

KINGSWOOD NEWS



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Dear Parents

It is always a pleasure at this time of year to sign off each boy's report and chart the wonderful all-round achievement in evidence. Naturally, it is not always possible for every child to shine in and out of the classroom all the time - but at KHS we believe that progress is most effectively seen in relative terms to the individual. The concept of 'value-added' is increasingly significant and this is the educational outcome we consider most relevant because it shows the difference between a pupil's starting and finishing point. Exams are obviously important but life skills are equally, if not more, relevant in this day and age so our broad tapestry of education addresses both facets with great care and attention to detail - you will hear more about this topic in my speech at Prize Giving.

Many of the boys have enjoyed fantastic trips this term - most recently the Year 5 cohort returned from the Cotswolds on Wednesday evening - and learned valuable lessons about working as a team, trying new things and taking themselves out of their comfort zone.

The Kingswood House Way



However, on a day to day basis, another easy opportunity for personal development is to sign up to one or more of the excellent co-curricular activities on offer at school. Please do see the school's website for current details pertaining to September: [Extra Curricular Activities](#).

I commend Mrs Lambert, who has cultivated a lovely balance of clubs, and warmly encourage boys not just to sign up to their old favourites – but to also try something new! It is the confidence gleaned from these seemingly innocuous choices that permeates into other vital areas of school life and can, on occasion, be the X Factor in expediting strong attainment.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster





Year 8 residential

Year 8 enjoyed a brilliant week at the Outward Bound Centre in Aberdovey which overlooks the beautiful Dovey estuary.



The boys climbed rocks, went on a canoe adventure and experienced a two day hike with an overnight camp in two remote and scenic locations in Snowdonia. At other times, the boys participated in many teambuilding activities around the centre.



By the end of the week, the boys had achieved far more than their personal targets they set themselves at the beginning of the week. It was great to sit on the beach and share in each other's success and reflect on what a wonderful week it had been.

As Kurt Hahn, co-founder of Outward Bound said,

"We are all better than we know.

*If only we can be brought to realise this,
we may never again be prepared to settle
for anything less."*





Lower Prep sleepover

Lower Prep took part in an optional sleepover on Friday night at school. The enthusiastic boys enjoyed a game of rounders, tucked into a pizza picnic and fell asleep to a film in the school hall! Everyone got at least two hours of sleep but more importantly, twelve hours of fun! Huge thanks to the staff who oversaw the nightly routines and gave up a night away from their own comfy homes and beds. Mrs Henery



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Senior News

Yr11 Leavers' Dinner

On Tuesday last week, current and former Kingswood House staff welcomed back Year 11 for a dinner in their honour. It was a wonderful opportunity for staff and boys to reminisce about their time at KHS and their plans for the future. The boys began their evening with the time-honoured tradition of carving their name onto a school brick—literally leaving their mark on KHS!



Jane Chandler our dedicated chef, along with her kitchen team, prepared a wonderful meal, during which a number of speeches were heard, including an excellent delivery by our inaugural Senior Head Boy, Rohan Bogues. It was a great evening to celebrate Kingswood House's first Year 11 cohort and we look forward to seeing them again at Prize Giving.

Mr Rudkin

The Senior Lecture



Years 8, 9 and 10 boys were treated to an excellent lecture by Mr John Sheehan on the First World War, "Separating Myth and Reality". Mr Sheehan's extensive knowledge and passion for the subject was incredibly impressive and the topic linked closely to the History curriculum in school. There was a great deal of positive feedback from both boys and parents and we thank Mr Sheehan warmly for his time.

Mr Rudkin

But is it really Art, Sir?!

It is not often that a Kingswood House school trips involve a red carpet, doormen and cloakroom service, but the Art GTI group enjoyed a fascinating exploration of the contemporary art scene at the Masterpiece Art Fair located in an enormous marquee within the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.



From the Renaissance to Renoir, from ear rings to large installations, the boys were amazed with what they saw. The exhibitors were so helpful in answering many of the intelligent questions that the boys asked and it was wonderful to hear them praising our boys for their 'enthusiasm' and 'excellent behaviour'. It is not usually possible for boys to be allowed so close to extremely valuable objects and the GTI group conduct themselves in a mature manner. A big thank you to Mr Atkins (father of Barnaby) for giving the boys a unique opportunity that they will never forget. Mr Mitchell



EXTERNAL CLUBS

DETAILS & BOOKINGS FOR SEPTMEBER 2019

Dear Parents

We are delighted to inform you that our programme of EXTERNAL CLUBS are in place for the Autumn Term and all information is available on the school website [here](#). Places are allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis for some, due to restrictions on numbers, so do get your places booked early!

