

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term
25 September 2020

KHS IS MOVING TO CO-EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER 2021 - find out more [here](#)

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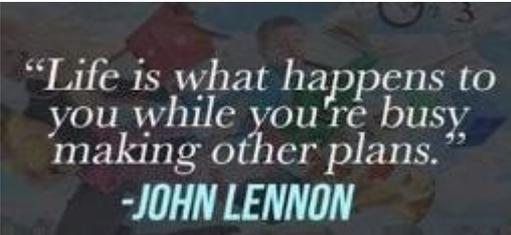
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Dear Parents

I am pleased to note that this week has seen steady progress in respect of the boys adapting to our 'new normal' on site. The next step is for them to be increasingly respectful of distance between one another, and adults, when moving around the school; please reinforce this at home.

Latest information from the government suggests that school closure remains a last resort in the battle to contain the R-rate but significantly it has not been ruled out as part of a potential lockdown; however, you can be assured that KHS has excellent contingency plans if this eventuality comes to pass.



Your patience and understanding will be appreciated as we are receiving updated advice on a daily basis at the moment – it is an extremely busy and challenging time, but worth all of the effort to see a thriving school back in harmony once again. Please see our **Updated Covid-19 Plans and Procedures** on the website [here](#) which in accordance with new government guidance gives more information on face coverings and our contingency planning for outbreaks.

The Kingswood House Way



Yours sincerely



Duncan Murphy
Headmaster



Some of our Lower Prep boys enjoying their time back in the classroom and in the grounds.

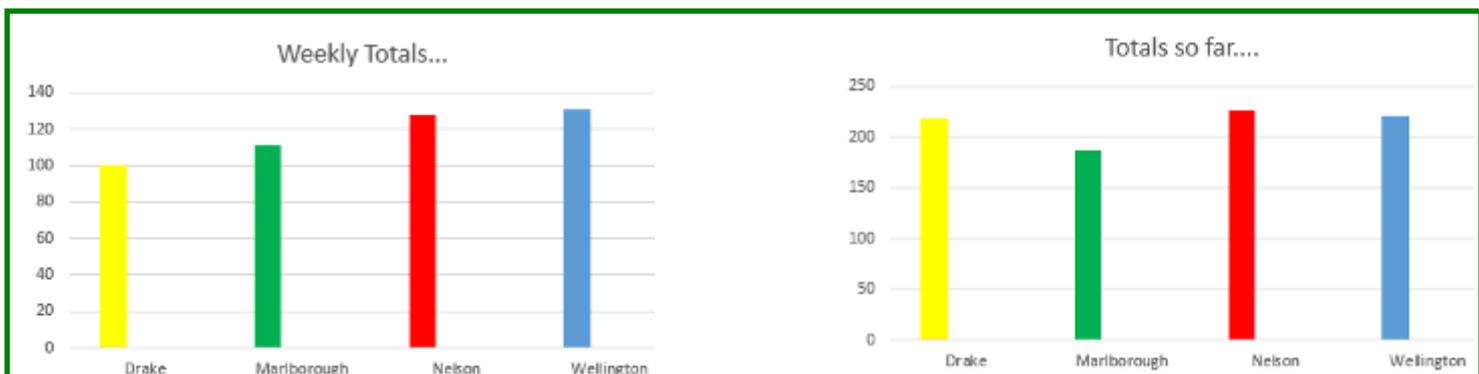


Please find below the calendar dates for next week and any current notices:

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER WEEK 2			
Monday	28		Divisional Heads' Weekly Update
Tuesday	29	0945-1055 1800	Elevate Study Skills Seminar for Year 11 in Langlands Elevate Study Skills Workshop for Year 11 Parents
Wednesday	30	0930-1030 1630	Lower Prep Forest School Year 11W Careers Evening
Thursday	01	1630	Year 11W Careers Evening
Friday	02	0930-1200	Open Morning Headmaster's Weekly Blog

