

Autumn Term
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Dear Parents

The creativity of our pupils never ceases to amaze me!

I was presented with a Lego model of the Music Room to inspect this week, courtesy of Dexter in Year 7, and saw buildings of the Great Fire of London recreated using recycled materials by some of our youngest pupils. I am also aware of an Art Competition Mr Fitzgerald is running to celebrate *Black History Month*—I'm sure our pupils will feel inspired to enter and create pieces around the theme of diversity and inclusion, after looking at the work of Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Black History Month was the subject explored by Form 11H in their excellent Assembly this week that acknowledged the sixty year anniversary of Martin Luther King's "*I have a dream...*" speech—thank you to them for enlightening us all further and reminding us of the importance of respect and treating everyone fairly and equally.

Thursday afternoon saw Langlands filled with pupils and parents for the House Public Speaking Competition; well done to all our pupils who bravely stood up, prepared and presented their Shakespearean response. Mr Anang said it was incredibly hard to judge as every speaker gave their best and brought the various texts to life. Thank you to him for organising the event, for parental support and to Mr Scott—one of our governors - on the judging panel, who gave up his time as well.

The Newsletter attempts to bring home a slice of KHS life as it has unfolded over the week; as you can see the myriad of learning opportunities and activities taking place, really does highlight our unique school which embraces pupils from the neuro-typical to neuro-diverse—we welcome and encourage you all!

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Liam Clarke



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

2023	OCTOBER	Senior Residential Trip to Krakow 11-13 October	
Monday	09	All day 1500-1700	Year 4 Egyptian Learning Day KHA Second Hand Uniform Sale in the Dining Room
Tuesday	10	All day 0935-1055	'Hello Yellow' Charity Fundraising Mufti Day Year 9 LifeLab Session 2
Wednesday	11	0930 1100-1200 1600-1730	Senior Residential trip to Krakow departs Lower Prep Forest School Harvest Festival Assembly at Christ Church Production Rehearsal
Thursday	12	1630	Tea Time Concert— <i>postponed till next term</i>
Friday	13	From 1530	Senior Trip returns from Krakow Break up for Half Term!
Saturday – Sunday	14-29		HALF TERM
Monday—Friday	23-27	0900-1600	KINGSWOOD ACTIVE to book and for further details, see our website here
Monday	30	From 0800	School returns, second half Autumn Term



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

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors - more details available [here](#); flexible hours to suit and good rates of pay.

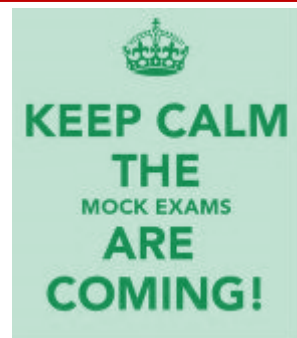


LUNCH MENU for week beginning 09.10.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon & Tomato Pasta; Tomato Sauce Pasta (V)	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Butcher Sausages Casserole; Plant Power Sausage Casserole (V) with Mashed Potato & Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Pears with Chocolate Sauce	Mexican Enchilladas—meat & veggie options with Sour Cream, Jalapenos, Salsa & Tortillas	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Chicken & Leek Pie; Potato, Cheese & Leek Pie (V) with Roast Potatoes & Veg	Fresh Fruit; Rice Pudding	Fish Fingers (V) or Chicken Goujons with Potato Wedges & Peas	Fresh Fruit; Cheese & Biscuits

Seniors..... Information about your **Mock GCSE Exams** in November is available [here](#) on our website.

Make sure you have a good read through and any questions can be answered by [Mrs Webb](#).





