

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Summer Term
23 June 2023

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Dear Parents

I am sure, like me, you will be pleased to learn of the appointment of Matthew Bryan to be my successor. He is an experienced head in the independent sector, shows a clear appreciation of our distinctive environment and will inherit a school on an upward trajectory. With a strong team around him, as well as delightful children and a supportive parental body, I expect him to hit the proverbial ground running - edited highlights about Matthew's appointment from the Chair of Governors' letter earlier in the week are overleaf for ease of reference.

In other news, I am also delighted to report that Ella Bray gave birth to a baby boy, Nathaniel, on 17th June; both mother and son are happy, healthy and faring well.

In staffing news, I recently confirmed the appointment of Jacqueline Rudenko to become our new Head of MFL in January; in the meantime, Stella Taylor has kindly agreed to return for the autumn term. Furthermore, I have just received confirmation that Luke Allen will join us in September as Director of Music. Both individuals are experienced and of a high calibre; they conclude our recruitment for the full complement of what promises to be a very talented staff team in the new academic year.

I am grateful to Tom Laudy and the staff accompanying this week's Year 8 trip to Wales. Judging from the photographs, it looks as though there have been some magical moments but I feel certain that there will also have been individual tests of character for many of the boys and girls. Whilst not easy, it is exactly for this reason that we encourage attendance on residential trips and subsequent adventures like the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. As human beings, if we do not occasionally leave our comfort zone, we will never learn how to handle pressure – an important life skill indeed.

Finally, many thanks in advance to Jean Towers, Tasneem Shafiq and the KHA team in advance of the Summer Party tomorrow night – I look forward to seeing lots of you there.

REMINDER: Here is the link for my half-marathon fundraising—for more details, see overleaf.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/duncanmurphy?
utm_medium=qrcode&utm_source=offline&utm_term=e19c6a841](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/duncanmurphy?utm_medium=qrcode&utm_source=offline&utm_term=e19c6a841)

The Y8 pupils have had a 'whale' of a time in Wales...

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 Year 5 Trip to Croft Farm; Year 6 Trip to Kingswood Green Park; Year 7 Trip to France			
Monday	26	0730 0730 1300 1600 1610	SLT Meeting Year 7 Residential Trip departs Year 6 Residential Trip departs U13 Tennis (6 pairs) vs Harrodian (A) Senior Lecture: Peter Dazeley 'Dyslexia your Superpower'
Tuesday	27	1430 1630 1800	Senior A Cricket vs St Edmund's (H) Staff Meeting Year 8 to 9 Transfer Information Meeting
Wednesday	28	0845 0900-1600 0930 1200 1400	Deputy Head's Assembly Years 9 & 10 GCSE Drama Trip to the National Theatre Lower Prep Forest School Year 5 Residential Trip departs Year 6 Residential Trip returns
Thursday	29	1400-1630 1700 2000	Years 9 & 10 Drama Rehearsal Years 9 & 10 Drama Exam Performance to friends and family in Langlands Year 7 Residential Trip returns
Friday	30	0900-1200 1500	Years 9-11 Sports Day Year 5 Residential Trip returns

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 26.06.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Mac n' Cheese (GF, V); Sliced Ham, New Potatoes	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Chilli con Carne; Five Bean Chilli (V) with Wild Rice	Fresh Fruit; Cheese & Biscuits	Creamy Chicken Pasta Bake; Tomato Sauce (GF, V) Pasta Bake with Salads	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Red Lentil Bolognese (V) with Spaghetti	Fresh Fruit; Mini Doughnuts	Fish Fingers (GF) Chicken Goujons, New Potatoes & Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts

ADVANCE WARNING ROAD CLOSURE - MONDAY 26TH JUNE

We wanted to give you advance warning that there will be ***no access coming under the bridge from Epsom into West Hill*** from Monday 26th June for 8 weeks. National Rail are repairing the railway bridge. The best route from Epsom direction will be around the back of the station and along Manor Green Road.

