

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Summer Term

09 July 2021

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New RECEPTION CLASS opening up September 2021—find out more [here](#)

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The Kingswood House Way



Dear Parents

As this term draws to a close, I should like to take a final opportunity to pay tribute to the fantastic team ethic we all displayed over the last twelve months. Firstly, thank you to the wonderful KHS teaching and support staff whose energy, knowledge and resilience know no bounds. Secondly, I am hugely grateful to you, the parents, for working with us and showing patience and understanding as we wrestled with the complexities of Covid. Finally, and most importantly, I commend the boys for their outstanding adaptability. When the dust settles, and we all reflect upon this extraordinary time, it is likely we will acknowledge the unconventional skills that children of this generation have inherited thanks to the creative problem-solving solutions put in place to mitigate the pandemic. There is always a silver lining!

I trust you have taken the opportunity to listen to the speeches from Prize Giving and would like to reiterate my gratitude to both Rob Austen, former Chairman, who is retiring from the Board of Governors as well as Chris Shipley, current Chairman, who is stepping back to become Vice Chairman. Thank you, both, for your time and effort in respect of KHS across many years. Our new Chairman in September, Richard Evans, is a former Head of four independent schools, and a current ISI inspector, so you can be assured that Kingswood House remains in safe hands. At the time of writing, we will have over 50 new joiners next term which is a remarkable achievement and strong evidence that, in addition to our shortlist nomination for an Independent School of the Year 2021 award, as a school we get a lot right. However, we will never become complacent and on the rare occasion that something goes wrong, we will continue to listen, reflect and review.

It goes without saying that I wish all of our departing pupils and staff well for their next chapter, especially our Year 11 boys in their future endeavours; it was lovely for teachers to share a BBQ with them on Wednesday evening and I hope they receive positive news on GCSE results day in August. I shall update you about their results later in the summer, together with any pertinent information about Covid restrictions for the start of term - by which time I sincerely hope that the England football team will have been crowned as European champions! When we return in September, it will be an historic moment as the school opens its doors to girls for the first time in 121 years. I look forward to this symbolic occasion with great excitement.

In the meantime, I trust you will enjoy a relaxing summer with your families so that we can all return with zest for the next chapter in the long and illustrious narrative of Kingswood House.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



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

2021 SEPTEMBER WEEK 2			
Monday	06		SLT Planning Day
Tuesday	07		Staff INSET
Wednesday	08	0845 1430— 1530	Staff INSET New Pupil Induction
Thursday	09	0830 1800-1900	Autumn Term begins for all pupils; Welcome Back! Senior Parents' Information Evening
Friday	10		Headmaster's Blog & Weekly Newsletter



LUNCH MENU for the start of term will be published on the website late August.

Please can everyone look out for Rory G 10W Trespass raincoat please; it was in school for the D of E expedition and has since disappeared. Thanks so much. Any information to office@kingswoodhouse.org



This week, as we have finally reached that part of the year everyone enjoys the most, I thought you might like to know the origin of the word '*Holiday*'.

First used in the 1500s, replacing the original Old English word from the 12th century: *halig-daeg* ('*halig*' being holy and '*daeg*' being day). In the 14th Century, it came to mean a religious festival, and a day of exemption from labour, the pronunciation changed in the 16th century to '*holiday*'.

Wishing all parents, children, governors and staff a very relaxing summer holiday.

If you enjoy all things *word related* do have a look at Tom Read Wilson's podcast, *Tom Read Wilson Has Words With*—available on all podcast streaming platforms to download...happy listening!

Madame Swift

A Fond Farewell...

Lower Prep said a very fond farewell to Mrs Marskell today, as she leaves Kingswood House to begin her retirement.

Julie has been an inspirational teacher to many boys during her career in Nursery, Reception and Year 3, and she has been an amazing support and a much loved friend to her colleagues.

Although we will all miss her greatly, we are looking forward to meeting Rolo, her new puppy, whom we are sure will keep her busy!

