

Autumn Term  
02 December 2022

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## The Kingswood House Way



Dear Parents

Yesterday marked the start of Advent, one of my favourite times of the calendar year as we lead in to Christmas and all the festivity that entails with family and friends. At KHS, we embarked on our Nativity theme today with a wonderful show courtesy of the Lower Prep, and Year 5, boys and girls. It was marvellous to see them showing such confidence and enjoyment on stage in front of mums, dads and grandparents – well done! I extend a huge vote of thanks to Miss Smith and the teaching & support staff who have worked with incredible good will and patience with their charges throughout!

Earlier in the week, Mr Barratt and his form group, 7B, hosted an excellent assembly in which the children narrated their audience through a “history time-hop”; we learned about significant occurrences on 30th November in years past, including the provenance of St Andrew’s Day amongst other interesting facts.

Last night, I was delighted to host Year 9 pupils for the first Headmaster’s Dinner of the term. It was a great pleasure to spend time with our latest cohort of Seniors and apart from the delicious banquet laid on by Mrs Chandler and her team, I especially enjoyed hearing about the personal journey that our students have been on since joining the school and how our ethos and values have influenced them so positively.

On a sad note, you may have seen in the news that Doddie Weir passed away last weekend. Doddie was an international rugby union player for Scotland as well as the British Lions; a popular and talented sportsman, he co-incidentally played alongside one of our current KHS parents for the national XV on several occasions. Tragically, Doddie was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in 2016 at the relatively young age of 46. Upon receipt of the news, and with typical zest, Doddie responded to this setback by establishing a charity to combat the illness - [My Name's Doddie Foundation](#) - with the number 5 referencing his position as a lock forward. His charity has since raised millions to further research into prevention and cure of this terrible disease. It is truly a fitting legacy for a great man – if you are ever short of inspiration, take a look at the website and have a look at the amazing contribution Doddie made whilst facing such personal adversity – he was a worthy role model to us all.

**“The true meaning of life is to plant trees,  
under whose shade you do not expect to sit”**

— Nelson Henderson

Yours sincerely



Duncan Murphy

Headmaster & CEO



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

2022 DECEMBER WEEK 2 rugby & hockey starts...			
Monday	05	0730	SLT Meeting
Tuesday	06	0930-1125 1200-1600 1630	Year 9 LifeLab8: Perfect Pitch Year 9 "Dragon's Den" Enterprise Fair Staff Meeting
Wednesday	07	0845 0915	Form 11H Assembly Lower Prep Forest School
Thursday	08		Senior Lecture—Lynn Parsons
Friday	09	am.	Lower Prep visit to Father Christmas at Polesden Lacey



**Please see page 6 for the end of term / Christmas arrangements...**

**LUNCH MENU for week beginning 05.12.2022**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sliced Ham; Pesto Pasta (V) and Salad	Thai Chicken; Thai Red Veg Curry (V) with Brown & White Rice	Pulled Pork; Halloumi Cheese (V) with BBQ Sauce in a Wrap	Beef & Onion Pie; Cheese & Onion Pie (V) with Roast Potatoes & Steamed Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Mini Doughnuts
Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Fruit Crumble & Custard	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Vanilla Sponge with Icing & Sprinkles	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Jelly	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Rice Pudding	Homemade Pizza with Salads & Slaw



This is Ian Bennetts in a role he relished in school and one which we will be very sad to see go as Mr Bennetts is leaving at the end of term after six and a half years with us.

He joined us from the police service and has often given up his time to give presentations and answer questions about relevant topics within our PSHE and RS curriculums.

He has captured our interest with tales of his involvement in the police force and their dealings with matters such as homelessness, drugs, alcohol, crime, truancy and war veterans, as well as talks about careers in the force. Many thanks for all your contributions in the classroom and as an LSA. Mrs Weston



**LOST PROPERTY— END OF TERM CRACK-DOWN!!!**

We are asking all families to have a really good look at home, through the laundry basket and in cupboards, to check they have their own child's uniform and kit and not anyone else's; we have a pair of football boots (Connor M-A 8F) and a black coat (Zach G 8J) that are both named, but have disappeared from the school site. Thank you.

