



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

Issue 8 Monday 16th November 2020

HEADLINE NOTICES

Anti-Bullying Week – United Against Bullying

Throughout the week of Monday 16th November 2020, Kingsdale will be supporting the national Anti-Bullying week initiative across the school through a series of special events and activities both inside and outside lessons. This will also include the distribution of our usual anonymous online bullying questionnaire via email to students, staff and parents which will reinforce our key message that **'Kingsdale is a Telling School – Go On and Tell Someone!'**. We are very proud of the zero tolerance approach that we take to bullying of any type and will continue to remain both highly responsive and vigilant.

Extra-Curricular Activities & After School Clubs



In light of recent update Government guidance regarding extra-curricular provision in schools and COVID-19 restrictions, it is with regret that we have been required to temporarily suspend our sports and after school extra-curricular on-site programme until at least Wednesday 2nd December 2020 when

the current period of national lockdown in England is due to end. Please be assured that this decision was not taken lightly and it is our full intention to resume our published programme as soon as we are authorised to do so. Please note that as part of this decision, our after-school art clubs and music ensembles will not run at this time, although on-site music instrumental lessons that take place during the school day will continue to take place as normal.

EXAM WEEK

A reminder that the Year 11 Recovery Curriculum Assessment week will be taking place from:

Monday 16th November 2020

Good luck to all our Year 11 students!

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week United Against Bullying

'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.'

Martin Luther King, Jr

Geriatric

'Relating to old people, especially with regards to their health care.'

MUSIC NEWS

Kingsdale Mini Concert Series

We are delighted to inform parents that our annual Christmas Music concerts will continue at Kingsdale this year, albeit in a slightly different format as required by the current restrictions.

In the Music Department here at Kingsdale, we are doing everything we can to overcome the challenges facing us during these difficult times.

Students will have the opportunity

to perform to an audience online in the same way as the virtual concerts we produced at the end of the Summer term 2020.

Parents are asked to note that these fantastic online events can still be accessed via the following link

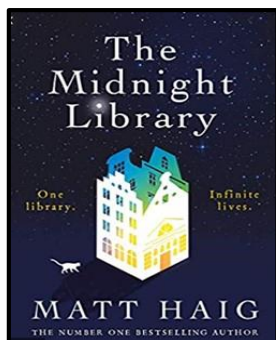
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS4kIOD9xCtmXEBQ0M-dlWg>

We are calling our upcoming concerts the 'Kingsdale Mini Christmas Concert Series'. Concerts will be recorded live, edited and then released the following week at a time to be announced. We hope that parents will support our talented students by tuning in to as many concerts as they can and we will make sure to let you know in advance when your child will feature.

Please do wish us luck in this ambitious project!. Our concerts will feature Pianists, acoustic Guitars, Electric Guitars, bass guitars and all Drummers. The rest of the concerts will take place in January and will involve all String Players, Woodwind players, Brass players and Singers.



Reading Recommendations



Teacher Recommendation

This week Ms Smith from the English department would like to recommend: ***The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.**

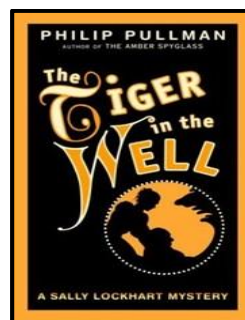
This is a fantastic book!

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life.

While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

The book cleverly explores the idea of regrets and possible lives. Haig is a great writer and really speaks to the reader. I had previously read 'Humans' so I thought I would give this a go. I was not disappointed.

Ms Smith would like to recommend this book to students in Key Stages 4 & 5.



