

# KINGSWOOD NEWS



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Dear Parents

Much of my correspondence this term has extolled the virtues of the fantastic team of staff we have here at KHS and their extra endeavours in the light of the lockdown situation. It is also most gratifying to single out pupils who have excelled above and beyond the call of duty each week in the "Dispatches" section of the newsletter and in my video blog.

However, today, I should like to pass on my congratulations to you – the parents – because you are the third important component of our home learning triangle and in many ways our unsung heroes. It would simply not be possible for the home-school axis to be successful without your care, effort and time. With a son in tow at home ourselves, my wife and I can fully appreciate the logistical difficulty parents have to contend with on a day to day basis in respect of facilitating effective learning for their children at the same time as balancing careers – and even simply running a household. On behalf of the teaching and support staff, I should like to acknowledge your significant contribution in making our provision for home learning successful.

We are certainly 'in it together' and I trust that this sense of unity will prevail upon our eventual return to some degree of normality; hopefully, the government's plan for schools will become clearer after the Prime Minister's address on Sunday, following which I shall consider the potential implications for KHS and update you accordingly. It is worth pointing out that as an independent school, we are able to exercise some discretion about how and when we will return, which we shall invoke with common sense given the nature and logistical limitations of our site.

In the meantime, it is VE Day tomorrow (Friday), the 75th anniversary of Churchill's landmark declaration of an Allied victory at the end of the Second World War, and many of you will no doubt be involved in community celebrations of this landmark. In my road, we are decorating fences with Union Jack bunting and setting up tables and chairs (social distancing notwithstanding) on the pavement to have tea, scones or a glass of champagne – I know which option I will be taking!

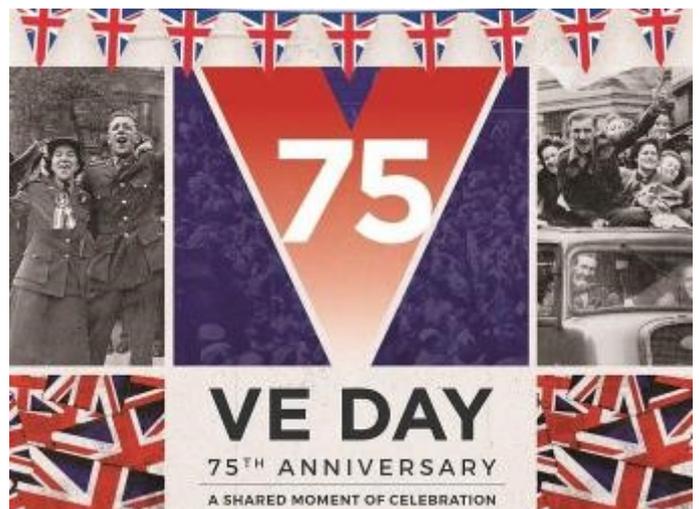
Please do take the time to explain the significance of this occasion to your children in order that their appreciation of the liberty that they would enjoy under normal circumstances is never taken for granted.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



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

### DIARY DATES MAY 2020; week 2

Monday	11		<b>Year 9 Virtual Making of Modern Britain Trip online (all week)</b> Divisional Heads' Weekly Video Update
Tuesday	12		
Wednesday	13	1415-1500	Online Lower Prep Forest School
Thursday	14		
Friday	15		Headmaster's Weekly Video Blog

#### ICT Skills on the up!

Mrs Webb reminds us all that with so much time spent in front of the computer or laptop screen these last few weeks our IT skills will have definitely improved; well done to all for getting to grips with this.

A great skill for all to practise during lockdown is touch typing; all pupils have access to '2type Tutorials' within the Purple Mash programme so why not spend some time here as well, to help yourself work more efficiently?

