

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Autumn Term
23 September 2022

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The Kingswood House Way



Dear Parents

I feel sure that many of you watched the Queen's State Funeral on Monday with a sense of reflection and pride. It was a moving occasion, bedecked with pomp and ceremony, yet also tinged with poignant moments of humanity – not least when pictures of the Queen's horse, Emma, and her beloved corgis, were shown awaiting her final arrival at Windsor Castle. This emotive scene perhaps did more to preserve the future relevance of the Royal Family than any words might have done and I will explore this interesting topic in my written autumn blog in due course.

Once our working week got underway on Tuesday, it proved to be a busy, productive one here at school. Our assembly on Wednesday was admirably hosted by Form 8L who spoke with great eloquence about inclusivity, especially in terms of recognising one another's differences and appreciating their talents. As ever, this is an important message for life which fundamentally ties in with our core value from the Kingswood House Way of "Respect"; please do reinforce this at home, in your own words, along the lines of 'treating others as you would wish to be treated'.

On Thursday, our Year 1 boys and girls enjoyed a stellar trip to Hampton Court; fortunately, they benefited from lovely, sunny weather and were able to enjoy a marvellous time exploring the Palace and its gardens; thank you to Mrs Martins for organising the outing.

Next week sees some important calendar events for parents: we have our autumn Tea & Talk for girls and their parents on Monday afternoon, as well as careers meetings for Year 11 parents and pupils on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The Kingswood House Association Annual General Meeting will also occur on Tuesday evening and all parents are warmly invited to attend, especially if there is a desire from them to play a more active role on the committee in the months ahead, or simply to meet fellow parents and find out more information. The rescheduled Senior Lecture from the summer, with Simon Minty, will take place on Thursday afternoon and there will be a Form Representatives' meeting on Friday morning, via zoom, together with senior staff.

In the meantime, I wish you a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

(Pic: Two contrasting British monarchs!)

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster & CEO



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

2022 SEPTEMBER WEEK 2			
Monday	26	0730 1430 1615 1600-1700	SLT Meeting U13 A-C football vs Homefield (A) 11H Careers Meeting 'Tea & Talk' for girls and parents
Tuesday	27	0930 1430 1615 1630 1830	Study Centre Coffee Morning U15A & B Football vs Belmont (A) 11W Careers Meeting Staff Meeting KHA A.G.M (<i>please note change of date from Monday</i>)
Wednesday	28	0845 0915 1430 1430 1430	9L Assembly Lower Prep Forest School U13 A—C Football vs Belmont (H) U13 Girls Football vs Duke of Kent (A) Colts A-D Football vs Belmont (A)
Thursday	29	0945 1430 1600	Elevate 'Ace Your Exams' Year 11 Student Workshop U8/9 Football vs Belmont (A) Senior Lecture with Simon Minty
Friday	30	0845	Class Reps Meeting via Zoom

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 26.09.2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni or Cauliflower Cheese (V) with Ham & Salad	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Peaches with Chocolate Sauce	Chilli con Carne; Three Bean Chilli (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Crackling; Pesto & Halloumi Slice (V) with Roast Potatoes &	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Meringue & Mixed Berries



Well done to Sophie T (7B) who sang with her Stagecoach choir at the Natural History Museum yesterday and was filmed for part of the BBC TV's Children in Need special that will be aired in November... Sophie said she really enjoyed the experience as they had some good songs to perform including ones from the Greatest Showman, Annie the Musical and a hit by Westlife. We look forward to seeing the finished feature.



Please find Mr Murphy's topical thoughts for the week and the pupils who have been 'Mentioned in Dispatches': [here](#)

LOWER PREP

1M

Bacchus M-D for his amazing acrostic poem & portrait of the queen. Well done! Mrs Martins

3S

Dillen S for an excellent start to Year 3 and always being polite and helpful. Miss Sumners

4S

Zayn J for his excellent creative thinking and working in poetry lessons in English. Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Oliver R for taking part in the football math last week. Ms Forbes

Zachary B and Zach B-A were awesome in the Colts fixture against Homefield. Although the team lost, their attitude epitomised the Kingswood House Way and showed great determination. Mr Clarke

Zachary B and Zach B-A for resilience and sportsmanship in their football fixture against Belmont, despite being beaten quite heavily they never stopped trying and inspired the rest of the team to do likewise. Mr Bailey

