

PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINE NOTICES

Spring Term Easter Break
Friday 2nd April 2021 – Friday 16th April 2021



Please be reminded that the Spring term ends for all students on Thursday 1st April 2021 at their normal finish times. This day has been allocated as a non-uniform day and further details are shown on the adjacent right-hand column on this page.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their consistent support and understanding throughout the challenges we have collectively faced during the Spring term; support that we very much value and appreciate.

We wish all families a safe and restful Easter break and look forward to seeing our students back at the start of the Summer term. Please note that Monday 19th April 2021 is a Staff Inset Day and the school will be closed to students. **School reopens for all students on Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 8.30am for Years 7, 11, 12 & 13 and at 9.10am for Years 8, 9 & 10.**

COVID-19 Home Testing Arrangements

We would like to thank all of our students who have been able to participate in the school-based COVID-19 home testing programme to date. Parents are reminded that their child/ren should be home testing twice a week on Monday & Thursday mornings **before coming to school**. Some parents might find it more convenient to help their child/ren conduct the test the evening before. All results must be uploaded to the school and NHS portals as outlined in the guidance letters. The school extends its gratitude to our stakeholder community for helping to keep students in school safe and at minimal risk of infection or transmission whilst on the on-site. All queries regarding any aspect of the COVID-19 testing programme should be directed to covidnotification@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk.

ABRSM and TRINITY Practical Exams

Although we are unable to enter students as a centre for music grade exams at present due to the pandemic, we are delighted to announce that a very large number of Kingsdale students have taken ABRSM and Trinity music examinations privately during lockdown with the help of the school's instrumental teachers. Huge congratulations to all those students who have passed these exams under such testing circumstances. A special mention goes to Callum Brown (Year 13) who has passed his Grade 8 piano with a very high Distinction level mark of 95%! Callum recently performed the Bach English Suite beautifully in our Valentine's Showcase. Well done Callum!

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

Easter

'The highest act of love is the giving of the best gift, and if necessary, at the greatest cost, to the least deserving.'

Dilapidated

'Dated building or object in a state of ruin as a result of neglect.'

SCHOOL NEWS

Non-Uniform Day Thursday 1st April 2021

Please note that the last day of the Spring term is this week. **Thursday 1st April 2021** will be a **Non-Uniform Day**. Each student will be asked to donate £1 in return for a raffle ticket which will be entered into a raffle prize draw on the same day. We look forward to your son/daughter's participation on the day. All funds raised will go towards the House Charities which are as follows:

Young Minds – Swift
The Honey Pot Children's Charity – Albatross
Sickle Cell Society - Eagle
Cancer Research UK Falcon
Barnardo's – Dove

We shall keep you informed of how much money we raise in future editions.

Thank you for your support



5K Run in Dulwich Park for End Violence Against Women

**Thursday 1st April 2021 at
4pm**

Don't forget to support the school colleagues and their families who are taking part in a sponsored run next month to raise money for the charity End Violence Against Women. You can join in and raise money for this important cause! If you can, why don't you join them - more runners are invited to take part. You can set up your own linked fundraising page at:

<https://www.goldengiving.com/fundraising-team/DulwichRun>

MATHS NEWS

Mathematics Scholarship Weekly Session Notice

A reminder that there will be weekly Mathematics scholarship sessions every Tuesday 14:35 – 15:25 (Period 8) for Key Stage 3 Scholarship students.



All Mathematics Scholarship students in Year 7 & 8 may be allowed to attend the sessions instead of their timetabled lessons. Achievement Points will be awarded and Awards for progress made at the end of the term.

