



# PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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## HEADLINE NOTICES

### Year 7 Examinations Week 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

We would like to wish all of our Year 7s good luck with their exams this week. Don't forget to revise!

### Key Stage 5 Art, Textiles & Photography students visit Berlin!

The Key Stage 5 Art, Textiles and Photography trip to Berlin returned on Sunday having visited a range of historical sites, including the Berlin Wall, the Memorial East Side Gallery, the Holocaust Memorial as well as many traditional and contemporary art galleries and various other cultural sites of interest. The trip gave students an exciting opportunity to explore Berlin culture and art history, as well as enriching their coursework project, producing primary source material to inspire them for their A Level exams.



### Kingsdale journalists visit Parliament

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 10 budding student journalists from 'The Student View' project visited the Houses of Parliament to take part in a debate with MPs on the topic 'Poverty is Sexist'. Students were asked to think about the fight against extreme poverty and the idea that it is tied to the fight for gender equality, in particular, within education. Many had researched the topic in depth and arrived eager and ready with some difficult questions for MPs to answer. Using the journalistic skills, the students, have been practising throughout the term, they were soon asking MPs some very interesting and engaging questions. Archie Phelan's performance must be given a special mention as he was seen backing Desmond Swayne, David Cameron's ex-personal secretary, into a corner through his expert questioning. Perhaps we have our very own politician in the making!



### Year 7 Summer Trip Notice

Information forms have been sent to parents of Year 7 students attending this trip in the summer. There will be a Parents' Meeting on **25<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm** at the school. Details regarding payment dates have been issued separately.



## THEME OF THE WEEK

Lent

*'Christians believe that life is like a journey. Lent is a time to stop, look at ourselves and make a new start.'*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Kingsdale students are 'Love West Dulwich Lamp-post Banner Competition' Winners!

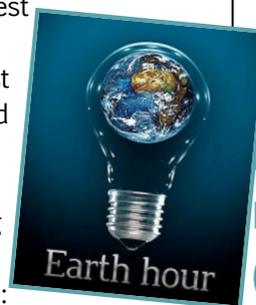
Congratulations to the winning students of the 'Love West Dulwich Lamp-post Banner Competition'. The banner designed by **Amelia Mitchell, Year 8**, and the banner jointly designed by **Rosie Kaniewska & Eithne Cox (Year 7)**, will be made and widely displayed on lamp posts in Dulwich. Each winner will receive a copy of 'Street Art, Fine Art' by Ingrid Beazley and one year's Membership of the Dulwich Picture Gallery.



### Earth Hour - Support Climate Change Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Earth Hour is the world's largest demonstration of support for action on climate change. Last Year millions around the world across 178 countries came together to show support for action to protect our amazing planet. Students can be part of it by pledging support here:

<https://www.earthhour.org> and then at 8.30pm on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March** switching off the lights to show political and business leaders their support for action on climate change.



## Diary Dates

The full School Calendar can be viewed at [www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk](http://www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 10 Parents' Evening – School closes for students at 2.45pm!

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parents' Forum at 7pm in the Flexible Learning Centre (see overleaf!)

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
Kingsdale Cultural Festival & End of Spring Term

# SCHOOL NEWS cont.

## Published Poets in the English Department

In exciting creative news, Mr Hutchinson's Year 10 English class has published a book of poetry.

The project began during their study of GCSE-related poems, with each student producing ten original works for the book. The rather elegant looking final product explores all manner of poetic topics and forms, influenced by everything from the romanticism of William Blake to the avant garde form and punctuation of E.E. Cummings.

Don't let the ironic title fool you – it's an essential read for anyone wanting an insight into what it's like to be young and alive and in possession of a sharp mind.

*Guilty Contemplations & Sad Existentialism: A Collection of Poems for the Blind* is available on Amazon, and – rumour has it – will also be stocked in the school store at a discounted price!

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss\\_1/255-1022755-6547034?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=guilty+contemplations](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_1/255-1022755-6547034?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=guilty+contemplations)



## Virgin Mini-Marathon Trial

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

at Burgess Park

Katie Balme 1<sup>st</sup>

Ana Duffy- Markovic 2<sup>nd</sup>



Ben Jacob



Katie

Jacob Harrison 1<sup>st</sup>

Ben Harrison 2<sup>nd</sup>

Anna

## London Boroughs' Cross Country Championships 2017

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

6 Students from Years 7 & 8 who qualified for the Southwark team through the Southwark Schools Cross County Championship took part on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the London Boroughs' Cross Country Championships 2017 at Avery Hill, Etham. They were:

*Lucy Donald, Year 7 Girls;*

*Josh Mungeam Year 7 Boys;*

*Annabella Guillou & Ana Duffy-Markovic Year 8 Girls;*

*Jacob and Ben Harrison Year 8 Boys;*

Well done to all that took part. This

was the strongest field London

Boroughs have seen. The Year 7

Girls Southwark Team came

1<sup>st</sup> overall out of all the London

Boroughs. The Year 7 Boys Southwark

team came 3<sup>rd</sup>, while the Year 8

Boys Southwark team with Ben

and Jacob Harrison came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. However with

a great result from the boys the team came in 3<sup>rd</sup>

overall. Well done to all competitors!



