcomed back our **Class of 2025** for an evening celebrating their achievements at GCSE and presenting awards. It was great to see so many attend, which is a true reflection of the sense of community we aim to build here at Kings'.

Wishing them all the very best of luck in their future endeavours and look forward to hearing where life takes them.





TRIPS & ACTIVITIES



The GCSE Drama pupils took a day out at the theatre, starting with them taking part in a Q&A with a professional costume designer, followed by the live performance of the new Frantic Assembly's play, 'Lost Atoms' at the Mayflower Studios in Southampton. An amazing experience, inspiring futures for our pupils.



Our GCSE Geography pupils were let loose on the streets of Winchester, spread over a period of three days, to study the urban environment and prepare them for the Unit 3 Fieldwork paper in their summer exams. The weather did not dampen spirits and all enjoyed the leg stretch and varied learning approach.

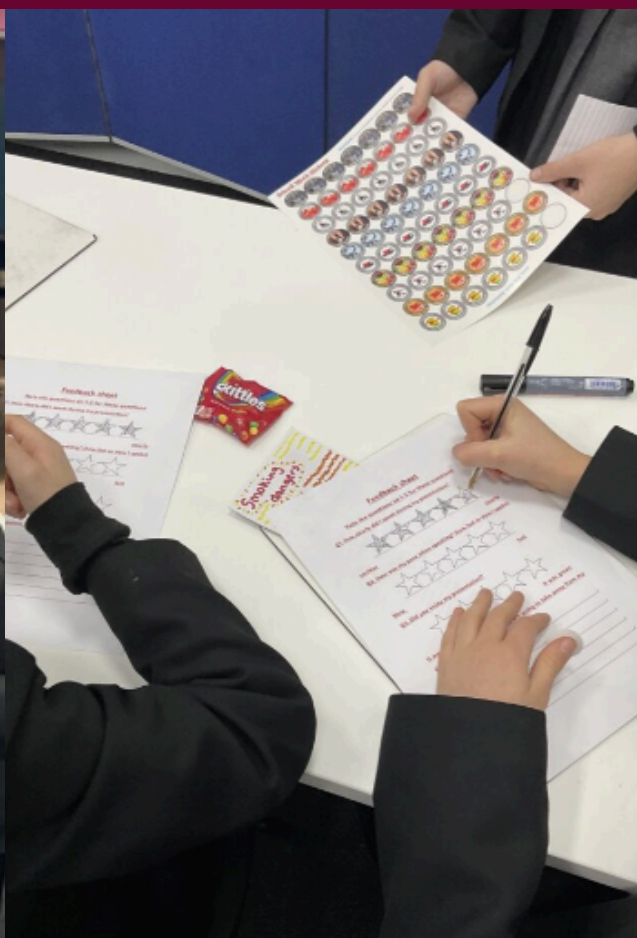


Christmas Jumper Day



Book Fair

The GCSE Health & Social Care pupils have been working hard researching different health problems in young people as part of their coursework. They have devised health education campaigns, which they delivered to our Year 7 pupils.





TRIPS & ACTIVITIES



The Chamber Choir joined Barton Peveril String Ensemble and other choirs for a Christmas concert, performing Vivaldi's Gloria at Romsey Abbey. And, our Brass Ensemble performed at Winchester cathedral for a very special celebration sharing music, creativity and connection. Children from across the county came dressed as angels, kings, shepherds and other nativity characters, bringing such joy to the Cathedral; the atmosphere was full of warmth, excitement and Christmas spirit- as you might discover on each page!

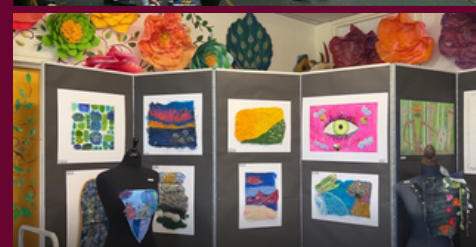


Key Stag 3 Drama club put on a fabulous evening of entertainment, with 72 pupils displaying their talents and work over the last half term through a series of short sketches. And, our Rock 2 the Beat stars laid on a superb rock concert!



