

KINGSWOOD NEWS



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Dear Parents

I offer you a warm 'virtual' welcome back to what promises to be a unique term in the history of Kingswood House.

In my start of term welcome to the boys, which I should like them to watch, I introduced the Kingswood House Way value for the summer – that of Endeavour: <https://youtu.be/XY7T7B93aaQ>

After a topical reference about Earth Day, St George's Day and the now-cancelled London Marathon, I reminded the boys about a man called Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, whom you may have seen in the news this time last year, due to the 50th anniversary of his circumnavigation of the globe non-stop in a small yacht, Suhaili. When I spoke to the boys about his feats this time in 2019, little did I know how relevant some of the content would be in terms of our current lockdown culture so I thought I would revisit it!

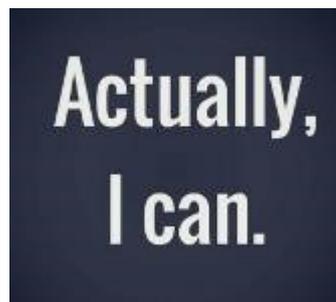
Do also watch this extract with your son: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ph_Qq87ja9Q and remind them about the importance of characteristics such as conviction, grit and resilience, which Robin showed in abundance during his ten months at sea, battling not just the elements but also hunger, thirst, loneliness and even appendicitis! There are a couple of inspirational sound-bites therein, I am sure you will agree, and I challenge the boys to raise their levels of endeavour this summer by showing extra determination and perseverance across the difficulties that may confront them in the weeks ahead.

Pertinently, apart from being a natural ambassador for endeavour, Sir Robin also showed enormous respect and integrity. Upon completion of the challenge, he donated his prize money (a life-changing sum) to the family of one of his fellow competitors who died during the race. Truly, a great man and a worthy ambassador of our summer term value to whom all the boys can aspire.

In the meantime, I thank you for your support and ask for your continued patience in the coming days as we wrestle with a new, total reliance upon technology – I can assure you that we will work hard and ensure our provision works as smoothly as possible!

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster



The Kingswood House Way



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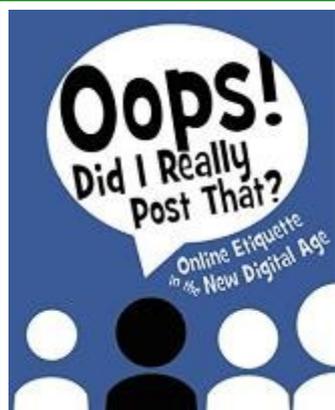


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Please find below the calendar dates for next week and any current notices.

DIARY DATES APRIL—MAY 2020; week 2

Monday	27		Divisional Heads Weekly Video Update
Tuesday	28		
Wednesday	29	1415-1500	Online Lower Prep Forest School
Thursday	30		Online Year 4 to 5 Transfer Information
Friday	01		Headmaster's Weekly Video Blog



LESSON ETIQUETTE

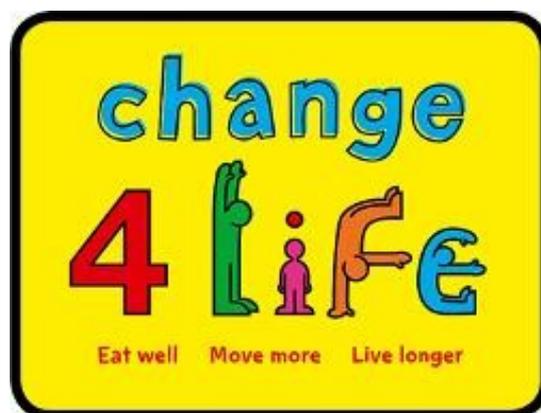
Parents – please note that no mobile telephones should be permitted for use by boys during online lessons.

Equally, no similar or alternative method of communication should be used. You are advised to check that your son is not using a platform called DISCORD on their device to this end.

No such form of communication is endorsed or permitted by the school during lessons.

