

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Summer Term
29 April 2022

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Dear Parents

It was most gratifying to see the pupils enjoy their trip to “Back to the Future” last Thursday and earlier this week our Senior history students also enjoyed an excursion to the Imperial War Museum. Thank you to Mrs Horley and Mrs Haunstetter for organising such enjoyable and informative days out.

Well done to all our Year 10 boys who showcased their Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) PowerPoint presentations to a panel of judges over the last few days; this represented not only the culmination of a lot of hard work on their part but also provided the platform for an increasingly important skillset which will be invaluable in the workplace.

On Wednesday, Mr Mitchell led assembly on the theme of this term’s character value of “Endeavour”, citing John Lewis, the American politician and civil rights activist, as a stellar example of someone who stood up for their beliefs to the enormous benefit of society. Mr Mitchell also introduced the first ‘Mentions in Dispatches’ of the summer, ably supported by Mrs Wraith, who talked to the pupils about the need for them to cultivate a “Growth Mindset” in all they undertake at home or school.

Today has seen the school host its first, busy Open Morning of the summer term. As ever, the boys and girls conducted themselves with great enthusiasm and were super ambassadors for KHS, earning lots of compliments from our visiting families.

I wish the silver Duke of Edinburgh pupils well for their expedition next week, as well as all Year 9 students for their forthcoming exams.

Finally, a reminder that there is no school on Monday due to the May Bank Holiday; 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	MAY	WEEK 1	Year 9 Exams Week
Monday	02		School Closed—BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday	03	0730 1630 1800	SLT Meeting Staff Meeting Year 4 to 5—Lower Prep to Upper Prep—Transfer Meeting
Wednesday	04	0830 0845 0930	DoE Silver Practice Expedition Departs HPQ Assembly Lower Prep Forest School
Thursday	05	1630	Informal Music Concert in Langlands
Friday	06	1630	DofE Silver Practice Expedition Returns

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 03.05.2022

SCHOOL CLOSED—BANK HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED—BANK HOLIDAY	Chorizo & Tomato; Spicy Tomato (V) and Spaghetti	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Beef & Onion Pie; Garlic Mushroom Slice (V) with Mashed Potato & Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	BBQ Chicken; Halloumi Cheese (V) in a Wrap with Coleslaw & New Potatoes	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Homemade Fish Pie with Peas	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts
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Citizenship and Volunteering In Action – Endeavouring through Easter

Ted H and Ted R (10W) have been volunteering their time over the holidays to create a willow play structure for a local school. The boys were not afraid to get their hands dirty and over the course of a few days completely cleared an area and constructed a whale for the children to use! A fantastic show of values and use of their volunteering towards the Duke of Edinburgh programme. Miss Patel

At the start of the Summer Term the House Points Competition is looking very close indeed...who will be the winners of the celebratory day towards the end of term???! It is all to play for—every piece of work and action around school, in the playground, Dining Hall, Langlands etc. could earn your House those all important extra points to make the difference! There are also sporting House events to participate in as well. Keep going everyone...watch out for the weekly updates in the Newsletter!

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 4714

Marlborough - 4514

Nelson - 4525

Wellington - 4266



Practical Writing Tasks Bring Rewards in Year 5!

Miss Summers tells us how Y5 English skills led them to enjoy a very tasty lesson indeed...

"In 5S, we have been exploring how to write instructions. We used our skills to write instructions showing how to make our favourite sandwich. To check that our instructions were clear and detailed enough we then had to follow them to make our sandwiches in class, to see if they were detailed enough to produce the correct, delicious, healthy sandwich!"



ENDEAVOUR

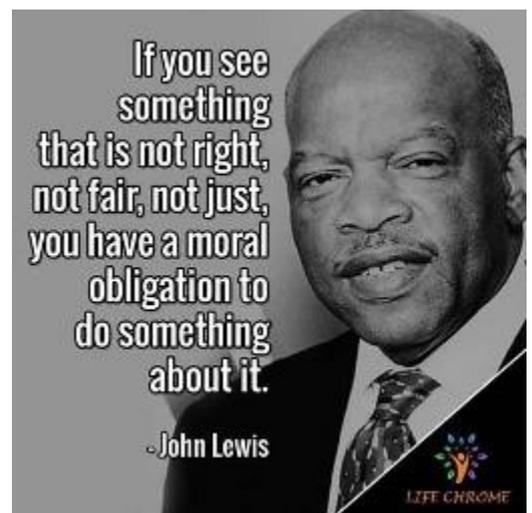


**Application – Attitude - Effort - Resolve - Dedication – Maturity – Sportsmanship – Camaraderie
Resilience – Determination - Teamwork – Perseverance - Grit - Hope – Conviction - Expectation**

