

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term
17 September 2021

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RECEPTION CLASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022—find out more [here](#)

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Dear Parents

It has been a busy and enjoyable first full week back at school.

In assembly on Wednesday, I explored the recent success of Emma Raducanu at the US Open and considered how she might contend with her new celebrity status. A remarkable young lady, with a fine academic pedigree, she captured the hearts of the nation with her gutsy performance away from family and friends in New York to become Britain's first female Grand Slam champion since Virginia Wade in 1977; her feat is all the more extraordinary when one remembers that she had to qualify for the tournament and ended up winning it without losing a single set! There are many who have fallen foul of fame and fortune that were bestowed upon them at an early age – but my instinct tells me that Miss Raducanu may be made of sterner stuff. She evidently has a phenomenal work ethic, strong values and a supportive team around her. Whatever the future holds, she is without doubt a role model for boys and girls alike.

We are looking forward to our first 'normal' Open Morning tomorrow for a long time. Pleasingly, we have 50 families coming to see our lovely school in group appointments through the day and I am delighted that KHS is attracting such widespread interest. Thank you in advance to our Upper Prep and Senior prefects who will be on hand to help the admissions and marketing team with tours for our visitors.

On Monday evening, the Kingswood House Association will hold its Annual General Meeting. This is a fantastic opportunity for new parents, as well as familiar faces, to come along and find out more about the work undertaken in support of the boys and girls. Mrs Witts and I will be in attendance and hope to see many of you there. Please see overleaf for more information.

In the meantime, I wish you a relaxing weekend in the September sunshine.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



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

2021 SEPTEMBER WEEK 1			
Monday	20	0900-1600 1900	Y11 Science Field work at Juniper Hall KHA AGM—all parents welcome in Langland's.
Tuesday	21	1600	Staff Meeting & ISI Inspection Training (online) IAPS Heads' Conference
Wednesday	22	0845 0915-1300 0930 1600	Deputy Head's Assembly Y10 & Y11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork in Epsom Lower Prep Forest School U13A&B vs Glyn (A) IAPS Heads' Conference
Thursday	23		IAPS Heads' Conference
Friday	24	1025	House Meetings IAPS Heads' Conference

LUNCH MENU week beginning 20.09.2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bacon & Tomato; Chunky Veg (V) Sauce with Penne Pasta	Chilli con Carne; Three Bean Chilli (V) with Brown & White Rice	Roast Pork; Roast Potatoes; Cauliflower Cheese & Steamed Cabbage	Sweet & Sour Chicken; Crunchy Veg Sweet & Sour (V) with Noodles	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Apple Crumbles & Custard
Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Jelly	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Lemon Cake & Custard	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Rice Pudding	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Jam & Coconut Tart	Homemade Fish Pie with Peas



Join us for a DofE Participant & Parent Drop-in Session

GET YOUR AWARD DONE!

Drop-in at a time convenient to you for one-to-one advice and eDofE support

The session will be on 23 September, 2021
Between 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Join us on Teams using the link below
<https://bit.ly/3t24jOp>
No need to book



This week, *Salary*

As adults we all look forward to our salaries at the end of the month but do we know where the word originated?

The word salary comes from the Latin '*salarium*' meaning salt money. Salt was used for many important things and was referred to as white gold. In Ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt, it was used as a method of payment which they could use to preserve food, and it took on the name of '*salary*' for '*that which was given to workers at the end of the month*'. *Mme Swift*

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

Reception

Olivia J for settling into her new Reception classroom so well and working so diligently during her phonics lesson – I am so proud of you! Miss de Klerk

2 & 3L

Beatrix S in Year 3 who was very helpful towards one of her friends in class. Mrs Lambert

4S

Oliver R for a great first few days at KHS. Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Ryan B for settling in so quickly and working hard in all his subjects. Miss Forbes

Mrs Seiver's Maths group for excellent presentation of work , well done! Mrs Seiver

6L

All the students in 6L have made excellent contributions to class discussions and previous pupils have made new students welcome. Well done to Edward B who has taken the responsibility of "shed monitor" for 6L. Mrs Lindley

Indy D has settled incredibly well in my maths set. Fabulous presentation of work in particular. Mr Clarke

Jamil H some fabulous reference work in RS. Mrs Seiver

6S

6S have settled back well; the new pupils have been welcomed by the rest of the class and are gradually finding their feet. Madame Swift

Arun A for excellent use of scientific language in our lesson this week . Mrs Seiver

7BA

Conor M-A – showing good initiative and independence and Ezra Oxley-Wilson – a sensible and productive attitude in lessons. Mr Barratt

7BL

Alyssa C, Isabella A, Jensyn A, Gabriel C, Oscar E, Max P, Khishaan T, Sebastian V - all of the new starters have settled into 7BL so well, they have each made a fantastic start to the term and it is a pleasure having them all in my form! Miss Black

Freddie T has taken on the role as "prep monitor" for 7BL; he has done a fantastic job so far and is showing the Kingswood House Way. Miss Black

Dylan N was the first to volunteer to read to the class during 7BL enrichment - he was clear and well spoken. Miss Black

7P

Alex H and Harrison W for being very helpful and kind towards his peers (especially the new ones!) Miss Patel

Jack G, Kieran S and Tristan B for showing great responsibility and maturity. Miss Patel

Lauren C and Pippa T for taking a younger student 'under their wings' during production. Miss Patel

All the new starters in 7P have been settling in well and I hope they continue with their positive mind-sets throughout the year!

