

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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25 November 2022

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Dear Parents

It is hard to believe at this time of year but we are in the midst of World Cup fever. Set in the unlikely context of Qatar, together with all of the many moral and political questions that provokes, the calibre of games and indeed the nature of some results have surprisingly surpassed initial expectations so far. Who would have predicted that Saudi Arabia would beat Argentina and Japan defeat Germany - perhaps it is the year of the underdog?

It was certainly a treat for pupils and staff alike to watch the start of England's campaign on Monday over lunchtime and celebrate our British values which have been heightened thanks to the adverse publicity in respect of players wearing the 'one love' armband. I also enjoyed seeing footage on social media of Japanese fans collectively tidying up the stadium at the end of their fixture so that it was arguably cleaner after the match than before kick off! The culture of respect starts and finishes with small gestures of humility and tolerance like this, from which we can all learn.

On that note, a big thank you to Form 9R who presented an excellent assembly on Wednesday morning about "Thanksgiving"; the message of appreciation for what we have, as well as the advice not to take things for granted, was conveyed in a very erudite manner.

I was proud to welcome Jeremy Indika to KHS on Tuesday who talked to staff about the taboo subject of sexual abuse. We are the first school to allow him the opportunity of sharing his story, once again pioneering the crusade for child protection and wellbeing, and he will be back in the New Year to talk with some of our older students as well as to host a parent seminar. I am grateful to Katey Timothy for showing such great initiative and arranging Jeremy's visit to the school.

Finally, as the end of term draws closer, please do look out for a letter early next week which will contain relevant information about key events - from the Carol Service to Christmas Jumpers - as it makes sense to put it together in one communication for ease of reference.

In the meantime, I wish you a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



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

2022 NOVEMBER / DECEMBER WEEK 1			
Monday	28	0730	SLT Meeting
Tuesday	29	0935-1100	Year 9: LifeLab 7
		0935-1100	Years 5—8 House Football & Netball Round 1
		1400	Senior House Football Round 2
		1600	Study Centre Parents' Evening—online
		1630	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	30	0845	7B Assembly
		0915	Lower Prep Forest School
		1400	Years 7 & 8 House Football Round 2
		1400	Years 5 & 6 House Football Round 2
		1400	Years 5—8 House Netball
Thursday	01	0935-1100	Year 9 LifeLab (<i>spare date</i>)
		1400	Junior Christmas Show <i>Dress Rehearsal</i>
		1600	Study Centre Parents' Evening—online
		1700	Year 9 Headmaster's Dinner
Friday	02	1000	Junior Christmas Show—Langland's
		1025	House Meetings
		1400	Junior Christmas Show—Langland's

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 28.11.2022

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Slices of Ham; Cauliflower Cheese (V) and Salads	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Apple Crumble & Custard	Chilli con Carne; Five Bean Chilli (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Jelly	Italian Lunch—Meatballs & Spaghetti; Chunky Tomato Sauce & Pasta (V)	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Chicken & Leek Pie; Cheese, Leek & Onion Pie (V) with New Potatoes	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Cheese & Biscuits	Hot Dogs; Fish Fingers—both with Vegetarian, Gluten & Dairy Free options; with	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Rice Pudding



Do have a listen to Will M's (11W) own piece of music he has produced: [here](#)

Parking!

Please wait with consideration for others in the car park at pick up times; also be aware that our minibuses do need a lot of room to manoeuvre in and out...



Thank you for your support in this matter.

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

LOWER PREP

1M

Verity F for her progress and hard work in her handwriting. Well done - Mrs Martins

AbdurRahman O'S for the respect he shows by always saying please and thank you. Madame Swift

3S

Hattie C for always persevering in maths. Miss Sumners

4S

Annabelle P - excellent work when using OS map symbols. Annabelle was able to work out the symbols and why they are used. Miss Smith

Annabelle P for excellent column addition knowledge. Miss Sumners

All of Year 3 and 4 for practising the Christmas show and working really hard. Miss Sumners

UPPER PREP

5F

Zachary B for super maths work. Ms Forbes

6B

Freddie L for his continuous engagement, insight and helpful contributions to PSHE lessons. Mrs Bastable