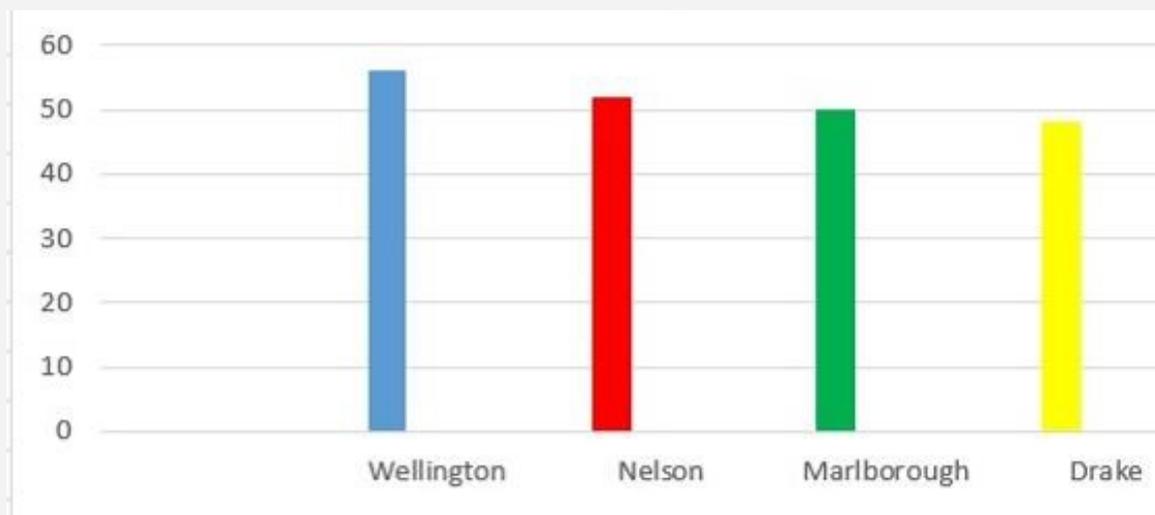
Helping Parents at Home

Ms Timothy, our lovely ELSA, is keen to reach out to us all at home and has suggested parents might want to take a look at the website www.change4life.co.uk as we face the prospect of a further period in lockdown and outside of our 'normal' routine which seems so long ago and almost forgotten about! This website has some really good suggestions for family meals, recipe ideas and ways to simply move more, eat less—which is challenging at the best of times, let alone with added emotional and societal pressures to cope with! Have a look [here](#)



Physical exercise and academic learning are all important, but to sustain good physical and mental health putting the right food and fuel in to our bodies is essential too. *Ms Timothy*

HOUSE POINT TOTALS SO FAR THIS WEEK...



It's a paper-width between first and fourth place—only 8 points in it! Well done, boys, for earning so many points whilst working so hard at home—keep it up!

Miss Smith

COMMENDATIONS & MENTIONS IN

Dispatches

Every Friday, whilst school is closed, Mr Murphy intends to make a video blog to share some of his thoughts with you regarding the past week or topical, news worthy items. He has asked staff to send him names of those boys that feel deserve a special mention in his 'dispatches'. **You can read the detail below and see his blog: [here](#)**

LOWER PREP

- Headmaster's Academic Award for Optional Easter Holiday Work, filming making of The Quest:
- Max K (4L)
- Byron M (4L)
- Edward B (4L)
- Harrison W (4L)
- Eusuf S (2H)
- Congratulations to our new Lower Prep Monitors: Alex F (4S) & Byron M (4L)
- Ben Scudamore made a jigsaw smiley face and received a Blue Peter badge for his efforts!

UPPER PREP

- Jeremy B (5C) —has completed extra work that was not asked for showing true dedication to his studies.
- Dylan N (5C) - completed a huge physical challenge last week of over 140K steps!
- Theo M (6S) – for going the extra mile.
- Emir O (6S) – for his high quality work and concentration.
- Conor T (6S) – taking care with presentations and great diagrams.
- Jonty W (6S) – completing extra diagram work.
- George H (6S) – who has had a fab start to the term.
- Zachary F (7BA) —with the musical instrument he made.
- Zac H (6F) - recommended for completing lots of work over the holiday and even baking a banana loaf, which looked delicious!
- Alex W (5S) - always ready for the meeting/ lesson this week with the correct materials and work submitted in a timely fashion.
- Ethan C (5S) —working diligently.
- Josh —produced a really great word search.
- The whole of 5C—for their attitude to learning all week.
- The boys in 6C have really impressed their new teacher.
- Form 8L—have impressed Mr Laudy this week.

SENIORS

Arad (10S) - a commendation for his effort in History.

Josh L (9T) - had completed and emailed all of his Easter work before the Easter break had even started?!

Cameron A (9H) - helped rectify issues with the e-learning books in Year 9 and has helped others access the new GCSE geography e-textbooks.

Alex H (10L) - has decided to complete a minimum of 10 minutes cycling each day.

Endeavour

A reminder to all boys and parents about our Kingswood House Way value for this Summer term, perhaps more pertinent now than ever in the current circumstances.

