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Dear Parents

This week saw the first formal GCSEs take place at the school in the form of French Orals for our Year 11 students – a much-anticipated, historic moment - and one which has involved a lot of hard work behind the scenes. We wish them well as they start official ‘study leave’ next week. A big thank you to the teaching and support staff, especially Katie Edwards (Exams Officer), for facilitating the examinations process with such excellent organisation.

In sports, many pupils competed in the first cricket matches of the term against Ripley Court whilst a select few represented KHS at our first external tennis tournament.

Year 9 accompanied Mr Mitchell and Mr Sukhdeo on an inspirational visit to Down House and Biggin Hill – at the time of writing, they are hiking on the Epsom Downs after which they will spend the night sleeping outside on the school field in support of the Manchester-based charity *Barnabus* – all as a part of their “Making of Modern Britain” experience.

I congratulate Wellington House for arranging a super afternoon of stalls and activities today; if the volume outside my window is anything to go by, it is proving to be a most successful initiative!

Next week looks equally busy with House Music and a teatime concert, a trip for our youngest boys in Reception, Year 1 & 2 to Hever Castle with Year 3 also visiting the London Wetlands Centre and Year 5 going to Bough Beach, amongst many other events. I should be grateful if you were to ensure that your son looks especially smart for the Open Morning on Thursday whilst I am especially appreciative of boys in Years 7-10 for also attending on Saturday. Further details from Mr Mitchell will follow shortly in this respect.

I wish you all a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend – please remember that there is no school on Monday!

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy — Headmaster

## The Kingswood House Way



Language Enrichment this term @ KHS!

***“A man who knows two languages is worth two men”***  
French proverb.

There are many reasons to learn a language: these include...

- To increase your understanding of the world.
- To improve job opportunities.
- To sharpen memory skills.
- To make travel easier!

Learning a language gives you...

- Appreciation of other cultures.
- Appreciation of art, music, literature & film around the world.

***“A different language is a different vision of life”.*** Franco Fellini—  
film director

Over the next few weeks, we hope to remind the boys of the importance of language learning, not just in their French lessons but within other subject areas as well. We aim to point out how useful languages are in many walks of life, and how fun it can be to learn about other languages, countries and cultures.

Happy language learning!

Madame Taylor

***“With languages you are at home anywhere...”*** Edmund de Waal - British artist & author





Paul Hollywood had better watch out...these Reception boys whipped up a great batch of 'Butterfly Cakes' \*as part of their learning in the 'Mini Beasts' topic this term. Their hard endeavour, mixing and stirring, saw super tasty results. \*no actual butterflies were used in this recipe!!



In another learning opportunity, our youngest boys explored outside to search for snails...

The creatures must have heard about this endeavour—for sadly, there were only empty shells to be found; but it

prompted much discussion during circle time after and many enquiring minds were satisfied!



Responses to the **Year 7 visit to the Poppy Factory**, Richmond after seeing the veterans gainfully employed making the hundreds of thousands of paper and silk poppies required nationally every year by the country's acknowledgement on the November Armistice.

Year 7 pupil Barnaby H tells us, "I went to the Poppy Factory in Richmond. It was fun because we had an opportunity to make poppies using a method from the 1920s. We also made a wreath by putting poppies into a black plastic circle which looked polished. It was very exciting. To add to this, I got a slight glimpse of the veterans who work there. It looked like they were in a peaceful environment with their own desk. Another subject that was fascinating was seeing the poppies that are over a hundred years old.



We all saw a wreath that the Queen had laid down at the Cenotaph. Everyone learnt that different religions have a different "cross" sign, a Christian would have a cross but an atheist would have a straight line. Overall the day was good fun!"



### 'Poppies' by Luca W

In World War One the soldiers lie  
We have all said our goodbyes  
Just suffering, just pain  
And all there's left is rain.

But through the rain the poppies grow  
So we can remember the one below.

A minute of silence every year  
To respect the ones, we miss so dear.

So we remember the ones who lay,  
And we will miss them every day,  
So no more suffering, no more pain  
Then clears away the rain.



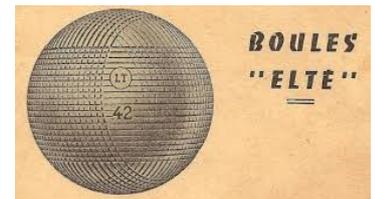
*Allez, allez!!* This week, as part of our focus on languages, countries and cultures, the boys have had the opportunity at break times to play *Boules* or *Pétanque*.