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

**LOWER PREP**

**1M**

Bacchus m-D for sharing & playing cooperatively. Well done - Mrs Martins

**3S**

Yarik M for settling in well and getting involved. Miss Sumners

Dillen S for some lovely work naming the parts of the head and face in French. Madame Swift

**4S**

Beatrix S for excellent work in English grammar. Beatrix had to choose the correct conjunction for the sentence to make sense and she did this independently. Keep up the good work! Miss Smith

**UPPER PREP**

**5F**

Max B for being a great buddy to Vlad on his first day. Ms Forbes

Madame Taylor covering the class was delighted to find the pupils engaged, attentive and willing to tackle all tasks set by Ms Forbes in her absence. Well done everyone.

To all of Years 1-5 for their hard work on the Christmas show. Everyone has worked hard to learn their lines and songs and keep up the enthusiasm and Christmas spirit. We look forward to seeing it on Thursday to the school and Friday to the parents! Miss Smith

**6B**

Torin A-I for focusing really well in class and doing lots of good reading. Mrs Bastable

**6S**

Seb H for a great piece of work on descriptive writing using the senses. Madame Swift

**7B**

Sophie T full on concentration with Microscopes. Mr Barratt

**7H**

Euan B, Elliott H and Enzo B-P for excellent endeavour this week. Mr Hendry

Indi D for his confident and accurate performance of a walking bassline to the class - well done. Miss Barnes

**8F**

Jack G – huge effort and concentration. Mr Barratt

Finlay R for his effort and participation in our printing lesson. Mrs Bastable

**8J**

Dan G for great work in your studies. Keep going! Mr Jackson

**8L**

Dylan n continues to be positive and upbeat, his attitude is infectious. Mr Laudy

Max P is always subtly brilliant, head down, cracking on and doing his best. Mr Laudy

**SENIORS**

**9B**

Isaaq G for his excellent attitude to learning; his respect and maturity during form time. Mrs Bray

**9L**

Zac M – greater focus and accuracy in lessons. Mr Barratt

**9R**

Ethan C for being incredibly helpful around the school and showing great manners at all times. Mr Regeling

Arlo S has been working extremely hard in Science - he shows a lot of endeavour. Mrs Black

Arlo S for his brilliant art work resulting in a dynamic digital print – well done. Mrs Bastable

**10B**

Ivan T has been chosen to speak at the end of term assembly - well done to you Ivan. Mrs Black

Joseph S has settled in well to 10B - he has shown a positive attitude. Mrs Black

**10P**

Ben H for showing great kindness towards his peers. Miss Patel

A mention Ben H and Tharani V for their amazing D of E voluntary work helping out with the Junior DT club after school on Mondays - without their patience and practical help the club would not be so successful. Mr Bailey

A massive shout-out to both Bogdan P and Lukas C who have prepared themselves really well for their French vocab tests by making their own quizzes on Quizlet. Good job! Monsieur Regeling

**11H**

Theo V-P and Tommy C were singled out for praise by Madame Taylor, for getting on with their work quietly and with focus, during a Maths cover lesson. Mrs Haunstetter

11H on the Skills Careers day out at the Excel Centre in London, for taking the opportunity to find out about different sorts of careers which could be available to them. Mrs Haunstetter

Listening to 11H as they collect their food in the canteen – lovely to hear how polite they were all being, especially Ali. Mrs Haunstetter

Jess D for going above and beyond with her English revision. I am really impressed with her dedication and know that she will do very well in her exams. Mrs Bray

Ali Al-R for superb consistency of results and effort in Year 11 Computer Science. Mr Jackson

Tommy C for his incredibly hard work finishing his installation artwork. A real labour of love that really paid off! Mrs Bastable

**11W**

Impeccable class behaviour on the London trip to the Skills exhibition at Excel Mrs Weston was delighted to hear!

Will M for reading the whole of the Anglo-Saxon poem called the Battle of Maldon. We had looked at an excerpt in the lesson to help our learning about Viking invasions of England in the 900s and Will chose to read the whole thing (325 lines!) in his own time to enhance his learning. Mrs Haunstetter

William M showed great leadership and teamwork skills during a Science practical - he followed all instructions carefully. Mrs Black

Y11 French group have been very productive and have gotten quite impressive vocab scores! Keep it up. Monsieur Regeling



Thank you to Form 7B who enlightened us about 'This Day In History' on the 30th November—we learned all sorts of interesting and entertaining facts from the fire that destroyed Crystal Palace to the speed record being set by the Flying Scotsman steam locomotive to the Scottish celebration of St Andrew's Day; most enlightening!

