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## The Kingswood House Way



Dear Parents

Thank you for your support during a busy, historic and successful year for the school.

I am grateful to Mr Paul Jones, Shiplake College, for presenting the prizes last night in our showcase event at Epsom College. However, whilst I may admittedly be a little biased, I felt that his speech was possibly overshadowed by stellar public speaking from our outgoing Head Boys, Rohan Bogues and Ewan Walker, both of whom captured the essence of how and why Kingswood House has made such a profound difference to their confidence and development – well done to both for speaking so eruditely and sincerely in front of a large audience.

Prize Giving is always an auspicious occasion and it is hugely rewarding to celebrate the individual and collective achievements of our boys with a degree of pomp and ceremony; in combination with our end of term assembly at Christ Church, during which I handed out plenty more awards and certificates this morning, it helps to propagate a genuine sense of justified pride and unity within our school community - a fitting way indeed with which to round off the term and enter the summer holiday on a high.

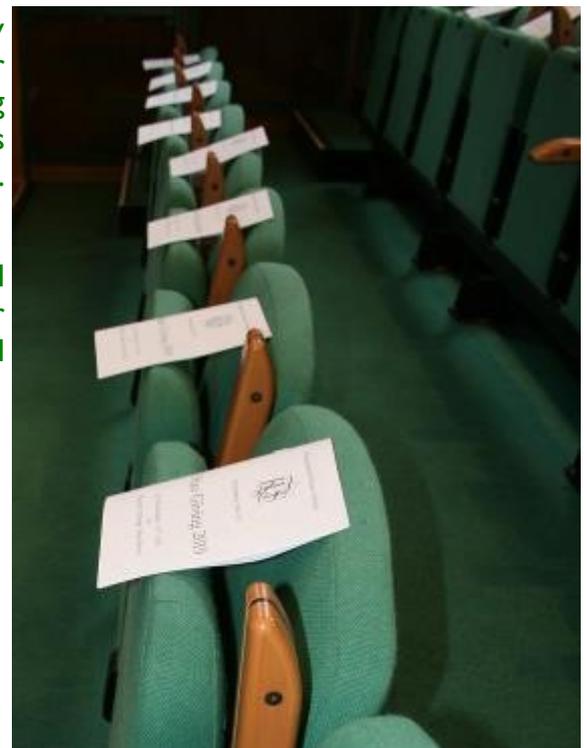
Many congratulations to Jack Fernandes (Senior Head Boy), Charlie Fowler (Senior Deputy Head Boy), William Hamilton (Upper Prep Head Boy) and Ted Reece (Upper Prep Deputy Head Boy) upon their appointments for September.

Finally, I am grateful to all of my academic and support staff for their hard work and it has been heartening to see the strong all-round progress made by the boys under their tutelage. They are a talented team indeed!

On behalf of us all at Kingswood House, I wish you a relaxing summer and look forward to a great year ahead in September.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy  
Headmaster



# Positions of Responsibility 2019-20

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected for positions of responsibility in September. Further appointments will be made during the course of the year dependent upon the behaviour, development and contribution to school life of other deserving candidates.



