



# PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

Issue 6 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

## HEADLINE NOTICES

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – 2.45pm Closure!

Please be reminded that on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016, the school will be closing one hour earlier for students at 2.45pm. This is to accommodate the high number of Year 6 applications we have received. Arrangements will be made where parents wish their child/ren to remain at school until normal time. If this case, parents are asked to contact us by email [attendanceoffice@kingsdale.sch.uk](mailto:attendanceoffice@kingsdale.sch.uk)

### King's College Medics Visit to the Sixth Form



Last week, representatives from King's College Medical School visited the Sixth Form to advise students on applying to study medicine at university. Students received information about the application process, including the UKCAT examination, as well as details of the extended medical degree programme. Staff from King's College were very impressed with the knowledge of the process displayed by our students, along with the quality of the questions they asked.

### Student Attendance

Please remember that we have high expectations of the attendance of our students. We would remind parents of the need to ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the changing weather to ensure that any absence caused by illness is minimised. Furthermore, parents are reminded that the school does not normally authorise absence in term time for family events and holidays. Students who are absent for such reasons will be recorded as having unauthorised absence. Thank you to all parents in advance for their support.



## THEME OF THE WEEK

### A Harmonious Community

*"If civilisation is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships – the ability of all people of all kinds to live together in the same world at peace."*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Gold Medals for Ben & Jake Harrison

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Ben and Jake Harrison in Year 8 secured a National Gold medal for their team in the National Road relays in Birmingham. Ben ran the first leg and put in a storming performance and then Jacob ran the third and final leg holding on to first position the entire length of the course! They were incredible!!



Two Kingsdale students in the top team in the country for under 13 road relays is pretty awesome!

### Congratulations to our Music Scholars!

Once again many of our Music Scholars from all year groups received various accredited music certificates at the start of the year.



Here are our Year 10s receiving ABRSM, TRINITY and London College of Music Exam Certificates. Well done to all!

# SCHOOL NEWS cont.



## National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day was a great success with staff and students sharing their love for poetry.

The English Department, decorated their area with their favourite and inspirational poems along with reasons for their choices which ranged from pure adoration, comedic value, life lessons and political messages.

This celebration was extended to the library at lunch with a 'Poetry Jam'.

Students and staff performed readings of their poems as well as viewing live readings from noted poets. Inside the classroom, staff facilitated the creation of poems between inanimate objects since the theme of the day was 'messages.' Students enjoyed writing messages between unlike objects resulting in an array of comical and emotional messages between, for example:



### Classroom Chair

i placidly wait  
no thoughts  
it is clear, my fate  
no fears  
when the noise begins  
no wonder  
i am moved away  
no home  
weight placed on me  
no breath  
i wish for when i am free  
no rights

Millie Ewell

## Pen to Paper

My world is that of lines  
Of angles and edges  
But you are all curves and loops and dips  
And as your life seeped into mine  
I knew I would never be the same  
They said you would leave me stained  
Because you are dark  
Where I am light  
It is funny because every time we meet  
It is you that is left drained



National Poetry Day

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From Syria

You cry with tears of blood  
You scream with voices of thunder  
You run with feet in tow  
Yet there is nowhere to go

The battle within you rages  
You cry, you scream, you run  
And still: you fight  
You fight with guns of fire  
You devastated with men of fury  
But still no one knows your story

So as you mourn over what is lost  
As you trample on what is not  
Remember; you war not against yourself  
But against the thousands watching  
Those splattered in your blood writing

So remember as you turn and toss  
This war will not be lost.

Bethany Etioloja

### The Toothbrush to the Bicycle Tire

They told me that I was meant for the cleaner life;  
that you would drag me through the mud.  
They said that you would tread all over me,  
that they could see right through you,  
that you were full of hot air;  
that I would always be chasing,  
always watching you disappear after sleeker models-  
that it would be a vicious cycle.  
But I know better. I know about your rough edges  
and I have seen your perfect curves.

And I know we live in different worlds,  
and we're always really busy,  
but in my dreams you spin around me so fast, I always wake up dizzy.  
So maybe one day you'll grow tired of the road  
and roll on back to me.  
And when I blink my eyes into morning,  
your smile will be the only one I see.

Sarah Kay



# SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

- Year 8 Girls' Basketball Away Game against Evelyn Grace School. Leaving school at 3pm for 4pm start: **Ms McNamara**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

- Year 8 Boys' Rugby Met Schools Tournament at Old Colffians RFC. Taking place 12.30pm till 5pm: **Mr Ashton/Mr Price**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Year 7 Boys' B-team Football English Schools Cup Home Game against Erith School. Leaving school at 1.15pm for 2.30pm Kick Off: **Mr Price/Mr Foster**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

- Year 11 Boys' Basketball Away Game at Peckham Academy. Leave school at 2.15pm for 3.15pm start: **Mr Dash**
- Year 7 Boys' Rugby Met Kent Tournament at Erith RFU. Taking place 12.30pm til 5pm: **Mr Wills/Mr Price**

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



## House News

### Duke of Edinburgh Award Information Evening for Year 10

A brief note to say thank you to all the parents who attended the information evening for Year 10 this week. If your child is still interested in joining the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme this academic year, please ask them to see Ms. Cawrey at lunchtime or after school for a registration form.

### House Captains

All Heads of House are now in the process of allocating their House Captains. If your child wishes to help lead their House with the numerous activities happening throughout the year, please ask them to contact their Heads of House for further details.

### Mandarin Classes

Every Monday 3.50pm-4.50pm Room, Sc6 Mandarin classes continue this week after school in Room SC6. These enjoyable and challenging sessions are well attended and receive very positive feedback from the students. Mr Fatodu looks forward to many additional students who have expressed an interest, joining the class. Further details can be obtained from Mr Fatodu via email [housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

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!

## Notice - Car Drivers!

Parents who drive their child/ren to school are asked to take special care not to park, pick-up or set down, outside the school on the yellow zig zag lines or in front of local driveways. Thank you for your co-operation in advance.

## Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Year 7 Settling in Evening - details issued separately

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

End of 1<sup>st</sup> Autumn Term & Parents' Forum All Years

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Autumn Term



### 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](mailto:attendanceoffice@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) with the subject **Email Update** and clearly your child's name and tutor group.