

# KINGSWOOD NEWS



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Dear Parents

This week saw the 18th anniversary of 9-11 and the pictures from that fateful day serve as a poignant reminder that tenets such as respect and tolerance, must play a leading role in the education of our young people, who are the global citizens of tomorrow.

Overleaf, you will find information about this term's character value from the Kingswood House Way and some demonstrable ways in which it can be interpreted and modelled by the boys. Please do take some time to reinforce the key messages with your son.

It was a privilege to welcome back Jan Smith, a former KHS teacher, who officially opened our refurbished drama studio on Tuesday afternoon. Jan was instrumental in setting up the first drama lessons and staged productions during her time at the school so it seemed fitting for her to cut the ribbon!

I am pleased to confirm that Amanda Earl, who stepped into the marketing hot-seat last term, will stay with us for the foreseeable future. Amanda hit the ground running, loves the KHS ethos and is brimming with ideas for the new academic year!

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



## The Kingswood House Way



*"A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark."*

*— Chinese Proverb*



Now that the boys have all settled into their daily routines, it is a good moment to remind parents and pupils of the Kingswood House Way. Ensuring our school has a 'growth mind set' and equipping pupils with the social and moral skills needed to thrive in society is a strong priority at Kingswood House; through the Kingswood House Way, we aim to ensure the boys grow into well-rounded individuals. It is important that the school demonstrates these key values in all areas of school life. Not only do we offer academic excellence at Kingswood House but the KHW ethos is a regular source of dialogue between teachers and pupils. This inspires passion and promotes mutual respect.

The boys will see the Kingswood House Way demonstrated by all members of staff, in whole school and form assemblies, during pupil briefing and in form periods. There is also opportunity for pupils to gain house points and commendations if they can regularly embody our key set of values.

This term, the core value we will be focusing on is '**Respect**' - this encompasses the precepts of Self-awareness, Tolerance, Social awareness and Democracy. As your son learns more, he will be able to complete his pupil passport and have the opportunity to take part in the 'Respect' badge-making competition; the winning badge will be produced for the school. We anticipate an excellent and respectful autumn term at Kingswood House and look forward to talking more about the Kingswood House Way with all of the boys. *Miss Black*

This term's  
Kingswood House Way  
character value  
is **RESPECT**



Respect for Self - Respect for Others – Tolerance - Democracy - Freedom of Speech – Humility - Listening - Acceptance – Inclusion – Courtesy – Language - Gratitude

- **I accept others for who they are and try to see what is good**
- **I appreciate the ideas and differences of others**
- **I return the things that I borrow in good condition**
- **I am respectful of the property of others**
- **I am courteous and polite in my actions with others**
- **I treat others the way that I would like to be treated**
- **I listen actively to others**
- **I show others that I value and respect them**
- **My conversation is kind and constructive**

## 'A Preparation for Life'

In case you missed it in the summer, we were delighted with our first cohort of Year 11 boys obtaining their GCSE results with a very creditable

**87% of GCSE grades 9-4 (A\*-C)**

**16% of those being 9-7(A\*-A)**

We are proud that a KHS education added a full grade, on average, to the summative achievement of each pupil.



Mr Murphy, commented:



*"I am delighted for the boys who have worked with energy and enthusiasm. They have secured their place in Kingswood House folklore as the first GCSE students and they deserve great credit for being our pioneers. I am also grateful to my talented team of teaching staff and it is rewarding for us to now have compelling evidence of the incredible learning that takes place at this school and the positive difference made for each Kingswood House boy."*

BEST WISHES FOR SIXTH FORM!



### **ENGLISH ENRICHMENT...**

This half term, alongside our character value of Respect, is the subject focus on English. Class teachers will be telling the boys more about this and there will be different activities taking place over the next few weeks which all are encouraged to participate in—starting with:

#### **A Handwriting Competition**

Can you copy out a favourite poem in your neatest handwriting?!

Have a go...!



### *Family traits explored in Science...*

6C have started their new Science topic: Inheritance and Evolution. For the boys' first lesson, they brought in photos of their ancestors and we analysed them to decide what we thought they had inherited. It was very interesting to see photos from many generations and some of their siblings. Here are a few of the boys with their photos. Can you spot any similarities? Mrs Celentano



Congratulations to Rory S in 7BL who represented Surrey in U11 County Cricket this summer.

