

Kingswood House School, 56 West Hill, Epsom, KT19 8LG

School Office: 01372 723590

office@kingswoodhouse.org

Sports Line: 01372 746590 Study Centre: 01372 746594

www.kingswoodhouse.org







Dear Parents

I start this week's newsletter by offering our prayers and thoughts to the whole school community at The Study Prep, Wimbledon, where a tragic accident occurred yesterday morning. Whilst our end of term edition is filled with happiness and joy, their last day of the academic year is being spent in mourning. Life is sometimes so unfair – it is so desperately sad. Together with other local heads, I have offered my assistance to the governors in any means they may require at this awful time.

Meanwhile, at KHS we have been truly fortunate to enjoy a sensational last week of term. I offer a huge vote of thanks to my dedicated team of teaching and support staff for their endeavours which have enabled the boys and girls to flourish across a series of events including Prize Giving, Sports Day, Final Assembly, Music Festival, Winning House Trip, Grandparents' Morning and Jollies. When you see the pictures overleaf, a snapshot of a thriving school in full flow, you will appreciate just how much the core values of Respect, Integrity and Endeavour are alive and flowing through the veins of our KHS family each and every day.

It has been my great privilege to lead the school over the last six years and I am proud to bow out with it heading in a strong, upward trajectory. On top of our inaugural review in the Good Schools' Guide, we have also received news this week that we have once again been shortlisted for the Independent School of the Year Award 2023 for student wellbeing – yet another excellent accolade to add to the growing list! I look forward to seeing KHS go from strength to strength in the future.

It only remains to say that I wish you a relaxing summer holiday with your families and thank each and every one of you for offering me your support and trust whilst I have been at the helm.











Yours sincerely



Duncan Murphy

Headmaster & CEO

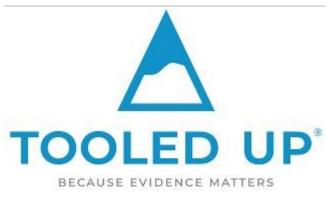






Please find below the calendar dates in advance for the summer and looking ahead to September:

Holiday dates			
JULY			
KINGSWOOD ACTIVE			Do remember that Kingswood Active is open to siblings and non-KHS pupils so please spread the word
Monday— Friday	10-14	0900-1600	For details and to book a place please see the website here or email kingswoodactive@kingswoodhouse.org
Monday— Friday	17-21	0900-1600	For details and to book a place please see the website here or email kingswoodactive@kingswoodhouse.org
Monday— Friday	24-28	0900-1600	For details and to book a place please see the website here or email kingswoodactive@kingswoodhouse.org
AUGUST			
Thursday	24	1000-1200	GCSE Results day
Tuesday— Friday	29 Aug - 01 Sep	0900-1600	For details and to book a place please see the website here or email kingswoodactive@kingswoodhouse.org
SEPTEMBER			
Monday	04	0800-1700	Staff INSET 1
Tuesday	05	0800-1700 1400-1500	Staff INSET 2 New Pupil Induction
Wednesday	06	0830	SCHOOL RETURNS—Autumn Term 2023



Don't forget we are a **Tooled Up** school!

Do sign up if you haven't already and use its myriad of resources over the summer holidays if you need to reach out or seek a little extra support...

There is the 'Wednesday Wisdom' sound bites each week, plus activities and learning opportunities.

Wishing you a gentle summer, see you in the Autumn.

