

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term
11 September 2020

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of the autumn term at Kingswood House and the 'new normal'! It has been wonderful to see the boys back at school and in high spirits, filling the corridors with laughter. As a staff team, we feel energised and ready to meet any challenges of the term ahead with renewed vigour.

It is with great pride that I congratulate our second cohort of Year 11 leavers who secured a commendable set of GCSE results with 100% of grades 9-4 (A**- C) and 52% of grades 9-6 (A**- B). Importantly, and in keeping with our reputation as a holistic school, we have delivered excellent after-care during the holiday and all students have moved on to sixth forms of choice for the next phase of their educational career. The boys truly personified our KHS values during a most exacting term and it was rewarding to see them achieve their full potential when it mattered most.

A lot of work has been undertaken on the school site over recent weeks in preparation for a safe return to school for children and staff alike. Amongst many other things, a new boiler and ceiling heating system have been installed in the Peter Brooks building, the DT studio has been significantly extended to create extra working space and additional astroturf has been laid next to the Willow Village to enhance the play area.

I extend a warm welcome to the new pupils who started at Kingswood House this week; I feel very sure, given the friendly nature of the school, that they will all settle in quickly. Additionally, I should like to congratulate Freddie Harrison (Senior Head Boy), Jack Leonard (Deputy Head Boy), Hasan Jaffri, Edward Monk, Toby Reed and Arad Rezavandi (Senior Prefects), Ben Hubber (Upper Prep Head Boy), Edward Bunyer-Ames (Upper Prep Deputy Head Boy) as well as Jack Chamberlain, James Carr, Ben Choy, Stuart Coleman, Alex Hill, Charles Leonard, Archie Spick and Tharani Vengachalam (Upper Prep Prefects) upon their appointments. Well done also to Cameron Edwards and Fraser Schmitt who are this term's Lower Prep monitors. They will, I am certain, be fine ambassadors for Kingswood House.

At the start of term especially, there will be some pressure on parking in and around the school. Do please use the drop-off points responsibly and with consideration for other drivers as well as our neighbours; this is especially important as the evening twilight encroaches.

I am hopeful that we will see the school back in full flow this term without interruptions – our key words will be kindness and patience as we seek to help the boys settle back in quickly whilst learning new procedures and routines. As ever, your ongoing patience, support and understanding will be invaluable.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster

The Kingswood House Way



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

SEPTEMBER WEEK 2			
Monday	14	0845-1600	Year 11 Pre-Mock Examinations Divisional Heads' Weekly Update
Tuesday	15	0845-1600	Year 11 Pre-Mock Examinations
Wednesday	16	0845-1600 0930	Year 11 Pre-Mock Examinations Lower Prep Forest School
Thursday	17	0845-1600	Year 11 Pre-Mock Examinations
Friday	18	0845-1600	Year 11 Pre-Mock Examinations Headmaster's Weekly Blog
Saturday 19		0930-1200	Open Morning

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Meatballs with Chilli, Garlic & Soy Sauce or Tomato Sauce (V)	Rice Pudding; Fresh Fruit	Chilli con Carne; Three Bean Chilli (V) with brown & white rice	Fresh Fruit Salad; Yoghurts	Leek, Ham & Potato Pie; Leek, Potato & Cheese Pie (V) with fresh broccoli	Choc Marble Cake & Choc Sauce; Fresh	Sweet & Sour Chicken; Veggie Sweet & Sour (V) with Noodles	Jelly; Fresh Fruit	Homemade Fish Pie with Peas	Ice Cream; Fresh Fruit

Bicycles and Cycling to School!

Whilst we encourage and welcome boys cycling to school, please can we remind parents and boys of the following,

1. The office should be aware if a pupil is cycling to and from school.
2. Entrance to the school site is via the car park only.
3. Bicycles should be stored in the cycle rack by the car park, please.
4. No cycling on site at any time.
5. Helmets and something reflective should be worn.
6. Lights should be in working order for the winter months.

