

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Spring Term
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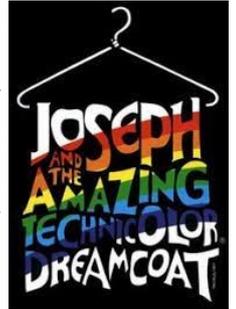
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Dear Parents

At the time of writing, final preparations are afoot for one of our showpiece events of the year - the production of "Joseph" at the Adrian Mann Theatre, NESCOT, on Thursday and Friday evening next week. As well as being one of my favourite musicals, it was also a show I performed in myself many years ago at school so I can relate to the excitement and exhilaration that members of the cast will be feeling in the days ahead. I thank Mrs Horley and her excellent staff team in advance for all their hard work and wish both cast and crew well for the performances!



I congratulate Form 6S who presented a mature, reflective assembly on Wednesday morning; the boys and girls spoke with great conviction and understanding about a hugely significant topic which I am about to discuss in more detail below.

On a sombre note, today is **World Holocaust Memorial Day**. At KHS, we work hard to instil a strong culture and reinforce transferable global values via the Kingswood House Way. However hard it is to confront the reality, as educators and parents we have a moral obligation to share the horrors of the past in order to try and prevent their repetition in the future.

In the statement below from The Rt Hon Lord Eric Pickles (United Kingdom Special Envoy for post-Holocaust issues and Co-Chair UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation), he reflects on three other key points: firstly, that such atrocities involve normalisation of hate crime and violence against societal norms; secondly, everyday people are directly involved in violence either as victims or perpetrators; thirdly, since the Holocaust, there have been more recent examples of genocide in Rwanda, Cambodia, Srebrenica and Darfur.

CHILDREN NEED TO
LEARN TO TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR
THEIR ACTIONS SO
THAT THEY DO NOT
BECOME ADULTS
BELIEVING THAT
NOTHING IS EVER THEIR
FAULT.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/holocaust-memorial-day-2023-ordinary-people>

Consequently, it remains more important than ever to be appreciative of things we often take for granted in our country, especially the empowerment of freedom of speech and demonstrable actions. These involve making choices and taking accountability for those choices. It is my aspiration for all KHS boys and girls to have courage in their convictions, to stand up for what is right and not be afraid to take the path less trodden. Strength of character, tolerance of others and kindness are the ingredients for a peaceful world – and that educational journey starts at home and school. I wish you a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster & CEO



The Kingswood House Way



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

2023 JANUARY / FEBRUARY WEEK 1 DRAMA PRODUCTION WEEK!			
1-28 February LGBT History Month			
Monday	30	0730 0830-1600	SLT Meeting Production Rehearsal at Adrian Mann Theatre; cast meet at school, pick up Nescot
Tuesday	31	0830-1600 0935-1055 1430 1430 1630	Production Rehearsal at Adrian Mann Theatre; cast meet at school, pick up Nescot Year 9 First Aid course 4 U14A & U16A Rugby vs Duke of Kent (H) U14 & U16 Hockey vs More House (H) Staff Meeting
Wednesday	01	0830-1600 0845 0930 1330-1410 1430	Dress Rehearsal at Adrian Mann Theatre; cast meet at school, pick up from Nescot Deputy Head's Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Production Rehearsal –main cast U10A & U11A at Banstead Rugby Festival (A)
Thursday	02	0930-1030 1800-2100	Study Centre Coffee Morning 'Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'
Friday	03	All day 1800-2100	NSPCC Numbers Day 'Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'
Saturday	04	0900-1000	Year 7 & 9 Scholarship Morning

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 30.01.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Roasted Chunky Veg & Tomato Sauce (V) with Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Pears & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Chicken & Leek Pie; Cheese & Potato Pie (V) with Carrots	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Roast Pork; Cheese & Onion Tart (V)	Fresh Fruit; Apple Crumble with Custard	Chilli con Carne; Five Bean Chilli (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Coconut & Jam Sponge	Fish Fingers; Frankfurters in a Bun with Oven Chips	Fresh Fruit; Jelly

Some of you may remember Mrs Deborah Archer, Study Centre Literacy tutor.