Ms Timothy



Mr Murphy's



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

LOWER PREP

1M

AbdurRahman O'S for his use of verbs and adjectives in Creative writing on Lighthouses. Well done! Mrs Martins

Olivia J on her neat and clear cursive handwriting. Well done! Mrs Martins

All of Year 1 for working so hard this year, well done! Mrs Martins

To all of Year 1 for working extremely hard in PE and Games throughout the entire year, and seeing vast improvements in their ability. Mr Westcott

3S

George W for endeavouring to improve his work presentation. Miss Sumners

Raphael M for being a kind friend. Miss Sumners

45

Theo A for great problem solving in maths. Miss Smith

Alfie L for always trying hard and participating in French lessons. Madame Swift

To all Year 3 and 4 pupils for their fantastic work throughout the year, improving in every sport, and always showing Respect, Integrity and Endeavour in fixtures and in their lessons. They have shown vast improvements in their lessons, and this has also shown in their fixtures. These pupils are one of the hardest working years in PE and Games I have had the pleasure of teaching this year. Mr Westcott

UPPER PREP

5F

All of the Year 5s who went for being amazing on the residential trip. Ms Forbes

Alex L always lending a hand to others. Ms Forbes

William N-B who at first refused to climb the wall but ended up doing it 3 times! Ms Forbes

Ciaran P for throwing himself into all activities. Ms Forbes

Henry W – for taking to water sports with enthusiasm. Ms Forbes

Oliver R – for having such an amazing 'I will have a go attitude'. Ms Forbes

Eliza B-P – for being a great leader. Ms Forbes

6B

Elliot W for doing so well in his end of year exams and for being such a good example of the value of endeavour. Mrs Bastable

Elody T – Well done Elody for having nerves of steel in our game in Drama club on Friday, no one could compete with you...until round 2! Mr Laudy

6S

Cyril B-D - who was highlighted, by one of the organisers on the residential, as being very supportive of his peers in the climbing activity. Madame Swift

Dexter B for trying hard to be an excellent citizen of Year 6 – showing humility and being kind to others. Mrs Bastable

6S and 6B for excellent behaviour on the residential trip, they all showed endeavour by attempting the various activities and respect for the way in which they supported one another. Madame Swift, Ms Bastable and Mr Barratt

Torin A-I and Cyril B-D for being EXCELLENT ambassadors of KHS on our Year 6 residential – and being singled out by the trip staff team for brilliant effort and teamwork. Mrs Bastable

Mr Murphy's



UPPER PREP continued...

7B

All of 7B from Mr Barratt

Alex M-K – a groovy term and Max Kenna – a good all-round chap. Mr Barratt

Lily-Rose M has been extremely helpful during the recent hot spell by ensuring all the Eco Club beds have been well-watered. Mr March

Ben C for the excellent work he always produces in French, and for his willingness to always help others. Madame Swift

7W

Ava D for pushing herself out of her comfort zone during the French trip. Miss Barnes

Indi D for always being willing to help others during the French trip. Miss Barnes

George W on the French trip for asking politely to go all the way back to the deck on the ferry to retrieve his empty cup that he had left behind. Monsieur Regeling

Jensyn W for his excellent effort during a Science cover lesson! Miss Patel

Year 7 Maths - Well done Harvey M (7B) Eddie B (7W) Rufus J (7W) and Oscar E (7W) for their amazing design and originality with their games. Mrs Lindley

I would like to thank all Y7s for our successful French trip last week. All pupils were incredibly polite, enthusiastic, engaged and very responsible! Monsieur Regeling

80

Kieran S - fantastic speech at Prize Giving showing his appreciation for the school. Spoke really well and practiced hard in the lead up to the event. Mr Cowie

Zac M for being such a caring and considerate friend to everyone on the Outward Bound trip. He tackled all challenges without complaint and supported anyone who needed help. Mr Mitchell

Gabriel C for having such an excellent attitude on the Outward Bound trip. 'I am only going to come here once so I am going to give every challenge my best shot'. Mr Mitchell

Henry R for excellent navigation skills while leading his group for much of the Outward Bound expedition. His hiking ability is exceptional. Mr Mitchell

81

Tom R for his caring manner in tutor time and the support he gives to others. We will miss him next year and wish him well in his new school. Mrs Jennings

Oscar E for making superb progress in PE and really pushing himself to achieve the best that he can. He will be missed and we wish him well in his new school. Mrs Jennings

Harry H for great determination and effort to overcome and succeed at all challenges presented to him while being on Outward Bound. Mr Mitchell

Tommy v M for great determination and effort to overcome and succeed at all challenges presented to him while being on Outward Bound. Mr Mitchell

Ezra O-W for resilience during the Outward Bound expedition. Despite suffering from severe hay fever he persevered and completed the challenge successfully. Mr Mitchell

Mr Murphy's



UPPER PREP continued...

