



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINE NOTICES

National Careers Week 6th - 10th March 2017



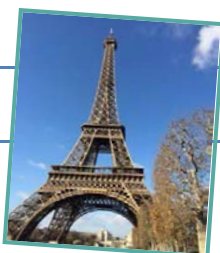
This week our students will be having discussions with their teachers about the broad range of careers that are linked to each subject area. Parents and carers are asked to encourage their children to explore the different opportunities and pathways available for their future. Further information can be found online at www.nationalcareersweek.com Alternatively you can email Mr Fatodu, Senior Head of House, via housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Year 11 Mock Exams & Revision Update

We are pleased to report that the Year 11 Mock Exam Week was a success with students showing diligence and good preparation. Year 11 attendance at our Half Term revision sessions was also very high. Parents are asked to encourage their children to continue to attend revision sessions. Updated timetables for Saturday School and after school revision sessions for this half term will be issued shortly to Year 11 students.

Year 7 Summer Trip to Paris

A reminder to all parents that the **full balance** for the 2017 Year 7 excursion to Paris must be paid by 31st March 2017. Payments can be made on Parent Pay or via the School Office. Please make cheques payable to Kingsdale Foundation School.



Year 11 PGL Residential Trip to Liddington April 3rd - 7th 2017



Please be reminded that an information evening will be held on **Thursday 16th March at 6pm** for parents of Year 11 students attending the 5 Day Residential Trip to PGL Liddington from April 3rd - April 7th 2017.

Kingsdale Arts on Instagram



Please remember that we now have an Instagram account managed by the Art department, who will be sharing art works, work in progress and competition details. Please do take a look and follow us! Our Instagram account name is **kingsdaleafs**

THEME OF THE WEEK

Freedom from Fear - Declaration of Human Rights:-

- *All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards each other in a spirit of brotherhood.*
- *Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.*
- *No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.*

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 10 Parents' Evening & Early Finish

Please be reminded that Year 10 Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday 15th March. Please note that school will finish **early at 2.45pm for all students on this day.**

Student Questionnaire

Please be informed that we have now opened our student online questionnaire to provide an opportunity for our young people to provide feedback on their experiences of school. The survey can be located here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CKHLV98> Please encourage your child to complete the confidential survey, the evaluation of which will be shared with students, parents, staff & visiting inspectors.

Year 8 GCSE Taster Sessions & Options

This week on Thursday 2nd March, Year 8 students got the opportunity to experience a range of GCSE level classes across the school in preparation for their forthcoming Options choices.



Students reported that they found the lessons informative and useful in helping them make their choices. This week, 'taster sessions' will be running in the Art Department for year 8's on **Monday 6th March** (Textiles) 3.45pm - 4.45pm in AR3, **Wednesday 8th March** (Photography) 3.10pm - 4.10pm in PS1 & **Friday 10th March** (Art) 3.10pm - 4.10pm- in AR1.

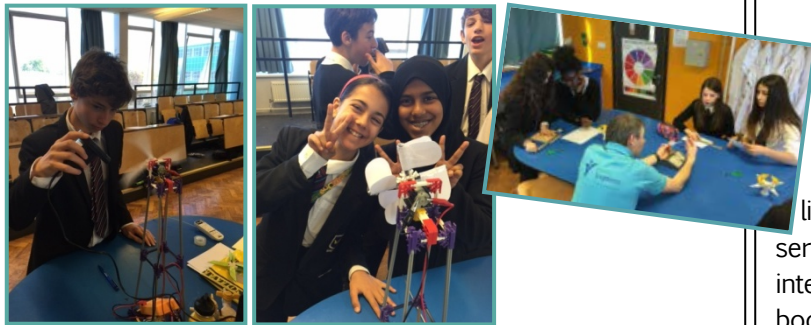
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Key Stage 3 STEM Enrichment Day Thursday 27th April 2017

On Thursday 27th April, Key Stage 3 Gifted & Talented pupils at Kingsdale will take part in an in-house enrichment day focused on raising awareness and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects.

For the second year running, Kingsdale will welcome the Young Engineers to run the enrichment day – a UK educational charity who develop activities and events to encourage young people to study STEM subjects and take up careers in Engineering.

During the enrichment day, pupils will take part in a variety of hands-on activities which include designing, building and testing their own energy saving products. Pupils will also expand their practical and problem solving skills and discover more about careers within the STEM subjects and the potential of an engineering career. The Young Engineers and the Kingsdale STEM Club worked together on an energiser Event last year which was aimed at designing and building wind turbines and solar cars which generate or save energy.



Please return reply slips to either Miss Lyall or Mrs Bhanot by **Thursday 20th April 2017**.

6th Formers at Societe Generale

On Wednesday 22nd February a group of 6th Form students visited Societe Generale; one of the largest banks in Europe, for a workshop on pathways to working in the City of London. Students met with members of staff, participated in an assessment centre activity and recreated interview situations.



