

KHS Upper Prep Parents' Information Evening

12th September 2022



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1. Welcome Ian Mitchell
2. Staff Introductions Various
3. Upper Prep Overview Liam Clarke
4. Q & A Liam Clarke/
Form teachers

Upper Prep Form Teachers

- ▶ 8J - Mr Jackson
- ▶ 8F - Miss Foster
- ▶ 8L - Mr Laudy
- ▶ 7B - Mr Barratt
- ▶ 7H - Mr Hendry
- ▶ 6B - Ms Bastable
- ▶ 6S - Madame Swift
- ▶ 5F - Miss Forbes

Kingswood House Aims

- Develop the individual abilities of each child in a secure, caring and friendly environment where they are happy and motivated to learn and to appreciate the benefits of healthy living and physical fitness.
- Encourage participation, enjoyment and success in all areas of the School's curriculum to create a well-rounded, confident child who shows respect, tolerance and compassion towards people and the environment.
- Help children develop self-worth and maturity so they are equipped to deal with life's challenges and are well-prepared for the next stage of their education.
- Create a strong partnership between parents, children and staff to foster social awareness and to allow all members of the School community to feel valued and appreciated.

Upper Prep @ KHS

Overview

- Small class sizes
- Nurturing environment
- Independent learning
- Confidence/ Developing self-esteem
- Life skills
- Leadership and responsibility
- Exciting Programme of Trips
- Social events
- Drama
- Planning for GCSE choices



Drop off and Pick-up

- ▶ Drop off will be between 8.00am (earliest) and 8.30am (latest) and pupils will be supervised outside until 8.30am. Form teachers will be in their class by 8.30am to welcome pupils.
- ▶ Breakfast club from 730 am and late club until 6pm if required.
- ▶ Years 5-8 at the car park.
- ▶ Parents should remain in their cars where possible and if walking, must wait at the gate until a member of staff opens access. Our unofficial one-way system for traffic should be maintained, i.e. from the mini roundabout down West Hill Avenue to Manor Green Road. Traffic should ALWAYS be one-way in the car park (clockwise).
- ▶ Normal pick up will be from the car park only at the following times:
 - ▶ 3.45pm Years 5 and 6
 - ▶ 4pm Years 7 and 8

Break and Lunch

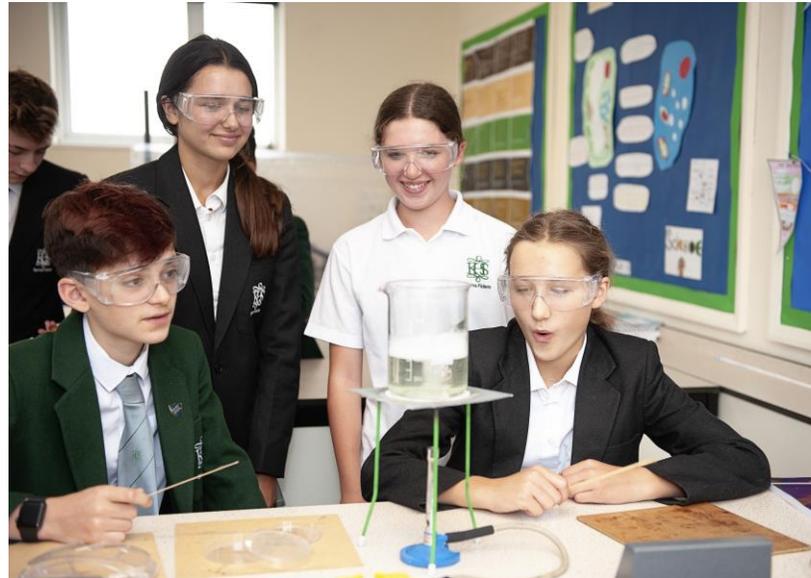
- ▶ At short break, milk and bread will be served through the window of the 'boot' room. Please ensure they bring a snack or sandwich from home which can be fresh fruit or vegetables or a ham or cheese sandwich (no nuts or sesame)
- ▶ At lunch time, pupils will line up and be taken to lunch at the appropriate time by the teacher of lesson 4 on that day.