Mrs Lambert



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

Zayn J for persevering when he was using a ruler in maths this week - he created a fantastic parabolic design as a result! A great example of endeavour! Mrs Lambert

3M

Zach B for resilience during Mini Olympics, he fell over and hurt himself but he still wanted to carry on. Mrs Marskell

4S

Seb P for creating a super version of 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm, Surprised!'. Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Harry B for always being so polite. Ms Forbes

5S

Mrs Seiver's maths group for their amazing work on nets for 3D shapes. They have tackled complicated Year 6 work with ease for the last 3 weeks of term and this culminated with the construction of some impressive 3D shapes. Maths Stars! Mrs Seiver

6L

Tristan B, Dan G, George D, Dylan N, Zachary Y - a camping trip was arranged over the weekend by some of the Year 6 parents. These boys went and had a fabulous time. They displayed all of the KHS attributes whilst camping. Mrs Lindley

Harrison W, Jackson W and Dylan N were very helpful on Friday afternoon, tidying the classroom after Teams and Form Period. Mme Swift

Lauti Y and Derin U for their wonderful flowchart algorithms in Computer Science. Mrs Webb

Dan G – great focus in Science lessons all the time. Mr Barratt

6S

Kieran S, Jack G and James M who had no hesitation in volunteering to run a stall for Jollies. Mme Swift

Alex H, Ben S, Freddie T, Kieran S - all of these boys went on a camping trip on Friday night, it was organised by Mr Bush (father of Tristan 6L), who has emailed to say that all boys showed integrity, endeavour and respect, by getting along, helping and being polite at all times. Mme Swift

Izyan S for his excellent performance during House Cricket when he took five wickets in one over to propel his House towards victory! Mr Hendry

7BA

Theo M – growing maturity around the school. Mr Barratt

7BL

Shay C has had a fantastic first year at Kingswood House, he received the Endeavour badge and has worked extremely hard all year. Miss Black

Oliver D received the Endeavour badge for all of his hard work and resilience - great work. Miss Black

Dylan B and Elliot N; well done to both boys who have been awarded the position of Prefects - very well deserved and I am so proud of you! Miss Black

Signatures

Continued...

8L

Daniel P for significant improvement in effort and behaviour in French recently. Mme Taylor

8L for perseverance in French recently during challenging lessons on the Perfect Tense. Mme Taylor

8T

8T for perseverance in French, learning particularly tricky grammar concepts; and generally for good focus and behaviour in their academic lessons. Mme Taylor

Ben C, Stuart C and Mikey F for all their successes throughout their time at KHS. We wish them all the best for the future. Mme Taylor

Archie S for good pace and understanding in his maths lesson. Mr Barratt

SENIORS

9H

Congratulations to Joseph S who has received his Duke of Edinburgh's Certificate of Achievement. Miss Patel

9T

James G for excellent effort in French this week. Mme Taylor

Form 9T French group for consistently good effort and behaviour, including those not choosing French as a GCSE option. Mme Taylor

James G for perseverance in decimal work. Mr Barratt

Antoni M for making a concerted effort in lessons and wise choices over the past week. Mr Twinley

10H

Owain F for the way he has significantly turned things around for the better in the last few weeks – keep it going! Mrs Haunstetter

Sam Sq for excellent Computer Science prep. Mrs Webb

Congratulations to Jo O who has received his Duke of Edinburgh's Certificate of Achievement. Miss Patel

Harry R has been helpful and made an effort in classes in the last week. Keep it up. Mr Sukhdeo

10W

Form 10W have worked consistently throughout the year; well done to all the class and congratulations to those who have been selected for positions of responsibility. Mrs Weston

Year 10 French group for fantastic focus and effort throughout the whole year. Mme Taylor

Jack B for excellent Computer Science prep. Mrs Webb

Danial I always works hard in Science, he has a strong subject knowledge and is always willing to help others in the class. Miss Black

Milo R and Rory G - both boys are always willing to take on a challenge in Science, they always push themselves to complete a task. Miss Black

Ed B worked really hard in Science this week, after answering a 5-mark equation question correctly he said it had 'made his week!' Miss Black

**The reward for
work well done is
the opportunity to
do more.**

Jonas Salk

Congratulations to the following boys who were awarded **Positions of Responsibility** for next academic year...