There have been many versions of this played around the globe throughout history, with the French version originating in sunny Provence under the shade of poplar trees in local town squares. It is still common to see groups of French men playing in their free time today.

Traditionally played on a gravel or a sandy surface, a small wooden target ball, known as a *cochonnet* (piglet in French or a 'jack' in English) is thrown about 6 - 10 metres, with the players taking it in turn to throw their heavier *boule* as close as possible to it.

Many thanks to Mr. Bailey who kindly marked out an area to play, and some of the Year 8 boys who have been supervising the games.

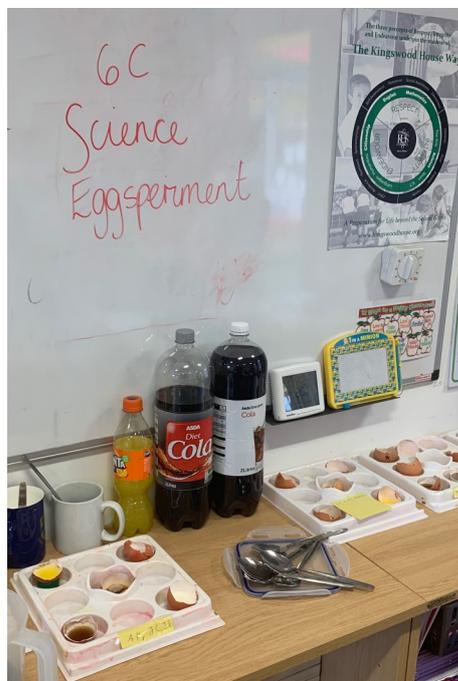
Madame Taylor



## Do you know what our teeth and egg shells have in common?

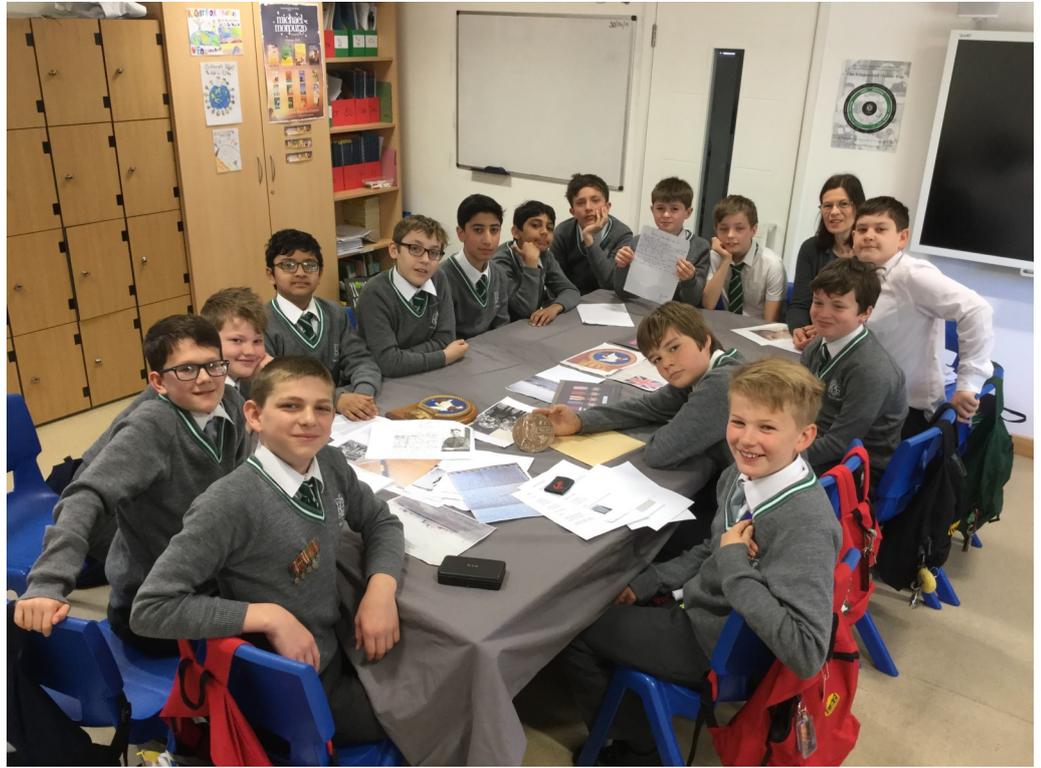


In Science, the boys have enjoyed learning about each part of the digestive system. As part of the topic, this week, the boys have explored how to keep their teeth healthy.; we discussed the importance of brushing twice a day, visiting the dentist and avoiding too many sugary drinks. The boys then planned an investigation which would help them understand the damage that sugary drinks can do to their teeth. They brought in egg shells to represent the enamel protection on teeth and these were filled with a variety of drinks, including coke, milk, juice and water. We will leave the shells until Monday to see the results but will be making regular observations. Our enquiring minds are eager to see the outcome! Mrs Celentano



## Learning and listening together...

In English, Year 7BA brought in documents and artefacts relating to the two World Wars. We discussed and explored the experiences of their family members from these times. The boys were very proud to show and share the memorabilia they had brought in. Thank you, boys, for your contributions.



