

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Firstly, all here at KHS stand in solidarity with our neighbours at Epsom College after the tragic events of last weekend. There is a long, honourable association between our schools based upon many years of friendly collaboration; it is hard to comprehend just how challenging this week must have been for their community. On behalf of KHS, I have expressed not only our deepest condolences but offered support on a personal and professional level, as required. I am sure you will join me in sending our love and prayers to all those affected as well as a speedy return to normality.

Likewise, our hearts go out to the families who have had their lives changed forever by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria this week; with the collective death toll now standing at over 16000, and counting, a rare glimmer of good news in the aftermath was the rescue of a baby girl found alive and in good health after 68 hours. Amid the turmoil, there are still stories of hope.

At KHS, the last few days have seen our latest iteration of Well Being Week; the boys and girls have been introduced to a range of seminars and speakers with the aim of showcasing the importance of mental health, safeguarding and welfare in our day to day environment. I am proud that KHS continues to blaze a trail in our sector by raising awareness of such important, topical issues.

Well done to Form 10B who led our whole school assembly at Christ Church yesterday. The students spoke with great knowledge and passion whilst reinforcing key messages from Well Being Week.

Thank you to Gemma Lindley who has overseen an excellent mathematical subject enrichment in recent weeks. In the second half of term, the focus switches to the creative and performing arts. An exciting array of initiatives awaits!

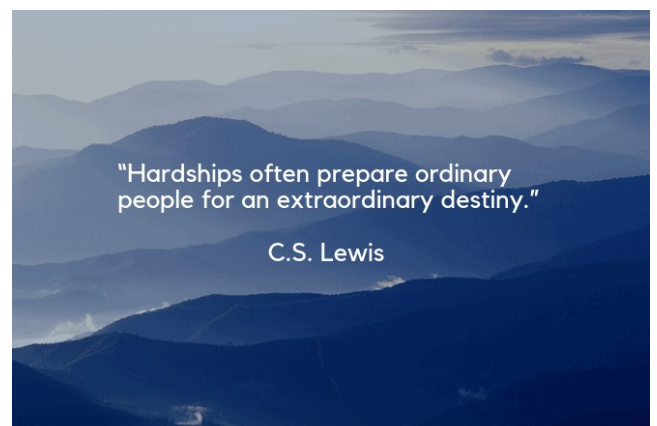
Good luck to our intrepid KHS ski party who departed school in the early hours of this morning for the wintry climes of Fiesch, Switzerland. The snow forecast looks promising so I hope to see lots of action-packed photographs over half term!

I wish you all a relaxing half term holiday.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster & CEO



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

2023 FEBRUARY WEEK 1 YEAR 8 EXAM WEEK			
Monday	20	0730	SLT Meeting
Tuesday	21	0935-1055 1445 1630	Year 9 Emotional Intelligence course—session 1 U14 Rugby vs Box Hill (A) Staff Meeting - Coeducational Review
Wednesday	22	0845 0930 1230-1800 1430 1430 1430	Deputy Head's Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Years 9—11 Drama GCSE trip to see 'Blood Brothers' at Richmond Theatre U13 A-D Hockey vs Belmont (A) U11 A-D Hockey vs Belmont (H) U13 Girls Netball vs Box Hill (H)
Thursday	23	0900-1200 0930-1145 1430 1700	Year 3 trip to RSPB Nature Reserve Year 6 Junior Citizenship Course at Epsom Downs Racecourse U9A A & B Hockey vs Belmont (A) Year 9 Parents' Evening online via SchoolCloud
Friday	24	0900-1200 1430 1900	OPEN MORNING U14A Rugby vs Ibstock Place KHA Quiz Night book your place here more details p.6



LUNCH MENU for week beginning 20.02.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Pesto Pasta with Homemade Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Red Thai Chicken Curry; Red Thai Vegetable Curry (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Pears with Chocolate Sauce	Roast Pork & Crackling, Roast Potatoes; Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Fresh Fruit; Carrot Cake	Seasonal Fresh Vegetable Pie (V) with Mashed Potato	Fresh Fruit; Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Chilli con Carne; Three Bean Chilli (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Jelly



Very well done to Zac H (9R) who has displayed a great deal of integrity when he found another KHS pupil's GCSE art work folder on the train and tracked it's owner down and returned the precious contents!



Wishing one of our Year 8 pupils—Hannarah C (8C) all the best when he participates in an international Junior Golf Competition held in Portugal during half term; this is his first competition overseas and he is very excited and determined to do well.

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 a great understanding of our maths money topic; he is able to break down mixed coin values to come to an overall total. Well done! Mrs Martins

3S

Bailey M for his integrity. Ms Sumners

Hattie C for knowing how to say the words for colours in French. Madame Swift

4S

Ted R - excellent work when creating a dinosaur skeleton in science enrichment! Miss Smith

Matviiy H for excellent knowledge of food items in French. Madame Swift

UPPER PREP

5F

Alex L for always being so polite and thoughtful. He exhibits the KHW all the time. Ms Forbes

Vlad for the great progress he has made in French, he works hard in all lessons and retains a lot of the vocabulary we cover in class. Madame Swift

6B

Elody T for reading very well this week and Torin A-I for an excellent start to his activist poster. Mrs Bastable

6S

Cameron E, Dexter B and Fraser S for their enthusiastic performances in 'Joseph'. Madame Swift