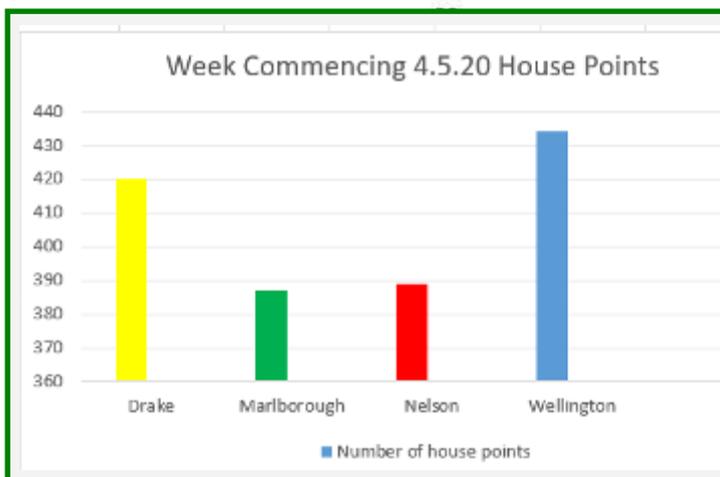


In order to access Purple Mash, please use this web address <https://www.purplemash.com/kingswood> and then pupils can enter their username and password (which can be found on page 3 of their prep diary).

In the search bar on the Home page type "2 type" and scroll down the page to find the typing exercises. 10 minutes a day will make a real difference to your son's keyboard skills.

If you experience any problems accessing the site or if you need details of your son's username or password, please contact Mrs Webb. Thank you.

Mrs Henery has found the following website which she feels would be of great interest to a number of our boys as the content is so varied. It is from the Tim Henman Foundation [here](#) but not is solely about tennis; why not have a look and explore?



#### HOUSE POINT TOTALS SO FAR THIS WEEK...

This week sees just 47 points separating 4th to 1st place! Drake have clearly been working hard to achieve lots of house points but it is Wellington who just make top spot. Remember, house points can be earned through effort and achievement; keep working hard as every house point counts—come on Marlborough and Nelson; give the other two something to worry about...!

Keep it up, everyone. *Miss Smith*

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

All the Lower Prep boys who took on Mrs Henery's 'Bake an Endeavour Cake' challenge, in one form or another!

James W (1H) for his research on Scottish islands.

Zayn J (1H) for his beautifully drawn and decorated island.

Jamie C (2H) for always being ready to start work and competent juggling of his class work and Study Centre sessions.

Hugo H (3M) for his maze work in Maths.

Luis L (3M) for his Minecraft digital maze he designed and created.

Ryan L (3M) for his ingenious maze constructed out of a cardboard box; a very original concept!

Barnaby A (4S) a Headmaster's Award for writing a recipe for an Endeavour Cake.

Max K (4L) a Headmaster's Award for his Endeavour cake.

Alex F (4S) a Headmaster's Award for his Endeavour cake as well.

Nathaniel J (4S) a Headmasters Award for his interesting video and presentation on butterflies.

Samuel A (4S) a Headmasters Award for completing extra work and showing great endeavour.

### UPPER PREP

Kieran S (5S) for learning the piano at home.

Jack G (S) for presenting his comprehension on Plants so beautifully; it brightened Mrs Seiver's day!

All of 5S for putting up with Mrs Seiver's silly costumes during registration every day and listening quietly to her read 'D-Day Dog' by Tom Palmer.

Derin U (5C) for creating a fantastic Roman temple with 18 pillars and giving us an online guided video tour of it!

Paul B (5S) for being in full 'Scientific flow' this week.

Christos L (5S) for his excellent work in Science too, this week.

Josh McC (6S) for always being punctual, completing his work to a high standard in English and French lessons, some high quality Science work and being fully engaged with the Options and class challenges set by Mme Swift.

Archie B (6F) for some wonderful work on MS Excel including a spreadsheet showing the results of a competition between the Gods of Olympus; a nice link to this week's Classics enrichment topic!

Enzo R (6F) for working particularly hard at home on all his subjects; he has completed some excellent English and History work especially.

Elliot N (6C) for demonstrating an excellent work ethic and producing consistently high standard of work across the curriculum.

Tommy W (7BL) for drawing cartoons and animations.

Joe S (7BL) for his excellent ideas in Science on using different materials for reducing noise level.

Tobias VH (7BL) for his excellent work on the British Empire in History.

Rory S (7BL) for working extremely well on Teams and continuing to show a positive attitude.

Mikey F (7BA) for handing in every piece of Science work on time and to a high standard.

Matt M (7BL) for his enthusiasm, hard work and a constant 'smile in his voice' during lessons.

**UPPER PREP** Continued...

Marcus G (8L) for his hard work and determination.

Pete D (8L) for his dedication to learning online and studying at home.

Zac A (8T) for 'raising his game' and showing just how good he is!