Seniors

Head Boy	Theo S
Deputy Head Boy	Eddie F

Prefects

Joe O
Jestico S
Ewan W
Angelo C

House Captains

Drake	Ed B
Marlborough	Jack B
Nelson	Rory G
Wellington	Alastair D

Sports Captains

Football	Ryan L
Rugby	Joseph O
Cricket	Sam SI
Hockey	Eddie F
Music	Max M-N

Upper Prep

Upper Prep Head Boy	Noah S
Upper Prep Deputy Head Boy	Theo J
Upper Prep Prefects	Dylan B

Avaneesh G
Sam C
Krishan I
Elliot N
Theo M



The badges and ties were awarded during our Prize Giving

Congratulations!

WELL DONE!

SPORTS RESULTS

House Cricket Report

Years 5 & 6 Competition

This term's Y5 & 6 House Cricket competition took place at Parson's Mead where all boys from Years 5 and 6 represented their houses in one competition. Throughout the day we saw some exceptional cricket played by a number of boys and all the boys should be very proud at how far their skills have improved since the beginning of term. The competition saw some excellent cricket from the boys, most notably from Izyan Siddiqui, who took an amazing five wickets in a single over. There were some fantastic performances from boys of all levels and it was great to see the competition played in such an excellent spirit with the boys openly displaying the many elements of the Kingswood House Way. The following points were awarded:

Nelson—7 points

Wellington—6 points

Marlborough -5 points

Drake—4 points



Years 7 & 8 Competition

This term's Y7 & 8 House Cricket competition also took place at Parson's Mead after heavy overnight rain led to Ashted's ground being unplayable. Again, all boys from Years 7 and 8 represented their houses, but across two competitions. Throughout the day, we saw some exceptional cricket played by a number of boys and all the boys should be proud at their performance and how much growth is in their game since the beginning of term. The A competition saw some outstanding cricket from the boys, especially from the talented Drake side, who ran out winners after winning every match. In the B team competition, honours were much more even with the eventual winners, Nelson winning by a single point from Wellington. The final standings from the day are as follows:

Drake—8 points

Wellington—7 points

Nelson—6 points

Marlborough—4 points



Citizenship Enrichment

Years 3 and 4 have been making musical instruments as part of the citizenship enrichment programme. There are some fantastic designs, and I am sure you will all have a wonderful time playing your instruments. Great work! *Miss Black*



It is Flippin' Good in 3M! This week, in their French lessons, the boys in 3M learnt the vocab and language surrounding the topic of cooking, and specifically making French crepes! They then had the perfect excuse to try both their culinary and language skills out in a combined activity which they thoroughly enjoyed as you can see from the massive smiles here...

There were some very competent crepe flipping skills on display too! *Mrs Marskell*



Challenge Topic!

Some enterprising designs from Year 3 and 4 when they modelled and built vehicles as part of their challenge topic this week...



Citizenship Enrichment

Well done to the winners of the eco-robot competition, part of the citizenship enrichment programme. The boys made fantastic eco-robots, each with their own unique ideas and made from a range of materials. As a prize, each winner has received a wildlife stationary pack to enjoy. Well done for all of your hard work! *Miss Black*





Music Captain Awards

Miss Foster has been keen to introduce recognition within her subject area for those pupils who go above and beyond in their commitment to learning, enthusiasm, all round effort and setting a super example to all pupils. Congratulations to the following boys who were awarded Music Captain badges...

Seniors:

Max M-N (10W) & William M (9H)

Upper Prep:

Harrison W (6L) & Arun A (5S)

Lower Prep:

Gregory C (3M) & Zayn J (2L)



Fencing Champion!

Many congratulations to Tobias van H who won our livestream showcase fencing duel—a great way to end the term! Details about our Fencing Club can be found on the website [here](#) or enquiries made direct to [Nick Payne](#). *En garde!*



Lower Prep Assembly

It was the turn of our Lower Prep pupils to host our final form assembly of term; they talked with zest about their trip to Goring beach—evidently not put off by the torrential wind and rain they had experienced that day!

They were keen to put the message across about the need for us all to demonstrate greater environmental awareness and how to approach and treat our beaches and seas so we can all enjoy them for many years to come.

