

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Summer Term
9 June 2023

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Dear Parents

Yesterday saw our Lower Prep athletes compete in glorious sunshine (and in front of a record crowd of spectators!) for a splendid afternoon of Mini-Olympics. It was hugely rewarding to see healthy competition and endeavour from all the boys and girls together with some touching moments of sportsmanship and teamwork. My thanks to Jeremy Westcott and the sports department for their preparation and oversight of the day.

Earlier in the week, lots of parents and pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 attended our Sixth Form Open Evening where no fewer than sixteen institutions pitched their wares; since its first inception in 2018, this event has grown substantively to become a kitemark of excellence on the circuit. I am grateful to Sachin Sukhdeo and Amanda Earl for their hard work in its organisation.

Finally, I am very much looking forward to the Summer Party on Saturday 24th June and hope to see many of you there for what promises to be a great evening courtesy of the KHA.

In the meantime, I wish you a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster & CEO



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

2023 JUNE GCSE Exams week 4; Years 5 & 6 Exams			
Monday	12	0730 1430	SLT Meeting Year 10 Geography Fieldwork—Eastbourne
Tuesday	13	1430 1615 1400-1800	Senior B Cricket vs Belmont (H) Staff Meeting Study Centre Parents' Evening
Wednesday	14	0845 All day 0930 1330 1430 1430 1430 1400-1800	Eco Club Assembly Colts A Cricket six-a-side tournament at Tonbridge (A) Lower Prep Forest School Year 9 School Production Auditions U13A Cricket vs Belmont (A) U13 B & C Cricket vs Belmont (H) Colts B, C & D Cricket vs Belmont (A) Study Centre Parents' Evening
Thursday	15	0900 1300-1400 1330 1430	Silver D of E Assessed Expedition departs Year 8 Town Leave Year 10 School Production Auditions U8/9 A & B Cricket vs Belmont (A)
Friday	16	All day 0900-1600 1030-1125 1415	Silver D of E Assessed Expedition Year 9 Geography Fieldwork—Epsom Father's Day Shop in the Library Year 7 School Production Auditions—no Drama Club
Saturday	17	1500	Silver D of E Assessed Expedition returns

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 12.06.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Pesto Pasta (GF, V) with Garlic Bread & New Potatoes	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Leek, Ham & Potato Pie; Leek, Cheese & Potato Pie (V) with Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Sponge & Custard	Roast Chicken & Pigs in Blankets; Cauliflower Cheese (V) with Roast Potatoes & Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Apple Crumble	Sausage Pasta Bake; Veggie Sausage Pasta Bake (GF, V)	Fresh Fruit; Cookies	Homemade Fish Pie with Peas	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts

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

LOWER PREP

1M

All of Year1 for being so well behaved on their school trip to the Horniman Museum. Well done! Mrs Martins

All of Year 1 for showing a good knowledge of French numbers and colours. Madame Swift

3S

Scarlett W—for showing endeavour in her work. Miss Sumners

Scarlett W - for always saying hello in French when she comes into the class. Madame Swift

4S

Ted R for enthusiasm when contributing in class discussion. Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Zachary B – for being so kind and polite. He always asks how I am each day. He is sensitive to others around him too. Ms Forbes

6B

Phoebe F for being a good example of kindness and respect to others in Year 6. Mrs Bastable

Elinor F for overcoming her fears and successfully jumping an impressive height in high jump this week. Mrs Jennings

Phoebe F for her outstanding courage in high jump, stepping out of her comfort zone and achieving great success - so proud of you! Mrs Jennings

6S

Hugo H, Joshua G and Teddy C-E - for showing a good understanding of The Hound of the Baskervilles, the book we are reading in English. Madame Swift

Teddy C-E for offering his kind support with setting up the high jump and for the superb effort he showed in his PE lesson this week. Mrs Jennings

Harry R. Ever polite, patient with a determined work ethic Harry is a good ambassador of KHS values. It's a special combination. Keep it up Harry! Mr Mohamed

7B

A great start to half term by Tom F. Mr Barratt

Special mention for Zac M for showing initiative in his Maths lesson on Monday

7W

George W - for being polite around school. Miss Livsey-Barnes

Euan B - for his great contributions to the music lesson and for his enthusiasm to learn new pieces on the piano. Miss Livsey-Barnes

UPPER PREP continued...