James G (8L) for showing great initiative and videoing himself working on his football skills in the garden and for his Greek poster work.

Folu A (8L) for his super poster on the Greek alphabet for Classics Enrichment.

Antoni M (8L) for his excellent Greek poster work which he also said he enjoyed doing!

**SENIORS**

Ewan W (9T) for producing work to a high standard and putting all of his efforts into everything he does.

Joe O (9H) for his incredibly detailed Scientific diagrams.

Eddie F (9H) for his focus and determination.

Year 9 in general have made a good start with their GCSE geography studies.

Milo R (9T) for his excellent work in Geography on the topic of natural resources.

Daniel I (9T) for his excellent work in Geography.

Jack L (10L) for endeavour shown during a Maths lesson when his technology was playing up and he had to think quickly and adapt; also for his hard work and commitment to his Geography coursework.

Theo B (10L) for working hard on his GCSE Geography coursework; the exams begin in a year's time!

Michael C (10L) for his work on ecosystems and biodiversity in Geography.

Seojun L (10L) for excellent work in English.

Guy N (10L) for doing an extra online programming course on a Saturday as a personal choice to improve his learning and understanding.

Form 10L in general for consistently being ready to register in the mornings and making their new teacher, Ms Roets, feel welcome despite never meeting in person before.

Ben I (11S) a commendation for outstanding work in English.

Max M (11S) a commendation for excellent work in English.



*Are any of our families going to be joining in tomorrow and celebrating VE Day 75 years?!*

There is a good article from the Surrey Comet [here](#) about how Epsom celebrated in 1945; recognise anywhere?!





*Cartoon Appreciation*

Tommy W in 7BL has spent a great deal of his free time drawing cartoons depicting daily life at home during lockdown; they are very impressive and show a great deal of talent. He has extended this further by animating and uploading some of them to his YouTube account; he has shared the link with us [here](#) ...remember you saw it here first, a KHS future famous artist! *Miss Black*

*Sea Scouts Being Active at Home!*

Mr Hendry was pleased to learn of how active the Seager brothers have been recently; a couple of weekends ago Joseph's Sea Scout group were challenged to spend 1-2 hours running or otherwise exercising in support of an ex-member and sea scout parent who has a terminal cancer diagnosis. Both Joseph & Noah devised a circuit round our garden, with a slalom between cones down the side of the house, followed by circuits round the cul-de-sac before returning to the back garden for some throwing and catching of a tennis ball against the wall. Joseph paced it out to measure the distance—seen in the video clip early on with a cuppa in his hand!

Joseph did a combination of running & cycling & completed 10.5km; Noah—although not a member of the sea scouts group—also wanted to participate and ran a similar distance. Here's the scout group [video](#) of the event.

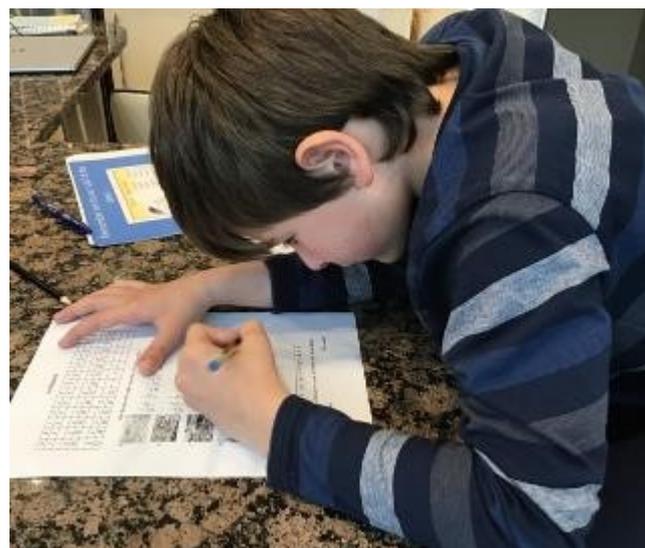
Well done to both Joseph in 8T and Noah in 6S for their great endeavour with this physical challenge.

*Fundraising Initiative*

Archie E in 8T has been busy alongside his school work raising funds for the NHS Charities Together with a table top sale. He used some spare time to have a sort and clear out of his many DVD's along with the rest of the family and he put up a table at the top of our drive with all our unwanted ones. The family contacted their neighbours and offered them in return for online donations to the NHS; it was very well received. Archie's family are rightly proud of him in this endeavour. As the DVD cases are plastic, they can be disinfected and cleaned easily to decrease the risk of any cross contamination or transfer of the Coronavirus. Well done, Archie—a gallant effort.