Elody T for a wondrous and sustained transformation in behaviour and effort in maths over the last three weeks. Elody now gets down to work quietly and promptly, completing large volumes of work in class. She says, *"I used to only do one question each lesson in my old school, but now I enjoy doing lots!"* Well done, Elody - I am immensely proud of you, and keep it up! Mrs Wood

6S

All of 6S for the lovely war poems they wrote in honour of Remembrance Day. Madame Swift

7B

Alex M-K – for his positive attitude around the school. Mr Barratt

Henry S for always offering to help me during English class. Mrs Bray

Max Kenna for his excellent start to his new painting. Mrs Bastable

Angus V and Tom F for the excellent effort they always show in French. Madame Swift

7H

Darcy S and Ava D for great effort in lessons and entertaining us all in form time! Mr Hendry

7H for their incredible teamwork during our Google Classroom English lessons. Their problem-solving skills and tenacity have come to the fore and they are approaching the assignments with maturity and diligence. Well done! Mrs Seiver

UPPER PREP *continued...*

8F

Alex H - for great work in lessons, lovely to hear so many positive comments about your attitude. Miss Foster

Sam W - for being respectful to others. You really care about helping others, and that is an admirable quality. Well done. Miss Foster

Alex W for his seriousness and dedication in the French lessons. Mr Regeling is quite proud of his progress.

8J

Ezra OW for all round great work across the curriculum. Mr Jackson

8L

Pippa T continues to be awesome in the school production, the enthusiasm on her face is infectious. Mr Laudy

Derin U – greater focus in lessons. Mr Barratt

Sebastian V has had some very productive French lessons lately. Good job! Mr Regeling

Max P and Hussain K for their effective and dynamic Styrofoam prints that were printed last lesson. Mrs Bastable

Will B for consistent hard work and effort in Maths. Very pleased with the progress he is making. Mrs Lindley

SENIORS

9R

Ethan C for working diligently during study periods with Miss Kiddie. Mr Regeling

To everyone in Y9R for working hard on their presentation for assembly on being grateful. Mr Regeling

Toby C is working extremely hard in Science - he is putting a lot of effort into his work. Mrs Black

Josh I has been impressive in Geography since half term. This is especially evident in his willingness to ask for help and guidance whenever he needs it. Mr Laudy

9B

Liam McBride scored mainly 9s and 10s from Tuesday- Friday last week. I am also delighted to hear that he achieved multiple house points! Mrs Bray

9L

Well done Theo W for great contributions in our PHSE and well done Youssef M for taking on extra responsibility as Computer Science Prep Monitor. Mrs Lindley

Conor T – effort and pace in Maths lessons. Mr Barratt

All pupils from teaching group 9s were amazing last week – focused, considerate and engaged in their learning – long may it continue! Miss Patel

10B

Henry S always works hard in his study periods, he is showing commitment to his learning. Mrs Black

Tommy W for his excellent exam piece on the theme of poverty in 'A Christmas Carol'. Mrs Bray

Well done Aaryan K, seeing some good work produced in Maths, keep it up. Mrs Lindley

10P

Ruari F showed great patience and respect when helping other read contour lines during D of E club! Miss Patel

I would like to commend Bogdan P for his written work on 'A Christmas Carol' in English. Mr March

SENIORS *continued...*

11H

Theo V-P for an excellent mock interview for colleges with Mr Sukhdeo. Mrs Haunstetter

Great concentration from Alex H as we revise fractions and parentages in Maths. Well done! Mrs Lindley

11W

Enan A and Barnaby Hare very polite, working hard and making good progress in French; Mrs Weston was delighted to get this positive feedback from Monsieur Regeling.

Just a quick account of Chris H's good attitude and behaviour recently. He has shown respect when around me and is always polite. He has shown commitment to his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Mrs O'Shea

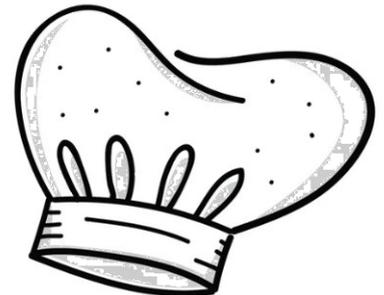
Chris H was impressive in our first lesson looking at Tanzania, working hard and conducting valuable research. Mr Laudy

Enan A for a near perfect test result. Mr Jackson



Congratulations to our wonderful chef Jane and her fabulous kitchen team who were awarded the highest hygiene rating possible—**FIVE STARS**— after an 'on-the-spot', unannounced inspection recently by the Food Standards Agency inspectors.