Selected as a specialist leg-spin bowler, he played two matches - one against Sussex and another against Middlesex. In the victory over Sussex, his four overs went for just seven runs and he played a key role in holding back the Sussex run-chase. Against a strong Middlesex side, he took one of only three wickets for Surrey and conceded eighteen runs from five overs.

Well done, Rory! We look forward to seeing more of your talents wearing the KHS kit!

### *House Family Afternoon!*

Last Friday, the whole school took part in our first House Family Afternoon of the academic year. The boys had the opportunity to work in a group with a mix of ages, with our Senior boys leading the way. They were instructed to go on a question hunt around the school, using maps to locate the hidden questions. There were specific questions for each age category so every member of the family was needed to help find the answers. The Senior boys had the difficult task of keeping their family group together as they moved around the school and discovered that clear instructions and valuing others' thoughts were key aspects to being a successful leader. The values represented in our Kingswood House Way were at the centre of this activity at all times; teamwork, tolerance and loyalty - to name but a few. Well done to the boys for playing an active role in this family activity! Please see over for some pictures of the event. Miss McSweeney

# House Family Afternoon!



### *A poetic start to the year...*

Year 4 have started the year by learning about poetry. The boys learnt about different types of poems. They were asked to write their own "If Only" poem which required them to use their imagination and a thesaurus to extend their language. The boys then read them aloud to the class; they were fantastic, thoroughly engaged with the task and appreciative of each others' efforts. A great start to the year - well done, everyone! Miss Smith



### *Check Mate!*



Boys in Lower and Upper Prep enjoyed the start of Chess club this week! Chess has been linked with improving children's concentration, problem-solving, critical, original and creative thinking – and even mathematical abilities. It's a game for everyone so if your son is interested in trying a new skill then do contact Olivia Smithies to arrange a trial session. All the details are on our website in the Extra Curricular Clubs area.

### *Royal Seal of Approval!*

Last term, the boys in Year 1 and 2 put their very best handwriting to paper and wrote to the Queen ...and during the summer holidays she wrote back! The Queen enclosed information about Buckingham Palace and the history of the monarchy which the boys were very impressed to read – it was nice to think she had taken the time to read and respond to us; a good lesson for all to take note of!



On Saturday 14th July, 24 boys from Years 4 – 9 joined Mr Swift, Mrs Witts and Mr Brooks on the school sailing trip to Le Lac, Mimizan in the South of France. The boys spent the week learning to sail, stand up paddle-board, kayak, canoe, trail bike and take part in many other activities. They also spent a day visiting the highly impressive Dune du Pilat, Europe's largest sand dune! This was followed by an afternoon out at Aqualand, a brilliant waterpark. At the end of the week, the boys who had displayed characteristics of the Kingswood House Way were awarded with prizes of boules, Uno and sports equipment. The most popular prize was the infamous red beret that was awarded to our top sailor - Theo Burn. The trip was a huge success and the staff are now exploring the option of running it as an annual event.

Mr Swift



## LUNCH MENU w/c 16 September 2019

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Meatballs, tomato sauce & spaghetti	Fresh fruit; apple & pear crumble with custard	Chilli con Carne with brown & white rice	Fresh fruit; yoghurts	Homemade ham & leek pie with fresh green beans	Fresh fruit; choc marble cake & choc sauce	Sweet & sour chicken with noodles	Fresh fruit; jelly	Homemade fish pie with peas	Fresh fruit; cookies

### 15 minutes with... Mr Matt Twinley—Year 9 tutor & English teacher

- Favourite car – *Aston Martin DB5*  
(always been a Bond fan)
- Favourite place – *Santorini, Greece*  
(gorgeous views, wonderful architecture, delicious food)
- Favourite food – *Anything Mexican*
- Favourite band or singer – *David Bowie*
- Favourite film – *Avengers: Endgame*
- Favourite smell – *Freshly cut grass in the summer*
- Favourite sport / team or **player** – *Jonny Wilkinson*
- Who in the world would you like to be?  
– *Ian Fleming* (war hero who changed thriller books forever)
- What were you like at school? – *Just as geeky as I am now*
- What is an interesting fact about yourself? – *I'm currently writing (or trying to write...) a book!*



And 12 choices 'either / or':

