

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

This week has been dominated for us by the welfare of one of our boys who endured a rare medical emergency on site last Tuesday. At the time of writing, I am pleased to report that his condition is more stable and whilst further tests await, the prognosis is much more positive than it looked 48 hours ago. Naturally, our thoughts remain very much with his family who have shown remarkable resilience during such an exacting time. I am also immensely proud of my staff team, who on top of everything else that has been thrown at them this term, showed a collective and considered response that prevented an awful situation from becoming even worse. Equally, the boys listened carefully and followed instructions with great empathy and understanding; they played their part too. The prompt medical attention given certainly saved a child's life – well done, all.

We held a pause during assembly on Wednesday morning to gather our thoughts about this and also to consider how life has evolved since lockdown started a year ago. I am very much of the opinion that any National Day of Reflection must not just look backward - but also forward; we should consider lessons learned and how best to future-proof our school, and society at large, in order to help us make better choices each and every day. Certainly, our value of integrity this term has been hugely relevant; incorporating virtues such as honesty, loyalty and trust, integrity can perhaps be best distilled on a day to day basis at home or school as 'doing the right thing when no one is watching'. There are many excellent exponents of this at KHS, some of whom have been awarded a special "I" badge in recognition of their citizenship. I also congratulate Ruari F who has been awarded an Upper Prep prefect tie for the summer term as well as those boys who received Duke of Edinburgh certificates and handwriting prizes.

There was an excellent senior lecture this week with Christopher Timothy, star of stage and screen, who is perhaps best known for his television roles in *All Creatures Great and Small*, *Doctors* and *Eastenders*. He spoke with candour and humour about his acting journey and fielded a record number of questions from boys, parents and staff at the end of his talk. I am grateful to Katey Timothy for arranging the event – it was a real treat for us all.

Thank you for your support during a term that will live long in the memory. I wish you and your families a restful Easter break and trust that we can look forward to a great summer ahead.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster



Adversity shakes the foundation of our character to see if what we believe and value is really worth standing for.

RAE SMITH

The Kingswood House Way



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Please find below the calendar dates for the start of next term and any current notices:

APRIL 2021		WEEK 1	
Monday	19		SLT INSET
Tuesday	20		All Staff INSET
Wednesday	21	0830 0840	School Returns—welcome back Summer Term! Whole School Assembly
Thursday	22		
Friday	23		Co-educational Workshops for Pupils and Staff with Merinda D'Aprano Headmaster's Blog & Weekly Newsletter

LUNCH MENU week beginning 21 April 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
No lunch service— Easter holidays	No lunch service— Easter holidays	Meat Bolognese; Roasted Tomato Sauce (V) with Spaghetti Pasta	Fresh fruit yoghurts	Thai Chicken Curry; Chunky Vegetables Thai Style (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh fruit, yoghurts	Homemade Assorted Pizza; Salad & Coleslaw	Fresh fruit yoghurts



This week, given the worldwide situation over the past year, our choice of word is quite appropriate!

Quarantine

This word has its origins in the plague or the 'black death', which swept across Europe in the 14th Century.

It comes from the Venetian dialect form of the Italian 'quaranta giorni' meaning 40 days, which was the amount of time ships were put into isolation.

Mme Swift

A note from Miss Wilson,

It will be **World Autism Awareness Week** during the first week of the Easter holidays, 29th March – 4th April 2021.

Why not help to raise awareness of autism by completing a [Super 7 Challenge](#) ?



You could also [complete a fun quiz](#) to learn more about autism, get your friends and family involved and take part in the garden, or online

If you enjoy 'The Chase' on TV then have a go at Anne Hegerthy's [quiz](#) too for this great cause.