Well done all, we appreciate your hard work and look forward to the delicious lunches every day!



Food Whisperer

Interacts with fresh ingredients and make it into magical happiness substance that happens to also sustain life. A much happier life.



House points - this week - Whole School



House points - totals - Whole School



SPORTS RESULTS



KHS vs Duke of Kent

U11 Mixed Netball 4-3win; Miss Luff who was coaching tells us:

"It was successful day for the KHS mixed netball team, away at Duke of Kent winning 4-3. Dexter B (6S) and Isla M (7H) were both awarded Player of the Match from Duke of Kent, which was thoroughly deserved as Isla's defence as Goalkeeper was fantastic and Dexter was outstanding with his teamwork, sportsmanship and attacking play. Another fantastic effort from all the players against a tough Duke of Kent side".

Well done KHS players!

Senior and Years 7 & 8 House Football

Round 1 There was lots of great action on the pitch and friendly competition from our players trying their best for their respective Houses—full report and results to follow next week after Round 2!



Some of Form 9B are pictured here enjoying the build up to England's opening game at the World Cup on Monday; as the match time fell during lunch break Mr Murphy allowed teachers to put it on... and then celebrations in Year 6 classroom!

Year 1 are "Keeping Busy!"

Mrs Martins gives us an update on what the class have been busy with:

"During our last RE session we made cookies inspired by our topic, 'Gift & Giving' which includes references to all festivals and celebrations like Thanksgiving, Ramadan, Christmas, Eid and Diwali . It was lovely to talk about our own experiences of these special days in our families.

When baking, everyone followed the instructions carefully and decorated the cut-out cookies beautifully.

Festivals & CELEBRATIONS

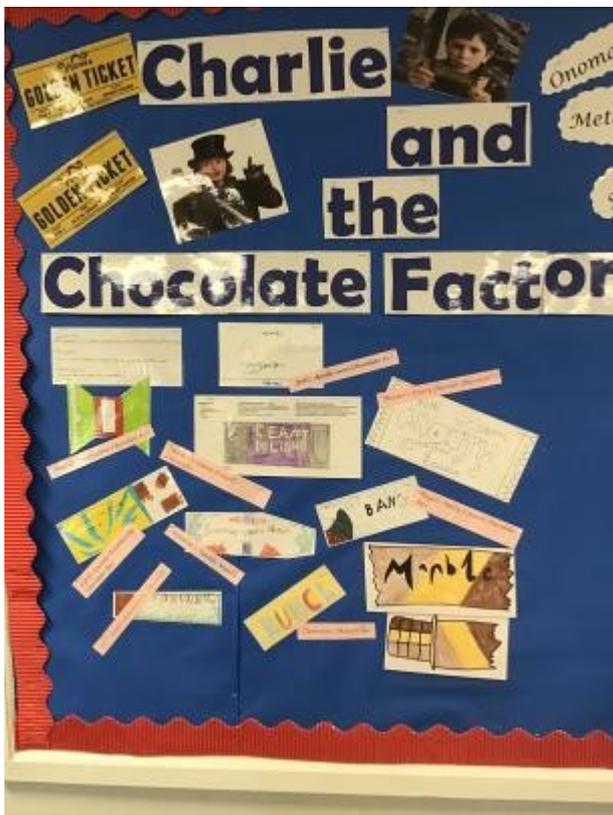


In another lesson, we got the clay out and explored the material as part of our learning all about textures in Nature. We went on an autumn walk in the grounds of the school and collected leaves that showed good texture and patterns.

We rolled the clay out into slabs once we were back in class and placed the leaves and pressed them into the surface.

We were extreme happy to see the imprint patterns so clearly!"





The Wonderful World of Chocolate

Form 6S are currently reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl; they are enjoying the story, looking at the different characters of the children and discussing moral issues, linked to Charlie spending money he found on chocolate, when his family were living in extreme poverty.