- I use reasoning to guide my decisions
- 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
- I am learning to trust in good
- I am optimistic and always try to see the good
- I have faith in my friendships
- I am trying to understand that I am never alone
- I try to be a person that others can have belief in
- Even when I fail, I learn from the experience
- I do not give up when things get difficult
- I recognise my own uniqueness and use courage to be me
- I face my fears and try to find ways to conquer them
- I stand up for my sense of right, even if it is not popular
- I find ways to fill my heart with courage

Mr Mitchell led our whole school Assembly this week speaking about the inspiring work of the American politician and civil right’s activist, John Lewis, set against the context of our character value for this term:

#Endeavour



Please find Mr Murphy's topical thoughts for the week and the pupils who have been 'Mentioned in Dispatches' for something noteworthy recently; [here is the link](#).

LOWER PREP

Reception

To the whole of Reception for settling back into the new term with such ease and for remembering their morning routine - well done! Miss de Klerk

2/3L

Phoebe W for writing an excellent report about her Easter holiday. Mrs Lambert

Beatrix S for assisting a pupil at swimming. Mr Hendry

Mahe Nau A for great determination when swimming and not giving up. Mr Hendry

4S

Alex L for a super first few days at KHS. It's never easy to start in a new school and he has started this term so well done to Alex for settling in so quickly! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Zac D for settling so quickly back into life at Kingswood House. Real positive attitude too. Ms Forbes

5S

Oliver R for a positive start to the summer term. Miss Sumners

6L

Jamil H was awarded a distinction for his Grade 5 Violin, an amazing feat at such a young age. Well done. Mrs Lindley

Thank you to Eddie B for his award winning smile and the general happiness he exudes on a morning. Mrs Lindley

6S

Jensen W has had a good start joining us at KHS, showing confidence and integrating well with members of his class. Madame Swift
6S to all the boys and girls who have made Jensen welcome, and especially to Alex Forbes who is doing a great job as Jensen's buddy. Madame Swift

7BA

Rex T for awesome explanation in science last week. Mr Barratt

Excellent work from the class based upon Mondrian trees! Mrs Wraith

Oli F for trying really hard in French and giving excellent contributions in lessons. Madame Swift

7BL

Max P made his own chess board with all of the pieces for the form to play. It is fantastic to have such a talented chess player in 7BL! Miss Black

Hussain K wanted to include all of the class in his birthday celebrations. It was great for all of 7BL to celebrate with him! Miss Black

Gabriel C for going over and above with learning vocabulary, regularly writing out verb tables to help remember them. Madame Taylor

7P

Harry P has started the summer term with a new wave of confidence, it's been brilliant to see! Please keep it up Harry! Miss Patel
Year 7 Maths - well done to all, but in particular William Baker (7BA) who has done very well with shapes this week. Mrs Lindley
Both 7BL & 7P classes enjoyed two productive revision sessions over the last week. Brilliant work. Mr Laudy

8F

Year 8 Maths - well done to Harry L who has settled into the class nicely and is pushing himself and setting a good example to others. Mrs Lindley

8L

Well done to Theo W for his mature and insightful contributions in PSHE. Mr Laudy

8T

8T generally – for really good listening and participation in a choir session (in form rooms). They very sensibly watched a video of music through the ages and their overriding favourite was Rick Astley's 'Never Going to Give You Up'! So we played it again and they all sang along! Madame Taylor

SENIORS

9B

Lewis C for his resilience and caring personality. Mrs Bray

9H

Faizahn J & Ruari F for starting the term with a positive attitude and good effort levels. Mr Hendry

Tommy W for trying hard in Art lessons - listening to, and applying advice. Mrs Wraith

Mingwan K for a brilliant attempt at a 12 mark question in History – showing massive progress. Mrs Haunstetter

Tommy W for his dedication to his Macbeth revision over the holidays. Mrs Bray

Year 9 Maths - well done Nathan Ashwell for working hard and trying to perfect his Maths skills. Mrs Lindley

In Year 9, James K, Patrick G, Ruari F and Ben H - well done to all of you for attending Science clinics this week in advance of your assessment week. Miss Black

10H

Well done to all those students in 10H and 10W who completed their HPQ presentations on Friday. You were all excellent. Good luck to those doing theirs today! Mrs Haunstetter

