

# KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term  
15 December 2021

**KHS IS NOW CO-EDUCATIONAL - find out more [here](#)**

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

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## The Kingswood House Way



Dear Parents

I am pleased that we have crossed the finish line with the boys and girls having enjoyed a stellar end to the term, notwithstanding the darkening storm clouds of the Omicron variant. It is, of course, a disappointment that we did not host our Carol Service in person but I trust that the recording of some of the performances and readings will whet your festive appetite. Thank you to Miss Foster for compiling it at short notice!

I am immensely proud of the way our first term of co-education has transpired – it is the start of an exciting journey and I commend the girls for embracing life at KHS with such zest as well as the boys for making them feel so welcome. It is a testament to our friendly, inclusive culture that it seems like the girls have been here for a lot longer!

Over the last two days, the children have worn a dizzying array of Christmas jumpers, eaten a banquet lunch together with their friends and also had various treats courtesy of the KHA, including trips to bowling and the cinema. In addition to the Christmas quizzes and the traditional “staff v pupils matches” in football and netball, they should all have ended the term on a real high with a sense of genuine community spirit.

Looking ahead, we are still planning for a normal return to school on Thursday 6th January. However, given the government’s track-record, we are working hard behind the scenes to ensure that all eventualities are catered for. If there are significant developments, I will write to you in advance of the new term with further information.

In the meantime, it remains only for me to offer a huge vote of thanks to my wonderful team of teaching and support staff who are never shy of going the extra mile for our boys and girls. I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year; a final message can be found [here](#) in the blog.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster





Our Year 5—8 Choir practising in the delightful surroundings of Christ Church...despite being a 'behind closed doors' event in consideration for everyone's safety, the occasion still proved redolent of the traditional Christmas Spirit. Please find the link to our Carol Concert [here](#). A message from Miss Foster:

*"I would personally like to thank all the children who took part - it was a very different concert to what we had planned, but they performed admirably and I'm proud of how they handled the difficult recording schedule of the morning. I do hope they get the time to rest over the holiday after what has been a busy term.*

*We hope you enjoy the concert and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".*



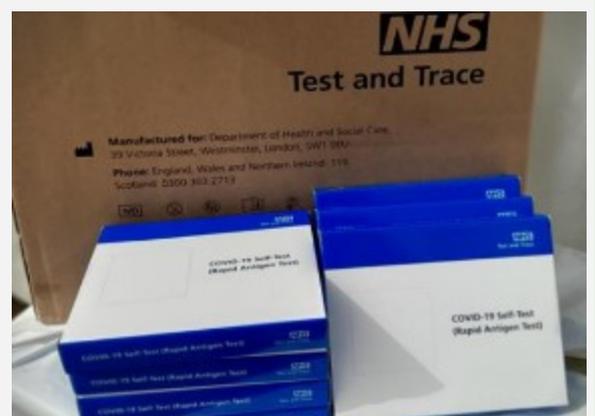
*We raised £250 from each of our events this week—Christmas Jumper Day and the Carol Service. Thank you for your generous support.*

In January, we are required to do a Lateral Flow Test on **all pupils in Years 7-11 on their return to school on Thursday 6th January 2022**, if you have given consent.

Pupils should arrive at school—whether by minibus, train or parent car, at the normal time and wait in their form rooms until they are called for the test. We would encourage you to complete a LFT the night before please. **All Year 11 pupils please come straight to Lower Prep immediately you arrive at school.**

However, at the rate this new variant is spreading, it is possible that things will change before of start of term.

*Thank you for your co-operation and support in this matter.*



**Many Congratulations to the following pupils who have been award their 'Respect' Badges:**

**December 2021**

Leo J (2/3L)

Ciaran P (4S)

Harry R; Elliot W (5F)

Rhys B; Jamil H (6L)

Frankie L; Alex F; (6S)

Khishaan T; James M (7BL)

Freija K; Ethan B (7P)

Conor M-A; Tom R (7BA)

Oliie D (8T)

James McD (8L)

Will H; Michael S (8F)

Ruari F (9H)

Lukas C; Patrick G (9B)

Ethan S (10H)

Max G (10W)

Theo S; Jack B (11B)

Sam Sl; Eddie F (11W)

**And a very well deserved mention for the following boys who have been made Prefects this term!**

Sam Sq (11W)

Ayaan S (8L)

**D of E Bronze Awards were given out in our last Assembly of term to...**

Tommy C (10H)