Mrs Lambert



Prize Giving 2021



Prize Giving took place in a marquee at Epsom College and saw all the pupils receive a Certificate of Resilience. A full list of prizes and prize winners has been sent via Parentmail—congratulations!

Sports Awards Summer 2021

The following pupils were presented with these various Sports accolades in our final assembly of term— many congratulations to all; well done and thanks for all your dedication, hard work and enthusiasm out on the sports fields throughout the year.

Mr Hendry

Cricket

U9 B	Most Improved	Torin A-I (4S)
U9 B	Player of the Year	Ryan L (4S)
U9 A	Most Improved	Harry R (4S)
U9 A	Player of the Year	Cameron E (4S)
Colts D	Most Improved	Henry S (5F)
Colts D	Player of the Year	Dylan N (6L)
Colts C	Most Improved	Lauti Y (6L)
Colts C	Player of the Year	Howard K (6L)
Colts B	Most Improved	Rhys B (5F)
Colts B	Player of the Year	Tristan B (6L)
Colts A	Most Improved	Byron M (5F)
Colts A	Player of the Year	Izzyan S (6S)
U13 B	Most Improved	Beau C (7BA)
U13 B	Player of the Year	Jack C (8T)
U13 A	Most Improved	James C (8L)
U13 A	Player of the Year	Ben C (8T)
Senior	Most Improved	Cameron A (10H)
Senior	Player of the Year	Sam SI (10H)

Shields and Cups

Bowden Bat	Ben C (8T)
Senior Victor Ludorum	Josh J (11B)

Football Colours

U13 (badge)	Ben Ho (8T)
U16 (tie)	Josh J (11B)

Rugby Colours

U13 (badge)	Stuart C (8T)
U16 (tie)	Eddie M (11B)

Hockey Colours

U13 (badge)	Ben Hu (8T)
U16 (tie)	Freddie H (11W) Jack L (11W)

Cricket Colours

U11 (tie)	Adam G (6S) Izzyan S (6S) Alex W (6S)
U13 (badge)	Ben C (8T) Stuart C (8T) Rory S (8L) James C (8L)
Senior (tie)	Hasan J (11W) Jazib A (11W)



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expeditions

The latest cohort of Bronze candidates undertook their expeditions last week; this involved a minimum of 20km walk (more if they got a little lost!), cooking and setting up shelter for themselves. The weather on day one was dry and bright throughout the day and definitely helped keep the boys in good spirits! Along the way boys met ex-KHS parents, spotted actor Hugh Laurie in Mickleham and had some great adventures in the wilderness! Upon reaching camp they set up tents and begun making their evening meals, groups mainly opted for noodles, but pasta with baked beans also made a rogue appearance and they polished up with a desert of s'mores!



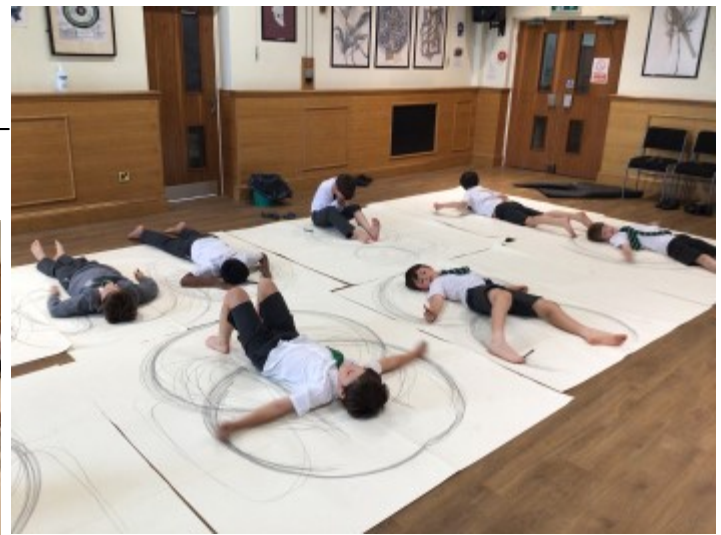
Day two brought with it a longer trek but lighter loads and the confidence of one day already done, after a final trek through countryside and fields and sign off with assessors we are very proud that all boys that completed both days have passed their expedition sections! They have truly showed the spirit of endeavour, a brilliant end to the year! Enjoy your very well deserved rest boys and Silver awaits!