6B

Elody T and Gaby C-A have settled brilliantly into Mr Clarke's Maths group. Their attitude is excellent. Mr Clarke

Ryan B and Torin A-I have impressed me with their organisation and punctuality in the last week. Keep it up, boys! Mrs Bastable

6S

Hugo H for an excellent piece of English prep for which he gained a commendation. Madame Swift

Harry R for a lovely poem on our value of respect. Madame Swift

Josh G for giving an excellent sentence using a new word in our Six Steps exercise. Madame Swift

Joshua G- great contribution to our work on Evolution in Year 6 Science. Mr Barratt

Dominic A for being helpful in his computing class. Mr Jackson

The following boys all receive a mention from Mr Westcott following their exemplary behaviour on and off the pitch at the U11 football tournament; Oliver R (6B) Hugo H (6S) Seb P (6S) Freddie L (6B) Cyril B—Ds (6S), and from Year 5, Zachary Band Zach B-A (both 5F) This is for representing the school so well and showing great respect for the opposition. Mr Westcott

7B

Harry W and Finley N for great Science Experimenting this week. Boom! Mr Barratt

Angus V is really focussing on his organisation, I was very impressed with how quickly and efficiently he was ready to work in geography last week. Well done! Mr Laudy

7H

Rufus J and Chris K for great efforts all round and settling in brilliantly. Mr Hendry

Ava D has been working hard in Maths – an excellent start to her time at KHS. Mr Clarke

Ava D for being extremely helpful to staff and pupils during the distribution and set up of the pupil Chromebooks. Mrs Webb



8F

A special mention for Tristan B who I feel deserves celebrating as every parent I spoke to at Open Morning, who had been guided by him on their tours on Saturday, said how highly he spoke of the school, how much praise he had for the support he has received and how polite he was. A true KHS-er! Miss Wilson

Alex H was a fantastic ambassador for the school at Open Morning – well done! Miss Foster

8J

Oliver F for his excellent poem and contribution to the memorials to our late Queen. Mr Jackson

Tom V-M Y8 maths – glimpses of brilliance in lessons last week! Mr Barratt

8L

Hussain K has started to settle back into school life brilliantly, his geography lesson was a real highlight. Mr Laudy

Pippa T has been on fire in her lessons, she is attentive and is always keen to contribute by asking and answering questions, keep it up! Mr Laudy

Derin U and Dylan N looked after a boy having a taster day with us and made him feel less anxious. Well done boys. Mr Clarke

Derin U and Dylan N for all their help last week with organising the classroom recycling collection. Miss Hylands

Darcie F (8L), Gabriel C (8F) and Hussain K (8L) for their Reflections on Her Majesty, the Queen. Also, Freddie T (8F) and Max P (8L) for their critical writing on poems by William Blake. Mr March

Kieran S (8F) James D (8L) and Sam W (8F) wrote inspired reflections about the Queen in their English lesson for me which were put in the Newsletter – well done gentlemen. Mrs Weston

Tristan B (8F) Alex H (8F) James D (8L) George D (8J) and Harrison W (8L) all presented their Classics work well in class on their chosen god. Mrs Weston

SENIORS

9R

Mr Regeling is very impressed with Enzo R's level of French: his pronunciation is very French, and his level of endeavour has been excellent! Keep it up, Enzo! Mr Regeling

9B

Max L has made an excellent start to Year 9 English; his book is neat and detailed. Mrs Bray

Dylan B was been incredibly helpful and polite during the first '*Boulangerie*' sale, helping Mr Regeling and ensuring pupils are ordering their *pain au chocolat* in French! *Merci Dylan!* Mr Regeling

Jasper W Y9 maths – full on concentration. Mr Barratt

9L

Well done to Theo J for being studious and for cracking on with work as soon as he gets into the classroom. Mrs Lindley

Zac M had two excellent geography lessons last week, I saw much improved organisation and concentration. Brilliant! Mr Laudy

To all our Year 9 pupils - for settling in so well and navigating through their first week in the Senior School. Mr Sukhdeo

10B

Rory S listens carefully to instructions and helps take prep to the correct teacher. Mrs Black

Henry S always has a positive attitude. He consistently shows the Kingswood House Way. Mrs Black