**Dog / Cat**

**Facebook / Twitter**

**Football / Rugby**

**Pen / Pencil**

**Netflix / YouTube**

**Swimming / Sunbathing**

**Passenger / Driver**

**City / Countryside**

**Phone Call / Text**

**Big Party / Small Gathering**

**High-tech / Low-tech**

**Book / Film** (controversial for an English teacher!)

### *Do you have a reading buddy?*

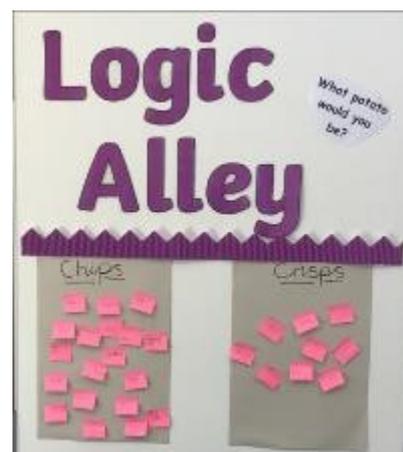
Class 4L do! The boys have enjoyed getting to know their new reading buddies and sharing the books in the classroom with them this week. The buddies have been very well behaved and are keen to do as much reading with the boys as possible! Mrs Lambert



On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, Year 9 took part in a Duke of Edinburgh 'team building' afternoon. This was their first experience of D of E with many of them hoping to complete their Bronze awards in the coming months. The boys were tasked with erecting and collapsing as many tents as possible, with the emphasis on collaboration in order to get the tents up correctly and quickly. They really enjoyed the afternoon and gained vital experience for their expeditions at the end of the calendar year. Mr Hendry

### *Chips or crisps?!*

In Lower Prep, the boys got together to play 'Logic Alley' which is an activity that encourages independent thinking and reasoning as well as listening skills and decision-making. The boys voted on which potato they would rather be! It was a tough decision to make but more children wanted to be chips rather than crisps and they justified their decision with some creative answers! What would you be?? Eleanor Henery



## Colts vs Duke of Kent 11/09/19

The first round of football matches saw KHS hosting Duke of Kent school for Colts fixtures A-D at our new sports playing fields - Parsons Mead. We saw some excellent football being played, considering the time of the school year and the lack of training time with the boys.

### **Colts A: KHS 0-1 DoK (L)**

The Colts A's put in an excellent performance, playing some excellent football and creating many chances. Unfortunately, our strikers found the DoK keeper in inspired form making some goal-saving saves from Beau Clark on a couple of occasions. The Colts A continue to dominate the game with the visitors barely getting into the KHS half the entire game. The boys battled extremely hard and deserved much more than they were getting, especially when the ball landed at the feet of the DoK striker from a few yards out on their one of very few attacks, and blasted home the only goal of the game. Even though the game ended in defeat, the boys showed excellent character and effort throughout the game and should be proud of their performance.

**Team:** Noah Seager, Tai Bobo ©, Kobi Wood, Beau Clark, Jayden Eddy, Adam Gratton, Max Rocheron, Theo Moffatt & Christos Louka

**MoM:** Beau Clark

**Sportsmanship:** Noah Seager – Constantly encouraging the boys, especially when he was playing out of position.

### **Colts B: KHS 2-4 DoK (L)**

The Colts B's put in a brilliant performance, showing great skill and determination throughout the game. In a game that can only be described as 'End to End', KHS showed some clinical finishing early on from George Dyson and Josh McCrosson. With the visitors, getting back into the game just before half time the scene was set for a great second half. With both goalkeepers unable to stop a second, both teams pushed for the decisive goals to win the match. Unfortunately for KHS, the DOK sticker found himself all alone inside the box twice late on, and did not waste his opportunity and this was the difference between the two teams. The boys put in a great performance and should be very proud of themselves. Plenty for the boys to work on; however, it looks promising.

**Team:** Paul Barrow ©, William Harverson, Theo Walker(\*), Michael Sargious, Josh McCrosson, Alex Wang, George Dyson (\*), Jackson Worth, Krishan Idrees

**MOM:** Theo Walker

**Sportsmanship:** Michael Sargious – putting other boys first by allowing them to play in front of him in his position.

### **Colts C: KHS 5-1 DoK (W)**

The Colts C's started the season with an excellent victory with many old boys mixed with some new faces in a KHS shirt. The boys looked very comfortable from start to finish and dominated possession throughout the game. Harry Leyshon was the pick of the players with a superb performance; in attack, where he was very clinical in front of goals scoring an excellent hat trick—and defence where he made some very hard but fair tackles at vital times. The highlight of the game was Harry's third goal where he made an excellent tackle in his own half before dribbling nearly the length of the pitch and smashing a powerful shot past the keeper. The boys will have more challenging fixtures in weeks to come, but it was a fantastic start from all concerned.