LUNCH MENU week commencing 28 September

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon & Tomato or Spicy Tomato Sauce (V) with Penne Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Cottage Pie; Cheese & Potato Pie (V) with Fresh Carrots	Fresh Fruit; Ice Cream	Roast Chicken; Pesto Pasta, Roast Potatoes & Fresh Cabbage	Fresh Fruit; Apple & Pear	Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne	Fresh Fruit; Rice Pudding	Homemade Fish Pie with Peas	Fresh Fruit; Jelly



This week sees an increase in weekly house points! Drake have managed to achieve 100 and Wellington have stormed ahead with 131! Overall.....the gap is closing! Marlborough currently sit in 4th place with 187, followed by Drake with 218; a close second of 221 for Wellington and Nelson just sneak into top place with 226! Amazing work so far, remember it can all change week by week. What will you do next week to earn house points for your house? *Miss Smith*

LOST PROPERTY:

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

Also, Zayn J, 1/2L has lost a Next bag containing his forest school clothes (wellies and waterproofs). Everything is named and it was hanging on his peg in the Lower Prep coat shed so someone may have taken it by mistake. Please could you check at home and return to Mrs Lambert if you find it! Thank you.

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 they feel deserve a special mention in his 'dispatches'. **You can read the detail below and see his blog [here](#)**

LOWER PREP

1 & 2 L Zayn J for being so positive about his learning and producing some detailed descriptions in English. Mrs Lambert

3M Jamie C whose knowledge on Ancient Egypt is amazing. Mrs Marskell

4S Frankie W for using amazing similes in his poetry this week - Well done! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

Y5

5F Peter S and Rhys B for great science work this week. Miss Forbes

5S Frankie L for showing good resilience returning to school after being unwell; Lucas C for excellent manners. Mrs Seiver

Y6

6R Lauti has been a very diligent monitor over the past two weeks and Tristan was a model tour guide for a prospective pupil on Monday.

6R Zachary Y in Science - great attitude! Mr Barratt

6S Kevin T for his positive approach to his learning. Mr Barratt

Y7

7Ba Josh McC has worked very hard on his multiplication this term. Ms Roets

7Bl Josh I has demonstrated high motivation in Science. Mr Barratt

7P Enzo R has shown excellent KHS values after a difficult time earlier in the week. Miss Patel

Also, Noah S in 7P for sharing some fascinating information about his family during WWI. Mr Twinley

Y8

8L Ruari F has made a really positive start to term. Keep it up! Mr Laudy

8T Zachary F was a fine ambassador during a socially-distant tour with a visitor this week. Mme Taylor

SENIORS

Y9

9H Ismail M for looking smart each day and setting the right tone for the others. Mr Hendry

9T Harvey W for his focus and application in Maths lessons. Mr Barratt

Also, Tommy C in 9T, for working hard no matter what, being polite and keeping a sense of humour. Mr Twinley

Y10

10H Eddie F impresses with his quiet diligence and Joe O has also made an encouraging all-round start to the term.

Mrs Haunstetter

10W

Mrs Weston, in her absence, was delighted to receive communication from the cover teacher saying how much of a joy the form was at registration; they were so well behaved and so helpful to a new member of staff and displayed such good behaviour. Mr Mitchell

Dispatches Continued...

SENIORS

Y11

11B

Year 11B Maths - for remaining positive after receiving their Maths results and getting stuck into the new work immediately. Ms Roets

11W

Year 11W for attaining some pleasing pre-mock results. Mrs Wraith

OTHER SUBJECTS:

Mrs Wraith has been super impressed with Toby H in 3M's art work so far in lessons – a delight to see!

London's burning this week in Year 1 & 2!

The boys have been learning that the buildings in London were very close together and made from wood so the Great Fire spread quickly and destroyed most of the city. The boys drew some fantastic pictures showing how fierce and destructive it was!" Mrs Lambert



Derin's Titanic

Here is Derin with his fabulous model of the Titanic he built in response to prep he was set in History. A truly remarkable feat of engineering to rival the real thing!