Thank you for your support.



HOUSE POINTS!

House points will continue to be collected online this term. Boys can receive house points for good behaviour, showing the Kingswood House Way values, good work and trying their best.

Make sure you are doing all these things to try and get the most points for your house.... let the competition begin!

Miss Smith

T - TOGETHER
E - EVERYONE
A - ACHIEVES
M - MORE

LOST PROPERTY:

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

Dear Parents

At Kingswood House, the Kingswood House Way and value-based learning is an integral part of day to day life. During each term the school will focus on one value and its surrounding sub-values. The structure for this year can be found below:

Autumn term: **Respect** (Self-awareness, Tolerance, Social awareness, Democracy)

Spring term: **Integrity** (Honesty, Trust, Empathy, Loyalty)

Summer term: **Endeavour** (Effort, Resilience, Teamwork, Sportsmanship)

During this term we will be focusing on 'Respect'; this value is embedded into the behaviour code, day to day language and the reward system. Discussion and understanding of the value of respect will also take place during form times, house assemblies and form time assemblies. At Kingswood House, it is imperative that our pupils have respect for themselves, others and our school; we believe in helping boys to develop a strong moral compass and aim to support their development into well-rounded individuals.

Alongside our character values, we also focus on different academic subjects as part of the Kingswood House Way.

During this half of term the subject of focus is 'English', this means that the English department have worked extremely hard to put together a programme of activities which your son will have the opportunity to take part in. Below you can find a list of some of the activities that will be running throughout this half of term:

- Poetry writing – 'Kindness'
- Handwriting Competition
- Speaking / Writing to persuade
- Shakespeare in performance
- Poetic Forms
- Public Speaking Competition
- Reading in Unusual Places Competition

All of the teachers at Kingswood House will be looking for exceptional enrichment work across all subjects. Pieces of work will be appearing in the newsletter each week for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you

Mrs Wraith

KHW Co-ordinator

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



COMMENDATIONS & Mr Murphy's

Dispatches

Although boys are back in school, Mr Murphy intends, for this term, to continue with his video blog to share some of his thoughts with you regarding the past week or topical, news worthy items. He has also asked staff to still send him names of those boys whom they feel deserve a special mention in his 'dispatches'. You can read the detail below and see his blog: [here](#)

LOWER PREP

1 & 2L—Mrs Lambert would like to congratulate all the boys starting back for showing great enthusiasm to participate and engage in class.

3M—Mrs Marskell has nominated William N-B for his superb maths assessment and is very pleased with Zach and Toby for their first week too.

4S—Miss Smith says 'well done' to Ryan and Zac for a super first week and also to Hugo Hawksley for coming into Year 4 with a brilliant 'can do' attitude!

UPPER PREP

5F—Ms Forbes has reported a lovely first week with a special mention to Harry and Henry for their super settling in!

5S - my 'old boys' for welcoming the 'new boys' in so well and showing what a caring school we are and the new boys themselves for settling in so well and so quickly. It's going to be a great year! Mrs Seiver

6S—Kevin T and Freddie T in 6S have settled in very well, joining in, making friends and adapting to the procedures the school has put in place. Madame Swift

6R - Zachary and Howard in 6R for settling in so well in their new school. Ms Roets

Y7 – A great effort from all boys, and a special nod to all new boys, for their excellent first week:

7BL—Jonathan B who has shown himself to be a very polite boy with a super attitude. Miss Black

7Ba—Conor T for a mature start to the term & Ibrahim Muhammad for being focused in class. Mr Barratt

7P—Sergio A-S for a fantastic start and settling in so well. Miss Patel

8T – A mention to Max Horsting who has been super busy in and out of school this week – playing lots of football. Keep up the energy and positive thinking. Mme Taylor

8L – Jack R, Tommy W & Henry S for a great week all-round. Mr Laudy

SENIORS

9T—James K & Yejun L for showing enthusiasm and perseverance with settling in a new class and school environment. Mr Twinley

9H—Minsup K for settling in really well and having a positive week. Mr Hendry

10W—Mrs Weston is thrilled with the whole form for being so welcoming and well-organised.

