

# KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Spring Term  
18 March 2022

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**The Kingswood House Way**



Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a wonderful “Well Being Week” at KHS featuring live music performances from Nathan Gurd, harrowing talks from Paul Hannaford and cuddles with Jackson, the therapy dog, amongst many other activities to help the boys and girls foster a strong pastoral understanding. My thanks to Miss Timothy, in particular, who oversaw a large degree of organisation for the children’s benefit.

On Wednesday morning, Form 6S took centre stage for an excellent assembly based around their recent study of The Titanic. Well done to all the pupils for speaking with such clarity and eloquence as they reinforced this term’s core focus of integrity, using the ill-fated Captain Smith as an example of someone who refused to desert his post even in the light of impending tragedy.

Thank you to Mr Hendry and the sports staff who arranged closely-contested house matches this week across a variety of sports – it was fabulous to see every child involved in meaningful competition to gain valuable house points, which will all count in the final reckoning at the end of term.

At the time of writing, stalls are being set up for Nelson House Day and there is a buzz of excitement in the air. Again, this would not be possible without a lot of hard work at a busy time of term – so, thank you to Miss Patel and the Nelson house staff for enabling this to go ahead with such zest.

Finally, I wish our Year 10 students well for their impending exams and look forward to seeing many Year 8 parents and pupils for their GCSE Options Evening on Monday. In the meantime, I wish you a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy  
Headmaster



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

2022	MARCH	WEEK 1	YEAR 10 EXAM WEEK
Monday	21	0730 0900-1530 1430 1800	SLT Meeting Year 2 & 3 trip to Wisley for a 'Plant Hunters' workshop U13 A & U13B vs Homefield (A) - Hockey Year 8 GCSE Options Evening
Tuesday	22	0935 1030 & 1245 1400 1630	Year 9 Emotional Intelligence Course KHA Mothers' Day Shop in the Library Senior House Rugby & Basketball Staff Meeting
Wednesday	23	0845 0930 1400 1430	Year 5 Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Years 7 & 8 House Rugby & Hockey U11A & U11B plus U10A & B vs Ewell Castle (H)
Thursday	24	1415-1600 1430 1800	Lower Prep 'This Is Us' Afternoon for visiting Nursery Heads and Managers U9 vs Homefield—Hockey Senior Lecture: Dominic Wood 'A Career in the Entertainment Industry' Year 11 Drama Practical (external examiner)
Friday	25	1025 1600	House Meetings Informal Tea Time Concert ( <i>re-scheduled from previous date</i> )

#### LUNCH MENU week beginning 21.03.2022

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Pesto Pasta and Homemade Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Beef & Onion Pie; Cheese & Onion Pie (V) with Mashed Potato and Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Sausage Casserole; Veggie Sausage Casserole (V) with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Sweet & Sour Chicken; Sweet & Sour Chunky Veg (V) with Spicy Noodles	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Assorted Pizza with Slaw & Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts

#### END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Please note the following collection times for the end of term on Wednesday 30th March. There will be no lunch service this day.



1200	Lower Prep Collection time
1215	Years 5 & 6 Collection time
1230	Years 7 & 8 Collection time
1245	Years 9 -11 Collection time

#### Wearing Masks & LFT

Masks are no longer required around school—unless staff or pupils wish to do so. However, they should still be worn on public transport or our own minibuses.

We ask you kindly to support us in maintaining a low Covid rate of infection in school by taking Lateral Flow Tests at home twice a week. Thank you for your participation and understanding. Mrs Witts



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**

Karen L for trying her best to stay focused on the carpet. Keep it up. Miss De Klerk

A mention for all of Reception class for their fantastic efforts in PE doing Dance. They have had a great time and are learning a lot. I am very pleased with their efforts. Mr Westcott

### **2 & 3L**

Leo J for all your hard work and enthusiasm in all our lessons this week. Mrs Lambert

All of Years 2 and 3, but in particular Zayn Jawed for excellent work making flash cards for their food topic in French. Madame Swift

### **4S**

Zachary B – for super work in maths when adding and subtracting fractions! Miss Smith

William N-B for great participation in his French lesson using likes and dislikes. Madame Swift

## **UPPER PREP**

### **5F**

Sebastian P for his focus in English. Ms Forbes

### **5S**

Torin A-I for always being cheerful. Miss Sumners

Year 5 for all their hard work in the assessment week. Miss Sumners

### **6L**

Well done to Bertie L for his openness in our form period when discussing well-being week. Mrs Lindley

Lily M has been wonderful in Geography over the last few weeks – she is calm and concentrates well in all her lesson. Keep it up! Mr Laudy

Finley N excellent proofreading work. Mrs Seiver

### **6S**

All 6S for their hard work in preparing their pieces for our class assembly. Madame Swift

Lucas C - good work on planning an experiment, I'm looking forward to observing you next week. Mrs Seiver

Sam F-L - incredible algebra; you covered so much work during the lessons and totally nailed algebra. Mrs Seiver

### **7BA**

Harry H and Tom R – for honesty and for making a stand. Mr Barratt

Lauti was in an R.S. cover lesson, working on the importance of 'family'. After working through questions designed to set them thinking, the class were asked to individually sum up what they had learned. Lauti quietly composed a lovely piece of work which perfectly encapsulated all that he had learned: the importance of forgiveness, ability to resolve conflict, supporting each other etc. Mrs Wood

Great work from class 7BA creating animation characters in art. Mrs Wraith

Lauti Y received a commendation in English for an excellent piece of poetry including description. Mr Clarke

## 7BL

Hussain K always offers valuable feedback after PSHE. Miss Black

Gabriel C showed an interest for National careers week - he enjoyed discussing his future goal of working with horses. Miss Black

Max P enjoyed learning about wellbeing and created a lovely piece of mindfulness colouring. Miss Black

Khishaan T always offers a helping hand to others in the form. Miss Black

Gabriel C for thorough - over and above - learning of his weekly French vocabulary. Madame Taylor