7B

Harvey M for increased performance and great questions in Science. Mr Barratt

7W

Aurelia G, Darcey S, George P and George W for their fantastic performance in 'Joseph', I very much enjoyed watching the show on Friday night! Mr Westcott

Isla M for her great work on 'Hey Jude' - she went above and beyond in learning the melody line on the piano outside of the lessons - well done! Miss Livsey-Barnes

8C

Freddie T did amazingly well in the French listening assessment and his French pronunciation in the speaking was even more impressive. Keep it up, Freddie! Monsieur Regeling

Freddie T for an excellent half-term's work on 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', including his consistent efforts in contributing his ideas in the classroom. Mr March

Zac M for improved focus in lessons and greater understanding too. Mr Barratt

Rex T for holding the door open for all of Lower Prep when they were going to lunch. Madame Swift

8J

Zachary Y, William B, Zach G, Harry H, Khishaan T and Lauti Y for being absolutely incredible in the school production and making 8J very proud! Mrs Jennings

Ezra O-W for effort and understanding in his Science lessons. Mr Barratt

UPPER PREP *continued...*

8L

Jensyn A and Darcie F have been working hard across the board and are going from strength to strength. Keep it up after half term!
Mr Laudy

Well done to Amalie L who is finishing this half of term off positively and confidently. It is great to see you smiling more! Mr Laudy

SENIORS

9B

Henry T, Liam McB and Dylan B for their excellent performance in the school musical 'Joseph'. I thoroughly enjoyed watching them!
Mrs Bray

Max L for putting in extra time and effort with his artwork, which is really paying off! Mrs Bastable

9L

Avaneesh G, Conor T, Theo M, Ed C and Theo J for their amazing performance in the school play. Mrs Lindley

Max R for working beyond expectations in Maths. Mr Barratt

Archie N for doing a fab job at being a buddy to Benji B and making sure he settled in his first week at KHS! Mr Sukhdeo

9R

Shoutout to everyone in the production from Mr Regeling in particular to those in Y9R whose artistic performance was simply impeccable. I enjoyed every single minute of the show. Good job!

Zac H has demonstrated really good citizenship and great integrity by finding another KHS pupil's art folder on the train, taking it home for safe-keeping and with help, tracing the family to let them know the work was found and could be reunited with its owner! Mr Regeling

10B

Olly W for thinking about ways to close the 10B assembly - well done for getting involved. Mrs Black

Aaryan K for making insightful contributions during the PSHE lesson. Mrs Black

Daniel P and Lucas C for their fantastic effort with the new topic of vectors! Mr Sukhdeo

Matthew M for his constant focus and 'can do' attitude in English. Mrs Bray

Matthew M for coping with the move into the top maths group and his positive work ethic in lessons too. Mr Sukhdeo

10P

Archie S, Oscar D'A and Patrick G for their fabulous thespian efforts in the production! And a special mention to Bogdan P who trooped into all the rehearsals but was too ill to perform on the night sadly. Miss Patel

Lukas C for his contribution to Pupil Briefing - offering some insightful thoughts about internet safety and online risks. Mr Sukhdeo

11H

Jess D, Folu A and Ted R for their brilliant performances in 'Joseph'. Absolute stars! Mrs Haunstetter

11W

Congratulations to Jack B-A and Will M for their equally impressive roles in the production: Jack learning all the words and musical numbers without fault and Will for his tireless help behind the scenes which was very much appreciated by Mrs Horley.
Mrs Weston

Enan A for a superb mock interview with Mr Sukhdeo! Good luck next week with you Sixth Form interview. Mr Sukhdeo

Jack B-A for his improved work ethic and confidence with his maths this half term. Mr Sukhdeo

To all the cast of 'Joseph' for their musical hard work during show week. It all paid off and you put on a fantastic show - huge well done to you all! Miss Livsey-Barnes



Ed C (9L) delighted the Office Staff—Mrs Harding & Mrs Miller—with his Kingswood Fishy King Fish drawing the other day celebrating the life of one of our fish tank's inhabitants who had sadly departed us for the great fish tank in the sky...!

The **Student Council** meet on Thursday.

They discussed how the senior lunch rotation is going, cooler bags for packed lunches, lunches in general, new club ideas and house names.

It was great to see collaboration across the school and the passion the students have for positive changes.

Mrs Bray



Ninja Warriors!

Zac BI (5F) and Zach Bo (5F) were rubbing shoulders with the stars last week when they attended the launch party of the new Ninja Warrior Park in Guildford - they had a great time as the pictures show!

Chris Kamara MBE and Ben Shephard, both commentators on the hit ITV show, were there to open Guildford's venue just in time for half term family fun! More information: [here](#)



House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 368

Marlborough - 396

Nelson - 438

Wellington - 415

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 1424

Marlborough - 1449

Nelson - 1597

Wellington - 1527

SPORTS RESULTS

KHS vs Homefield

U13A 40-5 win; Player of the Match awarded to Finlay R (8C) and Special Mentions to Jensyn A (8L) and Alex M-K (7B) - the try scorers became too numerous to record! Mr Westcott tell us, *"Despite the fact that another game was affected by the external factor of the ambulance strike enforcing a non-contact game, the fixture was full of attacking rugby from start to finish. Some great passing from Finlay R put lots of our good runners into space through the Homefield defence. Another impressive display from our No. 9 Alex M-K and some great running from Jensyn A, Basti V (8L) and Harvey M (7B) throughout the game. We were able to use what we have been working on in training and put it into a touch fixture"*.