Please find Mr Clarke's topical thoughts for the week [here](#) and the pupils who have been the subject of a '**Staff Shout Out**' below,

LOWER PREP

All of Year 2, for being so well behaved on their school trip to the Tower of London. Well done. Mrs Martins

UPPER PREP

Class 5F for excellent behaviour during lockdown practice - Madame Swift

Zayn J (5F) for being helpful. Miss Hylands

I wanted to nominate Aidan K (5F) this week. We were revising Aidan's sound cards in Study Centre, and we came to 'ch'. Without being asked, Aidan said that he could come up with a sentence that illustrates all three sounds that 'ch' can make. His sentence was: "*The chef that made the chips made everybody have a tummy ache*"! Well done Aidan — very proud of you! Miss Wood

All of 6F for their contribution in reading Harry Potter during tutor time. Mr Fitzgerald

Jamie C (6F) for being incredibly brave in his presentation to the Seniors. Miss Hylands

To all the class for some lovely creative work producing their own Golden Tickets, linked to our class reader 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Madame Swift

Honor F (6S) for excellent contributions in class and being brave enough to volunteer to read in French. Madame Swift

I would like to mention in Year 5 Theo A, Phoebe W, Beatrix S and from Year 6, William N-B, Toby H, Eliza B-P and Honor F for a great first netball lesson with Miss Abbotts getting prepared for their first netball fixture. It was great to observe their efforts, and willingness to learn. Mr Westcott

Bertie L (8C) for being an all-round positive member of the form! Mr Cowie

Harvey M (8C) for scoring 10 goals already this football season in the U13A and U14A teams. Mr Cowie

Harvey M (8C) and Oscar P (8C) for excellent participation and effort in class. Madame Taylor

Form 8L were on fire in their Geography lesson last week, absolutely smashed the true or false game with excellent team work! Mr Laudy

Thanks to Peter S (8L), Ben C (8L) and Oscar E (8L) for helping out in a cover Computer Science lesson and getting everyone on track with what they needed to be doing. Who knew that Python is not just a snake! Mrs Haunstetter

Eddie B (8L) for some fantastic performances in goal already this season for the U13 and U14 football teams. Mr Cowie

All of Y8 for getting their prep in on time – no-one had to be chased. This is a first and made me very, very happy! Mrs Haunstetter

Mr Barratt says George P (8L) for an excellent presentation on black birds.



'Staff Shout Out' UPPER PREP *continued...*

Isla M (8L) and Indi D (8L) for leading a brilliant Pupil Briefing to all the Upper Prep pupils and introducing the Year 8 Prefect team. Mrs Jennings

SENIORS

Lauti Y (9J) for working so hard in GCSE PE and presenting his work to a very high standard. Mrs Jennings

Y9 French group, in particular Kittie C (9J) and Zac M (9A) for increased effort in class. Madame Taylor

Dylan N (9P) and Gabriel C (9A) for being so supportive with the taster day pupil on Monday. Mr Sukhdeo

Jamie S (10G) for his many contributions to our class discussion around 'A Christmas Carol'. Mr March

Jamie S (10G) for showing brilliant focus in GCSE theory and being incredible in Basketball during Games! Mrs Jennings

Arlo S (10P) for always being polite and helpful during form times! Miss Patel

Enzo R (10P) for awesome work in Geography; he's working very hard and it's paying off. Mr Laudy

Sam C (10P) for good effort in the start of his HPQ. Miss Hylands

Archie N (10R) a great History lesson on Friday. Really engaged and contributing well. Mrs Haunstetter

Nathan A (11H) – there has been some great feedback about how hard Nathan has been working in lessons, including what a mature attitude he is displaying towards his studies. Mrs Haunstetter

Henry S (11H) always attends the Study Centre with a positive attitude and says hello to everyone that he comes across up here! Mrs Angus

Ozzy S (11H) for his superb work on sum of a sequence. Mr Sukhdeo

Charlie L (11H) Ruari F (11W) Lukas C (11W) and Bogdan (11W) for their excellent participation in PSHE, when Mr Laudy Senior very kindly came in to school to talk about professions in Law. Mrs Haunstetter

Mrs Pengelly's Maths group for their superb effort in lessons and for their enthusiasm this term! Mr Sukhdeo