Please allow a little extra time to get your child to school for the last couple of weeks of term. Thank you. *Mrs Harding*



Serva Fidem

Chair of Governors: Mr Richard Evans

19th June 2023

Dear Parents

Mr Matthew Bryan

It gives me great pleasure to announce that from a very strong field of candidates the new Headmaster of Kingswood House will be Mr Matthew Bryan. Matthew is currently Head of Longacre Prep School, a position he has held for the last 5 years.

Prior to this, Matthew was Deputy Headmaster at St Ronan's School for three years, and before that Director of Studies at Summer Fields in Oxford. Matthew also has senior school experience, having taught at Hampton School and Kings College School, Wimbledon.

Matthew is already a member of the Independent Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS) and the current Chairman of the IAPS Membership Committee.

Matthew is married to Sophie, who is a barrister. They have two children: Alex, 16, who's been taking his GCSEs this summer, and Amelia, 13.

Matthew gained a BA (Hons) in Classics, as well as his PGCE and MA from St Johns College, University of Cambridge. In addition, since then he has gained an MSc in Learning and Teaching from St Anne's College, University of Oxford.

Over the coming weeks and months and until he starts at the school, which for contractual notice periods may be January or April 2024, which I will be able to clarify once confirmed, Matthew hopes to attend as many Kingswood House functions as he can. I know he is very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know as many parents, pupils and staff as possible. We are delighted to have secured his services, and I know you will join with me in welcoming Matthew to the Kingswood House community.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely

Richard Evans
Chair of Governors

Mr Murphy's Leaving Gift

Mr Murphy has requested that if you were considering buying a leaving gift for him, instead of this, he would like people to sponsor him for his half-marathon. He is currently in training for it and focused on a date in October; his chosen charity is [Winston's Wish](#) who were the UK's first bereavement charity for children. Mr Murphy is dedicating this event to the lives of Emma and Lettie Pattison who were tragically taken too soon earlier this year at Epsom College.

Mrs Harding

If you would like to sponsor him, please follow the link below or click: [here](#)

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/duncanmurphy?utm_medium=qrcode&utm_source=offline&utm_term=e19c6a841

**WINSTON'S
WISH** **WW**

Giving hope to grieving children



Weighing it all Up!

Year 3 took part in a James Dyson STEM challenge to build bridges out of pasta. We looked at several different bridges and how they were supported. Year 3 then designed and built their bridges which undertook 3 weight tests. We learnt a lot and most importantly had a very fun morning! Miss Sumners



Do take a look at this if you son / daughter is in Year 9 and above and following an apprenticeship course after KHS is a potential area of interest to them; it promises to be a very informative event and a good day out! More details available [here](#) Mr Sukhdeo

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THURSDAY 29TH JUNE - KIA OVAL

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House points - this week - Whole School



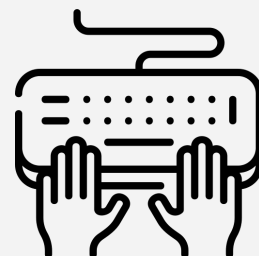
House points - totals - Whole School



Summer holiday 2023 Touch Typing courses for 7-16 year olds

Monday 31st July—Thursday 3rd August 2023

Manor House School, Bookham, Leatherhead
KT23 4EN 10-12:15 daily



Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome.

We mix formal technique and games to make learning effective and fun.

Cost £160.00 Child care vouchers accepted. (10% sibling/ bring a friend discount) More info from sarah.holt@typingscool.co.uk.

Apply at www.typingscool.co.uk



**Congratulations to the Bray
family who welcomed
Nathaniel Stuart
into the world on
the 17th June!**



KHS alumna Reo Sonoda came all the way from Japan to find his Leavers Brick last week along with his new wife!

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

LOWER PREP

1M

Haris A for showcasing great imagination and ideas during our Creative topic lesson. Mrs Martins

3S

Dillen S for always endeavouring to do his best. Miss Sumners

4S

Alfie L - great estimating when learning about capacity in Maths. Miss Smith

Phoebe W for excellent contributions in French class and always completing extension work. Madame Swift

Maye B for his excellent performance in Music where he sang and played the piano. Well done. Miss Barnes

The U9C cricket team all deserve a mention - Maye B (4S) Mahe Nau A (3S) Ted R (4S) Scarlett W (3S) Leo J (3S) and Ilyas A (3S) - for fantastic work and improvement in cricket, including good sportsmanship at the fixture last week. Really showing the Kingswood House Way. Mr Westcott