Homework

- ▶ Differs slightly year on year:
- ▶ Year 5 - 40 minutes Mon-Thurs & 1 hour at the weekend
- ▶ Year 6 - 50 minutes Mon-Thurs & 1 hour 15 mins at the weekend
- ▶ Year 7 - 60 minutes Mon-Thurs & 1 hour 30 mins at the weekend
- ▶ Year 8 - 60 minutes Mon-Thurs & 2 hours at the weekend
- ▶ All prep is now set on E-praise
- ▶ Differentiated so that pupils can complete their work independently
- ▶ Important to offer support at home but to let the pupils complete the work themselves - good preparation for the future
- ▶ Email your child's form teacher to record any difficulties or feedback
- ▶ Prep available at school between 4-5pm

Academic

- ▶ 3 Year GCSE curriculum - make choices in Year 8
- ▶ IPQ - Independent project qualification
- ▶ Summer exams for Year 5-7
- ▶ Spring term exams for Year 8
- ▶ INCAS - Year 5 & 6
- ▶ MIDYAS - Year 7 & 8



Old grades	New grades
A*	9
	8
A	7
B	6
	5 STRONG PASS
C	4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Pastoral

The three precepts of Respect, Integrity and Endeavour underpin the nucleus of “The Kingswood House Way”. We believe that the need for young people to have emotional tools, such as resilience, as well as academic knowledge, has never been more important. Our pupils are encouraged and inspired every day so that they grow in self-esteem and achieve more than they believe is possible.

- Divisional Head Meetings
- Role of the form teacher
- Careers advice
- Positions of Responsibility (Year 8)
- Buddy system
- Older pupils supporting younger pupils
- Role models
- ELSA



Co-Curricular

David Blake, Shackleton Experience, wellbeing workshops with up and coming bands, Floyd Steadmen and Paul Hanneford for example. All workshops give a message to pupils raising awareness of different messages we are trying to promote.

- ▶ Multiple workshops throughout the year
- ▶ Clubs
- ▶ GTI
- ▶ Residential Trips
- ▶ Day Trips



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers based guest speaker – once per term • School website – Labour market tool • Trips • Careers week resources 				
Morrisby – in class sessions (Summer term Tuesday 2a)	Morrisby software (one form per half term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morrisby software • Potential work experience days (summer term - trip week) 		
	Senior Information Evening	Senior Information Evening	Careers meeting	Further Education Meeting with DM, SS and AB alongside a visiting careers advisor
	Bespoke advice about GCSE options	STRIDE Business & Enterprise module	Mock interview practice with parents, AB and SS	Interview preparation
	Choosing GCSE options meetings	Sixth Form open evening		Communication with pupils and parents to help make informed decisions about choices of colleges and courses
	Sixth form open evening invitation	Five week Emotional Intelligence course		Summer Internship/apprenticeship information
				Skills London

Sport

Games Sessions:

Monday - Year 7 & 8 Tuesday - Year 5 & 6 Wednesday - Year 5-8 (fixtures)

Football, Netball, Hockey & Cricket

Year 5 & 6 are combined to produce the Colts section.

We also combine Year 7 & 8 to make up the U13A,B,C & D teams.

Rugby: Due to the RFU laws, we must separate age groups for rugby in Year 5 & 6.

Year 5 - U10

Year 6 - U11

In year 7 & 8, we are still able to combine age groups (U13A,B,C & D) teams.

Options: Climbing, badminton, squash and tennis will be amongst some of the activities offered.

Team sheets: Team sheets will be sent out on a Monday for the following week's fixtures.

Sportsmanship award: These are awarded in assembly each week. We look out for acts of sportsmanship.

Person of the Match awards: These are awarded in assembly each week. It is awarded to the most influential player in each fixture. Every team is awarded one.



Trips

Day trips form an integral part of the school curriculum and are carefully planned throughout the school year to support your child's learning.

Residential trips are also a valuable experience. We were delighted to re-introduce these last year after missing out during Covid.

Year 5 - 2 night residential at Croft farm water park

Year 6 - 2 night residential at a PGL site/ Walton Firs

Year 7 - 3 night residential

Year 8 - 4 night residential



Creative Arts

The Creative and Performing Arts present wonderful opportunities for our pupils to learn important auditory and presentation skills. Our students benefit from a diverse range of participation in Art, Drama and Music from Early Years up to GCSE so that they hone their artistic talents and develop a meaningful stage presence

Music

Music plays an important role in the students' school life with choirs, instrumental groups and performances running throughout the year. Choir, which places importance on collective enjoyment, is open for all pupils in Years 3 - 11, offering a broad, current repertoire. The Kingswood Singers is a smaller, more selective group with entry gained by an audition; this is where our talented singers can develop under close tutelage. The pupils perform regularly throughout the year, both in and out of school, at Epsom College Choir Day, The Carol Service, Young Voices and Prize Giving.

Children from Reception to Year 11 also compete in House Singing and Music competitions. The school has a strong record of success with Music Scholarships and All-rounder Scholarships to our own Senior Years and other prestigious schools.

Within the classroom, the emphasis is on every boy and girl participating, whether they are established musicians or just beginning their journey.