8C

Tristan B is always polite to visitors in school and shows the Kingswood House Way in all he does.

8J

Tommy V M for showing impressive etiquette in tutor time and for always settling into his reading periods quickly and calmly. Mrs Jennings

8L

Max P: Mr Regeling is impressed by your geographical knowledge and in particular his topographical knowledge. Is there a country that Max doesn't know?

Derin U was engaged and interested at the Sixth Form Information evening this week.

SENIORS

9B

Liam Mc B for always being polite and courteous to the Admissions and Marketing staff in Bursar 2!

9L

Well done Zac M for making more mature decisions. Mrs Lindley

A special mention for Zac M for showing initiative in his Maths lesson on Monday. Mr Barratt

Michael S for his excellent start to our study of 'An Inspector Calls' in English. Mr March

Tai B who consistently demonstrates his interest for Science in the lesson - good work Tai. Mrs Black

9R

Enzo R: I would like to give an enormous shout-out to Enzo Reed for all of his endeavour so far in the subject classics. Enzo has recently taken up the thrilling challenge of restarting a subject and has been working immensely hard so far. Keep it up! Mr Regeling

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Sam C always puts his hand up to answer a question - excellent enthusiasm. Mrs Black

Toby C is conscientious of his work and shows a great attitude in Science. Mrs Black

Arlo S for always pushing himself in art to experiment and try new techniques – well done. Mrs Bastable

10B

Aaryan K and James C - both pupils showed great interest at the Sixth Form Information evening - they spoke to range of schools/ colleges and took advantage of the opportunity to ask lots of questions. Mrs Black

10P

Ben Hu for his fantastic engagement with the Sixth Form Information event! Miss Patel

Ben Ho for making a really good start to his new art project. Your effort will really pay off! Mrs Bastable

I just wanted to say how amazingly helpful Daniel Pepper (10B) and Ruari Fitzpatrick (10P) were in a Games lesson; they helped me massively, thank you. Miss Hylands

'Save the Date'... Advance Notice ... For Your Diary... We would love to welcome any Grandparents into school for a tour with your grandchild on Thursday 6th July from 09:30-12:00; refreshments will be served.

Please confirm your attendance to the Office 01372 723590 or email [Mrs Earl](mailto:Mrs.Earl)

GRANDPARENTS.

thank you



FOR BEING SUCH A VITAL
PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Please join us on Thursday 6th July 09:30-12:00 for a tour and refreshments to show our appreciation of your support.



Please RSVP to the Office, Tel: 01372 723590 or Email: a.earl@kingswoodhouse.org

Judaism in Year 3

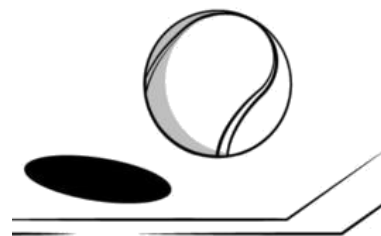
Year 3 have started their new topic of Judaism with a celebration! They have learnt about the Jewish festival of light- Hanukkah which is celebrated in December. They read a story about the origin of Hanukkah and how Jewish people celebrate by lighting the candles on a Menorah—the pupils then made their own Menorahs. *Miss Sumners*



SPORTS RESULTS

KHS vs Cranmore

U13 Tennis—Mr Wescott reports back, “Our pupils played a great game against a strong team. They all played well and worked hard on the court to get the wins. After the doubles matches it was a draw at 2-2, however we lost the singles 5-3. A Special Mention to Cyril B-D (6S) for stepping in last minute and winning his doubles game”.



KHS vs Homefield

Colts D Cricket 254-250 win, Player of the Match Leo DB (5F) with a Special Mention to Max B (5F)

“On a gloriously sunny, Summer day, just perfect weather for a game of English cricket, our Colts D team were thrilled to play their first competitive match of the season against Homefield –who we soon found out were strong opposition. We batted first and managed to get a solid total of 254 with some impressive strikes around the ground. Homefield replied with some good batting, however our bowlers were on top form and played very well with some fantastic wickets taken, including a great caught and bowled by Leo DB (5F). Homefield replied with 250 which meant a nice win for the D team” Mr Westcott

KHS Colts in action at the crease...