10P

Patrick G for some very insightful comments during PSHE lessons. Miss Patel

Oscar D'A is giving 110% to every English lesson; I am really impressed with his positive work attitude. Mrs Bray

Idrees AK for starting his maths lesson this term with great aplomb! It was clearly evident that there was some purposeful revision over the summer holiday. Mr Sukhdeo

Yaseen K has been working hard in Science. He is conscientious about his work and has produced fantastic model answers in class. Keep up the hard work Yaseen. Mrs Black

Zachary F has shown excellent endeavour in Science, he is putting a lot of effort into his work. Mrs Black

Oscar D'A was the first student on site on Saturday to help out with Open Morning - without being asked, he was picking up small bits of litter. Mrs Haunstetter

11H

Class 11H for the manner in which they have conducted themselves during the exams. Very mature and organised – on the whole!

Mrs Haunstetter

11W

The class arrived promptly for their pre-mock exams which is encouraging in terms of their organisation for this important year. Keep it up form! Mrs Weston

Enan A was immense as a tour guide on Saturday's Open Morning. Mr Barratt

To all our Year 11s - for persevering with your pre-mocks last week and remaining focused during the revision sessions. Mr Sukhdeo

Miss Hylands would like to say, "To all of my new Eco Club members a massive thank you for signing up and being so keen to join in and make a difference in school".

In Mrs Lindley's Maths classes this week:

Year 7 Isla M for being quick off the mark with the number detective

Year 8 Stanley B-D and Dan G for working hard in class.

Year 9 Max W some great work with numbers.

Year 10 Well done to Rory S and Henry S for completing their MemRi challenges!

Year 11 Well done to all Year 11 but especially to Antoni M for the major improvements he has made. keep working hard!

House points - this week - Whole School



House points - totals - Whole School



SPORTS RESULTS

KHS U11 Football Tournament at Surbiton Prep

Mr Westcott, who accompanied the team as their coach, writes,

"On a lovely sunny Saturday morning seven KHS boys participated in a friendly football tournament. Captained by Oliver R (6B) the boys worked extremely hard in every match never giving up regardless of the score-sheet. The boys played extremely well against some very strong opponents; their attitude on the pitch was incredible and I was extremely proud of how they performed—they should all be very proud of themselves too".

Player of the Tournament goes to Oliver R (6B)



KHS vs Downsend

U16 lost 6-3; goal scorers - Max G (11W) Chris H (11W) & Oliver W (10B); Player of the Match awarded to Max with a special mention for Liam McB (9B) who played two years up and played extremely well and made some excellent saves—he grew in confidence!

The KHS team started slowly and fell short to some clinical finishing from Downsend; we were 4-0 down at half time. The start of the second half however, saw a great response from us scoring 3 quick goals but unfortunately we were unable to complete the comeback. KHS showed great resilience and endeavour throughout the match.

U14 A lost: 6-1; Player of the Match Theo W (9L)

U14 B won 12-5; an impressive 4 goals for Dylan B (9B) and one for Will M (11W). Dylan was made our Player of the Match. It was a very good game with the KHS team working very hard towards the end of the match displaying some nice football to watch.

KHS vs Glyn

U13 A won 3-2; our goal scorers were Rex T (8F) with two and Harrison W (8L). Player of the Match was awarded to Harrison W & Ed B (7H) with Special Mentions for Finlay R (8F) Hussain K (8L) and George D (8J).

A great end to end game saw Glyn take the lead twice across the course of the match, but a resilient KHS side battled back to snatch a well deserved, close victory! This was a great team performance from defence to attack and the team showed their true potential.

U13 B lost 7-0; Player of the Match was one of our new pupils Rufus J (7H) O settled in the team as though he had been there for years! They worked hard right to the end regardless of the score.

KHS Netball vs Belmont

U13 Both KHS U13 teams played well for their first netball fixture of the term, against a very strong Belmont side. I was pleased with their attitude and their focus on wanting to improve throughout the match. The pupils represented the school well and showed a great deal of respect for their opposition, thanking them for the game, and then enjoying the match teas and sitting with them.

Team 1 6-0 loss; Player of the Match Pippa T (8F) with a Special Mention to Sophie T (7B) for some brilliant defence.