Pembroke College, Cambridge



On Thursday 23rd February a group of 6th Form students were invited on a visit to Pembroke College, Cambridge, to look around the buildings and experience what college and university life is like at Cambridge. The students had a really worthwhile day and they represented Kingsdale magnificently. Unfortunately, this trip coincided with Storm Doris – which closed the Dartford Crossing and M11 motorway, meaning a 4 hour return journey in the minibus for the group! However, it was worth it!

Valentine Concert Thursday 21st April 2017

Our Valentine's Concert is an annual event that brings together staff, students and parents that are musicians to perform together in a variety of genres. It is also a platform for the sixth form musicians to showcase their skills. This year's event was to raise money for the charity MIND. We raised £588.61p

A huge Thank You to all of the performers for a truly spectacular evening of amazing musical talent!



World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2017

Kingsdale always jumps into World Book Day with two literary feet and 2017 was no different. The Library served a cool smorgasbord of activities, from the intellectually rigorous Harry Potter quiz to handcrafting of bookmarks. The photo booth in the Lower School library attracted many to have their photographs clicked with their favourite books! Of course, the English department took full advantage of the occasion, dedicating the majority of lessons to the pleasure of globalised literature. Students actively participated in the Extreme Reading challenge, posing for all manner of whacky photos depicting situations of risky reading. Crowd favourites included Soda-Pop Smith's ability to read while riding a unicycle, and Clara Yapp's agrarian depiction of her reading in a river. All entries are currently displayed on the outer windows of the English Office for students to view. Finally, as an interpretive exercise for students to get to know the literary tastes of their teachers, English staff were asked to post 'shelfies' (photos of their home bookshelves) for students to guess which shelf belonged to which teacher. Who would have thought Mr Mitchell was a fan of Silvia Plath?

A good day was had by all and we are already looking forward to planning for next year's World Book Day!



SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 6th March 2017

- Year 7 Boys' Rugby Away Game against Southborough School. Leave school at 1pm – return to school at 5.30pm approx. 2.15pm Kick off: **Mr Willis/Mr Price**
- Year 7 Girls' Football National Finals at Birmingham. Leave school at 7am – return to school at 7.30 - 8pm approx. 12 noon start till 3.30pm: **Ms McNamara/Mr Foster**

Tuesday 7th March 2017

- Selected Year 7 & 8 Runners representing Southwark at the London Boroughs Cross Country Championships at Avery Hill. Leaving school at 10.45am - return to school at 5pm approx. 11.30 start till 3pm: **Mr Price**

Wednesday 8th March 2017

- 6th Form Boys Football Home Game against Lambeth Academy. 2-2.30pm Kick off: **Mr Foster/Mr Price**
- Year 7 Girls' Netball Southwark Tournament at Allyn's School. Leave school at 9.45am – return to school at 2.30pm approx. 10.30am start till 2pm: **Ms Taylor/Mr Foster**

Thursday 9th March 2017

- Year 7 Boys' Football Astro Home Game against Langdon School of East London. 2.30-3pm Kick off. Approximate finish 5.30pm: **Mr Price**
- Year 10 Boys' Football (Fields) Home Game against Mossbourne School. 2pm Kick off. Approximate finish 5pm: **Mr Gavin**

Friday 10th March 2017

- Cycling at the Velodrome. Students Leave school at 3pm – return to school at 5pm approximately. 3.30pm till 4.30pm: **Mr Price**

Remember that all fixtures are available to view on <http://www.kingsdaleschoolsports.org.uk>

Sports Fixtures Emergency Contact Number:
07730263586

Ways we communicate with Parents and students

During the past academic year, as well as this News Bulletin, we have been improving the ways that we communicate with parents. These include:

Email/Text – Please ensure we have your latest email and mobile phone contact details.

Twitter – You can find us at @kingsdalefs
Our new improved website at

www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

ShowMyHomework – Used to share homework details and other school news via the Notice Board feature with students and parents. www.showmyhomework.co.uk



House News

RED NOSE DAY

Coming soon!
FRIDAY 24th March 2017

This week we are looking at:

Ghana

How your money has helped Raymond

If all you do is work all day, just to survive, there's no time to get an education. This simple, sad fact traps millions of children in poverty. Raymond used to be one of them.

Today though, thanks to you, Raymond is getting an education. So are many others like him. Your generosity has given him, and them, a future.

"Education is important. I will get a better job and can feed myself and my family."



Raymond, 14, Ghana

Follow Comic Relief and Red Nose Day on Twitter

@comirelief

@rednoseday

More news to follow next week

Diary Dates

Please remember that the full School Calendar can be found at

www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

Wednesday 8th March

Year 10 Full Reports issued via Go4Schools

Wednesday 15th March

Year 10 Parents' Evening – School closes at 2.45pm for students

Friday 17th March

Key Stage 4 & Key Stage 5 Parents' Forum