Mrs Weston.



Year 9 started their **Making of Modern Britain** programme with a visit to Down House, the former home of Charles Darwin and to the new Biggin Hill Memorial Museum. The boys thoroughly enjoyed both historic locations; at the former learning about the revered naturalist, and latterly, about the men and women who contributed so much to the success of the RAF during World War Two. Between visits, the boys had lunch beneath the Wilberforce Oak, the location where William Wilberforce

declared to William Pitt the Younger, then Prime Minister, that he would enter Parliament and propose a bill to end the British Slave Trade. It was wonderful to receive so many compliments on the day about the boys' behaviour and manners wherever they went. A wonderful trip was complete when the boys got the opportunity to see an actual spitfire take to the sky.

You can find out more about Year 9 on their Making of Modern Britain trip by following them on the school's twitter account **#MOMB2019**

Mr Mitchell



## 15 minutes with...

### Mr Robert Hendry—Head of Games

- Favourite car - **Aston Martin DB5**
- Favourite place - **Cape Town**
- Favourite food - **pizza**
- Favourite band or singer - **Oasis**
- Favourite film - **Shawshank Redemption**
- Favourite smell - **new boots!**
- Favourite sport / team or player - **Charlton Athletic**
- Who in the world would you like to be? - **Me**
- What were you like at school? - **Don't wish to say**
- What is an interesting fact about yourself? - **I play semi-professional football in my spare time.**

...and 12 choices 'either / or'

**Dog / Cat**

**Netflix / YouTube**

**Phonecall / Text**

**Facebook / Twitter**

**Swimming / Sunbathing**

**Big Party / Small Gathering**

**Football / Rugby**

**Driver / Passenger**

**High-tech / Low-tech**

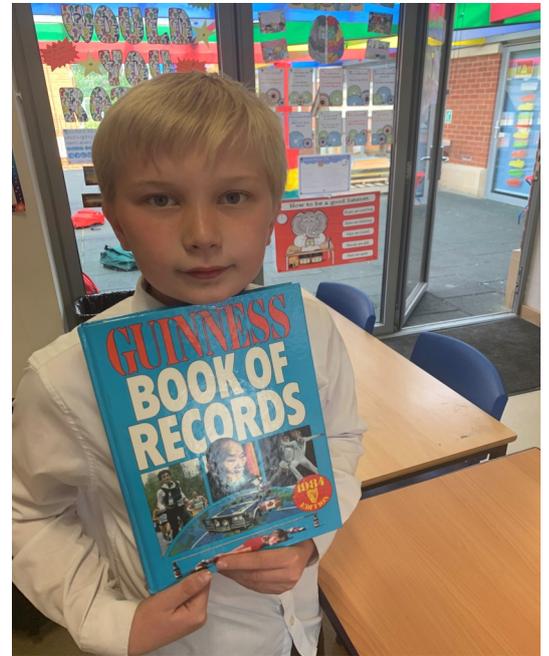
**Pen / Pencil**

**City / Countryside**

**Book / Film**



*...and finding out more about one of our pupils in this week's 'Show & Tell'...*



Tobias from 6C proudly bought in the 1984 edition of the 'Guinness Book of World Records' to show us.

His Grandfather is featured for having the largest green house in Great Britain! What a fantastic 'Show & Tell' thank you for sharing this with us! Mrs Celentano.



In the interest of Safeguarding, please would all parents arriving on the school grounds for drop off or collection please ensure you vacate the premises as soon as your child has safely been delivered to, or collected from, their class. If you arrive on site before 15.30, please follow the School procedure for signing in and out via the Office.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter as it assists us in the smooth running of the school day.

