

KINGSWOOD NEWS



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Dear Parents

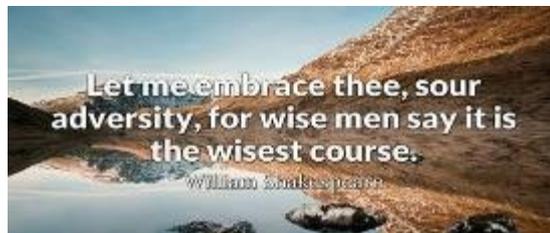
As you know, it was my intention to keep the school open until the end of term. However, in light of the announcement on Wednesday evening by the government, I remind you of the closure of Kingswood House today at **4.00pm**. Please note that there will be no prep or late club.

Although we have prepared a busy and exciting calendar for the summer term, it would be wise to assume that the school will be closed for some time based on the rhetoric I am hearing from various sources. At this point, I should like to thank my teaching and support staff for their dedication and professionalism - and also you, the parents, for being patient and understanding - during a challenging few days. The school is in a good position to negotiate this unprecedented situation and we fully intend to learn from it in order to make us even stronger moving forward.

These are indeed exacting times but a healthy dose of perspective is also needed. We live in a privileged part of the world with access to care and resources beyond the means of many. If we remember our core values of Respect, Integrity and Endeavour, I am confident that opportunities for good will emerge even out of adversity.

As Sir Francis Bacon said many generations ago, *"Prosperity is not without many fears and distastes; adversity not without many comforts and hopes."*

The Kingswood House Way



Jersey Trip 2020

A big thank you to Mr Hendry, Miss Smith, Mr Bailey and Mr Cribb for taking 37 boys on a happy and successful trip to Jersey. Well done especially to our Rugby Sevens team who won the St Michael's Plate last Friday – a great achievement. Please see overleaf for more details and pictures from the tour.



"England Rugby Sevens v Channel Islands Rugby Sevens with KHS representatives – England won!"

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster



GOOD NEWSFLASH!

It is great to be able to bring some positive KHS news at such a challenging time for families. Our Chair of Governors, Chris Shipley, has become a grandfather for the first time thanks to the safe delivery of Erin Shipley on Wednesday morning at 4.15am weighing in at 3.36kg.

Congratulations to the Shipley family!



More good news...

Congratulations to Enan A in 8T who has been made an Upper Prep Prefect from the start of the summer term. We wish him well in his new role of responsibility and hope he will wear his new striped tie with pride.

Well done, Enan.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
PREFECT LEADERSHIP
TEAM OF 2020



We're Going on a Habitat Hunt!

Years 1 and 2 went on a habitat hunt and then enjoyed producing some great artwork together afterwards. Well done, boys, for such focus and drive. *Mrs Henery*



Year 9 Investigates...

During their Computer Science lesson this week Form 9H opened up our "old" PCs and discovered what's inside.



They took the fan and heat sink apart to find the CPU (Central Processing Unit for those not in the know...!) and judged how much RAM was available. *Mrs Webb*



JERSEY TOUR 2020

The boys were super ambassadors for KHS both on and off the field in Jersey! Here are some great shots of the boys and staff during the St Michael's Rugby Sevens Festival and a group picture next to the Tree of Liberty in St Helier port.





**JERSEY TOUR
2020**

A few more great snaps of the final few days of the tour...relaxing in the hotel and out on the sports field.



COMMENDATIONS

Ben Schumacher	Kieran Schmitt	Alex Hill	Emir Ozderici	James Miller
Lautero Yasnikouski	Edward Collins	Ben Choy	Bogdan Podobrigora	Chris Hawksley
Ted Reed	Barnaby Hill	Guy Newton		



Super Hygiene!

The boys in 6C have been praised by Mrs Celentano for their mature approach to the vital matter of hygiene. The boys offer every morning to wipe down tables, they have been washing their hands religiously and really understand the importance of covering their mouths if coughing or sneezing ; excellent to see boys. Keep it up! *Mrs Celentano*

Eco School—looking ahead

Today in Eco Club, the Lower Prep boys completed their first Environmental Review! They had to fill out a questionnaire independently but could go and ask other students and members of staff for some help and their opinions. Fraser and Sebastian learnt a new word, “Biodiversity”; Sam and Frankie kindly helped James to fill out the questionnaire; Zac got his class to take part and received helpful comments and even Mr Laudy got involved! Good team effort boys! We have completed the first step of many to become an Eco School! *Miss Hylands*



Sport Relief Stars!