*Mme Taylor*



*'Le Shopping'*

In Year 4's French lesson last week, the boys were learning the names of shops and what can be bought there.

One of the challenges was a decoding exercise. The boys had to use their skills to work out the names of the shops in French and then create their own codes. The picture shows Alex F in 4S, concentrating hard to break the codes. Well done; good work all round!

*Mme Swift*

# AVENGERS

Composition: Alan Silvestri  
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## Practice makes...?!

Tedd (7BL) has been showing a lot of endeavour and has been practising the 'Avengers' theme tune on the key board... a tricky piece as it is so recognisable and important to get the timing and notes right. We all appreciate how practising by yourself is hard and takes a lot of determination and hard work and Tedd is doing a great job—well done! *Miss Black*



## Lower Prep News

### Future Planning!

James W in 2H has made us all recall happier days and holidays from the past with his delightfully detailed piece of work about a seaside pier. Mrs Henery was very impressed.

She was also delighted to receive a motivational poster from some boys who wanted to share it with all the pupils of the Lower Prep to encourage them, keep them cheery and remind them we are all in this together! Here is their message to all which includes a gold medal design with silver writing as well!



# Lower Prep are stars,



# Keep happy, keep safe, keep working hard



## Canine Baking for a Change!

Benji A in 4L has been working hard this week to make biscuits for his pet dog Jackson! Jackson is a very lucky dog - well done for looking after him so well, Benji, and thinking of his needs before your own. *Mrs Lambert*







*Lower Prep Forest School*

This week the boys were shown an activity all about den building! You can watch the video [here](#)

Jay reminded everyone that dens can be made from almost anything you have to hand—chairs, duvets, washing lines even—as long as you are safe doing so and ask permission first. Jay gave our boys 5 useful tips to create a super space that will be appreciated and long-lasting and showed them how to tie practical knots to keep materials together when constructing your den!

*No End to Year 7s Creative Endeavours?!*



This week 7BL have been showing off their wide and varied creative talents and endeavours. The boys have been making their own cartoons and animations, playing musical instruments and drawing super heroes! Excellent work 7BL, Miss Black is very impressed and delighted to see all your efforts. This piece of art work is by Ruari F and shows a depiction of the cartoon character Iron Man—not an easy character to draw so this represents a great achievement!

*Miss Black*



*History Enrichment...en Francais!*

Mme Swift tells us about what the boys in Year 5 have been up to with her remote learning curriculum:

“In French last week, we thought about History enrichment and decided we could incorporate it into our lesson by researching the French Revolution and Bastille Day - hope you are impressed Mr Rudkin at these cross curricular links?! The boys in 5C and 5S produced some lovely pieces of work, including; posters, timelines and power points.

### The Reign of Louis XIV



**The Palace of Versailles**  
Louis took a palace called the Palace of Versailles. Construction started in October 1661 and took 29 years to build. His father (Louis XIII) was his and his brother there to escape an epidemic of bubonic plague at Fontenay-le-Comte. It is located in the department of Yvelines, in the region of Île-de-France. Versailles was due to the family of Louis XIV with the start of the French Revolution in 1789.

**Was Louis XIV?**  
Louis XIV reigned over France as The Sun King and The King of France for 70 years and 130 days, the longest reign of any monarch of any sovereign European country in history. He was born in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France, 21st of Sep. 1638 and died on the 1st of Sep. 1715.

**Louis's War**  
As well as being the King of France, Louis XIV was also a famous war leader. He fought 4 major wars and many more ones. The total number was 17 in his lifetime. One of his most famous wars was the Franco-Dutch war. It was fought against the Dutch Republic. The main reason the war was fought was to establish French possession of the Spanish Netherlands after having forced the Dutch Republic's capitulation. Louis XIV came out of the war as the greatest war leader of his time.

**Amazing Facts:**

- He was Louis XIV's cousin, God's Gift.
- He possessed 660 and was in control of his legs, he had special servants just for his legs!
- The modern American state Louisiana is named after Louis.
- Louis stopped up in children at the age of five.
- Louis was obviously terrified of Peter.
- Louis had 20 children but barely any of them survived.