Miss Patel, Mr Hendry, Mr Laudy and Mr Bennetts



Year 4 & 3 Art Work

The boys in Y4 had a very relaxing activity at the end of term in their last Art lesson; they discussed the artist Heather Hansen—an American performance artist who's background as a dancer has led her to use motion and her whole body on a large scale to create her pieces.



In Langland's, students laid on the floor and did some drawing using charcoal held in both their hands or feet, or even both simultaneously. They listened to music and used different positions as Heather did; some of the drawings were created with closed eyes. At the end, the students could just lie for a while and absorb the sounds in the music...and breathe...



Meanwhile, Year 3 pupils were getting very creative using collage technique and a range of materials – pencil, marker pen, paint and more—to create Fantastic Animals! Students explored the relationships between colour and emotions.

Mrs Maciejweska





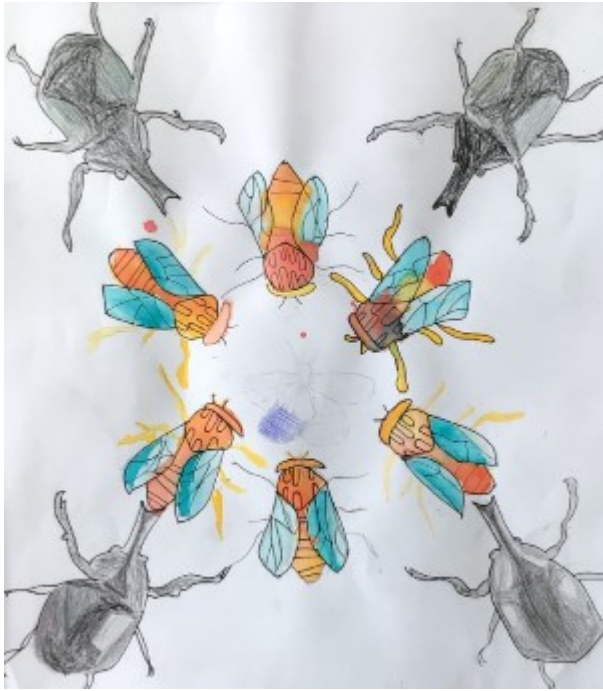
This crop of colourful, collaged characters have been created by Year 5 pupils after an initial Julian Opie inspired self portrait.



Years 1 and 2 had an enormous amount of fun learning about Antonio Gaudi 's architecture and comparing it to natural forms found around us.