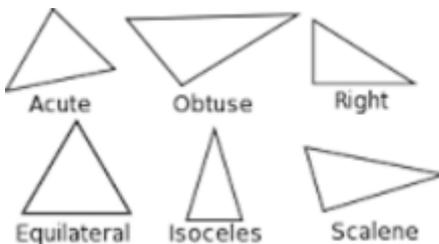
A massively sporty ‘Well Done’ to Dylan and Ethan's great achievement on Sunday. They each swam 60 lengths as part of Dorking Snorkelling Club's Snorklethon for Sport Relief. Their efforts have helped the club raise over £700 so far for this great community cause.



Triangles are GO!

Miss Smith's maths group have been learning about the different types of triangles. To support the boys' knowledge they played Go Fish! The boys had to find pairs of the same triangle and tell their group 2 facts about the triangle, be it about their length or their angles.

The boys were really engaged in this task and enjoyed themselves as they reinforced their mathematical knowledge and used good subject language, well done boys! *Miss Smith*

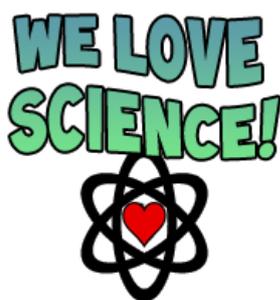


Chemical Bonds

Ever wondered what certain chemical bonds look like? These boys in 7BA and 7BL know extremely well as they have been modelling the compounds with a series of plastic parts to help better understand the structures and formations.

Well done, gentlemen.

Mr Barratt



'Des Fruits en Francais' for Year 4

In Year 4's French lesson this week we have been learning the names of different fruits; the boys soon realised that some words are very similar to those in English—*la banane* and *l'orange*—which made learning them much easier! With the help of a fun song they soon recognised the names of many fruits and danced and did the conga around the classroom in time to the music whilst singing 'J'aime les fruits'. A great lesson; well done, boys! *Madame Swift*



'Business as Usual' in the Science Lab...

The boys have been exploring the reactivity of metals; always a show stopper with the incredible Periodic Table involved, lots to think about and a dramatic finish... well done boys. They were even beginning to debate whether the puff of smoke is symbolic of our existence...?! #itonlytemporary *Mr Barratt*





Mamma Mia....

...it's pizza time in Years 1, 2 and 3!

The boys have had a fabulous afternoon making pizzas— understanding how they are constructed, the ingredients and most importantly, how to load up the toppings!

Lots of lovely tomato smiling faces showed a lesson well learnt.

Super effort, boys!

Mrs Marskell



Team Building...

The Year 5 Games lesson on Wednesday was a great opportunity to get involved with some physical activities that explored principles of team building, co-operation and group learning. The boys worked in their houses and had huge amounts of fun as well as getting on really well together. *Mr Barratt*



Keep calm and just dance!

Year 4 have discovered a great way to spend their movement breaks and they're keen to carry on at home next week! The 'Just Dance' clips on YouTube are a fun way to keep us all moving - why don't you join us from your living room?!

Mrs Lambert and Miss Smith

Games Lessons this week...

Although we had to sadly cancel all our fixtures and matches this week, our dedicated team of PE staff made sure that the boys had plenty of skills taught and match play during lessons. Here is a selection of what went on. *Mr Hendry*



Busy and varied times in Year 4!

Year 4 Science

Year 4 are continuing to learn about sound in their Science lessons and, this week, they made their own string telephones to discover how sound travels over longer distances through solid objects. They thoroughly enjoyed the lessons although we're not sure that their new telephones will replace mobiles just yet! *Mrs Lambert and Miss Smith*



Byron

Even though Byron's Swimathon was cancelled, his teacher let him complete it on his own. He swam 16 lengths, an impressive 400m, and was the first child to receive a medal. Well done, Byron! *Mrs Lambert*