Please find Mr Murphy's topical thoughts for the week and the pupils who have been 'Mentioned in Dispatches' for something noteworthy recently. **You can read the names of pupils nominated below and see the HM Blog: [here](#)**

LOWER PREP

1 & 2L

Maye B has been working hard in all his subjects and earning rewards; he is always bright and cheerful in class! Mrs Lambert & Mme Swift

3M

Toby H for making an accurate model of an inside of a tooth during Science. Mrs Marskell

Zachary B for working so hard during the Victorian maths lesson. Mrs Marskell

Jamie C, despite his commitments at the Study Centre, always does his best to catch up on his return, and he always says '*Bonjour*' to me whenever he sees me at break times! Mme Swift

4S

Hugo H for a well-written Greek Myth – including beautiful handwriting! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

I would like to say how great all of 5F have been this term both online and back in the classroom. Also a mention for Benji A for his work in Maths and Max K for his work in History. Ms Forbes

Byron M and Harrison W for extra effort in House Hockey. Mr Bailey

Jamil H was a little worried about his French spelling test, but he had no need to be as he scored full marks, a big well done! Mme Swift

5S

5S and 5F classes have both applied themselves brilliantly to samba music this term. They have learnt about the instruments and have put together class performances. I hope they have had as much fun as I have with this topic! Miss Foster

Arun A for passing his Grade 2 Piano exam with Distinction. Miss Foster

6L

Howard K for being a good friend to those in class and always having a relaxing, calming presence on his friends. Mrs Lindley

Derin U and Lauti Y have joined the music ensemble this term and have been contributing greatly, even in the short period of time we have been able to get together. Miss Foster

Tristan B for receiving a Merit in his Grade 1 Drum Kit exam. A wonderful result, well done! Miss Foster

6S

Harry P has grown in confidence this term and has given some lovely contributions in his lessons. Mme Swift

Jack S, staying on task and working hard in Maths; also Ben S is working very well currently in Maths. Mrs Lindley

7BA

Ayaan S – a productive week. Mr Barratt

Theo W for showing his sensible side when learning to use the Bunsen burners safely. Miss Patel

Disputes continued

7BL

Shay C saw that ink had been left on the desk, he immediately offered to help clean it and wanted to lend a helping hand. A good example of the Kingswood House Way. Miss Black

Zac M brought a fantastic book into school for the whole form to enjoy. The stories were all about survivors, who defied the odds and made it through some extraordinary circumstances. This was enjoyed by the whole form and really motivated others to find a good book. Miss Black

Joel M pirouetting through some established tacklers with a giant smile on his face – a fabulous sight! Mr Clarke

Zac M finishing off a fabulous team try for Marlborough. Mr Clarke

Pryank P is trying really hard in his Maths lessons at the moment. Mrs Lindley.

7P

Sergio A-H and Noah S for their fantastic enthusiasm shown for their learning! Miss Patel

Enzo R for some great discussion raising questions in lessons and linking his learning to the world around him. Miss Patel

Joe H for his growing independence and confidence in himself. Miss Patel

Krishan I and Will H for scoring some cracking goals in the last 2 minutes of the Y7 lunchtime game! Miss Patel

Sam C for his small acts of kindness, helping others when they drop things etc. – your good deeds haven't gone unnoticed. Miss Patel

Charles R was at the top of the stairs in the Katie Walton building and saw me standing at the bottom; he waited at the top to let me up AND held open the door for me. Super manners. Very pleased! Mrs Lindley

8L

Tommy W -outstanding effort throughout house matches, scoring a number of tries and generally just getting stuck in. Mr Laudy

Charlie L and Ozzy S for marshalling the troops on their respective teams, great leadership shown. Mr Laudy

James C scored a wonderful solo try running from one corner around five opponents to score in the diagonal corner. Mr Clarke

Jack R, Rory S, Oscar D'A, Daniel P– all working hard through the 'Dungeon of Pi Thagoras' challenge and also have been working really hard with straight line graphs. Mrs Lindley

Charlie L shows excellent manners around school, for example holding the doors open for teachers. Miss Black

8T

Owen C, Bogdan P, Max H, Sam M & Zachary F all deserve a mention for their super presentations as part of their 'fast Tomato' careers based programme of study. Mme Taylor

Stuart C running at full speed from one end of the pitch to another to score a try; another lay-down required by a very tired referee! Mr Clarke

Drake house played some fabulous rugby with stand-out performances from Stuart C, Mikey F and Ben C. Mr Clarke

Mikey F seen working hard through the 'Dungeon of Pi Thagoras' challenge and also have been working really hard with straight line graphs. Mrs Lindley

Lukas C for being super helpful in locating materials needed for an Art lesson! Mrs Haunstetter