We are proud at KHS to offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities that have been chosen to support our values and ethos and are run by a number of highly skilled, DBS-checked professionals who are able to broaden the learning experience for pupils.

Internal Clubs, which are run by KHS staff, will be finalised early September in line with new teaching timetables; thank you for your patience regarding this. In the event of any questions prior to this, staff contact information is available under the new green internal Club logo - so do get in contact if you have a query.

Mrs Lambert



Nower Wood Fieldwork

The Year 10 boys worked really hard at Nower Wood to complete their GCSE Biology field work.



They successfully completed a range of sampling techniques which included the capture, mark, re-capture technique; they used quadrats and learnt about woodland management. It was an excellent trip and the boys gained a lot from it. We even managed to catch a mouse in our mammal traps—of course it was released back into the woods safely and everyone went home happy! Miss Black



Harrison and the Giant Bean Stalk!

Miss Black informs us of a very tall tale:

“Following on from last term’s Science subject enrichment, Harrison in Year 3 carried on growing his bean plant and it is now taller than him! I would like to say huge congratulations to him, and hope he enjoys the delicious beans he has worked so hard to grow!”





Year 5 had a fabulous three days in the Cotswolds. The sun was shining all week. Boys experienced a variety of activities including many water sports, archery, circus skills and building a camp fire. The JCA staff were very complimentary about our boys and they did us proud in every way. Well done to all! Mr Clarke



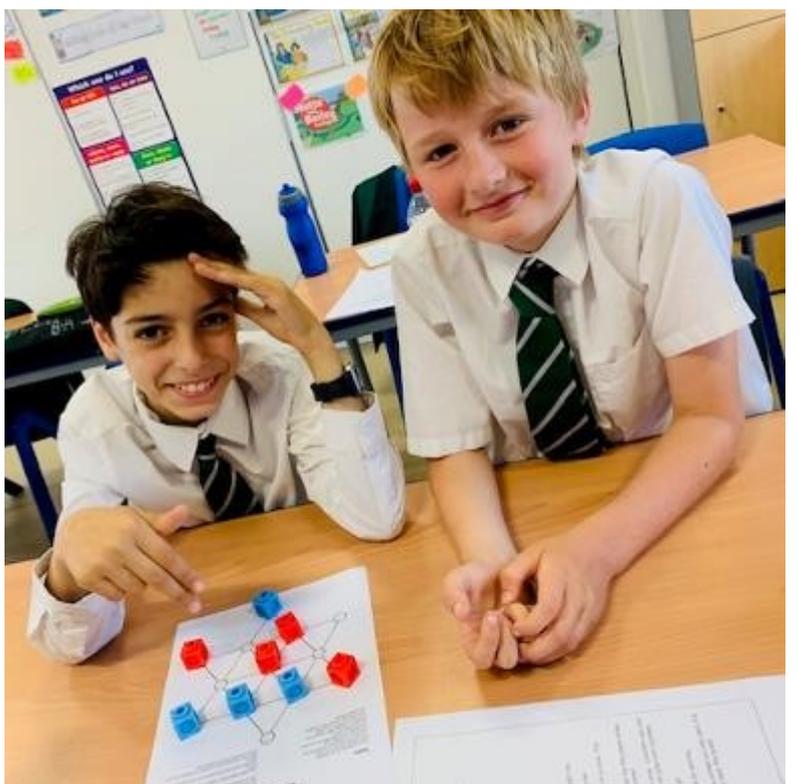
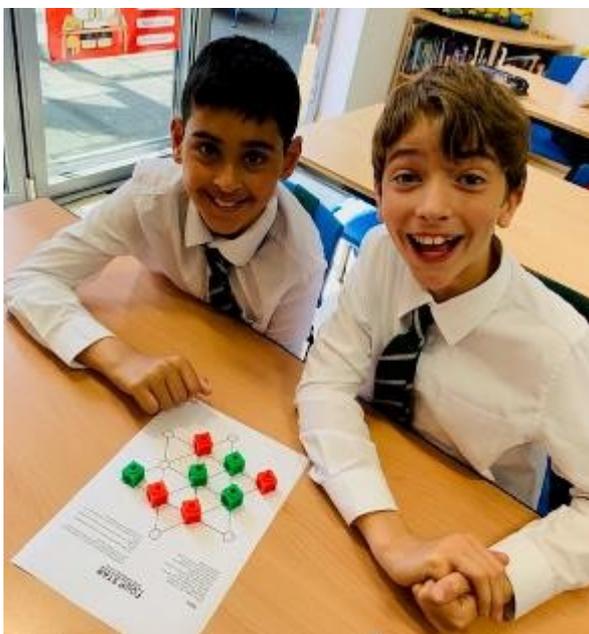
Learning outside the classroom...

