

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term
22 September 2023

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Dear Parents

It has started to feel like a proper Autumn Term this week with the change in weather, but it is comforting to see the ebb and flow of the school day as the weeks roll on; with October on the horizon at the end of next week much has been achieved already.

We all embraced Youth Mental Health Day on 19th September. The theme this year was being brave **#BeBrave** and we acknowledge that in fact, all learning requires an element of being brave, taking risks and learning from mistakes in a safe and inclusive space.

We also enjoyed a super talk by one of our Year 6 pupils this week - who epitomised being brave - by speaking openly and honestly in front of the entire Upper Prep division about his medical condition, Williams Syndrome, and how it affects his daily life both inside and outside school. On Friday we all wore denim to mark 'Jeans for Genes Day' as this Williams Syndrome is one of many rare genetic conditions.

In advance of Open Morning on Saturday, I would like to thank all the staff and pupils involved for giving up part of their precious weekend to be the best ambassadors for KHS, by simply turning up and being themselves.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Liam Clarke

Interim Headmaster

#BeBrave Jamie
speaking to his
Upper Prep cohort



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

2023 SEPTEMBER			
Monday	25		
Tuesday	26		
Wednesday	27	0845 0930 1600-1730 1900	8C Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Production Rehearsal KHA A.G.M— <i>all welcome!</i>
Thursday	28		
Friday	29	0900-1500 1900	Year 2 Trip to the Tower of London KHA Social—Cheese & Wine Evening—for Parents



LUNCH MENU for week beginning 25.09.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Pesto Chicken Pasta; Pesto Pasta (V) with Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Thai Red Chicken Curry; Cauliflower & Potato Curry (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Mini Doughnuts	Butcher's Burgers in a Bun; Halloumi Cheese in a Bun (V) with Coleslaw & Onions	Fresh Fruit; Crumble & Custard	Beef & Onion Pie; Fresh Vegetable Pie (V) with Roasted Potatoes	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Fish Fingers with Colelaw & Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Jam Tart

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Sally Seiver

Sally's Giving Page

Mrs Seiver writes,

"Following my fundraiser to swim 10 miles in July. I felt I wanted to do something in memory of my mother and to help others who are battling breast cancer. I'm walking a half-marathon next Saturday night (yup, after Open Morning and before the Year 6 Geography field trip with the Leith Hill hike on Monday) and I'd love it if you could help me raise some funds. Thank you in advance for any small amount you can give".

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/sallys-giving-page-1431>

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

LOWER PREP

2M

Verity F for her high frequency words. Well done Mrs Martins

4S

Ilyas A for working more independently in Maths. Miss Sumners

UPPER PREP

5F

Annabelle P for some great contributions in lessons; particularly in Science and English. Miss Forbes

All Year 5s for their fantastic efforts in PE, I have been pleased with their progress so far. Mr Westcott

6F

Leo De B– for working hard and being focused during tutor time. Mr Fitzgerald

6S

Vlad M for showing excellent knowledge in French. Madame Swift

Zachary BI for his interesting delivery of opinions in our English debate. Madame Swift

Congratulations to 6S, as everyone handed in their prep on time. A brilliant title page from Toby H as well! Mrs Haunstetter

Zachary BI for bringing so much energy and knowledge to his Science lessons in the subject of evolution! Mrs Jennings

7A

Ava M – A brilliant start in French. She even asked me to extend the online Prep so she could have another go and improve her score (to 76%!) Madame Taylor

Toby W has been exceptional in Maths, setting himself additional challenges on top of the homework when he has completed it quickly and now ranking as number 2 in the whole school on TTRS! (Times Tables Rock Stars) Mrs Pengelly

7B

Elinor F and Ryan B for good detail in their diagrams. Mr Barratt

Imogen E for being extremely friendly around the school. Always smiling during lessons and break time, as well as making me laugh and showing the KHS values. Mr Westcott

Blaine D for good contributions in French. Madame Swift

8C

Ava D has made a welcome return to the class and it is lovely to see her peers being so supportive. Mr Cowie