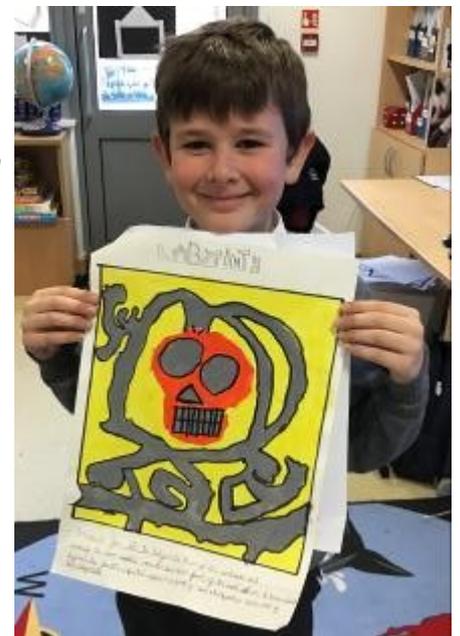
Ancient Greece



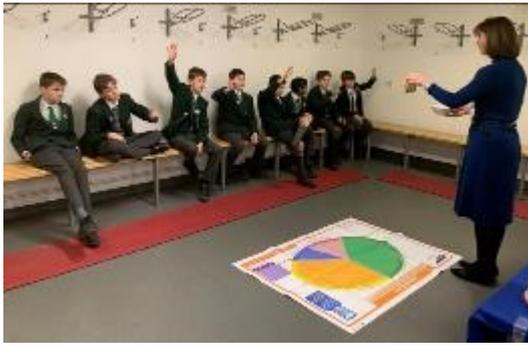
Year 4 boys were set a challenge for prep last week to design either an Ancient Greek god, and Ancient Greek monster or a maze for Theseus and the Minotaur. The results were fantastic and very creative! Here are some examples from 4L and 4S.



Mrs Lambert & Miss Smith



Junior Citizenship workshop for Year 6



On Friday 13th March our three Year 6 classes took part in the Junior Citizenship Week held at Epsom Downs Race

Course. The boys listened to informative talks given by the Police, Fire Brigade and RNLI to name a few. They received valuable information on topics such as nutrition and internet safety, and as well as listening, they appreciated being invited to give their opinions and ideas.

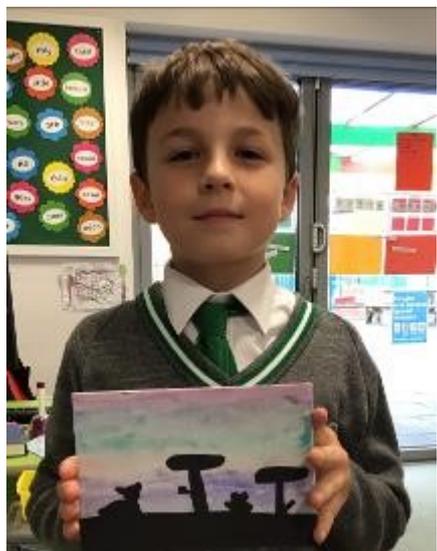
A very productive and enjoyable morning and each boy was given a book to take away, outlining Junior Life Skills and how to help young people stay safe and healthy. We were all delighted to see how our boys conducted themselves, well done. *Madame Swift, Miss Forbes and Mrs Celentano*



Year 3 History

This week in Art we are continuing to study our Victorian theme. The boys have chosen to do a Victorian silhouette painting and have produced some super results. They had to choose which sort of sunset they were going to paint—whether it was a warm or cool one, then they had to draw an image on black paper and then carefully cut this out and stick it onto their sunset. Super work boys they look great!

Mrs Marskell





Pants and Plants in Years 1 and 2!

Years 1 and 2 have been reading the wonderful book, *Aliens Love Underpants!* The boys have been enjoying the descriptions and vocabulary and were inspired afterwards to decorate their own new pair of pants in a creative response to the story! Great effort, boys—maybe not one to try at home though?!!



Outside, Mrs Henery thinks the boys will be self-sufficient by the summer term with all their planting activity with Mrs Woods...



...even Kingsley Bear got an update on their progress!



Do you know what a preposition is...?

The boys in 3M enthusiastically participated in a great practical activity where they had to describe and use a preposition in a sentence and then physically put a toy car or truck in that position...well done boys, great understanding shown! *Mrs Marskell*



Senior Options Evening

On Monday evening, a well-attended Year 9 GCSE Options evening saw Heads of Departments give detailed overviews of their subjects to parents and boys. There was a lot of excitement as boys were informed of the option blocks and the formal introduction of Drama as a new GCSE subject at Kingswood House from September. Please find an overview of the Senior Years PPT presentation below, as well as details about the Options blocks; all the boys take Mathematics, English Language, English Literature and Combined Science—they then have 'Options' for their choice of subjects. The original presentation can be found in full on our website [here](#). Any further enquiries can be directed to [Mr Rudkin](#).



Year Nine GCSE options

GCSE Drama new for 2020.

Since 2017 KHS has added 5 new GCSE courses.

**Classics, Design
Technology, Art, Music
and Drama.**



Senior Division

Senior Responsibility

Head Boy and Prefects.
Heads of House.
School Council
representatives.



Hidden Curriculum

Headmaster's Lunch.
Tour guides.
Senior dinner with
Manor House.
Sixth Form evening.
Year 10- University and
Careers fair.
Senior Lectures.



KHS Year 9

Stride Business and
Enterprise course.