Disputes continued

SENIORS

9H

Minsup K – A good effort in class over the last week. Keep it up! Mr Hendry

9T

Pete D and James G (amongst others) for an interesting spur-of-the-moment debate about the role of fate vs free will in Macbeth. Mr Twinley

10H

Ryan L for his very focused work and efforts in completing his HPQ essay. Well done! Mrs Haunstetter

Joe O great work with Venn diagrams! Mrs Lindley

10W

Max M-N for his very focused work and efforts in completing his HPQ essay. Well done! Mrs Haunstetter

Max M-N always says thank you at the end of each Science lesson – so nice to hear! Miss Black

Jack B and Ed B have both shown a great interest in their Science lessons and actively taken part in class discussion. Miss Black

Max M-N has been working incredibly hard in class, and out, with his compositions and recently received a 9 in a Music mock GCSE paper. Fantastic work Max, well done. Miss Foster

11B

James T for his GCSE Art mock exam; all five hours worth of diligent creativity! Mr Bailey

Eddie M and Matty H for some amazing factorising into double brackets. Mrs Lindley

11W

The form have been reading out their English oral pieces and they are truly interesting – examples include, 'The Right to Bear Arms' and, 'How Have Technological Advancements Changed Sport Over the Years?' amongst the many different topics. All the boys deserve a good rest coupled with adequate revision over the Easter holidays. Mrs Wraith

Theo B, Michael C, Jack L, Seojun L and Hasan J - for their hard work in music. They have really applied themselves to learning the material and their revision in what has been very difficult circumstances and have been achieving fantastic results. Keep up the excellent work! Miss Foster



Here are the Y10 boys collecting their certificates—

Well done!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have all been awarded Duke of Edinburgh Certificates of Achievement:

Harri G 11W – Silver

Eddie B 10W – Bronze

Sam S 10H—Bronze

Milo R 10W – Bronze

Ewan W—Bronze



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD



Integrity KHW Badge Winners; Spring Term 2021

Many congratulations! The following boys are all worthy recipients of the KHW Integrity Badge for this term. Mrs Wraith.

1 & 2L: Zayn J & Ted R

3M: Zach B & Jamie C

4S: Fraser S & Frankie W

5S: Arun A & George P



5F: Harrison W, Benjamin A & Jack H

6S: Kireran S & Ben S

6L: George D, Henry R & Tristan B

7P: Joe H & Will H

7BL: Oliver D & Elliot N

7BA: Josh McC & Conor T

8T: Ben H & Tobias v-H

8L: Henry S & Matthew M

9H: Will H & Oliver K

9T: James G & Folu

10H: Cameron A & Ryan L

10W: Max M-N & Angelo C

11B: Eddie M

11W: Jazib A & Michael C

Character
cannot be developed in
ease and quiet. Only through
experience of trial and
suffering can the soul be
strengthened, ambition
inspired, and
success achieved.
Helen Keller