One of the activities the class did was to look at the factory and all the weird and wonderful creations of Willy Wonka, they then had to create their own chocolate bar, listing ingredients, describing the packaging and giving details about any special powers it may have. The class had some great inventions including a "...luscious everlasting chocolate bar" and an 'Apollo 2000 bar'.

Well done for your amazing creations! *Madame Swift*



As a lot of you may know, **Thanksgiving** will be celebrated, all over the USA and by Americans everywhere, on Thursday 24th November. But here are some interesting facts about Thanksgiving:

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three-day harvest festival, and turkey was not on the menu, instead they ate venison, duck and goose. On October 3rd 1863, Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday, but later, president Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November to extend the Christmas shopping season and help businesses who were still suffering the effects of the Great Depression. On the 26th December 1941 Congress passed a law making the fourth Thursday in November a legal holiday, so that all Americans could celebrate a unified Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving! *Madame Swift*

Advent wreaths have been made by Form 3S to help the big countdown to Christmas! They look very festive...



Big thanks to Form 9R for having worked truly diligently on their assembly on the topic of 'Thanksgiving'. In an eloquent and inspirational assembly, the Y9R students reminded us of the importance of being grateful. I'm grateful to be their form tutor - Mr Regeling

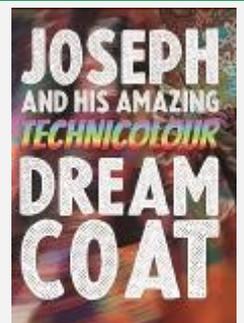


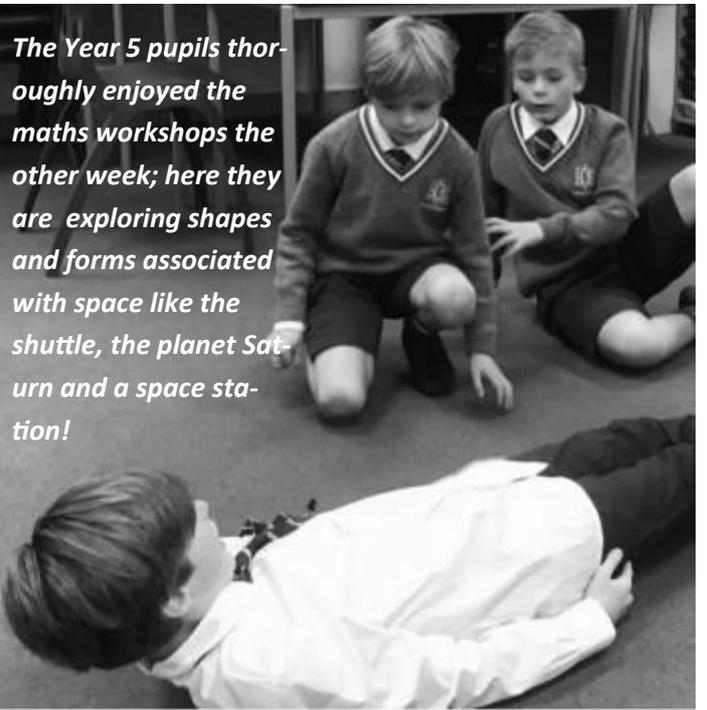
Drama Production 2023! Don't forget your...

Cast Biographies: Please remind your performer to do this; we need a short, informal biography which will be printed in the programme alongside their picture. Between 80-100 words, please. Biographies to be returned Mrs Horley or Mrs Earl no later than Wednesday 14th December. Thank you for those already in!

Booster / Best Wishes messages: Please would you and/or other members of your family consider sponsoring a booster / 'break a leg' message to your cast member? Your message, of up to 40 words, will appear in our production souvenir programme for just £15. It would be great to see all cast members supported by at least one message.

Business Advertising in Programme: Please do get in touch with Mrs Earl if you have a family business and wish to place an advert in the programme at excellent rates. Thank you for all your support in advance for the production, we look forward to seeing you in February!