ENDEAVOUR



**Application – Attitude - Effort - Resolve - Dedication – Maturity – Sportsmanship – Camaraderie
Resilience – Determination - Teamwork – Perseverance - Grit - Hope – Conviction - Expectation**

- I use reasoning to guide my decisions
- I do my fair share when working with others
- I am able to work effectively as a team leader or to let others lead
- I am agreeable and able to make appropriate compromises
- I am learning to trust in good
- I am optimistic and always try to see the good
- I have faith in my friendships
- I am trying to understand that I am never alone
- I try to be a person that others can have belief in
- Even when I fail, I learn from the experience
- I do not give up when things get difficult
- I recognise my own uniqueness and use courage to be me
- I face my fears and try to find ways to conquer them
- I stand up for my sense of right, even if it is not popular
- I find ways to fill my heart with courage

This term the focus for **subject enrichment** is '**Humanities**'. This means the boys will have the exciting opportunity to look at Geography, History, Classics and RS themes within their different subjects. The staff have been working hard to put together a range of engaging and entertaining themes and resources for the boys to enjoy as part of the e-learning curriculum. Please find below the structure for the first half of term:

Week 1 (Wednesday 22 April - Friday 1 May): *History*

Week 2 (Monday 4—Friday 8 May): *Classics*

Week 3 (Monday 11—Friday 15 May): *Geography* (to run alongside the virtual Making of Modern Britain trip)

Week 4 (Monday 18 - Friday 22 May) : *RS*

A very big 'Well Done' to the following boys who Mrs Henery has highlighted for endeavour over the Easter holidays:
Headmaster's Academic Award for Optional Easter Holiday Work, filming making of 'The Quest'

Max K—4L

Byron M—4L

Edward B—4L

Harrison W—4L

Eusuf Sherif—2H



Further congratulations to the Lower Prep Monitors:

Byron M & Alex F



Virtual House Music Competition

Here is a repeat of the information that Mr Swift sent on ParentMail about the House Music Competition.

"I am writing to you to invite your sons to audition for the annual House Music competition. Given that we are in lockdown, I have made the decision to hold the preliminary auditions 'virtually' on Microsoft Teams. There will be 4 categories for soloists in this year's competition. This will be alongside a whole house song competition.

The categories are...

- Year 2 – 6 Instrumentalist
- Year 2 – 6 Vocalist/small singing group (under 3 persons)
- Year 7 – 11 Instrumentalist
- Year 7 – 11 Vocalist/small singing group (under 3 persons)

To enter, your son must visit the Teams page for the category that they wish to enter, they can then upload a video of themselves performing.

For singers/vocalists, boys can either use a Karaoke backing track, sing acapella or accompany themselves with an instrument. The musical repertoire can be chosen from ANY style or genre, however I am trusting that boys ensure lyrics are appropriate. It would be fantastic to hear some rappers in the vocal section, alongside traditional singers!

The Teams link for Year 7 - 11 Vocal/small singing group is [here](#)

The Teams link for Year 7 - 11 Instrumentalist is [here](#)

Both groups are "public", meaning boys can join without being invited. Alternatively, if you find it easier, you can email me directly at music@kingswoodhouse.org with your entry.

Good luck!" *Mr Swift*

Some great 'Endeavour' already on show...



Dylan in 5C was determined to win a daily step challenge against one of our friends in Manchester; when it became apparent he was going to do that, he set himself a new goal to beat his dad's best week of steps ever—140k... which he did superbly! A benefit of all this walking was enjoying the fresh air outside and discovering some beautiful local spots for exercise. He walked every day and also bounced on his trampette whilst watching television to get his numbers up! Very well done, Dylan. *Mr Clarke*

Ms Timothy was inspired by one of our holiday daily challenges and endeavoured to make this 'no-sew' sock bunny; how wonderful and rather cute! Look out for him / her when we are back in school... perhaps you could even dream up a name for this lovely creature?!



Here is James W with his painting of a Cherry Blossom Tree looking splendid! A very cheerful image indeed that Mrs Henery was delighted to see.

Ben S was the very proud recipient of a Blue Peter Badge for a smiley jigsaw face he had made. Well done, Ben! Mrs Marskell was thrilled to see your endeavours rewarded; a Blue Peter badge is indeed the mark of great merit.





PPE 3D Printing

How fabulous that one of our families have taken this time in lockdown to learn new skills and help out where they can; they are part of a larger 3D printing network that is helping to provide PPE. Sam in 9H and his brother have been working on the frames which are part of the face shields. Once this component is made they get picked up and transferred to someone else to add the clear plastic at the front and the elastic bands to be fixed in place at the back. When the face shield is complete they go to Epsom hospital.