Mrs Haunstetter is the latest member of staff to set herself a physical challenge for a very good cause; her daughter has persuaded her to pull on her trainers and get in training for the London Royal Parks Half Marathon which takes place this Sunday. She is raising money for **Stem4** - a mental health charity for young people based in Wimbledon. I have enclosed a link if you would like to make a donation [here](#)

Stem4 is a charity that promotes positive mental health in teenagers and those who support them including their families and carers, education professionals, as well as school nurses and GPs through the provision of mental health education, resilience strategies and early intervention. Ms Timothy uses their resources a lot with pupils and it is good to spread awareness with World Mental Health Day coming up next week too.

stem4
supporting teenage mental health

15 Minutes With...

Mr Luke Allen, Year 7 Form Teacher and Director of Music

- Favourite car - the one that brings me to Kingswood House School every morning!!!
- Favourite place - my hammock at home in my garden, or my parents beach where I grew up (I didn't actually grow up ON the beach, they had a house too!!)
- Favourite food - anything Italian - with lots of garlic. And of course....*Muntendrop*!! Dutch slightly salted liquorice
- Favourite band or singer - get rady for the list...!
Band(s!) - Tokyo Kosei Wind Orchestra, Beatles or U2; singer(s!) - Rebecca Knight of the OperaBabes or Willard White or Bobby McFerrin; composer (if anybody's allowed one of them it should be me!!) - Mozart!
- Favourite film - Life of Brian - anybody who disagrees with that is just wrong!!
- Favourite smell - slightly damp, freshly cut grass or fried bacon
- Favourite sport / team or player - cricket/Somerset County Cricket Club/ Ian Botham or Colin Dredge
- Who in the world would you like to be? I'm quite happy being me, but if I had to choose it would be Bobby McFerrin - I've never seen him not smile when he's singing
- What were you like at school? - musical, sporty, lazy!
- What is an interesting fact about yourself? I've played at the Royal Albert Hall 34 times. I was christened on Christmas Day, with water from the River Jordan and Andrew Lloyd Webber's dad was playing the organ, but that sounds a bit nerdy and name-dropping isn't it?), AND I cooked Sunday lunch for Terry Waite!!! (that's my proudest thing)

And 12 choices, either / or...

Dog / Cat—I've got a mini Dachshund

Netflix box set / Cinema trip - **neither, would prefer going to the opera**

Phone Call / **Text**

Facebook / Twitter

Swimming / Sunbathing - **sunbathing if it means I'm sitting out in my garden (and can sit in the shade...)**

Take away / **Fine dining out**

Skiing / Surfing - **neither - mowing the lawn!!!**

Passenger / Driver - so I can read the paper and be in charge of the music!

Pen / **Pencil** - **a freshly sharpened 2B**

City / **Countryside**

Paperback book / Kindle

Colourful / Monochrome



SPORTS NEWS



JustGiving Menu Start Fundraising



Please support Toby H (6S) who is running 5K in aid of 'Cure Parkinson's'; [here](#) he explains how it is to help and find a cure for those unfortunate enough, like his grandad, to be suffering from this cruel disease.

Well done Toby, good to see you being proactive and using your strength and fitness in a positive manner for the benefit of others.

