

# KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

It has been a busy first, full week back in school and we have been blessed to experience the continued Autumn sunshine. New pupils and staff are settled and getting into routines easily which aids the daily, smooth running of the school. It is lovely to see so many smiles and faces popping their heads around my internal and external doors—I fully intend to have an 'open door' policy all year-round, whatever the weather!

It was super to see so many parents on site for the Divisional Heads Information Evenings—the presentations are now on the website and have been sent by email to you all, do refer to them if needed.

Our Year 7—11 pupils all benefited from PSHE workshops this week informing them about the dangers of 'county lines' so they know ways to avoid any entanglement and keep themselves safe. I know Mrs Jennings has enjoyed teaching in the newly refurbished area that has become an academic PE classroom for pupils studying GCSE; do see photos of this, and more, in subsequent pages here.

And last but not least, **Congratulations** to Ivan P (11W) who achieved an incredible score of 98/100, a Distinction, in his LAMDA Grade 4 exam in the summer!

Wishing you a relaxing weekend with your family.

Yours sincerely

Mr Liam Clarke

Interim Headmaster



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

2023 SEPTEMBER			
Monday	18		
Tuesday	19	0915-1045	Study Centre Coffee Morning
Wednesday	20	0845 0930 1600-1730	11W Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Production Rehearsal
Thursday	21		
Friday	22	All day 0845	'Jeans for Genes' Charity Day Class Reps Meeting
Saturday	23	0900-1200	OPEN MORNING



All Sports fixtures, team details and latterly, results, are available [here](#) on the SOCS part of our website.

Any enquiries to [Mr Cowie](#), Director of Sport



As part of our English Enrichment and PSHE topic this week the focus has been on 'kindness'.

There is a super resource [here](#) from Tooled Up education that might interest you and your family.

...and some very kind words to welcome Mrs Geetha Sundaresh to our KHS team in the Maths Department...

Thank you for joining us and we hope you settle in quickly.

*Welcome*



#### LUNCH MENU for week beginning 18.09.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon & Tomato Sauce with Pasta; Tomato Sauce with Pasta (V, GF)	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Homemade Cottage Pie; Cheesey Potato Pie (V) with Steamed Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne (V) with Garlic Bread & Salad	Fresh Fruit; Cheese & Biscuits	Spicy Chicken Goujons or plain Roasted Chicken; Fish Fingers; Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Mini Doughnuts	Homemade Fish Pie with Peas & Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit; Peaches & Chocolate Sauce

Please find Mr Clarke's thoughts for the week [here](#)

## LOWER PREP

### 2M

Bacchus M-D for a great start to the new term, especially in Maths where he was able to use the "greater" and "less than" terminology for place value. Well done! Mrs Martins

### 4S

Dilan C and Arthur H-H for making a great start at KHS. Miss Sumners

## UPPER PREP

### 5F

Phoebe W, Bea S and Zayn J for helping others with their History. Miss Forbes

### 6F

Freddie L - A very impressive start at KHS, showing excellent concentration and offering good contributions in French. Madame Swift

Jamie C and Oliver R have made a great impression in my Maths lessons. A great attitude and always willing to contribute. Mr Clarke

Freddie L has reached the extension task in every maths lesson so far – a great start! Mr Clarke

### 6S

Hugo van H, Arjan P and Honor F who have all settled well into Year 6. Madame Swift

### 7A

Teddy C-E for praising up another member of the form group and James Harte for overcoming some anxiety issues really well. Mr Allen

James H for excellent participation and retention in French lessons. Madame Taylor

Dexter B volunteering to stay behind and help with a tech problem. Madame Taylor

James H for making a great impression in maths lessons already this term – contributing his ideas and demonstrating a positive approach to his work. Mrs Pengelly

### 7B

The whole of 7B form have settled nicely with mentions for Blake P and Elody T. Mr Barratt

Maya A and Imogen E, both have had a good start in French and show great promise for the future. Madame Swift

