End/Start of Term Arrangements

A reminder to all parents and carers that the school will break-up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 21st December 2018. Please be advised that this day will end earlier than normal. Details issued separately. Friday 21st December has also been designated as a non-uniform day. See House Notices for further information.

Year 11 students are required to attend school at 9.30am on Friday 4th January 2019. School resumes for other students on Monday 7th January at 8.25am at the normal time. Full information on term/holiday dates can be found on our website www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

London Girls’ Day Schools Trust Bake-Off Finals Winner!

Huge congratulations to Anya Lucas (7SMP) for coming joint first in the London GDST Bake-Off Final. Anya wowed the judges with a gorgeous red velvet panda cupcake.

What an amazing achievement! Well done Anya!

Blessing Ceremony at St. Stephen’s Church

On a brisk Monday morning this week, four of our students were invited by Father Bernhard of St. Stephen’s Church, Dulwich, to attend a blessing ceremony with a difference. The church has recently installed solar panels on the roof of its community hall. This not only supplies energy for the church as a whole but also feeds any excess energy created into the National Grid. The ceremony included a short prayer and a hymn to mark the official usage of the solar panels. We were also joined by a number of the St. Stephen’s congregation as well as our local MP Helen Hayes. Our students were delighted to be representing Kingsdale on this memorable community occasion.

House News

Year 9 Debate Squad Featured on Sky TV

Over the last two weeks Kingsdale’s Year 9 Debate Squad, under the keen tutelage of Mr Hutchinson, have been invited to attack all manner of controversial subject matter for Sky TV’s new youth-focused news show FYI. With typical intellectual aplomb the team savaged issues ranging from immigration to NASA to personalised pet costumes. At some point Brexit was also mentioned.

Thanks to all involved. If you want to see the results you can find the show online at: https://live.firstnews.co.uk/fyi/sky-kids-fyi/

Theme & Word of the Week

‘Somehow, not only for Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes back to you.’

Denouement

The final part of a play, film or narrative in which the strands of the plot are drawn together and matters are explained or resolved.

Diary Dates

The full School Calendar can be viewed at www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

Friday 21st December 2018
End of Autumn Term – School ends early for students
Parents’ Forum (All Years) starting at the earlier time of 6pm

Friday 4th January 2019
Year 11 students required to be in school for 9.30am

Monday 7th January 2019
Start of 1st Spring Half-Term for all other students
Celebrating Wonderful Christmas Music Concerts!

A staggering 21 concerts have taken place in November and December 2018 with the participation of a large number of the wonderful musicians that we have at Kingsdale School. There was a broad range of music featuring every type of instrument as well as voice, i.e. strings, brass, woodwind, percussions, guitars and ten Steel Pan Bands. Each concert showcased the phenomenal talent founded at the music department at Kingsdale. We would like to thank all the students and staff who worked hard to make these concerts such a huge success!

You can hear many of the performances online via the music section of our website here.

ALL WELCOME!

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite parents to the Winter Concert on the 24th January at 7pm in the POD and on the 28th February – the highlight of the year – the Valentine’s Concert which features parents, staff and Sixth Form students.
**Book of the Week**

*Recommended by teachers, librarians, pupils and parents*

**Book Title:** How I Live Now

**Author:** Meg Rossof

**Age Range:** 12+

Why students should read it:

Barcelona, 1945 - just after the war, a great world city lies in a shadow, nursing its wounds, and a boy named Daniel awakes on his eleventh birthday to find that he can no longer remember his mother’s face. To console his only child, Daniel's widowed father, an antiquarian book dealer, initiates him into the secret of the Cemetery of Forgotten Books, a library tended by Barcelona’s guild of rare-book dealers as a repository for books forgotten by the world, waiting for someone who will care about them again.

Daniel’s father coaxes him to choose a volume from the spiralling labyrinth of shelves, one that, it is said, will have a special meaning for him. And Daniel so loves the novel he selects, The Shadow of the Wind by one Julian Carax, that he sets out to find the rest of Carax’s work. To his shock, he discovers that someone has been systematically destroying every copy of every book this author has written. In fact, he may have the last one in existence. Before Daniel knows it his seemingly innocent quest has opened a door into one of Barcelona’s darkest secrets, an epic story of murder, magic, madness and doomed love. And before long he realizes that if he doesn’t find out the truth about Julian Carax, he and those closest to him will suffer horribly.

Email us your recommendations at: library@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

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**SPORTS FIXTURES**

**Monday 17th December 2018**
- Year 10 Boys’ Football Away Game against UAE at Dulwich Common. Leave school at 1pm. 2.30pm kick off. Return 4.30pm approx. Mr Foster/Mr Price
- Year 7 Boys’ Rugby Away Game against Carshalton Boys’ School. Leave school at 1.30pm. Return at 5.30pm approx. 3.45pm kick off: Mr Morse

**Tuesday 18th December 2018**
- Year 8 & 9 Girls’ Rugby Away Game against Bishop Thomas Grant School. Leave school at 2.15pm. Return at 5pm approx. 3pm start: Mr Bartlett
- Year 7 Boys’ Basketball Away Game against Elm-Green School. Leave school at 3pm. Return at 5pm approx. 3.15pm start: Mr Attenborough-Warren/Mr Foster
- Year 9 Boys’ Football Away Game against Mossbourne Academy. Leave school at 2.30pm. Return at 6.30pm approx. 2pm kick off: Mr Price
- Year 7 Boys’ Football School Astro Home Game against Sacred Heart School. 2.30pm kick off. Finish at 4.30pm approx: Mr Attenborough-Warren/Mr Foster
- Year 7 Boys’ Rugby Away Game against Harris Academy Beckenham. Leave school at 1.45pm. Return at 5pm approx. 2.30pm kick off: Mr Morse

**Wednesday 19th December 2018**
- Year 9 Boys’ Football Away Game against Mossbourne Academy. Leave school at 2.30pm. Return at 6.30pm approx. 2pm kick off: Mr Price
- Year 7 Boys’ Football School Astro Home Game against Sacred Heart School. 2.30pm kick off. Finish at 4.30pm approx: Mr Attenborough-Warren/Mr Foster
- Year 7 Boys’ Rugby Away Game against Harris Academy Beckenham. Leave school at 1.45pm. Return at 5pm approx. 2.30pm kick off: Mr Morse

**Thursday 20th December 2018**
- Year 7 & 8 Girls’ Netball Away Game against Kidbrook School. Leave school at 3pm. Return at 6pm approx. 4pm start: Ms Ceesay/Mr Foster

Remember that all fixtures are available to view on [http://www.kingsdaleschoolsports.org.uk](http://www.kingsdaleschoolsports.org.uk)

Sports Fixtures Emergency Contact Number: 07852336724

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**HOUSE NEWS**

**Non-Uniform Day – Friday 21st December**

Friday 21st December 2018 has been designated as a non-uniform day. Students who attend school on this day in their own clothes will be asked to contribute £1 towards their chosen House Charities.

**Jack Petchey Award Winners 2018-19**

It gives us great pleasure to announce the first phase of our Jack Petchey Foundation Award Winners for this academic year 2018-19. All students have been nominated by their teachers for the outstanding contribution to their work or to the school community since September 2018.

Huge Congratulations go to:

- **Abdul Rahman Omotosho**
  Year 8 (Swift)
- **Molly Jones**
  Year 8 (Dove)
- **Ade Kayode**
  Year 9 (Eagle)
- **Lilly Somerside**
  Year 9 (Falcon)

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