Emma Haselden

Toby's 5K Run for Cure Parkinson's

House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 564

Marlborough - 611

Nelson - 553

Wellington - 531

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 2015

Marlborough - 2114

Nelson - 2094

Wellington - 2021

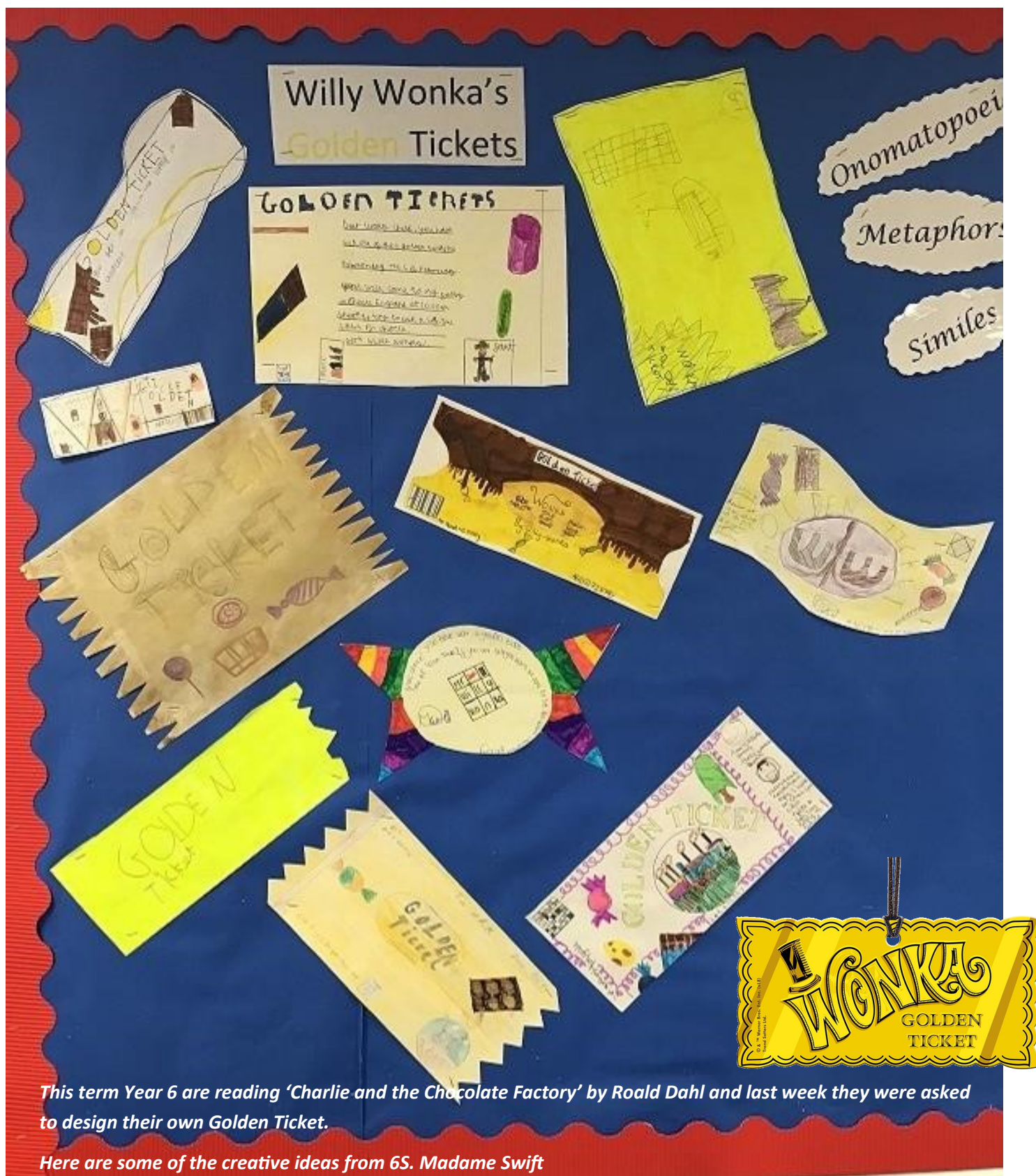


Historic Royal Palaces



Year 2's trip to the Tower of London





English Enrichment this week...

On Thursday, we held our **Public Speaking Competition** on what is also **National Poetry Day**, the theme for this is 'Refuge'. Our focus on Kindness poems and short stories, and our wider Kingswood House Way tenets of Respect and Integrity, sit very well next to this. *Mr March*

LOST PROPERTY! Another pair of glasses seeking their owner! Small grey frame, Converse design — please see [Mrs Harding](#) in the Office to claim.