## Senior Head Boy

Jack Fernandes

## Senior Deputy Head Boy

Charlie Fowler

## Senior Prefects

Thomas Gibson

James Szubert

## Upper Prep Head Boy

William Hamilton

## Upper Prep Deputy Head Boy

Edward Reece

## Upper Prep Prefects

Thomas Collins

Peter Duncan

Hal Ferguson

Nicholas Hill

Alexander Hone

William Moffatt

Joseph Seager

Hadi Yousaf

## Lower Prep Monitors

Jamil Hashemi

Frankie Larter

## Senior House Captains

**Drake:** Harry Whitehead

**Marlborough:** Oliver Bartlett

**Nelson:** Jack Flexman

**Wellington:** Max Mkpa

## Sports Captain

Football: Max Mkpa, Christopher Hawksley

Rugby: James Szubert, Edward Hartley

Hockey: Joseph Seager

Cricket: Hadi Yousaf



We were delighted to host our annual Prize Giving in the auspicious surroundings of Epsom College's aptly named hall, Big School. Our boys and staff certainly filled it with their growth mindset, personal developments and academic achievements this past year. On a befittingly calm and warm summer evening we welcomed the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell with his wife, along with governors, parents, boys, staff, Mrs Murphy and their son. Our guest speaker was Mr Paul Jones, Deputy Head of Shiplake College, who did a marvellous job of handing out all the Prizes and accolades and spoke generously about the manners and confidence on display from those receiving them—well done, boys. Mr Jones reminded us all to, "...do small things" as it is the repetitive nature of such gestures and actions that combine to make great results; Mr Murphy's speech, highlighting the successes of this past year, drew upon the example of the England cricket team who have indeed shown how combined endeavour and resilience have carried them into a world cup final for the first time in a number of decades. Our Head of Music, Mr Swift, oversaw some super musical performances that demonstrated talent, dedication and passion reminding us all that not all success can be defined on paper. We were treated to a number of painstakingly edited 'movie style' photo highlights, set to high octane, popular music which got toes tapping and created a certain 'warm and fuzzy' feel to proceedings—big thanks to Mr Mitchell for these, as they show KHS in all its glory and provide a fitting tribute to all that has been enjoyed and achieved 2018-19.



## *KHS boys go to the 'Big Bang'!*

As part of the GTi (Gifted, Talented and Interested) programme a group of boys from Year 7 to 10 attended the 'Big Bang Science Fair' at Westminster Kingsway College. The day was full of exciting Science stalls, including the use of drones for wildlife conservation, making robots, VR and many information stands about different careers in the field of Science. The boys were then given the opportunity to take part in different work shops such as 'The future of Science', CSI activities, Aeronautical engineering talks and many more. It was a great day out full of information and action packed activities. The boys were a great credit to the school and enjoyed themselves a lot. Miss Black.



## *House winners—**NELSON***

Many congratulations to all our Nelson House boys whose combined efforts in school saw them claim the winning prize and enjoy a day out at Chessington World of Adventures! Around 54 boys, from Reception age up to Year 10, excitedly boarded the coach for the short trip down the road for a busy, tiring day in which the weather was kind and the fun plentiful!

## Grandparents' Day

On Friday we were delighted to welcome a record number of grandparents to the school to enjoy refreshments and a tour of the school with their grandson.

This was a lovely, informal occasion which saw our boys shine and show off their school and where they had spent many happy hours in the past year.

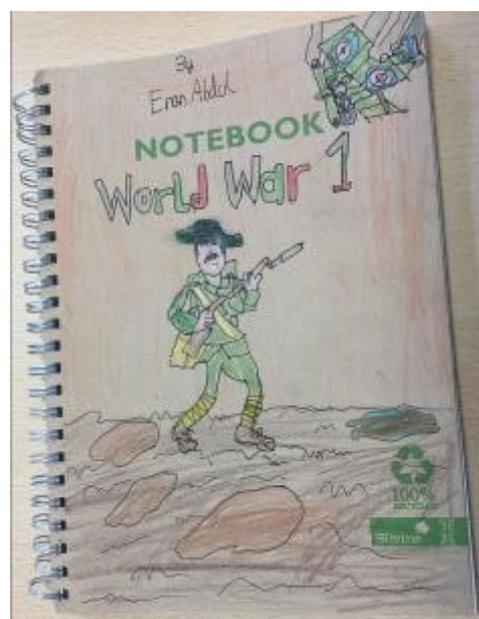
Our wonderful chef, Jane, and her team produced a delicious spread of sweet and savoury treats that attracted much praise from young and old alike. There was also the 'Mini Olympics' happening on the field for the Lower Prep boys, who fully threw themselves into the friendly, sporting competition against Manor House school. Also open for viewing was an exhibition in Langlands revealing the many highlights of the Year 9 'Making of Modern Britain Tour' earlier in the term. There was a Drama showcase as well, and the entire Year 7 presented on their topic of WW1 which was entertaining and informative. A big 'Thank You' to all those who were able to attend and for your continued support of your grandsons and our school.



## Year 7 topic presentations

Mrs Weston & Miss Forbes were delighted with all the Year 7 boys when they spent a whole morning presenting their recent topic learning about WW1. This was the culmination of the boys reading texts, poetry, their trip to the British Museum and many hours of study, as they produced Power Points, created leaflets and even made replica artefacts. The boys

were erudite in their various presentations and showed much subject knowledge. The entire year group participated and were galvanised into action, speaking coherently and clearly, in mixed groups, supporting each other; even dressing in costume to add an air of authenticity to the proceedings! A super way to end off the year's learning.