**Team:** Jonty Ward ©, Rex Tredwell(\*), Daniel Giles, Ben Schumacher, Tristan Bush, Dylan Bishop, Edward Collins(\*), Harry Leyshon(\*\*\*) & Theo Jenkins

**MoM:** Harry Leyshon

**Sportsmanship:** Edward Collins – Helping up an opponent after mistiming his tackle on the player.

# SPORTS RESULTS

## Colts D: KHS 10-0 DoK (W)

The Colts D's started the season with a bang, scoring 10 goals and running out very convincing winners. The boys played some excellent football and completely out played their opponents. There were some excellent performances all around the pitch, but Luca Staples-Sheasby was the pick of the bunch, not only scoring three excellent goals, but showing great teamwork in both attack and defence. Many of the boys got themselves on the scoresheet as the scoreline suggests—including Henry Roscoe and Jasper Wong. The boys should be proud of their performance, but will come up against stiffer tests in the weeks to come.

Team: Joel Mukarati ©, Luca Staples- Sheasby(\*\*\*), Josh Draper, Dylan Newman, Henry Roscoe(\*\*\*), Jack Guiney (\*), Jeremy Blachman (\*) & Jasper Wong (\*).

MOM: Luca Staples-Sheasby & Henry Roscoe

**Sportsmanship:** Jeremy Blachman – swapping with another player in goal to give him a chance to be more involved in the match.

Denotes (\*)= Scored a Goal; © = Captain



## *Drama –rama!!*

Tuesday afternoon saw the official opening of the new Drama Studio. We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Jan Smith to do the honours. Mrs Smith was Head of English at KHS and passionate about drama and performance. She began the Kingswood House tradition of a big school production in a professional theatre and was thrilled to learn that Drama is now on the curriculum for Years 7 – 9, not just as an extra-curricular Club, and is being offered as a GCSE from next September. She was particularly interested in the new lighting rig and computerised control desk kindly funded by the KHA and has promised to come to this year's show at NEScot in February, a pantomime version of "Treasure Island" under the guidance of Mrs Watkins. You can see some images of the afternoon's event over the page—it was a fabulous occasion!

Jan Smith officially opened the Drama Studio with the help of Form 8L... *encore, encore!!*



### *Treading the boards!*

Continuing with the 'amateur dramatics' this week, Mr Murphy found himself under the spotlight at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, London, no less! He took his part in a production sponsored by Marsh Insurance, acting out the role of Claudius in Hamlet for everyone's entertainment; Mrs Witts accompanied him and enjoyed the sights of London's South Bank.

### *Dragon Boat Racing!*

In case you ever wondered what our very own Assistant SENCO does to relax in her spare time, here is the answer... a spot of Dragon Boat Racing on the Thames, no less... Miss Wilson trains and races as part of the Advantage Ladies team who came second after a very exciting and closely contested race requiring video footage to determine placings! No time for resting, they are already back out on the water training and focused on a race later this month and hopefully a clear victory this time. Well done!



KHS staff benefited from a 'twilight' INSET session this week that saw Dr Hashemi (a KHS parent) and her colleague, Dr White, present a practical and insightful guide to ASD in the classroom. A valuable professional development opportunity for all those attending. We are grateful for the time and effort spent on this presentation.



### **CLASS REPS**

The class reps will be meeting on Thursday 10th October at 0830. If you are a new parent and have not already had contact from your class rep, please contact Karen in the office who will be able to put you in touch. The reps for each class are as follows:

Lower Prep	Mrs Lochhead, Mrs Larter
Yr 5	Mrs Thomas, Mrs Clarke
Yr 6	Mrs Nicolau, Mrs Saywell
Yr 7	Mrs Chamberlain, Mrs Bunyer
Yr 8	Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Moffatt
Yr 9	Mrs Beckman, Mrs Allenby
Yr 10	Mrs Totham, Mrs Harrison
Yr 11	Mrs DeSelincourt

The following, from Bourne Hall Museum, may be of interest to some of our families...