8L

Alfie Y - although a couple of weeks ago now, well done to Alfie for an excellent audition for the drama production, he really show-cased his awesome talent! Mr Laudy

Dylan N for being an incredible leader and motivator during the Year 8 residential trip. Mrs Jennings

Pippa T for seizing every opportunity on offer during the Year 8 residential trip with superb positivity and dedication. Mrs Jennings

SENIORS

9B

Dylan B for his beautiful French skills so far on the French trip. Monsieur Regeling

Benjamin B great attitude to classwork, and makes valuable contributions in English lesson and form time. Mr Anang

9L

Great helpfulness from Ed C, very much appreciated. Mrs Lindley

Avaneesh G always puts 100% effort into his Science work. Mrs Black

9R

To Ethan C, Toby C and Enzo R for their prizes on Tuesday. Well done, guys! Monsieur Regeling

Shay C shows a great attitude in Science, he has worked hard this term. Mrs Black

10B

Tedd B-A is always happy to help other members of the form, he is conscientious and shows what a good citizen he is. Mrs Black

Faizahn J has shown endeavour and respect this week, well done Faizahn. Mrs Black

Tommy W is kind and considerate to others in his year group - he shows the Kingswood House Way. Mrs Black

Tommy W for real extra effort put into his art coursework over the last few weeks. Well done. Mrs Bastable

10P

Ruari F, Owen C, Archie S, Tobias v H and Bogdan P for volunteering to run the form stall at Jollies! Miss Patel

Archie S for trying to beat Monsieur Regeling in a game on the France trip - obviously Archie lost but he did so gracefully!

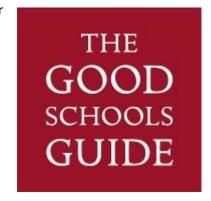
Year 10 Maths - Nice collaborative work from Tedd B-A (10B) and Olly W (10B). Mrs Lindley



We are so proud to announce that the school has been shortlisted for an ISY Award 2023 in the category of 'Student Wellbeing' which is an outstanding testimony to the bespoke education we offer our pupils.

We also heard how the independent reviewer from The Good Schools Guide has published the findings and report made after their visit into school back in March 2023. Charlotte Philips spoke at length with pupils and staff, toured and called with parents.

This can be read: here





En Plein Air! Last week, on Thursday, Years 3 and 4 had a combined crosscurricular lesson in Art and French. The children started by looking at French words for a tree, a flower, tree bark, grass, gravel, stone and leaf; we

then went outside and they had to stick or draw examples in their books next to the correct word which they had already written in French. At the end of the lesson, they had some lovely drawings, tree





rubbings, grass, and flowers in their books and had remembered some of the French words. Great work Years 3 and 4. *Madame Swift* and *Mrs Bastable*



As we are fast approaching the end of the academic year, I thought I would finish off with the origins of the summer holidays.

Originally, the school holidays were around the church holidays eg: Easter, Pentecost and Christmas. The most common argument used for the existence of summer holidays is that children were allowed time off to help their parents in the fields to help with the grain and get ready for the harvest. Towards the end of the 19th century a number of church holidays weren't considered public

holidays any more so the school holidays became longer and more standardized, allowing families to spend the holidays together. Travelling together to another place for holidays only became common in the 20th century.