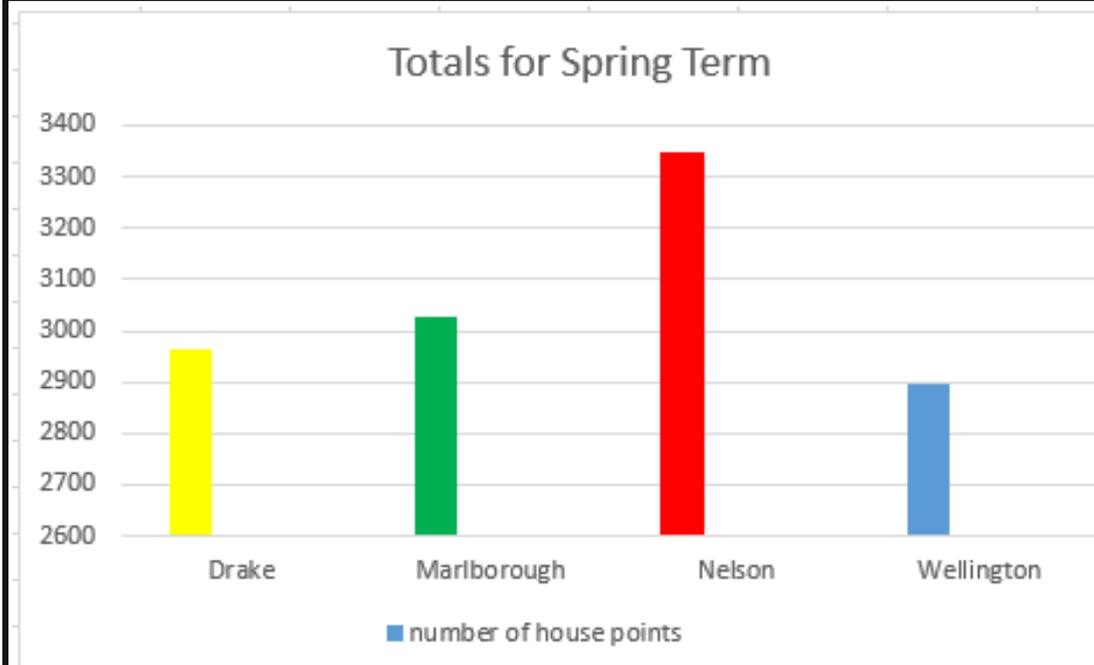


5S have had great fun putting together a samba band this term learning the parts for Samba De Janeiro—great effort and musicality boys! *Miss Foster*



Congratulations to **Ruari F** in 8L who was made an Upper Prep Prefect this week; we are confident that he will take to his duties well and demonstrate the Kingswood House Way in all he does.

#leadership
#rolemodel



HOUSE POINTS WINNERS:

Nelson

are the Spring Term House Champions, winning by an impressive 200 points!!

There have been lots of house sporting events and the house general knowledge quiz on the last morning of term which will all be included and go towards the totals for the end of the year!

Miss Smith

Science in Action



Thank you very much to Ted R for showing us his 3D printed guide used during his proton therapy. The class has been learning about medical uses of radiation and Ted was kind enough to share his story of gamma ray treatment! He answered questions from the class fantastically and showed us all how science can be used to help people - well done Ted! *Miss Patel*



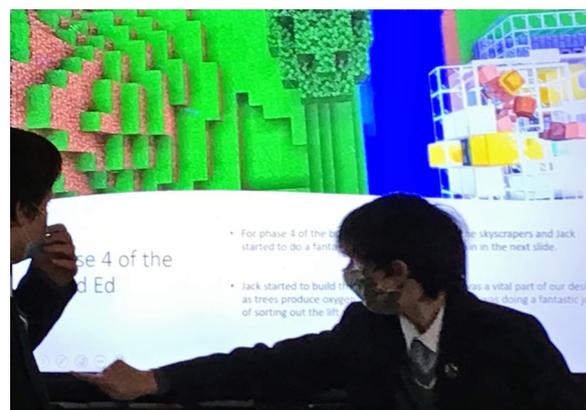
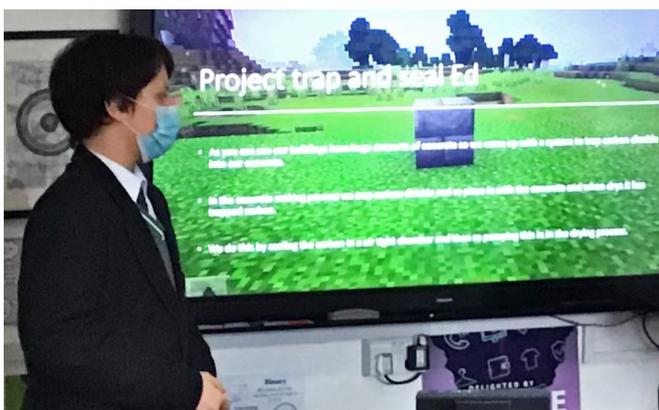
Lateral Flow Tests

Boys in Years 7—11 are politely reminded that they are required to complete two lateral flow tests each week during the holidays and record the results on the form in school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Science Enrichment - Jack B and Ed B presented in front of Mr Murphy & Mr Sukhdeo

Congratulations to some of our boys in Year 10 who gave fantastic presentations as part of their Science Enrichment project. Their challenge was to design a future city which can generate power without the use of fossil fuels and the boys presented some in-depth and interesting ideas including information about heat prisms. Very impressive, boys!