### House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 682

Marlborough - 631

Nelson - 661

Wellington - 662

### House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 4494

Marlborough - 4327

Nelson - 4755

Wellington - 4536

# SPORTS RESULTS

## KHS House Football Competition

Lower Prep	1st Wellington	2nd Nelson	3rd Marlborough	4th Drake
Years 5 & 6	1st Nelson	2nd Drake	3rd Wellington	4th Marlborough
Years 7 & 8As	1st Marlborough	2nd Wellington	3rd Drake	4th Nelson
Years 7 & 8Bs	1st Wellington	2nd Drake	3rd Nelson	4th Marlborough
Seniors	1st Drake	2nd Wellington	3rd Marlborough	4th Nelson
Years 7 & 8 Netball	1st Marlborough	2nd Drake	3rd Wellington	4th Nelson

WELL PLAYED



*Senior House Football was a hotly contested affair and enjoyed in a healthy spirit of competition.*



Dear Parents - **Christmas details as sent by Parentmail on Tuesday this week**



# holidays 2022

**Monday 12th December:** All pupils in Years 5-11 must wear school uniform to school—no PE or Games on this day. Years 5- 11 will be involved in Carol Service rehearsals during the day.

**Carol Service** at 19.00, Christ Church—a compulsory event for all children in Years 5-11; smart uniform with blazers, polished shoes and neat hair, church doors will open at 18.30 and there will be a retiring collection. School minibuses will leave at the earlier time of 16.00 hours, there will be no Homework / Prep Club but the school will have provision for those who wish their children to stay until 17.00. Late Club will still operate until 18.00 and for exceptional cases we can supervise children until the beginning of the service. Please let Mrs Harding know in good time by 4pm, Friday 9th December if you require your child to stay.

**Christmas Lunch** for Years 1-8 on Monday 12th December; pupils in Years 9-11 will need a packed lunch from home. Years 9-11 will have their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 13th December when pupils in Years 1-8 will need a packed lunch from home; thank you for your understanding—no nuts please..

**Christmas Jumper Day** will be held in school on Tuesday 13th December, all pupils in normal uniform but replace their KHS jumper with a Christmas jumper. We ask parents for a £2 donation to be shared between The Alternatives Trust and Save the Children. The £2 will be added to fees. If you wish to opt out then please let [Mrs Witts](#) know directly.

**Wednesday 14th December Last Day of Term Arrangements:** There will be a short end of term service at Christ Church for pupils at 11am. Pupils will leave school at the following times:

Years 1—6 12.15 pm.

Years 7—11 12.30 pm.

Please note there will be no lunch service, no Prep, Late Club or minibuses running. Thank you.



### *Creative Corner—Art At Home!*

Lovely to see this wide ranging art work that has been sent in by Max W (9B).

He has been inspired by some of the popular World Cup footballers and cartooned their likeness' as well as exploring painted abstract landscapes, and even using the techniques of collage to represent a Christmas tree.



It is always good to see pupils being creative in their own time at home as a way of relaxing and expressing themselves.

LET YOUR  
**ART**  
BE AS  
**UNIQUE**  
AS YOU!



As Thursday 1st December signified the start of **Advent**, I thought it would be nice to know a few facts about the weeks leading up to the Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus, and that it is not just about getting chocolate, or indeed Lego or beauty products (!!) from an advent calendar...