Year 10 Maths - well done Antoni M and James G. They have hit the ground running. Pushing themselves to be involved in lessons. Mrs Lindley

10W

Ted H and Ted R have shown true citizenship and have been volunteering their time over the Easter holidays to create a willow play structure for a local school. The boys were not afraid to get their hands dirty and over the course of a few days, completely cleared an area and constructed a whale for the children to use! A fantastic show of values and use of their volunteering towards the Duke of Edinburgh programme. Mrs Weston

Barney H has shown a great drive towards the planning for his upcoming Duke of Edinburgh expedition – fantastic to see his motivation and enthusiasm! Miss Patel

Will M volunteered his time to take part in work experience at a police station - he has been telling me all about it and I am looking forward to reading about his experiences in this week's newsletter! Well done Will - work experience is an excellent way to help you decide on your future career. Miss Black

11B

Alistair D, a mention for dealing with the demands of the GCSE coursework in a mature and measured manner. Mr Bailey

Max M-N always says thank you after a lesson. He is consistently polite to all members of staff. Miss Black

Jack B has shown greater confidence this week and has shared some fantastic 6-mark answers to Science questions - keep up the good work. Miss Black

11W

The class for all their hard work last term and contributions to form time and PHSE. Mrs Wraith

Year 11 Maths - well done Cameron A. He is trying harder and is asking more questions to improve his own ability. The improvement has been noticed and I hope we can continue to improve this area. Mrs Lindley

Will M, a pupil in 10W, tells us all about his day of work experience at a surprising location...

"On the 19th of April I was invited to complete a day of Work Experience at Bishopsgate Police Station which is within the City Of London Police Service area and are one of the smallest areas of service in the UK. They have over 900 officers which includes Firearms, Roads, Mounted (Horses), Crowd Control and Response Officers. I am acquainted with a Custody Sergeant in the City Of London Police and after being invited to do work experience with him, I was extremely excited!

After a very early start to catch the 6:10am. train, I first of all had a tour of the station and then a chat with the Duty Custody Inspector regarding future job prospects; breakfast in the canteen followed. A tour of custody revealed they have 16 cells and 1 holding cell—4 of the cells were occupied and I was locked in a cell. I can honestly say it is not like seeing it on TV, or on the internet; it makes you feel extremely claustrophobic and defenceless. I was also allowed to look at the bland outdoor area which the prisoners get access to for limited exercise and fresh air. After I had been toured round the Custodial Areas I was introduced to a Sergeant of Firearms. He toured me round the Armed Policing Training Centre and Armed HQ, and I was given exclusive access to observe an Armed Policing Training, which all personnel must complete every 6 months. After looking in the depot, Armoury and Firing Range, as well as holding an unloaded firearm, my time was up, and I had to go. I thanked all the Firearms staff which I met and was really happy I got to look in on a confidential unit.

I was then led to the SCC, Service Control Centre. I had a nice chat with the Call & Response Supervisor and was invited to listen to the radio chatter. I was shown CAD, an extremely old system used to list calls developed in the 1980s for Status Codes for the officers and ANPR Cameras, which focus on number plates. I quickly noticed there was several cars of interest, including one wanted for assault with intent to cause harm, as well as a Mercedes wanted for involvement in a robbery of £1000. Officers quickly called up asking if there were any outstanding cars, I suggested the Mercedes, and within minutes the car was surrounded. My control room visit was however cut short for lunch and we went off to eat in the canteen; afterwards it was straight to the fingerprint forensics unit where I had my fingerprints taken, analysed, and shown under a microscope which was very informative to see something about me in so much detail! We then left the station and headed to the Stables to see the mounted unit, which is primarily horses. I found this really interesting as it showed me a different type of policing which is primarily used for football matches and other, large scale, public events including protest marches.

I want to personally thank everyone who gave me this unforgettable experience and I am so thankful for the support from all the Officers I met who are enthusiastic about me joining when I turn 18. I have been invited back to do some shift work in the summer holidays and I'm already looking forward to it".





We were reminded on Earth Day last week how wonderful our school grounds are and how varied the purposes we use them for during a typical school week; from DoJF tent practice, to sports and Lower Prep Forest school.



Boom, Zap, Kapow!