Wishing you and your families a very enjoyable and relaxing summer break. Madame Swift

A Final Word on the Year 6 trip from Madame Swift, "On Monday 26th June, Year 6 set off on their residential trip to Kingswood Overstrand in Norfolk; after a very long journey the girls and boys were tasked with making their own beds and getting stuck into their first activity. The entire time was jam packed with activities including, caving, low ropes, high equilibrium, archery and climbing, some of these were challenging, but the children all showed great endeavour by

attempting things they thought they couldn't do and taking themselves outside their comfort zones. It was lovely to see them encouraging one another and pulling together as a team. They all enjoyed good food and a campfire with songs and hot chocolate.

Following another arduous journey back, they arrived tired but with lots of tales to tell. Well done Year 6 on a successful trip and for such great behaviour!

Madame Swift, Mrs Bastable & Mr Barratt



Year 1 are being creative right up to the last moment... designing a sea-life mural inspired by our English seaside topic. The background takes inspiration in the form of pointillism art using cotton wood buds . *Mrs Martins*



This half of the term has been citizenship enrichment; very well done to Gabi C-A and Cyril B-D (6S) for their posters on the topic, and to James D (8L) who wrote a short piece on citizenship. *Madame Swift*



We are sad to be saying 'goodbye' to our forth cohort of Year 11s this year... they were questioned about their time here with us—some since early Lower Prep days! - and these were some of their recollections and answers... From 11W

What will you miss most about KHS?

Friends; rugby; the school trips; town leave were heard many times over!

"Sports lessons always different, always fun" Will M

"I will miss having few responsibilities; as you grow up you get more responsibilities and higher expectations put on you. I will miss having low expectations and few responsibilities on me" Enan

"Being 'top' of the school" Thomas G

"Friends—I need to stay in touch with the ones I most care about" Archie

"I will miss the most from school Mrs Haunstetter's Prep" Will H

What is your favourite memory of your time @ KHS?

The Berlin trip; the Jersey Sports Tour; the Year 6 camping trip!

"All the school strips such as the Year 7 French one, the D of E expedition in Year 9 and the amazing Berlin trip in Year 11" Enan

"One of my first trips that I went on with the school all the way back in Year 5 with Mr Clarke to PGL" Archie

What advice would you give to a Year 7 pupil starting at KHS?

Work hard! Pick your friends wisely...enjoy yourself; start to revise early because it does help; do your prep! Go on every trip you can; play sport were common wise words

"Don't be rude to teachers as they are here to help you" Zac

"If you get the chance and fancy it, try to become a Prefect, or even better the Head Boy" Will H

"Make sure to listen to the teachers" Jack

"The second you get into Year 9 start to focus!" Nick

"Do the homework – it does help!" Will M

Where, or what, do you see yourself doing in 5 years time?

Sitting final exams at Uni; having a job and enjoying myself were common replies!

"Competing in the 2028 Olympic Games for Team GB in weight lifting" Zac

"Doing something I'm passionate about" Nick

"Joining the police" Will M



We are sad to be saying 'goodbye' to our forth cohort of Year 11s this year... they were questioned about their time here with us—some since early Lower Prep days! - and these were some of their recollections and answers... From 11H

What will you miss most about KHS?

"My mates of course!" Josh

"I'll miss all my teachers as they were very supportive and helpful always" Alan

What is your favourite memory of your time @ KHS?

"The karting trip last year as it was a lot of fun" Alan

"Celebrating House Day and raising money for charity" Antoni

"Doing the Drama production and my singing solo and ribbon dance" Folu

"The Berlin History trip definitely, especially after lockdown" Pete

"The French trip in Year 7" Theo "Jersey tour and Chessington for the day" Ali

What advice would you give to a Year 7 pupil starting at KHS?

"Work hard, do your Prep, listen and enjoy!" Ali

"Revise!" Ethan

"Be well behaved and do your work; don't be annoying like a typical younger pupil!" Harvey

"Make friends with as many people as you can and join in everything that's available to you" Jess

"Start creating revision resources early and make your work at a high standard" Pete

"Do Art it's fun!" Tommy

"Play games when you are young as you have less time when you are doing your GCSEs!" Yejun



Where, or what, do you see yourself doing in 5 years time?