The boys print about 20 of these a week— it is a slow process but an important part of a network that helps to provide PPE and working together has produced great results. Fantastic endeavour!



Forest School Online

Our Forest School facilitator, Jay, has very kindly recorded an [online Forest School](#) for us so the boys can explore and try out some ideas at home in their outdoor spaces. We are all reminded that despite the lock down, and emphasis on staying at home, our outdoor spaces are there to be used to inspire and motivate us and we can still have fun with some Forest School activities; it looks like Mayah has been enjoying his time outside already...! Mrs Henery

KHS lessons continue at home...

For Year 7 Science, the boys were given the task to make a musical instrument and this very commendable effort came in from Zachary F. He has sourced some good recyclable materials and found objects to work with and gone above and beyond what was expected of him! Super effort. Mr Barratt



...and here is Alex H in 5C concentrating hard on the Geography lesson. His mum emailed us to say,

"He has found Teams a little intimidating at first, but on day two has managed to get the hang of it. He really misses his friends and teachers".

Well done everyone for all your hard work and determination to work at home, we know it is not easy and hope to be back together in class soon.

Extra Curricular Provision at Home—a note from Mrs Lambert

We have a variety of different options and clubs available for all age groups; why not choose a new skill or activity during lockdown?!

Miss Wilson is running a cookery club; take photos and share recipes of any dishes you have made (or helped to make, or played a very important part in taste testing!) You could even create a video with step-by-step instructions!

Send any recipes and photos to [Miss Wilson](#) and we may be able to compile a Kingswood House Recipe Book!

Or why not try to improve your sports skills? Mr Hendry and Mr Laudy want to know how many football kick-ups you can do in 10 attempts! Email or post your result & videos to them on Twitter (@Sport_KHS).

If you have any ideas for activities we can do in our Clubs or as our Year 5-11 'Options' on the timetable then please share them with us! Email [Mrs Lambert](#) Thank you.



Year 4 have been talking in their form periods this week about rules for their class whilst they are all using the new 'Teams' platform for their school work and learning at home. The boys were tasked with composing some appropriate rules and guidelines that they thought were necessary. The boys came up with some very sensible points and Miss Smith has combined them into a list for all to refer to—see below. Thank you boys for your suggestions!

Miss Smith commented, "It was great to be able to see and hear the boys this week by using Teams and I am pleased to think that now the boys understand what the rules are, and are in agreement over how to use it; they can be trusted to be sensible and we will all undoubtedly benefit from this new way of working together digitally whilst we can't be together physically in school."

4S 'TEAMS' RULES



- *Mute your microphones - Miss Smith, AA*
- *Use the chat box in the video call to ask a question by putting in one '?', so the teacher can tell you to unmute your mic when it is your turn to talk – SA, LC*
- *Use the 4S class chat for genuine questions and not silly comments- LC, FL, NJ*
- *If you're not sure on something you can ask for help -AF*
- *Use emojis, but not too many! – BA*
- *Speak clearly– FB, GP, NJ*
- *Use Teams in a quiet place -FB, AF*
- *Let everyone take turns to talk – BA, FL*
- *Dress sensibly -GP*
- *Teams is for our class; private information should not be shared – FL*
- *Listen to other people and value their comments, be respectful to others – AF, SA*
- *Be careful on the internet – AA*