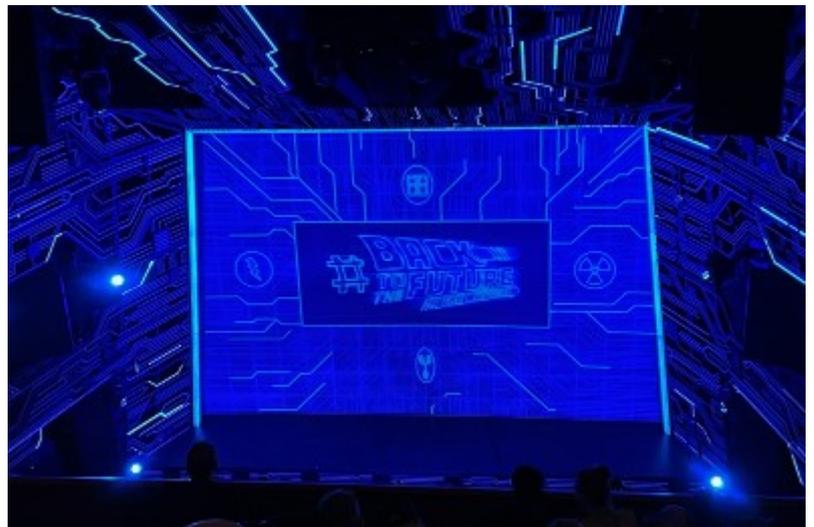
Year 3 has some budding comic book designers! Maye B and Zayn J have been creating amazing adventure stories and illustrating their work in comic books.

They have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their comics with their friends and teachers and we are all very impressed with their artistic talents! Mrs Lambert





Year 8 enjoyed a fabulous theatre trip to see 'Back to the Future' the musical, last week, whilst our GCSE History groups in Years 9—11 went off to explore the Imperial War Museum this week; it is so great to be able to run trips once more to enhance our learning outside the classroom...





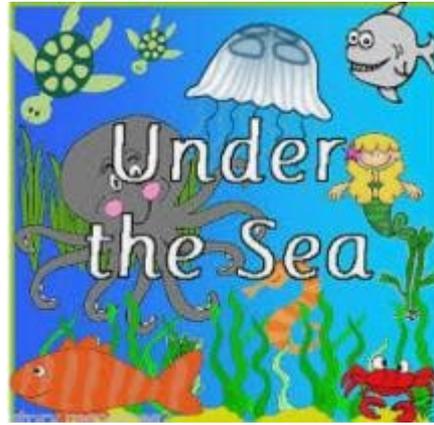
Reception—the Return!

Reception have settled back into this new term beautifully. There were lots of smiley faces as they were so excited to see their friends again after the holiday!

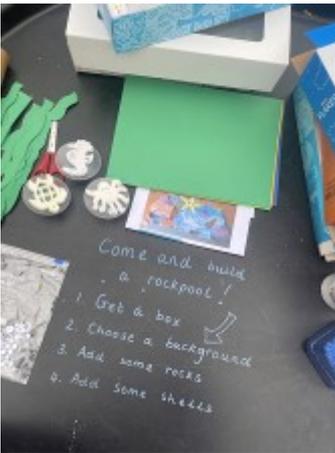
I'm impressed that they were able to come into class and remember how to unpack their bags and settle into circle time; they are getting very grown up.



This term we will be focusing on the spectacular life under the ocean including rock pools, coral reefs, sharks and much more! We are also looking forward to an exciting outing to the sea life centre at Chessington.



Miss De Klerk



Bonjour!



We are lucky enough to have a visitor, Adrien Guillemain, who has come all the way from Lyon in France to stay with Hugo H's family for 2 weeks, as part of the Ombrosa School Exchange Programme.

Like many pupils at Ombrosa, Adrien speaks fluent English, and he is joining in with all the lessons and activities enjoyed by the other Year 5 pupils. He has already settled really well and seems to be having fun and making lots of new friends. I would like to thank Mrs. Forbes and the other teachers of 5F for welcoming Adrien to their classes. *Madame Taylor*

'We're Climbing up Story Mountain...'

Mrs Lambert's English group practised their story planning skills by creating a giant story mountain! They brainstormed an opening, a build up, a problem, a resolution and an ending together and wrote a dramatic tale, including adjectives and adverbs.

Great teamwork!
Mrs Lambert



SPORTS RESULTS

KHS U15/16 vs Duke of Kent

Duke of Kent 104 for 1 off 16 overs – Barnaby H (10W) 3-14-1

KHS 105 for 1 off 11.2 overs – Sam SI (11W) 52 Ret; Rory S (9H) 30* Cameron A (11W) 16*

KHS won by 9 wickets; Player of the Match Sam SI.