There have been lots of great House fixtures over this last week; the results are being finalised and points awarded and results will be published at the start of next half term...watch this space!

The **KHA Quiz Night** is nearly here! Join us on the **24th of February** for an evening of quizzical fun and see if we can finally beat the teachers! You can come on your own and meet new parents, or build your own team with your year group—or strategically pick your team members for a win!

Tickets are priced at £15 each and include a fish and chip supper (veg option available). Bar -cash only—opens at 7pm.

Please follow this link to book: <https://forms.gle/RQTapSpFceaP3qLc7> or click [here](#)

We look forward to seeing you there! *The KHA Committee*



Senior Bikeability Qualification

Some of our Year 11 GCSE PE students were given the opportunity to gain their Level 3 Bikeability to go towards their enhanced practical skills.

They had to learn basic maintenance of their bikes to keep them roadworthy, as well as demonstrating road safety awareness and knowledge in busy, urban environments.

Our pupils enjoyed the practical element of the course that was taught to them, despite the misty, cold start to the day!



LET'S CONNECT



The theme this year for the week is 'Let's Connect' and it drives home the importance of connection with others and a feeling of community and belonging, that you are not alone... when we have healthy emotional connections with others, our mental health and well being is greatly enhanced and supported.

Here at KHS, we hold a Well Being Week annually to promote the importance of speaking out about concerns, talking about issues and showing staff and pupils that there is always someone ready to listen and support. As a school we are proud to be in the vanguard of schools who are addressing such topical and far-reaching issues with our pupils and staff.

We are marked Safer Internet Day on Tuesday with workshops delivered by David Blake for pupils, staff and parents and on Thursday Jeremy Indika talked to our Senior pupils relating his personal narrative of his experience of childhood sexual abuse and how it led him in adulthood to challenge his abuser and begin to move forward and urge others to speak out.



THINK

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?



We were delighted to welcome back to school David Blake to put across the message about digital, online etiquette for all ages—*be kind online!*

Safer Internet Day on Tuesday recognised how great devices are for making connections between friends, being inclusive and providing a form of 'down time' and relaxation—all an important part of our mental well being and good health—but not when the content is hurtful or aggressive towards us.

15 Minutes With... Mr Cowie

Director of Sport & 8C Form Teacher

- Favourite car – *Shelby Ford Mustang 1967*
- Favourite place – *Anywhere on the top of a mountain. Preferably with some snow!*
- Favourite food - *Pizza*
- Favourite band or singer – *Red Hot Chilli Peppers or Razorlight*
- Favourite film – *Remember the Titans or Coach Carter*
- Favourite smell – *Petrol or Cut Grass*
- Favourite sport / team or player – *Cricket – Shane Warne*
- Who in the world would you like to be? – *Michael Jordan*
- What were you like at school? – *Not great... spent most of my time in detention...*
- What is an interesting fact about yourself? - *I have completed the world's biggest bungee jump in Queenstown, New Zealand.*

*Have a great time on the
ski trip Mr Cowie!
Thank you for your
answers...*

My 12 choices, either /or!

Dog / Cat

Netflix box set / Cinema trip

Phone Call / Text

Facebook / Twitter

Swimming / Sunbathing

Take away / Fine dining out

Skiing / Surfing

Passenger / **Driver**

Pen / Pencil

City / **Countryside**

Paperback book / Kindle

Colourful / Monochrome



Part 2 of our *astrology research* from Madame Swift

The star sign **Pisces** follows Aquarius. Pisces is Latin for *fishes*, and the name was given to this star sign by Ptolemy. He was the greatest astronomer in the Greco-Roman world and he lived about 1900 years ago. Its representation of two fish are the Greek love gods Aphrodite and Eros, who turned themselves into fish to escape the god of the strong wind, Typhon.

Pisces people are known for being emotionally sensitive, gracious, and emotionally aware. Pisces characters are regarded for being among the most sympathetic of the zodiac signs, and they will go to great lengths to ensure the happiness of those around them. They're also creative and imaginative—is this you???





In French, to celebrate the impeccable progress of our Y9 French super stars, we went outside to play le sport le plus français : la pétanque!