Jack B (11B)

Tyrwhitt B (10W)



**Congratulations to the following pupils who received HPQ Awards at either Level 2A or 1A:**

Ed B (11B)

Ali D (11B)

Max M-N (11B)

Cameron A (11W)

Ed F (11W)

Ryan L (11W)

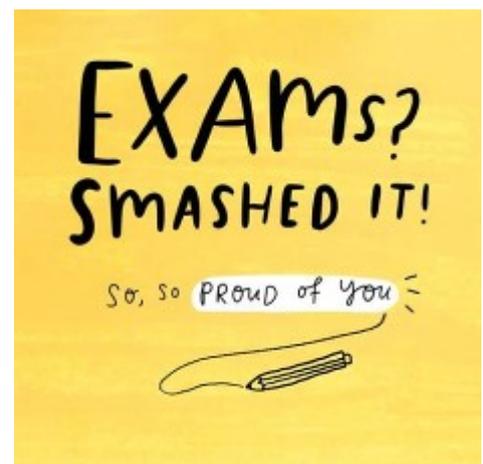
Joseph O (11W)

Sam Sq (11W)

Sam Sl (11W)

Oli Savage (11W)

**...and a Level 7 GCSE award to Hugo D (11W) - very well done!**



*A Huge Well Done to **Drake** who were **FIRST** overall in the House Competition this term...*

### House points - this week - Whole School



### House points - totals - Whole School



*The following pupils were the ones who were awarded the highest number of individual Commendations / House Points this term; very well done for all your efforts!*

Cameron E (5F)

Arun A (6S)

Thomas H (7BA)

Enzo R (8F)

Lukas C (9B)

Yejun L (10H)

Ed B (11B)

Indigo D (6L)

Alyssa C (7BL)

Ethan C (8L)

James C (9H)

Enan A (10W)

Sam Sq (11W)

James D (7P)

Zac M (8T)



*...and the overall highest amount of points were awarded to Zach Y (7BA) and Conor M-A (7BA)*



### **Mentions for KHS Pupils...**

Mr Murphy was delighted to receive a letter from the Rt.Hon.MP for Epsom Ewell, Chris Grayling who thanked our school for our entrants in his 'Design a Christmas Card' Competition; the standards were high but he thanked Jamie C (4S), Frankie L (6S), Sam A (6S) and Oliver R (4S) for their attempts; the latter of which shows a delightful scene of Santa on top of Epsom Clock Tower!

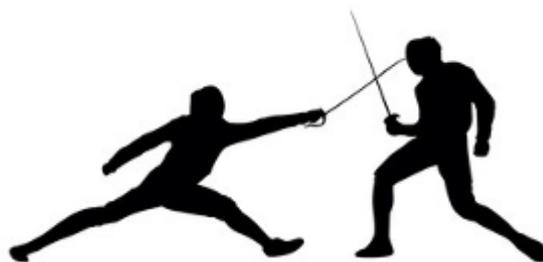
*Well done!*

### **Fencing Club Awards**

Congratulations to the following pupils who received their Foil Level 1 this term:

Zach B (4S)    Zac B (4S)    Gregory C (4S)    Jamie C (4S)    Hugh H (4S)    Toby H (4S)  
Cyril B-D (5F)    Teddy C-E (5F)    Freddie L (5F)    Max W (5F)  
Tommy v-M (7BA)  
Oscar E (7BL)    Gabriel C (7BL)

'Well Done' also to Tristan B (7P) who received his Foil Level 2!



### **Sports Awards Autumn Term 2021**

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>PLAYER OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>MOST IMPROVED</b>
U16	Ryan L (11W)	Jestico S (11B)
U15	Max G (10W)	Barnaby H (10W)
U14	Jack R (9H)	Ollie G (9B)
U13A	Finlay R (7P)	Sebastian V (7BL)
U13B	Michael S (8F)	Freija K (7P)
U13C	Josh Mc C (8L)	Dylan N (7BL)
U13D	Jack G (7P)	Tristan B (7P)
Colts A	Harvey M (6L)	Eddie B (6L)
Colts B	Benji A (6L)	Frankie L (6S)
Colts C	Finley N (6L)	Harry R (5F)
Colts D	Aran A (6S)	Torin A-I (5F)
Colts E	Ryan B (5F)	Lily-Rose M (6L)
U9A	Gregory C (4S)	Zachary B (4S)
U9B	Phoebe W (3L)	Beatrix S (3L)
U9C	Maye B (3L)	Zayn J (3L)