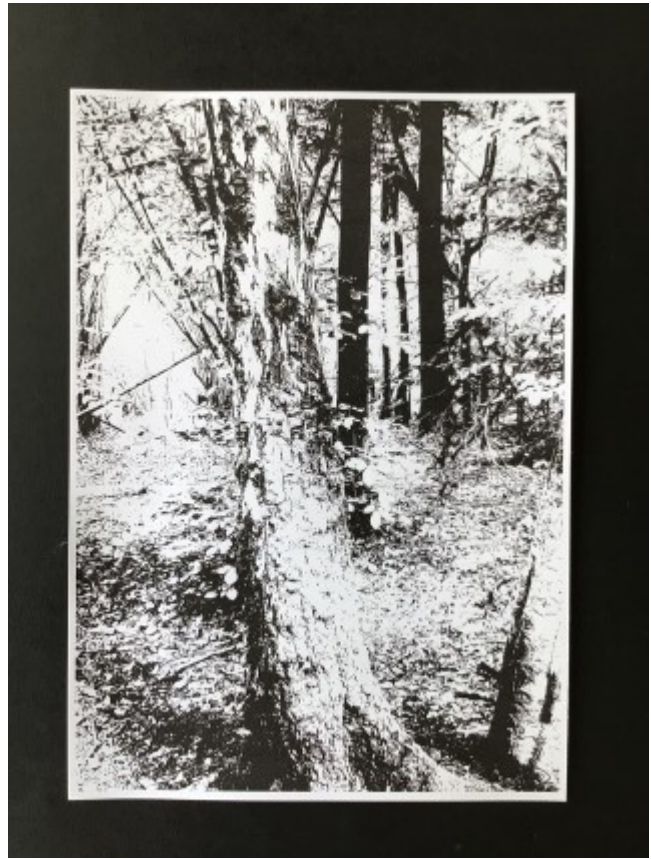
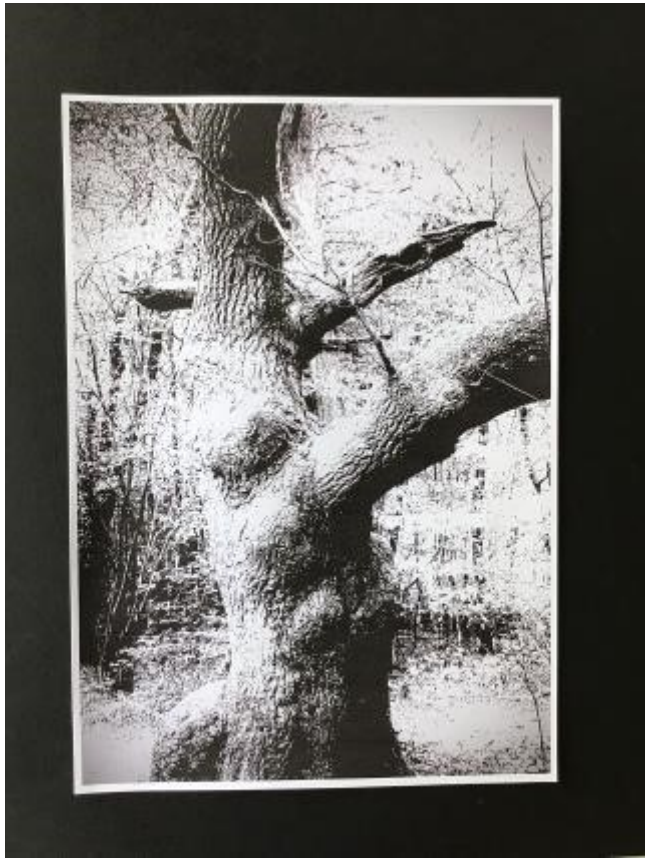
The pupils used snail-shells to design a building and collage to create mosaics patterns on its facade.





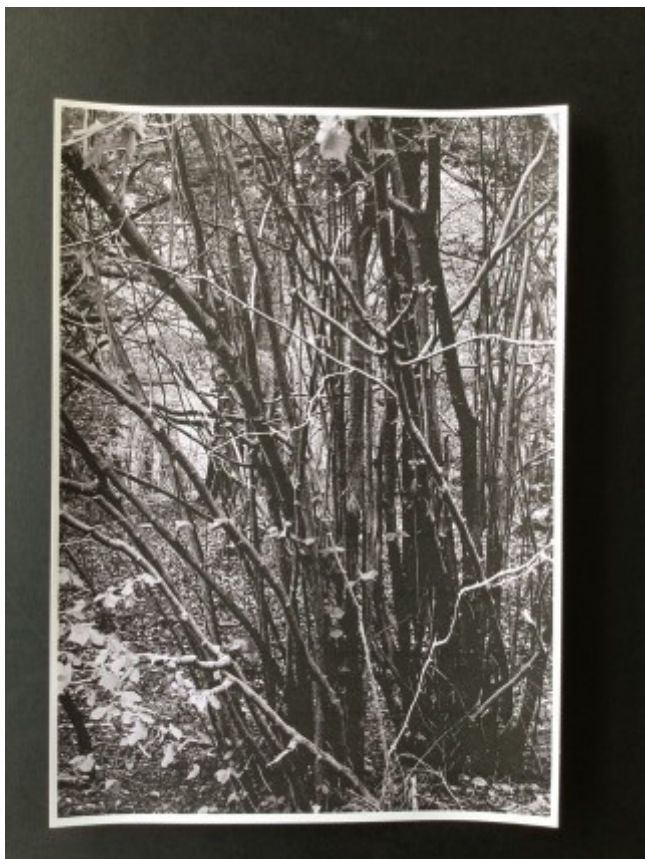
Year 6 work inspired by Damien Hurst's insect mandalas.