Year 10 visited the Ancient Greek and Roman rooms at the British Museum. They looked at the Parthenon Marbles and Metopes as well as artefacts such as pottery and a sarcophagus. It was culturally enriching for the boys to see things they had previously only learned about in books. Mrs Weston



Friendly Maths competition!

A little bit of healthy competition from 6C Maths group who are enjoying putting their Maths skills to test in various games this week. 'Playing' games is a great way to reinforce basic mathematical concepts. Mrs Celentano



COMMENDATIONS

Ryan Siddiqui
Ewan Walker

Dylan Newman
James Miller

Ethan Clarke
Hal Ferguson

Tobias van Heyningen
Rory Gibbs (2)

Reception get ready for their Mini-Olympic event!

This week the boys have been concentrating on the Mini Olympics which are happening at the end of this week. They all enjoyed watching brief video clips of past and present Olympics—why do they seem to run so much slower in the ‘olden days’?!

For one activity, the boys have been busy making Olympic fairy cakes which they decorated in the 5 colours; they also crafted the 5 rings out of dough, baked and decorated them! They have collectively had a great deal of fun exploring this topic and some of the boys thought that maybe one day they would run, box and swim for England”! **#daretodream**

Mrs Marskell



Outward bound...



Year 8 completed their post-exam enrichment programme with a 21 km day hike around the Surrey Hills that also in-



cluded a combined climb of over 1000 feet! The boys managed to walk at a steady pace all day, taking great care to keep together. No one complained about the heat or tiredness, and as we neared the end of the walk the boys were walking more determinedly than ever. I am so proud of this group of boys who have accomplished much over the last four weeks. They have worked effectively and collaboratively as a group, and also many individual targets have been achieved. Well done, boys. Mr Mitchell



Gone Fishing...in Maths!

Year 4 have been learning about different types of triangles. In order to help us remember the properties and names of triangles, we played a game of 'Go Fish'. The boys had to collect pairs of the same triangles and recall facts about the angles and sides of the different triangles. The boys are now all clued up on right angle, scalene, isosceles and equilateral triangles! Great work, boys! Miss Smith.



House Cricket Reports

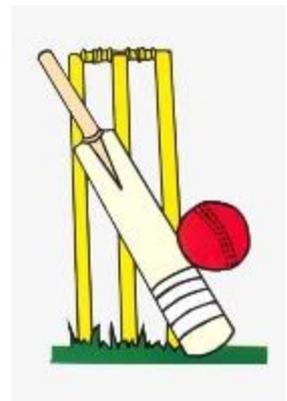
Year 5 & 6 Competition

This year's Y5 & 6 House Cricket competition took place at our new Sports Ground, Parson's Mead—all boys from Years 5 & 6 represented their houses across two competitions. Throughout the day we saw some exceptional cricket played by a number of boys and they should all be very proud of how far they have come in their playing ability since the beginning of term. The 'A' competition saw some excellent cricket from the boys, especially from the talented Drake side, who ran away with the trophy after winning every match. In the 'B' team competition, honours were much more even with the eventual winners, Marlborough, winning by only a single point. The final standings from the day were as follows:

Drake—7 points

Nelson & Marlborough - 5 points

Wellington - 4 points



Year 7 & 8 Competition

The Y7 and 8 House competition was one of the closest we have seen for a long time, with two teams having equal points going into the last match. It was a glorious day at the Parson's Mead ground and all the boys enjoyed the sunshine and playing some excellent cricket. There was with some superb batting and bowling on display throughout the day, worthy of senior school level. The eventual winners, Drake, dramatically stole victory from Wellington in a great final match. Every boy should be very proud of their performance on the day as it was great to watch. Well done, boys!