*The following pupils have shown a consistent level of respect towards their teachers / coaches, teammates and opposition throughout the term:*

Lower Prep Sports Kingswood House Way Respect Award to Zach B-A (4S)

Years 5 & 6 Sports Kingswood House Way Respect Award to Eddie B (6L)

Years 7 & 8 Sports Kingswood House Way Respect Award to Beau C (8T)

Senior Sports Kingswood House Way Respect Award to Sam SI (11W)



## Measuring up in Maths for Mocktails!

The children had such fun in maths this morning! They were exploring the topic of 'measurement' and how different units are used. They were invited to think about liquid quantities and measuring these out to create a new flavoured 'mocktail' from a range of different squash available to them for this purpose.



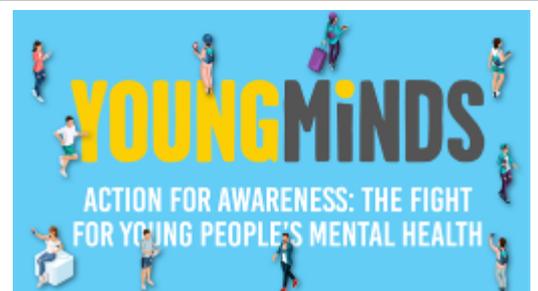
The children had huge amounts of fun designing their drink, giving it a festive name and drawing a poster to advertise it. At the end of the lesson, Mrs Harding — top cocktail judge, very experienced! - came to judge the competition to find her favourite Lower Prep mocktail! It was a blind tasting, so she had no idea who had made the drinks and done the mixing. The winning drink was called the "Santa Shooter", created by Zachary, William and Katie. Our Christmas jumpers set the scene really well too!



Well done, everyone, and thank you Mrs Harding! *Miss Smith*

## Young Minds Charity Pupil Survey

Ms Timothy would be really grateful if any of our pupils would complete the following survey [here](#) which the Young Minds, the UK's leading youth mental health charity, in partnership with Wagamama, has set up to make sure that every young person gets the mental health support they need, when they need it.



## Year 10 GCSE Drama Devised Performances

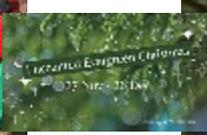
Mrs Horley, and the watching staff audience, were delighted with the GCSE devised performances that were seen last week in school. A complex and intricate plot was expressed in only ten minutes by just four actors. Well done to all involved!





### Meeting Father Christmas...

Lower Prep enjoyed a visit to the Big Man in Red at Polesden Lacey on Friday morning. According to Mrs Lambert it was, "... absolutely magical! We enjoyed a walk in the grounds and listened to a wonderful story, told by the elves, before the children met Father Christmas. They all received a woodland animal hand puppet and were completely spellbound by the whole experience which was delightful to see!"

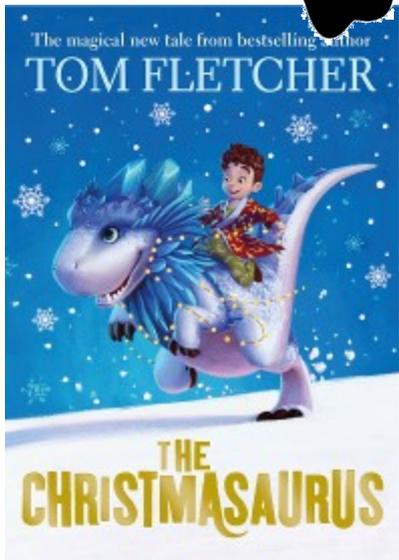


### Cooking Up a Festive Biscuit Feast

Mrs Lambert and Miss Smith's classes enjoyed some cooking last Thursday. The classes have been reading *The Christmasaurus* (both the first and second books) which has a character of a magical dinosaur! The children were asked to make biscuits which had then had dinosaur feet stamped into them - referencing our story. The children worked together in small groups to create their dough, weighing out all the ingredients themselves, mixing and stirring and then kneading the dough. Watch out Junior Bake Off!



### Miss Smith





*Who do Reception spy with their binocular eye...?!!*

*Could it be Santa on the horizon....???*



**Congratulations** to Jamil H (6L) who performed at the Royal College of Music on Sunday evening with the prestigious Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra; it is super to see these playing opportunities open up once more for young musicians.