8L

Eddie B all round brilliance since the start of term! Polite, organised, hardworking and a great sense of humour. Keep it up! Mr Laudy

Ben C has settled into Year 8 brilliantly and has thrown himself into the drama production with great enthusiasm. Mr Laudy

3 brilliant PEE paragraphs on the reasons for the abolition of slavery from Oscar E, Ben C and Byron M in 8L and Lily-Rose M, Max K, Finlay N and Angus V in 8C. They have selected great evidence to support their points, and explained them very well. Mrs Haunstetter

UPPER PREP *continued...*

The following U13 players all deserve a mention for their courageous performance last weekend at their opening fixture of the season – a tough tournament at Parkside up against some really strong schools. We were very unlucky not to be in the final of the plate. Congratulations to, Edward B (Vice-Captain) (8L) Christopher K (8L) Oscar E (8L) Oliver R (7B) Rufus J (8L) Harvey M (Captain) (8C) Indi D (8L) Blake P (7B) and Zak A (8L). Mr Cowie

Y8 Maths – Izzy D(8C) and George P (8L) – great focus in lessons. Mr Barratt

Year 8 sportsmen; Chris K (8L) got into the U13 Surrey Hockey team - one of the best 20 hockey players in Surrey. Very well done! Mr Cowie

Finlay R - attended Harlequins trials for rugby on Monday and is waiting to hear whether he got into the squad; everything crossed for you! Mr Cowie

SENIORS

9A

Ben H is a new student that gets on with his work independently during form time and sets the example for his peers to follow. Mr Annang

9J

Pippa T for always being positive in form time and making an impressive start to her GCSE PE course! Mrs Jennings

9P

Ruby B in the form has a fantastic attitude towards school life, setting herself high expectations at all times. Mrs Pengelly

My nominee is Ruby B for a super start to her English studies at KHS. Mr March

Ruby B for being incredible in netball, showing superb skills on court and impressive athleticism! Mrs Jennings

Year 9 Geographers; well done to all the Year 9 Geographers who have started Year 9 with a mature and hardworking attitude. Mr Laudy

Year 9 Science; 9h – Dylan N, Gabriel C and Kittie C have all had a fantastic start to Science this term – it has been wonderful to see them collaborating together in their learning! 9k – Dan G has returned to school with excellent focus in Science, wonderful to see and please do keep it up! Miss Patel

10G

I'd like to nominate Liam McB for a 'Mention'. I'm in several subject lessons with him and he has been focusing, engaging and working very hard in each and every lesson. He's also extremely polite at all times when I see him around school – I'm very impressed! Mrs Smith

Liam McB for getting up and performing very well in front of the rest of his GCSE Music group. Mr Allen

10P

Toby C has shown great maturity upon his return to school – he is always very polite and respectful when talking to staff! Miss Patel

Arlo S - helpful in English and always has the right attitude to learning. Frequently makes insightful comments. Mr Annang

10R

A mention for Zac M who is making a huge effort to be focused and engaged in all his lessons – I'm very impressed and proud of him as I know it's not always easy to do this. Mrs Smith

Y10 French group – All very focussed so that we are covering the work at speed! Madame Taylor

SENIORS *continued...*

11H

Tedd B-Af or always being so willing to help others and run errands to support staff and students. Mrs Haunstetter

11W

The whole class deserve a mention for their class Assembly; showing resilience and endeavour they got there in the end! Mrs Weston

Ben H for his improved effort and focus in lessons - long may this continue. Mr Sukhdeo

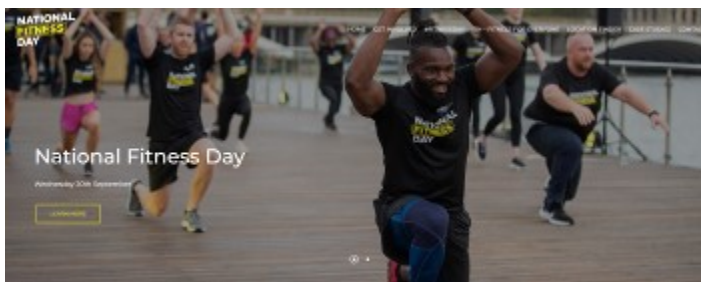
Y11 – Archie S, Bogdan P, Lukas C, Tobias v-H, Owen C, Ozzy S, Charlie L and Matthew M all showed great respect towards the Ecology tutor during the Juniper Hall field trip last week – a fabulous representation of the Y11 cohort even with the heat, well done!! Miss Patel

