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### The Kingswood House Way







**Dear Parents** 

This week, we have set the boys achievable goals on a day to day basis to help embed the culture of Respect for others. These include saying "Good morning", "Please" and "Thank you" as well as holding doors open and standing aside for adults in narrow corridors on staircases. A number of our Senior pupils are excellent role models and there is no reason why all boys cannot aspire to hold the same level of good manners. I am pleased to report that there are already some fantastic examples of this in evidence in my "Mentions in Dispatches".

With the lockdown due to finish next week, the Prime Minister has announced plans for a slight easing of the restrictions over Christmas. Whilst celebrations will be far from normal, there is still enough scope for us all to have something to look forward to. On a related note, and thanks to the hard work of Mrs Chandler and her team, the boys and staff will enjoy a carefully-managed Christmas Lunch across Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December. We are very keen that there is some festive cheer before we break up for the holiday and Christmas Jumpers will be permitted (in support of Save the Children) across the last three days of term in return for a small donation!

I was saddened to learn of the death of Diego Maradona on Wednesday evening. Unquestionably, one of the finest players ever to grace a football field, it is a shame that he will forever be remembered in this country for the infamous "Hand of God" goal in the Mexico 1986 World Cup against England. As a child, I remember to this day how incensed I was about the unfairness of it! Later in the same game, he also scored one of the greatest solo goals of all time - but it will always be slightly overshadowed. According to those who knew him well, there was a stark contrast between 'Diego', the young boy from Buenos Aires, and 'Maradona', the showman superstar. One of eight siblings, 'Diego' was shy and kind whilst his alterego 'Maradona' was talented and relentless. Gone too soon, his is a story that will soon become legend but there is no doubt that 'Maradona' surrounded himself with charlatans who gave him questionable advice, and ultimately - either through ignorance or naivety - 'Diego' made some poor choices. Now is perhaps not the right time, because it is only fitting to commemorate the passing of a football icon by cherishing memories of his rare brilliance, but there is certainly an opportunity in the future for others to learn from the mistakes he made off the field of play.

I wish you a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



**Duncan Murphy** 

Headmaster



"Un poco con la cabeza de Maradona y otro poco con la mano de Dios,"

"A little with the head of Maradona and a little with the hand of God..."







Monday	30		Divisional Heads' Weekly Update	
Tuesday	01	1600	8L Parents' Evening online	
Wednesday	02	0930	Lower Prep Forest School	colle
Thursday	03	1300	Year 9 Headmaster's Lunch	olease Wey
Eriday	04	1600	8T Parents' Evening online	
Friday	04		Headmaster's Weekly Blog	

### **LUNCH MENU** week commencing 30th November 2020

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Spicy Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Winter Vegetable Casserole with Roast Potatoes	Fruit; Rice	Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne	Fresh Fruit; Lemon Sponge with Lemon	Red Thai Chicken Curry; Red Thai Chunky Vegetable Curry (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Fish Fingers with Smiley Faces and Peas	Fresh Fruit; Cookies

### Instrumental Lessons @ KHS

Our Violin teacher, Miss Xenakis, has more slots available for learning the violin so please do give this some consideration; the benefits of learning to play a musical instrument are widely documented...

The boys have been shown this brief video to encourage their knowledge and appreciation of a wide range of musical instruments, as well as sharing what the violin has the potential to sound like and



what they can expect to learn. Any enquiries can be directed towards <u>Miss Foster</u>, Head of Music.

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### Your support will help us

- 1. Rebuild the hospital so we can treat more children than ever before
- 2. Provide specialist equipment for delivering better care
- 3. Fund family accommodation so parents can stay close to their child
- 4. Develop pioneering research to find cures and treatments for childhood diseases

On behalf of all our patients, families and staff, thank you.

### **LOST PROPERTY:**

If a boy has lost an item of kit or clothing, parents should email: <a href="lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org">lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org</a>

## Mr Murphy's Spatiles

Mr Murphy's weekly Headmaster's video blog is designed to share some of his thoughts with parents 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'. These are read out each week in assembly in front of the whole school. **You can read the detail below and** 

see his blog: here

### **LOWER PREP**

### 1 & 2 L

Raphael M for being so helpful in class. Mrs Lambert

3M

Zachary B for his amazing work in Maths! Mrs Marskell

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Ben S for a super settlement house he created for our topic. Miss Smith

### **UPPER PREP**

5F

Harry B for amazing work on his stall for Nelson House day. Fantastic! Ms Forbes

**5S** 

Sam A for his consistent hard work in all areas and excellent scores in mental maths. Mrs Seiver