Student Recommendation

Ben Cutty in Year 10 would like to recommend:

***Tiger in the Well* by Philip Pullman**

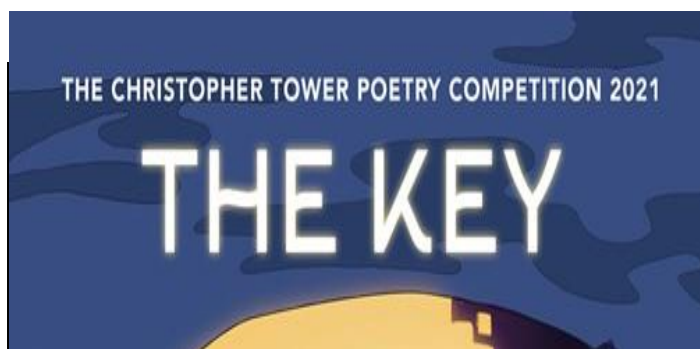
Ben recommends this book for anybody who is a fan of historical thrillers, as the book is set in Victorian London, so you get to learn about what life was like for Londoners at the time.

The book's protagonist, Sally Lockhart is content with her family and business and lives in a comfortable home - but suddenly her history is changed by somebody and her child is no longer her own. To save Harriet, Sally must now abandon her comfortable life and hide, until she can fight back for what she has lost.

This book is great because it is part of a series, so you can follow the character over other mysteries and adventures as well.

The book is very successful in developing characters and Pullman is known for delving into the ideas of social conscience through his writing, this book is no exception! Ben would recommend this title to Year 10 students and above.

Student suggestions for other titles are always welcome. Please send recommendations to english@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



ENGLISH NEWS

The Christopher Tower Poetry Competition 2021 Open to Sixth Formers

The 21st Christopher Tower Poetry Competition, the UK's most valuable prize for young poets, has opened for entries, and this year students between 16-18 years of age are challenged to write a poem on the theme of 'The Key'.

The competition is free to enter and offers a top prize of £3,000. The schools of prizewinners are awarded an additional £150, intended for investment in further study of poetry and literature.

**The closing date for entries is noon
on 1st March 2021.**

Winners will be notified on 25th March 2021

Ways we communicate with Parents and students

We continue to communicate with students and parents via:

Student & Parent Email

Please ensure we have your correct email and mobile phone contact details. Students should also be regularly accessing their student email accounts.

MS Teams

Used to deliver interactive online lessons to students and to share school work, assignments and files. **Twitter/Website** You can find us at @kingsdalefcs

Our website at www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

ShowMyHomework

Used to share class & homework details and other school news via the Notice Board feature with students and parents. www.showmyhomework.co.uk

Students should submit work completed as part of our remote learning programme via the SMHW online submission option.

MyEd app

Downloaded for free at <https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>
This app provides a range of useful information for parents.

ART UPDATE

Shortlisted for Sovereign Art Prize

The Art Department are delighted to announce that three of our very talented Art and Photography students were nominated for the prestigious Sovereign Art Prize recently. They were shortlisted from a large number of submissions and have done really well to get down to the final 20 artworks.

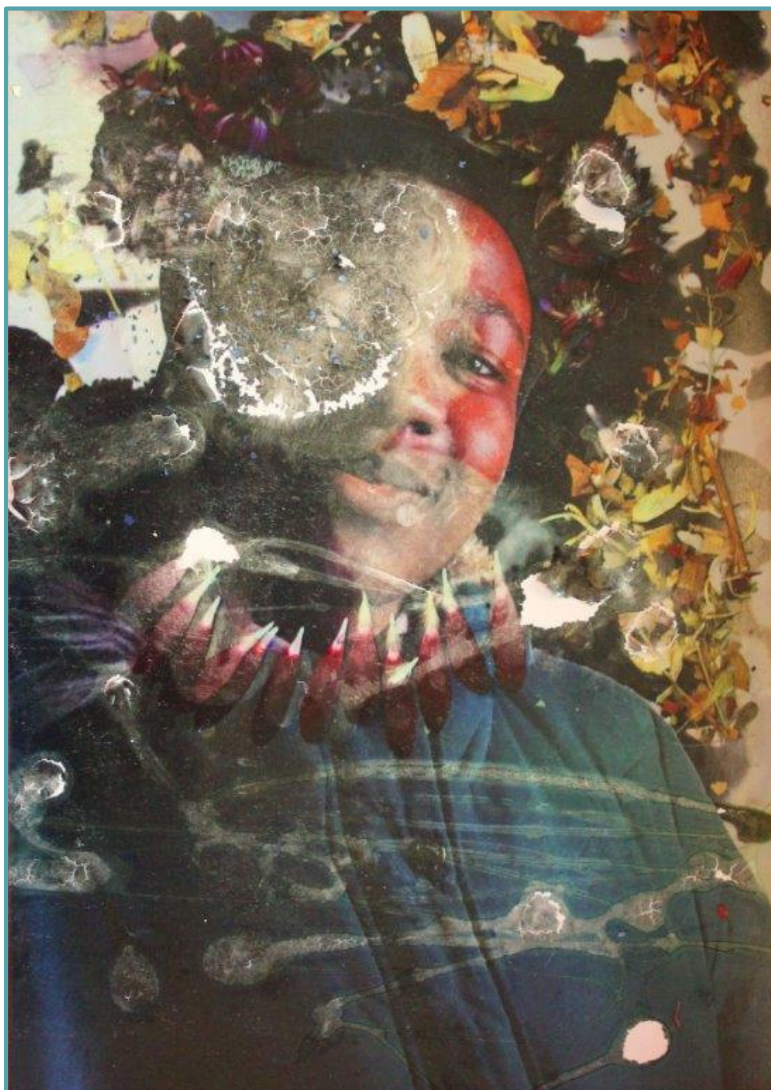
We are so proud of them all. Well done Lottie Simpson, Joseph Murphy and Maci-Skye Anthony!