...and, finally, some experimental monochrome work in Pro Create by Milo R in Year 10 as part of his GCSE coursework.

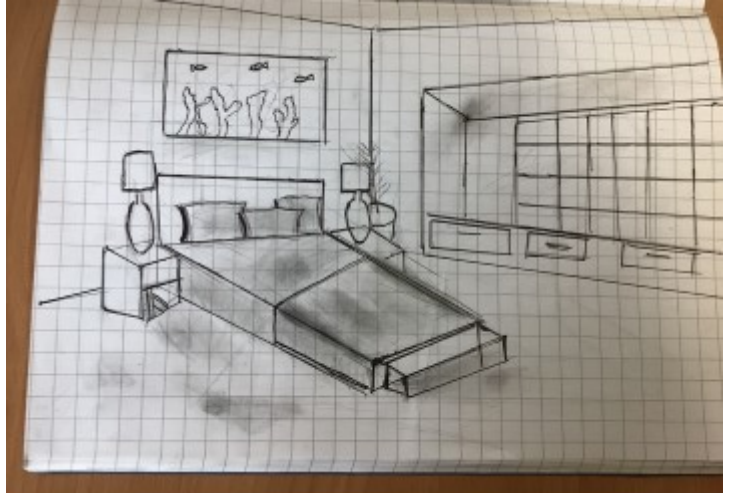
I am sure you will agree that there are some wonderful exhibits of creative talent...



Lower Prep Maths Work

Year 6 have been designing their dream bedroom. The pictures show a sample of work by Freddie T (6S).

The boys learned about calculations around decorating and were able to draw to scale and complete a 3D visualisation of their design. Awards for best designs and budgeting went to Ben S, Freddie T, James M and Alex W all from 6S; plus, Jason S and Hussain K both in 6L.



Year 7 pupils have been learning about scale drawings and gliders. Here the boys have designed their own gliders and tested their flight from the Katy Walton building balcony and on the school field. Prizes were awarded to the gliders that flew the furthest. Well done to Conor T and Ibrahim M, both in 7BA. Well done to all our Year 7 engineers who worked hard on this project. *Mrs Lindley*



KINGSWOOD ACTIVE holiday camps are up and running during the summer holidays for pupils, siblings and anyone interested.

Full details available on the website [here](#) or contact [Mr Liam Clarke](#) direct for information.

Goodbye and Thank You from the Study Centre...

As the academic year draws to a close, it is time for us to say goodbye to both Mrs Deborah Archer and Mrs Anne Ball in the Study Centre. Both are embarking on their retirement journey, looking forward to spending time with friends, family and their gorgeous grandchildren. Both Deborah and Anne joined Kingswood House before the Study Centre was even a twinkle in anyone's eye!

Deborah joined Kingswood House School in February 1999 supporting individual pupils with their literacy skills and at times, French. Always dressed for the occasion—although perhaps not the day she returned to the car park to find her car in the middle of an enormous puddle! Deborah has been a valuable member of the team for 22-years and we thank her for her hard work and dedication.



Thank You for being
a great colleague and
Good Luck with your
future endeavors.

Farewell!



Anne joined the School in September 2004 as a Speech and Language Therapist.

She has worked tirelessly in this role supporting the development of pupil's language skills with 1:1 and group therapy.

Ever the professional, Anne has been part of the team for 17-years and will be missed, along with her chocolate brownies! Thank you for all your effort and commitment in role.



It is also time for us to say goodbye to Mrs Isabelle Picken who has worked at Kingswood House for 6 years, starting as a teacher in Lower Prep before transferring her skills to her role as a Literacy Tutor in the Study Centre. Isabelle is leaving Kingswood House to spend time with her adorable new puppy, Elsie, and to pursue other tutoring opportunities. We're hoping for a visit from Elsie in the not too distant future!



It is also time to say 'Goodbye and Goodluck' to all our Leavers...

Year 11 were asked to reflect on their time with us @ KHS—here are some of their responses.