Senior Lecture

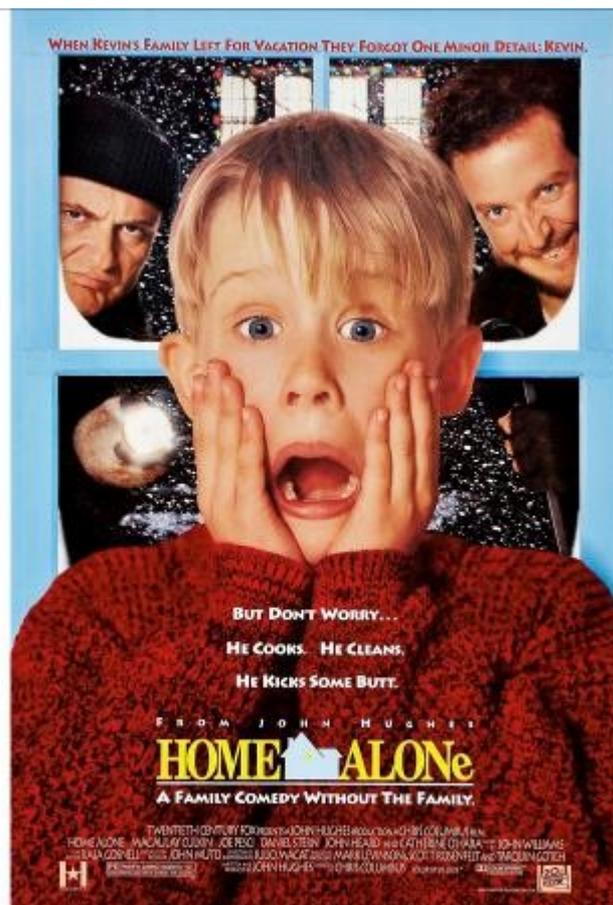
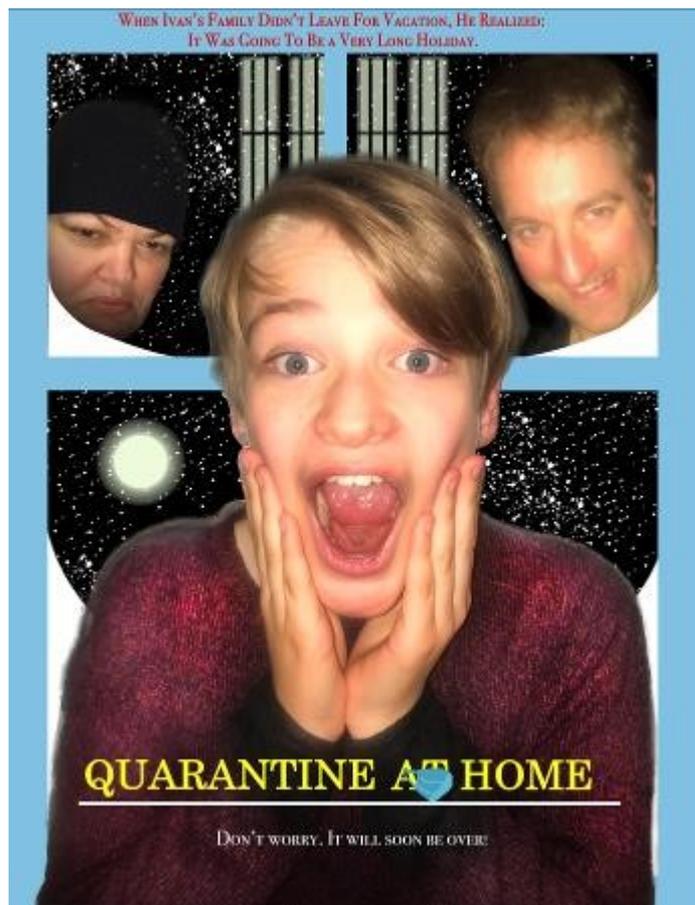
Mr Rudkin writes,
“Unfortunately we are unable to be together for our Senior Lecture on Thursday, but despite not being able to meet in Langlands Hall, there are a wealth of opportunities for us to broaden our experiences over the coming weeks.



With this in mind, I would like to suggest that the ‘Senior Lecture’ for Thursday 23rd April will be a showing of *Twelfth Night* performed by the National Theatre and after the online streaming will be still available to view. This is a wonderful opportunity for boys to all take part in watching a high standard performance, from the comfort of their own lounge or bedroom, and still be able to engage with it and later in discussion in Form Time and their English lessons. Please find the link [here](#) and thank you for your support.” *Mr Rudkin*

Art Notes from Mrs Maciejewska

What a fabulous effort from Ivan in 7BL—who else can recreate a well-known image or poster or famous work of art? Great initiative to get the rest of the family involved too! Send any similar work you create please to Mrs Maciejewska who would love to see your efforts. More creative efforts from lockdown over the page...! Keep them coming boys, thank you. *Mrs Maciejewska*



Spare time breeds creative content!

Thank you to Christos L and Jonty for their submissions this week. Pick up those pencils, crayons, paints or devices and get making!!



Years 5—11 Options at Home



Vive les Crêpes!!

Max in 6S used his 'Options' time at the end of the day to whip up a splendid looking batch of crêpes in the week for all to enjoy —bet his family were delighted at his efforts! *Mme Swift*

Green-fingered Jack!

Jack W in 5C, during the class 'Teams' lesson in RS, proudly showed off his newly sprouting cucumbers which he had been growing from seed; Jack has been asked to update us on their weekly growth! *Mrs Conner*