Hussain K - amazing focus and analytical contributions in English. I am so impressive with his self-reflection and ensuring that he applies strategies to prevent distractions. Mrs Bray

Oscar E – for determination in Science. Mr Barratt

## 7P

Tristan B for his fantastic goal keeping in the 7P vs 7BA match! As well as all the students that took part, it was a great team effort and they did themselves proud! Miss Patel

Pippa T for getting involved in activities outside her comfort zone! Miss Patel

Ethan B for the respect he always shows in his French lessons. Madame Swift

Pippa T has been putting her best efforts into her Geography lessons, working to the best of her ability and asking for help when needed. Mr Laudy

Year 7 Maths; well done to Hussain K for his fantastic work. Mrs Lindley

## 8F

Sergio A-H for his hard work this term, some amazing progress made in subjects, well done. Miss Foster

Edward C for remembering his locker key this week, very commendable effort to be organised, well done. Miss Foster

## 8L

Theo W - despite being a little disappointed with some of his exams results, it is clear to see his preservice and determination to improve. Well done. Mr Laudy

Arlo S deserves a 'well done' for organising your locker so brilliantly. Books are stacked in order, other items are neatly stacked and you take time to repack your pack at regular times throughout the day so it is never too heavy. Mr Mitchell

Ayaan S and Theo J - both boys acted as the reliable 'phone a friend' during a 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' Science quiz. Miss Black

## 8T

Max L, Elliot N and Beau C for really hard work and good behaviour in a French cover lesson with Mrs. Webb. Madame Taylor

Max R for a well prepared speaking exam which he valiantly performed in front of several other pupils without fuss and with confidence. Madame Taylor

Zac M was called a 'legend' by Nathan Gurd – because of his questions and enthusiasm! Mr Clarke

Year 8 Maths; well done to Theo W who is MemRi champion of the week! Mrs Lindley



**SENIORS****9B**

Patrick G exemplary attitude to his studies and GCSEs. Mrs Bray

Zachary F for settling well in lessons and making wise choices in terms of behaviour and respect. Mrs Bray

James K and Patrick G - both pupils show endeavour in Science - keep up the good work. Miss Black

**9H**

Tedd B-A & Daniel P both working well and contributing in lessons. Mr Hendry

Year 9 Maths; well done Alex H who is Memri champion of the week! Mrs Lindley

**10H**

Great to hear Theo V-P was a huge help this week to the KHA setting up the Second Hand Uniform Sale – thank you and congratulations are due to him as he was presented with his Chief Scouts Award outside of school as well. Mrs Haunstetter

Folu A for completing his Grade 5 Cello exam, excited to hear about your results to commend your effort this term. Miss Foster

**10W**

Congratulations to Joseph S who has achieved his Chief Scouts Award recently. Mrs Weston

Y10 Maths; well done to Josh P who is MemRi champion of the week! Mrs Lindley

**11B**

A mention for Milo R and Jack Be for their help with the second hand clothes sale, some parents emailed in to say how helpful they were which is very pleasing to hear! Mr Bailey

Eddie F in 11B – the Y11 History Boys were watching a lunchtime webinar on Tudor and Stuart History as part of their GCSE revision. Eddie came and joined us even though he does not study the subject. Mrs Haunstetter

**11W**

Both 11W and 11B for their tireless help loading the minibuses last week for Ukrainian drop off. Mrs Wraith

Max M-N (11B), Sam S (11W), Owain F (11W) and Ethan S (10H) for forming a band and using the music room so regularly. It's so nice to see you connect through music making. Miss Foster

Many thanks to the following boys who were invaluable in the help they gave a number of the KHA mums helping to set up the Second Hand Uniform Sale this week; Milo R & Jack B (11B) and Theo V-P (10H). They were lugging heavy boxes all the way up from the Dining Room up to the cupboard outside Mrs Witt's office and were polite, holding doors open and letting grown-ups through.

Y11 Maths; well done Ollie S who is MemRi champion of the week! Mrs Lindley

On a general note from Miss Hylands, the following pupils all deserve a mention for their exceptional help in organising the donations for Ukraine; Derin U (7BA) James D (7P) Nathan J (6S) Dylan N (7BL) and Frankie L (6S). They gave up their break and lunchtimes in order to get everything sorted. It was really appreciated. Miss Hylands and Mrs Wraith

*KHA presents...*

**The Summer Ball**

**Saturday 25th June**

**1900, Epsom Downs Racecourse—*ticket details coming soon!***



## House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 250

Marlborough - 320

Nelson - 212

Wellington - 234

## House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 3740

Marlborough - 3676

Nelson - 3542

Wellington - 3536

## Study Centre News

Miss Wilson and Mrs Ibbitson kicked off the week by welcoming Fintan O'Regan to the Study Centre.

Despite living locally, he had never visited before! Fin had a number of teaching roles in London,

Newcastle and even Washington DC, before he took on the role of Headmaster at Centre Academy in London, a school for children with needs such as ADHD and ODD. Now, Fin is regarded as a leading behaviour and learning specialist in the UK; he works as an ADHD, neurodiversity and behaviour consultant, supporting schools and organisations. Fin is also an ambassador for Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity and a member of the CReST-ed Council. It was lovely to be able to talk to Fin and tell him about the wonderful work that takes place in our Study Centre. We hope he'll be back soon! If you'd like to learn from Fin, why not have a listen to a 'SENDCast' podcast?



6S have been reading *Kaspar Prince of Cats*, by Michael Morpurgo, in which the Savoy hotel is a prominent feature. The Savoy hotel in London actually has a statue of a black cat on show permanently, so I thought you would like to know why...