10H—Mrs Haunstetter is grateful to her form for being so lovely, kind and helpful this week in answering all her questions about the school and the daily routine, as well as making her feel so welcome.

11W—have settled very well on their return to KHS. They have been excellent role models to the rest of the school, taking on all 'new normal' measures with calm and maturity. Mrs Wraith

11B—have created a good early impression with Mr Bailey; keep it up!

New Pupil Induction Afternoon

We held a successful afternoon during our staff INSET day at the start of September to welcome into school all our new pupils; traditionally this has been a date on the calendar in the late Summer term, but this was obviously not possible with lockdown restrictions. Our new starters were able to meet their class teachers and experience their new classroom whilst the parents were set their 'Prep' reading the Parent Handbook! Although we were not able to offer any refreshments on this occasion or allow any social interaction between the new families we are hoping this did not spoil the welcome experience too much. The boys all seemed to leave with smiles on their faces and eager to return for the start of term 'proper'.



We would like to invite all our new families to our first Open Morning of the academic year on Saturday 19th September if they wish to tour the school. Please note there will be no other pupils on site and attendance must be confirmed in advance with a time slot allocated. [Ms Angela Liu](#), Head of Admissions & Marketing, will be in touch shortly regarding this opportunity, or please do make contact with her directly. Thank you.



Prefects...and Pastries?!

Our new cohort of Prefects were soon called upon for their first 'duty' of the new school year; they were to gather at break time, accept their Prefect's stripy tie and consume hot chocolate and pastries whilst listening to Mr Murphy welcome them to their role!



We are delighted to report they all excelled in this first task and we look forward to a good period of service from them all; thank you in advance for your dedication and efforts, boys.

School Returns!

Despite the early morning alarm, which was a definite shock to many, the return of all pupils to the KHS site was a welcome and joyful event; a school premises just does not feel the same without it being full of children! Huge thanks must go to Mrs Sally Witts and her facilities team for working tirelessly to prepare the classrooms and grounds with the necessary 'one-way' signage, hand sanitiser stations, marking tape and information signs that have enabled us all to be back in school together, following the necessary government guidelines and compliance. A copy of our documentation relating to this can be found on the website [here](#) and details all the planning and procedures that are now in place to make KHS a happy and Covid safe environment for all to work and play in.

Thank you for all your support over the past few months and going forward—it's great to be back!



Staff Welcome

Monday was the first school day at Kingswood House for a healthy number of new staff and I am delighted with the depth and strength of our growing team: Mrs Julie Haunstetter (History & HPQ), Miss Nikki Patel (Science & Duke of Edinburgh), Mrs Belinda Horley (Drama), Mrs Monica Wraith (Art & Kingswood House Way), Miss Kim Foster (Music), Ms Angela Liu (Admissions & Marketing), Mrs Lorraine Morgan (Exams & Compliance), Mr George Mitchell (Graduate Assistant) and Mr Jeremy Westcott (Graduate Assistant). In the Study Centre, we also welcomed Mrs Emma Ibbotson (Assistant SENCo), Mrs Tessa Curnin (LSA), Mrs Sandra O'Shea (LSA), Miss Julie Smith (LSA), Ms Chantelle Martins (LSA) and Mrs Heather Jones (LSA). I am sure you will join me in wishing our new staff a long and successful association with Kingswood House.