"Working at McLaren or in the Red Bull F1 department" Alex

"Hopefully something important and interesting in another country!" Harvey

"At Uni finishing my degree" Jess "Fighting in the British Army" Tommy

"Something I see myself doing is working at an airport" Marcus

"My half decade goal would be playing collegiate golf for the Oaklahoma State University golf team" Ted R "On stage!" Folu



















Year 11 Leavers BBQ Event

Our Year 11 pupils and their families returned to school on Tuesday evening to enjoy a BBQ with staff and a final farewell.

A big 'Thank You' to Jane and the catering team for all their hard work.

The cohort enjoyed the opportunity to literally, leave their mark on the school, and carve their name on a brick which is a Kingswood house tradition going back many years! Here is our Leaver Jess' brick —our pioneering first girl in the Seniors!























KHS Prize Giving 2023!







A wonderful occasion to round off the academic year, celebrating pupil's endeavour, academic progress and attainment as well as citizenship—all reflections of the Kingswood House way.

We were delighted to have Sir Anthony Seldon hand out the awards and speak to the audience; he reassured us that despite not receiving any prizes at school—despite a Chess Prize sponsored by his own family (!) - he has never let that define him and accomplish what he set his mind to. A very inspirational tone was set.











Bestfriends

are the people in life that make you laugh a little louder, smile a little brigther and live a little better. The sun shone on Lower Prep for their last trip of the term...to the local park for some good old-fashioned fun in the fresh air!!

Everyone really enjoyed themselves and pushed their physical capabilities to new heights showing how far they had come this year. It was also lovely for the pupils to spend some with each other as a division before they all transfer up into their next classes.

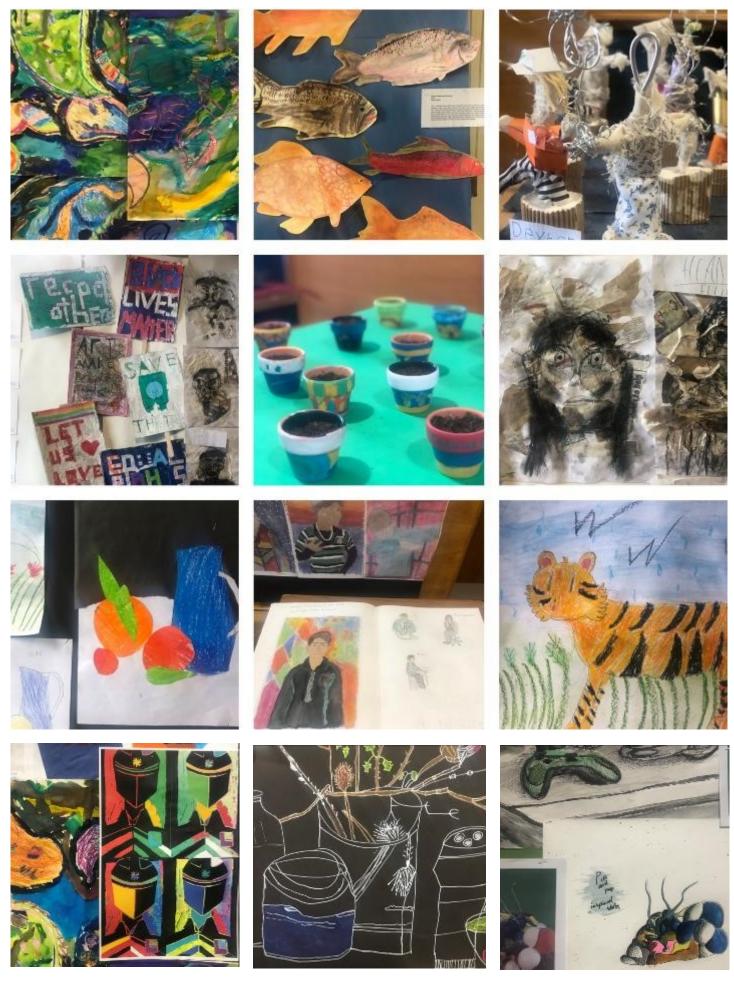
Mrs Ibbitson, Mrs Martins, Miss Sumners and Miss Smith—along with all the staff that support down in Lower Prep—wish everyone and happy and healthy Summer break!