Y7 Science – mentions for Dominic A (7A) and Elliot W (7A) – what super guys! Mr Barratt

Blaine D has settled so well in his first week at Kingswood House. In my Maths set he has shown confidence and a great attitude. He also kindly offered to carry a box up the stairs for Mrs Witts

### 8C

Izzy D has settled in fantastically well and has enjoyed the start of term getting to know the rest of 8C. Mr Cowie

Harry W for excellent participation and retention in French lessons. Madame Taylor

### 8L

Well done to Zak A and Euan B who have returned to school with an excellent attitude and have been getting their heads down and cracking on with work without a fuss in all their lessons. Keep it up! Mr Laudy

Ben C made some particularly thoughtful contributions in RS and indeed the whole class contributed to a lively discussion about religion being taught in schools. Mrs Weston

**UPPER PERP *continued...***

Jensen W has made an excellent start to his Year 8 English studies through his insightful comments in our discussions on William Blake's poetry. Mr March

Y8 Maths – a cracking start for George W (8L) and Alex MK(8C). Mr Barratt

Y8 Science – bigging up Max K (8C) and Peter S (8L). Mr Barratt

**SENIORS**

**9A**

Connor A for excellent focus and behaviour during form time and in English lessons. Also, Hannarah C- immaculately behaved during form, organised and willing to help new students settle in. Mr Annang

**9J**

Zachary Y for being incredible on the netball court and supporting his teammates brilliantly. Mrs Jennings

**9P**

It has been lovely to see the new pupils in my class socialising with everyone and just getting on with it as if they had been here ages! Mrs Pengelly

Zac M (9A) and George E (9J) for fantastic work in GCSE PE this week learning the locations of bones and the functions of the skeleton. Mr Cowie

Y9 Maths - impressive attitude from Stanley B-D (9J) and Zac M (9A). Mr Barratt

Ruby B for making such a positive start to Games already, showing fantastic enthusiasm and commitment! Mrs Jennings

9k Maths – for a fantastic start to the term with their maths. Special mention to Finlay R (9A) for his excellent presentation of and effort with his work. Mr Sukhdeo

**10G**

A mention for Dylan B who has been an exemplary KHS student this week. Ms Garrib

Max W for his consistently focused, hardworking approach in Maths. Mrs Pengelly

**10P**

Zac H always shows great kindness to others and embodies the value of 'Respect'. Also, Pryank P, Olly D and Shay C – have had exemplary uniform this first week, excellent to see boys and please keep it up! Miss Patel

**10R**

A great start to the year from the whole form who are settled into their studies have been very accommodating towards me as a new teacher! Mr Anthony

**11H**

All of 11H have had an absolutely brilliant start to the year, so I can't really single one of them out. Well done on displaying excellent behaviour around school and in lessons and for generally just being so lovely. Mrs Haunstetter

**11W**

Y11W have returned to KHS after the summer with a positive and upbeat attitude. They have settled in well. Mrs Weston



## SPORTS RESULTS

### *Sports Results on SOCS*

Please note that Mr Cowie will be aiming to publish the match reports and all details relating to fixtures on the SOCS platform that is available through our website. Keep an eye out weekly for this information and support your child's school team in any way you can!

The SOCS platform with all information you need is linked [here](#) including details of teams playing, which age group, location of matches and timings. We hope you find this easy to use.

Any queries please let [Mr Cowie](#) know.

Thank you.



### *Congratulations—Youth Football*

Mr Cowie, and school, were delighted to learn of a pupil in 9P, Bastie, who was selected to play in an U13 team based in Surrey, that went to the Gothia Youth World Cup in Gothenburg, Sweden in July.

The opening ceremony of the tournament was attended by over 50,000 spectators which would have made for an exhilarating experience out on the pitch!

There were 194 U13 boys teams competing from 27 nations. Bastie was his team's leading goal scorer with 3 goals and in one of the games he won 'Man of the Match'.