6R

Lauti Y for passing his Grade 1 violin exam. Ms Roets

Rex T for continued hard work in science. Mr Barratt

Dylan N for giving up part of his break time to help a boy find something he had lost. Mme Swift

Freddie T has impressed with his improved attitude. Mr Clarke

**6S** 

James M for forfeiting his time at Nelson House day to help a Nelson House boy make a sign for his stall. Mme Swift

Jack G, Harry P and Ben S in Science for their consistent concentration and good work in class. Mr Barratt

Josh D for excellent positivity around school – always wearing a smile. Mr Murphy

### **7BA**

Avaneesh G—such a positive attitude and always ready to attempt new things! Mr Barratt

Beau C for being so helpful in Art. Mrs Wraith

Avaneesh G full marks in his French Listening assessment – well done. Mme Taylor

Beau C for his excellent work in helping to tidy up and clean all the keyboards in the music room. He wasn't asked to do this but came up in his break time so all the boys in the school have clean keyboards to use. It is much appreciated. Miss Foster

### **7BI**

Dylan B always demonstrates the Kingswood House Way values. He is both polite and well behaved. Miss Black

Joel M has engaged in all form time activities and takes an active role in form time discussion. Miss Black

Oliver D and Shay C are both enthusiastic and always engaged in form time activities. Miss Black

Elliot N and Henry T in Science for their great microscope slide preparations! Mr Barratt

Henry T is putting a lot of effort in in the classroom and it has been noted. Mr Clarke



### 7BL

Dylan B for his excellent work in helping to tidy up and clean all the keyboards in the music room. He wasn't asked to do this but came up in his break time so all the boys in the school have clean keyboards to use. It is much appreciated. Miss Foster

### **7P**

Joe H for overcoming his fears and taking part in football in games; a massive personal achievement! Miss Patel

All of Year 7 boys have impressed Mrs Wraith by working hard in their Hundertwasser project. Mrs Wraith

Enzo R full marks in his French Listening assessment – well done. Mme Taylor

### 8L

Ruari F – a good attitude towards his academic subjects and showing consistent effort across the board. Mr Laudy

All of the class for their fabulous recent performance in History. Mrs Haunstetter

Tommy W for continual hard work in Art. Mrs Wraith

Charlie L – excellent marks in his French Listening assessment. Mme Taylor

Ollie W has knuckled down well across all areas of the curriculum as noted by Mr Clarke.

Daniel P has come back far more positive and seems much happier which is great to see – Mr Clarke

Joe S is making a good effort in most areas. Mr Clarke

Oscar D'A is making a pleasing impression with staff. Mr Clarke

Tedd B-A for sharing some fascinating war medals from his family history; thank you. Mr Twinley

Tedd B-A for community spirit – he was observed making safe a tree that had fallen down in the Arbrook Woods in Claygate at the weekend together with his brother and grandfather. Mr Murphy

### **8T**

Zachary F is excellent at saying please, thank you and greetings; I always get a Good Morning, a Good afternoon and a Have a nice evening, from him. Mme Taylor

Bogdan P, Tobias van H, Archie S, Lukas C, Owen C and Ben C for being the closest to escaping the music room after it was turned into an Escape Room for Enrichment. The boys successfully answered 7 of the 8 musical puzzles and were working on the last one when we got interrupted by break. Incredible code cracking, musical mathematics and crossword skills - huge congratulations to all. Miss Foster

Congratulations to Stuart C who has won a rugby scholarship to Blundells School next year. Stuart was a great performer on the Jersey Tour back in the spring term and has potential to be the next Billy Vunipola! Mr Murphy

### **SENIORS**

Well done Year 9 on their Perfect pitch presentations. Great to see all the boys contributing to their team's fine presentations and we look forward to the Enterprise fair next Tuesday morning when they will be selling their products to the school-more details to follow. Mr Mitchell

### 9H

The following boys have produced written work that is of a consistently high standard in English: William M, William H, Joseph S & Oliver K. Mr March

Jack B-A for community spirit – he was observed making safe a tree that had fallen down in the Arbrook Woods in Claygate at the weekend together with his brother and grandfather. Mr Murphy

### **9T**

Pete D for some interesting and insightful comments in class discussions. Mr Twinley

Pete D and James G for their work in Biology lessons. Miss Patel



Tommy C for adapting so well to using the Read and Write software in conjunction with the MidYIS online tests. Mrs Webb

### 10H

Eddie F for numerous acts of kindness in supporting those around him. Mrs Haunstetter

Angelo C received a commendation for Classics on Thursday. Mrs Weston

Ed B always arrives promptly in the mornings and is upbeat and cheerful. He is organised and is the one who offers to collect in prep. Mrs Weston

Ali D was seen to run back and open the door for a member of staff who was approaching it.