Since retiring from her role at KHS in the summer of 2020, Deborah has been busy writing her first novel, 'Our Lost Boy', which will be released on 3rd February 2023. 'Our Lost Boy' is available to pre-order from Amazon, WH Smith, Waterstones as well as other book shops. Deborah's debut novel is currently ranked at #9 on Amazon's 'Hot New Releases in Children's Autism' chart!

Congratulations, Deborah, we're looking forward to cosying up with a cuppa and getting stuck in! Mrs Angus



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

LOWER PREP

1M

To AbdurRahman for great phonetic awareness with set 3 sounds and blending whilst reading. Mrs Martins

All of Year 1 for braving the extreme cold to complete PE and Games outside, whilst the exams have been going on. Really good work from them and should be proud of themselves. Mr Westcott

3S

Yarik M for his excellent maths work! Miss Sumners

All of Year 3 for a brilliant Victorian Day experience! Miss Sumners

4S

Matviiy H for asking thoughtful questions on our trip to Kew Gardens and using new equipment to find out about soil and air temperature in the UK and predict what it might be like in the rainforest. Miss Smith



UPPER PREP

5F

Leonardo A for some great English work. He has moved group and settled in very quickly. Ms Forbes

6B

Torin A for always acting with integrity with his classmates and striving to create a respectful class environment. Mrs Bastable

Elinor F has settled incredibly well since starting this term. She has made many friends and is already enjoying life at KHS. Mr Clarke

6S

Hugo H, Josh G, Cyril B-D and Dominic A for being diligent class librarians and sorting all the books into a useable system. Madame Swift

Congratulations to Y6 who are excellent at handing their History Prep in on time! Mrs Haunstetter

Dominic A – For your enthusiasm and great contributions to music lessons – keep it up! Miss Livsey-Barnes

7B

Max K, Rhys B and Dollie M - a most positive attitude around school. Mr Barratt

Henry S always offers to help hand out books and give the class resources. Mrs Bray

7W

Enzo B-P – Well done for learning all the chords to 'Hey Jude' on the piano. Miss Livsey-Barnes

Chris K, for some good work in PE and PSHE with some thoughtful answers and working hard generally in class. Mr Westcott

Year 7 maths - Great work from Angus V on statistics. Mrs Lindley

UPPER PREP *continued...*

8C

Freddie T - for showing fantastic engagement and enthusiasm towards a personal project. It has been fantastic to see him working so passionately towards a personal goal with others in his age group. Mr Cowie

Henry R who is often at the heart of class discussions about the novel 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. Mr March

Finlay R for the dedication in French. Fin's vocab scores have been quite impressive. Keep it up, Fin! Monsieur Regeling

Ethan B for working exceptionally hard in hockey and showing great support to his fellow peers. Mrs Jennings

8J

Ozaan M for his outstanding focus and commitment during tutor time. Mrs Jennings

8L

Alyssa C has been working hard in all lessons so far this term and is diligently preparing for her exams. Mr Laudy

Dylan N for his very enthusiastic participation and powerful poses as a model for his class in art. Mrs Bastable

Year 8 prefects have been enthusiastic and have a great attitude towards every challenge. They are now running a club for pupils in Year 5-7 at short break in the drama room. Mr Clarke

Year 8h teaching group in English have started the term well and have worked hard producing some good quality work. Mrs Weston

Year 8 maths - Rex T is really pushing himself to do well and achieve more in Maths. Mrs Lindley

SENIORS

9B

Dylan B is focused and always follows instructions quickly during form time. Mrs Bray

9L

Consistent hard work from Tai B and Mikey S. Mrs Lindley

Harry L for his phenomenal Maths prep this week. Mr Barratt

9R

Enzo R for an amazing start this term. Enzo's focus and attitude towards learning has definitely been impressive. Monsieur Regeling