### *Mini Olympic fun with Manor House!*

Mini Olympics was a great success for Years 1, 2 and 3 as we invited Manor House school to take part in a wonderfully fun and active, competitive morning. The boys and girls had a super time showing off their skills in a variety of events including Soccer Shoot Out, Tennis Ball Bounce and Target Throw. A special thank you must go to our Year 8 volunteers whose help was invaluable as well as being a real positive influence on our young sportsmen and women. Congratulations to everyone who took part and we are already looking forward to next year's event! Mr Laudy



*Just messing about in boats...!*

Hal in 7Ba went on a super kayaking trip last weekend with his friend Henry, from Singapore, with the backdrop of the Isle of Aran—simply breath-taking!

Further fun on the water, although closer to home this time, saw Joseph in 7Ba participate in the National Scouts Regatta held on the Thames between Hampton Court and Thames Ditton—a very busy stretch to negotiate indeed. He achieved an incredible 2nd in the coxed pairs which helped to contribute to the group being overall winners. He was disappointed to lose in the individual final, but very happy with the group result. Well done Joseph!



Some of our Senior boys took a greater than usual interest in their appearance when they got themselves ready for the social with Manor House school last week! The boys enjoyed a BBQ al fresco, convivial chat and the lovely surroundings of the school on a super evening. They were chaperoned by Messrs Rudkin, Bailey and Sukhdeo who reported back that our boys were full of charm, impeccably behaved, and made for very charming dinner companions! We look forward to reciprocating next year.





A brief snapshot of the Summer madness and mayhem that characterises our end of term 'Jollies'! Traditional fete style games, lots of sweets and fizzy pop, multi and music and you just about get the flavour of the afternoon! Thank you to the KHA for pulling it all together, once more.

*The only good thing about plastic...*



Year 4 had a fun morning this week creating sculptures from recycled plastic that they had collected from home! Although they had a fantastic time, there was also a serious message behind their work; they took part in a 'Blue Planet' lesson and investigated the effects of plastic pollution on our oceans and the animals that live there. They learnt that about 12 million tonnes of plastic enters the sea every year and is now being found in even the remotest places on earth from the uninhabited Henderson Islands to the Arctic Circle, and even the bottom of the Mariana Trench!

The boys' creations will form part of a display in the Autumn Term to raise awareness and remind everyone at Kingswood House that we need to reduce our single plastic consumption and recycle carefully. Mrs Lambert



*French fun down in Reception!*

In French today the boys played musical statues and the fast paced game of 'Duck, duck, goose' all spoken in French, of course! They all had a lot of fun and hopefully learnt some language skills that might even be useful in the holidays if they travel abroad and meet other children!



## *Our Trip to France – a collective account by the Year 7 boys*

The Year 7 trip to France was a huge success and one jam-packed with exciting and various activities which hopefully immersed the boys into a little bit of French culture. Since our return, the boys have been working very hard writing an account of their trip and recalling some of their favourite moments. Here are some of their highlights! Mme Taylor.

### **The journey, the hotel and the food in France**

“I’m going to tell you about what we did on the journey to Le Touquet. It was a pretty early start compared to the time we would usually go to school on an average day. We all met at school at 7:45 to 8:00 and got on the coach at around 8:15am. The coach was pretty comfortable; we either slept or talked to the person next to us. At about a quarter of the way through the journey we went to the terminal. We spent about half an hour there. Most of the kids like myself ran for their lives to the nearest Burger King inside the terminal, which I must say was very yummy indeed. After that, about half-way through the journey we got to the tunnel where we went under water, which was about a 30 minute journey. The coach had to drive onto the train. We were then allowed to get off and have our packed lunches. We travelled 40m below the sea bed and 80m below the surface of the sea. We got to have our second packed lunch at Nausicaa aquarium, the biggest aquarium in Europe!” (Ollie K)

“When we arrived at the hotel, I was surprised to see that the room was small and the shower was little as well. I was sharing the room with Tommy, Harvey, Nick and Joseph. It was hilarious that we had a safe in the room - we put chocolate, sweets, biscuits and games inside it! We had a great time. I remember laughing when Harvey and Joseph put 3 pillows on Nick’s head and his soft toy lizard at the top while sleeping, it was so funny. Our food was tasty, especially dinners, and I hope that we go again”. (Ali Al-R)