One evening in 1898, a wealthy South African named Woolf Joel had a small dinner at the Savoy. One of the guest had to cancel, so only thirteen people were present. Over the meal there was a discussion about superstitions associated with the number thirteen, including the one that suggested the first to get up from a table of thirteen would be the first to die. Joel scoffed at this, and to end his guests' fears he left the table first. A few weeks later back in South Africa, Joel was shot dead. On hearing this, the management of the Savoy decided, that in future should there be a table of thirteen guests, they would be joined by a member of staff to make the fourteenth; for the next twenty-five years a waiter would be asked to join the group when necessary. In the 1920s, architect Basil Ionides, while redecorating the Savoy's private dining room, decided that a statue of a black cat would be the answer to the problem, so with a napkin around his neck, Kaspar would sit at the table and was served each course, as the fourteenth guest; hence the statue residing in the hotel to this very day!

Take a look if you ever visit the Savoy... *Madame Swift*





### *Bon Lesson!*

On Tuesday the Onatti Theatre Company came to school to perform a short French play to Years 5, 6 and 7.

It was entitled '*The World has Gone French*'.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the performance, which required them to demonstrate some of their knowledge of French words and phrases. It was interactive, with some pupils joining in the fun, helping to identify the names of some food items in French and returning them to two different coloured shopping bags.

A very enjoyable 50 minutes. Well done to all the children for their excellent behaviour throughout.

*Madame Swift*



***Congratulations*** to Joseph S (8F) and Theo v-P (10H) who both received their Gold Scout awards at the weekend!

Brigadier Dr Roger Hood gave out the awards at the Surrey Scout ceremony. It was great to see the school represented so strongly for their community efforts, as well as developing their own personal skills with all the activities and duties they have to perform.





### Year 10 Study Skills Session

In order to help prepare Year 10 for their upcoming exams, Mrs Bray ran a revision study session with them on Friday talking through different revision strategies and informing them about how memory works; we hope it increased their confidence and resolve to study hard for their forthcoming exams. Good luck to all! *Mr Sukhdeo*



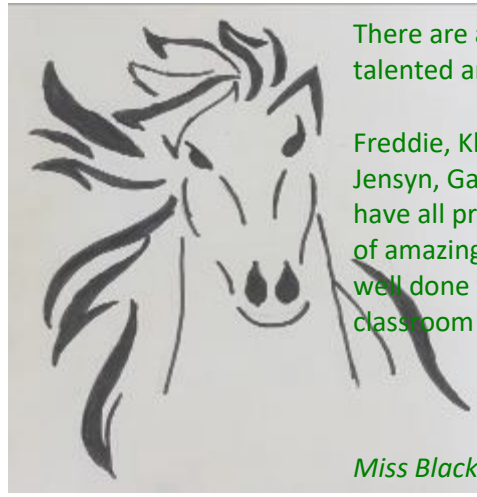
### Woof, Woof Wellbeing!

As a part of our Wellbeing week, Ms Timothy organised for a visit from a dog therapy handler and animal. The benefits of working with an animal therapeutically include lowered heart rate, increased oxytocin and dopamine levels, easier building of social relationships, improved communication and empathy skills; it can even reduce an initial resistance to intervention or therapy.

The handler, Nicola and Jackson the black Labrador dog, seemed very happy in our KHS surroundings. For Jackson's wellbeing, he had a chance to settle in and walk around the grounds enjoying lots of new sights and smells, and then he was introduced to a select few pupils before going round the classrooms.







There are a number of talented artists in 7BL!

Freddie, Khishaan, Sebastian, Jensyn, Gabriel and Howard have all produced a number of amazing pieces this term - well done to all of you! Our classroom gallery is growing!

Miss Black



*...and for all the wonderful women in our lives from mums, to step mums, aunts, grandmothers, great grandmothers... a chance to spoil them at our Mother's Day shop.*

**Tuesday 22nd March**

**Mothers' Day Gift Shop**

**All gifts are £4 and will be wrapped  
Shop will be held at short break  
in the library.**





### Gymnastic Endeavour

Well done to Owen C (9B) who stepped into the competitive gymnastic arena at the British Championships at the weekend after an absence of nearly three years due to the pandemic. The return to competition was a great learning experience for him and although he is disappointed, he did enjoy the experience overall. Despite a couple of falls due to nerves, he ended up finishing 30th in the age 16 and under category—this equates to about 12th in his age group—although sadly he does miss out on British selection.

Come back stronger next time, Owen!

**Personal  
STRENGTH**



On Friday, Years 5-11 were treated to a fabulous afternoon with Nathan Gurd. Nathan is a teenage pop sensation who has been tipped for huge success in the music industry in 2022, he has already had three top 40 singles in the UK charts. Nathan supported X Factor winners 'RakSu' on tour last year, as well as having his own sell out UK headlining tour last year. Nathan was badly bullied at school and had to move schools twice due to this. This led to Nathan having his own mental health / body image issues, so he feels he is in the perfect position to speak to young people about these very important issues that teenagers face. Nathan has come out the other side of these experiences and is stronger for it. Through his music he wants to help and inspire others to believe they can achieve anything. Please find a link to his music videos below.

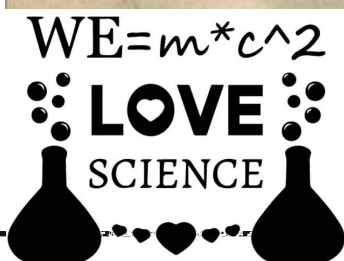
[Nathan Gurd - Talk That Talk \(Official Music Video\)](#)

[Nathan Gurd - I Got You \(Official Music Video\)](#)