Joel M has made a great start to the term; I have also been impressed with his attire and him always looking smart in his school uniform! Mr Sukhdeo

All of Year 9s for their engagement with the PSHE lesson on the topic of the Holocaust. Pupils spoke with such confidence about this essential topic. Monsieur Regeling

Well done to the Year 9 geographers who have upped their game since returning to school after the Christmas break. Mr Laudy

Y9 classics students continue to work well and have maintained their admirable work ethic. Well done. Mrs Weston

Year 9 maths - Consistent hard work from Tai B, Mikey S, Max W and Ethan C in Maths, well done! Mrs Lindley

SENIORS *continued...*

10B

James C and Aaryan K well done for asking sensible questions about the Year 10 exams and for thinking about the different post Kingswood House options. Mrs Black

10P

Idrees A-K and Ben H have been asking some very insightful questions in PHSE – well done boys! Miss Patel

Owen C – For qualifying for the English gymnastics championships in Telford next month in the under 16 section. Good luck Owen! Mr Sukhdeo

Year 10 maths - Yasseen A-K asking insightful questions and working hard in Maths. Mrs Lindley

11H

Well done to 11H for completing their mocks successfully. They have all adopted a very calm and sensible approach to their exams, which is a really good sign for their GCSEs. Mrs Haunstetter

11W

I have been impressed with the level of commitment I have seen from Jack B-A to remain on top of his school work, as well as be focused on his lead role in the play; we can't wait to see you in the production! Mrs Weston

Everyone who participated in this weeks' Science enrichment club! We tested the zombie shelters and I was so impressed with everyone's creativity and engineering skills. Mrs Black

Year 11s as a year group for their focus during their recent mock exams and for maintaining the momentum this week back in lessons. Mr Sukhdeo

Year 11 maths - all have surprised me this week. The exams could have left them a little tired but they have returned to lessons with vigour and have done some great class work; we now need to get prep to the same standard. Come on Year 11! Mrs Lindley



Thank you to Mrs Haunstetter who spoke to our Senior Pupils in their briefing on Monday about the upcoming International Day of Commemoration of the Holocaust—on the 27th January.



Our Year 11s were also awarded their Mental Health Warrior certificates which is an accredited learning course they all undertook last term.

SPORTS RESULTS

KHS vs Tower House

U13A Rugby 35-20 win; George D (8J) Player of the Match; try scorers were Sebastian V (8L) with 4 and George D with 2. Alex M-K (7B) Hussain K (8L) Max K (7B) all deserve a Special Mention. Mr Cowie says of the match, *“After waiting a long time for a contact game, we finally got the opportunity. Although it was a small sided game with lots of rotations, all players got stuck into tackling and I was particularly impressed with our defensive effort against a big Tower House side. Some fantastic running from S Versace and G Dyson throughout the game got us onto the front foot, with F Rosindale pulling the strings and putting players into space. The game finished with Tower House camped on our try line, however G Dyson held up one of the Tower House players over the try line for us to win by just a try. Fantastic team effort in the cold and wet”.*

U13B Rugby 30-15 loss; Byron M Player of the Match (7W) with tries from Jason S (8L) and Peter S (7W). Mr Clarke reports that, *“Unfortunately the ground was still frozen so we could only play touch against Tower House A Team. Although we lost, it was great to get a run out with so many other fixtures being cancelled. We grew better as the game went on and learnt a lot together”.*