They stand as a talented and inspiring bunch with a number of surprising facts already revealed; we have amongst us someone who is 'a David Bowie super fan and have been since the age of 10!' as well as someone who can claim their family had 29 dogs when she was growing up in it! A member of the 1993 Tall Ships sailing team joins our ranks alongside a county hockey and tennis player and a former radio DJ. Another can very proudly claim to have completed the Moonwalk night-time marathon through London in 2005, raising over £1000 for Breast Cancer research; excellent to have such commitment and compassion in school. We have grand historical connections as well with, 'My grandfather and great-grandfather helped build the propeller and propeller-shaft of Titanic' and some one who was, '...an Electronic Engineer and part of the team that set up Ireland's first mobile phone network.'

We look forward to getting to know them all. *Mr Murphy*



'Bubbles'...

With all the current talk of 'bubbles' it was time for the boys in Years 3 and 4 to explore the real thing and find out what it all meant for them in school. Here they are having lots of fun with Miss Smith and Mrs Marskell out on the astro.



Science Up and Running

The Year 11s stepped into the Science lab on Thursday and enjoyed getting straight down to some experiments watching the effects of Sulphuric Acid on a range of materials; they looked very 'pro' with their white coats and safety goggles aware of lab rules and procedures. It was great to have our new Science Technician, Mrs Raza, fully involved as well. Great work, everyone! *Miss Black*



Cricket News

The following news of two KHS boys delighted us all recently;

“Despite the limited cricket season, Kingswood boys Ben C (8T) and Rory S (8L) had great success representing Surrey U12's at County level. The pair were joint 3rd highest wicket takers in Surrey and recorded some of the finest all-round figures in the County.

With the ball, Ben took 4 wickets for 39 runs off 9 overs resulting in a bowling average of 9.8 runs per wicket and a strike rate of a wicket every 14 balls. Remarkably, Rory had very similar figures taking 4 wickets for 34 runs off 8 overs leading to a bowling average of 8.5 runs per wicket and a strike rate of a wicket every 12 balls.

With the bat, both players made significant contributions in the context of a number of low scoring 20/20 matches with Rory averaging 14 runs and Ben 10 runs per innings. The combination of strong batting and bowling averages meant the boys were two of the very best performing all-rounders in Surrey U12s. Well done, Ben and Rory! “

We look forward to watching their prowess unfold in the next cricketing season here at school.



Also out on the cricket pitch was our very own Mr Murphy - as we can reveal that he rolled back the years last weekend and took five wickets for the President's XI in a match at Dunsfold CC. He was honoured to be made Man of the Match! However, after not being able to move for 48 hours afterwards, he says it will probably be the last time!

'Getting to Know You' in Year 6

Form 6S have settled in well to the new school year. On Monday we were conducting a 'Getting to Know You' exercise. Taking advantage of the good weather and observing the socially distancing rules, we completed the exercise outside; the boys enjoyed finding out who had similar interests, and that mostly all the boys in the class like pizza.

Madame Swift





Lower Prep Learning

Year 1 & 2 have had a great start to the new term and have been learning all about their new topic, 'The Great Fire of London' They created their own timeline and discovered that the fire was many years ago; even before Mrs Lambert was born! We are all looking forward to finding out more about what happened to London in 1666.



Lower Prep as a whole cohort enjoyed their first Forest School session of the year on Wednesday in school with instructor Jay.

Years 3 & 4 built a fire under close supervision and Years 1 & 2 built their own houses from natural materials in the Willow Village.



Next week, all the boys are looking forward to their first 'al fresco' hot chocolate of the Autumn term as well as more exploration outside in our natural environment.



Clubs Information—a note from our Clubs Co-ordinator, Mrs Lambert:

This information is a repeat of the Parentmail that was sent earlier in the week for your reference.

Dear Parents

Due to Covid restrictions, we are running a reduced Clubs list and will be keeping boys in their PE bubbles as much as possible; therefore Lower Prep, Years 5 & 6, Years 7 & 8 and Seniors have their own lists, so it is easy for you and your son to see which activities are available to them. Those clubs which include boys from different bubbles will practise social distancing and hand hygiene. There will also be a rota system and popular clubs, which are normally available across the school, will switch to a different bubble after half term to give as many boys as possible the chance to participate throughout the year. Please also note that some clubs may need to operate a waiting list as we need to be mindful of allowing enough space within classrooms, even for boys within the same bubble.