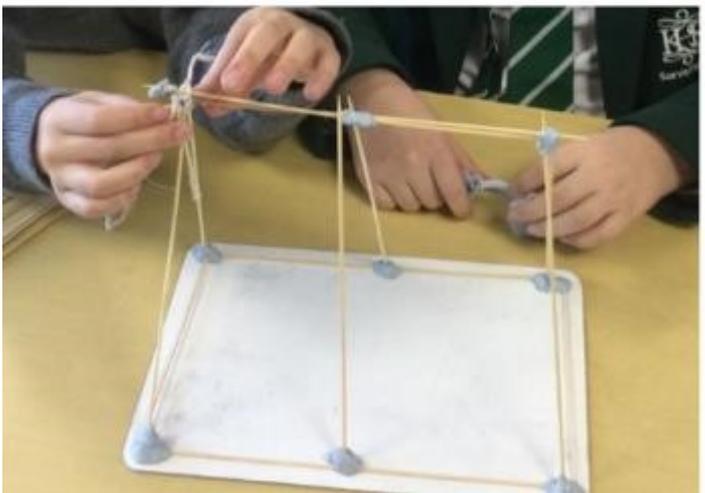
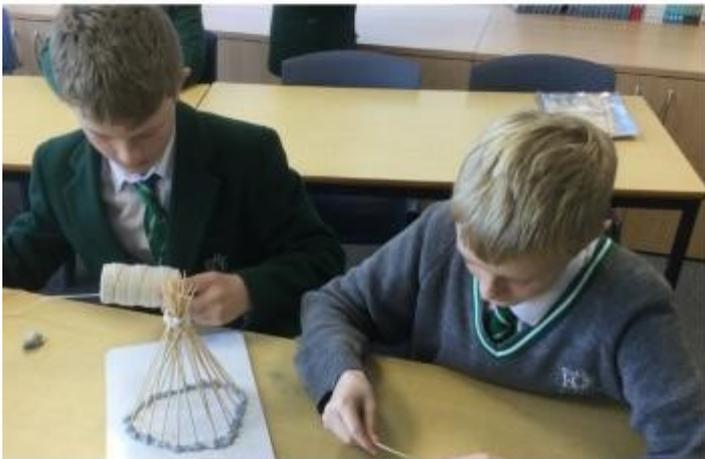
Advent has probably been observed since the fourth century. Originally, it was a time when converts to Christianity readied themselves for baptism. During the Middle Ages, Advent became associated with preparation for the Second Coming. The four Sundays preceding Christmas day on the 25th, are recognized for four virtues, represented by the four candles on the advent wreath which symbolize hope, love, joy and peace, and the candles are lit in that order. The three purple candles in an advent wreath represent penance, the pink candle represents joyfulness.



Happy Advent! *Madame Swift*



The focus of our Year 7 "Team" lessons has been winter survival skills, and in the case of this activity, making model shelters; there were some ingenious outcomes with the limited materials provided. *Mr March*



**Christmas Extravaganza & Tree Sale**  
 1st Cuddington Warspite Sea Scouts

**Where?** Warspite HQ, Cunliffe Road, Stoneleigh KT19 0RJ  
**When?** Saturday 3rd December 11am - 2pm

Tree selling 9am - 3pm also on Sunday 4th, Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December



*Time to put the tree up this weekend?  
 ...and a reminder about the Year 9 'LifeLab' enterprise Fair that is happening next week in school at which the pupils have devised games and activities for the rest of the school to enjoy and buy, alongside some refreshments.*



**Strings 'n' Things**

Our products are delicious, succulent brownies



And beautiful, colourful loom bands bracelets



Also, a fun, amazing tin-can topple game!

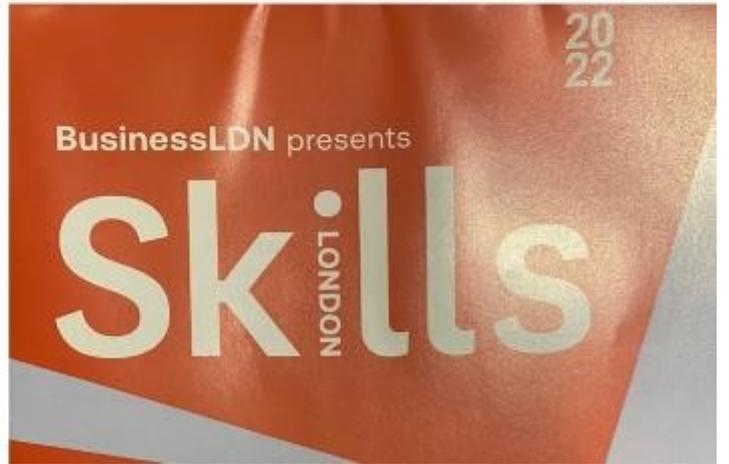


Like our bracelets, let's keep the fun expanding!



Pupils in Years 1—8 enjoyed an African dance workshop last week and were inspired to wiggle and move in time to some very energetic and up-tempo beats!