Jestico S for producing an all-round good standard of work in Classics. Mrs Weston

Ewan W always works extremely hard in Science, keep up the good work! Miss Black

Theo S for helpfully testing a software app. Mrs Webb

Well done to Milo R and Ewan W for achieving level 9 grades in recent GCSE geography assessments on coasts. Mr Mitchell

Following a very informative assembly on 'the value of 'Respect' by Mrs Wraith, all the boys took the collective, independent decision to focus their discussion on 'Disrespect' and consider the ideas surrounding this; it was encouraging to see their mature and critical thinking. Mr Bailey

An interesting discussion and views from James T about bullying, following an article on the news about MPs being accused of bullying. Mr Bailey

### 11W

Theo B for his excellent addition to Mr Sukhdeo's Pupil Briefing on GRIT. Theo spoke about the Vendee Globe which is the greatest sailing race round the world, solo, non-stop and without assistance. Mrs Wraith

Theo B for his contribution and knowledge to the Senior Pupil Briefing – backing up some of the points that I had introduced about having 'grit' in all you attempt to do. Mr Sukhdeo

Well done to Guy N and Seojun L for achieving full marks in recent GCSE geography vocab tests. Mr Mitchell



Well done to Jack and Tedd who were discovered doing their bit for the local community by Mr Murphy, making safe a fallen tree in Arbrook Wood at the weekend.



Dear Parents - one of our Year 10 boys has produced a short survey as part of his HPQ assignment regarding cricket Test Match or T20 formats. He would be very grateful if you were able to help him by completing it here. Another would like your opinion on whether Playstation or Xbox might be the more popular and sustainable in the future; the link is here

Thank you in advance for your time—they will take less than a minute to complete.









### **NELSON HOUSE AFTERNOON**

The rain, the year group bubbles, face masks—nothing could stop the fun and fundraising last Friday for Nelson House day. An incredible £693.00 was raised for Great Ormond Street Hospital! Many thanks for all your generous support. *Miss Smith* 



# NELSON



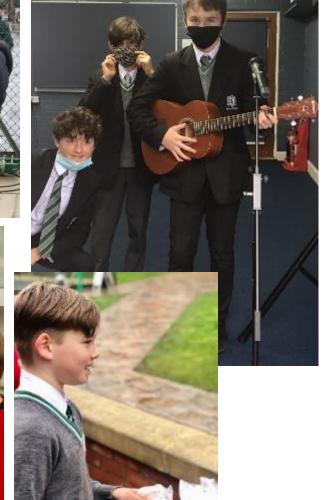






More Nelson House fun and fundraising!





### A Note regarding the recent Parent Questionnaire from Mr Murphy...

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our Parent Questionnaire. I am pleased that so many responses were glowing in their praise for the school and its provision for the boys. We will consider carefully how we can continue to meet your expectations in the future. It proved to be a valuable platform for feedback and you can be assured that the information gleaned will help inform our school development plan in the medium term.

### **Executive Summary:**

- The Parent Questionnaire was completed by 49% of parents. It is usual practice to consider that non-respondents, 51% in this instance, are content with the provision for their sons.
- There was a broad range of respondents across the year groups, representative of the number of pupils in each cohort.
- Of the 49% who responded, the vast majority were complimentary and supportive. A very small minority articulated concerns.
- There were no responses that yielded a significant negative deviation from the median.

### Conclusion:

- KHS parents are generally very happy with the provision offered by the school
- There is a clear understanding of the school's aims, ethos and values.
- There is a growing interest in whether the school might offer a Sixth Form in the future.



- The Kingswood House Way is considered a major strength and reflects the school's aims and ethos accordingly.
- Communication from the school to home is considered to be excellent; a major improvement in recent years.
- The move to co-education is well-supported.
- An opportunity exists to consider how we might more regularly inform parents of their child's progress via parent evenings. For example, the new "Schools Cloud" app may be a positive step forward for arranging termly online meetings.
- The range of responses is suggestive of a school that has a clearer identity than in Autumn 2018 and most families are now joining the school with a clear intention of staying through to 16+.
- It will be interesting to note how this dynamic evolves when the next Parent Questionnaire is submitted in Autumn 2022.