The final standings from the day were as follows:

Drake—30 points

Wellington—26 points

Marlborough—25 points

Nelson—19 points



LUNCH MENU w/c 08 July 2019

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Pesto pasta & garlic bread	Fresh fruit yoghurt	Cottage pie with fresh broccoli	Fresh fruit orange ice lolly	Assorted homemade pizzas with salad & slaw	Fresh fruit jelly	Pulled pork in a bun with slaw, lettuce	Fresh fruit cornflake crunchy cake	NO LUNCH	NO LUNCH

A new parent is looking for a

Lift Share in the afternoons back to Wimbledon Park

If anyone is able to help she would be most grateful.

If you are interested in sharing an afternoon lift, please contact Pippa directly on pippawilliams47@hotmail.com



On 21st July Miss Wilson (SENCo for Senior School) will be taking part in the **Kingston Rotary Dragon Boat Race**. The team have been training since March to prepare for this and it's set to be a good day! Let's keep our fingers crossed for some sunshine (and a medal or two)...

Miss Wilson is joining 'The Advantage Paddlers' who have competed in the race over the last 6 years; with expert training from their coach, the team are feeling strong and ready to race. As well as the challenge of the race, the team will be raising money for Leukaemia UK and will be setting up a Just Giving page. Any donations for this worthy cause will be gratefully received - many thanks in advance.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hazel-moody1>



RESULTS:

There were 8 runners up and 3 winners!

Congratulations to

Alex 6L, Jack 7Ba

and the other person who forgot to put their name on their answers!

Well done to all who participated. The last set of questions for the year has gone up -

Do be brave and have a go.....

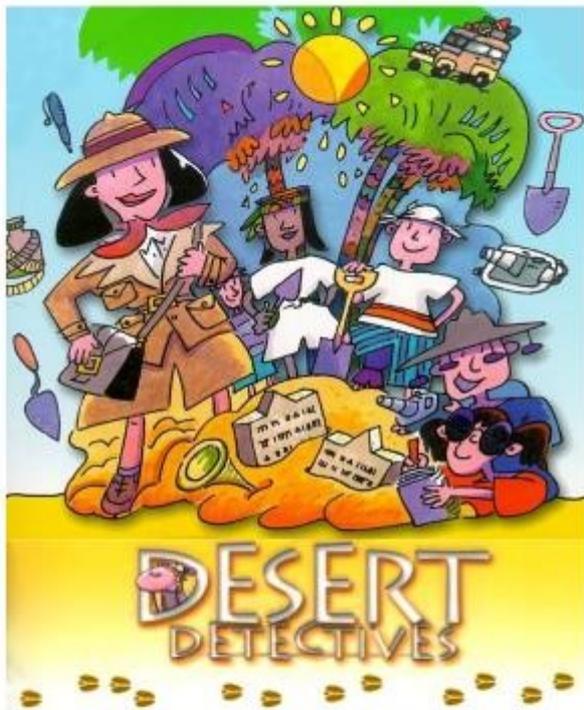


DIARY DATES July; week 1—last week of term/ academic year!

Mon.	08 July	1500	KHS Induction Day for new pupils & next academic year's classes Second Hand Uniform Sale—Dining Room
Tues.	09	0900-1600	Making of Modern Britain Exhibition in Langlands Winning House Outing Day to Chessington!
Wed.	10	0845 0930 1400	Y7 Assembly Reception—Year 3 Forest School Teddy Bears Picnic - Reception, Years 1 & 2
Thurs.	11	1430 1430 1900	U8/9 A&C v.Ripley Court (H) U8/9 B&D v.Ripley Court (A) PRIZE GIVING, Epsom College
Fri.	12	1100 1230	End of Term Assembly @ Christ Church TERM ENDS (no lunch)

Christ Church, Epsom Common and St Martin's, Epsom

Holiday Club 2019



Come and be a Desert Detective for a week!
Monday 12th August - Friday 16th August.
 9:30am - 12:30pm each day @ Christ Church, Epsom Common.
 A Bible based holiday club with craft, games, music and songs.
 For children currently in Reception - Year 6.
 Cost for the week including a t-shirt - £30
 For more information and register a place, please email:
cc.stm.holidayclub@gmail.com
 Limited places.

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The following website link may be useful for
 parents contemplating the holiday period
 ahead and how to manage young people's
 time outside of devices.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/media/2957/top-ten-tips-poster.pdf>



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