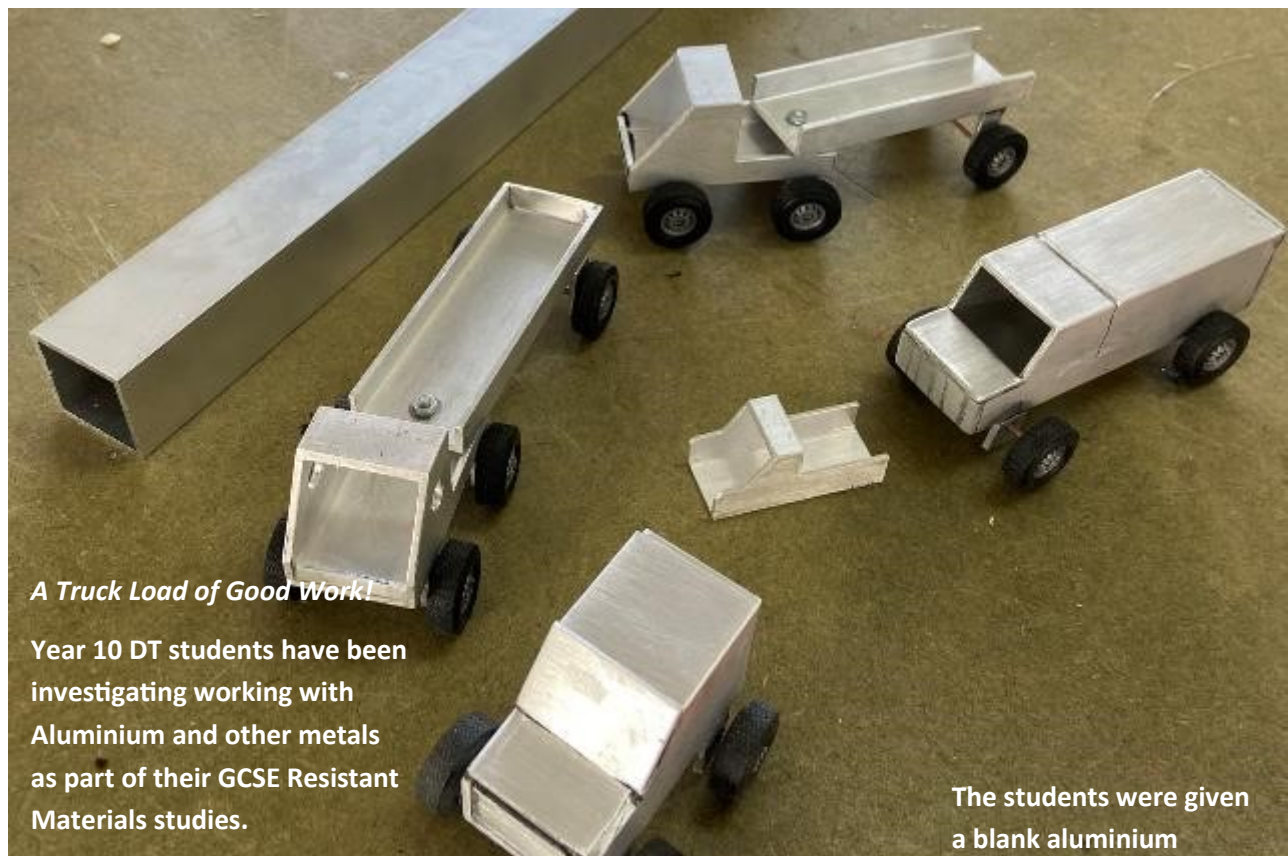


JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAM COAT

The annual 'Production Week' at KHS is always a highlight in the calendar and this year was no exception; with the biggest cast to date, Mrs Horley and her team had been enthusiastically rehearsing since September to pull off the popular hit musical 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat'. After long hours at the Adrian Mann Theatre and an encouraging 'break a leg' message from a former Joseph in the West End—Lee Mead—our pupils gave it their all to a sell-out house on both nights. It was a joyful, vibrant, energetic feast for the eyes with swirling multi-coloured umbrellas, scarves, t-shirts and the all important coat worn so well by Jack B-A (11W) taking the lead role of the fated brother. All the pupils beamed throughout and were rarely given a moment off stage; their joy was infectious and obvious to behold! Aside from the acting, singing and dancing opportunities the show presented, the production always reveals pupils in a different light to that seen in the classroom, as many hidden talents come to the fore and combine into an impressive whole. Congratulations to all! *See over for pictures from the show...*







A Truck Load of Good Work!

Year 10 DT students have been investigating working with Aluminium and other metals as part of their GCSE Resistant Materials studies.

The students were given a blank aluminium square bar and instructed to design their own wheeled truck. These are some of the finished models which will be accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation of their design work. *Mr Bailey*



Dippy the Diplodocus Watch out...!

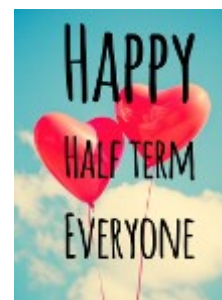
Lower Prep pupils enjoyed learning about the fascinating creatures that are dinosaurs... they looked at the many amazing different types of dinosaur and studied their features and various shapes. The pupils then used dried pasta to create the skeleton shapes. Super work from all the boys and girls, great learning and it was great fun in class too! *Miss Smith*



The inspirational Dippy the Diplodocus from the Natural History Museum in all his skeletal glory!

Happy Half Term from the Study Centre!

Mrs Angus and Mrs Ibbitson have been contemplating what might be fun to do at half term...here are a few suggestions from them for our pupils and their families.



G-Live in Guildford are hosting a range of activities for children aged 7-11. Activities include things like a graffiti workshop, urban dance and pyrography and painting! You can find out more information [here](#).

Bring your creativity to life with our February Half Term Workshops

The **National Trust** are offering lots of opportunities for fun this half-term, you can stay local and search for pirate ducks at Hatchlands Park, near Guildford), in a nautical-themed duck trail, or go slightly further afield and hunt for golden goblets at Bodiam Castle in East Sussex. Claremont Gardens in Esher are encouraging us to get closer to nature by taking part in their free '50 Things To Do Before You're 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ' inspired trail throughout the half-term break. Find out more [here](#).