Emotional Intelligence
course.

HPQ.

St John's Fist Aid course

Duke of Edinburgh.

Making of Modern
Britain.



Year 9 Option Blocks

Option Block 1	Option Block 2	Option Block 3	Option Block 4
French	Music	Drama	PE
Classics	History	Geography	Art
Design and Technology			Computer Science

- Boys will normally choose 3 GCSE optional subjects and will undertake their HPQ in the option block they do not select.
- Boys may choose 4 GCSE optional subjects and their HPQ will be completed in their own time.

A reminder of the key points communicated to pupils and parents:



Advisory Points for Pupils and Parents

Monday 23rd March – Thursday 26th March

Administrative

- E-Lessons will be sent by 1800 the evening prior to the next school day.
- Parents must register their child as ill or absent with the form teacher by email no later than 8.45am each morning. If there is no communication, the form teacher will assume that they are 'present' and work expected.

Communication

- The school will operate by email with telephone conversations convened by arrangement in an urgent situation only.
- Please check regularly for Parentmail updates.
- An abridged newsletter will be sent on the last morning of term.
- Reports and grade cards for the spring term will be sent in hard copy next week, subject to lockdown and accessibility of the postal service, together with a Digital Parenting booklet.
- The summer calendar will be sent to you by email in due course but it may be largely superfluous.

Behaviour & Uniform

- Normal school rules apply and the values of Respect, Integrity and Endeavour have never been so important. It is a great opportunity to put these into practice.
- Pupils may wear smart-casual dress at home when undertaking their lessons.
- *Please note that this will be revisited at the start of the new term if school remains closed.*
- The e-safety policy is on the school website. **Boys should not be online without supervision.**

Health & Welfare

- Boys should wash their hands with soap regularly throughout the day.
- Diet and hydration are important – plan carefully for 'five a day' and avoid confectionary and fizzy drinks if at all possible, especially during school hours.
- Sleep is vital. Stick to the normal routine for school days.
- Exercise is vital for physical well-being and boosting the immune system. Go for walks or runs outside, improvise inside using stairs and find space for a HIIT or yoga session using an online class.

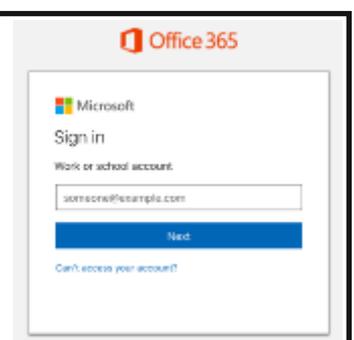
Environment

To access your son's email from home, please:

Search for **Office 365 Login** on any web browser (Google, Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer) and follow the on-screen instructions.

Your son's login details are on **page 3** of his **Prep Diary**.

Any problems, please contact: p.webb@kingswoodhouse.org during school hours.



One of our staff INSET training providers has sent us the following to share with you...

Dragonfly: Impact Education

Tips for Parents

Some ideas and support for those self-isolating

What can you try?

- #### 1. Set up a routine

The key here is to make it a routine – not a schedule. Be flexible, but with boundaries. That means getting up at the same times and having things that you do in a regular order...It doesn't mean timing every second of the day with military precision! Make the routine visual, factor in free time without screens and when they're doing schoolwork, do some of your own work/jobs/chores alongside them.
- #### 2. Try new things

Introduce them to the things you love and share stories with them – make it an opportunity to connect. Watch documentaries and nature programmes (who doesn't love a bit of 'Blue Planet'?!); cook together and measure out ingredients, create exercise routines together, play board games and card games, show them how you manage the household budget and divide up money to cover bills, food and other things.
- #### 3. Keep it simple

Read to them. Yes – even the older ones! It ignites a love of reading, creates a bond between you and it's soothing and calming. Get them starting a gratitude journal, drawing or doodling and colouring – all activities that support mental health. When you are working on things together, or working side by side, begin conversations. Sitting next to someone without the requirement to make eye contact can encourage them to open up! It also helps if you share something first.

We hope you find this knowledge useful. Warm wishes, Claire and Rachael, Dragonfly Co-founders.

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At the time of writing there are a number of resources, celebrities and companies that are using social media to reach out and help connect people and make our adjustment to this period of social distancing and isolation a little easier to manage.

There are almost too many to mention here already, as new ones keep getting added and arriving on a device near you. Do use them to help both yourselves and your families over the coming weeks. One that grabbed our attention and is particularly important relates to exercise—this would be great for the boys to do at home starting on Monday.



LOST PROPERTY: New system!

If a boy has lost an item of kit or clothing, parents should email: lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org



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