Team 2 8-0 loss; Player of the Match Elody T (6B) for her fantastic energy in the match and a Special Mention to Aurelia G (7H) for her good work rate and playing even when injured.



Kandinsky Inspiration in 1M

Year 1 have been looking at the artist Kandinsky and understanding what abstract art is. They have been making links with their knowledge of shapes and primary colours from last week. First they mixed colours using warm and cool tones. Whilst listening to some classical music, they then created swirls and circles - just like Kandinsky did.



One pupil commented,
**"Woah!! Mine
is soooooo
abstract!"**

Mrs Martins



Celebrate Uniqueness!



A massive thank you to Form 8L who delivered a super Assembly on Monday for the whole school, encouraging us all to celebrate our uniqueness and be proud of who we are!

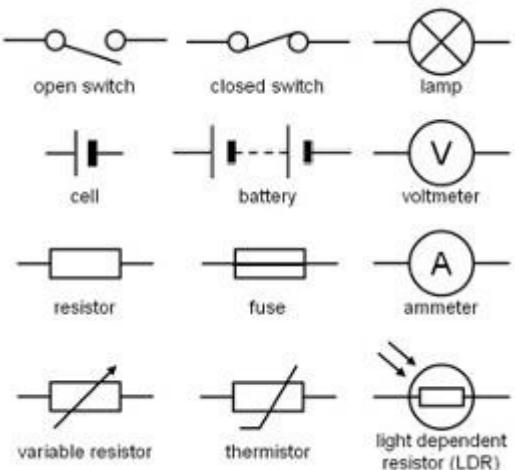
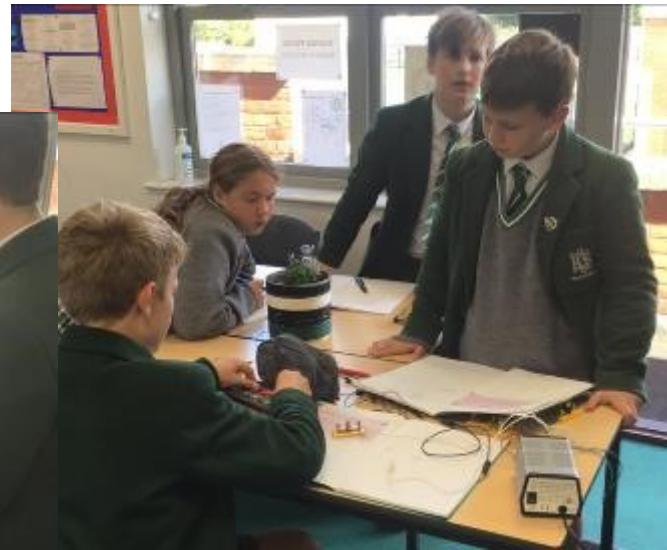
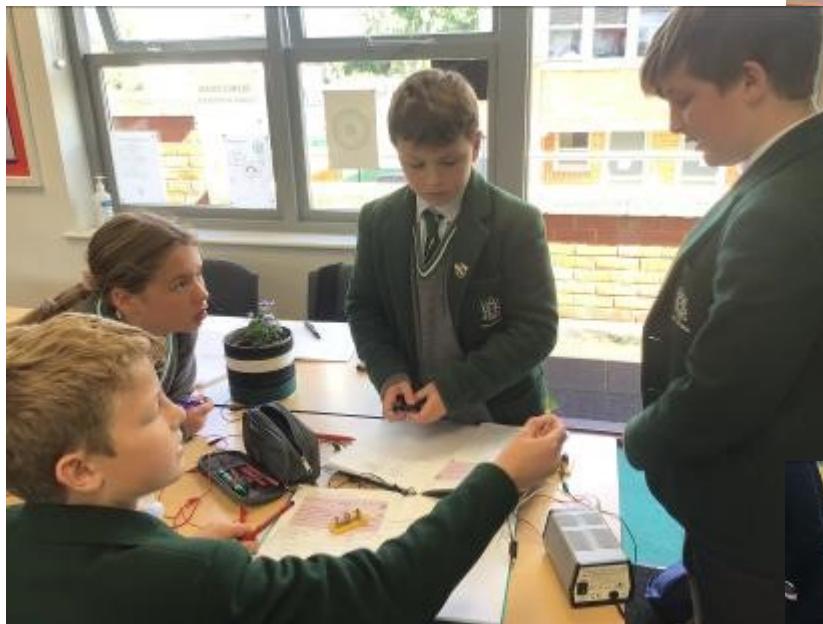


We learned that members of 8L have a number of unique talents and strengths amongst them which are even better when pulled together in collaboration.