Congratulations!

A very 'Well Done' to Karen L (1M) who has just been awarded a Distinction in her ABRSM Grade 1 piano. She scored 137 marks out of a possible 150—incredible! Miss Livsey-Barnes is delighted to hear this.

Practical Maths Application Year 1, pictured below, have been learning about addition in a creative way using mathematical manipulatives. Working on the carpet using hoops and counters is a very practical way to explore mathematical concepts which the pupils really enjoy doing, and benefit from, in their learning. Mrs Martins



Cricketing News

Congratulations to Byron M (7W) in his cricketing performance outside school; he retired not out for the third game in a row this season, batting for Thames Ditton U12s ..as well as picking up a couple of wickets and a run out. "A rich vein of form," his coach said! Well done Byron, Mr Cowie is delighted with your current form.

KHS Golf Day

Mr Westcott gives us his report on the afternoon played at the end of last half term,

"On a lovely sunny afternoon, multiple current parents and pupils alongside former parents and pupils, as well as members of staff, governors and former staff members including Peter Brooks and Robbie Hendry, teed off at Kingswood Golf Club.

We played a team stableford, and also for some individual prizes. There was some really good golf played, as well as the afternoon being socially fun and having a great time round a golf course.

The individual prizes for pupils:

'Nearest the Pin' went to Ted R (11H)

'Longest Drive' went to Hannarah C (8C) and overall 'Best Score went to Harrison W (8L).

The adult individual prizes: both the 'Longest Drive' and 'Nearest the Pin' went to Kyle Milton, and the overall score went to Mr Brown.

The team winners were Harrison W (8L) Dylan N (8L), Kyle Milton and Mr Westcott, however Mr Westcott gave his prize to Stanley B-D (8J) who hit 'Shot of the Day' chipping in from a bunker. Overall, everyone enjoyed it and it was a fantastic end to the half-term of sport. We all look forward to welcoming players again next year".





Citizenship

In French, our Year 8 pupils have been learning about the Canadian French province of Québec and its wish to be independent. We have analysed the results of the 1995 referendum in which Québec was asked if it wanted to become independent.

Interestingly, with a difference of 1.16% between voters in favour of separation of Canada and those against, Québec remained part of Canada. Students then compared this situation to other referenda such as the 2014 Scottish independent referendum

and discussed how some of its citizens are interested in a second referendum. This topic is part of the pupil's enrichment vale of Citizenship this term which helps broaden their understanding of the world and their part in it. *Monsieur Regeling*

We were delighted to welcome a range of schools and colleges to our *Sixth Form Information Evening* on Monday for our pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 with their families to help guide their decision making post GCSEs with us
#APreparationforLife



We had 16 exhibiting schools and colleges at our event on Monday...



Last Tuesday, Mr Mitchell was a special guest at the 2023 School Travel Awards at London's Royal Lancaster Hotel hosted by School Travel Organiser magazine. He was invited on stage to talk about the school's award-winning ***Making of Modern Britain Tour*** and how the school used the prize money it won. Since winning the award Kingswood House has often featured in the magazine particularly during the pandemic when the school ran a week-long virtual MOMB trip from the comfort of the pupils' homes. Asked about the event Mr Mitchell said, *'It was an honour and a privilege to speak at the awards in front of representatives of some of the biggest names in British travel and tourism. To think that the school is still held in such high regard three years after winning the 'My Best School Trip Award' is a huge endorsement not just for the MOMB trip but for all the wonderful and creative trips that we run at Kingswood House. To share a stage with the likes of Disney, Warner Brothers, Manchester City and many more familiar household names is something Kingswood House should be very proud of'.*

The MOMB trip was a finalist in this year's Muddy Stiletto Awards for 'Best Experiential Learning'. The awards were announced on Wednesday and unfortunately, we were not successful this time. Founder and Editor-in Chief, Hero Brown wrote, *' I understand how much work goes into these entries, and how disappointing it can feel but Kingswood House School is clearly a brilliant school and I know the judges had a really tough job in this category'.*



Mr Mitchell pictured with 400m Olympic bronze sprinter Kathryn Merry at the event...