If you're at a loose end this half-term but want to get out for just a morning cuppa, why not pop to [Cups and Co. in Dorking](#)? Cups and Co. is a local community coffee shop, offering training and employment opportunities for adults with learning disabilities. Based in the High Street and open between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday-Saturday, it's a great location for a coffee and a catch up with friends, whilst supporting the local community.

Whatever you get up to, have a super break!



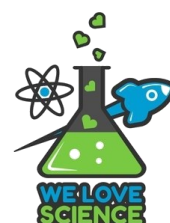
Feel Good Science

Lower Prep pupils used cornflour and water to create a viscous substance and experimented with colour mixing.

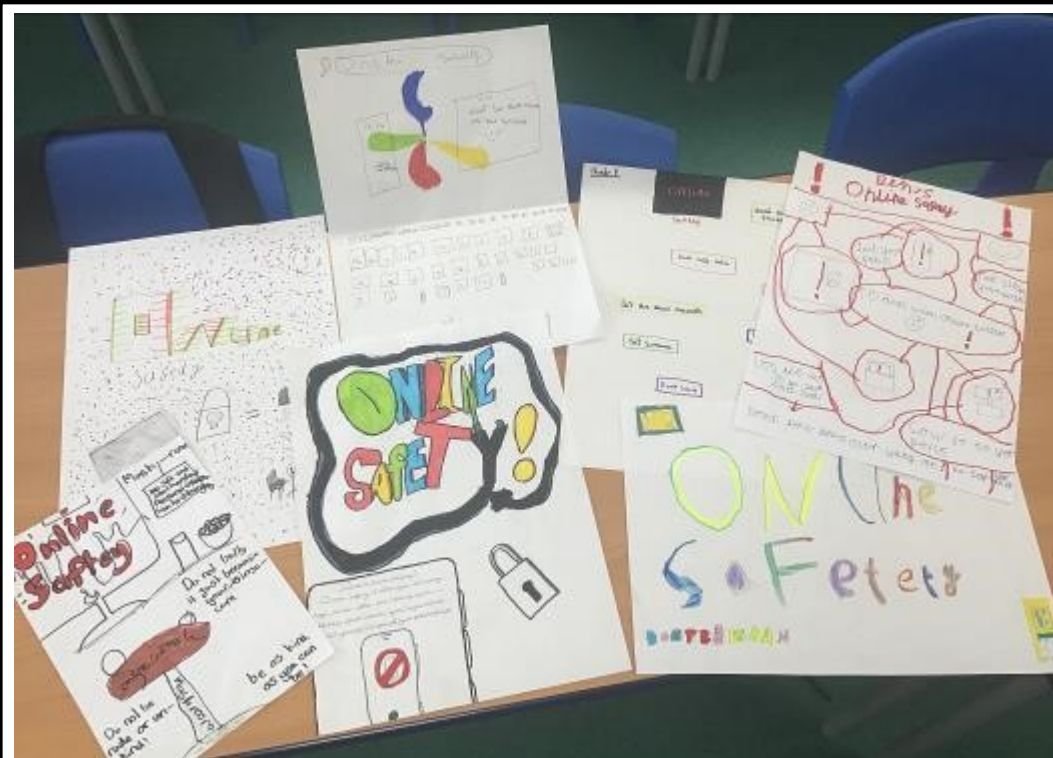
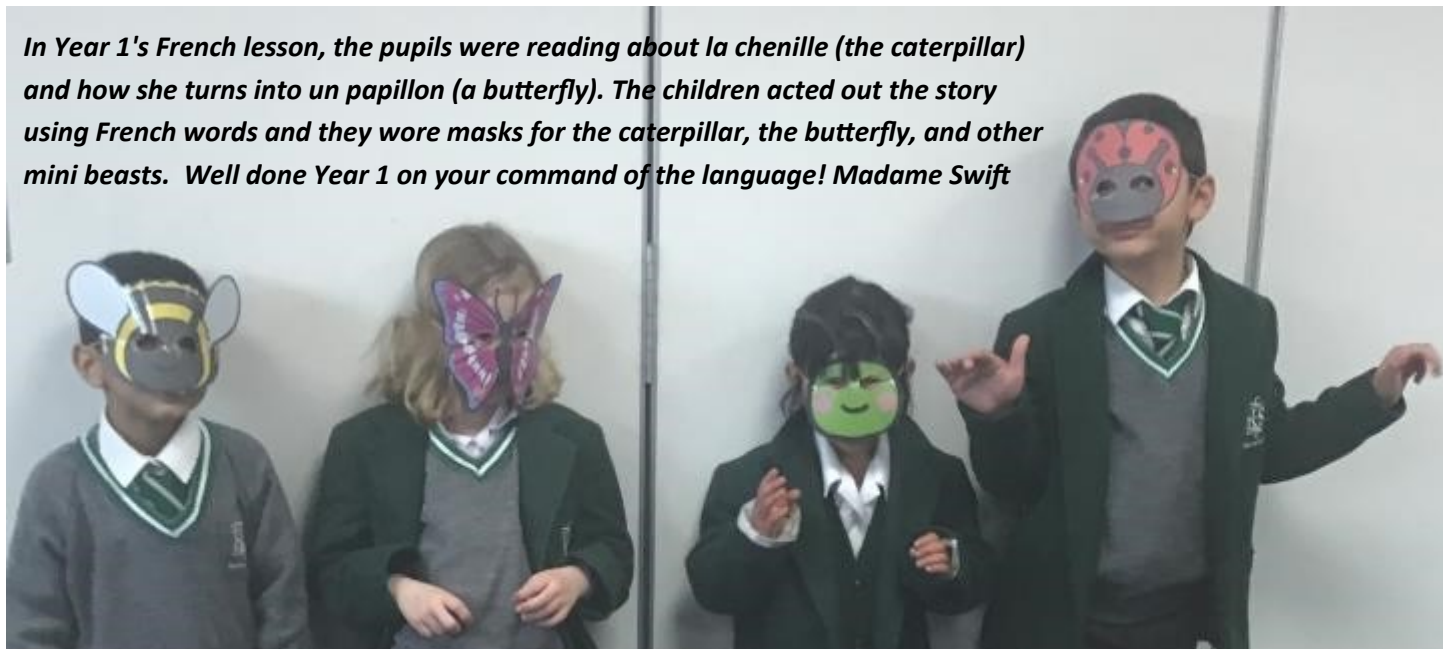
The substance was solid to pick up initially, yet turns to a more liquid form when it drops.