KHS vs Ewell Castle

Colts A - 92/7 to 93/3, won by 7 wickets. Stand out performances, Cam E (5F) scored 40 runs then retired and displayed some outstanding wicket keeping, with 2 run outs. Other noticeable performances from the game were Byron M (6S) was 12* and 6 for 1 off 2 overs; Eddie B (6L) 10 for 2 off 2 overs and Indy D (6L) made 21 runs.

Player of the Match Cameron E (5F)

Colts B—lost, but it was a very close game up to the very last over. Fabulous bowling performance from Oscar P (6L) resulting in his Player of the Match. Excellent batting from Cyril B-D (5S).

Colts C - lost by 10 runs. Peter S (6S) very all rounded with the bat and ball, awarded Player of the Match.

Well done to Byron M (6S) who was awarded 'Most Improved Player' for The Old Cranleighans U11 rugby squad. This is following two seasons of Covid-disrupted rugby. He is joining them on tour in Kent next weekend—we wish him well!



Well done to Dylan B (8F) who was part of the winning rugby team who were awarded the Beech Plate in the Surrey Waterfall cup. His coach said it was the best game Dylan played which is great to hear!

Music Congratulations!

Well done to the following pupils who have all taken and passed various music grades in their chosen instruments...

Jamil H (6L) - Grade 5 Violin, Distinction

Indigo D (6L) - Grade 3 Cello, Merit

Lily-Rose M (6L) - Grade 2 LAMDA, Distinction



Study Centre News...

This year the Times Educational Supplement (known as the TES) are running a national poetry competition for pupils in primary and secondary schools to show off their creativity and spark conversation around special educational needs and disability (SEND) inclusion.

The theme of this year's competition is '**One world for everyone – building an inclusive future for SEND learners**'. Opening up an opportunity to discuss SEND, how children and young people experience inclusion and what they think an inclusive future should look like. The aim of the competition is to encourage the development of an inclusive future for all children and young people, particularly those with SEND. You can write a poem to submit as an individual, or work together with a group of friends. If you would like to enter the competition, **submit your entries to Miss Wilson in the Study Centre by 24th June 2022.**

Why not have a look at the 2021 winning poems to get your creative juices flowing [here](#)?



Dear Parents

I have been in touch with the organiser of the local Ukraine appeal. They are really in need of tinned food eg.meatballs, baked beans with sausages, tinned fish, corned beef, ravioli etc.

If you would like to donate **please take directly** to the Village Dry Cleaners High Street Carshalton Ponds SM5 3AG between 10-4pm. Many thanks *Mrs Wraith*



"Shout it Out!"

You are warmly invited to our fifth "Tea & Talk"

on Monday 9th May 2022 at 1600 hours
which will be held outdoors, in the grounds.

This interactive session will focus on ways we bond effectively over stimulating, practical activities and benefit from fresh air, energy and exercise.

Roz McLeod will also be joining us and bringing her multi-talented skills to the session!

Please wear trainers so you are ready to move around!

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Please RSVP to Zoe Ashton by Thursday 5th May 2022

admissions@kingswoodhouse.org



History Trip to the Imperial War Museum

Y9 and Y10 Historians had a very interesting, yet challenging day at the Imperial War Museum in London. The main focus of their visit was spending time in the new Holocaust gallery, where they used iPads to research various aspects of the events and experiences of this harrowing period of time. Please note, there were no images allowed from inside the gallery. *Mrs Haunstetter*



Mr Clarke will talk with all pupils in Year 7 in the next few days about positions of responsibility in Year 8 in the new academic year. It is an exciting time for all concerned. Staff have already been asked to make their nominations for these positions. All pupils who are interested will be encouraged to apply.