Last week's winners are: Activity: Square It

Year 7:

Kyron Martin-Akal 7QFR, Alexandra John 7ALE,
Aayan Uddin 7DDE, Archie Whitehead 7LHE,
Vida Lukas 7AKD

Year 8:

Ajaaz Mohamed Ajmal 8MBC



Thank you to all those who participated

LIBRARY NEWS

Click and Collect: Update



Click and Collect: USL

- **Year 7 Monday**
In the morning and at 3:30pm outside USL
- **Year 8 Tuesday**
In the morning and at 3:30pm outside USL
- **Year 9 Wednesday**
In the morning and at 3:30pm outside USL
- **Year 10 Thursday**
In the morning and at 3:30pm outside USL
- **Year 11 Friday**

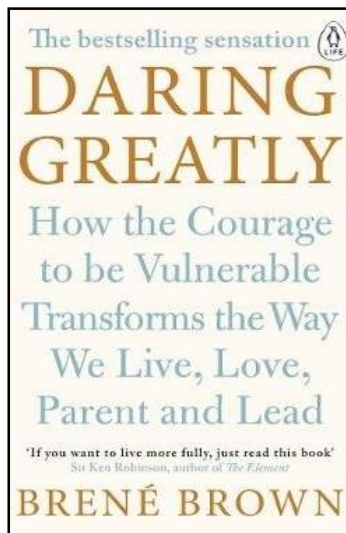
- In the morning and at 3:30pm outside USL
For any queries and/or assistance please contact us via:

LibraryClickAndCollect@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Please also send your suggestions for new book titles for libraries to english@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Reading Recommendations

Teacher Recommendation



This week Ms Ogundare from the Psychology Department would like to recommend:

Darin Greatly
by Brene Brown.

Every time we are faced with change, no matter how great or small, we also face risk. We feel uncertain and exposed. We feel vulnerable.

Most of us try to fight those feelings - or feel guilt for feeling them in the first place. Dr Brene Brown challenges everything we think we know about vulnerability, and dispels the widely accepted myth that it is a weakness.

Ms. Ogundare would like to recommend this book because readers will find that it relates to many different aspects of their lives. It is authentic in its representation of the self and of relationships.

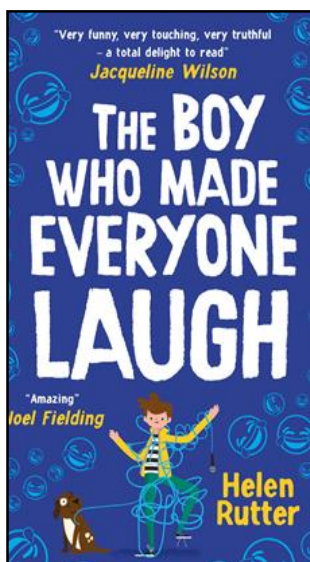
Recommended to Key stage 4 & 5 readers.

Student Recommendation

This week, the students at Kingsdale can get stuck into:

The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh
by Helen Rutter.

Billy Plimpton is an eleven year-old boy with a big dream. His dream is to be a stand-up comedian when he grows up: delivering witty punchlines and having audiences hang on his every hilarious word.



A tough career for anyone, but surely impossible for Billy, who has a stammer?

This poignant novel debut novel portrays Billy's battle to overcome his stammer, exploring how he will find his voice, if his voice won't let him speak?

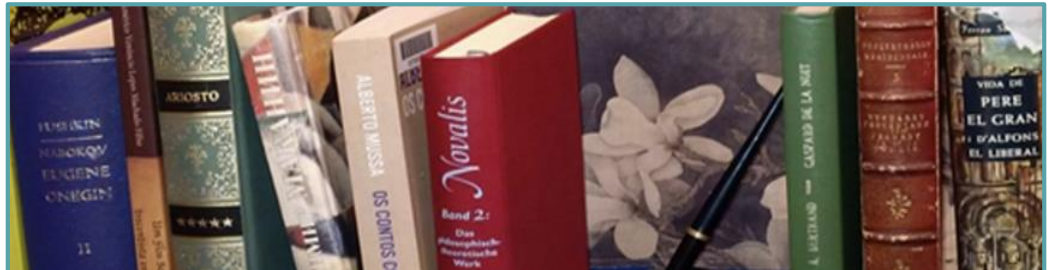
Recommended to all students at every Key Stage.

LANGUAGE NEWS



Languages Open Day at Oxford University

For Year 11 & 12 students – Oxford University is holding an **online Open Day** for prospective applicants who are interested in doing Languages at Oxford. The event will take place on Saturday 1st May between 10am & 4pm. It is an amazing opportunity for Year 11 & 12 students to find out more about the different degree courses offered by Oxford and there will be the chance to talk to tutors and current undergraduate students.