There are two prizes available; the Judges Prize and the Public Prize.

Please support the students by voting for their work on the website:

<https://www.sovereignartfoundation.com/art-prizes/student-art-prize/london/>



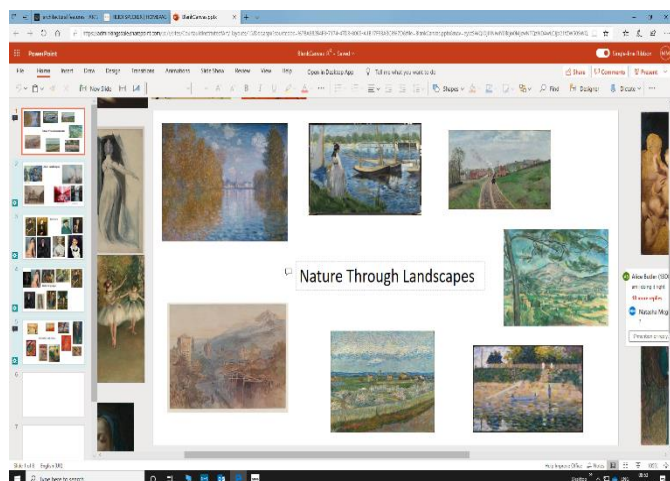
ART Cont.

Courtauld Outreach Year 13 Enrichment

The Courtauld

Art History in the Classroom
Kingsdale School 2020
Session 3

Our Year 13 Art, Photography and Textiles students have recently been attending online Art History sessions run by the Courtauld Gallery. The sessions are designed to support the students with their personal investigation essays that inform their practical work this term. Last week was the third session and focused on the ethical and social responsibilities of curation.



Screen shot of one of the outcomes of the Blank Canvass

Curating activity

Working in small groups of three, our students were asked to:

1. Pick an exhibition theme and come up with a title
2. Build their ideal gallery space
3. Create a wall display that represents their main ideas
4. Write the introductory wall panel text for their exhibition.

Using Microsoft as an interactive and collaborative platform, the students were able to arrange artworks and decide on themes for their 'gallery' space. They also used the critical analysis and contextual study skills learnt in these sessions to formulate their essay plans. The students have really enjoyed their involvement in all of the sessions offered by the Courtauld Gallery.

MFL NEWS

Year 8 French Penpals

A number of year 8 French students are taking part in a penpal programme with a school in Qu  ven, Brittany in France. This will enable them to put into practice the skills and content they are studying whilst bringing French alive.



The students have received their first letters from the French school and are excited to write back next week!

GEOGRAPHY NEWS

Thinking About...

Climate Change with Kingsdale School



As part of the Southwark Schools Learning Partnership, pupils from Kingsdale school hosted this weeks' 'Thinking About Climate Change' event.