Extra-Curricular Activities



Do remember to check the website here for all details relating to Clubs and Extra Curricular provision for the Autumn Term.

There is lots on offer so do get involved... any queries please contact Mrs Miller <u>a.miller@kingswoodhouse.org</u>



Some amazing art work was showcased this week as Mrs Bastable displayed a selection from all our year groups in school, and the GCSE work...















Music Festival

Wednesday night saw our inaugural Summer Music Festival take place—and thankfully the clouds cleared and rain stayed away to highlight some superb musical talent in school!

Miss Livsey-Barnes was delighted with all the performers who sang and played a huge variety of pieces—from Coldplay and Metallica, to Handle and Bob Marley! It was lovely to see the confidence of all our pupils who had elected to perform and show off their love of music and how much they had learnt and improved this year taking lessons in or outside of school and some even being self-taught. We were entertained by the talented bands in Years 8 and 10, solo guitar, violin and piano performances, the ukele club and many others.

A big 'Thank You' to all our performers and their parents for supporting them.









THE SHEET THE



all participants!















Some moments from our Senior Sports Morning...















We wish all our *Class of 2023* much success with their results at the end of August and continued achievement for their post sixteen choices.

We are waving 11W off to a variety of settings including Glyn, St Andrews, Holyfield, City of London Freemens and Howard of Effingham school sixth forms plus a number of different colleges including Kingston and Esher.

Whilst 11H are spreading their wings further afield including—passports packed! - sixth form in Saudi Arabia and High School in South Korea! For others, a bit closer to home at Brooklands, Esher, Godalming and Reigate colleges along with Chessington school.

Change...

Miss Timothy has suggested the following website and resources for families that may have children changing from one part of the school to another, or even between settings and dealing with change and the end of the academic year which cam be difficult for some.

Please click <u>here</u> or copy into your browser, below





https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/dealing-with-change-and-transitions-toolkit/?utm_source=mhsnewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=changetoolkit_

Have a gentle summer.

Mrs Seiver will be swimming 10 miles this July to raise money for Breast Cancer research. Please keep her going by visiting her Justgiving page and donating to this great cause.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sally-seiver



There is lots going on at
Bourne Hall this summer for
families or children to enjoy
together; local history and
specialist topics explored in a
series of walks and talks for all

ages! For more information see below.

https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/visitors/whats-on



Look at Year 1s
'Positive Pots' decorated to
reflect all the
goodness from
this year and
encourage
further growth
next year!

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected for various Positions of Responsibility...

Senior Head Prefect: Bogdan P

Senior Deputy Head Prefect: Charlie L

Senior Prefects:

· Archie S

Lukas C

Patrick G

· Owen C

· Tharani V

· Ruari F

Chris K

· Tobias v H

House Captains:

Wellington: Henry S

Drake: Nathan A

Nelson: Matthew M

Marlborough: Ivan T

Music Captain: Oscar D'A

Drama Captain: Tommy W

Upper Prep Head Prefect: Indigo D

Upper Prep Deputy Head Prefect: Isla M

Upper Prep Prefects:

Rhys B Aurelia G

Dollie M George P

Tom F Ed B

Lily-Rose M Peter S

Ben C Byron M



Sports Captains:

Seniors Year 8 Year 8 Girls Sports

Football—Max R Harvey M Sophie T

Rugby—Eliot N Alex M-K

Hockey—Ben Hu Indi D

Cricket—Rory S Byron M

Lower Prep Monitor: Bailey M



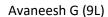
Duke of Edinburgh Award Certificates and Badges

Many congratulations to the following pupils who got presented with their D of E awards this week



Tyrwhitt B (11W)

Tommy C (11H)



Liam Mc B (9B)

Ted R (11W)

Jamie S (9B)

Ozzy S (10B)





Endeavour Badge Winners—Summer Term 2023. Congratulations to the following pupils who received their Kingswood House Way badge acknowledging their display of 'Endeavour' this term.