As you aware, the school policy regarding Games lessons is that boys will come into school wearing their PE kits for the day. If your son is involved in Karate, Tennis or Daley Thompson Athletics and does not have PE that day, then he will be able to change into or out of his sports kit in the school changing rooms, under the supervision of the club leader. This is possible because there will only be a small number of participants and they will be able to utilise all the space in the changing rooms. To avoid extra washing of kit, please ensure your son wears sports kit from home, rather than his KHS kit, to any external clubs.

Boys who are attending clubs after school will be escorted to the car park gate by the club leader to be collected by parents and carers, unless they have permission to make their own way home. Please follow the pick-up protocols detailed in the KHS Covid Plans & Procedures document when you arrive at the school.

Please look at the clubs with your son and encourage him to choose activities which he will enjoy and which will develop his skills and interests. The members of KHS staff running each club will be happy to talk to your son if he has any queries and the contact details for clubs run by external providers are also given below for you to make direct contact and check if there are still places available.

Tennis with Simon Pethybridge: Mondays 7.30am – 8.30am All Age Groups

s.pethybridge@googlemail.com

Daley Thompson Athletics: Tuesdays 4.00pm – 5.00pm Years 3 - 7

kate@aspiretogreatness.co.uk or admin@aspiretogreatness.co.uk

Karate with Les Goodwin: Tuesday 4.00pm – 5.00pm All Age Groups patio.plus.leslie@gmail.com

(Les will not be able to offer Judo under the current restrictions but boys who attended his classes are welcome to try Karate instead!)

Fencing with Nick Payne: Monday lunchtime Beginners (Year 4), Intermediates (Year 5+)

nick.payne@swordfightinginternational.com

Ukulele Club with Steve Bradfield: Thursday Years 4 – 6 1.00pm – 1.30pm, Years 8 – 10 1.30pm – 2.00pm

flametofiresteve@googlemail.com

Most clubs will start during the week commencing Monday 14th September so your son will need to sign up with the relevant club leader as soon as possible.

We hope your son enjoys the clubs on offer and please direct any queries you may have to the club leader if you would like further information. Thank you for your patience and understanding in how we are running our clubs currently.

Parent Information Online Meetings

A big 'Thank You' to all those parents who were able to join us for the year group information meetings presented by our Divisional Heads—

Mrs Lambert, [Lower Prep](#)

Mr Clarke, [Upper Prep](#)

Me Sukhdeo, [Seniors](#).

The information is available on our website under the relevant section (or please click above) should you wish to refer to it in the future.

Here are the Class Reps for the forthcoming year...they will be in touch soon! We thank them in advance for their hard work for the benefit of the entire school community.



Class Reps List 2020-21

Lower Prep	Noirin Pantlin Stephanie Schmitt
Year 5	Julie Larter Laura Miller
Year 6	Helen Clarke Sian Thomas
Year 7	Emma Nicolau Caroline Moffatt Yelda Ozderici
Year 8	Carly Bunyer Paula Chamberlain
Year 9	Caroline Hamilton Jen Venzelaar-Pelly
Year 10	Rachel Allenby Helen Beckman
Year 11	Nicky Harrison Nicky Totham



DROP IN

MONDAY

10.55AM

TUESDAY

10.25 -10.55 AND 10.55-11.25

WEDNESDAY

10.55-11.25

A reminder from Ms Timothy, our lovely ELSA, that she is available for 'drop in' sessions if any pupil wishes to chat about any concerns or worries that they might be experiencing. She will be sat outside if the Library is in use, so do approach her about anything.

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TIMES
don't last
TOUGH
TEAMS
DO