



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINE NOTICES

Half Term 13th – 17th February 2017

We would like to wish all families a restful half term and look forward to seeing our students refreshed and ready for the new half term on Monday 20th February at 8.30am.

Winter Concert Thursday 2nd February 2017

The Winter Concert took place in the POD on Thursday 2nd February. 200 pupils, of all abilities took part, with Year 7s performing alongside Year 13s. There were 17 ensembles, featuring every genre of music. It was a wonderful display of the outstanding talent of Kingsdale musicians.



Year 11 Mock Examination Week 20th – 24th February 2017

We would like to wish all of our Year 11s good luck with their mock exams on their return to school after half term. The full schedules for half term revision classes have been issued directly to students and are also available on our website.

Year 11 parents are asked to note that on Wednesday 22nd February, the Year 11 mock examinations will conclude at 4pm to accommodate the time allocations for subjects scheduled for the afternoon session. **Year 11 students will therefore finish school approximately 15 minutes later on this day.**

THEME OF THE WEEK

*We are what we repeatedly do
'We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but rather we have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.'*

SCHOOL NEWS

Study Skills Evening for Key Stage 4

Recently our Year 10 & 11 students attended a study skills event to provide essential tips and advice on how to revise and prepare for exams effectively. This was followed on the evening of 25th January, when students and parents from



Key Stage 4 were invited to attend a study skills seminar. The event was an activity based interactive workshop that empowered parents to feel more confident about how to help their child develop the essential study techniques to succeed in their revision for GCSE preparations.

Parents commented:

'The thing that I found most useful was to read the questions properly and only answer what the question asked - it was good exam technique,'
Miss Fuller

'This was helpful for planning, as they had a clear plan how you could map the subjects,'
Mrs Hurtado

Students commented that the event was worthwhile because:

'There were many effective revision methods that helped me, for example, using the mind map for one subject and then splitting this into smaller sections,'
Loretta Francis

Year 8 Options Evening 22nd February 2017

We will be holding an Options Evening for all Year 8 students and their parents on **Wednesday 22nd February** to enable them to meet with subject specialists and receive guidance on the upcoming Options process. They will also be issued with the Options Handbook, which contains information on the options procedure. Further details have been issued separately.

Kingsdale Strings at the Royal Festival Hall 30th January 2017

Kingsdale string players were invited to take part in a workshop on Monday 30th January 2017. This was followed by a concert in the Clore Ballroom at the Royal Festival Hall led by Scott Stroman, a renowned conductor. Fifty pupils took part in the performance alongside several other schools from Southwark.



On the 25th January, Kingsdale's budding journalists met for the first time in their respective 'newsrooms' for *The Student View*.

The Student View is a charitable organisation which trains young people as journalists to give them the chance to share their world through words. *The Student View* allows the students to work with a Masters-level trained journalist and write about things they are passionate about and interested in. For their first articles, the journalists have been charged with writing 'listicles', investigating particularly hot topics like the '9¾ Reasons Why Harry Potter is the Best Fiction Series,' and motivational winners like the '5 Reasons Why You Should Believe in Yourself'.

It was also exciting for many students to welcome back Solomon Elliott, former Teacher of English at Kingsdale, who founded the *The Student View* and is now working with schools throughout the country.

Keep your eyes peeled for students' articles on www.thestudentview.org

Kingsdale Hockey Team Victory



The Kingsdale Under-13s Mixed Hockey Team won their first game of the season beating St Thomas the Apostle College 4-1. It was a very good all-round performance with a special mention to Nathan Jackson for scoring a hat trick, Blythe Ritchie for being called up to the under 13 England Hockey team. Special thanks to Tom Harvey, Year 9 for refereeing.



Inner London Cup Quarter Final Tuesday 7th February

A great win for the Kingsdale Year 7 team against Woolwich Poly School 4-1 in the Inner London Cup Quarter Final! We had goals from Santiago Gutierrez, Kosuke Ono, Josiah Brown and Captain Rory Edwards. It was a fabulous performance by all against a strong team. Man of the Match Rory Edwards. The Year 7 boys' team are now in 2 Quarterfinals and 1 Semi Final. Well done to all!