15 Minutes With... Miss Kim Foster

- Favourite car – *Bentley Continental GT, I can't drive, but I can dream.*
- Favourite place – *Iceland or Miami.*
- Favourite food – *Beans on Toast!*
- Favourite band or singer – *Sammy Rae; it's the perfect mix of jazz and catchy tunes.*
- Favourite film – *'Hot Fuzz' because it was filmed in my hometown and it helps me when I'm homesick.*
- Favourite smell – *Vanilla or when it rains after a long time of being sunny.*
- Favourite sport / team or player – *Gareth Thomas. I played the harp to him when I was younger, and remember how lovely he was.*
- Who in the world would you like to be? *My Dad; he is the most hardworking man I know, and I aspire to be like that.*
- What were you like at school? *Generally, pretty good. I never got a detention, but I did push the limits for nail polish and makeup.*
- What is an interesting fact about yourself? *I love rollercoasters – My two favourites are called Manta in Seaworld, Orlando or The Incredible Hulk in Islands of Adventure, Orlando.*



...and 12 choices 'either / or':

Dog / Cat (My mum used to breed dogs, I grew up at dog shows where she used to judge – I can pretty much recognise every breed)

Netflix / Instagram

Phone Call / Text (I won the 'most likely to avoid your phone call' prize at university)

Facebook / Twitter

Swimming / Sunbathing

Take away / Fine dining out

Skiing / Surfing (Neither – I'm too conscience about not breaking a bone)

Passenger / Driver

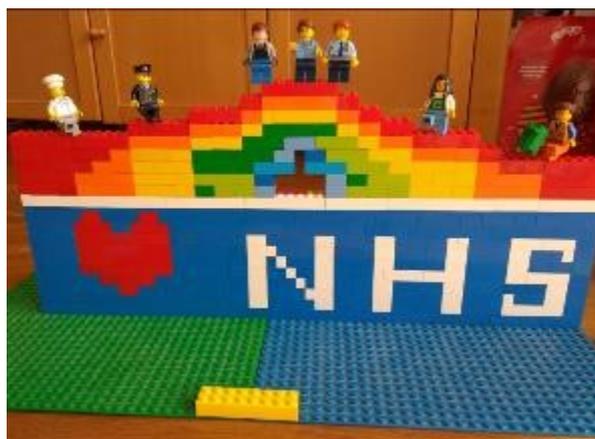
Pen / Pencil

City / Countryside (I grew up in Somerset – I miss it)

Paperback book / Kindle (Short stories because I have the attention span of a goldfish when it comes to reading...)

KHS Pupil Making History!

We are thrilled to hear the news of the inclusion of a rainbow model inspired by, and made during lockdown, is to be included in a national museum collection as testament to the period we all spent at home. Theo in 7BA made a colourful Lego model as a tribute to the NHS staff and a photo of it will form part of the V&A Museum of Childhood's archive of homemade signs created by children during lockdown. He is delighted that it has been chosen to feature; well done Theo!



[Love Me Love My Mind](#) is a small registered charity based in Epsom which aims to promote better understanding of mental health and to support the wellbeing of everyone in the community. They are run entirely by volunteers and funded by grants and donations and are in the throes of organising the Epsom Mental Health & Well-Being Festival October 2020.



The Festival has an online art competition, the theme for this year's competition is 'Seeds of Hope in Uncertain Times' and the boys at KHS have produced some wonderful responses and Mrs Wraith has selected four entries created by James T (11B), Jamil H (5F), Hugo D (10H), and a collaborative piece made by boys in Year 7 entitled 'Out of Lockdown' in which the pupils created a piece based upon pollution of the sea from masks, plastic gloves and the regrowth and hope of new life.