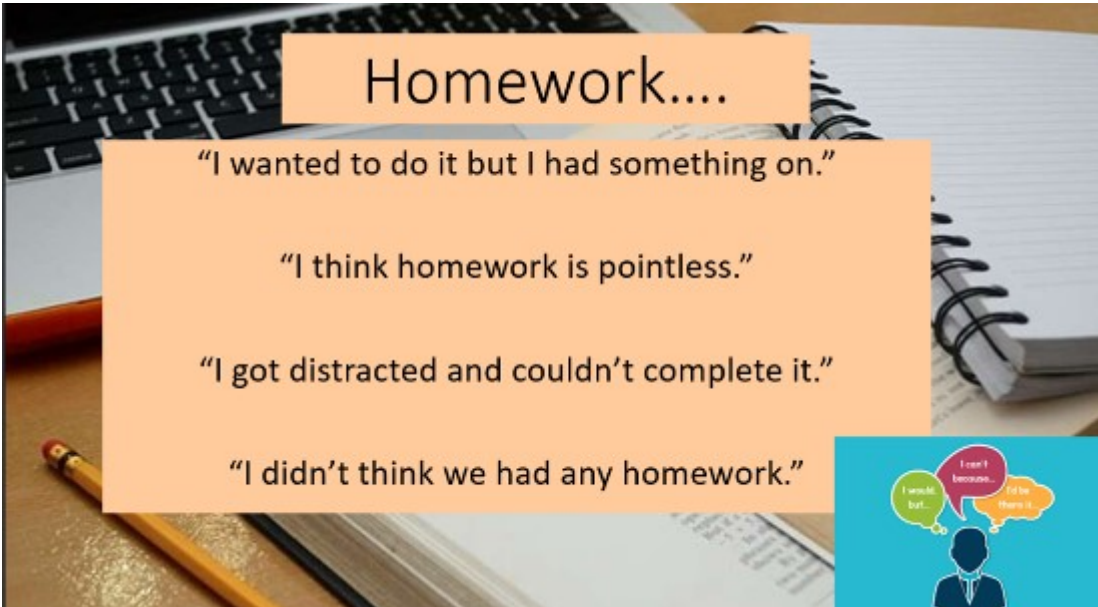
Nathan spoke with great empathy and seemed to relate well with both boys and girls, that combined with a lively, mini pop concert, made it an enjoyable and informative afternoon for all. *Mr Clarke*





In Science, the Seniors have been completing a range of practical activities. Year 11 have been repeating some of their practical work in preparation for the GCSEs - well done for your hard work! Miss Black





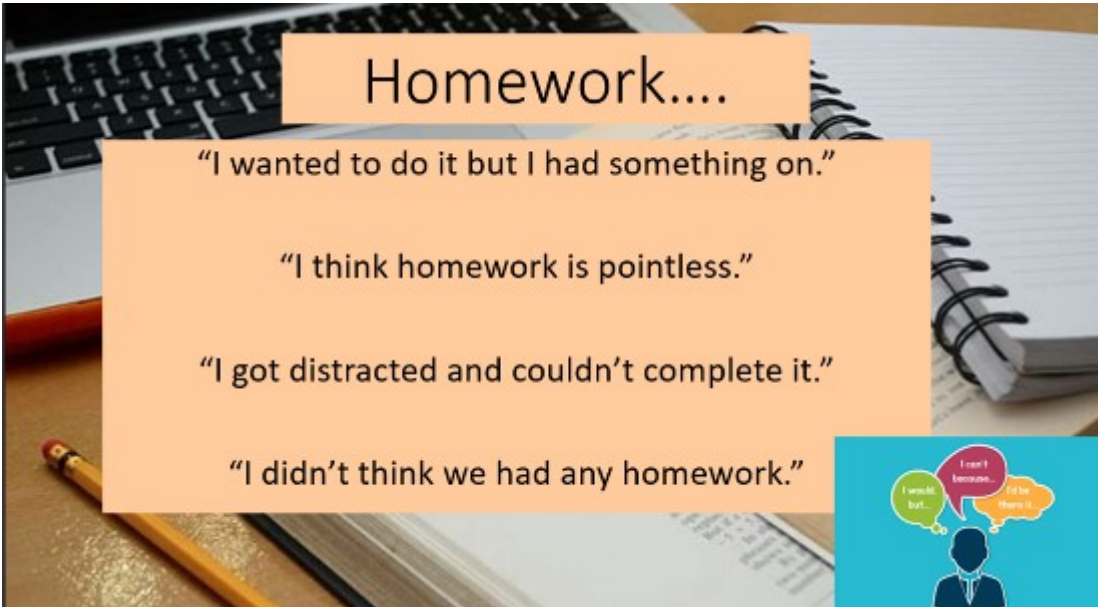

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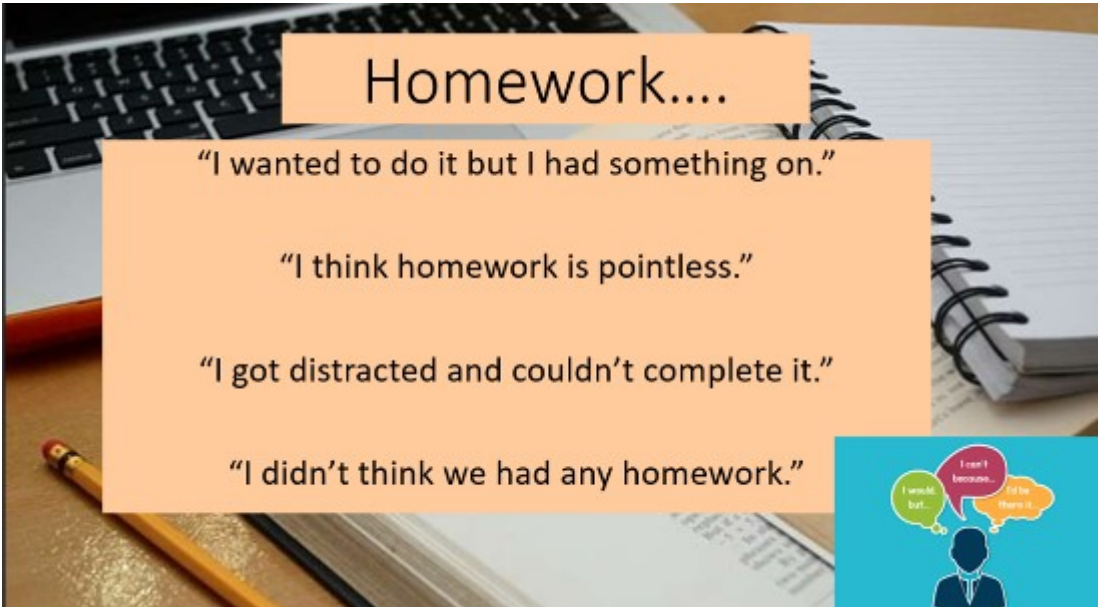