How can we ensure our school is inclusive of LGBTQ+ people?

Acceptable, Inappropriate or Offensive?



How important is the language we use?

1. "That is so gay"
2. "He's bent"
3. "She's really butch"
4. "My auntie is a lesbian"
5. "What a bender"
6. "My brother is bisexual"

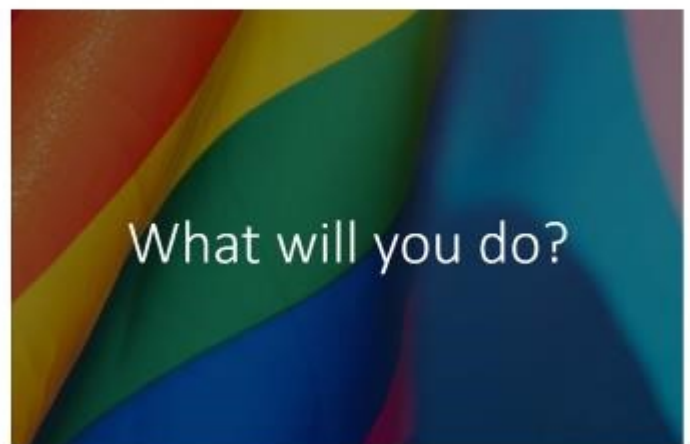
Use the correct language

Treat everyone with respect

Don't be afraid to speak up

Be a good friend or ally

Forget gender stereotypes



Pride

Mr Sukhdeo's Senior Pupil Briefing introduced Pride Month this week and tackled the ways in which we can be an ally to people in our peer group regardless of their gender and sexual orientation as well as being inclusive with the language we choose to use.

Miss Timothy, our ELSA, is also keen to ensure we feel comfortable tackling these issues as well as promoting mental health in LGBTQ+ teens; our partnership with **Tooled Up Education** has some excellent resources on there with DR Claire Harvey MBE.



Please sign up to this platform if you haven't already done so and take a look at what is on offer to you—from webinars to top tips, activities and a 'Wednesday Wisdom' feature, this platform will help guide you and any young person you are supporting with whatever life throws at you.

YOUNGMINDS also has lots of information for parents too surrounding mental health awareness in LGBTQ+ teens, [here](#)

Maths in Lower Prep After a tough working week, Miss Smith's maths group are enjoying some board games where they can practice their mental arithmetic and multiplication facts! The children enjoyed trying to beat their opponent, as well as supporting their partner when checking their answers and working collaboratively. Well done, everyone.
Miss Smith



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**YOUTH
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LIMITS**

Thank you

to
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

Kingswood House School

who spent

416 Hours

volunteering between

1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement
of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is

£2000

RUTH MARVEL, CHAIR EXECUTIVE

June 2023

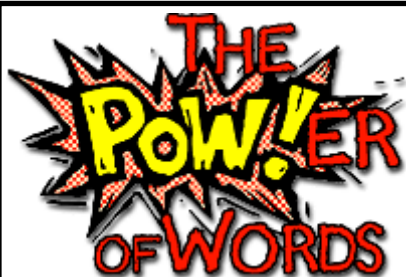
A feathered friend, caught on camera by Mr Hylands in half term as he was strimming the grass, visiting the nesting box at the back of Lower Prep!

Time to keep an eye out for any more visits...



Stop Press!

The KHS D of E team are delighted to share the news that our current cohort have contributed a whopping £2000 worth of volunteering hours this year! Our pupils should all be incredibly proud of the endeavour they have shown in this section of the programme. Students have volunteered in school with Eco-club, DT club and assisting Lower Prep as well as outside of school supporting charities such as the National Autistic Society, Zooniverse and the RSPB. A huge 'Well Done!' to those involved. *Miss Patel*



As we had the **Epsom Derby** last weekend, I thought I would look at the origins of the race/ races which take place at the beginning of June.