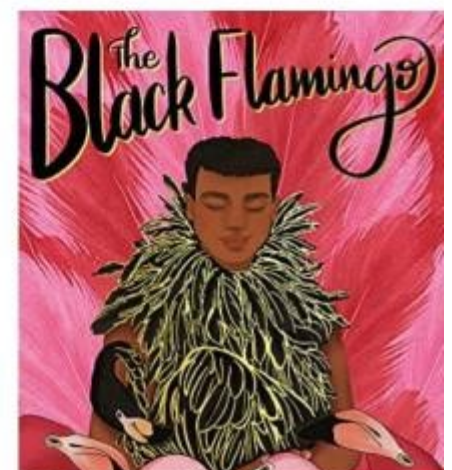
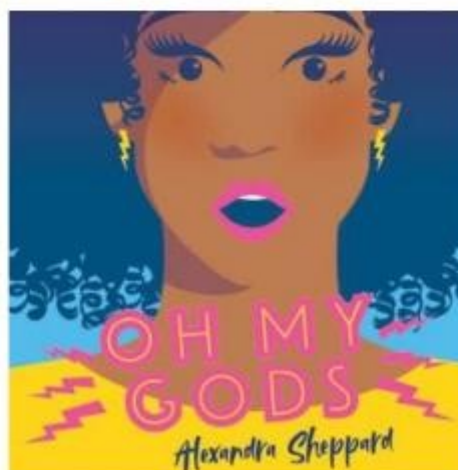
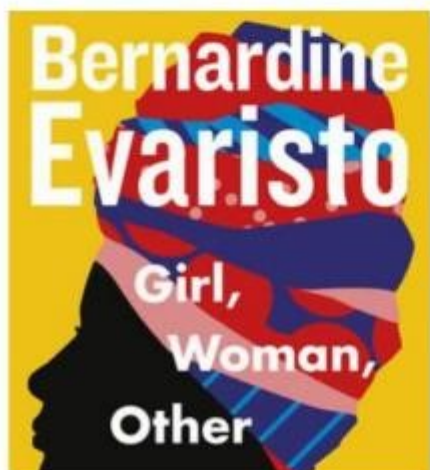
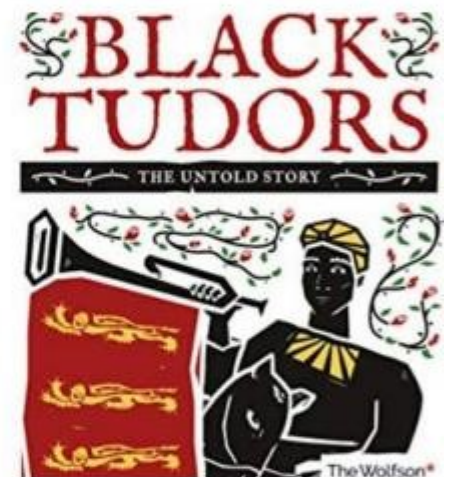
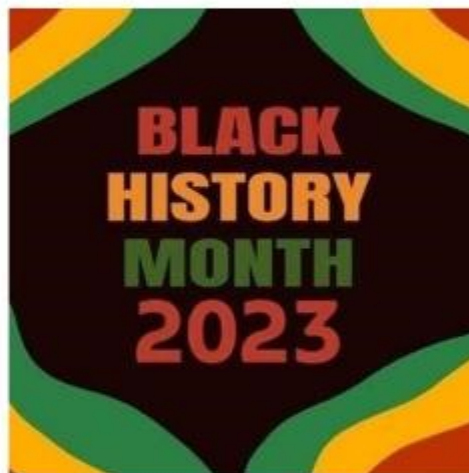
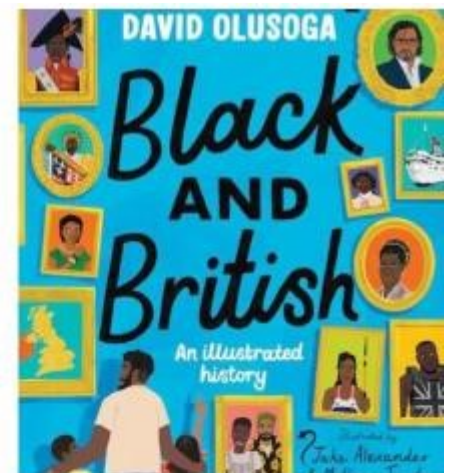
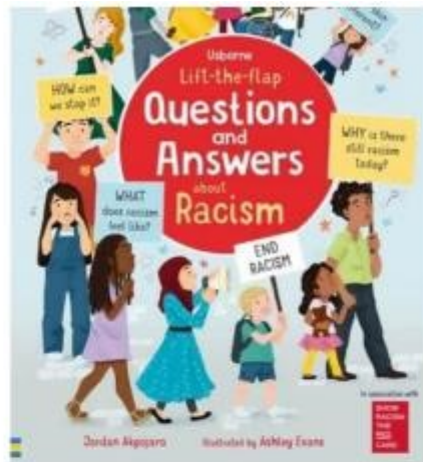