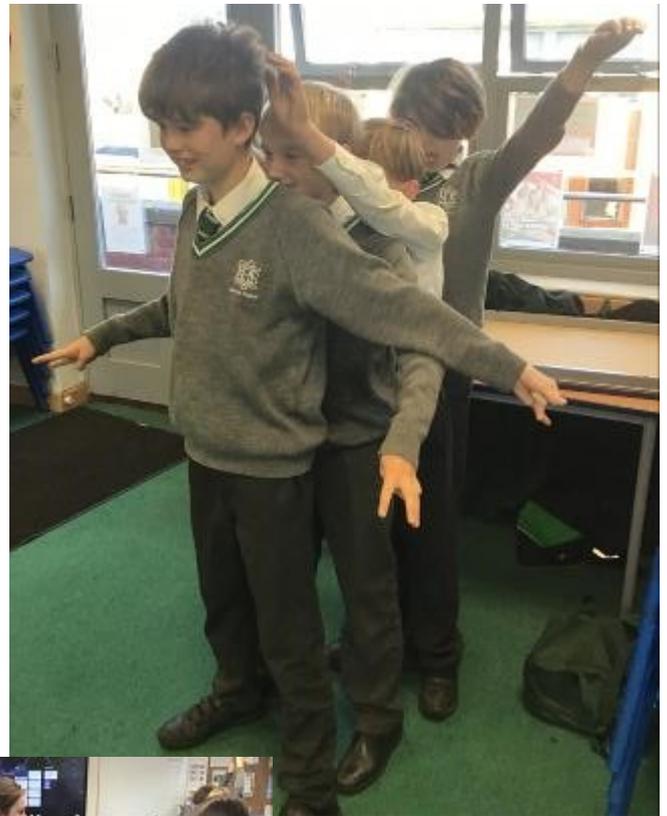


The Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the maths workshops the other week; here they are exploring shapes and forms associated with space like the shuttle, the planet Saturn and a space station!



As Creatives led the workshop for Year 1-6 'race to space'.

The fantastic Major Tom captivated all of the classes and he in turn was amazed at the intelligence and curiosity of KHS pupils— sadly he is off to train new astronauts but he may return next year! Mrs Lindley



More physical maths fun for Year 6 boys and girls following the enrichment workshop on the theme of space!



There was some great evidence of collaborative working between the pupils and creative problem solving.
Mrs Lindley





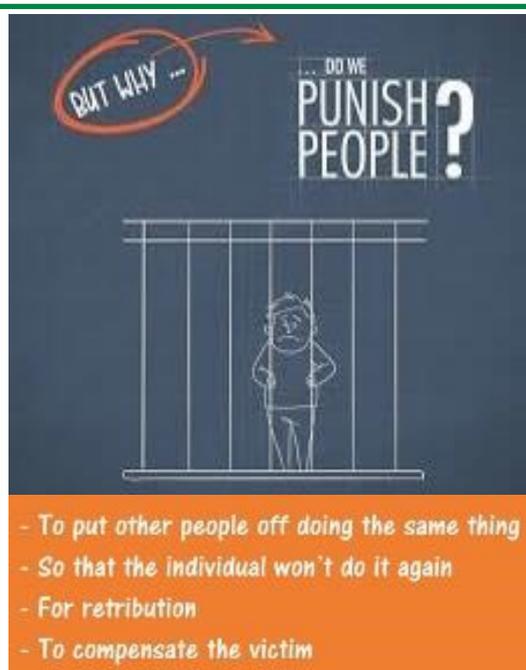
A very informative talk during PHSE for our Y11 students took place this week on the dangers of vaping, with our school nurse, Mrs Darbshire.

Even though research is still in its infancy regarding the damage that can be done, it was explained to the students how harmful all the chemicals are which are contained in vapes and the potential impact these can have on the lungs, and brains of young people. It was a timely reminder of the need to do all that we can to protect and look after our bodies, remain healthy for school and make the right choices. *Mrs Haunstetter*

**SAY NO
TO VAPING**

LOST PROPERTY!

Please look out for James M (8J) blazer which has mysteriously disappeared...it is named in three places so should turn up if it has been mistakenly brought home elsewhere! Thank you. Please return to the Office or Mr Jackson if found.