All the children were so engaged and loved experimenting with the different textures.

Miss Smith



In Year 1's French lesson, the pupils were reading about la chenille (the caterpillar) and how she turns into un papillon (a butterfly). The children acted out the story using French words and they wore masks for the caterpillar, the butterfly, and other mini beasts. Well done Year 1 on your command of the language! Madame Swift



In the Year 6 Teams lesson on Friday, discussion centred around 'Safer Internet Day' and what it meant to the boys and girls to be safe online.

They got into groups and designed posters to raise awareness of the event that is on 7th February 2023.

The posters were then displayed around the school. Great work Year 6!

Madame Swift & Monsieur Regeling

This week is **Feeding Tube Awareness Week** and we are more than happy to support this cause due to having a pupil with us in Year 8 in this situation.

His mum has very kindly shared with the school a blog post written by his older brother Sam to raise awareness; Sam has now been tube-fed for ten years, and does everything he can to stop this from holding him back, as you will see in his narrative. The brothers share the same very rare stomach condition that inhibits digestion and feeding in the usual way, however Sam has been determined to lead a normal life and has paved the way for his younger brother to do the same. As you will read, Sam has faced challenges head on, with a level of tenacity and resilience that we can all admire.

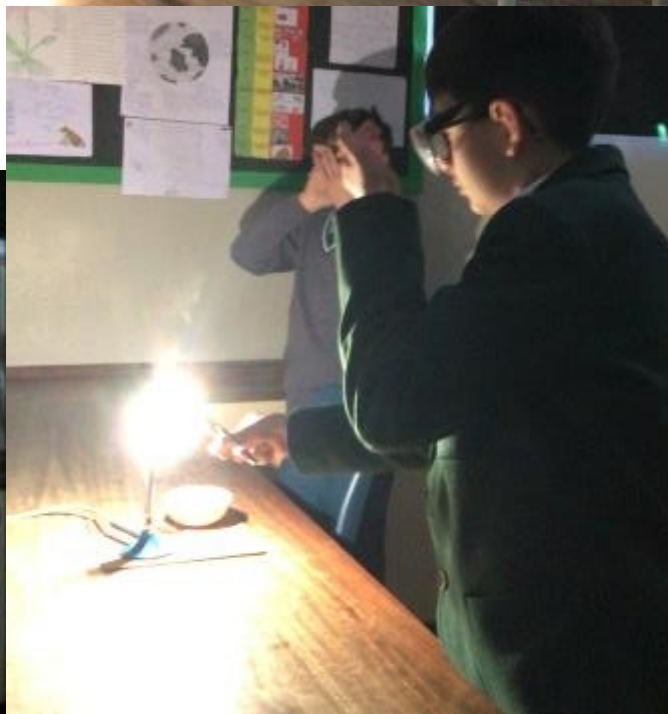
You can find the blog post [here](#) – it's an inspiring 5-minute read with a cuppa...



Science News

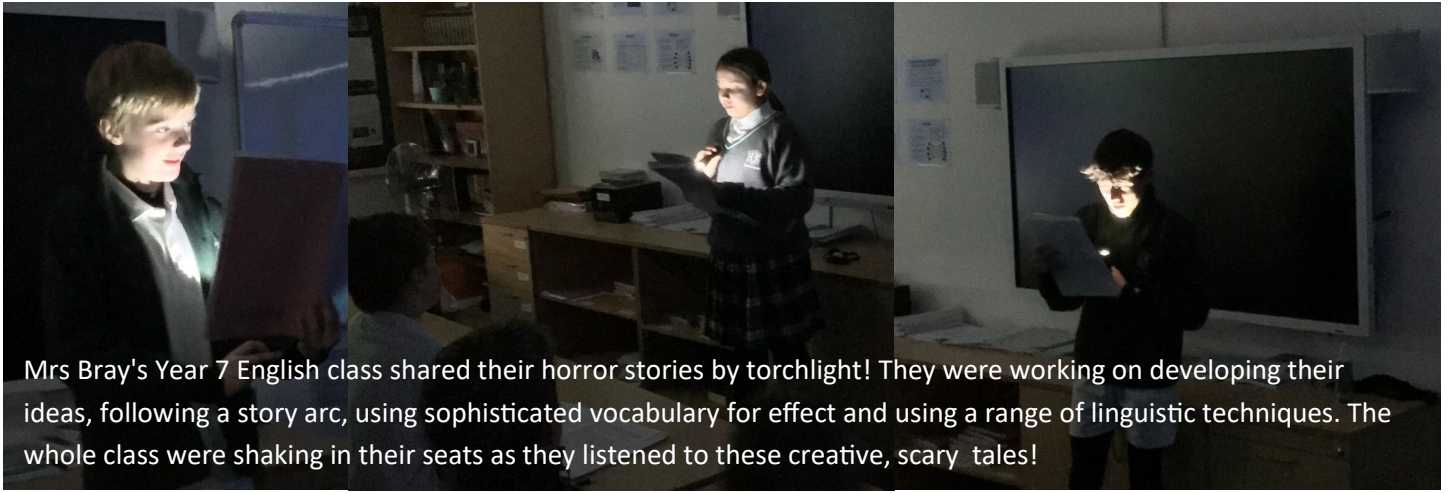
Year 8 have been observing the combustion of Magnesium to determine what compounds are made through the reactions of metals and oxygen.