***Our Year 11s students enjoyed a super day out at the Skills London exhibition held at Excel as the largest careers event for 14-24 year olds. Further education, apprenticeship training and job opportunities were all on offer.***

Ms Timothy wishes to share with you the following two links that may be of particular interest to families with boys in their midst...

[Starting conversations with boys about mental health](#)

[Looking at issues surrounding self esteem in boys; reference to Movember](#)

**LET BOYS  
EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS**

Both resources have been sanctioned by the charity [STEM4](#) based in London that works to support teenage mental health and well-being.

Year 1 Wintry Artwork

Our class of the school's youngest learners had an inspiring lesson reading Lois Elbert's classic 'Snowballs' book and then painting Wintry silver birch trees using masking tape and thick paint, inspired by all the cool colours of the season. Collaged birds are coming next... Mrs Martins





Well done to Connor T (9L) who was presented with his Headmaster's Award Tie in Assembly this week. Some of our winners in the House Timetable "Rockstars" Competition also received their certificates. Well done to all!



### Science & Maths Links

A Year 6 Science investigation was undertaken to explore how much the height of a slope affects the speed of a ball rolling down it; pupils were using averages Mr Farmer taught them in their Maths lesson. Excellent cross-curricular subject links seen in practical terms. Boom!!







*Lights, Camel Action!!*

The Lower Prep pupils, along with Year 5 boys and girls, pulled off a spectacular Christmas production on Friday weaving the traditional Nativity story with aspects of the ever-popular 'Strictly Come Dancing' show to raise the festive feeling around school. Everyone performed brilliantly and sang superbly. Thank you to Miss Smith and the team for their work.



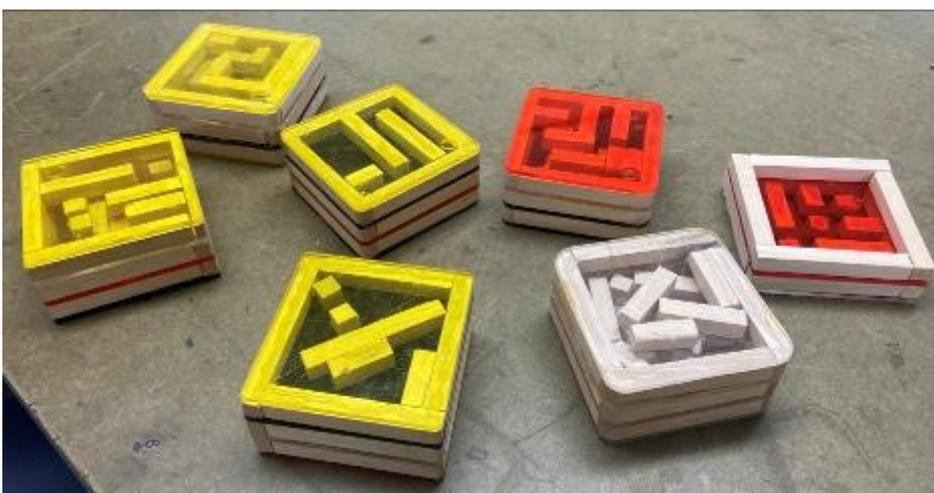
*It's a perfect TEN score from us for the Junior production!!!  
Well done to all pupils and staff involved!*





Year 5 pupils treated us to some superb singing and poetry reading as part of the Junior Christmas production—it really put everyone in the festive mood!

### ***A-maze-ing DT Work***



Mr Bailey informs us, “Year 9 Design and Technology students have been designing and building a marble maze. The class had to cut their own perspex shapes on the laser cutter which involved simple programming. The pupils were also tasked with using all three resistant materials—wood, polymers and metal—in their design somewhere and had to plan that and construct accurately. Once finished, the class gained some valuable product analysis for their project booklet by asking the younger boys and girls in Year 1 and 2 to try out and play with the new game!”. They look great!



*They Look Good Enough to Eat...!*



With this selection of wonderful artwork looking out at us from the walls in Langland's, it is not surprising we may be experiencing a hungry, rumbling tummy and dreaming of some sweet treats!

Mrs Bastable provided some fabulous objects to make realistic still life studies of—namely some favourite biscuits!

The shapes were studied and forms noted as pencil and water colour techniques were used to capture the likeness and texture. Well done, Year 8 pupils, there is some very creative, excellent work here!