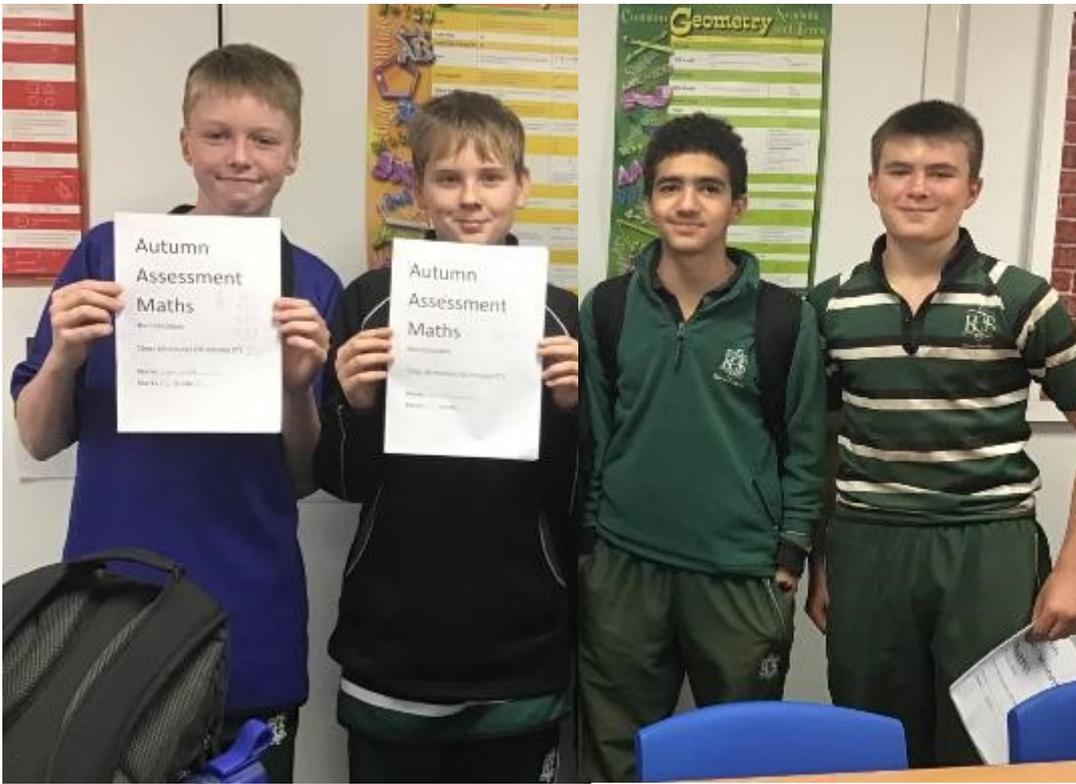
Punishment. Why punish?

Year 8 pupils have been learning about different kinds punishment and that the punishment needs to fit the crime; the topic has produced great deal of sensitive and articulate debate which Mrs Weston has enjoyed listening to.

Mr Bennetts came to talk to the year group about his previous employment and role as a policeman; he discussed various cases with them that he had been involved in and the prison service. I

It was both insightful and thought-provoking and may have even opened up future avenues of employment to explore and consider. All three classes came up with some excellent and pertinent questions at the end and showed good understanding.

Mrs Weston



Maths Enrichment

It's the most wonderful time of the year! With the holidays fast approaching the glint of maths crafts is in the air, BUT before we can relax and enjoy ourselves, it's time to check learning with some informal assessments.