Visitors will be able to vote online here for their favourite work from 9am Tuesday 29th September. There will be an array of super work from local schools so please view and vote. Voting will close at 9am Tuesday 6th October.

A panel of judges will select the winners and prizes will be presented by Chris Graying MP of Epsom and Ewell.

Art is an important factor for our mental health and I am sure you will enjoy looking at the work online. *Mrs Wraith*

Image 1 Hugo D (10H) 'Seeds of Change': Age group 12-18 years, along with Image 2 James T (11B) 'Growth & Happiness'.

Image 3 Jamil H (5F) 'Sunset in Pastels': Age group 0-11 years.

Also in this age group is Image 4 'Out of Lockdown': Age group 0-11 years.





Year 4 PSHE

Year 4 have been learning about being inclusive and about teamwork. The boys had to pass the ball around the circle to every member of the team, without using their hands or letting the ball touch the floor! They struggled the first time, however after discovering what was needed to make it work, they managed it with ease—a great little exercise to get them all thinking and working together. Well done boys, let's keep this approach up daily in class!

Miss Smith



Hello! It's smiles all round and lots of positive attitude from Form 6R this year who are trying extra hard to get along and be kind and considerate to each other; a great job so far boys. Keep it up! *Miss Roets*



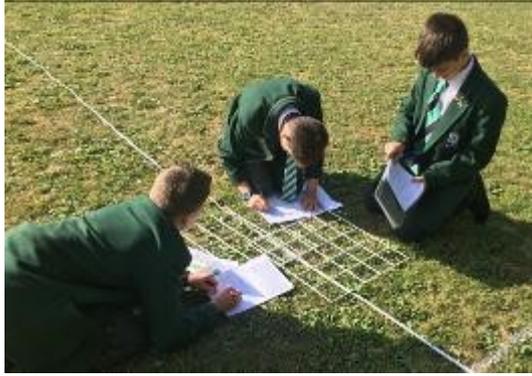
Pizza Making!

The boys in Years 3 and 4 had an extra treat the other day as they enjoyed a session making pizzas. Mrs Marskell was particularly impressed with their kneading skills so if any of them ask the question, 'What's for dinner?' you know the reply...!



Year 8 Science in the Great Outdoors!

8T have been doing some ecological sampling of the field and identifying the different plant species found there; they were blessed with good weather which can not always be relied upon for field work! *Miss Patel*



Growing Season?

This glorious spell of Autumn sunshine has brought many classes outside to learn and make the most of our available space; here are Years 3 and 4 planting herb seeds

with Mrs Marskell...and judging by the raised hands it seems they know lots already! *Miss Smith*



Year 3 PSHE

Here are Year 3 who have been talking about their past achievements and what they want to improve on and develop this year. Toby said he wanted to get 10 stickers from Mr Murphy....he's 1 down and 9 to go! Fabulous to see such great positive attitudes and lots of aspirational dreams waiting in the wings to happen this year! *Miss Smith*





Department for Education

Letter for parents about COVID-19 symptoms

Public Health England have produced a letter for schools to distribute to parents which explains when a person requires a coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are. The Department would be grateful if you could share and circulate this letter amongst parents at your school.

The intention of the letter is to help prevent children being taken out of school unnecessarily and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus

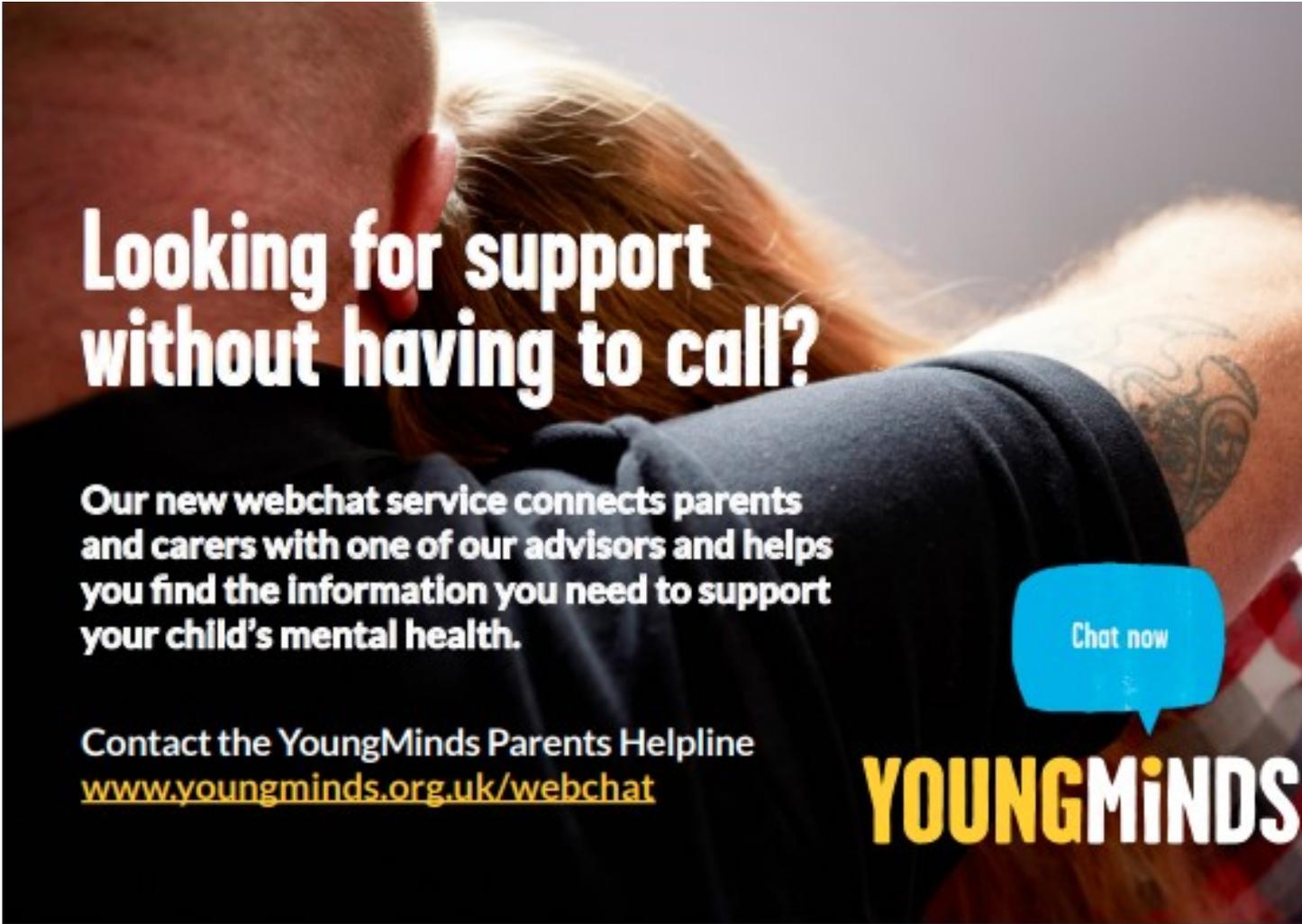
Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

You can read the information [here](#)

'Old' Boys News

We always like to hear about what our old KHS boys are up to, whether they left 10 years ago or amongst our last cohort and received the following snippet from the Battrick family, "Rhys won the History prize for his year (at Epsom College) which is no mean feat given the competition and a testament to KHS. He also got a mention in the awards for most improved academically in his house. I'm so glad he finished his prep years properly at KHS as it has served him well".

Mr Mitchell recently heard about alumni Freddie Gathercole who is currently in Year 12 at Epsom College and is hopeful for a place at Bristol University to read Veterinary Science; his twin brother Bertie wants to study Maths. Finn Everett and Elliot O'Byrne also currently Year 12 are doing well at their studies too.



