

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

A decidedly wet and windy return to school greeted us after the Half Term break but the week has passed in its usual blur of extra curricular activities and successes in and outside the classroom. The weather conditions quickly reminded us all of the need to have a warm coat and even something visible on our person—especially if walking or cycling independently in the dark mornings and evenings—be safe, be seen!

Two pupils have particularly impressed me this week with their sporting achievements undertaken in their own time; see subsequent pages to find out what they have done...

I was also delighted to see our Year 9 and 10 pupils grow in confidence—and voice—quite literally, when they attended workshops delivered by www.loudspeaker.org.uk. Sessions like this are so important for our pupils, as we aim to give them that extra 'edge', and the more holistic, all-rounded approach to an education that will set them on a good, advantageous course in later life.

I wish our Year 11 pupils, currently on a two day study leave period before their GCSE Mock exams start in earnest on Monday, all the best for the next two weeks. I hear the language students coped admirably with their Speaking and Listening exams which have already taken place. It is always worth remembering that mock exams are the chance to get things wrong to then put right, flag up any gaps in learning, and above all, begin to feel more at ease with the whole exam process which can be daunting for anyone. I am confident you will all perform at your best.

Finally, I am looking forward to the fireworks tonight which have been organised by the KHA—huge thanks in advance for all their work behind the scenes to pull off this popular event, especially with the weather being so unfavourable. Please stay safe at all times and enjoy the spectacle to come!

Yours sincerely

Mr Liam Clarke

Interim Headmaster



Never a dull moment at KHS!



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

2023	NOVEMBER	YEAR 11 GCSE MOCK EXAMS	
Monday	06	Morning	Year 4 Topic Walk to Epsom
Tuesday	07	0935-1055	Year 9 LifeLab Session 4
Wednesday	08	0845 0930 1600-1730	10P Assembly online Lower Prep Forest School Production Rehearsal
Thursday	09	1600-1730 1600 1800	Main Cast Production Rehearsal D of E Silver—Pupil Information Afternoon with Jeremy Hepworth D of E Bronze—Parent Information Evening with Jeremy Hepworth
Friday	10	All Day 1050	Drake House Day Remembrance Assembly



Toby H (6S) wants to say a big 'Thank You' to staff and students for supporting his run for the charity, Cure Parkinson's which he completed in half term. Everyone's generosity has helped Toby raise an incredible £440 in honour of his grandad. Toby also managed to beat his Park Run personal best time over the same distance and came sixth in the 11-14 age category. It was a bit muddy and slippery on the hills around Denbies, but he made it back in one piece! Very well done Toby—keep on running!



Thank you

Thank you for your generosity!

Due to our recent mufti days in school we were able to send off a cheque for £430 to [MIND](#) when we all wore yellow and £448 to [Jeans for Genes](#) being in our denim!

Lion King Production 2024!

If your son or daughter is in the school production of *Lion King* in February 2024 do look out for a Parentmail from Mrs Horley...there are advertising opportunities up for grabs in the programme if you have a family business or venture you want to tell others about, or a chance for you to send a 'Good Luck / Booster' message to your performer to be printed in the programme too.

Any enquiries do contact [Mrs Earl](#) direct.

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 06.11.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Spaghetti Carbonara with or without Bacon	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Leek Cheese & Potato Pie (V) with Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Apple Crumble & Custard	BBQ Chicken or plain Chicken; Halloumi (V) in a Wrap	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurt	Homemade Cottage Pie; Quorn Pie (V) with Steamed	Fresh Fruit; Cookies	Fish Cakes, Oven Chips & Peas	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts



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

AbdurRahman (2M) for a great Autumn sensory shape poem. Mrs Martins

My shout out is for the Year 2s; for a fantastic first lesson of handball, as well as being quiet and respectful, for the French exams going on. It was great to see them work really hard. Mr Westcott

Leo J (4S) for excellent maths mastery. Miss Sumners

UPPER PREP

Freddie L (6F) for reading regularly over half term. Mrs Seiver

Gregory C (6S) who was awarded a commendation for an excellent piece of sensory writing in English. Madame Swift

Toby H (6S) who completed a 5K run in aid of Parkinson's and raised £440. Madame Swift

A big shout out from Mr Barrat to Aran K (7B) for his sensible attitude to his learning.

Phoebe F (7B) for contributing well in our Gothic English lessons. Mrs Seiver

Eddie B (8L) outstanding performance in goal against Ibstock for the U13A team - lost count of how many saves he made and every player on their team and their coaches came and told him how well he played. Mr Cowie

SENIORS

Most of the Year 9 French group for brilliant work and sustained effort, in particular: Khishaan T (9P) Alex H (9A) James M (9J) and Harry P (9A). Madame Taylor

Mr Barratt says a big shout out to Conor M-A (9A) for his great start to the week.