UPPER PREP

6B

Elody T for her enthusiasm each day and working really hard on her project in Art. Mrs Bastable

6S

Dexter B, Cyril B-D and Fraser S for being good buddies to new boys in the class. A special shout out to Dexter who bought his buddy a *pain au chocolat*. Madame Swift

7B

A positive week from Angus V and Ben C. Mr Barratt

Rhys B for stepping up to play in the Senior cricket fixture on Monday after a player was absent. He also managed to take a wicket, well done! Mr Westcott

Ben C for being a star in Art this week, helping everyone out in the class - especially your technologically inept teacher! Mrs Bastable

7W

Byron M - for his continued dedication to his learning and always being polite. Miss Barnes

To the Year 7's who auditioned for the production last week - you all gave great auditions and it was lovely to see pupils being so supportive of each other. Well done. Miss Barnes

Year 7 Maths - Rufus J and Oscar E are in the midst of creating a very exciting probability game that includes McDonalds. I can't wait to see the finished game! Mrs Lindley

Year 7 French: Ed B (7W) for his informative and lovely presentation on the country of Switzerland and to Zak A (7W) for his work on Senegal. Monsieur Regeling

UPPER PREP *continued...*

8C

Alex H for getting stuck into the first activities during the Year 8 outward bound trip – great to see! Mr Cowie

8J

Zachary G for making a really positive start to his first residential trip. Mrs Jennings

8L

Dylan N for being so enthusiastic when crossing the border, waving his Welsh scarf on the Year 8 outward bound trip. Mr Laudy

SENIORS

9B

Isaaq Goheer for his fantastic performance in yesterday's fixture against Duke of Kent, scoring a commendable 67 runs.

9L

Avaneesh G for showing more of his personality. Mrs Lindley

Youssef M for fantastic Further Maths results. Mrs Lindley

A significant improvement in attitude and the quality of work in History from Archie N. Mrs Haunstetter

Y9 Maths – pleasing work last week from Jasper W (9B) and Sam C (9R). Mr Barratt

Jasper W (9B) Theo W (9L) Ibrahim M (9B) Isaaq G (9B) Ethan C (9R) Dylan B (9B) and Henry T (9B) - all showed excellent teamwork and endeavour as they worked together as a group on their Geography trip. Mrs Black

9R

Ethan C for offering to help without being asked to do so. A nice way of showing #integrity. Thank you. Mr Regeling

10B

Charlie L is an excellent citizen. In form time he offered to help another pupil with his Maths prep. Mrs Black

Ivan T is always polite and respectful - an excellent example of a good citizen. Mrs Black

Tedd B-A for his positive attitude and endeavour, despite his heel pain, on the final day of the D of E expedition. Miss Patel

Nathan A and Tommy W for their kindness towards others in their teams. Miss Patel

Aaryan K for drawing some good constructions using a pair of compasses. Mrs Lindley

Daniel P for his superb effort this week in Maths. Daniel has shown a sound grasp of Sine and Cosine Rule and has been a real pleasure to have in the group. Keep up the good work! Mr Sukhdeo

10P

Archie S and Ruari F for always volunteering to help others. Miss Patel

Ben H for his very evident team-motivation skills and leadership. Miss Patel

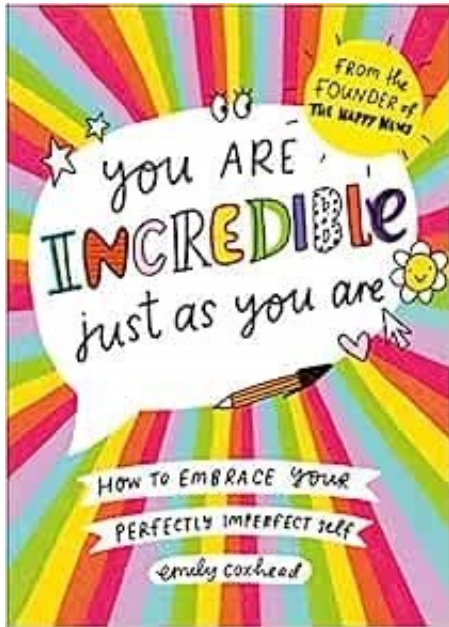
Oscar D'A for showing great resilience and not giving up when he perceived the expedition to be too challenging. Miss Patel