Drama

There is a strong tradition of Drama at Kingswood House School ranging from a Lower Prep Nativity in the school hall to a major production at the Adrian Mann Theatre, NESCOL, in February each year and plenty more in between. We believe that studying Drama teaches confidence, collaboration, communication and co-operation as well as the opportunity to experience the magic of the

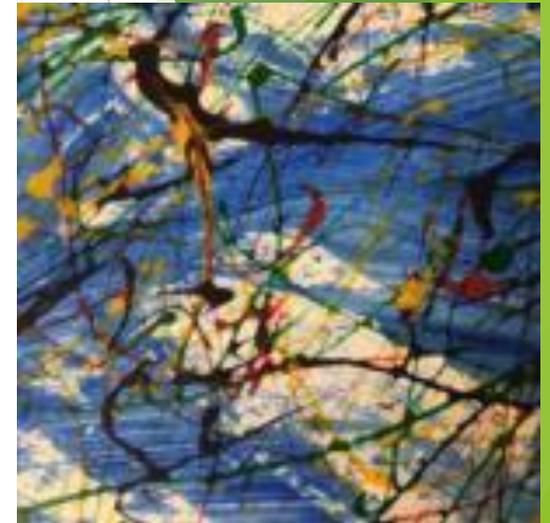
Pupils in Years 7 and 8 have a weekly lesson in the newly-refurbished Drama Studio and main hall working on a host of dramatic techniques and presentation skills. We now offer GCSE Drama as an option due to increased demand for the subject.



Art

Art is taught to all pupils by a specialist art teacher from Years 2-11, at which stage they are given the option of continuing the subject in Y9 and for GCSE.

The basic elements of art are thoroughly covered in the Lower, Upper Prep lessons and allow all pupils to develop and widen their level of skill and creativity. This is supported by a broad range of contextual studies related to each project. From Year 4, pupils are encouraged to record observations in sketchbooks to help stimulate imaginative ideas and they are exposed to a variety of materials, mixed media techniques and tools. Pupils are introduced to work from different genres, by a variety of artists, as well as considering cultural influences from around the world and the impact these may have on current practices. As their ability develops, pupils are introduced to more personal investigations and independent, divergent thinking and the expressive qualities of materials, building firm foundations for GCSE Art and Design.



Study Centre

A range of teaching and learning professionals work within our Study Centre and oversee the support provision for pupils with SEND, as well as extension for our GTI programme. Our two SENCOs oversee the admissions assessment for all pupils as part of the admissions application process.

Inclusive:

Our Study Centre has been an integral part of KHS since 1989. It was created to meet the needs of any dyslexic pupils as well as to extend our 'Gifted and Talented' provision; we are a truly inclusive, mainstream school offering an outstanding, all-round education from Reception to GCSE. **Our specialist tutors work closely with classroom staff** and parents to provide 1:1 or small group tuition. We also provide occupational therapy to support handwriting and co-ordination difficulties.

Encouraging Independence

- ▶ Children in the Upper Prep are expected to be role models
- ▶ Individual class responsibilities
- ▶ Prefect and Year 8 responsibilities
- ▶ Preparation for transition to Senior School:
 - ▶ Responsible for getting to lessons on time
 - ▶ Taking responsibility for their own learning
 - ▶ Becoming more independent
- ▶ Support from home is very important
 - ▶ Be aware of homework and e-praise
 - ▶ Support us to help your child
 - ▶ Encourage independence

Congratulations

To our cohort of Year 11 children who achieved a fantastic set of results and demonstrated strong KHS values in the face of a challenging 18 months of uncertainty with their GCSE exams:

Children have gone on to study at the following schools and colleges:

Epsom College	Woking College
Box Hill	St John's Leatherhead
Reigate College	Ashcombe School
Esher College	Claremont Fan Court
East Surrey College	Kingston College
Coombe College	Nescot
Ewell Castle	Seaford College
Shiplake	



Kingswood House School

'A Preparation for Life'



Level 9 - 4 (A* to C) 90% *National Average: 73%*

Level 9 - 6 (A* to B) 54% *N/A*

Level 9 - 7 (A* to A) 35% *National Average: 26%*



"I am proud that these grades reflect a high level of value-added attainment for each student. The results have facilitated a deserved progression for each individual to their sixth form and course of choice. We are proud of your achievements - well done to you all and good luck!"

Mr Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



Advice for Parents

Get your child to school every day and make sure he/ she gets to school on time...

95 % attendance =

- Half a day of lessons missed every two weeks
- Two weeks of lessons missed each year

This is the equivalent of almost a whole year's lesson for one subject!

Communicate with your child's form teacher. Speak to us so we can help make every experience at Kingswood House a positive one.

Any Questions?

PREPARATION FOR LIFE BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATE:

- ▶ Strong Family Values
 - ▶ Small Class Sizes
 - ▶ Ambition for Each Child
- ▶ A Genuinely Rounded Education
 - ▶ Emphasis on Life Skills
 - ▶ Platform for Self-Esteem