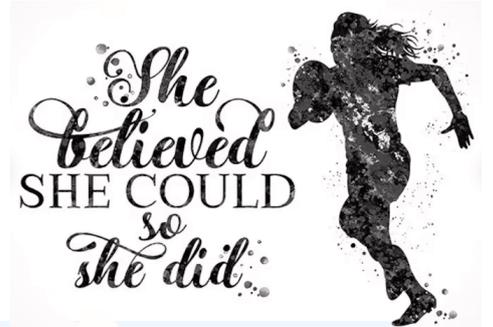


KHS vs More House

U11A Rugby 35-20 win; Freddie L (6B) was awarded Player of the Match; Cameron E (6S) Freddie, Torin A-I (6B) & Ollie R (6B) were the try scorers and a Special Mention also goes to Torin. Mr Laudy praises the team thus, *“The fire was burning on the dance floor throughout out the second match of the season! Despite the disappointment of still not being able to play contact matches, the boys really stepped up to the mark. Incredible ball carrying, handling and communication all contributed to another win. A special mention to Freddie who is beginning to develop into an accomplished scrum half”.*

KHS vs Homefield

U9A Rugby 25-15 win; Alfie L was awarded Player of the Match; try scorers were Alfie with 3 and Beatrix S (4S) with two—a Special Mention goes to her for her two great effort tries and Matviyy H (4S) for his fantastic defence. Mr Westcott reports, *“ After a slow start to the game from KHS, Homefield came out with two quick tries forcing KHS to reply with two fantastic tries of their own. Towards the end of the first half, Homefield managed to score a third. After a great team talk and being 3-2 down, our pupils were more motivated than ever and managed to score three fantastic tries without reply. They played their hearts out with some fantastic tackling and attacking play. A brilliant effort from the U9s. They should all be really proud of this win”.*



House points - this week - Whole School



House points - totals - Whole School





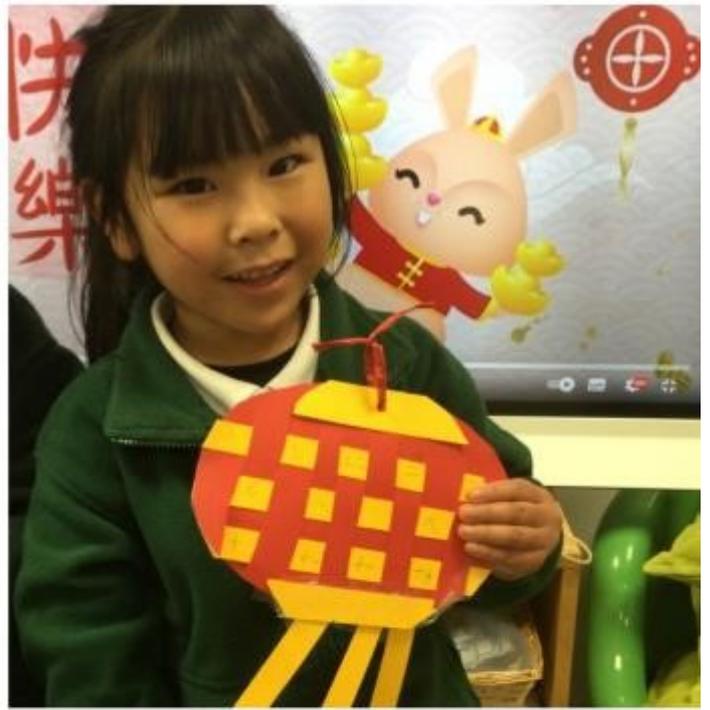
Action shots from the U11A's convincing win against More House this week; KHS ran in a 35-20 win.



Congratulations to our U13A team with their impressive win by 30-25 v Tower House this week...



Our Year 1 pupils created some super paper lanterns in recognition of the Chinese New Year of the Rabbit.



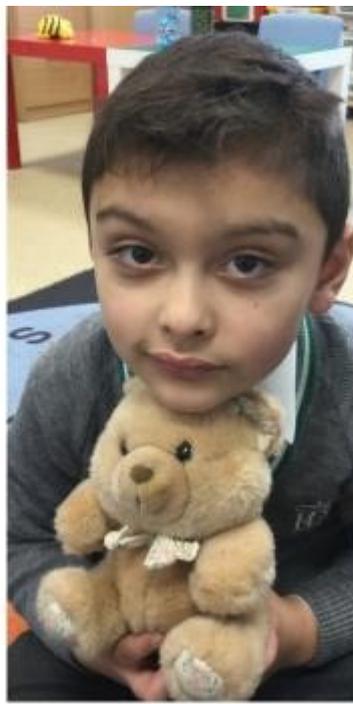
GYMNASTICS!