His team not only topped their group, they also made it to the last 32 of the tournament, which was an incredible achievement.

Bastie's team was coached by Danny Murphy, ex-Liverpool, Fulham and England International, *see right*.

Mr Cowie is hoping to see Bastie's experience of this tournament being brought to the KHS pitch this term and shared with his peers and team mates.



### *Parent Information Evenings*

We held our three Divisional Parent Information Evenings this week giving all parents the opportunity to meet Form Teachers and Divisional Heads, and learn more about the year groups their child is in. It was lovely to welcome so many parents to the school site at the start of this new academic year. Any questions should be addressed to the Form Teacher in the first instance and then the Divisional Head if required.

Lower Prep, Years 2—4, [Mrs Emma Ibbitson](#)

Upper Prep, Years 5—8, [Mrs Jackie Jennings](#)

Seniors, Years 9—11, [Mr Sachin Sukhdeo](#)

The presentations made can be found here: [Lower Prep](#), [Upper Prep](#), [Seniors](#)



## Year 7 – 11 PSHE Workshops

The organisation '[One Chance](#)' helps spread awareness regarding county lines criminal activity and provides guidance and support for children, young adults and those working in the education sector. As with all the workshops we offer our pupils, it is not to frighten them and get them thinking they can not go out, socialise online and have fun, both in the real world and online, but to educate and highlight to them the relevant issues so they are aware and can make informed choices. The sessions were very well received by our pupils in Years 7-11

Most of the time, children and young adults are coerced or groomed by someone even before they realise they are victims of county lines criminality and exploitation. Unfortunately this criminality and exploitation can take many forms, and escalate quickly to involve serious violence, sexual assault and drug trafficking. The sessions made pupils aware of this and provided them with the chance to ask questions, listen to Emma and Lee who have a wealth of experience in the area and equip them with knowledge to spot the signs, understand the risks and keep themselves safe. It was a very positive day for staff and pupils alike.



Mrs Jennings, *seen here left*, and other members of the PE Department are enjoying their newly refurbished old changing room space now repurposed as an academic PE classroom. It is light, bright and airy for pupils and will also serve as space for public examinations to be sat.

Thank you to our facilities team, and especially Mr Ron Gummer, who worked hard on this over the summer.

**Maths in Lower Prep** Our Lower Prep pupils have made a great start to their Maths learning so far; Year 4 have been playing a wide range of games in class to warm up their brains with Miss Sumners, whilst Year 2 with Mrs Martins have tackled the word 'estimation' working

with shells to predict the number in front of them!







## KHA Cheese & Wine Night

Dear Parents,

We're starting the new academic year off in style with a KHA Cheese & Wine Night on the 29th September from 6:30pm in Langlands. Join us for a glass (or two, or more - we're not counting!) of specially selected wine, perfectly paired cheese and nibbles whilst catching up with fellow parents and meeting new ones.

Tickets cost just £10 per person and includes one glass of wine (or non-alcoholic alternative) and cheese and nibbles from our grazing table. A cash bar will be available for you to purchase additional drinks.

**Please use this form to book tickets** [KHA Cheese & Wine Night](#)

By completing this form you give permission for us to apply the cost of the tickets to your school fees account. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any other form of payment.



Tickets are limited - please book early to avoid disappointment!

We look forward to seeing you on the 29th! *The KHA*




As a school, KHS has held a long-established relationship with Christ Church Epsom as it is a practical and beautiful space for us to use when we wish to come together as a whole school community; our Carol Service, Harvest Assembly and End of Year Leavers Assembly all benefit. They have a new Curate there this Autumn and would like to remind families of their regular family friendly service 'The Source' on the second Sunday of the month at 4pm. This is followed by CC Cinema for year 6+ pupils 5-7pm. Do join them—you would be very welcome.

More information about Christ Church [here](#)

# EWELL HISTORY DAY



**BOURNE HALL, EWELL**  
**SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**  
**10AM - 5PM**

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