Mrs Haunstetter writes,

*“During October, we mark **Black History Month**—awareness is key and much discussion can ensue in Form Time, Teams, within cross-curricular activities etc. It is 60 years since Martin Luther King’s “I have a dream...” speech which will be reflected upon in assembly led by class 11H. Sadly today, as we know all too well, there is still much work to do to eradicate racist and prejudiced views. This was very clearly seen with the murder of George Floyd several years ago and the resulting Black Lives Matter movement. Through learning about the struggles and discrimination which people have faced, we hope that Black History Month helps remind us to all treat everyone fairly and equally. We should remember MLK’s words – to judge people not by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character”.*



Ms Timothy has found the following resources on [Tooled Up here](#), which might be a useful starting point for families to start a discussion and broaden their thinking and awareness. There is also a growing number of books for various aged children to explore the topics surrounding Black History Month; some of these are pictured below.



October's here, you know what that means,
 And no, I'm not talking Halloween!
 It's time to seek out all things **YELLOW**
 From sunflower, fluorescent or even mellow
 Glasses, hats or a small bow tie
 For some I hear you say, "...but why?"
 For around this time (yes every year)
 We wear the colour all seem to fear,
 All things **YELLOW** whatever the kind
 We do all this for **YOUNGMINDS**
 We'll raise heaps of money and spread the word
 That all young people need to be heard.
 Parents and teachers just like you
 Can be supported, that's what **YOUNGMINDS** do
 So come **October—the 10th this year**
 Come one, come all, without the fear.
 Let's join together and all be bright
 To raise the spirits of those in plight
 So services are there for all
 To catch them when they're in freefall.
 A **£2 donation** is all I ask,
 To dress up brightly and have some laughs!

Miss Timothy has come over all poetic—it is English
 Enrichment focus this half term afterall!—and been inspired to
 remind us about our fundraising efforts next week on Tuesday
 by wearing yellow to support [**#HelloYellow**](#)

*Please do join in if you can, yellow socks, a
 t-shirt, a sunflower brooch, high vis top...up
 to you! Any Brazil or Norwich City
 supporters out there? Or Australian rugby
 fans?! [Link to props PDF](#)*



About #HelloYellow

#HelloYellow launched in 2016 to show young people they're not alone.

Since then, thousands of schools, companies and communities have come together and made World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow and donating to YoungMinds.