We are delighted to hear that one of our Year 10 pupils—Owen C—has qualified for the English gymnastics championships in Telford at the end of February. Owen will be competing in the under 16 section artistic gymnastics and we wish him every success.



D of E update: The students have been busy continuing their preparations for expeditions in the summer term. Y10 have been planning their practice routes and Y9 have spent this week learning about how to manage hypothermia and heat exhaustion. *Miss Patel*





Kingsley Bear!

Our youngest pupils have been enjoying spending some time with Kingsley Bear as part of their topic exploring Victorian history and particularly, toys from the past— **#nobatteriesneeded!** Mrs Martins

Quiz Night!

Dear Parents, we look forward to seeing you for a night of competitive fun at the KHA Quiz Night on Friday 24th February. The evening commences at 7pm—when the bar opens—with the quiz starting at 7.30pm prompt. The price is £15 per ticket which includes a Fish & Chip supper, veggie option also available.

Please use [this form](#) to book tickets. You can also copy this link into your browser: <https://forms.gle/4rnrDZg7rmygAqaDA> By completing this form you give permission for us to apply the cost of the tickets to your school fees account. Unfortunately we cannot accept any other form of payment.

Please note: you can only book tickets using this form as we move from a manual system in order to automate both the booking process & application of costs to school fees. Any email booking requests to the school office will not be fulfilled, but we will of course answer any queries that you may have. [Jean Towers](#)—Chair KHA



Year 4 visit Kew Gardens

Year 4 enjoyed a day out at Kew Gardens this week to support their learning of the Rainforest topic. They explored the complex rainforest habitat in the great palm glass house, took measurements using specialist equipment of the air temperature and soil moisture and worked scientifically when estimating, measuring and answering questions about rainforest habitats. They also explored the relationship between the rainforest plants, animals and people. The treetop walkway was a great way to explore what it would be like to be in the canopy and emergent layers of the rainforest.

Miss Smith



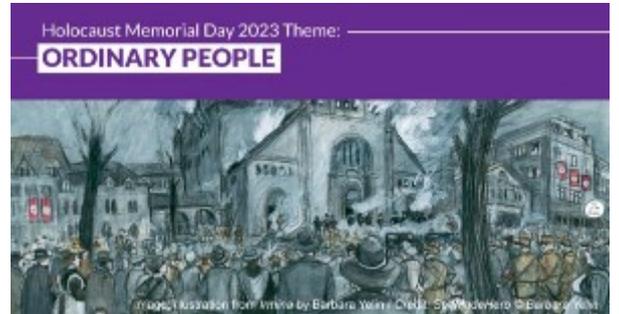
Miss Smith commented:
"I was so impressed by the pupils' behaviour and they were tremendous ambassadors for our school. Well done, Year 4"



Year 10 and 11 pupils enjoyed a slick production of 'A Christmas Carol' by Quantum Theatre Company who visited us in school and set up in Langlands; the show will most definitely enhance their learning and understanding of this set text as part of their GCSE English Literature course.