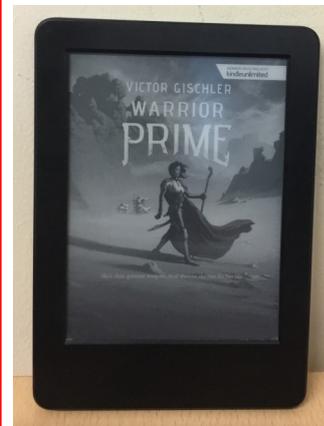
## COMMENDATIONS

Ebrahim Bana	James Wang	Zayn Jawed	Ben Scudamore(3)
Torin Arumeni-Ikhide (2)	Frankie Wintle (2)	Ben Huang (3)	Cameron Edwards (2)
Henry Wickham (2)	Ciaran Pantlin (2)	Ryan Lochhead (2)	Luis Lochhead (2)
Luke Leahy	Jamil Hashemi	Rex Treadwell	Ewan Walker
Eddie Bolton	Theo Spick	Daniel Idrees	Angelo Cooper
Caden Courtney	Jack Beckman	Rory Gibbs	



Huge **'Congratulations'** to Ted in Year 7 who has recently returned from Cobham Rugby Club's rugby tour and was awarded U12 Player's Player for the season—well done! Great endeavour was shown on the pitch throughout the season for Ted to win this award.

## FOUND!



An electronic reading device, no name, has been handed into the Office; please check you have got yours!

## House Family Afternoon

### *What House do you belong to?*

Last Friday we held our Summer Term Family House Afternoon wherein the boys gather with all other members of their House Family from the Seniors, Upper Prep and Lower Prep to engage with each other and experience a sense of camaraderie and friendly competition. This term's activity challenged the boys to solve nine different problems varying from piecing together a House puzzle, to crossing a 'lava river' with only a mat and two hoops!

The Senior boys took on a mentoring role and ensured even the youngest family members were taking part and enjoying themselves.

There were some excellent examples of endeavour to get the challenges completed correctly. Well done, all!



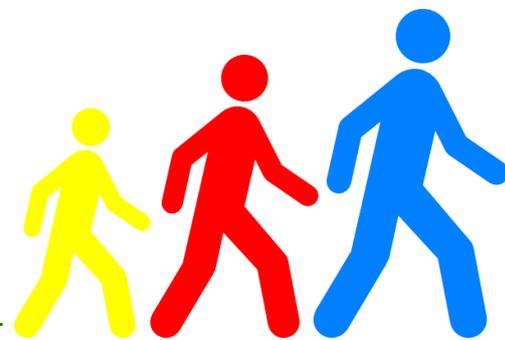
# House Family Afternoon of Activities and Challenges...!



## ***What are you doing next Wednesday lunchtime?***

*A review by Oliver H in Year 9 of the lunchtime Club—  
Wednesday Wander—and an invitation to join!*

“Wednesday Wander is the perfect opportunity to get outside during the school day. It is always enjoyable to get outdoors and enjoy nature at its best and that is what this club is about. Not only did we see the ducks and geese at the nearby pond but we also saw a pair of goslings, they were very cute and fluffy. Mrs Chandler gave us some lettuce to feed them; sadly, they weren’t very interested in what we had to offer. Did you know you shouldn’t feed ducks bread? A huge thank you to Miss Wilson for organising it and to Mrs McGill for joining us. We are looking forward to going again next week and seeing if the ducks prefer peas, why don’t you join us?”



## ***Rocking out Langlands Hall with the Lower Prep!***

The Lower Prep enjoyed a great demonstration by Mr Bradfield, our resident ukulele and guitar teacher, when he came in to showcase his musical talents and the potential that can be unlocked in playing modern stringed instruments.

There is a Ukulele Club for boys in Years 7-11; any further interest or any enquiries should be directed to

[l.swift@kingswoodhouse.org](mailto:l.swift@kingswoodhouse.org)



## LUNCH MENU w/c 6th May 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School closed!	Meatballs & spaghetti	Fresh fruit Pork chop roast potatoes cabbage	Fresh fruit Orange lolly	Chilli con Carne with rice
	Fresh fruit yoghurt		Fresh fruit jelly	BBQ chicken wrap with home-made coleslaw
				Fresh fruit Cheese & biscuits

**Homemade Vegetable Soup** is available daily; varieties include Mushroom, Tomato, Parsnip and Cauliflower. A selection of **fresh fruit** is also available every day. In addition to the menu items detailed above, we always offer a vegetarian main meal option.