Sam W – great questions and contribution in Science. Mr Barratt

Well done to Oscar E and Max P for their great team work in maths. Mrs Lindley

7P continued

James D showed great enthusiasm for French (I would like to clone him for all of my classes!) Madame Swift

8F

William H for setting himself an excellent goal of knitting a scarf - we cannot wait to see it! Miss Foster

A great start to term from Will H - showing enthusiasm and completing class work. Mrs Lindley

8L

Conor T and Josh McC - both boys have had a positive start to the term. I hope they can continue their excellent focus over the next few weeks. Mr Laudy

Avaneesh G has made a fantastic "laboratory safety poster" for prep using the minions to make his safety tips really stand out. Well done! Miss Black

8T

I commend the whole class for fantastic listening and cooperation in form periods so far. Mme Taylor

A great start to term from Luca S-S showing enthusiasm and completing class work in maths. Mrs Lindley

A message from Mr Clarke Head of Upper Prep,

"Amazing to see all new pupils settle so well. It is like they have been here forever. All existing pupils are looking after new boys and girls with the Kingswood House Way in mind.

Year 8 prefects have started well. They have already devised a duty rota and are being proactive in their approach. Well done to the whole team!"

SENIORS

9B

Lukas C - a great start to the term. Extremely supportive in showing Ollie Gowe around the school and helping him settle in. Mrs Bray

Patrick G for submitting a very detailed and well prepared paper on: 'What does it mean to be British?' Miss O'Shea

Tharani V showed excellent subject knowledge in his first Science lesson this week - keep up the good work. Miss Black

9H

Mingwan K & Nathan A – our two new starters have settled well. Mr Hendry

Henry S has been very kind and helpful to the new joiners. Mr Hendry

A nomination for Nathan A for an excellent and confident start to his French GCSE course despite being brand new. Mme Taylor

Oscar D'A for an excellent attitude towards music. Miss Foster

Mingwan Khas made an impressive start to Maths, quickly completing work with accuracy and care. Mrs Lindley

10H

10H – a wonderful start to the year. Very respectful and have simply got on with their learning – great to see! Mrs Haunstetter

Antoni R-M for an excellent start towards GCSE music with some very good answers to questions. Miss Foster

10W

All 10W have settled well back into the new term and appear happy and focused for their year ahead. Keep it up! Mrs Weston

The students in HPQ4 are brimming with enthusiasm about their projects. They have come up with some brilliant ideas for topics and are already underway with their research! Mrs Haunstetter

11B

Form 11B have been in exams all week and have done brilliantly all turning up on time with a positive mind-set towards their pre-mocks; well done for showing such good responsibility. Mr Bailey

11W

Form 11W arrived bright and early to the first day back at KHS. All pupils listened exceptionally well to form and school information and have made a very pleasing start to the term. They all seemed prepared for the pre-mock examinations and have worked hard this week to achieve their best. A fine start to the year. Mrs Wraith

Ryan L for achieving a Grade 7 in his iGCSE Business Studies exam over the holiday. Mr Sukhdeo

Hugo D for achieving a Grade 7 in his Spanish GCSE exam over the holiday. Mr Sukhdeo

A pleasing start from all the Seniors this term; a special mention to Year 11s for the way they have knuckled down for their pre-mocks. It will be worth the effort, I assure you! Mr Sukhdeo

This may be of interest to some of our families at the weekend...

Free Trial snorkelling session!

Come and try snorkelling at Dorking Sports Centre on 26th September at 8.30 am - 9.30am.

All over 8 years and able to swim 50m are welcome. Please book your place by emailing dorksnorkclub1@gmail.com

For more information see [Dorking Snorkelling Club](#)



"TEA & TALK" - Empowerment in a New Environment

Kingswood House girls and parents are warmly invited to our inaugural "Tea & Talk" on Monday 27th September at 1630 in Langland's Hall.

Our guest speaker, Roz McLeod, will discuss the subject of joining into a newly co-educational school and help the girls to feel empowered moving forward...