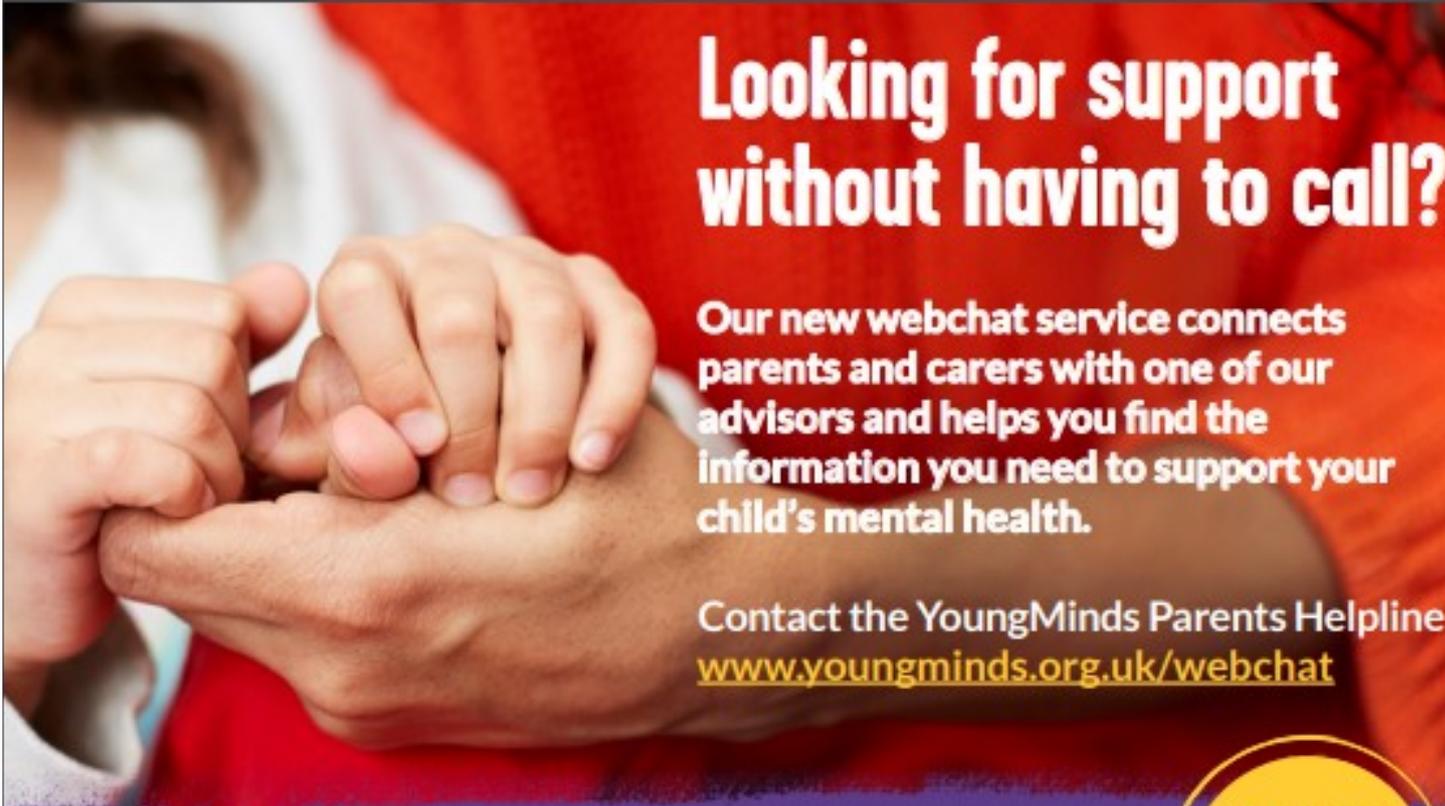
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