

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term
16 October 2020

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Dear Parents

In light of news this week that Northern Ireland has announced temporary school closure as a part of their four week 'circuit-break' lockdown, I think it wise to assume that a similar outcome may be forthcoming in other parts of the United Kingdom; there is growing pressure upon the government to introduce their own measure. It is possible, but not confirmed, that this may come into effect for us during the first week back after half term on a temporary basis. Over the summer, Ian Mitchell prepared a bespoke home learning timetable - broadly similar in nature to that from last term but with some enhancements - which can be facilitated at short notice. All is in hand at this end; but please ensure that you have the necessary equipment and resources to access MS Teams from home, should this eventuality materialise. Naturally, the school will maintain communication with you over half term as the need arises.

Earlier this week, a **Parent Questionnaire** and **Transport Survey** were sent out for you to complete electronically. I should be most grateful if you were to devote a few minutes of your time to complete them; this feedback is invaluable in helping us determine priorities of operational matters.

Click [here](#) to access the Transport Survey
Click [here](#) to access the Parent Questionnaire

I wish you a restful half term and will be in touch, as required, with information pertaining to any significant developments.

Yours sincerely

Duncan A I Murphy
Headmaster



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

NOVEMBER WEEK 2			
Monday	02		Divisional Heads' Weekly Update
Tuesday	03	1630 onwards	Form 5F Parents' Evening
Wednesday	04	0930-1030 1630 onwards	Lower Prep Forest School Form 5S Parents' Evening
Thursday	05		
Friday	06	0900-1200	OPEN MORNING Headmaster's Weekly Blog
Saturday	07	0900	Y3 & Y5 Scholarship Morning

LUNCH MENU week commencing 02 November 2020

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Leek, Ham & Potato Pie; Leek, Cheese & Potato Pie (V) with Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Choc Marble Cake with Fresh Custard	Roast Chicken, Pigs in Blankets; Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Meatballs; Tomato Sauce (V) with Penne Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Cookies	Homemade Fish Pie with Peas	Fresh Fruit; Ice Cream

'Hello Yellow'

Here are Form 8T looking resplendent in their yellow clothing and accessories recognising young people's mental health last Friday.



Mr Murphy welcomed Miss Merinda D'Aprano, former Head of Notre Dame School to KHS on Thursday in advance of her INSET training for staff on diversity, gender and equality in January.



LOST PROPERTY:

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

Girls' Taster Day!

Your son would not have been telling fibs, or over-stretching his imagination, if he had come home this week and reported back, excitedly, that there were girls in school! Indeed there were...! On Monday, we were delighted to welcome a handful of prospective girls to enjoy the morning with us and experience KHS lessons and play time. Our boys were inclusive and welcoming and seemed to relish their company in class. Thank you to all staff who helped make the morning such a success; we hope to hold another such event in the Spring Term as our applications grow from families interested in sending their daughters here from September.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS FOR THIS HALF TERM!

We have had six weeks back in school of hard work and the house point totals are in for the first half of term.... *Drum roll please!*

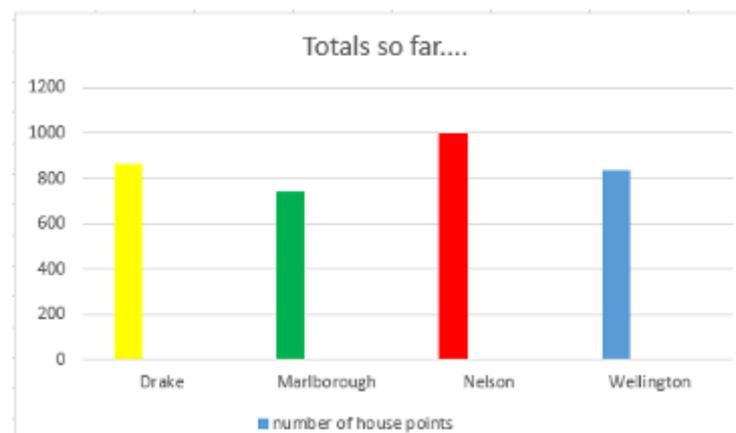
Marlborough sit 4th place with a healthy 740 points

Wellington come in at 3rd with 100 more at 840

Drake creep past into 2nd with 866

While **Nelson hold tight onto the top spot** with 999!