They showed some great practical skills and stayed safe throughout, listening to instructions carefully and following them closely. Well done Y8! *Miss Patel*



Year 11 have been completing more required practicals this week; they predicted and observed the behaviour of infra-red radiation. We were lucky enough to be able to use an infra-red camera to help validate our data. Some great scientific investigation skills – well done! *Miss Patel*





Mrs Bray's Year 7 English class shared their horror stories by torchlight! They were working on developing their ideas, following a story arc, using sophisticated vocabulary for effect and using a range of linguistic techniques. The whole class were shaking in their seats as they listened to these creative, scary tales!

On Thursday, Year 10 took part in the "Study Sensi" seminar. The seminar aimed to support students with utilising the syllabus to frame study, structure and review organised notes, utilise practice exam papers and learn how to revise independently. Year 10 were really engaged and feel a lot more confident as they prepare to revise for their upcoming exams. *Mrs Bray*





Our school community gathered in the beautiful environs of Christ Church on Thursday morning for our half term assembly. Form 10B led a thoughtful narrative about 'connections' - both online and in person to reinforce key messages from our Well Being Week.

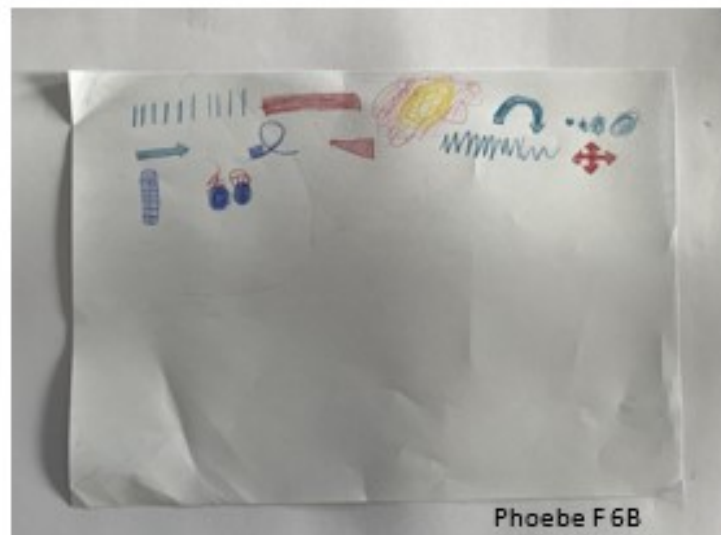
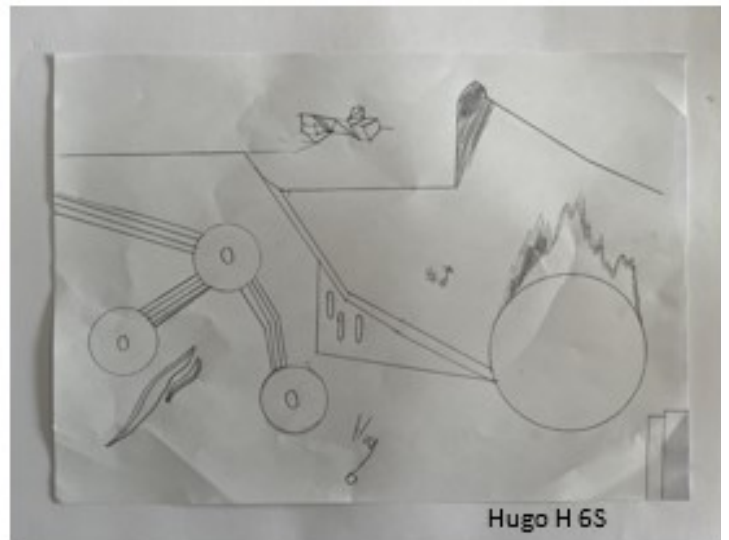
Mr Murphy then offered a heartfelt tribute and a moment of reflection for those affected by recent events both locally at Epsom College as well as further afield in Turkey and Syria.

Year 6 Music

Year 6 have been exploring the question 'What is Music?' this half term.

Pupils have drawn their own graphic scores and have translated the shapes and colours into a piece of music.