Dylan N (9P) and Khishaan T (9P) for their excellent attainment in their first science test of their GCSEs! Miss Patel

Khishan T (9P) for his excellent contributions to our exploration of the play 'Macbeth' in English. Mr March

Josh McC for his politeness during registration. Miss Patel

To all the students on the Krakow trip, who were so engaged and respectful and fabulous company Mrs Haunstetter

The following students for their very brave and competent performances in the GCSE mock French speaking exam, which can be extremely daunting! Madame Taylor

11W - Lukas C, Bogdan P and Archie S

11H - Nathan A and Ivan T

10G - Avaneesh G

Mingwan K (11W) for his excellent effort with his preparation for his maths mock exam. Mr Sukhdeo

The Year 10 and 11 pupils who were on the Krakow trip - your behaviour was exemplary and it was a real pleasure having you all in the group. Mr Sukhdeo



We are looking forward to welcoming many KHS families to the school site on Friday night for our **KHA Fireworks Evening** but would like to remind everyone about staying safe, warm and dry during the event. The field will be EXTREMELY muddy—please wear sensible footwear! There is no parking at school, so please park respectfully of our neighbours. Please observe any safety instructions you are given and keep off / out of / away from certain areas. Wishing you all a fun filled night with plenty of 'ooooos' and 'ahhhhhhs'!!



House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 36

Marlborough - 45

Nelson - 48

Wellington - 30

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 3528

Marlborough - 3585

Nelson - 3668

Wellington - 3424

SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to Blaine D (7B) who participated in the National British Taekwondo Championships held at The University of Worcester during half term.

Blaine attends a Taekwondo Club twice a week and has been doing so for 18 months yet despite this relatively short time frame, Blaine won two medals one Bronze and one Silver for his performances. As a result he has now moved up a belt which is his fourth belt since starting Taekwondo—impressive! Well done Blaine!



Year 2 pupils enjoyed the challenge of their maths maze this week as part of the extension and enrichment tasks focussed on Maths this half term. Mrs Pengelly and Mr Sukhdeo have gone all out to prove that yes, maths can be fun!



LOVE WITHOUT LABELS

4TH NOV BOURNE HALL 2-5PM

An event to celebrate and support LGBTQ+ people in the community. Music, art and mental health.

Bar and hot food served. ALL WELCOME !!

FREE tickets



- Surrey Rainbow Choir performance
- Outline Launch, LGBTQ+ Support Service
- Anti-Stigma Mental Health Performance

Free Music Concert!

We're delighted to share news of this special FREE musical performance by the **Surrey Rainbow Choir** at Bourne Hall, Ewell on 4th November.

'Love Without Labels' is a day of celebration and community in support of LGBTQ+ Mental Health!

Free tickets can be applied for [here](#)



Many Congratulations due to George P (8L) and Zach B (6S) who both received their certificates for their recent LAMDA success from Mrs Jennings in Assembly on Wednesday.

Mr Clarke also presented Blaine P (7B) with his taekwondo medals—a silver and bronze—in his first British Championship competition competing above his age group and acknowledged Toby H (6S) incredible fundraising feat of over £400 for the Parkinsons charity in honour of his grandad.





We honour the service
and sacrifice of our
Armed Forces community.



Poppy Appeal 2023

Dear Parents and Pupils, it is time once again to show our support for the [Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal](#) for all war veterans.

We have the new paper poppies—no single-use plastic parts—available in the Office, as well as zip pulls, key ring fobs and wrist bands for sale.



There is a cash donation tin available or there is also a QR code which can be scanned to make payment. Donations of choice can be made for the poppies; the snap bands, wrist bands etc are a suggested donation amount of £2. Thank you in advance for your support and don't forget to wear your poppy with pride! *Mrs Harding*



Our pupils in Years 9 and 10 benefited hugely from a 'Loudspeaker' workshop on Tuesday in which they learnt many skills associated with public speaking and debating. The exercises and tasks they participated in will hopefully give them the confidence to speak out and let their voice be heard in all life situations from a first date to a job interview! Great participation from all.



Keeping Up with Current News...

On Wednesday morning, Seniors listened to an assembly about the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. They heard about the geography and history of the region, to help them understand more about how events in the past have shaped the current Israeli-Hamas war. They also heard about how there are ramifications in Britain from what is taking place at the moment. Upper Prep will also hear this assembly next week, which will be recorded and sent to students, in case they would like to listen to it again with their parents. *Mrs Haunstetter*



As it is ***International Stress Awareness Week***, Miss Timothy has been looking out for the staff—as she usually does anyway—and reminded us all of some simple and effective ways to manage and cope in those more tricky moments.

Her links and resources are certainly not exclusively for staff to use, do feel free, parents, to have a look yourselves...

[What is stress?](#) - an overview to help reduce stress and enhance wellbeing and performance in all areas of your life.

[NHS Mind Plan](#)—is a fabulously quick quiz to take that then unlocks ways to help take care of yourself; you can sign up (free) for emailed tips and ideas.

[NHS Wellbeing Audio](#)—these are 5-7 minutes long and talk through various topics – you can choose which ones are pertinent to you from these such as low mood and depression, unhelpful thinking, anxiety, sleep issues and low self-confidence.

[WWF](#)—5 Ways to use Nature to aid your well-being

[Interactive Stress Container](#)—we have all seen it before but a great visual reminder for you and your family about how stress can impact our lives and ways to minimise this.

Please continue to show kindness and compassion towards each other at all times to help alleviate and reduce stress in others.





From locations near and far, high up and below ground our pupils and staff have been caught ***'Reading in Unusual Places'*** over the half term break...Mr Mrach has been very impressed with you all!