This #HelloYellow, stand out and show up for young people's mental health



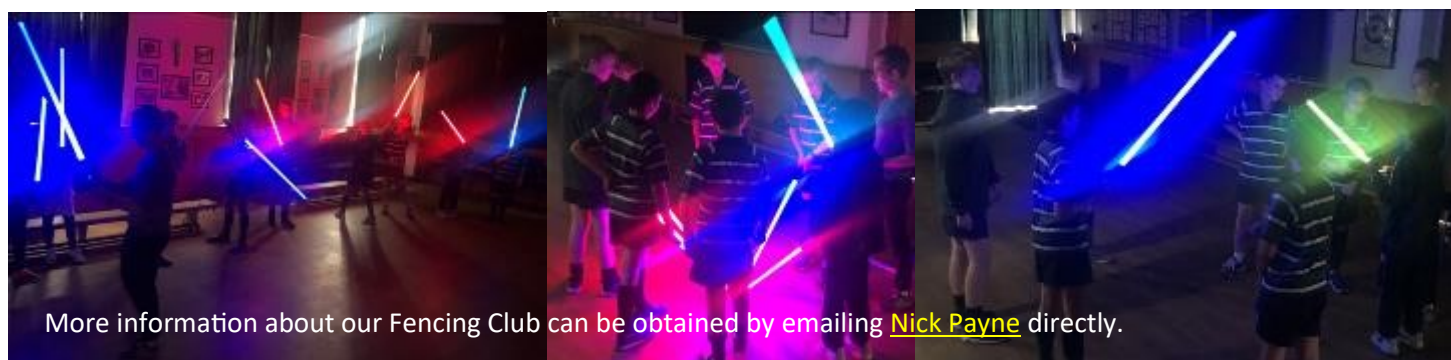
Our Year 10 Art GCSE pupils using the best light box going—the Art room windows—to aid their prep studies for a tonal self portrait.

Mr Fitzgerald has been very pleased with their work to date.

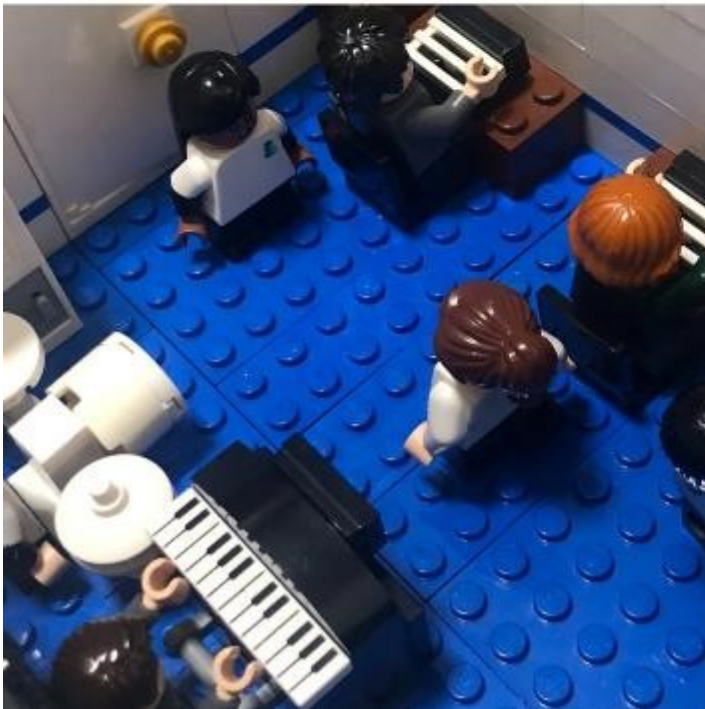




Fencing Club enjoyed all the 'Star Wars' feels using light sabres in this week's lunchtime session.



More information about our Fencing Club can be obtained by emailing [Nick Payne](mailto:Nick.Payne@school.co.uk) directly.



Y6 are learning about the Norman Conquest, so we were delighted that Hugo van H brought in some photos relating to William of Normandy.

Hugo had visited Caen Cathedral in France, where William is buried. We heard about how William's body exploded when it was being placed into his tomb, as the corpse was too big to fit in! *Mrs Haunstetter*



Last Friday Y11 had a talk in PSHE from Mr Richard Laudy, one of our governors, on a career in the law industry. Mr Laudy discussed the conventional way to get into law ie. going to university and getting a degree or the alternative, which is to do an apprenticeship. He discussed what is involved in being a lawyer and talked about all the many other jobs involved in a law firm eg. HR, IT. It was pleasing to see the pupils were engaged and asked pertinent questions.