Sweet Science Treats!

Year 4 have been revisiting some Science experiments from their period of home learning. They were exploring different states of matter—solid, liquid and gas.

Together in class they did an experiment to show how liquids changing to solids; they deliciously made their own ice cream! Ice and salt went in one bag and sealed, then cream, milk and sugar in another bag; the two bags were combined and shaken vigorously and continuously for 10 minutes to create ice cream. The liquid changed into a solid in front of their eyes despite their tired arms from all the physical exertion; it was great to see science in action.



The boys enjoyed their ice cream parlour in 4S enormously!

Miss Smith



Stop Press...!

In English 6S have been reading “Kaspar”, a book by Michael Morpurgo, based on the story of a bell boy from the Savoy Hotel and how he ends up on the Titanic. In conjunction with the book, we have been looking at circumstances surrounding the sinking of the ship, and the boys were asked to write a newspaper article reporting the sinking. I was very impressed with the work they submitted, showing a good understanding for the layout, content and vocabulary needed for this type of writing. Well done, boys! Mme Swift



Congratulations to Arun A in 5S who has passed his Piano Grade 2 exam with Distinction—a super effort!

Growing Well!

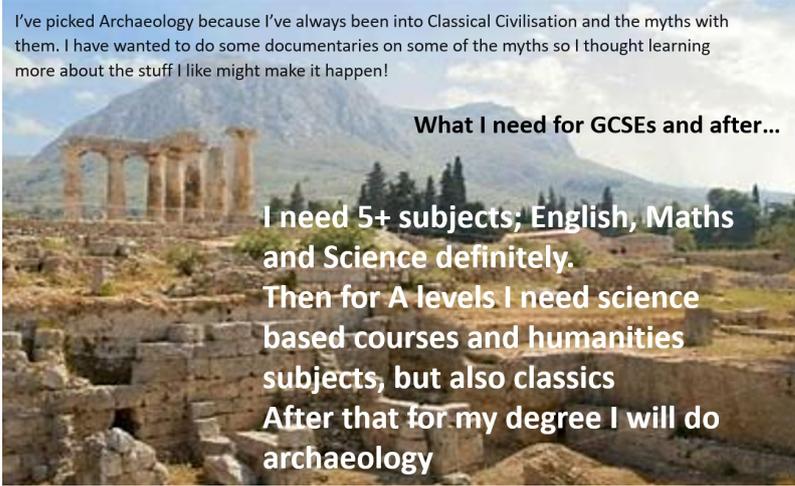
As part of Science enrichment, Gregory has been taking care of his bean plants and look what has happened! Well done Gregory for thinking about what the bean plant needs to survive and for following the method successfully. Keep up the good work! Miss Black



I've picked Archaeology because I've always been into Classical Civilisation and the myths with them. I have wanted to do some documentaries on some of the myths so I thought learning more about the stuff I like might make it happen!

What I need for GCSEs and after...

I need 5+ subjects; English, Maths and Science definitely. Then for A levels I need science based courses and humanities subjects, but also classics After that for my degree I will do archaeology



'When I grow up...'

Mme Taylor has been extremely impressed by the Year 8 presentations that boys prepared in their chosen career area. The boys have been following the 'Fast Tomato' programme which allows them to explore a wide range of career choices and areas of employment that will hopefully inform their GCSE choices and path of study. Here are some of their aspirations including an archaeologist, a business manager, working within banking and opening up their own chiropractor treatment rooms. Well done, boys—it is great to see your mature thinking and planning.

Why I want to be a Business Manager

- To lead a team
- To work hard and revolutionize my field
- Talk to top clients
- Work out how to improve a company and make it happen
- Helping employees grow as a person and help them do their jobs better
- To be in charge of something big

Reason why I want to do this job...?!

- I would like to be a banker is because there is no specific qualifications needed and like other things you get to climb up the ranks to becoming more important in the job.



WHY YOU MIGHT NEED A CHIROPTRACTOR

- arthritic pain including osteoarthritis
- back, shoulder and neck pain
- joint stiffness, pain and discomfort
- muscular aches
- sports injuries.

Staff Professional Development

We are delighted to share with you that our very own Miss Foster has achieved her Masters Degree qualification after a lot of hard work and dedication to her studies alongside pursuing her teaching career and musical aspirations.