They illustrated their Assembly with a video of a record skydiving attempt involving 7 planes and 164 people in Illinois as an example of what can be achieved working together! Mr Laudy

Class 7B got all “lit up” with a practical Science lesson on conductors and connectivity this week! Mr Barratt





A Note from the Study Centre

Next Tuesday 27th September, we will be hosting a Study Centre Coffee Morning – do let Mrs Bishop (k.bishop@kingswoodhouse.org) know if you would like to come along and find out what happens at the top of the stairs.



This week, on 21st September, it was the **International Day of Peace**.

Organised by the United Nations, the International Day of Peace began in 1981 with the purpose of providing a shared date for humanity to commit to peace, above all differences and contribute to building a culture of peace.



What does peace mean? UN Officials once said it means '*dignity, well-being for all, not just absence of war*'. Peace can also mean freedom from disturbance: a time of tranquillity when you are not disturbed by anyone or anything.. .

Why don't you think about what peace means to you and your family?

The theme for this year's International Day of Peace is '*End Racism. Build Peace*'. Much like the Kingswood House Way, peace requires respect in which to flourish and we hope this is an environment which is fundamentally at the heart of our school. *Miss Wilson*



KHS Student Council

The student council representatives met today. The following was discussed and will be actioned in the next few weeks:

- 1) **Getting a student council bulletin board** so that everyone knows who the student council representatives are and the current topic/s being discussed.
- 2) **Getting a suggestion box** and putting this in the office. This is to encourage all students to share their ideas and thoughts. The student council will look through the box during their meetings.

The following ideas were proposed and will be discussed in more depth over the next few meetings:

- 1) Increasing the amount of subject specific clubs for all ages.
- 2) Having more competitions around the KWH values.
- 3) Having set picnic days where students can bring in their own packed lunches.
- 4) Having more buzz and activities that celebrate different religious celebrations.
- 5) Changing the house names.

Mrs Bray

Year 3 Topic Work

Year 3 have been having a blast exploring their topic for the Autumn term—the Anglo-Saxons. They have made Anglo-Saxon honey biscuits following a traditional Saxon recipe which tasted delicious but were then unfortunately invaded by Viking long ships reflecting what happened in Anglo-Saxon Britain—it was quite dramatic in class at times!

Miss Sumners



Form 7H had fun investigating Series & Parallel Circuits and used their new Chromebooks to aid their learning and record their results...keep up the good scientific work!



Decorate Like an Egyptian!

Here is the finished product of Year 4 pupils' study of Egyptian Canopic jars. The children painted their clay vessels this week, with care, to produce the finished product. They thoroughly enjoyed making and painting them and learnt lots about the form and function of these Ancient vessels - now to decide what to keep in them...spare kidney anyone, or will a simple pencil do?! Well done, Year 4! Miss Smith



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More information is on the school website: [here](#).

Extra-Curricular Activities

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We have also been passed the following information which may be of use to some parents looking for swimming lessons outside of school - an important life skill!

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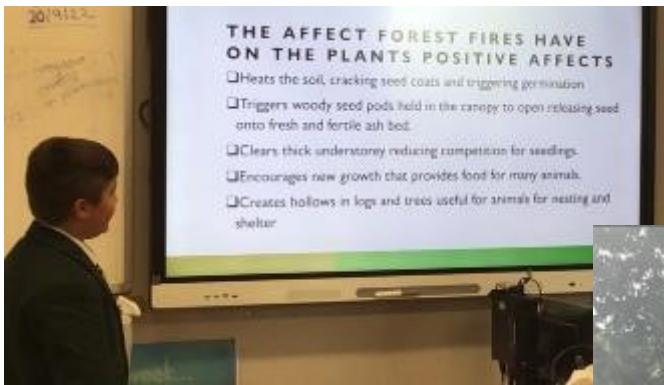
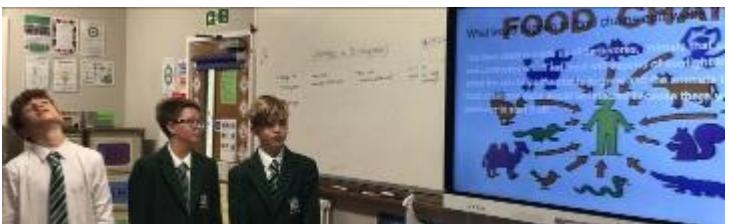
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Y8 Science – Ecology in our local and wider environment!