Having designed the Personal Success Group Course for adults as part of her coaching offering, Roz went on to re-design it to appeal to teenagers. Her launch into secondary schools was welcomed with open arms by pupils and teachers alike, and her light-hearted, informative, thought-provoking and relevant courses continue to evolve and deliver results UK-wide.



**Please RSVP by Monday 20th September to Zoe Ashton:
admissions@kingswoodhouse.org**

Prefects' Meeting

Our Senior and Upper Prep Prefects were able to meet together for the first time this academic year and began to discuss their roles and responsibilities. They enjoyed hot chocolate, pastries and uplifting rhetoric from Messers Clarke and Sukhdeo who are looking forward to working with their new team. Their duty rota at break is already done!

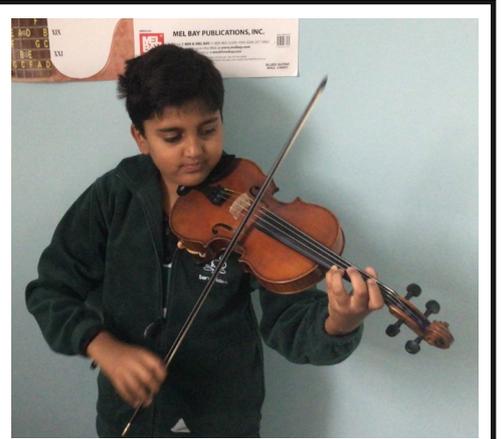


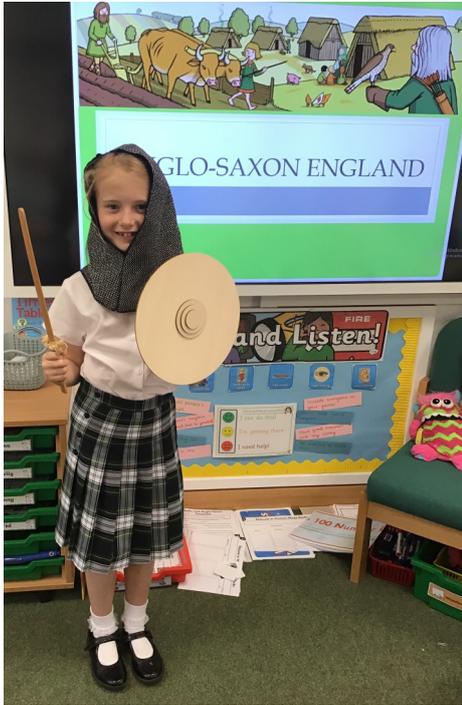
Orchestra Success!

Over the Summer, Jamil H (6L), auditioned for the Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra playing violin and was accepted.

SYO is open for pupils aged 8-18 so this is a wonderful achievement for Jamil - Many congratulations!

Miss Foster





The Anglo Saxons have Arrived in 2 & 3L...

Form 2 & 3L have had a fantastic start to the new term! They have had fun getting to know each other and enjoyed their first topic lesson, learning about the Anglo Saxons. They made a human timeline and Penny dressed up to show us what an Anglo Saxon invader would look like!

The children have also made a good start in their maths lessons and have been exploring numbers and place value.

Well done, girls and boys!

Mrs Lambert



Beowulf Re-enacted in 4S!

Form 4S retold the story of Beowulf, as part of their Anglo Saxon English topic. The children remembered key parts of the story and were confident in performing the story to the rest of the class.

A great start to the term, everyone!

Miss Smith



SPORTS RESULTS

Colts A, B, C, D vs Homefield

The Colts kicked off the football season in fine fashion with four competitive fixtures against Homefield School this week. With a total of 30 goals scored across all four pitches, it was quite the afternoon in superb, autumnal playing conditions.

Well done to all those girls and boys who made their Kingswood House debut and congratulations to the A team who won their first match in convincing style with an 8-1 scoreline.

Mr Laudy



Scores and awards as follows:

Colts A WON 8-1; Player of the Match – Cameron E (5F)

Colts B DREW 5-5; Player of the Match – Byron M (6S)

Colts C LOSS 4-1; Player of the Match – Oscar P (6L)

Colts D LOSS 4-3; Player of the Match – Euan B (6S)



Sportsmanship Awards – Fraser S (5F) and Alex F (6S) for both their continuous engagement and motivation in the game inclusive of Kingswood and Homefield players. *Mr Cribb*

'Say Cheese!'

Huge thanks to all staff and pupils who were photographed in class, in the playground and going about their daily routines on Wednesday when our photographer [Amanda Darling](#) was in school. She has worked for many years within our school community trying to capture the essence of KHS, and any brochures you may have seen or many of our website images would have largely come from her tried and tested lens. The children were fantastic, from our little 'newbies' in Reception right up to our Senior cohort—a big thank you to all for your patience, time and good humour. Watch this space for some great snaps coming soon...





Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to all our parents who attended the divisional Parents Information Evenings held over this last week both in school and online.