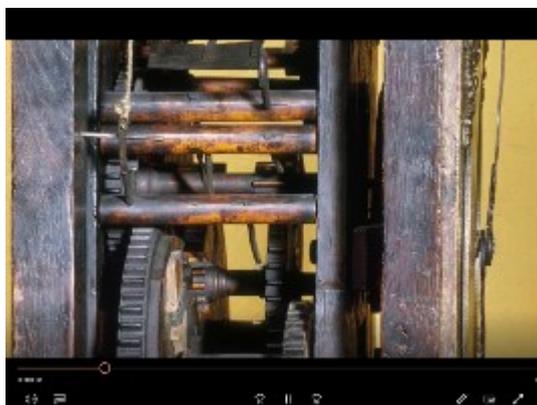
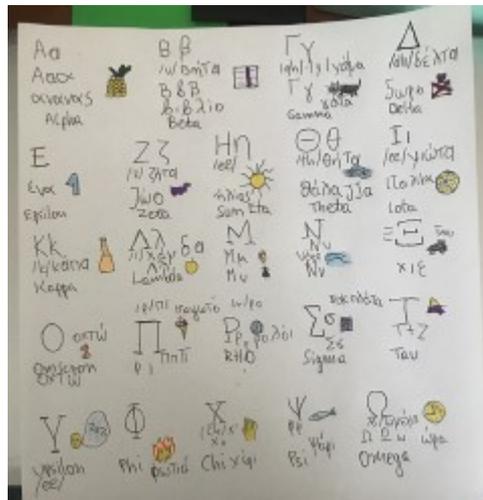


Here we have an informative, colourful poster produced by Alex W in 5S. A huge well done to all the boys for their efforts, they are really rising to the challenge of learning remotely and becoming more independent learners”. *Mme Swift*



*'It's all Greek to Me!'*

Mme Taylor asked her Year 8 boys to explore the Greek language this week; the French language they are used to has many of its roots in Latin and is known as a 'Romance' language, but Greek is a Hellenic language and from a different family altogether, there are not many connections. The boys were tasked with making a poster to illustrate Greek words with their English meanings—there were some fabulous results as we can see here. Mme Taylor and Mrs Weston were both thrilled at how the boys have enthusiastically got to grips with the Greek language.



*Time...*

After learning about the concept of Time in Maths, Barnaby in 4S was inspired to research and learn about John Harrison, who was a clock-maker. He researched and filmed himself talking about Harrison's life and how he explored the problem of trying to mark the passage of time on early ship voyages. This is a still from one of his video scenes. Harrison ended up creating a clock that Captain Cook used aboard his famous expedition ship, The Endeavour!

Barnaby has obviously been deeply inspired by the life and work of John Harrison and finished his filming with the following observation, "John Harrison was a man who exemplified respect, integrity and endeavour, and displayed true grit and resilience!"

A fabulous piece of work, Barnaby, Mr Murphy was very impressed! Miss Smith



Join your neighbours in a nationwide 'stay at home' street party!

Prepare for the day by decorating your house in red, white and blue.

**11am**  
2 minutes silence on your doorstep

**3pm**  
Churchill speech shown on BBC

Then grab your picnic blankets or garden table and head to your front garden for:

**4pm**  
Tea & scones (or coffee & cake)

**6pm**  
Dinner and raise your glass to your neighbours

**9pm**  
Nationwide sing-a-long to 'We'll meet again' with Royal British legion after the Queen's address

Please remember to follow the social distancing rules.

VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations

# STAY AT HOME STREET PARTY!

Friday 8th May 2020

DECORATE YOUR HOUSE RED, WHITE AND BLUE AND ENJOY A PICNIC IN YOUR FRONT GARDEN

Commemorate the end of WW2 by celebrating with your family, friends and neighbours!

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*'Endeavour' Cake Baking! Good enough to eat...*

In the Lower Prep Pupil Briefing, Mrs Henery instructed the boys in her 'Endeavour' cake baking using a sprinkle of *Try Your Best*, two spoonful's of *Effort* and a dusting of *Don't Give Up*. Some Lower Prep boys then decided to have a go at home; Max K in 4L and Alex F in 4S receive a Headmaster's Award for their effort.

Max's family report that it was delicious and there is now none left, so lots of hard work went into both the making and eating there is now none left, so lots of hard work went into both the making and the eating!