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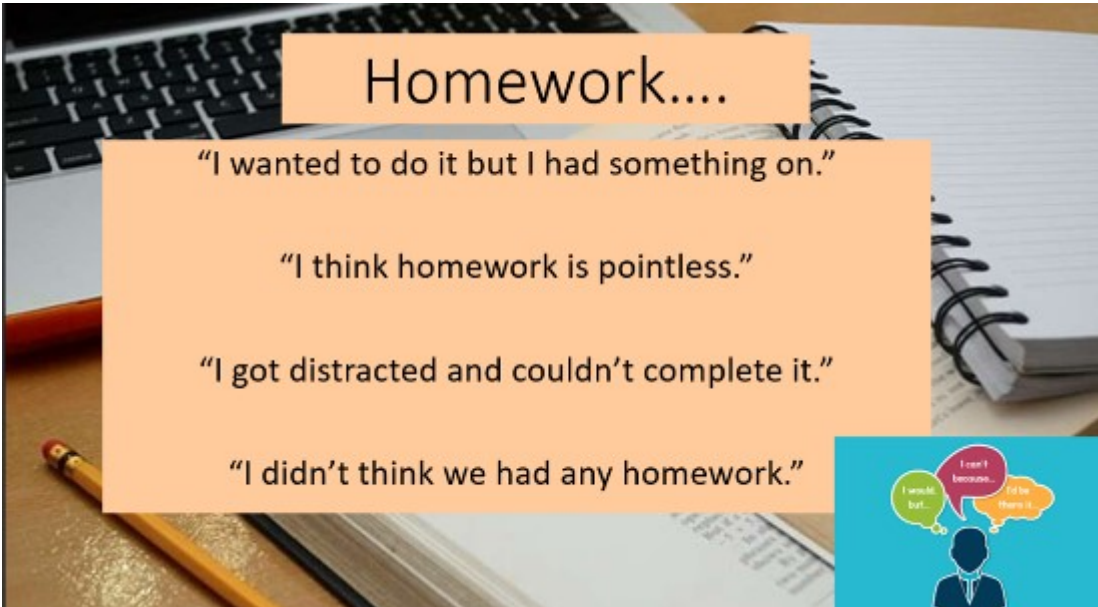

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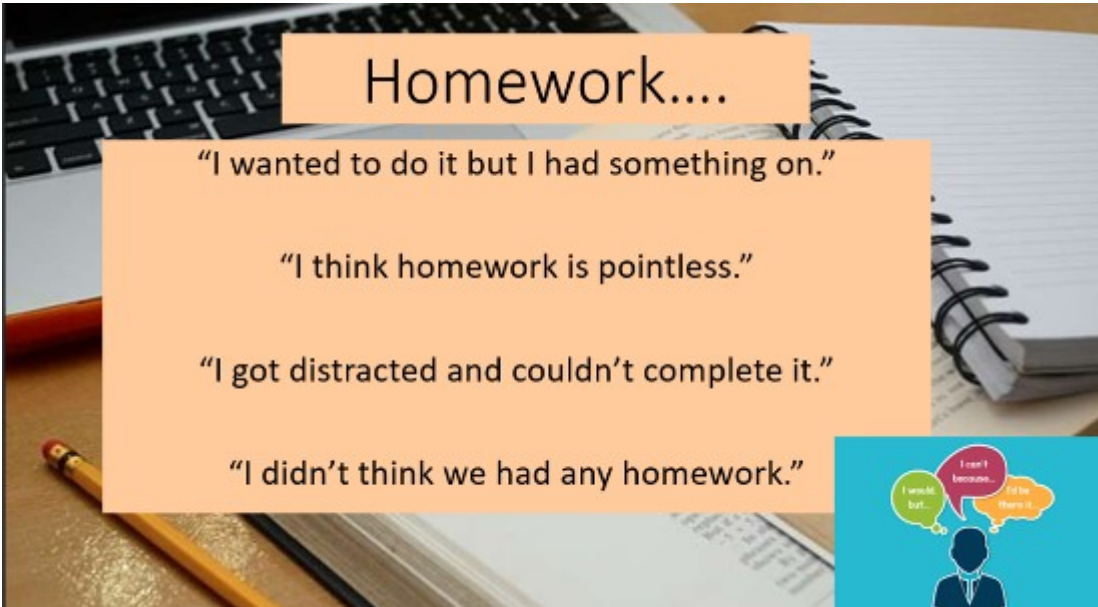