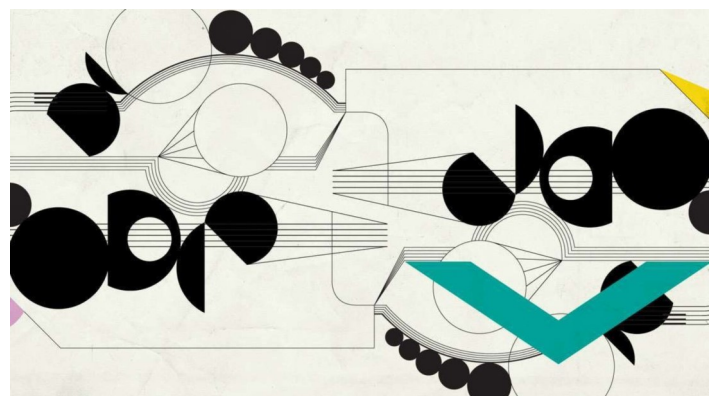
Here are some of the excellent scores...



Cross-Curricular Creative Arts Links...

Miss Livsey-Barnes has overseen some super cross-curricular work with her Year 6 pupils this week creating colourful, visual representations of musical scores! The shapes and colours were then translated back into sounds and notes.

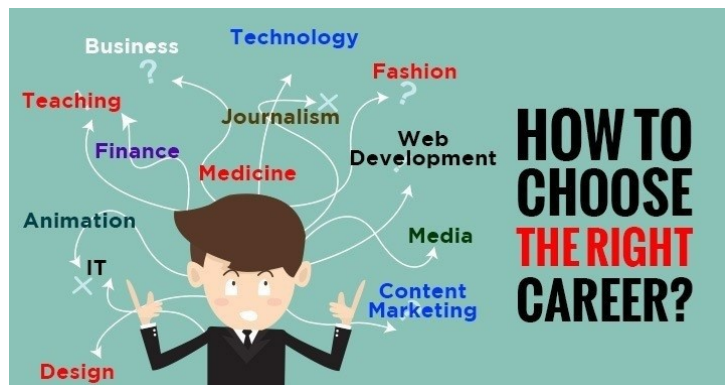
We look forward to next half term's **Creative Arts Enrichment** subject focus! More details to follow soon...watch this space!



Careers Information for pupils aged 14-18 years from Mrs Black:

The following online sessions may be of interest to any of our pupils in Year 9 and above thinking about which choice of career path they may have an interest in following in the future.

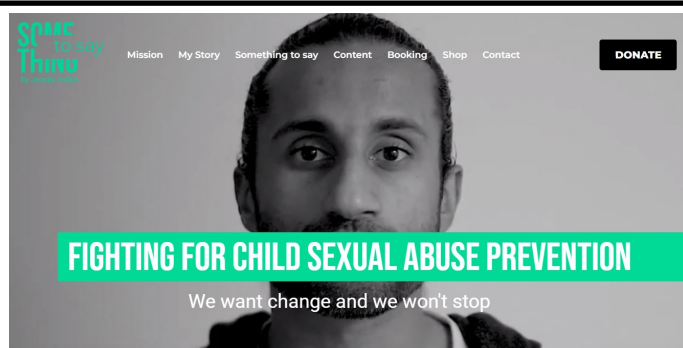
Dentistry Career Day - Saturday 18th March 2023
Medicine Career Day - Sunday 26th March 2023
Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 1st April 2023
Psychology Career Day - Saturday 8th April 2023
Business Career Day - Saturday 15th April 2023
Architect Career Day - Saturday 22nd April 2023
Vet Career Day - Saturday 29th April 2023
Law Career Day - Saturday 6th May 2023
Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 20th May 2023
Performing Arts Career Day - Saturday 27th May 2023



Students can visit www.careerdays.co.uk to join a session in their field of interest and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.

Visiting Speaker—Jeremy Indika

Our final session in Well Being Week was a visit from [Jeremy Indika](#) who spoke to our Senior pupils, and later their parents online, about his childhood experience of sexual abuse and the challenges he faced as an adult in seeking some form of 'closure' in tracking down and facing his abuser.



Jeremy had previously visited KHS and delivered an INSET to staff and it was so well-received and so powerful, that we felt our older pupils could learn a lot from him as well.

Not a squeak came from the room as he began to tell his story to our pupils who were thoroughly engaged from the start.



His message was all about speaking out and telling somebody—something we vehemently hope our pupils would do, and would know where, and who, to turn to in school.



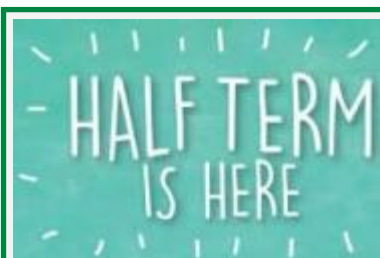


Applications for the 9th series of **Junior Bake Off** are encouraged and now open to any interested pupils in school! The hit Channel 4 programme celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger baking generation in Britain. Budding bakers need to be aged between **9-12 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2023, but **applications close on Sunday 12th March 2023**.

Interested bakers can apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Why not give it a go....you never know it could be **you in the famous tent we could be next watching...!**



Wishing our departing ski trip of pupils, parents and staff a fabulous week on the slopes in Switzerland—hope you have good weather and even better skiing and return safely.

To all our families, whether they are staying in Surrey or further afield, let's hope for a restful and rejuvenating week; see you on Monday 20th February from 8am.