My nomination is Patrick G for his industrious and meticulous work in English on our poetry anthology. Mr March

A big 'Mention in Dispatches' this week for me is all the students who were on the Silver D of E assessed expedition over the week-end, they all did so well and should be proud of their accomplishment! Miss Patel

All Year 10s who put themselves forward for a position of responsibility - I thoroughly enjoyed interviewing you all. I look forward to sharing the outcome of the interviews with you in due course. Mr Sukhdeo

I would like Harvey W (11H) to be mentioned for showing a consistently excellent work ethic and dedication by coming in EVERY DAY since study leave began for private tuition and revision sessions with me, his LSA in the Study Centre. I know he is the only Year 11 boy to have done so. Brilliant effort! Mrs Curnin



Find happiness by embracing your perfectly imperfect self... Miss Timothy has found this wonderful little volume that she would like to share with us all—useful for both adults and children alike as you can dip in and out whenever.

The [Amazon](#) review reads,

“This inspiring journal is designed to help you find your way in a world where comparison and judgement can make it hard to stay true to yourself. Using a mixture of prompts, tick boxes and space to write down thoughts, as well as uplifting quotes and thought-provoking words, this beautifully designed book by the creator of ‘The Happy News’ will help you feel more confident in your-self and less anxious about what other people think.

With advice on using social media in a positive way, embracing failure, celebrating your differences and finding people who make you feel happy, this book is designed to help you be kinder to yourself. Because when you embrace your insecurities, differences, and everything that makes you unique, you’ll realise that the only person you need to be is your strong, special, perfectly imperfect self”

Click to buy: [here](#)

A final reminder please, if there are any Grandparents who would like to visit school for a tour and refreshments on Thursday 6th July from 09:30-12:00, please confirm your attendance by Monday 26th June. Thank you.

Please confirm your attendance to the Office 01372 723590 or email [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

SPORTS RESULTS

KHS vs Radnor School

Senior As - lost by 8 runs! Player of the Match Noah S (9B) Mr Westcott reports, *"On a sunny Monday afternoon, we hosted Radnor House Sevenoaks at Parsons Mead. Radnor went into bat first, and got 138, with one of their batters getting 50 retired. This set a good benchmark for our pupils. With Noah and Isaaq G (9B) opening we got off to a good start. Unfortunately wickets fell and our momentum stumbled- but with Noah getting 51 retired it gave us a little bit of hope, needing 10 off the final over, we only managed the 2. It was a great match to watch and a wonderful afternoon of school's cricket"*

KHS vs Banstead Prep

Colts Cs—drew; Player of the Match Torin A-I (6B) *"Banstead won the toss and went into field first. The opening pair got us off to a great start, with some big sixes and fours. The middle order slowed the runs down, but we eventually ended on 270 runs. Banstead then went into bat and started off strong, however with a couple of wickets taken we managed to slow their run rate down. They needed 10 off the last over to win, but with a great catch by Torin it meant they had lost some runs, but they fought hard and still managed to get the 9 runs to draw the match. It was a great match to watch and a wonderful improvement to see in the team for this term"*

KHS vs Homefield

U9As frustratingly lost by 2 runs! Mr Westcott says, *"A very close encounter, with fantastic batting but just a couple of runs short of the total set by Homefield. A massive improvement in performance from last week's game, and overall throughout this term—well done team!"*

U9Bs lost by 12 runs; Player of the Match Yarik M (3S) *"On a lovely day with great conditions for cricket, the mighty B team went out determined to try and win their first game of the season. Homefield batted first and played some good shots, and were playing extremely well. We managed to take a few wickets, which was fantastic to see and boosted our confidence. Our KHS pupils went into bat, and whilst we had a slow start, Yarick came in and hit 2 sixes and some 4's to speed up the run rate. However, Homefield bowled well and were just too good for our mighty B team. Efforts. It was a fantastic performance though and great to see the noticeable improvements in their cricketing ability".*



Summer Music Festival



Wednesday 5 July from 4pm

Performances commence at 4.30pm
A range of refreshments will be available

All welcome and entry is free



We are inviting pupils to sign up to perform – any standard and genre welcome as a solo or group.