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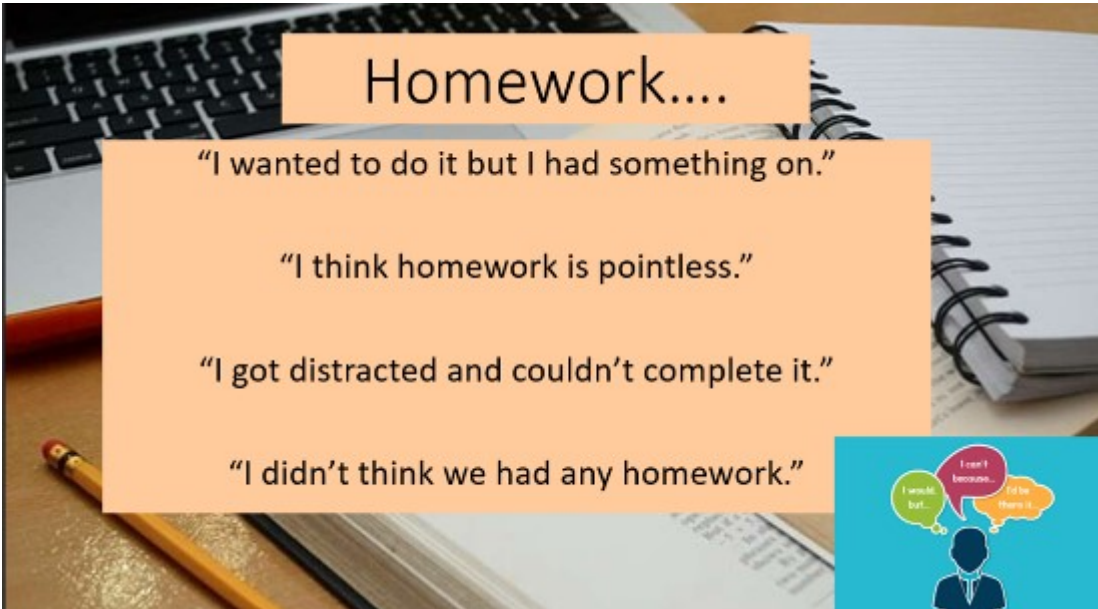

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- 15 minutes of registration in the morning,
- 20 minutes during 2a.



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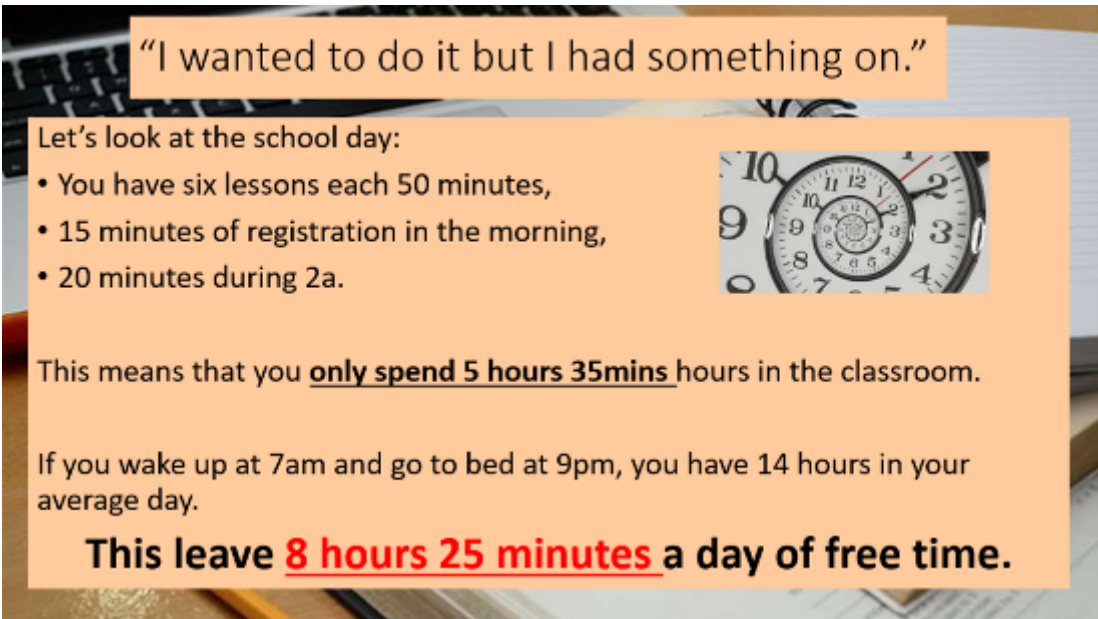


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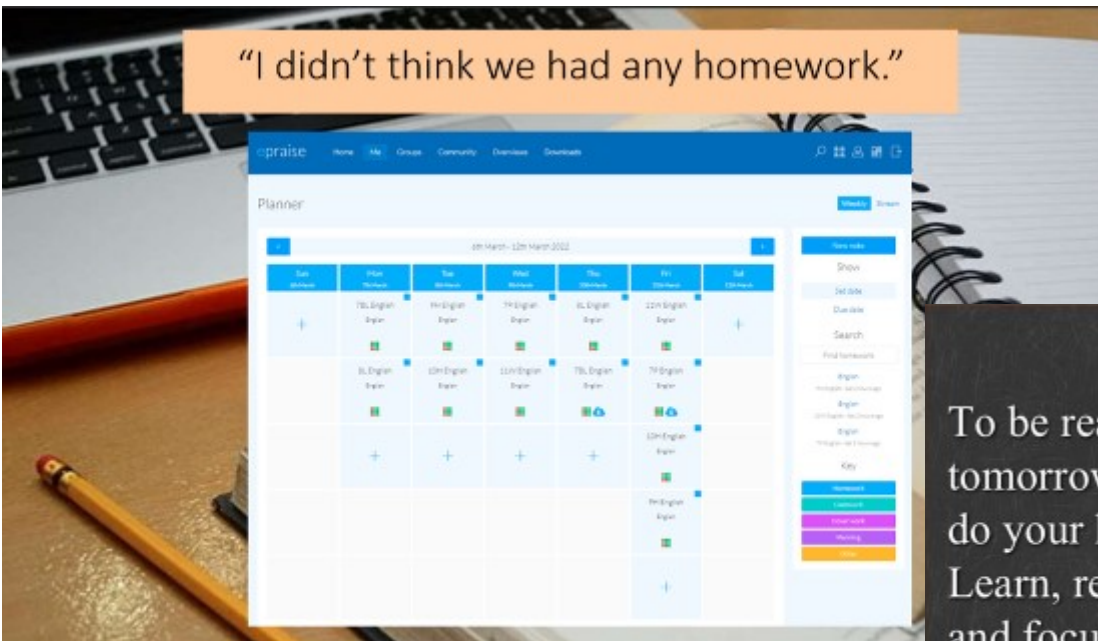
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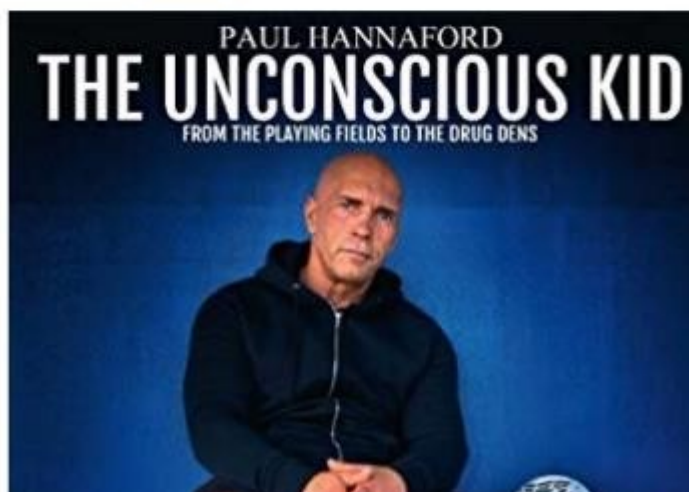
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*Paul Hannaford workshops...*