Nathan J (6S) achieved 3rd place in the school's chess competition, there were 8 competitors in total across different year groups. **Well done, Nathan,** on a great achievement. Mme Swift



*Year 8 enjoying some French festive fun in their last lesson of term on Tuesday!*



## Staff vs Pupils Football

Mr Hendry gives us his match analysis below:

*"In a thrilling end to end encounter with many nutmegs, dives and dodgy decisions (apparently) from the ref, we saw the score tied at 4-4 at the final whistle. The teachers took an early lead through a deceptive Mr Ellis strike which was cancelled out by a Sam SI penalty for the Year 11's - after Will disturbed the robins in one of our neighbour's trees from five yards out!*

*The teachers then retained and extended their lead through two clinical finishes from Will, going into the final third of the match 3-1 up. The Year 11 boys showed excellent determination to get back into the game and levelled 3-3 only for Will to complete his hat-trick with a few*

*minutes to go. Mr Ellis then went searching for the headlines with an audacious strike from the half way line, but instead found himself conceding a penalty after the ball ended up at the bottom of Mr Murphy's steps, at which Ryan L brushed home to take the game to a penalty shoot-out.*



*The teachers came away with the victory after a 5-4 sudden death win, which sparked exuberant celebrations from the staff!*

*A great game and the teachers extended their unbeaten run to seven years. The gauntlet is already thrown down for next year..."*



The inaugural **Staff vs Pupils Netball** match also went really well and was played in such a high spirit; Mr Westcott reports below:

*“The KHS girls played extremely well, featuring a couple of special guests—Mr Clarke and Mr Murphy - and they were using everything that they were taught during their PE lessons. I was very impressed with their technique. The staff had a great time and did not hold back, especially as they were determined to get the win! However, the KHS girls played right to the final whistle and with the last shot of the game, they won it. It was fantastic to watch as well as to officiate. The girls were perfect role models but I had a few refereeing complaints from the staff! The final score on the last shot at the whistle was 10-9 to the girls!”*





### End of Term Quiz!

The Dining Room held the Year 5 and 6 quiz whilst Langland's saw Years 7 and 8, plus the Seniors, battle it out in an end of term session which tested the grey matter of all... Thank you to all staff who played their part of Quiz Master.



If, as a family, you are keen on Christmas quizzes do look at this [website](#) [here](#) which gives you many different types of festive quizzes, for all age ranges and interests, and all with answers!

### Clubs Information

Please note: Tennis and Karate Club details, plus relevant booking forms, can be found on the website [here](#) to sign up for next term. Thank you—any enquiries please contact our Clubs Co-ordinator [Miss de Klerk](#)



### *Good Grace at the Table*

Christmas lunch was a resounding success on Monday and Tuesday this week—split over two days so the pupils could enjoy themselves and not be rushed, as well as lessening some of the pressure on the kitchen to prepare and produce that amount of turkey and all the trimmings! A very big, heartfelt ‘Thank You’ to Jane and her team who truly laid on a delicious spread.



The Seniors, *pictured above*, showed us they are not too old to wear a Christmas jumper with style and even pull crackers, tell jokes and wear the obligatory paper hat!



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## FESTIVE OPENING TIMES

**Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January – CLOSED**

**Tuesday 4th January- OPEN 9 - 5.30**

**Wednesday 5th January –OPEN 9 - 5.30**

**Thursday 6th January – OPEN 9 - 5.30**

**Friday 7th January- OPEN 9 - 5.30**

**Saturday 8th January- OPEN 9 - 5.00**

**Sunday 9th January – CLOSED**

**Normal opening hours resume from Monday 10th January**

### **Festive Break:**

Our stores will be closing over the festive period to allow our staff who work very hard over the summer to spend some time with their friends and families.

Please see above opening times for your local branch.

### **Online Ordering:**

Please place any online orders before **Wednesday 15th December** to ensure in stock items are dispatched before the festive period. While closed we will continue to process online orders, however due to the time of year and how Christmas bank holidays fall it may take up to 14 days for orders to arrive with you.

### **Online Ordering (Cont.):**

Orders placed online for collection will be processed once the store has re-opened.

Please only come to collect your orders once you have received a confirmation email to say the order is ready to avoid disappointment.

### **Customer Service:**

Our Customer Service teams will be working remotely over the festive period so whilst our phone lines are closed you can still reach one of the team via email if you need advice on products or sizing.

### **Wishes...**

We'd like to wish our customers a lovely festive break! We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

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