Friends and family are also invited to perform. Staff will be featuring on the set list too!

Any questions or to sign up to perform, please email Miss Barnes at r.livsey-barnes@kingswoodhouse.org



Windrush Information

Thursday 22nd June 2023 marked 75 years since Empire Windrush first docked in Tilbury with hundreds of people from the West Indies, seeking a new life and opportunity in post Second World War Britain. They were the first of many migrants who came to support the rebuilding of the country and the fledgling NHS.

Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to hear Baroness Floella Benjamin, known to many of us from her time as a 'Play School' presenter, but also an author and politician, discussing her experiences when she was younger.

The talk was hosted by the National Archives, which holds the country's public records, including the passenger list which documented the date when Floella and her siblings arrived here by boat in 1960.



Floella explained that her family had been apart for over a year, as her parents had come over to London earlier to set up home. She told of how her mum was worried that they might find the English climate a bit chilly having come from Trinidad, so brought her daughter a new, blue, woolly cardigan from M&S to keep her warm. Life was not easy as a young, black migrant and Floella spoke of the overt racism and discrimination she experienced. It was clear though, that her time at school was very valuable to her, as she fondly remembered her teachers and how they had '*helped me realise that anything was possible*'. Indeed her mum's mantra was that '*education is the passport to life*'.



Although not an easy journey, Floella eventually got into broadcasting and has used her position and influence – more recently as a member of the House of Lords – to bring about positive societal change. One of her proudest achievements was the installing of monument to the Windrush generation at Platform 19, Waterloo station – the very place where she first arrived in London.



It was a real privilege to listen to someone who talked so passionately of being unconditionally loved and how that has shaped her positivity and resilience in life. She spoke of '*not ever hating, always forgiving*' – an important message for all generations to hear. Mrs Haunstetter



WINDRUSH 75



Sandy Times...

For creative topic Year 1 learnt about sand. We were linking to our science topic summer season. We made home-made sand bottles with natural dyes and paints. Layering vivid colours to represent summer vibes. They even created a sandcastle painting with PVC glue. *Mrs Martins*



How Much?!

Miss Smith's maths group have been learning about capacity - they were estimating the size and volume of different containers and how much liquid they each will contain. The boys and girls did some great estimating - some even getting it right first time! Well done.

Miss Smith



Lower Prep Assembly

Our Lower Prep pupils came together and delivered a fabulous Assembly on Wednesday which reviewed some of their favourite topics—Year 1 did 'King Henry VIII' Year 3 presented 'Europe' and Year 4 showed off what they knew about 'The Amazon Rainforest'. A great trio of topics and the pupils showed a huge amounts of learning. *Mrs Ibbitson*



Well done!



CREATING A
POSITIVE LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT





Silver D of E Expedition Presentations

Archie E, Alex H, Ted H and Ted R did a fantastic job with their expedition presentation this week! They created a poster on their experience of the expedition and spoke about their highlights and what they might do differently next time. The boys all spoke very well and it was wonderful to hear a few of them are keen to continue on the

Gold award! Wishing you all the best for your future adventures. *Miss Patel, Ms O'Shea and the D of E team*

Year 3 pupils have been exploring Judaism in topic lessons this term and made some *Challah* bread which is made to celebrate Jewish holidays. We obviously had to do a taste test and the verdict was... delicious! *Miss Sumners*





The Year 8 residential trip to Wales involved lots of challenging activities, in and out of water, up and down hills and dales and even setting up an overnight camp in the wilderness. Despite limited internet / phone service the staff were able to keep us informed of their goings on and took some great photos of the group...see overleaf for more snaps!









From literally taking a leap of faith and stepping outside your comfort zone, to the innocent childhood pleasure of toasting marshmallows around a camp fire...that is what school residential trips are all about!

Many thanks to all our staff in Wales this week—Mr Laudy, Mr Cowie, Mrs Jennings, Miss Hylands and Mr Mitchell ...enjoy your restful weekend ahead at home!