

# KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Spring Term  
07 January 2022

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## The Kingswood House Way



Dear Parents

I trust you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas holiday with your families; my latest video blog can be found: [here](#).

It is a great pleasure to see the boys and girls back in school at the start of what promises to be a busy and exhilarating spring term, notwithstanding the well-documented challenges we may face. Thank you to Mrs Witts and her team who oversaw Lateral Flow Testing for Years 7-11 in arctic temperatures! We are committed to maintaining as normal an educational experience as possible for the pupils within the parameters of government guidance and the potential for us to safely maintain a healthy staff ratio within the school.

First and foremost, I offer a warm welcome to Miss Lana Sumners who joins us as a second form teacher in Year 5 for the rest of the academic year and to Mr Mark Farmer who brings considerable energy and experience to the mathematics department. In the Study Centre, Ms Ilse Roets and Mrs Sue Jones will also add greater depth to the Study Centre team of tutors in numeracy and literacy respectively. I wish them a long and prosperous association with the school.

Over the holiday, you may have seen in the news about the sad death of Sir Richard Rogers. A former pupil at KHS, Sir Richard was an unconventional learner and found many aspects of his schooling a great challenge – yet he blossomed into one of the world's most eminent architects, with the Millennium Dome and the Pompidou Centre amongst a dazzling array of other achievements which feature prominently on a glittering CV. I wrote a short tribute about Sir Richard from the school, which can be found together with his obituary from The Times, here.

In my Headmaster's Assembly, as is customary in January, I highlighted the significance of New Year as an apposite time for reflection and ambition. I challenged the children to make up their own New Year resolutions and set themselves some attainable targets for the months ahead. Please do take the time to discuss this with them together with the advice that evidence suggests an effective resolution typically helps others, not just themselves, in some way. For better or worse, I shared my own resolution – to try and do more cooking – although this may be a poisoned chalice for my family in more ways than one!

The Kingswood House Way character value for this term is INTEGRITY. Some of the key aspects of this quality, which we shall be exploring in more depth with the pupils, are loyalty, trust and empathy. Equally, the Subject Enrichment focus for this half of term is Science. You will receive more information about some exciting opportunities in this subject from Miss Black overleaf. After half term, the focus moves onto ICT and Sports.

Finally, we have arranged for three excellent visiting speakers this term with designated time afforded for parent workshops, as follows—please look out for a link via Teams to join next week's seminar:

- Tuesday 11th January, 5pm: Floyd Steadman – Diversity, Equality & Inclusion
- Tuesday 18th January, 6pm: David Blake – Online Safety
- Monday 14th March, time TBC: Paul Hannaford – Gangs & County Lines

I look forward to a productive term ahead and believe that if we help the boys and girls successfully negotiate the challenges of the next few weeks then the summer should offer some light at the end of the tunnel.

With thanks for your ongoing patience and support.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



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

2022	JANUARY	WEEK 2	Year 11 Mock GCSE Exam Week
Monday	10	0730 1430	SLT Meeting U13 & U12 vs Homefield (A)
Tuesday	11	1400 1700 1610	Floyd Steadman Diversity & Inclusion Pupil Workshops Floyd Steadman Staff & Parent Seminar (Parents to access online) Staff Meeting
Wednesday	12	0845 0930 1430 1430 1430 1430	Deputy Headmaster's Assembly—INTEGRITY Lower Prep Forest School U12/13A vs Belmont (A) U12/13B vs Belmont (H) U11A vs Belmont (H) U10A vs Belmont (A)
Thursday	13	1430 1430	U9A vs Belmont (A) U8A vs Belmont (H)
Friday	14		

**LUNCH MENU week beginning 10.01.2022**

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon & Tomato Sauce; Spicy Vegetarian Sauce (V) with Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts;	Chicken & Leek; Leek & Potato Pie (V) with Fresh Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts;	Sausage Casserole; Veggie Sausage Casserole (V) with Potato Wedges	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts;	Five Bean Veggie Chilli (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts;	Homemade Fish Pie & Peas	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts;



**Wearing Masks & LFT**

Please ensure, unless they are exempt, that your child in Year 7 and above is wearing a mask on transport into school and during the day around classrooms and corridors; we are keen to see infection rates go down.