Booking is essential and a full programme and a booking link can be found on the website [here](https://www.oxford.ac.uk/open-day). Any enquiries regarding this event can be directed to languages@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

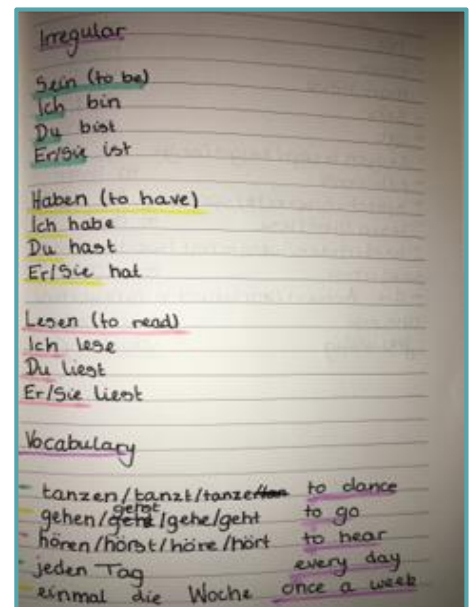
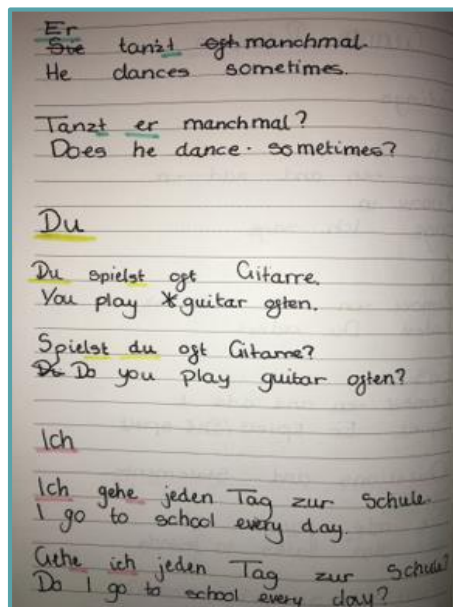
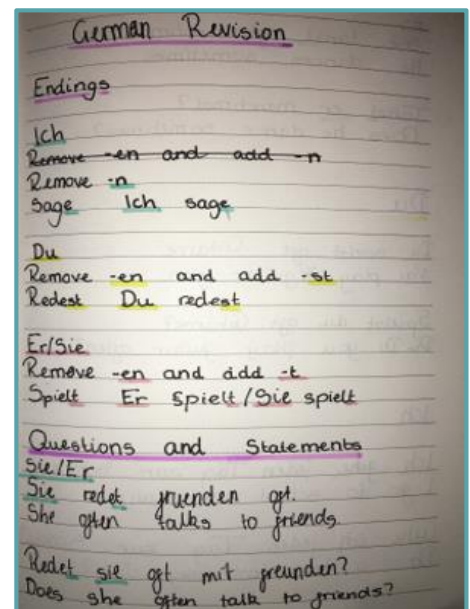
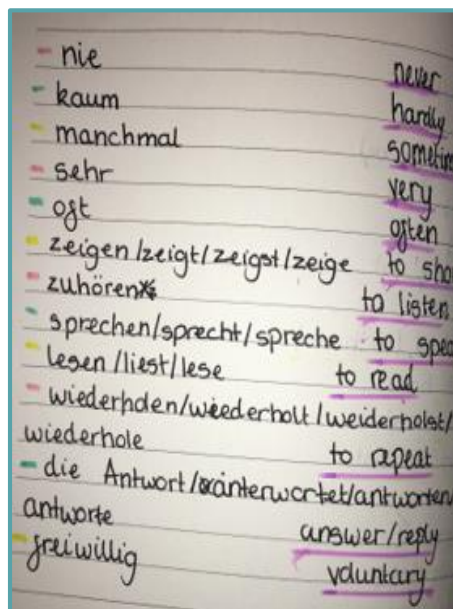


LANGUAGE NEWS cont.