We now have a break before the competition begins again so everyone can rest up and come back raring to go! *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

1 & 2 L

Ted R for outstanding work on writing a Great Fire Of London Diary! Mrs Lambert

3M

Ciaran P is this week's star pupil; in Maths he has been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and has contributed really well during the lesson. Mrs Marskell

4S

Zac D for excellent cooking skills! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Benji A for consistent high levels of effort in lessons. Mr Hendry

Harry B for always being polite; in addition, he has written a lovely story this week. Miss Forbes

5S

Jack H, Lucas C and Fraser B for consistent high levels of effort in lessons. Mr Hendry

6S

Kieran S and Jack G for consistent high levels of effort in lessons. Mr Hendry

Freddie T for his amazing goal in Football (Games) on Wednesday to help his team win a crucial match. Mr Barratt

6R

Jason S, Howard K and William B for consistent high levels of effort in lessons. Mr Hendry

Hussain K was nominated for the Prep Schools Lions Development Squad trials and up against approximately 180 boys he earned himself a place in their development squad with training camp over the Easter holidays 2021 and the possibility of an international tour to Sweden next July. Very well done, Hussain. Mr Hendry

7BA

Ethan C for being a 'Maths Genius' in lessons this week! Mr Barratt

Madame Swift's Year 7 French class, a mix of 7BA and 7P who always work hard and are polite and respectful.

Beau C for an excellent piece of French prep. Mme Taylor

7BI

Henry T for greater focus in his Maths work. Mr Barratt

Shay C has been working so hard in all of his subjects and has had a really positive start to Kingswood House. Miss Black

Joel M, Oliver D, Dylan B, Elliot N and Pryank P - all of these boys volunteered to read the public speaking piece to the form, this took great courage and they all did an excellent job. Miss Black

7P

Enzo R for his fantastic research into pigeon racing and their use of magnetic fields! Miss Patel

Also, the 'new' boys Sergio A-S, Sam C and Charles R for settling in so well and having a great first half term! Miss Patel

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Dispatches

Continued...

8L

James C was impressive with his selfless tidying up after a card sort activity with lots of cutting up - asked to do so, just got on and did it. Well done! Mrs Haunstetter

8T

Bogdan P for a great work rate in his Maths. Mr Barratt

SENIORS

9H

Tom C—great concentration in Maths. Mr Barratt

9T

Theo V-P - Greater application to his work with greater understanding. Mr Barratt

The 9T French group for great effort and progress so far this term. A pleasure to teach! Mme Taylor

10H

Ryan L for being really helpful and supportive of another student during HPQ, by sharing some resource ideas.

10W

Our cover teacher, Mrs Dean remarked what a delight it had been covering Y10 Computer Science; "The boys have been lovely, so well behaved, worked well and were so polite."

The class consisted of Theo S, Ewan W, Max M-N, Ali D, Daniel I, Sam S and Jo O (in 10H)

Madame Taylor reported that several Year10s rushed past her but Josh L 10W stood back held the door open for her.

11B

All of 11B for starting meaningful conversations in form time without any input from me; Team work and mindfulness as an example. Mr Bailey

11W

Harri G and Michael C prepared excellent speeches based upon diversity and inclusion for public speaking completion .They spoke with compassion and clarity. Well done! Mrs Wraith

Reading in Unusual Places!

A reminder from Mr March that this half term holiday is the ideal time for a good read... in an unusual place! It could be a book, poetry, drama script, song words, magazine, comic or Kindle device and you may well have to be extra inventive to think up your unusual and original place as far flung, exotic holiday destinations are unlikely...

Please email [Mr March](#) any photos or give them to him on return to school. Thank you.



Music News—a note from Miss Foster

This half term, we are necessarily running our informal concerts a little differently; here are three videos of the pupils who wanted to present musical pieces and activities they have been working on recently. As a new member of staff, I have been really impressed by everyone—their hard-work is very much in evidence and their performances are fantastic. I would like to thank all the boys who took part, and for putting up with me trying to operate my iPad! We hope you enjoy these videos of the music that has been happening within school so far, and we look forward to the next one and our Christmas production.