Fantastic news, very well done Miss Foster!



Senior Easter Treats

Mr Sukhdeo took on the role of the Easter Bunny, alongside Mrs Haunstetter, giving out treats to the Senior boys recently in the spring sunshine...

Happy Easter



Careers News

This term the boys in Year 8 have been working hard, using Fast Tomato software, to investigate future careers options and have presented the career of their choice in form time; as seen on the page previously.



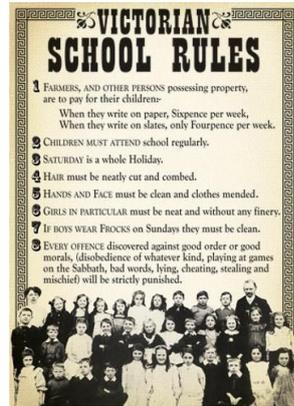
The Year 10's will be meeting with Miss Black and Mr Sukhdeo next term to talk about their choices after Kingswood House and are thinking about the colleges and sixth forms best suited to them.

In other careers news, please find below an 'InvestIn' link, within this [link](#) there are pathways for the boys to take bespoke quizzes to help determine the career best suited to their personality and their interests. After the quiz there are also a number of career-coaching resources available for your use! Within the link below there is also information about virtual summer internships for those aged 15-18. There are a vast number of different online internships available for a range of careers such as a dentistry, engineering, political leaders, architectures and many more. *Miss Black*

Stepping Back in Time...

The Year 3s enjoyed a super learning experience on Monday, when, dressed up as Victorian children, they explored the topic of education in Victorian times. Their lessons were based around the '3Rs' and showed our boys how different our education content and practices are now.

Mrs Marskell



Music News—celebrities who also play instruments!

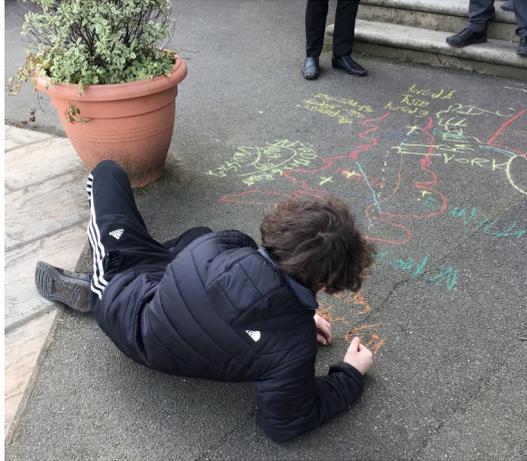
Miss Foster's passion for her subject and extensive knowledge is becoming legendary around school, and this week she has informed us all about famous faces who are surprising musicians as well. Did you know Clint Eastwood, Hugh Laurie, Bruce Willis, Russell Crowe and Jeff Goldblum are all competent players and performers in their own right?



Eastwood originally wished to pursue music as a career and studied for a Music Theory degree until the bright lights of the film camera lured him away. Laurie took piano lessons from the age of six and also sings, plays drums, guitar, harmonica and saxophone. He has displayed his musical talents throughout his acting career and remains the vocalist and keyboard player for the LA charity rock group, Band from TV; listen [here](#) to one of their tracks! Willis released his debut album the 'Return of Bruno' in 1987, followed by two more albums in 1989 and 2001. As well as singing, Willis also plays the harmonica as we can see and hear in this [clip](#). Russell Crowe has starred in musicals to showcase his singing talent, like [Les Miserables](#) His jazz band, Jeff Goldblum and the Mildred Snitzer Orchestra, released their first album, 'The Capitol Studios Sessions', in 2018 here is an [excerpt](#).

Learning Outside the Classroom

Y11 historians mapped out their knowledge of Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest...when chalk and the concrete surface of the playground offer up an alternative teaching resource! *Mrs Haunstetter*



Seasonal Treats!