Bacchus M-D (1M) Hattie C (3S) Beatrix S (4S)

Oliver R (5F) Elliot W (6B) Joshua G (6S)

Lily-Rose M (7B) Jensen W (7W)

Henry R (8C) Tom R (8J) Freija K (8L)

Max W (9B) Theo M (9L) Ethan C (9R)

Tedd B-A (10B) Ben Hu (10P)

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved the most House points in their class:

Bacchus M-D (1M)

Hattie C (3S)

Phoebe W (4S)

Alex L (5F)

Elody T (6B)

Dominic A (6S)

Ben C (7B)

Euan B (7W)

Tristan B (8C)

Tom R (8J)

Dylan N (8L)

Max L (9B)

Edward C (9L)

Tobias C (9R)

Nathan A (10B)

Bogdan P (10P)













Mr Murphy enjoyed his last Assembly giving out many of the awards, badges and certificates listed above and overleaf.



Cricket Awards Mr Cowie was delighted to hand out the following awards at our Assembly on Wednesday.

Congratulations to all players.

Senior A: Player of the Season—Noah S (9B)

U13A: Player of the Season—Sebastian V (8L)

U13B: Player of the Season— Howard K (8C)

U13C: Player of the Season— Lauti Y (8J)

U13 Girls: Player of the Season—Freiija K (8L)

Colts A: Player of the Season—Cameron E (6S)

Colts B: Player of the Season—Henry W (5F)

Colts C: Player of the Season— Torin A-I (6B)

Colts D: Player of the Season—Oliver R (5F)

U9A: Player of the Season—Alfie L (4S)

U9B: Player of the Season—Zayn J (4S)

Player of Potential—James C (10B)

Player of Potential—Byron M (7W)

Player of Potential— Zac M (8C)

Player of Potential—Angus V (7B)

Player of Potential—Lily-Rose M (7B)

Player of Potential—Freddie L (6B)

Player of Potential—Fraser S (6S)

Player of Potential—Vlad M (5F)

Player of Potential—Max B (5F)

Player of Potential— Theo A (4S)

Player of Potential — Mahe Nau A (3S)



KHA News!

Have you heard - the KHA are recruiting!

The Kingswood House Parents Association (KHA) are recruiting new members to join the committee from September, 2023

If you are interested in joining the KHA please contact us by email KHA@kingswoodhouse.org to learn more about the work we do. Our team is made up of of both full time and part time working parents and we have a lot of fun organising and running social events for the school community. It does not matter what year group your child is in, in fact it is nice to have representation across the age groups.

For 2023/2024 we are planning informal gatherings, the spectacular **fireworks** evening on **Friday 3rd November**, a

Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December and the new Summer Party venue on Saturday 29th June! We would love for more parents to join the KHA and help us deliver these fantastic events - it is a very rewarding experience.

Wishing you a wonderful summer.

Best wishes.

The KHA

PS. **Second Hand Uniform Sale Update**! The KHA would like to extend a huge thank you to the committee members, class reps and parents that volunteered their time on Tuesday 4th July to make the uniform sale a great success—we raised over £900 for the school. Next sale will be Monday 9th October—please send any uniform donations into the Office.



FOR BEING SUCH A VITAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY



















It was wonderful to welcome many lovely Grandparents into school on Thursday morning as we said a big 'Thank You' to them for their support throughout the year. They enjoyed a tour of the school with their grandchild and then some very tasty refreshments. We hope this provided a lovely snapshot of us, what we do and how we go on. It is so lovely to be able to run these events after previous years' restrictions. Thank you to all our pupils who were their brilliant selves and super ambassadors for KHS.