“Every day in the morning there was a variety of things to eat. I had waffles with chocolate and sugar, cereal, fruit, toast, and to drink we had apple and orange juice, and water. Lunch changed every day. We had a choice of sandwiches - ham, tuna, cheese or ham and cheese. We had dinner in a restaurant at the hotel. The first day it was Pasta Bolognese and the last evening we had burger and chips. Surprisingly the food was very English. Unexpectedly we weren’t given snails, frogs legs or croissants! On the way home we had KFC and Starbucks... Hurrah!!!” (Ted R)



### **Nausicaa aquarium**

Our school trip to France started with an excellent visit to an aquarium. On our arrival, we were taken downstairs to see the jelly fish. We then went to the shark-infested waters. Not only were the sharks swimming in large, deep water tanks, they were also able to swim on top of the water and this gave us a very eerie view of them! It reminded me of the film “Jaws”. Swimming alongside the sharks were giant sting-rays. They were at least 3 feet in length. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to this superb aquarium. (Nick H)

### **The beach!**

Thank you to Mr Clarke, Mr Laudy and Madame Taylor for taking us to France because when we were at the beach on the first day we were playing football already! On one of the other days me, Ted, Tommy and Theo buried Ted and carved him out into a man-made, sand sculpture. Another day when we were at the beach we made life size trenches and we had two teams and we fought like WW1 soldiers and we had lots of fun. On the last day we buried Tommy up to his neck. (Alex H)



### The underground city of Naours

My favourite attraction was the Underground City of Naours as it was a very interesting visit. Why? Let me tell you—the city is built out of a limestone plateau; it has a series of tunnels, rooms and passageways that many times, in difficult and dangerous situations, housed over 3000 people; it is a spectacular place considering what went on here; it has 3 chapels! People lived there for years and survived ...It is now the largest tunnel network in the north part of France. Thank you Madame Taylor for taking us there. (Antoni M)



### Bagatelle Theme Park

On Wednesday we went to an amusement park called Bagatelle. The drive there took half an hour but it was totally worth it. The first ride we went on was a water ride – we got into a spinning cup then we went on a current down to a whirlpool. It was extremely fun! My favourite ride at Bagatelle was 'Triops' which was a scary ride. We were going upwards, then we got dropped down at 50-60 miles per hour, then it went through 2 loop-the-loops, then back up to a tremendous height! The best bit about this ride is that there was an amazing view from the top as you could see the sea. (Barnaby H)



### Le Touquet market

It all started on Thursday at 8:50am when we set out to spend money on "Tat" as Mr Clarke called it! We were all given our money from the travelling bank - Mr Clarke. When we got to the market there was a man running up and down the street, shouting, "Hup Hup Hup," promoting bouncy balls that you attach to your hand and bounce up and down. Anyway, after 3 hours of looking, buying, the odd barter and trying to speak in French, we packed up and headed for the exit. To my surprise, Archie and Antoni bought massive silver and gold dollar chains for 15 euros each. WOW! (Ted Reece)



### The goat farm

I thought the goat farm was excellent because it was very interactive. We got to do many things such as hold different animals, feed the goats and even milk them! We got to make our very own breads which was an excellent experience and they tasted good. Whilst we waited for our turn to see the goats we got to play a good game. In this game you had to balance a piece of wood on a stand. Then you had to put different blocks on it and make sure the piece of wood didn't fall off. This was an excellent game because it involved loads of team-work and it was fun at the same time. (Ismail M)



### The chocolate factory

On Friday, we visited Les Chocolats de Beussent which is a chocolate factory around half an hour from our hotel in Le Touquet. There are machines that grind the cocoa beans into small pieces and were very loud. We went inside and instantly could smell the fresh chocolate. We could see and hear the machines that turn the chocolate, so it is a fresh liquid. There was dark chocolate, milk chocolate and white chocolate. We were told the ingredients in these different types of chocolate.