## Parents' Forum – All Years!

An invitation and reminder to all parents and carers, that the Parents' Forum will be taking place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7pm** in our new Flexible Learning Centre (FLC). **Please come along** to hear more about the collective responses from councils, teachers and parents to the introduction of **a national funding formula** which has the potential to have the **most profoundly adverse consequences** on all schools in Southwark and beyond for a generation.

## New GCSE 9 to 1 grades

Starting in 2017 with English and maths, new GCSEs in England will be graded from 9 to 1, with 9 being the top grade. Students taking GCSEs in England this Summer will receive a mixture of number and letter grades. English language, English literature and maths are the first subjects to use the new system, with most other subjects adopting numbers by 2019. Eventually all GCSEs taken in England will receive numerical grades.

### 7 things to know about the new GCSE grades

1. GCSEs in England are being reformed and will be graded with a new scale from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade.
2. New GCSE content will be more challenging.
3. Fewer grade 9s will be awarded than A\*s.
4. English language, English literature and maths will be the first to be graded from 9 to 1 in 2017.
5. Another 20 subjects will have 9 to 1 grading in 2018, with most others following in 2019. During this transition, students will receive a mixture of letter and number grades.
6. In the first year each new GCSE subject is introduced, broadly the same proportion of students will get a grade 4 or above as would have got a grade C or above in the old system.
7. You can see how the 9 to 1 grades compare with the A\* to G scale in the **GCSE grading postcard**.



Grading new GCSEs from 2017	
New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

### Ways to keep up-to-date

There is a lot of information to help students, parents, teachers and businesses understand the changes. You can keep up-to-date in a number of ways including the Government website which is located at:

[www.gov.uk/government/news/new-gcse-9-to-1-grades-coming-soon](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-gcse-9-to-1-grades-coming-soon)

# SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

- Year 8 Boys' Football Away Game against St Aloysius School. Leave school at 12.30pm for 2.15pm kick off – return to school at 6pm approx: **Mr Foster/Mr Price**
- Year 9 Boys' Football Away Game against Evelyn Grace School at Burgess Park. Leave school at 1pm for 2pm kick off – return to school at 4.45pm approx: **Mr Dash**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

- Year 8 Girls' A & B Netball Teams against St Olave's School. Leaving school at 3.15pm for 4pm start - return to school at 5.45pm approx: **Ms Taylor /Mr Foster**
- Year 9 Boys' Football Away Game against Carshalton Boys. Leaving school at 1.40pm for 3pm kick off – return to school at 6pm approx: **Mr Price/Mr Dash**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017

- Under 15s Girls' Indoor Cricket Finals against Ashcombe School, Dorking. Leaving school at 12.15pm for 1.45pm start. Finish 4.30pm - return to school at 6pm approx: **Mr Price**
- Year 9 Boys' Rugby Home Game against Bishop Thomas Grant School. 2pm kick off – finish approx 4.30pm: **Mr Stewart**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

- Year 7 Girls' Netball Away Game against Notre Dame School. Leaving school at 3.15pm for 4pm start – return to school at pm approx: **Ms Taylor/Mr Foster**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

- Year 7 Boys' Football Quarter Final Astro Home game against Bishop Thomas Grant School. 2.30pm kick off – finish at 4.30pm approx: **Mr Price/Mr Foster**

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

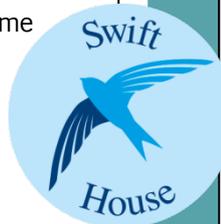
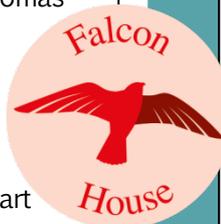
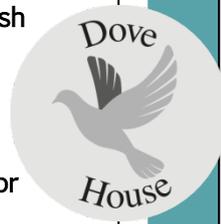
During the past academic year, as well as this News Bulletin, we have been improving the ways that we communicate with parents. These include:

**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](http://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](http://www.showmyhomework.co.uk)



## House News



Is coming soon!  
FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March

This week is Mr Chan's turn and he has been looking at Tanzania for Red Nose Day and how the money donated has been helping with Malaria.

### *How your money helps? Tanzania*

Following on from last week's story, the Heads of House have been looking at how your money donated for Red Nose Day has helped individual people.

### **Here is Leonard's story...**

When Leonard was 19 years old, his firstborn became gravely sick. By the time anyone realised that it was severe malaria, it was too late. The baby had convulsions and soon died. It was an experience that drove Leonard to dedicate his life to helping combat malaria.



**"When I realised my baby had malaria, it was too late. That pushed me to start working for malaria awareness."**

Now 35, Leonard volunteers at a local health dispensary in the Mahembe community in Kigoma, Tanzania, where he lives. He receives training in malaria prevention and treatment from the Tanzania Communication and Development Center, which receives money from the Comic Relief and GSK partnership to help fight malaria and improve health.

**"I always dreamt at one time to help the community when I was older. I feel very good when I help members of my community and some of them get relief because of me. It motivates me to keep working."**

Leonard says it is the memory of his firstborn who died from untreated malaria that drives him. He tells people about his own experiences in the hope they will not have to suffer the same fate.

**"I still have that drive in me and I use myself as an example. I lost my child because of malaria and I try to educate community members that convulsions are one of the most severe symptoms of malaria."**