Thank you to all our staff who presented.

We hope you found them informative—anything you want to know, just ask!

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Mr Sukhdeo—Head of Seniors (Years 9–11)

Mr Clarke—Head of Upper Prep (Years 5–8)

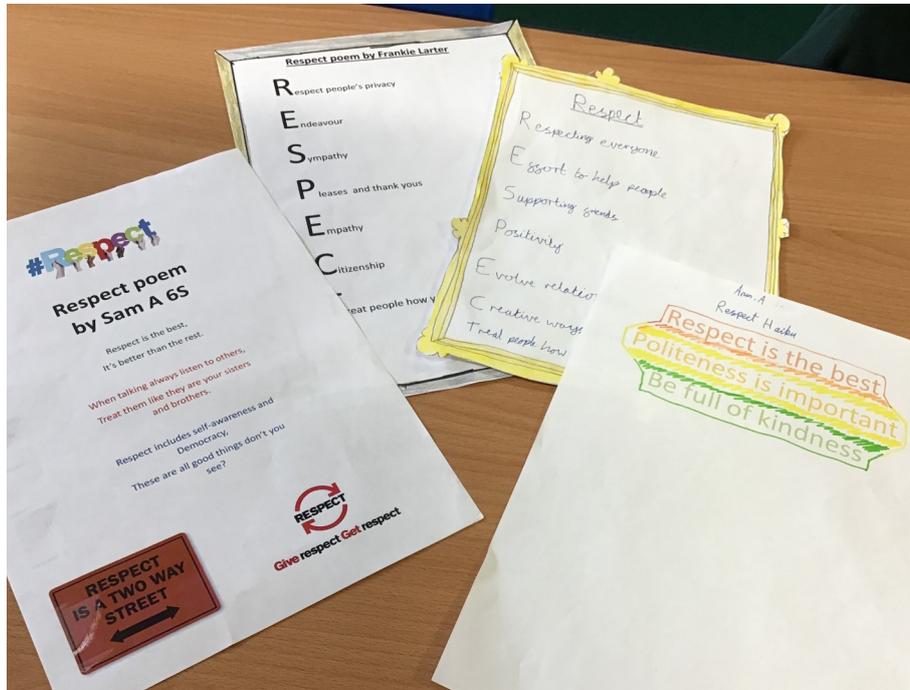
Mrs Lambert—Head of Lower Prep (Reception—Year 4)



Engage with Your Feelings—Crack the Code!

Ms Timothy, our ELSA, suggests this website and subscription service may have some invaluable resources to help younger pupils in the Lower Prep... [here](#)

When you subscribe to Amazing Me Codebreakers, your child will get a personalised magazine or workbook delivered to home every month; missions, activities and games are all set up to help learn new skills which will equip them tackle life's ups and downs a little bit better. Adult supervision and input is required but you can spend quality time together having fun, being creative, puzzle solving, talking and doing without a screen or device in sight! The Codebreakers' activity packs will help you crack the code to feeling amazing – resilience, mindfulness, creativity and more...



Revolting...but Respectful!

This week, 6S have been looking at the various styles of poetry and enjoyed the 'Revolting Rhymes' selection written by Roald Dahl, which we looked at on 13th September—Roald Dahl's birthday!

The class was then asked to write their own poem based on the theme of *Respect*, our topic for English enrichment this week. Well done to all the class for producing some lovely work with acrostic poems, rhyming couplets and Haikus.

Madame Swift

What do you know about Netball?

Netball is a sport played in two teams of seven. It is like basketball except that bouncing the ball is not allowed, nor can you run with it, only pass it from hand to hand; because of this, ball control, passing and throwing skills need to be super accurate and powerful! It is a very tactical game.

There are three centre players, two attackers, and two defenders who can move about in different areas of the rectangular court. If you ever watch a professional game it is high-scoring and fast paced. Netball is a combination of speed, skill, agility, balance and tactics.

Netball was invented in 1895 in England, where it was originally an adaption of basketball specifically for female players but now both men and women play at school, amateur and professional club level. In fact, over 20 million men and women, play netball in over 70 countries world wide!

One Australian team, from Melbourne, gained notoriety in 2015 when a clip of their match-play went viral [here...](#)

The 'Frankston Bombers' utilised a different defender move, where one girl crouched down on all fours on the court whilst the other defender stands on their back for extra height to block the goal attempt. This is actually legal, as both defending players maintained the 'three feet away' rule from the attacking side! A lesson to all - never stop being creative and finding new ways of being the best netball player you can be!

Meanwhile, all are welcome to...



Come and join Miss Smith's new KHS Netball Club!

Meet new friends, learn new skills...

Monday 4-5pm.

Any enquiries, do speak to [Miss Smith](#) or [Mr Hendry](#). Thank you!