Dark chocolate is made by mixing cocoa liqueur and cocoa butter. The cocoa butter is the fat in this chocolate. Milk chocolate is made by mixing cocoa liqueur, sugar and powdered milk. The milk is the fat in this chocolate. White chocolate is made from cocoa butter, powdered milk and sugar. This is the unhealthiest because it has the most amount of sugar and cocoa butter. In the factory they make lots of small chocolates with nuts inside them. They put different sprinkles or a small amount of liquid chocolate on top for decoration. We then went into the shop and bought lots of chocolate. It was a great trip. Thank you to all the teachers for organizing this!! (Joseph Seagar)

### Next stop, the sweet factory!

On the last day, after the chocolate factory, we whizzed off to the sweet factory which was about 20 minutes away. When we got off the bus, I felt really excited to see how sweets were made. As soon as I got in the factory, I was shocked to see it only took up so little space. We were told that the temperature to make a boiled sweet was 155 celsius. When the first step was over, he told us that movie glass is actually a thin sheet of sugar moulded into the shape needed. The next step began, he put the rest of the liquid sugar onto a table, where he added coca-cola flavouring. Next he got a lolly stick and placed at one end. The final step was a conveyor belt which shapes the boiled sweet and cools it down. After that we got to try the end product. But in the shop I did not know what to buy. (Theo Venzelaar-Pelley)



### The return journey

The Year 7 KHS French trip was amazing! On the journey back from France it was fun talking to friends and playing cards or even having a little sleep. At the train terminal lots of people, including me, bought food such as Burger King and sweets and drinks. I also treated myself to a Fanta and a gumball machine. It's no surprise that the gumballs ran out very quickly! It was a long journey home and very noisy with over thirty people chattering on the bus. A colony of penguins would have been quieter! Sometimes we tried to get the whole bus to sing, "The wheels on the bus go round and round". When we arrived at school, everyone was tired. Many of us waited on the playground, playing ball games. We had arrived back an hour earlier than planned. It was a great week but it was also good to be back home. (Hal Ferguson)

# Our Year 11 Leavers

As we close the door in school on another academic year we can reflect on the success of taking our first cohort of boys through to GCSE; regardless of their results in August we are extremely proud of these young gentlemen and hope they realise the part they have played in the history of KHS. We would like to acknowledge this and let them have the last word on their time in school...they were all asked the same, following questions and here are some of their responses.

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**Ben T**

*Where are you off to next?* **College**

*What will you miss most about KHS?* **The kitchen ladies being very generous with their portions to a growing boy!**

*What is your favourite memory of your time @ KHS?* **My first week at KHS and going on the MOMB trip in Year 9.**

*What would you say to next year's Year 7 boys to ensure they get the most out of their time @ KHS?* **It is best to realise you have another four years here, so put your head down and get on with it.**

*Where, or what, do you see yourself doing in 5 years time?* **Being happy, whatever happens.**



# Our Year 11 Leavers



**Will M**

*Where are you off to next?* **Royal Russell School or Reigate College.**

*What will you miss most about KHS?* **Spending so much time with my year group friends and conversations with the staff.**

*What is your favourite memory of your time @ KHS?* **When I was in Year 5, I got my thumb nail ripped off; Mr Brooks was in the Office and responded, "Well, would you look at that, that should not be there!". I didn't like it at the time, looking back it is a funny memory to have...**

*What would you say to next year's Year 7 boys to ensure they get the most out of their time @ KHS?* **Work hard during school otherwise it will be a waste of time! Enjoy life outside of school. Keep a positive mental attitude. And lastly, learn how to talk to the teachers, as it can help you so much - this is particularly useful when you are 16 and getting told off for your behaviour in the common room but you might be able to 'sweet-talk' your way out of it!**

*Where, or what, do you see yourself doing in 5 years time?* **Hopefully, I will be playing a good standard of sport whilst studying for a degree at Southampton University. I would like to have travelled the world; this dream was fixed in place following the KHS Berlin trip where a part of me fell in love with experiencing different cultures, although I have observed how English manners are far greater!**

**Thank you for my time at KHS. I admit there have been a lot of ups and downs in the past six years but I am truly grateful to be leaving as a far better person than the one who started at the school.**

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**Jamil T**

*Where are you off to next?* **Godalming College**

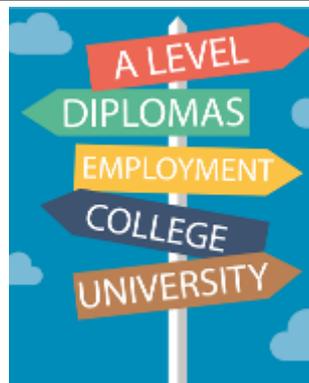
*What will you miss most about KHS?* **The friendly office staff, my friends and all the lovely teachers.**

*What is your favourite memory of your time @ KHS?* **When the fire alarms went off multiple times in one day!**