Please click the following links to see the concerts.

[Seniors](#)

[Prep Part 1](#)

[Prep Part 2](#)



London's Burning!

Year 1 and Year 2 boys have been super busy researching what London looked like at the time of the Great Fire; they



modelled some of the houses and buildings to help them understand why, and how, the fire started and spread so rapidly. Also as part of this topic they created their own Samuel Pepys Wooden spoons!

This helped them learn more about fabrics and what their uses were in society. Miss O'Shea kindly made the class an origami Samuel Pepys' Diary that the boys were able to take home with their dolls! *Mrs Lambert*

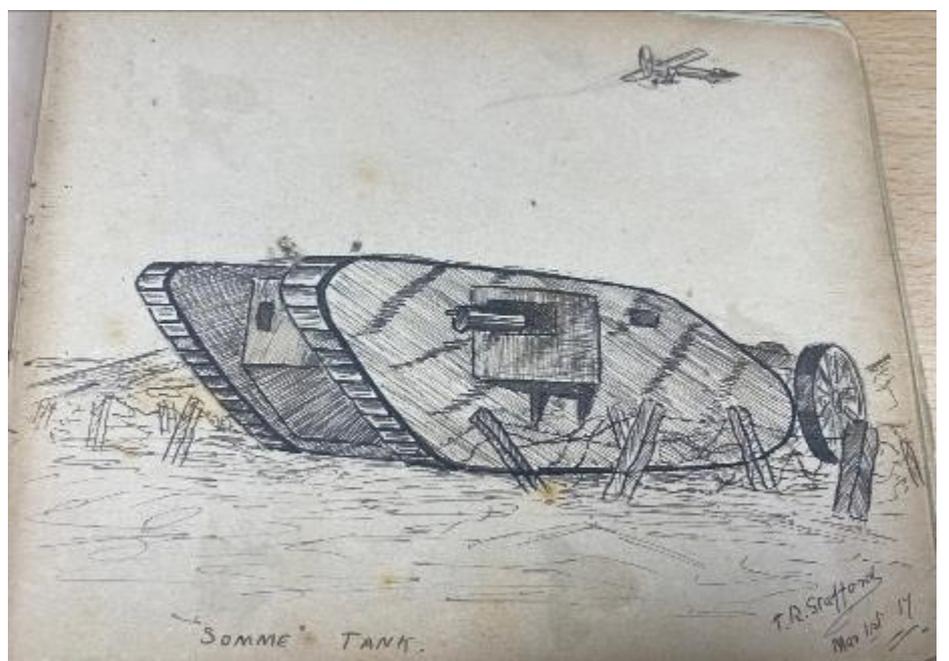


Year 9 History Brought To Life...

Year 9 are currently studying the First World War and have recently been looking at what life in the trenches was like. Mrs Julie Smith one of the LSAs, very kindly brought in an autograph book which belonged to her grandmother – *pictured here.*



During the war, her family used to have soldiers come and stay with them at their bed and breakfast accommodation. Here is a picture drawn by a soldier of what the trenches were like, along with a hand drawn tank from the Battle of the Somme of 1916 – the first time tanks were used in warfare. 9T were fascinated to see this personal artefact from the war and it really made their understanding of the topic come alive. *Mrs Haunstetter*



Art Competition Winners!

Mrs Wraith was delighted to receive, and share with you all the news that some of our school entries into the Epsom Mental Health and Well-Being Competition, in which many local secondary and independent schools take part, have been recognised as very worthy winners. Chris Grayling, our local MP announced **Hugo D** in 10H as the joint winner in the 12-18 year old category. A cheque of £50 is being sent to school for Hugo. This is a wonderful achievement and shows his high standard of attainment already in his GCSE coursework.

Here he is pictured with his work which is on display in Langlands.



James T in 11B was awarded a 'Certificate of Achievement' for his work along with **Jamil H** in 5F who gained a 'Highly Commended' prize in the Junior category and **all of 7BL** will receive a Certificate of Participation for their collaborative piece. Excellent news and 'Congratulations' very well deserved all round.