We ask you kindly to support us in this by taking Lateral Flow Tests twice a week as well to minimise asymptomatic spread in school. Thank you for your participation and understanding.



WEAR A FACE COVERING



Young people aged 12 to 15 in England are now being offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). Parents can book vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the NHS booking system, [here](#).

These will be offered via the school age immunisation service any-time from 10th January and we will inform parents when we have heard when ours will be. Meanwhile, do book direct with the NHS booking service (above) if you wish. *Mrs Witts*

COVID-19 vaccinations for children and young people aged 12 to 17

# WELCOME BACK!

think BIG  
believe BIG  
act BIG,  
and the results  
will be BIG.

## Spring Term 2022

The start of Spring Term on Thursday brought with it sub-zero degree temperatures and frosty scenes as pupils in Year 7 and above had their Lateral Flow Testing to ensure that school is maintaining a Covid-free, and safe environment as possible, for everyone; thank you all for your co-operation.

Our Year 11s have embraced their mock GCSE exams with a stoic determination to do well and things are running smoothly so far.

Lower down the school, there were smiles all round as friends were playing together once more after the Christmas break. Here's to a successful, fun spring term ahead! *Mrs Earl*



# INTEGRITY



**Honesty - Trust – Empathy - Loyalty - Dedication - Discretion – Kindness – Maturity – Wisdom – Judgement – Reason – Prudence – Friendship – Sincerity - Being Your Best Self**

- I try to see the whole picture before making a judgement
- I concentrate and pay attention so that I can think clearly
- I use reasoning to guide my decisions
- I am sincere in my dealings with others
- I am inclusive rather than exclusive
- I try to be a good listener
- I share my time, ideas and feelings
- I appreciate the good in others and share compliments
- I am happy for others when good things happen to them
- I show concern for others and try to be supportive
- I look for ways to express kindness to others
- I am forgiving instead of holding a grudge
- I do my fair share when working with others
- I am able to work effectively as a team leader or to let others lead
- I am agreeable and able to make appropriate compromises

## The Kingswood House Way

*"Integrity is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gain."* Chris Karcher

This term pupils will be focusing on **Integrity** as one of the core KHS values. Integrity is the quality of consistently standing for what you believe is important. It's about doing the right thing, even when no one is watching and about having courage, honesty, and respect in your daily life. KHS Values:

Honesty	Trust	Empathy	Loyalty	Dedication	Discretion	Kindness
Maturity	Wisdom	Judgement	Reason	Prudence	Friendship	Sincerity

Being your Best Self...

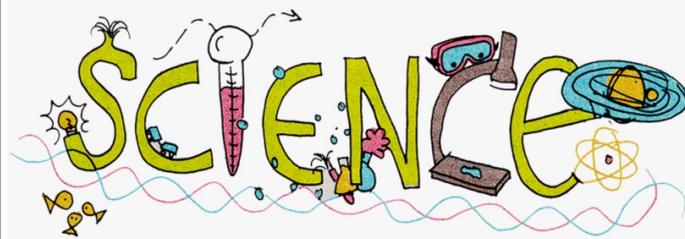
There has never been a better time to recognise the key workers, carers and volunteers in our communities who have to show integrity in doing their jobs. From frontline NHS, through to those people keeping our city going whether it be the bin men, food delivery persons and people working in retail. We all depend on the integrity of critical workers — their ability to deal with everything being thrown at them and still return the next day, or night, to do it all over again. We depend on key and critical workers' conviction, dedication and loyalty no matter the circumstances.

As a KHS pupil, your empathy and showing care to family members and friends is always of great importance. Dedicating your time to others, your studies and listening to advice from your parents and teachers shows integrity. Always remember what other people are doing on a daily basis with their honesty, kindness and judgment to make our lives safer. Mr Mitchell and I will be speaking to all pupils during a whole school assembly this term and would welcome pupils from all years to share examples of, *'being your best self'* and Integrity within daily life.