Incredibly powerful and hard hitting message from Paul Hannford at the start of our 'Well Being Week' in which he pressed the message home about the choices we face in our teenage years in terms of drug use, gang affiliation and carrying weapons; Paul has, 'been there done that' and hopes others will learn from his own grave experiences as a former addict of over 20 years and make better life choices, considering the consequences and outcomes. Pupils were very responsive to his powerful message and encouraged to ask any further questions via Paul's website. It is a fascinating story and one we hope will help all our pupils make the correct choices in the years ahead. *Mr Clarke*





### *Painshill Park Trip*

Year 4 took a trip to Painshill Park this week.

They went to attend the 'Greek Myths' workshop and in the afternoon were able to use their team-work and map skills to work their way through an orienteering task. The pupils were so engaged in all the learning and myths that they learnt. They played games, jumped over bridges and ran through fields to relive the Greek stories. They learnt some new stories as well as revisiting some stories that they have already heard. They were able to draw on their knowledge of the Greek Gods which they have been learning for topic research prep and understand more about the magical and mythical world of ancient Greece.

All the children were so well behaved and had a wonderful day. They also got the chance to play in the forest school playground which they have in the education centre – a real treat!



Thank you to Adam at Painshill who led our schools session. It is so great to be able to get out the classroom and take the learning outdoors!

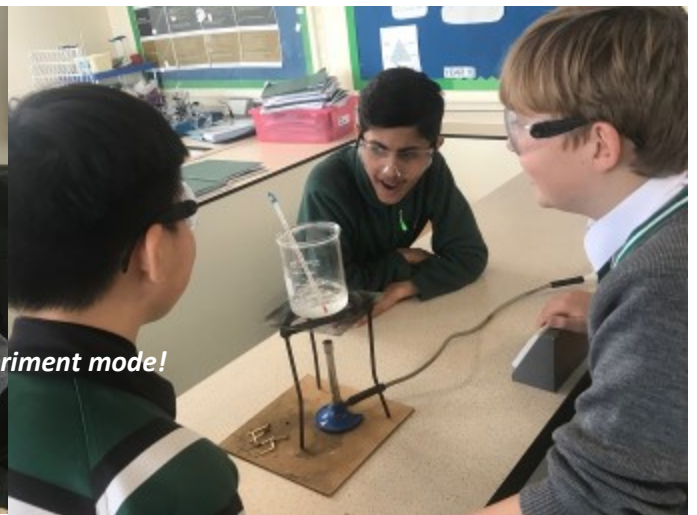
*Miss Smith*







*At boiling point....Class 7BL in experiment mode!*



*Dear Parents and Guardians, a few reminders for you and your diary for the last week and a half of term from Mr Sukhdeo*

**Year 8 Options Evening:** A reminder that the Year 8 Options Evening takes place on Monday in Langlands at 6pm. Please note that it is not compulsory for pupils to attend. I look forward to seeing you then.

**Year 10 Parents Evening—28.03.22:** Booking for the Year 10 Parents' Evening is now live - please ensure that appointments are made via SchoolCloud.

**Senior Lecture:** This term's Senior Lecture for pupils in Years 9—11 will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March in Langlands Hall at 6pm (**Please note that Parents will be able to access the Lecture via TEAMS - a link will be emailed before the event**). Pupils have the option of staying in school or going into town before the lecture. If you do not wish your child to take up the option of Prep and / or Town Leave, then please let Mrs Harding know by emailing her [office@kingswoodhouse.org](mailto:office@kingswoodhouse.org)

**Year 10 Headmasters Dinner - 29.03.22 5pm to 6.30pm:**

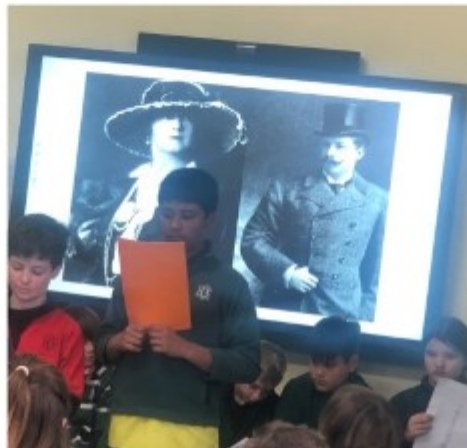
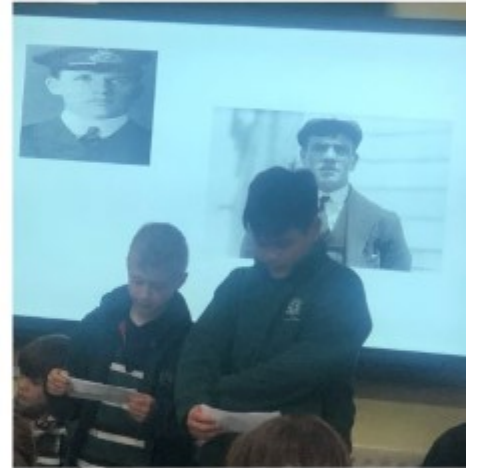
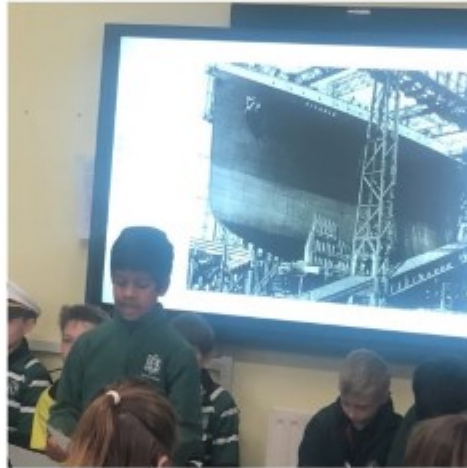
Further to the reminder last week, the Year 10 Dinner is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. I look forward to ending the term with this event and dining with the Year 10s!