Easter must be just around the corner! Years 3 and 4 got busy with the cornflakes, melted chocolate and mini-eggs in class to make these delicious looking little treats...I bet they do not last until Easter before they get eaten! *Miss Smith*





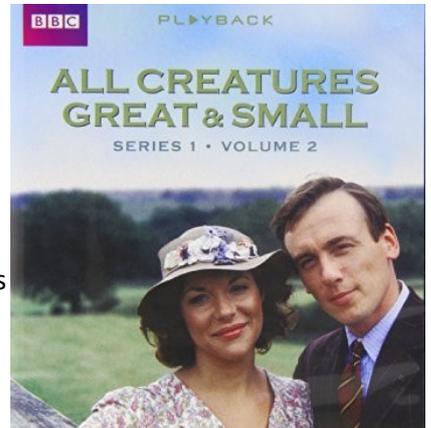
Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are delighted to be able to reinstate our Fencing and Tennis Clubs in the Summer term through our external providers, Nick Payne and Simon Pethybridge, respectively. Please find all the details [here](#) on our website; any enquiries should be made direct to them. Thank you.



Senior Lecture—A Journey on Stage & Screen

The school community were thrilled to hear from Mr Christopher Timothy talk on Tuesday night for our latest Senior Lecture. He answered questions put to him by boys, their parents and staff reflecting on his acting career and drawing out many brilliant anecdotes from his time in both BBC hit series ‘All Creatures Great and Small’ and, more recently, ‘Doctors’ and ‘Eastenders’. Thank you!



Dear Parents,

Please see a list below of all the unnamed items in lost property:

Red, white and black Adidas football boots, size 9.5, and Sondico black shin pads in a blue string boot bag

School shoes size 6

One school shoe size 1

KHS jumper size 34 inches

One Gold and white Adidas football boots, size 4, in a black Sondico boot bag

H&M jacket size 11-12 years

Vans jacket size Small

Black Adidas football boots, Size 8, in a Fuzion 100 bag

Black Nike football boots, size 6.5, in a JD sports bag

Black and Red hockey gloves

Blue Nike water bottle

Red Nike water bottle

Clear Blender Bottle

Pink and grey water bottle with a R in the middle

Clear water bottle with a D in the middle

Cream metal water bottle with T.J written on in pink

Silver flask

If you think any of these items belong to your son, please email lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org

Thanks, Mr Cribb



Congratulations to **Nathaniel J** in 5S who is here proudly displaying his Certificate of Grade 2 in Piano which he passed with Merit.

Well done—all that hard work and practice has paid off! Miss Foster



Recent House Sports Competitions

The PE Department have been working tirelessly in their sessions to make up for lost time and give the boys a chance to compete within their houses! Please find the results below:

Seniors

Cross country:	1st Nelson	2nd Marlborough	3rd Drake	4th Wellington
Handball:	1st Wellington	2nd Marlborough	3rd Drake	4th Nelson
Rugby:	1st Marlborough	2nd Nelson	3rd Wellington	4th Drake
Hockey:	1st Marlborough	2nd Wellington	3rd Nelson	4th Drake

Years 7 & 8

Cross country:	1st Drake	2nd Nelson	3rd Wellington	4th Marlborough
Handball:	1st Drake	2nd Nelson	3rd Marlborough	4th Wellington
Rugby:	1st Drake	2nd Wellington	3rd Marlborough	4th Nelson

Years 5 & 6

Cross country:	1st Nelson	2nd Wellington	3rd Drake	4th Marlborough
Rugby:	1st Nelson	2nd Marlborough	3rd Wellington	4th Drake
Hockey:	1st Marlborough	2nd Nelson	3rd Wellington	4th Drake



Easter Fun in Years 1&2!

We have been learning how to weave and the boys used their new skills to make colourful Easter baskets. Now we will have to wait and see if the Easter bunny fills them with eggs...?! Mrs Lambert





Handwriting Stars

Many Congratulations to

James W in 2L

Harry B in 5F

Ben C in 8T and

Milo R in 10W

who were all worthy winners of last term's Handwriting Competition. Mr March was impressed that the dexterity and skills of handwriting are still apparent in this day when we all increasingly tap away on a key board or a device!



Prefect Meeting

Our prefect teams met in their year group bubbles and were treated to hot chocolate and mini-eggs as thanks for all their work online setting an example and more recently back in school.



They are all looking forward to helping out in more active roles in the summer term together!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note, all information relating to the Clubs programme on offer next term can be found on the school website: [here](#)