Senior African Drummers at the Royal Festival Hall 1st February 2017

Kingsdale Senior African Drummers were invited to lead a Percussion Festival at the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

Four Year 11 singers – Darcy Dixon, Lois Mulvena, Etta Marcus-Pooley and Serafina Bird – performed an African song as soloists. They then went on to sing with children from 10 local primary schools who also attended the event.

It was an amazing event!!



SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 20th February 2017

- Year 7 Boys' basketball Away Game against Norwood School. **Leaving school at 3.30pm – return at 5.30pm approx.** 4pm start: **Mr Grant**
- Year 8 & 9 Girls' Under-14s Football Away Game against Graveney School. **Leaving school at 1.45pm – return at 5.45pm approx.** 3pm Kick off: **Ms McNamara/Mr Foster**

Thursday 23rd February 2017

- Year 7 Boys' Rugby Away Game against Quest School, Croydon. **Leaving school at 1.30pm – return at 5.15pm approx.** 2.30pm Kick off: **Mr Willis/Mr Price**
- Year 7 Girls' Astro Football Quarter Finals Home Game against Mossbourne School. 3pm Kick off – **finish time 4.15pm approx.:** **Ms McNamara**
- Year 10 Boys' Football Home Game (Fields) against Sacred Heart. 2pm Kick off – **finish time 4pm approx.:** **Mr Gavin**

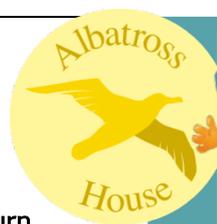
Friday 24th February 2017

- Year 9 Boys' Football Away Game against Thomas Tallis School. **Leaving school at 12.45pm – return at 5.45pm approx.** 2.30pm Kick off: **Mr Brendon/Mr Foster**

Remember that all fixtures are available to view on

<http://www.kingsdaleschoolsports.org.uk>

Sports Fixtures Emergency Contact Number: 07730263586



House News

Safer Internet Week

Safer Internet Week saw many activities across the school looking at the issues facing young people and their usage of new technologies & social media. The underlying focus is for us as school community to help our young people enjoy a positive experience online. Students discussed issues such as peer pressure, self-esteem, 'sexting' and cyber-bullying. The Year 7 workshops on the Tuesday tackled a range of topics around use of social media. On Thursday there was an E-Safety Surgery where students were able to discuss and speak frankly about their experiences.

Some of our sixth formers put together some amazing posters about Internet Day & Safer Internet Week.



Following on from this event the Heads of House are running a competition and would like students to write a mini blog on the film 'Cyber Bully'.

What is Cyber bullying and what can you do to put a stop to it?

Entries can be written or submitted in a form of a video to the Heads of House by Friday 24th February 2017.

Diary Dates

Please remember that the full School Calendar is available to view via

www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

Monday 20th February

Start of the second Spring Half-term
Year 7 & 9-13 Short Academic Reports issued

Wednesday 22nd February

Year 8 Options Evening – details issued separately

Thursday 23rd February

Valentine's Concert in the POD at 7pm

Wednesday 15th March

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Friday 17th March

Parents' Forum – Key Stage 4 & 5



Important Notice – Public Consultation

Kingsdale's Gym block is a 1950s two-storey building located within the school grounds to the rear backing onto Bowen Drive. This building is in need of modernisation and has the potential to be remodelled in a way that would allow a more effective use of its space without damaging the Sports, Health and Recreation Facilities we already have. In recognition of this, the School has secured a £2.1 million pound grant from the Department for Education to enable such works.

Kingsdale would like to invite parents to our Public Consultation Event on **Monday 27th February 2017** at 7.00pm to discuss the proposals. The event will consist of a presentation highlighting the remodelling approach the school is considering and an opportunity to meet and discuss the proposed work further. All parents are welcome along with members of the wider community.



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