Nathan J in 4S was also very keen to make an 'Endeavour Lemon Loaf' and his ingredients were effort, hard work, perseverance and resilience. Well done, boys.

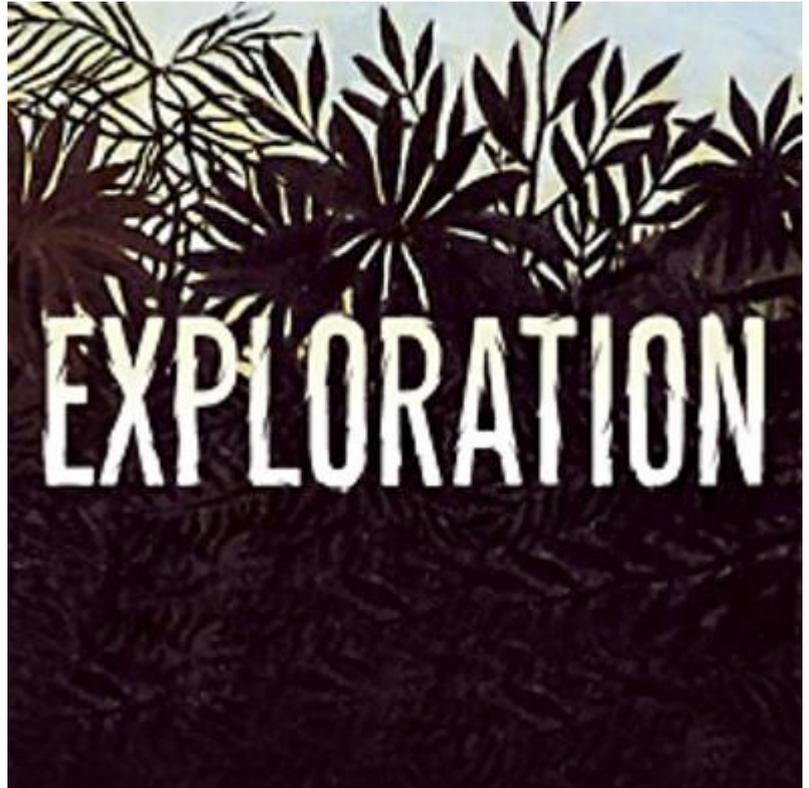
Mrs Henery,  
Miss Smith &  
Mrs Lambert



### Geography Enrichment Week

Next week's Geography department's Enrichment Week will focus on Britain's rich history of expedition and exploration, a topic which goes hand in hand with this term's value of endeavour. Throughout the school, pupils will have the opportunity to trace the footsteps of many famous expeditions and learn about explorers such as Livingstone, Shackleton, Scott and Fiennes.

I hope this will be a fun week in which all the family can participate. Pupils can do many of the suggested activities in the afternoon options session.



**1. Building Camps:** Boys and girls of all ages will be encouraged to build indoor or outdoor camps and have fun learning some essential skills needed to attempt any expedition. Video guides will be available to show you how to build different types of camps complete with fake camp fires, and videos of real fires can transform indoor locations into wilderness retreats! Why not get the tent out and camp in the garden?

**2. Indoor Expeditions:** Create scenes from expeditions inside your house and take a staged photograph. Boys could be mountaineering up the staircase or creating a tunnel using cushions to create the effect of potholing. Be creative but be safe!

**3. 'The Big family Exploration Quiz':** This will be sent via Parentmail on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. All the family can join in and there will be prizes.

**4. Video Vault:** We have created web links to over a 100 videos about exploration which the boys may watch. Some videos will be shown in lessons.

Exploration and endeavour are part of the Year 9 'Making of Modern Britain' trip which will take place next week, albeit virtually. Boys will use a purpose-built programme of activities on their i-Pads to 'travel' to many UK destinations and investigate how the nation got to where it is today, and assess what it means to be British.

*A Parentmail will be sent on Thursday evening explaining matters further and a list of videos be included. Please send in photographs or tell us what your sons got up to: [i.mitchell@kingswoodhouse.org](mailto:i.mitchell@kingswoodhouse.org) We hope this will be an exciting week but please be careful; we do not want any damage caused to homes or people! Thank you.*



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BETWEEN ME AND THE  
EDGE OF THE EARTH  
AND THE UNIVERSE"

- John Herrington, first Native American astronaut