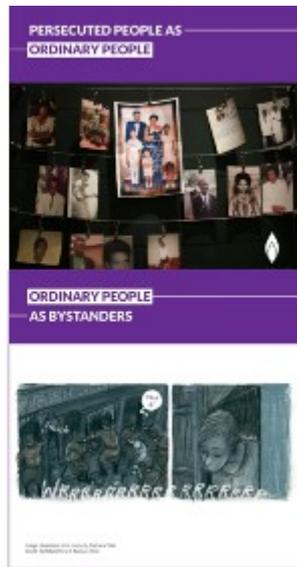
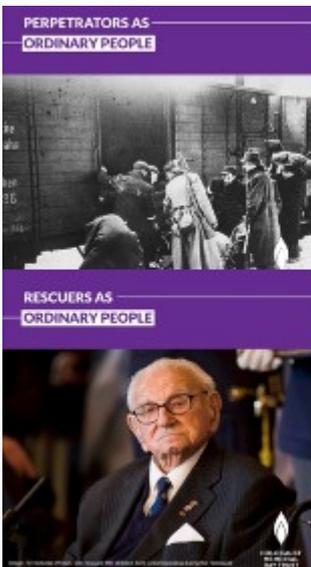
Pupil Briefing

During Pupil Briefing this week, Upper Prep and Seniors learnt how the Holocaust was very much about 'Ordinary People', which is the theme of this year's **Holocaust Memorial Day Commemorations** on Friday 27th January.



They heard how it was ordinary people who ran the camps and enabled the persecution and extermination of the Jewish people to take place across Europe during 1933-1945. Using photographs taken by an SS officer, who had been a teacher before the war, they were able to see the process by which the selection of people for the gas chambers took place, alongside the dehumanising systems the Nazis employed to acquire their slave labour. They considered too, how it was 'ordinary' people who were targeted by Hitler and his regime. The photographic record of the camp was then contrasted with the set of images taken in 'Solle Hutte', a place only several kilometres from the Auschwitz complex where the Nazis went for entertainment and relaxation. It showed men and women playing music, eating blueberries, sunbathing – all very ordinary, every-day activities – and in stark comparison to the extraordinary horror which was being perpetrated a short distance away.

Finally the students considered the role of bystanders, the ordinary citizens of Germany and Europe who stood by and in so doing, enabled the Holocaust to unfold. They were left thinking about how, as good people, they can ensure that they are not bystanders when they see wrong being done to others. *Mrs Haunstetter*



'What is abnormal is that I am normal. That I survived the Holocaust and went on to love beautiful girls, to talk, to write, to have toast and tea and live my life - that is what is abnormal.'
Elie Wiesel, survivor of the Holocaust



**HOLOCAUST
 MEMORIAL
 DAY 27/1**



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Thank you to form 6S who delivered a reflective Assembly this week marking Holocaust Memorial Day. They implored us all to be kind, tolerant and respectful of each other to ensure nothing like this mass killing of innocents ever happens again.



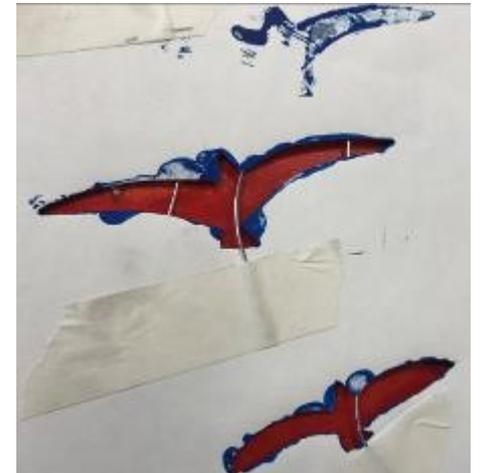
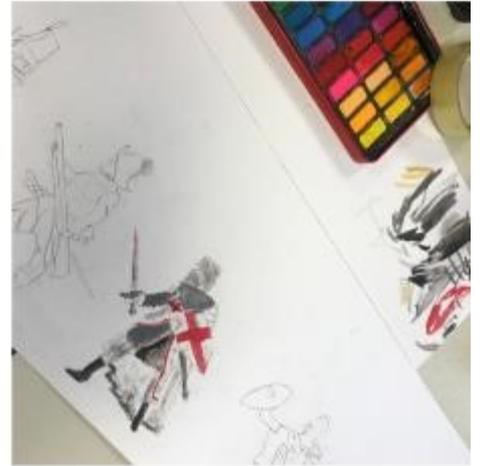
Sports For All!