*What would you say to next year's Year 7 boys to ensure they get the most out of their time @ KHS?*

**Get your homework done first then you can have fun. Respect the rules.**

*Where, or what, do you see yourself doing in 5 years time?* **Having a well-paid, local job.**



**Rohan B**

*Where are you off to next?* **I am going to sixth form college; my first choice is Esher College.**

*What will you miss most about KHS?* **I will miss the staff and my friends who have supported me.**

*What is your favourite memory of your time @ KHS?* **My favourite memory of KHS is when my team won 1st place in Sports Day in Year 10.**

*What would you say to next year's Year 7 boys to ensure they get the most out of their time @ KHS?* **Do your utmost to be your best self.**

*Where, or what, do you see yourself doing in 5 years time?* **I see myself following my dream to become a film critic and studying English at university and working part time in a cinema.**



Our Year 11 Leavers—remember when...?!



Anyone for tennis?!

Joshua D in 4S had an exciting morning when he attended Wimbledon Tennis Championships with his tennis Academy this week. Josh currently plays for Surrey County U9s and is highly ranked amongst some of the best junior players. He attended a training session and workshop and was able to engage with top world coaches and junior players. We wonder if Josh will be available in the future if Coco Gauff is looking for a mixed doubles partner?!



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## COMMENDATIONS

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### *Living history.*

Mr Hylands visited Year 3 with his collection of WW2 artefacts that his grandad had saved from the war. The boys were amazed to hear Mr Hyland senior's story and see real ammunition, a gas mask and even a Nazi flag! Thank you so much Mr Hylands for your insightful talk and bringing our learning to life. Miss McSweeney



### *Year 5 performing artists!*

Y5 have been learning about Heather Hansen and Tony Orrico—two contemporary artists who infuse their work with movement and performance. Then boys went outside the Art Room to explore these concepts further and put on an artistic 'performance' for their parents. During this they lay on the ground, on large sheets of paper, used charcoal and colour and were totally immersed in the moment. With closed eyes they tried to draw circles and focus on repetitive movements. They were very relaxed in the performance, worked collaboratively and it could be seen as a form of meditation even! Mrs Maciejewska





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### Preparation for Life Beyond the School Gate...

Our Year 11 Leavers walking off towards a bright future as we close the door on another successful academic year...

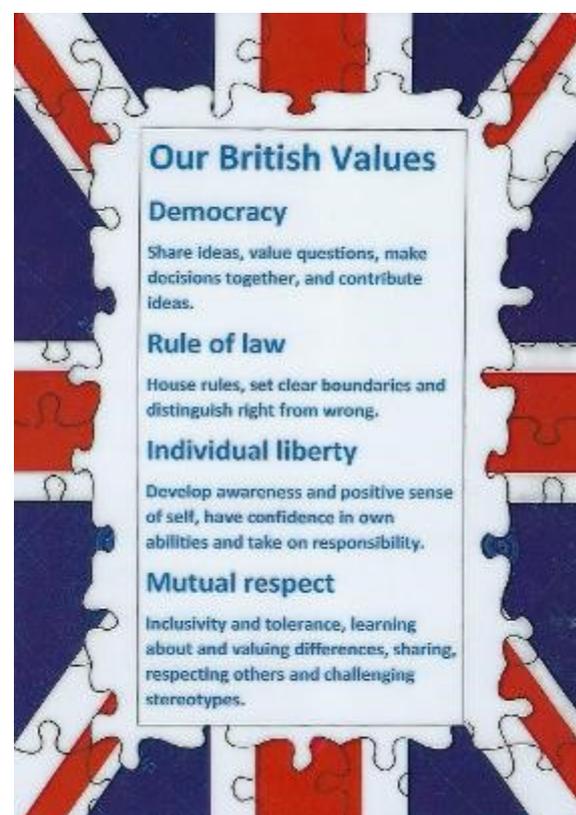
As this is the last Newsletter of this academic year 2019-20, **DIARY DATES & LUNCH MENU** will be published at the beginning of the Autumn Term in the first edition when we return.

*Have a fabulous Summer break everyone...wishing you much fun in the sun, whether at home or abroad; stay safe and looking forward to seeing you all refreshed in September!*

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#### LOST PROPERTY:

Please ensure any new kit / uniform is **LABELLED** over the summer and any existing property is also clearly named.



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