



# PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

Issue 13 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## THEME OF THE WEEK

**Forgiving Others** – ‘Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.’ – It takes two to mend a friendship, but it only takes one to forgive.

## HEADLINE NOTICES

### Enhanced Sixth Form Careers Service

Our expansion in careers guidance in the Sixth Form this year has been very well received. Every one of our Sixth Form students are able to access extra high quality and personalised guidance for their future choices after Kingsdale. Strategies to support students in this regard include the completion of a weekly careers development journal during tutor time, optional additional drop-in sessions with the Careers Advisor on a weekly basis and trips to businesses and firms, including those based in the city. Parents who may have queries about careers provision in the Sixth Form or elsewhere in the school are asked to contact Mr Fatodu via [housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Foreign Languages GCSE



Does your child speak another language at home? If they can speak, read and write any of the following languages: **Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Dutch, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Punjabi, Persian, Polish, Turkish, Russian or Welsh**, the Languages Faculty might be able to enter them for GCSE. Interested parents are requested to contact Miss Evans or Mr Hood in the Languages Faculty for further details via [languages@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:languages@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

### Consultation on 2017-18 Term & Holiday Dates

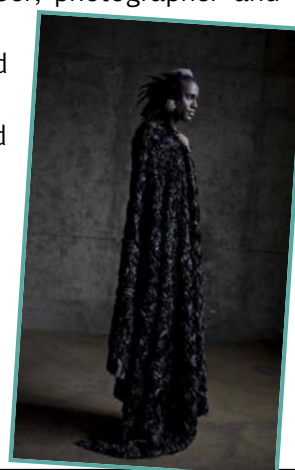
We are opening a consultation for parents regarding our 2017-18 Term/Holiday dates. The full proposals are attached to this bulletin and will be emailed to parents. Parents and carers are asked to share their views on the proposals either through our online survey which opens next Monday accessible via the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YTQMNBM>, via email to [info@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:info@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) or by contacting Mr Sear at the school. The consultation closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. We look forward to receiving the views of as many parents as possible. **The main proposal is that we introduce a two week half term break in the Autumn Term.**

### London Schools' Cross Country Winners!

Congratulations to Ben and Jacob Harrison in Year 8 who won Silver and Bronze in the London Schools Cross Country Championships recently! It has been an excellent season for them!



**Othello De'Souza-Hartley visits Kingsdale**  
On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, photographer and visual artist Othello De'Souza-Hartley visited the Art Department to talk to students and teachers about his work. It was very exciting to learn more about his fantastic work and the methods used. It was a great experience for our art students.



### Year 7 Football Success!

Congratulations to our Year 7 Boys' Football Team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the South London 5-a-side tournament hosted at Milwall FC. They performed extremely well with some mesmerising football. Well done to all players!



# SCHOOL NEWS cont.



## Talent Shows

### Music Concerts

**Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Musical Theatre Concert- Junior & Senior

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Strings Concert - Junior & Senior

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Guitar Concert - Junior & Senior

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Piano Concert - Junior & Senior

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Percussion Concert - Junior & Senior

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Woodwind Concert - Junior & Senior

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

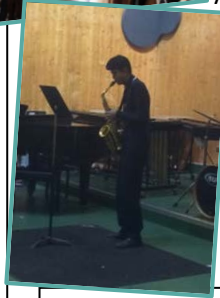
Brass Concert - Junior & Senior

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Steel Pans Concert - Junior & Senior

A huge congratulations to all the pupils and staff who took part in the 15 concerts in November and December 2016 from Year 7 through to Year 13.

December concerts will be listed in next week's Parental News Bulletin.



### Year 7 Talent Show

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Period 6 and 7 in the POD**

Audience will be Year 7 only.

Any talent, music, dance, drama, magic, poetry, gymnastics  
*(No parents)*

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Periods 5 and 6 in the POD**

Audience will be pupils from Year 8 and 9.