Mrs Wraith, Head of Art & Values Co-ordinator

INTEGRITY  
IS DOING THE  
RIGHT THING.  
EVEN WHEN  
NO ONE IS  
WATCHING.

C.S. LEWIS



### Science Enrichment

For the first half of the Spring term, Kingswood House will be celebrating Science as part of the subject enrichment programme! For the next few weeks, each division of the school will take part in numerous exciting cross-curricular activities, each with a scientific theme.

In Lower Prep, pupils will be able to experience their own 'Jurassic Park' with a range of Dinosaur inspired activities and challenges.

In Upper Prep, pupils will be carrying out exciting practical tasks and understanding how studying Science can shape their future. Alongside this, we will be celebrating the inspirational male and female scientists who help make new discoveries every day! The half term will conclude for Upper Prep with the opportunity to create their own Science project – their project needs to link with at least one other subject and there are prizes to be won!

Finally, the Seniors will certainly not be missing out– they will be learning about what it takes to be a design engineer, and all about the different careers within the vast field of engineering followed by the use of the James Dyson Design Engineering Kit. With these resources, pupils will have the chance to analyse products, create and design their own ideas and even build their own prototypes. There are so many incredible opportunities for all pupils to get involved with this half of term so I hope to see lots of enthusiasm... Miss Black

*Notes from the Study Centre...*

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January was **World Braille Day**, celebrated on the birthday of Louis Braille. Louise Braille was born in France in 1809. Louis became blind following a childhood accident but was determined that this wouldn't hold him back. As a result of his determination, Louis invented what we now know as Braille. Even more impressive, Louis was only 15-years-old when he did this!

Have you ever wondered what the bumps on the TV remote are, or a series of raised dots on signs when you're out and about?

Braille is a code made up of a series of six raised dots on a grid; there are 63 different combinations of these dots which enables Braille to be translated into different languages.

In 1854 the Braille system became more widely used. Initially it was only used at the school Louis attended but other schools soon got wind of this and eventually the system was used worldwide. In 2015, the UK introduced a modified version of Unified English Braille (UEB) to ensure consistency to people using English-language material throughout the world.

The use of Braille has transformed the lives of people with visual impairments and promotes equal opportunities. By celebrating World Braille Day, we can support the promotion of inclusion.

See if you can spot (or feel!) and Braille when you are out and about. *Miss Wilson*



*No stranger to KHS, Roz has brought her unique and engaging coaching style to our pupils, parents and staff alike giving her light-hearted, informative, thought-provoking and relevant content to all.*



**“Creativity...”**

**Kingswood House girls and parents are warmly invited to our third**

**“Tea & Talk”**

**on Monday 24th January 2022 at 1600 in Langlands.**

**We are delighted that Roz McLeod is making a return visit and will facilitate a creative and active session in which we intend to participate in small groups and produce a collaborative piece of art work and then reconvene for a ‘Show & Tell’ type session...**

**Please RSVP to Zoe Ashton by 19.01.2022**

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Woo hoo!  
Well done  
Hooray!

Great news! Congratulations to Jack B (11B) who has been offered a sixth-form place, awarded with a Drama Scholarship, at Claremont Fan Court School following his interview and audition. We wish you much success and happiness continuing your studies there and we are proud of your achievement, Jack!

### Sir Richard Rogers RIP

The school community was saddened to learn of the death of the eminent former KHS pupil, the renowned architect, Sir Richard Rogers. Amongst many notable achievements, Sir Richard designed the Pompidou Centre in Paris and the Millennium Dome in London. An extended comment from Mr Murphy can be found [here](#)



R I P Sir Richard Rogers  
former KHS pupil



Left: Sir Richard made his mark in the traditional way on our Leavers' bricks!



Below: Opening the Katy Walton building in 2014—chatting with pupils and staff, including the previous Head, Mr Peter Brooks.