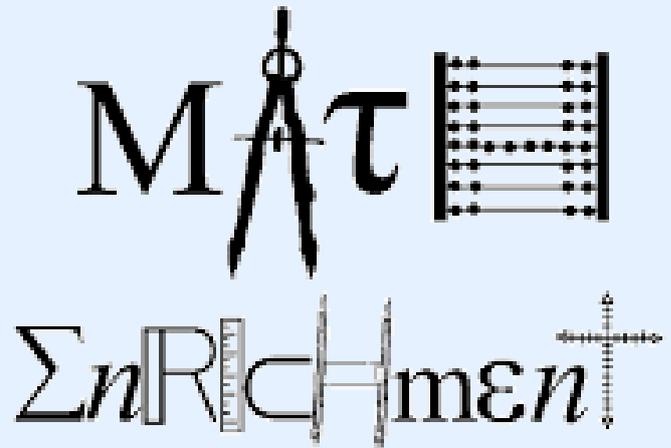
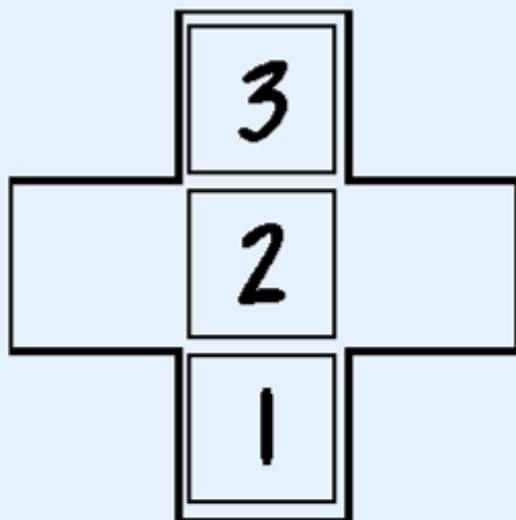
Some great results from all the Year groups, and here are some delighted Year 9 students!

Well done, all.

Mrs Lindley

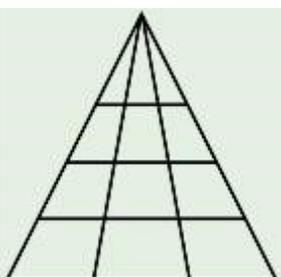
This weeks Puzzle- 1,2,3 go!

The diagram below shows a cross-shaped box containing three numbered blocks.



The puzzle is to slide the blocks around the box until the numbers read 1,2,3 as you go down.

How do you do it? And how many moves does it take?

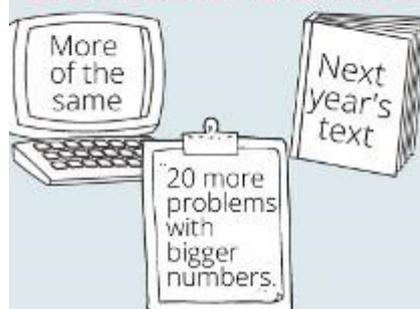


Last Week's Puzzle...and Solution!

How many triangles in this image?

There are 24

Enrichment is not:



Enrichment is:

Exploring ideas



Reasoning about why!

Taking things apart and creating something new!





[My Story—Something to Say](#)

Ms Timothy was delighted to welcome Jeremy Indika to KHS on Tuesday; he presented to staff about his powerful story of childhood sexual abuse and lessons learned from it.



Jeremy was an incredibly eloquent speaker, with a background and early career in aerospace and mechanical engineering, and handled this personal, and difficult subject matter with great ease and sensitivity. His burning passion is to get into schools and youth settings where the taboo topics can be more openly discussed and dealt with. Mr Murphy commented: *“I was very proud to welcome Jeremy to KHS where he delivered twilight training for staff; it is the first time that Jeremy has ever taken his personal story about sexual abuse into schools—but I feel it won’t be the last. Once again, KHS is pioneering new ground for the benefit and well-being of children”*.



Dear Parents

We hope you enjoyed the recent fireworks evening organised by the KHA. In order to help us design better events for you, we'd like to hear your thoughts and preferences by asking a few questions. Please can you spare a few minutes to complete the survey below?

Please click [here](#) or copy this link into your browser:

<https://forms.gle/z2ugQHaZkRLAApYH6>

We look forward to hearing your feedback and meeting you at one of our events soon!