Any talent, music, dance, drama, magic, poetry, gymnastics.  
*(No parents)*



# SCHOOL NEWS cont.

## Kingsdale at The National Portrait Gallery (NPG)

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, The National Portrait Gallery's Schools Team invited thirty of our Year 7 and Year 8 Art students to take part in their Extended Practice (pilot) workshop. The students looked at and referred to key Self-portrait examples from the NPG Collection before taking part in three different activities/workshops:

Activity 1: Self-portrait Sketching (Features)

Activity 2: Self-portrait Painting (Paint application)

Activity 3: Self-portrait Gallery Tour (Analysis)



The NPG Education team was very impressed with our students' performances and who were highly praised as a lovely very cooperative group. We were all very happy with how the day went.



# SPORTS FIXTURES

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

- 6<sup>th</sup> Form Boys' Football Away Game against Burlington Danes School. Leave School at 1.30pm for 3pm Kick off: **Mr Foster/Mr Price**
- Year 7 Girls' Football Away Game at Bolingbroke Academy. Leave School at 2pm for 3pm Kick off: **Mr Dash**

## Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016

- Years 7 & 8 Girls' Indoor Cricket Tournament at the Kia Oval. Event takes place from 10am until 3pm: **Mr Price**
- Year 7 Boys' Rugby Away Game against Hayes School, Bromley. Leave School at 1pm for 2pm Kick off: **Mr Willis/Mr Foster**

## Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

- Year 11 Boys' Football South London Cup Away Game against Dunraven School at Langley. Leave School at 12.30pm for 2pm Kick off: **Mr Price/Mr Foster**

## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

- Years 9 & 10 Girls' Indoor Cricket Tournament at the Kia Oval. Event takes place from 10am until 3pm: **Mr Price**
- Year 8 Girls' Netball Home Game against St Saviours & St. Olaves School. Leave School at 3pm for 4pm start: **Ms Taylor**

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

- Year 8 Boys' Rugby Away Game at Hayes School, Bromley. Leave School at 1.30pm for 3pm Kick off: **Mr Ashton**

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



# House News

## The Meaning of Christmas

Christmas is a time to give and also receive and is about spending time with our loved ones. Christmas can be a joyful time but we must also take time to consider others who may not be in a fortunate position to enjoy the festive season. The Heads of House were asked what Christmas meant to them and here are some of their responses:

*"Christmas is all about families, friends and food. It is a chance to completely relax and forget about life's stresses. It is the best time of year."* (Mr Hodgkinson)

*"Christmas is a time of the year where the whole family gets together to celebrate the good times of the year"* (Mr Chan)

*"Christmas is a time to relax and spend time with the family. It's a time to reflect and look forward to the new coming year"* (Miss Fofana)

## House Badminton

A House Badminton Tournament will be held on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017** which will take place in the Sports Hall from 3.10-5pm - pupils wishing to represent their House should sign up for the competition via their House Captains.

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

Students must be in school by 08.35am each day!

# Diary Dates

Please remember that the full School Calendar can be found at [www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk](http://www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk)

## Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Year 11, 12 & 13 Parents' Evening 4.30-8pm

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Parents' Forum - All Years

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

End of Autumn Term (half day)



## 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](mailto:attendanceoffice@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

with the subject **Email Update** and clearly your child's name and tutor group.



## Consultation Proposals

**We would welcome feedback on the below proposed schedule of term/holiday dates for the 2017-18 academic year.**

### **Autumn Term 2017-18:**

Friday 1st September (**Inset Day**) to Friday 20th October 2017 (**1 day added**- Southwark Community Schools start Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September)

*Half Term Break takes place Monday 23rd October until Friday 3rd November - **5 days added to half-term holiday!***

Monday 6th November to Thursday 21st December 2017 (**1 day added** – Southwark Community Schools end Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December)

### **Spring Term 2017-18:**

Tuesday 2nd January to Friday 9th February 2018

*Half term break takes place Monday 12th February until Friday 16th February 2018*

Monday 19th February to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### **Summer Term 2017-18:**

Monday 16th April to Friday 25 May 2018

*Half term break takes place Monday 28th May until Friday 1st June 2018*

Monday 4th June to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July designated as Trips Day – 2 days added and 1 day taken [Wednesday 25.07.18] as two twilight sessions after school on a Wednesday**)

School ends for students on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (Southwark Community Schools end Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018).

*Based on 195 days*

### **Consultation Period**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017