



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINE NOTICES

Happy New Year 2017!

We would like to wish all Kingsdale families a happy and successful New Year! We hope you all had a restful break and we look forward to another exciting school term.

Short Academic Reports

The Autumn Term Short Academic Reports are now being released for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 via our online assessment portal at www.go4schools.com Further details about the reports have been issued directly to parents. Parents who may have technical issues accessing the reports, are asked to please contact Ms Cowling at the school via the school extension 734 or email attendanceoffice@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Term Dates Consultation for the Academic Year 2017-18

Please be reminded that the consultation over the proposed 2017-18 academic year term dates remains open until **Friday 27th January 2017**. Parents who wish to contribute to this consultation or view the proposals can do so via our online link which can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YTQMNB> or by emailing the school via info@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk We shall be contacting parents again shortly with further information on the proposals, including potential considerations relating to the proposed dates.

Mobile 1:1 Learning Project



Following due process we are delighted to announce that our iPad distribution programme has restarted. As a result of changes to available products during the enforced delay we are confident participants in the programme will be even more satisfied than they may have been previously. We are so sorry that communication through the period of suspension was not up to our usual high standards. We look forward to seeing this programme 'Spring' into action shortly.

THEME OF THE WEEK

Choices

'There are always two choices, two paths to take. One is easy and its only reward is that it is easy.'

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 7 National Spelling Bee Competition



Some of our Year 7 students are participating in the national Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Spelling Bee competition for 2017. This is a very respected event run by Routes into Languages association with over 74,000 entrants from 600 schools across the country.

For each stage of the competition the students must learn 50 and therefore 200 words in total for the National Final. Each competitor has to translate and spell as many words as possible in one minute using the foreign alphabet including accents.

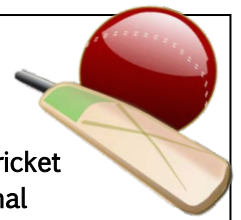
We wish our students the very best of luck!

Kingsdale Maths Scholars at the Science Museum

On the 14th and 15th December, some of the Year 7 maths scholars took a trip to see the brand new mathematics exhibition at the science museum.



The students spent part of the day in the new gallery learning how maths has shaped the world and then explored the other galleries the museum has to offer. We look forward to sharing details of more exciting visits and opportunities later in the academic year.



Southwark Music Service Nursing Tours

In December 2016, 11 of Southwark's most talented young musicians, including some Kingsdale Sixth Form students, toured local nursing homes with violins, guitars, saxophones, percussion, a cello, trumpets and a clarinet. They performed an eclectic programme including *Three Little Birds* (Bob Marley), *London is the Place For Me* (Lord Kitchener), *The Firebird's Finale* (Stravinsky), and the best-loved *Que Sera* (Doris Day).

They were very well received by the residents, many of whom danced and sang along - one gentleman started doing air guitar on his walking stick!



Southwark Music Service hope that the tour will show the next generation of musicians the positive impact they can make with their talents and inspire them to use their music in the community for years to come.

"It [performing for nursing home residents] was a brand new experience for me. I've never felt a connection between me and an audience member so strongly before. Usually when performing I can see members of the audience enjoying the music but I felt like when I performed here, they weren't just enjoying the music but also enjoying our presence more than a normal audience would... It was a truly unique experience."

Stanley Sorrell

Percussionist

Kingsdale School



"It was a really unique experience which I've really learnt a lot from"

Esme Cargill

Singer and jazz saxophonist
Kingsdale School

Kingsdale Girls under 15s Indoor Cricket Southwark Schools Competition Final

On Thursday 15th December the Kingsdale Under 15s Girls' Indoor Cricket team played and won the Final at the Kia Oval Home of Surrey Cricket Club. It was a great day for Kingsdale beating Charter School in the Final. **In total the team played 4 matches and won 4 matches!**

Kingsdale lost the toss and was put into bat first. The girls played amazingly well from the start.

Congratulations to the Kingsdale Girls who now go on to the Surrey schools Tournament Finals day in March 2017.

Player of the Tournament - Ella Webb!

Kingsdale Girls under 13s Indoor Cricket Southwark Schools Cricket Tournament.

On Tuesday 13th December the Kingsdale Under 13's Girls' Indoor Cricket team played at the Kia Oval Home of Surrey Cricket Club, coming in overall 3rd position.

Our Year 7 & 8 Girls' team played their first competition in indoor cricket. They had a great start winning their first 2 games comfortably.

The whole team worked very hard to reach 3rd in Southwark - nothing to be ashamed of. The team has had a very good start to the cricket season with lots more competitions coming up in the New year. Well done!

Diary Dates

Please remember that the full School Calendar can be found at www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

Friday 20th January

Parents' Forum for Key Stage 3 Parents - Upper School Library at 7pm

Wednesday 1st February

Year 8 Parents' Evening 5-8pm - details issued separately

Thursday 2nd February

Winter Music Concert in POD

Friday 10th February

End of the first Spring Term

Monday 20th February

Start of second Spring Term - Spring Term Short Academic Reports issued to parents

SPORTS FIXTURES

Tuesday 10th January 2017

- Years 7 & 8 Boys' Indoor Cricket Tournament at the Kia Oval. Leave School at 10.45am. Match takes place 11.30am until 3.30pm: **Mr Price**

Wednesday 11th January 2017

- Year 8 Boys' Football (B team) English Schools Cup Away game against All Hallows, Aldershot. Leaving school at 11am for 2pm Kickoff: **Mr Stewart/Mr Price**
- Year 8 Girls' Football 5 a side Regional Finals Away Game at Millwall FC. **Leaving school at 8.30am.** Tournament takes place 9am till 3pm: **Ms McNamara**

Thursday 12th January 2017

- Years 9 & 10 Boys' Indoor Cricket Tournament at the Kia Oval. Leave School at 10.45am. Tournament takes place 11.30am until 3.30pm: **Mr Price**

Friday 13th January 2017

- Year 8 Boys' Football Inner London Cup Home Game against Knights Academy. 2.15pm Kick off: **Mr Price/Mr Stewart**

Sports Fixtures Emergency Contact
Number: 07730263586

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



House News

Kingsdale collected TONNES!

We had a fantastic day of expressing Kingsdale's magnanimous community spirit. As a school we collectively raised almost 4 TONNES of food during our non-uniform day which coincided with National Christmas Jumper Day Friday 16th December 2016.



All the food was donated to local Food Banks in Lewisham, Lambeth and Southwark. We would like to say a huge thank you for supporting the School's efforts with this initiative.

The 4 Ls - All students are required to abide by the 4Ls: No Lateness, No Loudness, No Litter and No Bad Language

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

Look out for our new app launching in February 2017!



Communication

Do we have your correct email?

We are moving towards communicating more regularly with our parents/carers via email.

If you have recently changed your email address or would like to receive email communication, **please contact us at attendanceoffice@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk** with the subject **Email Update** and clearly your child's name and tutor group.