We have a daily choice of fillings for **jacket potatoes** and wholemeal or white **baguettes**; including a vegetarian option. Ham, cheddar cheese and baked beans are available every day, with both tuna mayonnaise and coronation chicken offered on occasion. Our **Salad Bar** has a wide selection of ingredients including green salad leaves, tomatoes, beetroot, sweetcorn and coleslaw. Additionally there may be Italian Sun Dried Tomato and Mozzarella salad, a Greek Salad with Olives and other seasonal specialities.

Break time snacks of ham or cheese sandwiches, fruit or vegetables should only be brought in to school in named, reusable containers. A reminder that **no nuts or sesame seeds in any product**, including bread, should be brought to school. **No plastic wrapped items, please.**

### Language Enrichment

We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities and activities within our character value of Endeavour as we explore and focus upon Languages this term. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for reports of what has been going on and see how you can join in at home and play your part in school!

**“To have another language is to possess a second soul”**

All the best to Jane Chandler, Janet Shipley (Chair of Governors' wife) and Sally Wits who will be taking part in the **Moon Walk** on Saturday 11 May to raise money for breast cancer.

The link to the website is <https://walkthewalk.org/> Any donations can be kindly passed to Karen in the Office.



*Charlemagne also known as Charles I  
742-814 A.D.*

*He knew a lot about languages as he ruled and united much of Western and Central Europe in the Early Middle Ages.*

## Kingswood House Well-being Week 13 – 17 May 2019



Following the success of last year's inaugural event, **Well-being Week** is set to become an annual feature in the Kingswood House calendar. During the week boys will participate in both formal and informal events and activities in class such as meditation, digital workshops and discussion. Much of this builds upon work that occurs in PHSE lessons and we would like to involve parents too. The response last year from parents who attended was fantastic and we hope to see many of you this year. We have two wonderful speakers who will deliver presentations on serious, key topics; there is no additional cost for any of these events.

### **Sunday 12-May Making of Modern Britain Trip (Year 9)**

Despite being away from school, Year 9 will be exploring many aspects of wellbeing and mental health. They will visit Barnabus, a Manchester charity that supports vulnerable young people living on the street. The boys have already raised money for Barnabus and a similar charity in Epsom and will sleep out rough next Friday at KHS.

### **Monday 13 May - E Safety Workshops with David Blake (Years 3 - 10)**

E safety has become a vital part of educating pupils in the modern age. The school is developing an annual programme to address many important e safety issues. David Blake will be hosting different workshops throughout the day so each workshop is age appropriate.

### **Monday 13 May – E Safety Workshop for Parents with David Blake in Langlands Hall @ 1800**

### **Wednesday 15 June - Well-being Talk by Dick Moore (Years 7 - 10)**

Dick Moore is a nationally renowned speaker on this subject. His own family story is the backdrop to an excellent talk, which raises issues such as anxiety and depression.

### **Wednesday 15 May – Well-being Talk by Dick Moore for Parents in Langlands Hall @ 1800**

As well as the events outlined above, we will have three focus areas in class throughout the week. The aim is to raise awareness and promote emotional well-being as much as possible. The focus areas will be:

**Digital parenting** – this is essentially a guide to help families live a better digital life. We will raise awareness in school and send information home.

**Meditation** – this is something that has been a successful part of our PSHE syllabus to younger year groups and we hope older boys will also embrace this technique to achieve an emotionally calm and stable state of mind.

**Support within the community** – raising awareness of those less fortunate living within our own community.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the E-Safety workshop and well-being talk.

Kind Regards, Ian Mitchell, Deputy Head; Liam Clarke, Head of Upper Prep; Katie Timothy, ELSA.

## Wednesday Wander

It's not often we encourage our minds to wander during the school day, but on a Wednesday we will be doing just that!

A recent study has found that the positive effects of a single exposure to nature, such as a walk, can last for 7 hours. Being active has a whole range of benefits when it comes to mental wellbeing; it can improve self-perception, self-esteem, mood and quality of sleep.

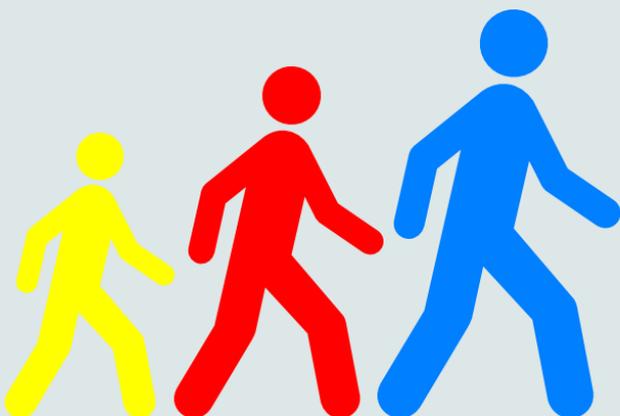
**Each Wednesday**, Miss Wilson will be taking out a small group of boys in Year 7 - 11 for a short walk 1.30- 2pm. We will explore the local area, including Stamford Green, Epsom Common and Court Recreation Ground.