Year 7 and 8 pupils have the use of the facilities at Ebbisham Sports Centre for Tennis, Badminton and Squash on a Wednesday afternoon.

These sessions are supervised by Mr Westcott and see our pupils getting some excellent coaching tips, ready for the tennis season!

It is good to be able to offer such an extended programme of sporting activities which promotes exercise and healthy movement, in various forms, across our wide age range and ability.





Here is some really exciting work from our Year 11 pupils sitting their Art GCSE mock—using a wide range of materials from lino print and acrylic paints, to collage and paper sculpture. Mrs Bastable has been very pleased with the work so far and is looking forward to seeing the final outcomes.

Science Enrichment—Zombie Apocalypse!

This week, the Zombie-themed Science Enrichment programme continued. The different teams had the opportunity to test their incredible zombie shelters which had to meet the following requirements:

- Include at least 5 mini model zombie fighters inside.
- Have a door to enter or leave the shelter.
- Have windows for the people inside to observe at least four different directions.
- Be insulated.
- Be water proof.
- Be zombie proof—under the impact of zombies for 1 minute.



All teams showed such creativity and there are definitely some future engineers in the making! Well done to everyone and remember to attend again next week! *Mrs Black*





Science News

Year 9 pupils have been modelling radioactive decay using dice.

Rather than being exposed to radiation (!) they enjoyed a much safer way of learning about how radioactive isotopes break down and were able to graph their results to find the half-life of a die.

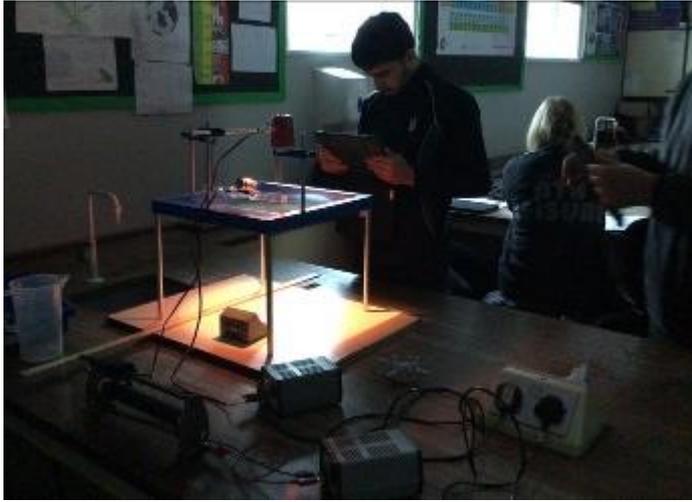
Miss Patel



Y8 have been learning about acids and alkalis this week and were able to successfully neutralise the hazardous hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide to create harmless salt and water. Some great practical skills in action. Well done Y8! *Miss Patel*

Science News continued...

Year 11 students have been busy this week getting straight back into learning following their mock. Here they are using iPads to support their investigation of wave speed in liquids. Fantastic work Y11 – keep up the effort! *Miss Patel*



Rehearsals in their final phase...!



The Study Centre

LET'S
CATCH
UP!



Come along to learn more about executive functioning and how it affects your child's learning, with Aniesa Blore, Occupational Therapist.

Learn about brain fluency, flexibility, organisation and control, as well as how you can support your child to improve their cognitive, emotional and behavioural regulation.



Thursday 2nd February

9am

Dining Hall

RSVP: Mrs Kelly Bishop

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Friday all SOLD OUT!

**Hurry, last few remaining tickets for Thursday—£15
(added to fees invoice)**

**email office@kingswoodhouse.org with child's details
and how many tickets required...**

**JOSEPH
AND HIS AMAZING
TECHNICOLOUR
DREAM
COAT**

**Adrian Mann Theatre
2nd & 3rd February 2023 7pm**