All of Year 11 for their impeccable manners and behaviour during the Field trip to Juniper Hall. Mr Sukhdeo



11W Assembly

Thank you to Form 11W and Mrs Weston who presented their Assembly on Wednesday based on [National Fitness Day](#) which fell on 20th September, and highlighted the role physical activity plays in helping us all to lead healthier lifestyles whatever our age.



The pupils reminded us that government guidelines advise at least an hour's cumulative movement and activity throughout the day for us; they highlighted the key benefits from doing such activity—release of endorphins to boost mood; increasing our immunity against disease; strengthening muscles.

We were all soon up on our feet marching, waving arms around and wiggling hips for 10 seconds each to get some activity in early in our day! It was interesting to hear what each member of the class took part in for their sporting activity or interest in their own time—what a fit and active bunch we have at the top of the school—great role models too!

House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 584

Marlborough - 617

Nelson - 648

Wellington - 657

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 849

Marlborough - 889

Nelson - 926

Wellington - 894

Kindness poem by Lec (6F) as part of our English Enrichment, and one by Dillen S (4S)



Kindness is giving someone a special treat

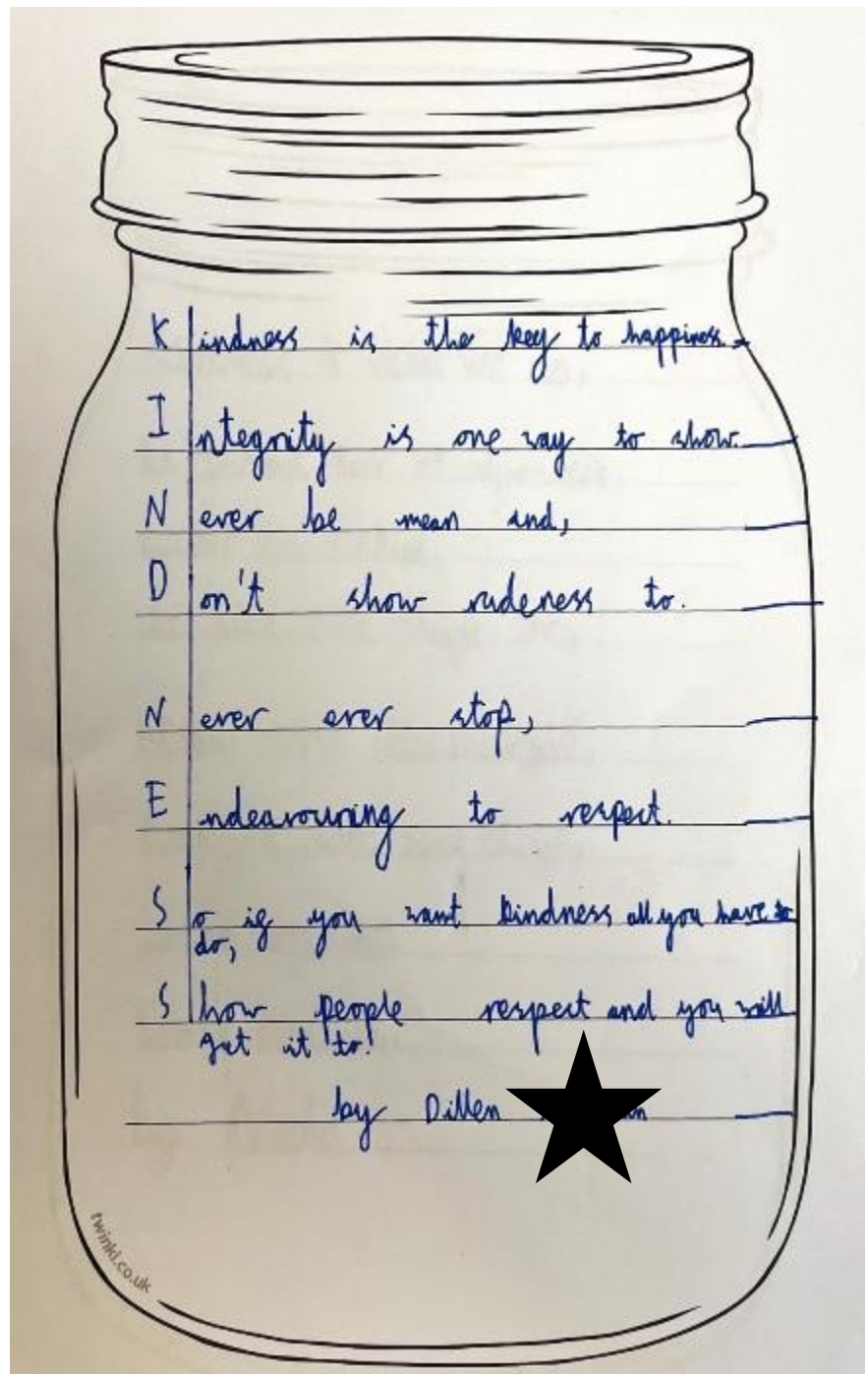
Kindness is being thoughtful and sweet

Kindness is always being helpful

Kindness is being as kind as an angel

Kindness is a gift from above

Kindness is simply love



SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our resident golf super-star Hannarah C (9A) who is a member of the Surrey Junior Golf Team who played in the final of the South Eastern region U14 Juniors at the weekend and walked away with victory!

Well done Hannarah!



SURREY HOCKEY
PLAYER PATHWAY



Mr Cowie was delighted to hear of Chris K (8L) news that he has been selected to play for U13 Surrey hockey which will put him in with the top twenty players in the county—fabulous!

Well done Chris.



Don't forget...

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

Dear Parents

*Don't forget the new dates and details for **October Half Term Kingswood Active** are available now on our website [here](#).*