In 1913 the race was overshadowed by the death of suffragette Emily Davison, who was killed when she ran out in front of King George V's horse Anmer. The Derby is Britain's richest flat horse race, and the most prestigious of the five Classics. It is sometimes called the 'Blue Ribband' of the turf. At a 1778 social gathering including Sir Charles Bunbury and Edward Stanley, the 12th earl of Derby, the group conceived the idea of a race on the Downs for three-year-old fillies, which was subsequently called "The Oaks" after the name of Derby's nearby estate. The first Derby Stakes commenced on Thursday 4th May 1780 and was won by a colt owned by Sir Charles Bunbury, named Diomed, who took home prize money of £1,065 15s – equivalent to approximately £66,726 today.



THE BRITISH MUSEUM

A 'classic' Trip!

Y10 escaped the confines of KHS to visit the British Museum on Wednesday. They went to see the Parthenon Marbles as well as other artefacts from Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome to enhance their learning and experience some of the first hand sources they have been learning from, and about.

The pupils were set the (Herculean) task of completing a booklet written by Mrs Weston containing a large number of questions about the artefacts but they all approached the task with enthusiasm and eventually answered all the questions required of them. Well done Year 10! Mrs Weston was also delighted to note their impeccable behaviour inside the museum and when encountering other visitors. *Mrs Weston*

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 2374

Marlborough - 2248

Nelson - 2261

Wellington - 2104



Mini Olympics

Mr Westcott tell us:

"On a lovely sunny afternoon, Lower Prep had a wonderful Mini-Olympics and participated in ten different sporting events designed to challenge and test their physical skills."

The pupils put in a fantastic effort throughout and were watched delightedly by their parents and families who we welcomed on site for the afternoon."

We had our Year 10s helping at the various stations and they did a fantastic job in encouraging the pupils to keep going."

Overall, a fantastic afternoon of sport and the pupils should be proud of themselves for what they achieved. Winners all round".



On your marks, get set ... GO!!

*Some of our wonderful Lower Prep Sports Day medallists!
Well done to everyone for your endeavour on the day...*



*An ice-cool treat
on Friday after
their sporting
triumphs!*

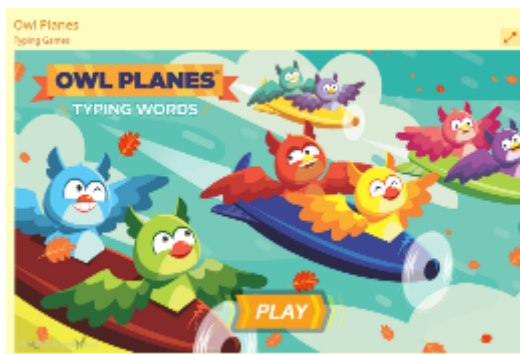


It's time to get typing!

With the summer holidays fast approaching, why not include learning to touch type in your plans?

Learning to type develops muscle memory, which can be really useful when supporting children to learn letter and spelling patterns. Typing can allow children the opportunity to work on sound-letter correspondence, familiarising them with which letters make which sound. Typing can help with decoding and sight-reading skills, particularly for children with specific learning difficulties. It is also thought that typing can free up cognitive energy, enabling children to focus on their ideas and how they are articulated.

There are a number of courses available to help develop touch typing skills, in a range of different ways; see images and websites below. *Mrs Angus*



<https://www.arcademics.com/games/owl-planes>



<https://helenarkell.org.uk/events/touch-typing-summer-2023/>



<https://www.typingscool.co.uk/>



<https://qwertykids.org/>



<https://www.typingclub.com/>



<https://touchtypeit.co.uk/find-us/sutton-touch-typing-centre/>



<https://www.typing.com/student/game/type-a-balloon-typing-home>



<https://www.nessy.com/en-gb/product/nessy-fingers-touch>



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KHA PRESENTS

The Summer Party

Saturday 24th June 2023
7pm to midnight

Welcome Drinks | DJ | Photo Booth
Three Course Dinner
Luxury Raffle | Outside Terrace

The Jockey Club
Epsom Racecourse
KT18 5LQ

Dress to impress!

Tickets £85.00