### A Message from Miss Foster

"As of this week, boys who have individual instrument tuition or attend a music club, will earn stickers for their practice and hard work. After they collect 10 stickers, they will receive a certificate. There is also a new 'Hall of Fame' where boys who have done something extraordinary in class, or music lessons, will feature. You do not have to be a musician to achieve these awards, and effort and team work will be rewarded, so please keep up the hard work boys, and I look forward to welcoming you to the Hall of Fame soon. I would also like to remind all boys that they're welcome to practise and use the studio during the school day - in fact, it's encouraged, so please come and see me if you'd like to do this. Thank you.



This year, we are introducing **Music Captains**. Music Captainship will be awarded to boys who have shown progress in lessons, both instrumental and class, and those who have shown great commitment to music within school. Boys will be responsible for updating the Hall of Fame, ensuring the department is kept tidy as well as promoting music at events and will remain captains until the end of the academic year. We will be looking to appoint these in the next few weeks, with the role starting in the Spring Term; something to aspire to boys if you have a particular love for the subject...?!" *Miss Foster* 

### Creative Collaboration

More creativity in class this week saw the whole of Year 7 collaborate on a piece of art work inspired by Friedrich Hundertwasser whose images are a lot easier to comprehend than his name is to pronounce correctly! His colourful work explores buildings and landscapes in bright colours and organic forms—he rejected all notion of a straight line yet still managed to design many successful, yet irregular architectural projects. The boys thoroughly enjoyed learning about his radical work and their response in pastels was lively and bold; they worked on large scale black paper, side-by-side in a group collective effort. They were not afraid to experiment, push the boundaries of the material and get stuck in! Great to see! *Mrs Wraith* 





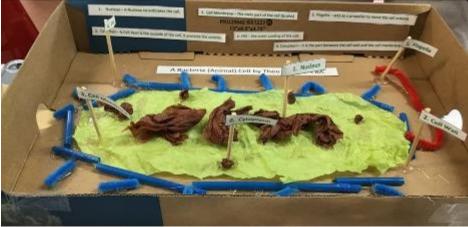


Chalk-pastel hands can always be washed, but who could not be inspired by examples like this?!

### Cell Modelling

Here are some more cell models from our Y7s – Theo M, Theo W and Arlo S in 7BA; Sam C, Noah S, and Sergio A-H in 7P. It has been fantastic to see how creative the boys are and seeing them embed their learning in a non-traditional form.

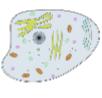














The image, right, has been released from work with NASA and the Stanford University School of Medicine. The researcher who released the image on Twitter, Mahjabin Norooji is a cancer researcher at Stanford. She called this image as "most detailed model of a human cell to date."

Miss Patel shared this with her classes thought it was incredible to see the in-depth machinery in every cell of our bodies! Maybe our Y7s will be producing models like this one day as they have started so well now with their investigations and modelling... *Miss Patel* 



### Year 3 Maths

This week in Maths the boys have been learning about adding numbers together mentally and in a column method using a paper clip and spinning it around to see what number it lands on and then adding them together. They all did really well and being practical certainly helped their understanding. *Mrs Marskell* 









## **MATHEMATICS**

is not about numbers, equations, computations, or algorithms: it is about UNDERSTANDING.

William Paul Thurston



'Water Wise' with Year 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 have become water wise this week! We carried out an experiment in science to see how much water we could save if we turned the tap off while we were washing our hands. You can see our results in the photo; we used a jug full of water when we turned the tap off while we sang Happy Birthday twice, of course! When we left the tap running, we used 4 jugs full of water which filled up half a bucket! The boys had more fantastic ideas for saving water, including using the water we collected during our experiment to water the plants outside. Great work boys! *Mrs Lambert* 

### Year 9 STRIDE Presentations

Many congratulations to our Year 9 cohort who presented their business plans to an expert panel of judges that included Mr Murphy, Mrs Witts and our Deputy Chair of Governors.



The boys had prepped their ideas well and introduced some original business ventures. We have some budding entrepreneurs amongst us for sure—they could be heading for the Dragons Den studio in a few years time!