What amazing revision work from one of our Year 8 students in German!

Well done Ella.

Ella Balysz Year 8



ENGLISH NEWS

Transactional Writing Competition Year 9 – Year 10

Calling all Kingsdale hobbyists!

Are you responsible for stick insects?

Do you collect coins, cacti or football cards? Are you an avid or aspiring dancer, artist, traveller, sportsperson, gardener, baker, make-up artist or reader of manga?

Do you excel at an extra-curricular activity or surpass all others when it comes to sleeping in? From sport to drama, gaming to watching films and TV the Kingsdale community has a wide range of interests – and we want to hear about them!

Write an article or blogpost about your hobby or interest to practise your transactional writing skills and enter our competition for students in Years 9 & 10.

Write no more than 500 words.

**The deadline for submission is
12th April 2021.**

Send your entries to

english@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



CAREER NEWS



THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE

UCAS Masterclass with London School of Economics

Our students met with undergraduate students from London School of Economics, Imperial College, University of Leeds and University of Cambridge to learn about their first-hand experience of studying Law, Economics, Engineering, Medicine, Accounting, Finance and Psychology. The presenters offered some practical information on what the subject syllabus is like at degree level, what essential skills are required to succeed in the course and how to manage the personal statement to secure admission.

Our students attended the talks on the subjects they were interested in and were able to ask questions and receive personalised responses.

A huge thank you go from us to the LSE Enactus team for providing such a useful experience to our students! More events like this one will follow – please watch this space!





In the spirit of making the biggest difference we can to women and girls around the world and so that we can increase accessibility and inclusion at the **Footsteps Global Gathering of Young Women** we have a large number of complimentary/no cost places available.

This event is for young women age 16 - 25 years old who aspire to change the world in the areas of Climate Crisis | Racial Injustice | Healthcare | Violence Against Women | Modern Slavery | Homelessness | Mental Health | LGBTQ+ Rights | Gender Pay Gap and many more.

A unique aspect of this event is that all of the diverse and inspirational young women speakers are under 25 years old and are involved in designing the event.

A short video trailer can be accessed [HERE](#).

The event focuses on the following areas:

- **Changemaker**
- **Purpose** ▪ **Global Networking:**
- **Empowerment** ▪ **Resilience** ▪ **Wellbeing:**
- **Innovation** ▪ **Global Citizenship** ▪ **Leadership**

Dates:

Tuesday April 6th (4pm - 9pm UK), 2021

OR

Wednesday April 7th (1pm - 6pm UK), 2021

Find out more and speaker line up:

[HERE](#) (the same speakers will be present on both 6th & 7th April 2021).

Format: Online via Zoom. All recorded for flexibility in attendance and if the dates and times don't work. Please contact careers@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk to find out about the safeguarding policy and arrangements for attendees under 18 years of age.

RSVP Complimentary Places: Please email careers@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk for further information, including how to reserve spaces on one of the events.



ST. JAMES'S PLACE
WEALTH MANAGEMENT



St James's Place Wealth Management Virtual Work Experience - Easter Holidays

There is a fantastic opportunity at St James's Place Wealth Management. They have a 4-day Virtual Work Experience programme taking place in the Easter Holidays with an 'Insight into Financial Services'. It will be taking place on the 8th, 9th, 12th and 13th April 2021.

The event will cover all things from investment management and corporate real estate, to cyber security and financial crime. The online work experience is open to all Year 12 & 13 students.

Who are St. James's Place?

St. James's Place are a FTSE-100 wealth management business. Since they started trading in 1992, they've grown rapidly to be the largest company in their sector in the UK, with £129.3bn of client funds under management. They offer personalised advice that covers financial, investment and tax planning, designed specifically for their clients' lifestyle goals and stage of life.

If you are interested in gaining a greater understanding of SJP as a business, then this is for you!