*Who Was to Blame...?*

This was the riveting question that 6S asked in their Assembly as they explored the topic of integrity in relation to the sinking of the Titanic. Each member of the form took on a different role, or character associated with the ship in one way or another from the captain to the engineer, the ship builders to the crew and passengers in different classes. We also learnt, incredibly, how one of our pupils had a distant relative on board that survived and lived out their life in America! *Please see over for some photos of the assembly. Madame Swift*





...Form 6S were very pleased with their superb assembly performance this week!





The PE Department staff were kept busy this week with a number of House matches in place of fixtures against other schools; the same is on the calendar for next week too!

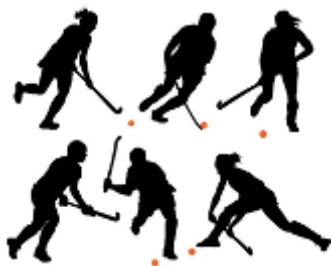
They were delighted that both boys and girls, across the year groups, were able to represent their House and potentially win extra points to tally towards the big House term totals. An atmosphere of healthy competition dominated proceedings which were blessed with fine weather.

The Seniors are seen in action above for their House rugby matches, and over, for their House hockey.

All scores and results will be reported in the next Newsletter.





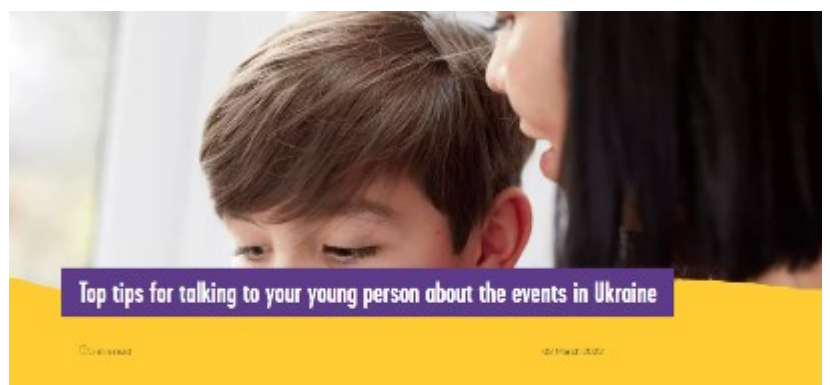


Well played to all the Houses in our Senior hockey competition—*seen in action above*—scores and points next week!

Thank you to Mr Clarke for some great action shots.

### Dealing with Anxiety in Children in Relation to World News

Whilst the Ukranian Russian conflict still dominates the news headlines, it can be difficult to know how to help support your family with the deluge of images and stories they may come across and find upsetting. Ms Timothy has found the following website from Young Minds—a charity we support on our 'Hello Yellow' day—very useful for parents to access. Do take a look [here](#)







The Spring sunshine brought out the smiles and good spirits for our Nelson Family House Day on Friday!

Many thanks to all the staff, pupils and parents who were involved in organising the games, activities and providing the treats to sell; we will update you on our fundraising total next Newsletter...!



Dear constituent

I am writing to you with a further update on support for Ukraine.

Ukrainian refugees

Firstly on the tragic situation in the Ukraine, following a meeting on Friday night, we have now formed a group locally to prepare for the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in the area. Some will be staying with their families, but there will be a need to provide homes or accommodation for those without local connections here.

The process is being co-ordinated by the local Refugee Network, together with a group of local churches, myself and one of the Borough Councillors.

Anyone who wants to be a host for one of these people or for a family group will need to go through a formal vetting process. If you are interested, please do bear in mind that this is a commitment that could last for more than a few months. Clearly we hope people can return home soon, but there is no guarantee of this as you will know. So please only offer if you are willing for this to be a pretty long term thing.

In order to register, please go to the website of the charity Refugees at Home, which is doing the processing of offers for us. It is at <https://www.refugeesathome.org/host-application/>

You will then receive a call from one of the volunteers who are working for the charity to talk through and check your offer with you. If you are registering, please could you also let the local refugee network team know so that we have an idea of how many are putting their names forward and so how many people we can help locally. The email is [epsomrefugeenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:epsomrefugeenetwork@gmail.com)

If you are an experienced social worker, GP or Occupational Therapist with experience of doing home visits and checks, the charity will need more volunteers to do this work. If you are willing to help, you can register to do this at <https://www.refugeesathome.org/hv-description/>

Finally, the local team are collecting details of people with teaching experience who can help any children who come to the area. In particular they are keen to find a former senior member of a teaching staff or head teacher who is willing to volunteer to lead a new team to do this. If you are willing to offer to do either of these and you have the relevant experience, either current or before you retired, please contact [epsomrefugeenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:epsomrefugeenetwork@gmail.com)

They are also keen to hear from anyone else willing to train as a volunteer or indeed just to make a donation to support their work. In addition if you are local landlord interested in finding out about renting to a refugee family then please contact the network to find out more.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Chris Grayling