## To Be a Pilgrim – the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower

Saturday 21  
September  
1pm to 2.30pm



The *Mayflower* left England with the ship *Speedwell* on 15 August 1620. It carried Pilgrims from England and Holland. Both ships were twice forced to return to England but the *Mayflower* finally left Plymouth on 16 September 1620. On 19 November 1620, they spotted land. Their destination was the Virginia Colony but the ship was damaged so were forced to land Cape Cod in November. The passengers lived on the ship for a few months. They went ashore to build shelters in the day, then returned to the ship at night. About half the people died in the winter of 1620–1. In March 1621, there were enough shelters for everyone to live on land. Discover why the Pilgrims left their homes and families. Learn what it was like to be a Pilgrim and open up a new world.

Cost £5 per child. Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF.  
Tel 020 8394 1734. Email [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)



## Hitler's Vengeance Weapons

October 12  
1pm to 2.30pm



13 June 1944 was the day the first flying bombs hit London. A week before, on D-Day, Allied armies had invaded German-occupied France. Soon after, Soviet armies launched a massive offensive in Poland. From the skies over Germany, British and American bombers were able to raid German cities at will. Facing disaster on every side, Germany deployed revenge weapons in a bid to terrorise British civilians and undermine morale. Known as the 'doodlebugs' or 'buzz bombs' on account of the distinctive sound they made when in flight, these winged bombs were powered by a jet engine and launched from a ramp, or later from adapted bomber aircraft. 29 V1 Flying Bombs fell in the Borough from June to October 1944. They killed 13 people and injured 251, destroying 86 properties, seriously damaging 200 and inflicting blast damage on 9,000 more. The first V2 hit London on 8 September 1944, a streamlined rocket which stood as tall as a four-storey building. Powered by a rocket engine, the V2 blasted its way to the edge of space before falling back to Earth at supersonic speed.

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### Alumni...

We always enjoy hearing about what our old KHS boys get up to once they have left us and this was no exception. A former pupil, Peter Brugger, got in touch to say, "I just wanted to inform the school that I graduated with a PhD in Archaeology on the 18th July this year. The title of my thesis was called 'The Road to Valhalla: Can the application of 3D printing technologies benefit the interpretation of museum archaeology?' Without the fantastic start I got with Kingswood house school and the lovely teachers, I don't think I would have been able to achieve it."

Thank you, Peter, for this endorsement and we wish you continued success!

### Declutter and donate!

Your son will be coming home with a 'Phil the Bag' bag which can be filled with any unwanted clothes, bags, belts or shoes. The bags will be collected at the front of the school on Friday 27th September at drop off. If you need extra bags please use a black bin liner or similar. This is a great opportunity to declutter whilst raising funds for the school!

Thank you in advance for your support of our fundraising venture.

## DIARY DATES SEPTEMBER 2019; week 1

Monday	16	am.	Year 8 HPV immunisations
Tuesday	17	1500	U14 & U16 v Duke of Kent (A)
Wednesday	18	0845 0930 1430 1430	Class 10S Assembly Lower Prep Forest school U13 A & B v Ripley Court (A) Colts A, B & C (A) ; Colts D & E v Homefield (H)
Thursday	19	1430 1700	U8/9 A, B, C & D v Ripley Court (H) Year 11 Careers Evening
Friday	20	0900-1600 1450	Year 6 trip to Battle Abbey House Assemblies

### PARKING!

If you are using the staff car park at the bottom of the site, please remember to leave enough room for the minibuses to get in and out, reverse and manoeuvre etc.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.



**A locker key has been found... no.36645—**

**IS IT YOURS?!**

**Please claim from**

**Mrs Witts.**

We are now registered with the '[Book People](#)', an online book store; for every £10 spent, parents can nominate a school to receive a £1 book credit so please do support us in this scheme if you are able. A big 'Thank you' from the English Department.

**the BookPeople**

### LOST PROPERTY: New system!

If a boy has lost an item of kit or clothing, parents should email:

[lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org](mailto:lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org)

A member of sports staff will then reply and check the items that are in the lost property bins in the changing room. Parents are welcome to come and check before or after school. We will also 'Parentmail' a list of all the named kit found every Friday afternoon.

This system relies up uniform and kit being NAMED and labelled clearly so that items can be reunited with their owner, if found. Thank you for your support.

Meanwhile, please check your son's school bag...is it his?! Do you have an extra one at home as Harry Weems has lost his.

It has been looked for all over school and IS named—it must be somewhere. Thank you.



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