Best Regards, Jean (Chair) and Tasneem (Treasurer)

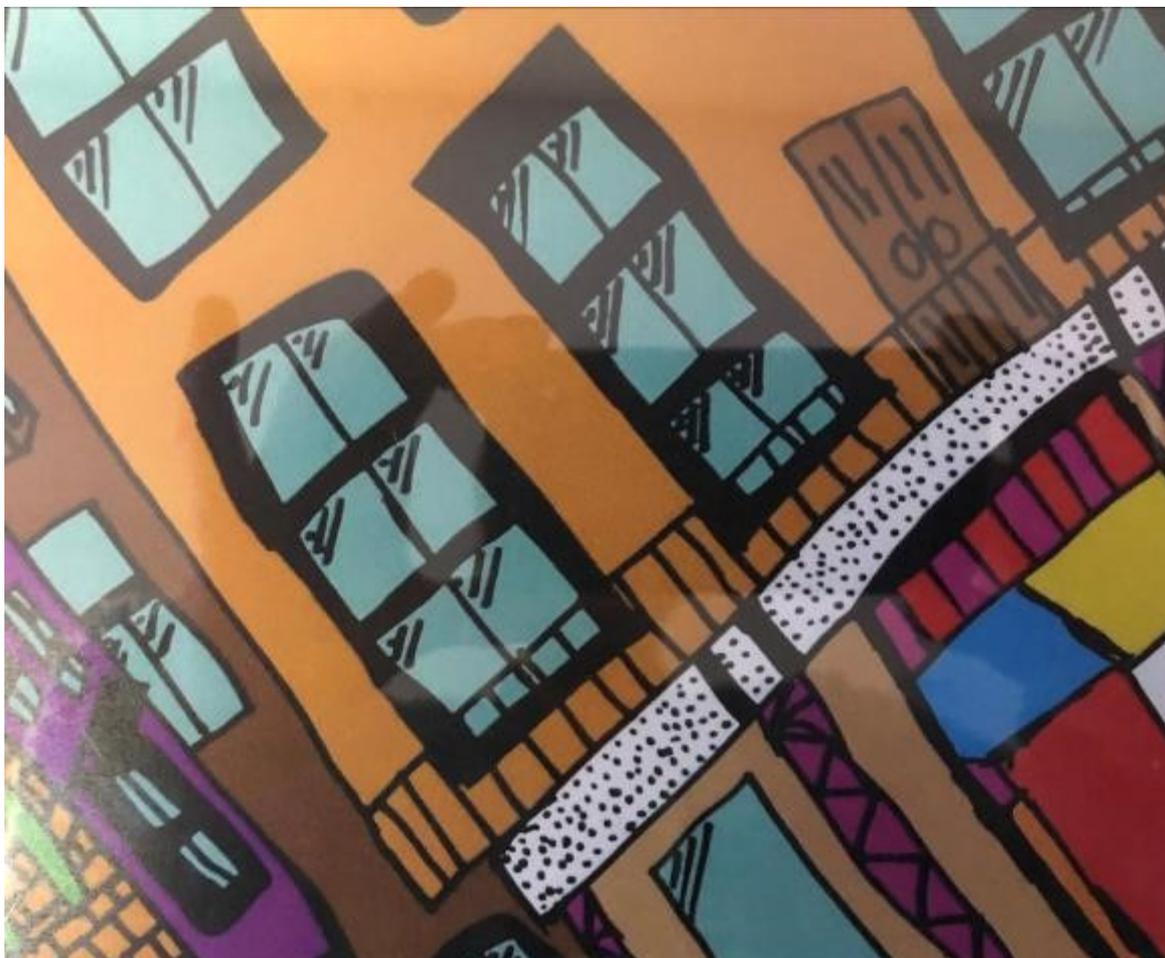
Study Centre News

Don't forget - it's Study Centre Parents' evening next week – appointments will be held online. If you haven't got an appointments booked with your child's Study Centre tutor(s), and would like to, please get in touch with them directly to arrange this. If you would like an appointment with Mrs Angus (Y7-11) or Mrs Ibbitson (Y1-6), please contact Mrs Kelly Bishop k.bishop@kingswoodhouse.org

Mrs Angus and Mrs Ibbitson are at the Annual ISC SEND Conference today; this is an excellent opportunity for them to network with colleagues from independent schools across the country. They will also have the opportunity to hear professionals talk about developments across the world of SEND.

**NEVER STOP
LEARNING**





The quality of this photo does not do justice to the quality of this art work ...it is exceptional in the flesh and is the super work of Arlo S (9R) at the start of his Art GCSE course.

Mrs Bastable's pupils began by studying shapes and forms in buildings, exploring collage and then digitally manipulating their results—to outstanding effect as you can see! Can anyone spot the original building looked at???