Canopic Jars and an Egyptian Day

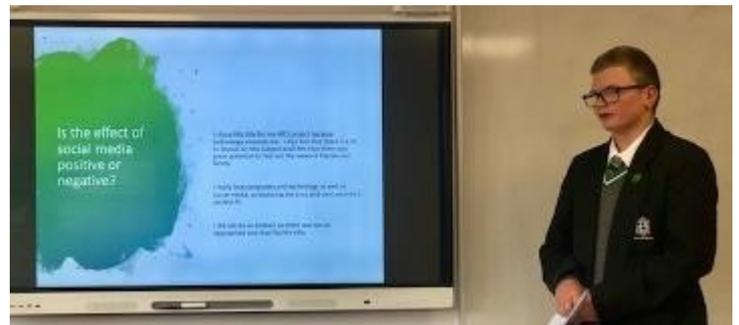
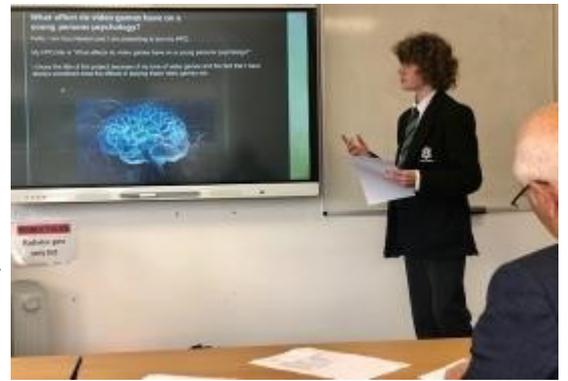
The boys in Years 3 and 4 have painted their own Canopic jar; luckily no internal organs were pickled in the process! They all enjoyed a truly immersive day on Thursday when they dressed up and further extended their learning on all things Ancient Egyptian through a range of activities including hieroglyphics and sharif making.



Year 11 HPQ Presentations

Thirteen of our Year 11 students have been working hard over the last year on their HPQ projects. Friday saw the culmination of all their efforts, with the presentations summarising their work, delivered to Mr Bailey, Mr Murphy and Mrs Haunstetter.

The topics which have been studied were incredibly diverse and interesting, ranging from: the impact of Japanese and South Korean trade wars, to the benefits of sailing to young people, to a proposal to reinstate part of the railway line to Cranleigh. The boys were clearly extremely passionate and well-informed about their projects and were able to offer cogent and convincing arguments. These presentations form part of the overall HPQ assessment, in conjunction with the essays they have written. We had a fascinating morning and the boys should be congratulated on their achievements. Mrs Haunstetter



Charity Fundraising

Huge Congratulations to Derin in 6R who initiated, planned and raised £495 as part of 'Every Brick Counts' run by Birmingham University Hospital. He was thanked by the CEO who reiterated, "The UHB Charity funds equipment, research and training that are over and above that provided by the NHS including those "added extras" that help make a stay in hospital more comfortable for patients and their families. This donation will help us to support our staff and patients across our hospitals including funding wobble rooms for our staff so that they have a place to relax away from the ward, and provision of a number of items from radios and colouring books to tablets, to keep our patients entertained and ensure that they can speak to their loved ones during their hospitalisation". Well done, Derin, for all your efforts.

Clubs in the second half of term—a note from Mrs Lambert

Mrs Lambert is delighted to be able to offer 2 new clubs starting after half term:



Lower Prep Crafty Club

with Mrs Marskell & Miss Smith

Mindfulness for Years 5 & 6

(colouring, listening to music, reading) run by Miss Hylands



All the information can be found [here](#) on the website or by emailing the Club leader directly. Also, Les has provided a work mobile phone number for queries about his Club—07913748492. Please use this to contact him rather than email. Thank you.