Open to all siblings and non-KHS pupils too so do spread the word!

Any enquiries to

kingswoodactive@kingswoodhouse.org



Seniors Science News

Y9 student have been building their practical skills using microscopes to observe and identify specialised cells! They have been practicing their technique ready for the required practical to draw their observations! Well done Y9! Miss Patel



Year 11 have been the first cohort on a school trip this year – the students undertook their Ecology required practical at Juniper Hall and did an excellent job at collecting data on daisies using both random and systematic sampling techniques. Miss Patel and Ms Garrib



Bravery

Redefining bravery

Climbing Mount Everest, parachuting out of a plane or fighting dragons, all of those things are brave. But what about everyday bravery.

Bravery is...

- Showing up without knowing the outcome
- Doing something unfamiliar
- Risking exposure of who you really are.

Bravery can be...

- Asking for support
- Making eye contact
- Speaking to someone new.
- Doing something new.
- Going somewhere new.
- Sharing who you are.
- Telling someone how you really feel.
- Admitting you can't do something.
- Learning to do something that scares you.
- Saying that you don't understand.
- Admitting that you are hurt.
- Asking for what you need.

- All of these are acts of bravery

A timely reminder from Ms Timothy about what defines bravery—not always the big actions, but the everyday little acts, that can seem big, to us personally.

Hang in there everyone...

This Wednesday is

#YouthMentalHeathDay

which encourages understanding and discussion of mental health in young people, enabling them to live happy and healthy lives all year round. The theme for YMHD 2023 is **#BeBrave**

Whether it's building confidence in facing difficult situations, building social confidence through learning to work together on team tasks, or learning to have the courage to fail by doing something new no matter what the outcome, being brave can mean something different to everyone.

By focusing on what it takes to be brave, we can all have the courage and confidence to achieve goals and ambitions, and be the best version of ourselves we can be.

How are you going to **#BeBrave** today?

There is a brilliant, free downloadable resource [here](#)



History Creativity

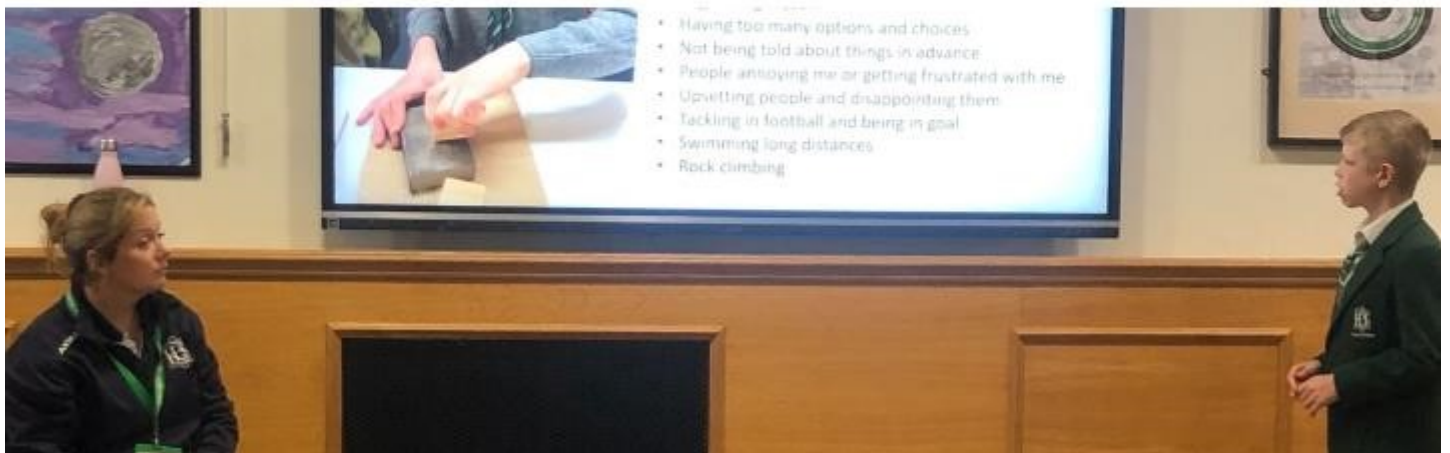
Learning in the Lower Prep this week consisted of, amongst lots of other interesting topics and activities, responses to the Great Fire of London and Ancient Egyptian death ritual.

In Year 2, pupils created a 'Great Fire of London in a jar' lantern and Year 4 had a go at modelling Canopic jars out of clay after some detailed research and study.



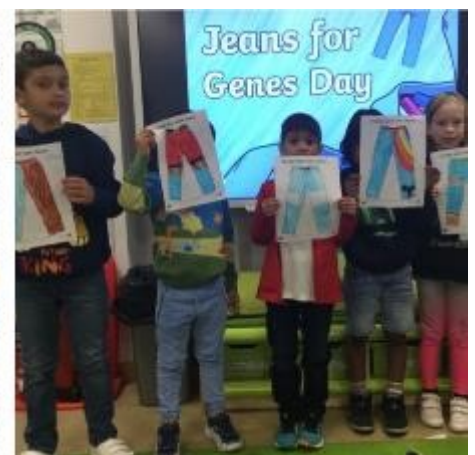
Well done from Mrs Martins and Miss Sumners for all your hard work and developing skills using a range of materials.

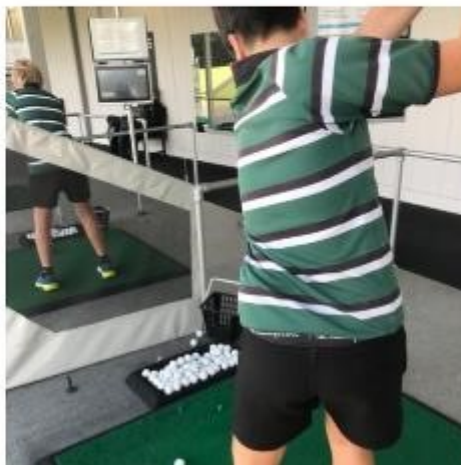
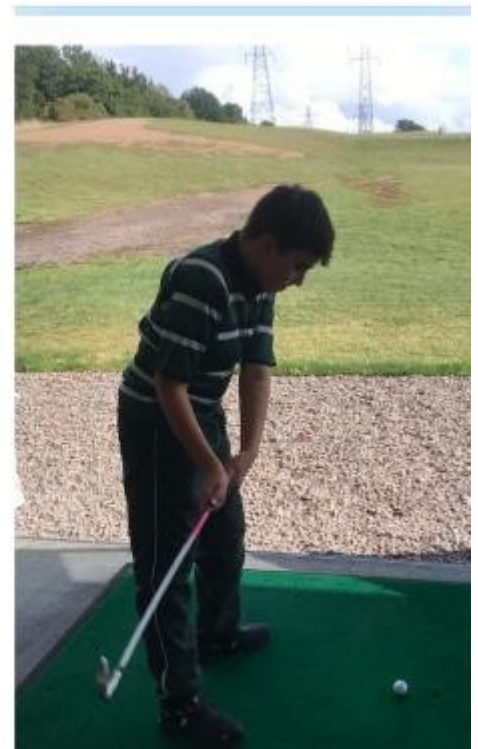




It was wonderful to hear Jamie C's(6F) presentation in Thursday's Upper Prep Pupil Briefing; he spoke confidently and clearly about how he experiences daily life in school, living with his Williams Syndrome which affects his hearing and processing. Jamie was very honest in revealing to his audience things he struggles and is less comfortable with around school, although his short list contained points we could all identify with.

Also this week the focus for Youth Mental Health Day was **#BeBrave** and it was clear, that by talking about his condition, Jamie was helping his mental health and being very open. We also enjoyed wearing denim mufti on Friday to support 'Jeans for Genes Day' and recognised that Jamie's condition is a rare genetic disorder.





Some of our Senior pupils practising and improving their swing during their Golf option lesson at Patchesham Golf Centre; grip, aim and set-up gents!!

It is great to see such a wide variety of sporting activities on offer to those higher up the school—wuth thanks to Mr Cowie and his departmental staff.



Next week, **English Enrichment** combines Shakespeare in performance and the Public Speaking Competition.

Your children may well wish to perform extracts from The Bard's plays to you over the course of the week! Enter stage right... *Mr March*





KHA PRESENTS

Cheese & Wine Evening

Join us for specially selected wines, perfectly paired with cheese and nibbles for an informal evening catching up with fellow parents and meeting some new ones.

Friday 29 September @ 6.30pm

Venue: KHS -Langlands Hall

TICKETS £10 PER PERSON

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Ticket prices added to school fees.



For Senior age pupils looking ahead...

INVESTIN
IMMERSIVE CAREER EXPERIENCES

STEM WEEKEND CAREER EXPERIENCES

**VIEW
DETAILS**

**Architecture / Computer Science / Dentistry / Engineering / Entrepreneurship
Forensic Science / Investment Banking / Medicine / Psychology / Veterinary Science**

We are running programmes in 10 STEM and medical science careers this term, available in-person in London or live online.

Students can expect to participate in interactive simulations and masterclasses led by industry professionals working in the field, with highlights including:

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| Medicine | Practise stitching up a wound |
| Engineering | Design the lift-off, journey and arrival to take humans to Mars |
| Psychology | Carry out a clinical psychology assessment |
| Computer Science | Design your own web application |

WEEKEND PROGRAMME DATES

5th November 2023	Medicine Architecture Entrepreneurship
12th November 2023	Dentistry Engineering Computer Science
19th November 2023	Investment Banking Psychology
26th November 2023	Veterinary Science Forensic Science
3rd December 2023	Art

21st January 2024	Engineering Medicine
28th January 2024	Computer Science Law Investment Banking

**VIEW AGES
15-18**

**VIEW AGES
12-14**