Mr Laudy finished with a debate about a famous case, the Donoghue v Stevenson, or the “*Snail in the Bottle*” case. Thank you for giving up your time for the pupils. *Mrs Weston*

CAREERS IN LAW



Lower Prep Learning

Year 2 have had a busy week looking at recycling materials in Science and then using this knowledge to recreate buildings in their ‘Great Fire of London’ History topic. They have also been working hard in Maths using bar modelling to get to grips with place value, sorting and counting from zero to twenty. *Mrs Martins*

Well done to all our pupils who participated in the **House Public Speaking Competition** on Thursday afternoon; grappling with Shakespeare's text and words is no mean feat and you all did very well! A big 'Thank You' to Mr Scott, one of our governor's who came in to judge the speeches and Mr Annang for organising the event.

Zachary F (11W); Ivan T (11H)

Youssef M (10R); Harry L (10R); Avaneesh G (10R)

Pippa T (9J); Dylan N (9P)

Ben C (8L); Izzy D (8C); Lily-Rose M (8C)

Hugo H (7A); Blaine D (7B)

Jamie C (6F); Gregory C (6S)

Bailey M (4S); MaheNau A (4S)



Special mention to the following year group winners who came first in their division;

Year 11, Year 9, Year 6 and Year 4—you all receive book tokens!





Mr Murphy is hugely grateful to all those who sponsored him for the planned Royal Parks half marathon on Sunday. Unfortunately, he tore his lateral meniscus playing football last weekend and is now ruled out of all sports until the New Year.

He would like you to know that monies raised have gone directly to the Winston's Wish charity; furthermore, he will complete a half marathon in good faith as soon as his rehabilitation is completed in the New Year!

Inclusive... equality... Art Competition set by Mr Fitzgerald...

Black History Month - Art Competition

October is Black History Month and you are invited to create a piece of art inspired by the famous Pop Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Basquiat was best known for his involvement in the Pop Art movement during the 1980's for his street art style and his interest in human anatomy.

His work explores themes of identity, class and race by highlighting marginalised subjects.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JX02QQXfb_o

Create a piece of art (at least A4) that is inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat's work, you can use any medium (painting, drawing, 3D, photography...etc).

Look at Jean-Michel Basquiat's work for inspiration and see if your work can communicate a message of inclusion and equality as Basquiat did.

Due Tuesday 31st October - hand in to Mr Fitzgerald (Ensure your name and class is on the back of your work).



Black History Month - Art Competition

Have a look at examples of work from other students that have been inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Be creative and feel free to use any materials that you like, aim to create your work at least A4 size (but it can be bigger if you like).

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place and a chance for your work to be featured by Kingswood House School online.





KHA Fireworks Night! Back with a bang... Friday 3rd November from 1830

Join us on the 3rd of November for our annual Fireworks display in the school grounds!

You can enjoy a cup of mulled wine (made to our own homemade recipe) or grab a quick bite to eat from one of our food stalls (serving bowls of delicious chilli and rice, tasty hotdogs, or warming jacket potatoes with a range of toppings) while you wait for the main event. You can also purchase glowsticks, hot chocolate or toffee apples from our stalls to really get into the Autumnal mood! Look out for our full list of stalls in the Newsletter soon.. We will also be running the KHA bar on the night, with a wide selection of wines, beers and soft drinks. We are hoping this will be cashless but will confirm closer to the time. Please bring cash for all other stalls.

Tickets cost just £10 per adult and £5 per child (entrance only - does not include food)

Please use the [KHA Fireworks Night 2023 Form here](#) to book tickets or scan the QR code



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 for tickets. Tickets are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing many of our KHS families there.

KHA PRESENTS

The Uniform Sale

Second hand Uniform Items, All Ages

Monday 9th October 2023

3.00 - 5.00pm

Access via main reception, all visitors must sign in before proceeding to the Dining Hall

CASH ONLY PLEASE



The KHA AGM and Cheese & Wine event was a great evening enjoyed by all! Many thanks to Bacchus' (2M) mum who arranged for the delicious spread to be brought in.

See you at our next event!