Y8 pupils have been absolutely fabulous this week in creating and presenting their work on how changes can affect ecosystems. Gabriel C even brought in some man-made and natural honeycomb to engage his audience during his presentation on the importance of pollinators.



Credit is also due to Alex H, Tristan B and Dan G for their fantastic ecological surveying which included both plant and insect species on the playing field. *Miss Patel*.



Mrs Martins reports back from the first outing of the term for her Year 1 boys and girls:

"Year 1 visited Hampton Court Palace as part of our curriculum enrichment in our History topic 'Marvellous Monarchs' - one focus of which is Henry VIII. We had a fascinating time in the Tudor kitchens, apartments and managed not to get lost in the maze - a very close call though! Our pupils were intrigued by the Tudor kitchens' live fire and our sensory walk around the Tudor gardens. They even had a go at the traditional board game "Fox & Hounds"!



NURTURING YOUR FRIENDSHIPS

OPEN UP:

Build intimacy with your friends by opening up about yourself. Being willing to disclose personal experiences and concerns, shows your friends that they hold a special place in your life. This will ultimately deepen your connections.



SHOW THAT YOU CAN BE TRUSTED:

Being responsible, reliable and dependable is key to forming strong friendships. We all make mistakes and let our friends down sometimes but try to follow through on commitments you've made to your friends. When your friends share confidential secrets, keep it private.

A Note from our ELSA...

Here, and over the page, are some ideas and advice on how to create, build and maintain good friendships—applicable to any age in school and even a gentle reminder to us adults when we consider our friendships. *Ms Timothy*



NURTURING YOUR FRIENDSHIPS

MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE:

Building close friendships can take time so it's important to make an effort to check in with friends between meet-ups. It's never too late to reconnect with old friends. Investing time in making friends and strengthening your friendships can pay off in better health and a brighter outlook for years to come.



PUT YOUR MIND TO REST:

You may find yourself imagining the worst of social situations and feel tempted to stay home. Use mindfulness exercises to reshape your thinking. Each time you imagine the worst, pay attention to how often the embarrassing situations you're afraid of actually take place. You may notice that the scenarios you fear usually don't happen.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

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RALPH WALDO EMERSON

BE KIND:

Being kind to others is emphasised during early childhood and remains the core of successful friendships. If you think of friendship as an emotional bank account. Every act of kindness and every expression of gratitude are deposits into this account, while criticism and negativity draw down the account.



Friendship is another word for love.

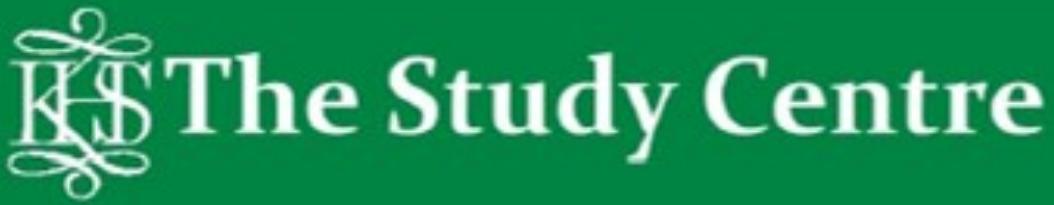
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LISTEN UP:

Let your friends know that you are listening by paying close attention through eye contact and body language if they are expressing themselves. When friends share details of hard times or difficult experiences, be empathetic and judge if the scenario requires you to give advice.



LET'S
CATCH
UP!



Come and join us to learn
about what goes on in the
Study Centre!



An excellent opportunity to meet the
team, and find out what happens at the
top of the school in our busy
Study Centre.



Tuesday 27th September 2022

9.30am

Dining Hall

RSVP: Mrs Kelly Bishop

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