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- Choir	Chess Club	Games Club	Orchestra
Book Club	Steel Band	Graphic Novel Club	Hockey	Netball
Jazz Band	Eco Club	Programming Club	EARA	Badminton
Enterprise Club	Netball	Robotics Club	Art-Music Club	Swimming
English Café	Rugby	Knitwits	Science Club	
Steel band	Inclusive	Video Games Club	Computing Club	
Computing club	Swimming	Football	Football	
Inclusive Sport	Latin	Orchestra		
		German		
		D&T Practical Projects		



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



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CAROL CONCERT





CHRISTMAS CRACKER



The Christmas Cracker fayre was a huge success with so much involvement by the community. Most of all it was fantastic to see our pupils really getting stuck into the event, clearly dedicating hours of time and creativity in hand making their merchandise and showing real enthusiasm setting up and driving sales.



Our Enterprise Club pupils got involved too busy making all sorts of goodies for their stalls.



This event has kicked started our fundraising activities for our **priority investment** to upgrade our Science laboratories. See our add below should you wish to donate.

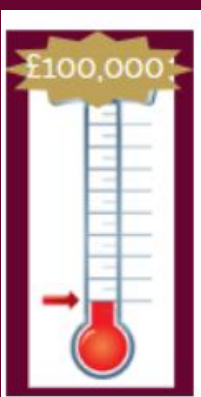


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Our goal is to create safe, modern, and inspiring lab spaces that fosters scientific hands-on learning, and academic excellence. This refurbishment will directly impact pupil STEM engagement.



...to This



We are **RAISING MONEY** for vital refurbishment of our science laboratories. With your support, we can transform our science labs into dynamic learning environments that spark curiosity, build skills, and open doors to STEM careers. Follow the [link](#)/ QR code to **DONATE!**





LAST WEEK



The weather did not dampen the Christmas spirit!



Support Staff Secret Santa and Lunch



Christmas Lunch



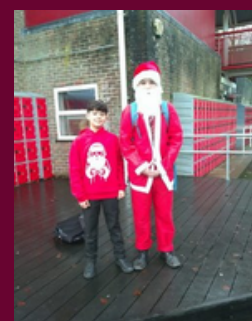


NOTICES



Dates for the diary

- 5 Jan - INSET Day (First Day of Term)
- 6 Jan - Pupils First Day back at School
- 7-9 Jan - Year 11 Peter Symonds College Interviews Pt1
- 13 Jan - Year 11 Parents Evening
- 15-16 Jan - Year 11 H&SC CD First Aid Course
- 19-20 Jan - Year 9 Teenage Vaccine Booster
- 22 Jan - Year 11 English Poetry Live Trip
- 2-13 Feb - Year 11 Mock Exams
- 4 Feb - Year 10 Drama GCSE Theatre Trip
- 5 Feb - Year 9 Options Evening
- 16-20 Feb - Half Term
- 23 Feb-6 Mar - Year 11 MFL Mock Speaking Exams
- 24 Feb - Year 9 Options Preference Closes
- 24 Feb - Year 11 Study Skills Parent Evening
- 2-4 Mar - Year 11 Peter Symonds College Interviews Pt2
- 4 Mar - Year 7 Parents Evening
- 5 Mar - Year 11 English Theatre Trip
- 9-20 Mar - Year 8 Assessments
- 23 Mar - Kings' Spring Concert
- 27 Mar - Last Day of Term (Full Day)
- 30 Mar - 3 Apr - Netherlands Hockey Tour



SUPPORT VACANCIES

Job title: Cover Supervisor

Salary: Grade C £25,189- £26,244 FTE (actual £17,702 - £18,443)

Hours: 30.40 hours, 39 weeks

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic person to join our 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.

The Cover Supervisor team are responsible for providing teaching cover during periods of absence and leave. A day on cover can involve teaching any of our KS3/KS4 classes, from Maths or Science to PE or Food Technology.

INVIGILATOR. Salary: £12.21 p/h

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 and to apply, please visit our website [Support Vacancies | Kings School](https://www.kings-school.co.uk/support-vacancies) or email recruit@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk.