Dear Parents

Kingswood House has embarked on an exciting new stage in its history, rebuilding and improving many of its facilities to ensure they are commensurate with the ambition of delivering a first class, all-round education through to GCSE. We have taken great care to develop proposals which meet the School’s future needs and which can be phased in such a way that construction can progress without an undue effect on the day to day life of the School.

We have already built a new Upper Prep (a fantastic two-storey block of six classrooms), a new Lower Prep (four classrooms) and a Humanities Department (two classrooms). Furthermore, a forty space car park was recently completed at the Manor Green entrance to the School and a partnership instigated with Chessington & Hook FC which augmented our Sports provision by giving our boys and coaches access to ten acres of sports fields within a mile of our gates.

Having invested well in excess of £1.6M in recent years, we are about to increase that sum to £2.5M with an ambitious project which will realise fully customised, brand new, teaching accommodation for our Senior boys. I am pleased to announce the anticipated start of building work for our new Senior Teaching Accommodation in the Spring holiday. With brand new, customised classrooms, a library, two offices, washrooms and a common room, the boys should directly benefit from these superb additional facilities in time for the start of the Autumn Term.

For the record, the future Development programme also includes a new Sports Hall and Refectory as well as a significant extension of, and improvement to, Langlands and the main house. It is certainly a great time to be at Kingswood House as we plan for the future.

I should like to thank you for your support and good wishes during my first term, which I have thoroughly enjoyed, and I wish you all a relaxing Christmas and a prosperous New Year with your families.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster
In **Science** this week Year 1 and Reception braved the rain and went outside to do the ‘Mentos and bottle of Lemonade’ experiment, as it would be rather messy to do it in the classroom. All the boys had a guess at what might happen. ‘AN EXPLOSION’ they all said, and, as you can see from the photo, it was just a little fountain. Some of the boys were a little disappointed. I told them that some experiments work and some don’t - we just have to keep trying!

Mrs Marskell

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**L’histoire de Cendrillon (Cinderella)**

After the Onatti French theatre company's visit, there was Gallic inspiration in the air for 4C’s assembly. This term it was on a festive theme – **L’histoire de Cendrillon** (Cinderella). The boys performed their version of the fairy tale entirely in French and also had great fun dressing up as their pantomime characters. They worked extremely hard to learn all their lines and remember their stage directions. All the boys are very proud of their achievements and the opportunity to learn a modern foreign language to a high level.

Mrs Carpenter

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A special well done to Ali and Marcus who offered to help me tidy up the classroom after our Geography project. Both of them gave up some of their break time to be so helpful!

Thank you, boys!

Miss McSweeney
**6M** have worked so hard to create a river model that shows the journey of a river from Mouth to Source. They worked brilliantly in their groups and I am very pleased with their finished work. Well done 6M!  
Miss McSweeney

This term’s Senior social took place at the Hollywood Bowl for a highly competitive contest of bowling. Both the boys and staff had a great evening and it was a wonderful way to round off the Autumn term.  
Mr Rudkin

Year 2 each received a personalised letter from Santa. The boys sent letters to Santa last week and he replied to their specific requests this week, Mr Murphy delivering the letters to their classroom.  
Miss Walliss
Theo and Christopher Burn (8C and 6R) took part in the British School of Rock concert last Saturday morning. Christopher was on drums while Theo, now on his third concert, was on guitar and performed solo as well as with the group. It was an extremely well attended event, and everyone had a great (if rather loud) time in the audience and on stage.

Very well done boys!

Science

Sam and Jamil in Year 10 are performing a simple distillation experiment on Coca Cola to obtain a pure water distillate.

Mrs Callaghan
CHRISTMAS FOREST SCHOOL

The Year 3 boys showed off their creativity and Forest School skills, making Christmas themed natural art today.

Candy Canes

Miniature Santa’s grotto – for the bugs!

An angel

Rudolph’s antlers

Christmas branches and ice cap fishing rods

Santa’s sleigh
We all know in tutor group 8C that our Head Boy Mustafa Yousaf is planning a career in the field of medicine. Here is a photo of Mustafa engrossed in his favourite book — Human Anatomy!

Mrs Callaghan

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**KINGSWOOD ACTIVE**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Dates: 18 – 22 December 2017

Times: 9am – 4pm (There will be a member of staff at school from 8am)

- We also offer an optional extended day until 5pm. Children will be provided with a small snack and given the option of watching a DVD or playing board games during this time.

Cost:

- £28 per day
- £5 extra if you wish your child to attend until 5pm.
- Book the whole week and get one day free (5 days for £112)

The course is open to any boys and girls aged 3 – 13.

There will be a variety of school based and off site activities for your child to do. The children can also bring in their skateboards, blades, bikes and scooters. A Programme of Events can be seen on the website.

Should you wish your child to attend please complete a booking form (available on the web site or contact me directly) and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Could you also sign the separate section giving your child permission to do the various off site activities that we are offering. Payment can be in the form of cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to “Kingswood House School”.

Liam Clarke  
kingswoodactive@kingswoodhouse.org
### COMMENDATIONS

- Ted Reece
- Alex Hone
- Archie Eperon x2
- Antoni Miernik x2
- James Carr
- Ben Huang
- Cameron Edwards

### DIARY DATES 2018

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### LOST ITEMS

**NAMED BLAZER  CHRISTOPHER BURNS**

Looking to buy or sell a trumpet, drum kit, violin, cello? [www.schoolstrader.com - the #1 independent school community trading platform](http://www.schoolstrader.com) – is the place to go. All are welcome to use the site to buy/sell/rent anything from sports kit, uniform, bikes, musical instruments and holiday homes, to cars, boats and even houses. All free. Schoolstrader has been established for 10 years, has tens of thousands of users and has featured in the Times, Telegraph, Mail, BBC, ITV, Guardian and Country Life – and as a Sunday Times ‘Top 10’ website. Happy trading!
A SIDE-SPLITTING START!

Following our AGM in September, we kicked off the new term with an evening of laughter when Langlands Hall was transformed into our very own comedy club for the night. Three top class comedians, and an equally witty compere, had parents and teachers in stitches with a variety of hilarious acts. The Mediterranean style buffet was well received and Dylan, our barman for the evening, was kept very busy indeed. A fantastic time was had by all those who attended: “I’ve never been before but I’ll definitely be back next year” said one newcomer to the event.

FABULOUS FIREWORKS!

Our Family Fireworks event was well attended and went off with a massive BANG! Thanks to all the Class Reps for filling up the rota and to those manning the stalls; the Bar, Raffle, Sweets, Glo-Sticks and Hot Drinks all ran smoothly and raised a significant amount of money. Len and Jemma Choy worked tirelessly all night with their BBQ crew to keep everyone fed. The professional display (set to music by our maestro, Lindsey), was magnificent and had children and adults whooping with delight: “What an amazing atmosphere!” was the comment from one parent.

OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM

In addition to the monies raised from Comedy Night and Fireworks, funds have also been generated from Phil the Bag and a Second Hand Uniform Sale. These will both be repeated early in the spring term, so please start collecting any unwanted clothes, shoes and textiles, or sort out any good quality uniform donations; reminders to follow via Parentmail. The KHA also ran a breakfast BBQ at the Open Morning this term. Bacon sarnies, sausage rolls, croissants and hot chocolate were devoured by those watching the sporting events.
Kingswood House School Tea Towels

This has been a very popular initiative, not only has it produced a wonderful memento of our school, but has also helped to raise some KHA funds. Some of the money has been used to provide the Christmas trees and the party entertainment your children will have enjoyed this week.

There are still a few remaining tea towels available to purchase from the office at £5 each.

Keep an eye out next term for news of how else the children are benefiting from the KHA monies you have all helped to raise.

COMING UP NEXT TERM
More details to follow:

Wednesday 24th Jan 2018: Phil the Bag
Monday 5th Feb: 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

THANK YOU FROM THE KHA

To all who have donated, volunteered, helped out and joined in to help us support our Kingswood House Community.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to your continued support in 2018

Your KHA Team are: Len Choy, Jemma Choy, Andrea DeSellencourt, Victoria Schumacher, Helen Wade, Cami Burn, Mr Clarke, Mrs Witts, Julie Larter: Secretary, Lindsey Savage: Treasurer, Jo McMurtrie: Chair
Please contact us via the school office if you would like to know more about getting involved.
LED/Lightsabre workshop 4 with Marco Cuomo Italian International Sabre Fencer and Silver Sabres Academy Coach.

Mon 18 Dec 2017 at 11am and 12pm

11am-12pm 7-12 years old (Cost £18 in advance £20 on the day)
12pm-1pm 12 years + (Cost £18 in advance £20 on the day)

Please bring gloves and your own toy lightsabres if you have one - Duelling lightsabres with be provided for the final battles.

VENUE: Ebbisham Sports Club, Eastway, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8SG
http://www.ebbisham.com/contact.html
Join the Spy Academy at King Edward’s Witley

King Edward’s
WITLEY

COME AND JOIN THE KING EDWARD’S WITLEY SPY ACADEMY

On-site Piccadilly Café is open for parents

Saturday 24 February 2018 – INTERROGATION
Saturday 3 March 2018 – Invisible Inks
Saturday 17 March 2018 – Code Breaking
Saturday 24 March 2018 – Travel Incognito
to include the Passing Out Parade

COME DRESSED AS A SPY TO EACH SESSION

FREE EVENTS FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 5 & 6

To register please email spyacademy@kesw.org
or call 01428 686700