Where are you off to next? Claremont Fan Court.

What will you miss most about KHS? Friends.

What is your favourite memory of your time @ KHS?

Making of Modern Britain trip.

What would you say to our cohort of new pupils to ensure they get the most out of their time @ KHS? Try your hardest at everything.

Where, or what, do you see yourself doing in 5 years time?

I honestly don't know yet...!

Freddie H 11W



Where are you off to next? Sixth form

What will you miss most about KHS? Friends

What is your favourite memory of your time @ KHS? Making of modern Britain, a great trip.

What would you say to our cohort of new pupils to ensure they get the most out of their time @ KHS? Work hard in class.

Where, or what, do you see yourself doing in 5 years time?

Honestly not sure at this moment in time. Jack L 11W



Where are you off to next? Kingston College

What will you miss most about KHS? The energy of it as a whole, the teachers and people

What is your favourite memory of your time @ KHS? Making of Modern Britain Year 9

What would you say to our new cohort of pupils to ensure they get the most out of their time @ KHS? Keep your head up and open your mind up early; importantly. take control of yourself!

Where, or what, do you see yourself doing in 5 years time? Getting a Masters degree, whilst experiencing art, meeting people and strengthening my knowledge and philosophy.

James T 11B

What is your favourite memory of your time @ KHS?

Thinking back I don't know if I could pick a favourite memory, but I certainly have several fond memories. The school's many spectacular trips are always a lot of fun, most notable being the PGL trip in Year 5, the France trip in Year 7, and the Making of Modern Britain in Year 9. The various House days have also been a lot of fun, where I have enjoyed running my own train service around the school – the Kingswood Express! I have also enjoyed participating in the various house competitions, most notably the music and public speaking events.

What would you say to our new cohort of pupils to ensure they get the most out of their time @ KHS?

Don't get too stressed by work and exams – this will just be counterproductive and cause more harm than good. Not caring about the exams will lead to sub-optimal performance, but caring too much will lead to worse performance. Strike a balance between work and play, and look after your mental health.

Where, or what, do you see yourself doing in 5 years time?

Predicting the future is always difficult, but I have a few ambitions, some of which will have been fulfilled by then, I hope! Post college, it would be nice to have a gap year in which I could tour the world - ideally by train! I would also like to film some of my travels, either in this gap year or before, and publish them on my YouTube channel which, incidentally, I would like to dedicate more time towards. I would like a job in the rail industry—where exactly I don't know, perhaps working on HS2?, as well as pursuing a musical career as a composer in my spare time.

Michael C 11W



Where are you off to next? Nescot to do a carpentry apprenticeship to renovate houses with my father.

What will you miss most about KHS? Trips e.g. Sail France and Jersey

What is your favourite memory of your time @ KHS? Sail France

What would you say to our new cohort of pupils to ensure they get the most out of their time @ KHS? Keep on top of all work but don't bury yourself in it!

Where, or what, do you see yourself doing in 5 years time? Renovating my own house and getting it ready to rent out and re-mortgage. And/or starting a cadetship in the Royal Navy to be a deck officer in the RFA as well as hopefully, doing a 2nd or 3rd Atlantic crossing on a sailing yacht and instructing sailing!

Theo B 11W





A very big **Thank You** to the KHA for funding the delicious ice creams we all enjoyed on our 'Jollies' morning on the last day of term. The boys were hugely entertained by the variety of stalls, games and entertainments on offer—a super way to spend a last few hours in school together.

Free Summer Catch Up Sessions



Something that may be of interest to our families...

FREE SESSIONS but they must be booked in advance;

all sessions run 10:30-12:00 or 13:30-15:00.

The Great War: August 4th.

Roman Life in Epsom & Ewell: August 18th.

Epsom Spa Town: August 25th.

Blitzed Epsom: August 11th.

Contact David Brooks - 0208 3941734

dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk



External Clubs Provision for Autumn Term

All external club providers have details available for taking bookings for the forthcoming Autumn term; any queries should be addressed to the leader directly. Details are on the website [here](#).

***Wishing all our school community
a wonderful summer break;
Thank You for all your support this
last academic year.***

***From the Admissions & Marketing
Team!***