### Cycle Parking—Reminder!

Please can boys ensure that their bikes are parked in the **bike shed by the field** and not the staff bike shed. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

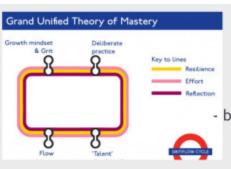
Mr Mitchell



In this week's Senior Pupil Briefing, Mr Sukhdeo introduced the boys to the concept of GRIT... some ideas from his presentation can be seen in the Power Point slide below. Mr Sukhdeo was joined by Theo S in 10W who shared with his peers his knowledge of the Vendee Globe round the world sailing race which definitely requires grit in abundance! Some of his presentation is below. Thank you to Theo for his contribution; it made for a very interesting session. *Mr Sukhdeo* 

# Grit Noun

COURAGE, bravery, pluck, mettle, backbone, spirit, strength of character, strength of will, moral fiber, steel, nerve, fortitude, toughness, hardiness, resolve, resolution, determination, tenacity, perseverance, endurance; informal: guts, spunk.



**GRIT** 

 Psychologist Angela Duckworth shows anyone striving to succeed

 be it parents, students, educators, athletes, or business people that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent

but a special blend of passion and persistence she calls "grit."

▶Talent x Effort = Skills

## Skills x Effort = Achievement

My challenge to you is to aspire to "flow" in all your learning by applying "grit" in your lessons and at home.

Deliberate practice - not just doing work but thinking about the knowledge and skills you are applying to the task and how you will use the process to improve next time...

ARROS.







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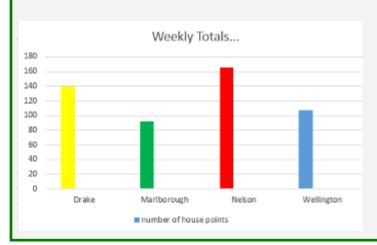


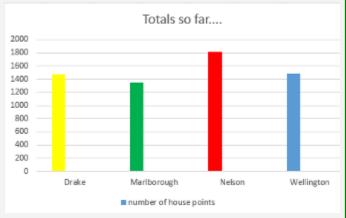
### Maths Maestros!

Four boys in Year 6 pooled their brain power the other morning and took part in an online quiz. They made a strong start and were in tenth place out of 40 competing schools; unfortunately, a few errors saw their final placement slip to 19th but it was a closely marked contest and they realised only 300 points behind the leaders finishing on 1375. Very well done to Ben S, Josh D, Alex W and Izyan S. They worked well together as a team and should be proud of their efforts. Ms Roets



The House Point totals are in.....will Nelson make it to Christmas number one? Marlborough and Wellington need to work especially hard next week to earn some House points! Miss Smith





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Thank you in advance for your support.

Lisa Reece

Chair KHA









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## **CHRISTMAS AND 2021 OPENING UPDATE**

Like all retail businesses, we have faced an extremely challenging 2020 and as such have reviewed our opening hours with a view to making a change for the upcoming seasonal break and into 2021. Our store and warehouse teams have worked tirelessly over the summer and autumn, in very difficult circumstances, with many unable to take their scheduled holidays. This we need to rectify.

We are approaching the quietest time of the year for our business due to the seasonality of our trade and as such have made the decision to have an extended shut down over the holiday period. We have also taken the opportunity to assess the trading pattern of our business into the new year and will be closing our stores each week on a Wednesday for the early part of 2021.

### EARLY CHRISTMAS STORE SHUTDOWN

Due to the very limited shopping in our stores, in both the approach to Christmas and over the new year period, all our stores will be closed between:

MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2020 - FRIDAY 1st JANUARY 2021.

We will re-open on SATURDAY 2nd JANUARY 2021.

During this extended break customers will still be able to shop online, and orders will still be processed by our warehouse team. Delivery times may be affected by the expected general increased use of both the postal and courier services.

Our I20 day returns policy remains in place for the majority of items we sell, so you if your child has a growth spurt over the Christmas break you can exchange items easily later on.

### A MORE EFFICIENT WORKING WEEK

Having analysed our staffing numbers during non-peak periods, we know that we generally have limited members of the team on the sales floor within our current 6 day a week opening. The need to schedule each member of staff's day off on low staffing numbers in each shop means there are less of our team around to serve customers, every day.

So, from MONDAY 4th JANUARY we will close all our English stores on Wednesday every week. This will enable all staff to have the same day off, resulting in better all-round service on the remaining 5 days we will trade in each location. We will return to 6 days trading in the months June - September 2021.

### **ENSURING STABILITY**

We believe that in these continued difficult times, these are small changes that will provide increased stability and still deliver the high level of customer service that our history and reputation demands.

### FURTHER INFORMATION:

E: customerservices@stevensons.co.uk

T: (0) 1727 815700 (9.00am - 5.30pm Mon - Sat. For Bank Holiday opening times, check our website)

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