For more information about Wednesday Wander, please get in touch via the school office or email

[h.wilson@kingswoodhouse.org](mailto:h.wilson@kingswoodhouse.org)

**Time: 1.30–2pm.**

**Where: meet at Miss Wilson's office  
(Assistant SENCo Office)**



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# SPORTS RESULTS

## U13 A vs Ripley Court

Result- Win

Man of The Match - Hadi Yousaf

Top Bowlers - Barnaby Hill, Marcus Glen and Rhys Battrick

Top Batsman - Hadi Yousaf and Sam Slaney

## Colts A vs Ripley Court

Result—Loss by 3 runs

Man of The Match - Ben Choy

Top Bowlers - Noah Seager

Top Batsman - Ben Choy (53\*)

## Colts B vs Ripley Court

Result - Loss by 2 runs

Man of The Match - Christos Louka

Top Bowlers - Jack Chamberlain

Top Batsman - Christos Louka & Ben Holmes

## Colts C vs Ripley Court

Result - Loss

Man of The Match - Josh McCrosson

Top Bowlers - Kobi Wood and Tedd Bunyer-Ames

Top Batsman - Josh McCrosson and James Carr

## Colts D vs Ripley Court

Result - Loss

Man of the Match - Michael Sargious

Top Bowlers - Michael Sargious

Top Batsman - Beau Clark

Player to watch = Krishan Idrees



# SPORTS RESULTS

## **U8/9 A vs Ripley Court**

Result - Loss

Man of The Match-

Top Bowlers - Frankie Larter

Top Batsman - Edward Bishop

## **U8/9 B vs Ripley Court**

Result - Loss

Man of The Match - Adam Gratton

Top Bowlers - Adam Gratton

Top Batsman - Jackson Worth

## **U8/9 C vs Ripley Court**

Result - Loss

Man of The Match - Reuben Tomb

Top Bowlers - Ethan Clarke

Top Batsman - Henry Ruscoe

## **U8/9 D vs Ripley Court**

Result - Loss by 4 runs

Man of The Match - Harrison Wallis

Top Bowlers - Harry Peters

Top Batsman - James Miller



## DIARY DATES MAY 2019; week 1

Mon.	06 May		<b>Bank Hols—school closed!</b> GCSE Study leave begins Travelling Book Fair in Library until Wednesday	
Tues.	07	0830 1100 1130 1420 1500-1845 1500 1600 1800	Form Reps meeting Reception, Year 1 & 2 swimming @ Epsom College House Music Competition Final A House Music Competition Final B Selected Year 5 boys to Halstead Prep School Senior XI v.Duke of Kent (A) U13 & U11 tennis v.Belmont (A) Risk Management Sub-Committee meeting	
Wed.	08	0845 0900-1530 0930 1430 1430 1600	Travelling Book Fair in Library departs 6L Assembly Reception, Years 1 & 2 trip to Hever Castle Year 3 Forest School U13A, B & C v.Tower House (A) U11A & B v.Tower House (H) Senior Athletics meet @ Harriers Centre, Epsom	
Thurs.	09	<b>0930-1200</b> 1500 1600	<b>OPEN MORNING</b> U8 v.Duke of Kent (H) Tea-time concert in Langlands	
Fri.	10	0900-1600 1900-1600 1450 1300-1600	Year 3 trip to London Wetland Centre Year 5 trip to Bough beach Reservoir House Assemblies Selected Year 6—Quiz Club	
Sat.	11	<b>0930-1200</b>	<b>OPEN MORNING</b>	
Sun.	12	<b>0700</b>	<b>Year 9 Making of Modern Britain Trip departs</b>	

### LOST PROPERTY:

#### Missing

Tommy Collins—Prep Diary

Tobias van Heyningen—blazer

Both named! Please check you have your own equipment and not someone else's. If anything is found please return or contact [d.rogers@kingswoodhouse.org](mailto:d.rogers@kingswoodhouse.org)

### PLEASE NOTE...calendar change!

The Year 10 Higher Project Qualification meeting on 2nd.May will now be held on 27th.June @ the Senior Lecture Evening.



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