'15 Minutes With'... Miss Patel, Year 7 Form Teacher, Science teacher



- Favourite car – Mini Cooper! I learned to drive in one and have got a soft spot for them ever since!
- Favourite place – The Lake District
- Favourite food – Bibimbap (it's a Korean rice dish and very delicious!)
- Favourite band or singer – Frank Turner; I've been to see him live seven times.
- Favourite film – Anything Disney!
- Favourite smell – Chocolate chip cookies baking in the oven...
- Favourite sport / team or player – Leicester Tigers for Rugby and Shauna Coxsey is my favourite climber

- Who in the world would you like to be? – David Attenborough; what a life he's had!
- What were you like at school? Very geeky, so not a lot has changed.
- What is an interesting fact about yourself? I've been invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace which was pretty cool!
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...and your 12 choices 'either / or':

Dog / Cat

Netflix / Instagram

Phone Call / Text

Facebook / Twitter

Swimming / Sunbathing

Take away / Fine dining out

Skiing / Surfing

Passenger / Driver

Pen / Pencil

City / Countryside

Paperback book / Kindle

Colourful / Single colour block

Year 6 PSHE

In PSHE, our focus has been on mental health, positivity, happiness and a positive growth mindset. We had some great discussions about goals and how we can achieve them, albeit on our own, or with the help of others; and we talked about how you should never give up.



The boys had valuable contributions to make regarding their own feelings and the feelings of others and they drew some great pictures depicting how they felt at that particular moment, and how and why those feelings could change.

Lovely work from Year 6; well done! *Mme Swift & Miss Roets*



Public Speaking Competition

Huge thanks and Congratulations must go to all the boys who performed in the Public Speaking Competition Finals which were filmed and pre-recorded for judging, instead of being performed live due to social distancing restrictions,



According to the Kingswood House Way we should be focusing on 'Respect,' there's no doubt at all that the boys have demonstrated the marvellous trait of 'Endeavour' so far this half of term, especially in how a pesky virus won't stop them competing in the Public Speaking Competition this year!

Inspired partly by the exciting announcement that girls will soon be joining us, the competition's theme this year was 'Diversity and Inclusivity.' With a range of extracts from various books and some boys even writing their own poems and speeches, the standard this year was very impressive and all the boys should be exceptionally proud of themselves, particularly those who managed to make it to the final.

The winners of each division are as follows.



Years 3-4: **Cameron E**
for his reading of an extract from Elmer the Patchwork Elephant



Years 5-6: **Sam A** for his reading of his own poem
Here Come the Girls



Years 7-8: **Zachary F**
for his reading of his own poem about various diversity issues

Seniors: **Harri G** for his moving reading of his own speech concerning his own experiences with diversity.



And a special mention to **Michael C** also for his perceptive speech on the current state of diversity within society.

A Parentmail will be sent over half term with a link to the recordings for you to watch at your leisure. *Mr Twinley*

Maths Enrichment

The Maths Department are delighted to announce the Enrichment Plan for the next half term—please see table below. We will be looking at a range of areas of study which will also include a cross curricular focus and links to the KHS Way! Look out for weekly updates in the newsletter! *The Maths Department*

Week	Topic	Area of study	Cross Curricular links	KHS Value
2/11	Maths Treasure hunt	Problem solving and critical thinking.	DT Games Geography	Tolerance and Respect
11/11		Understanding of numbers and development/evolution over time.	ICT and History	Social awareness
18/11		Problem solving, mental calculations.	ICT and English	Tolerance and Empathy
25/11		STEM	Science, Art and DT	Self-awareness
2/12	Magic and Maths	Number, problem solving and Algebra	Maths and Science	Tolerance
9/12	Maths crafts and paper dissection	Geometry, Space, measure	Art and DT	Respect



GCSE OPTIONS FROM YEAR 8

From 2021 onwards, pupils in Year 8 will choose their GCSE options subjects in the summer term of Year 8. This will allow for a three-year GCSE programme in both core and options subjects. More information has been sent to the respective parent cohorts. Thank you. *Mr March*

LOST PROPERTY ITEMS

Please see a list below of all the **unnamed** general items that have been found this half term:

- Jeff Banks glasses
- 3 keys on a red and black key ring
- 3 keys on a blue key ring
- 2 keys on a black key ring
- Nike Mercurials size 7 football boots
- A black pencil case with 'my stuff' on the side

Please contact lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org to claim if you believe they belong to you. Thank you.