Travelling Book Fair—a note from Mrs Bray

Dear Parents,

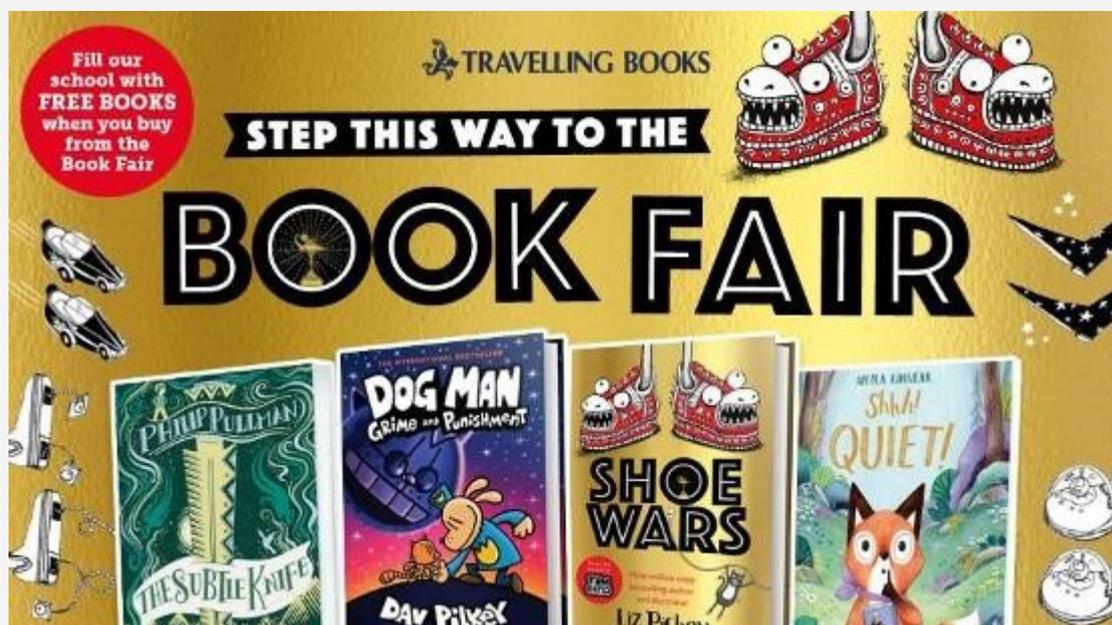
The Travelling Book Fair will be delivered 9th May 2022, so it's time to start getting ready for a reading celebration like no other! Here is some key information to know ahead of the Fair:

The Book Fair is a pop-up book shop that brings the very best in children's books to your school. The range includes picture books, early readers, chapter books, books for reluctant readers, older fiction, non-fiction, home learning and lots more. It's a range you can trust too – every book is carefully read and selected.

Books can be purchased up to Friday 13th May 2022. Please note that the online library should go live two days before the book fair is due to take place.

To browse and purchase the books on offer please follow the steps below:

Please follow the link [here](#): At the top, click on the tab titled "Parents". Here, there is a tab called "Browse the books". For ease, we will be using the "online payment" option. There is a link to access this under the sub-heading "You can now pay for your books online". You will need to add in the school's postcode KT19 8LG and then add in your payment details.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact [Mrs Bray](#) or [Mr March](#)

Happy reading!

We  Books



Prefects' Meeting

Mr Sukhdeo and Mr Clarke held a Prefects meeting on Thursday, introducing our latest elected members to everyone and discussing some strategies for the final term of this school year. Thank you to everyone for their input.



There have been quite a few staff and pupil birthdays during the holidays at the start of April, so here are some interesting facts about the celebration of the day we were born; here are a few...



The first record of a birthday celebration was by the Egyptian pharaohs, but it wasn't on the day they were born. It was celebrated on their coronation day, because it was thought that Egyptian kings became gods once they were crowned. So, they were reborn.

It is thought that the birthday-candle tradition originated in Ancient Greece, because people used to make offerings to Artemis, the goddess of the hunt in the form of moon-shaped cakes with candles on them.

We all know birthday parties can be expensive, but nothing compares to the Sultan of Brunei's 50th birthday party which cost \$27 million. Apparently, \$16 million of the budget went toward Michael Jackson performances!

In Ancient Rome's highly patriarchal society, only men were allowed to celebrate birthdays. It wasn't until the 12th century that the first records in Europe of a woman's birthday celebration can be found.

German bakers were responsible for the invention of the modern birthday cake during the 18th century. They were made as part of a way to celebrate children's birthdays with "*Kinderfeste*".

Happy Birthday to anyone who is celebrating this weekend or in the next few weeks of term! *Madame Swift*

Good Luck to Year 7s & 9s for their Exams!

Mrs Bray ran a revision workshop with Year 7 and Year 9 this week discussing time management, how the memory works and useful revision strategies.

Students were extremely interactive and engaged. All resources have been emailed home.

Revision Workshop






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Out of Hours Art!

On 27 April, Mrs Wraith and her arty adult class attended a fabulous printmaking workshop after school. The artist Vicky Oldfield demonstrated some fabulous and ingenious techniques.

A wonderful evening at the Corner Gallery, Carshalton. *Mrs Wraith*




The past comes alive!
Free day out - Saturday 28 May 2022
Bourne Hall Park, Ewell | 9.30am to 5pm

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