Two of our Year 13 Geography students, Thomas Hyatt (13RCT) and Sherhonne Mahoney (13SRX) did an excellent job of leading this event which welcomed two live guests from renewable energy companies – The Carbon Trust and Sonnedix. We learnt about off-shore wind energy and solar energy - both fast developing areas and future big employers. Our students led the question and answer session, fielding questions from the audience.

Well done Thomas and Sherhonne!

You can watch the event on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLkPZiplEg0&feature=youtu.be>

PE NEWS

The PE department understand that during lockdown it can be hard to think about taking exercise but keeping fit and working out can do wonders for both physical and mental health. It can be an opportunity to try new things and learn new skills.

Below are some techniques to help our students if they find they are struggling to exercise.

THINGS ATHLETES CAN DO AT HOME IF THEY ARE STRUGGLING DURING LOCKDOWN

-  1 Identify a new skill that you can try and master. A great way to stay active and to maintain confidence
-  2 Practise learning some mindfulness or relaxation activities. A great opportunity to learn new mental skills
-  3 Stay connected to friends, family members, teammates or your coach. Check in on a regular basis
-  4 Plan your day or week. This is a useful technique to reduce disruption and increase your sense of control
-  5 Find something new that you might want to learn
-  6 Don't be afraid to ask for help if you are struggling. Speak to your coach or get in touch with a charity for support
-  7 Identify routine and necessary activities you would like to achieve each day. Schedule them into your week alongside things that provide you with a sense of pleasure
-  8 Find a task that you can engage in with your teammates that brings about a sense of community. What about a weekly group online exercise competition?



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House Challenge

Mosaic of Influential Black Figures



Congratulations to **Stanley Skinner, (Eagle House)** who has created an amazing mosaic for the Black History Month House Challenge. It was too good to leave out!

Can you guess who this influential figure is?

Responses please to Mr. Fatodu at housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

The House Leader Board 2020-21

Week commencing 16th November 2020

1st Place – Falcon with 1747 Points

2nd Place – Albatross with 1745 Points

3rd Place – Swift with 1658 Points

4th Place – Dove with 1638 Points

5th Place – Eagle with 1522 Points

Falcon are keeping their foot close to the pedal and edging ahead. Who is going to change the current state of play? Albatross are just 2 points behind the leaders. The competition race is wide open now!

Extra-Curricular Activities Programme Autumn Term 2020 Postponed for Now!

Please note, that due to Government restrictions and the current lockdown guidelines, all activities have been postponed temporarily. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused but hope to have further news for you once these restrictions have been lifted.

House News

A Very Warm Welcome from the House Team!

Our Heads of the following Houses are as follows:

Albatross House - led by Mr Gosnell

Dove House - led by Ms Mizzi

Eagle House - led by Ms Shah

Falcon House - led by Mr Fatodu

Swift House, - led by Mr Attenborough-Warren

Each of our colleagues below were very keen to share a brief biography of themselves for new students.

Ms Shah - Eagle House

Hello to the Kingsdale community!

I am Miss Shah, the Head of Eagle House and a teacher of Geography and Economics. I am looking forward to working with the Team to offer a broad range of House activities and events.

I am delighted to join the Team and make a positive contribution to our Kingsdale community.

Mr Gosnell - Albatross House

My name is Mr. Gosnell and I will be leading Albatross House this year. I am passionate about History, Politics and current affairs, I enjoy running to keep fit and I'm currently reading Churchill's Secret War by Madhusree Mukerjee.

I am excited to work with the House Team to make the programme we provide as engaging as possible for students, parents and staff.

Ms Mizzi - Dove House

My name is Ms. Mizzi and I will be leading Dove House. This is my second year of teaching at Kingsdale Foundation School and I am delighted to now have the important responsibility of encouraging students, staff and parents to take part in House activities. This year, the team will be looking to bring even more exciting competitions, quizzes and events to the school, which will bring some light in these, sometimes, difficult times.

We are really looking forward to working with all our parents, carers and colleagues to further the development spiritually, morally, socially and culturally of all our students at Kingsdale.