An insight into St. James's Place Wealth Management

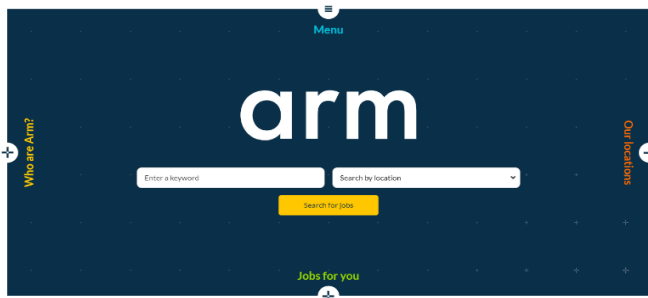
**Thursday 8th, Friday 9th, Monday 12th,
Tuesday 13th April (9:00 - 16:00 each day)**

- A great opportunity for those interested in a career in the financial sector (cyber, technology, HR, marketing, investments & more)
- A presentation on SJP's heritage
- A day in the life of an SJP partner
- Variety of presentations and interactive sessions to learn more about the industry
- Opportunity to ask questions.

FREE event (limited places, first come first served)

<https://www.research.net/r/SJP-Virtual-WEX>

There are limited places for this unique opportunity so if you're interested please book to secure your place. Please email careers@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk for further information, including how to reserve spaces on one of the events.



Our Tech Apprenticeships are now open for applications!

About Arm

The Future of Tech Needs You.

If you have a smartphone, digital camera, digital TV, gaming console or a smart meter at home, you've already used an Arm powered product. Our advanced processor designs play a massive part in optimising the performance of 95% of all the world's connected devices.

Apprenticeships at Arm

Want to leap straight into a technology career? We're offering Apprenticeship opportunities where you'll get to join a global business that is full to the brim of hugely talented people. Whatever your age or background, a new qualification can open doors.

The two programs we offer are:

Apprentice Software Engineer

Our Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship comprises of both paid work and study, allowing you to earn while working towards a Software Developer qualification, funded by Arm. Your on-the-job learning is supported by a dedicated mentor at Arm and academic support from our training provider.

Apprentice Technician

Our Level 4 Apprenticeship comprises of both paid work and study, allowing you to earn while working towards a BSc Honours degree, funded by Arm. Your on-the-job learning is supported by a dedicated mentor at Arm and academic support from the University.

To apply to either of these positions please click the button below.

[Click here to apply](#)



Virtual Mock Trial Opportunity

What's it like to be accused of murder? If you were a barrister whose client was alleged to have committed the most serious of crimes, how would you construct your defence? And in the courtroom battle that ensues, how do we ensure that justice prevails?

This is ideal for any students interested in a career in Law. In May we're excited to launch our inaugural **Live Virtual Mock Trial**. The day-long event offers students planning to study Law, or a forensics-related degree like Psychology, the chance to take part in a live barrister-led mock murder trial alongside other ambitious students from across the globe.

Where: Online - details to be shared after registration

When: Saturday 8th May, 11am – 5pm BST

Price: £95 per student - students from our Partner Schools are entitled to a 15% discount (see below about how to sign up your school!)

Students will be able to:

- Get an insider's take on the inner workings of a murder trial from an inspiring qualified criminal barrister
- Take part in numerous aspects of the trial itself – from giving input on what they think the verdict should be, to being involved in sentencing
- Watch two brilliant barristers in action during a live cross-examination, and ask them their burning questions about the trial
- Gain invaluable experience to include in their university application and personal statement
- Puzzle through multiple aspects of the case alongside school students from all over the world

Interested students can learn more about the day, and book their places, [here](#).





SPEAKERS for schools EXPERIENCE

More top UK employers are now offering virtual work experience opportunities that can help your students develop those workplace skills that employers prize so highly.

Please encourage your students to apply as soon as possible to have the best chance of accessing these wonderful opportunities.

We would also appreciate if you can fill [this survey](#) to help identify what schools and colleges summer term will entail, this is to ensure that when we are working with our employer networks, we can coach them to running placements that will work for local schools.

New Virtual Work Experience Opportunities Recruiting Now:

Eco Schools Action – Keep Britain Tidy

Dates: 1st – 2nd June 2021 (9am – 12pm)

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year olds interested in promoting eco-action in their school and local community

Application Deadline: 30th April 2021

Green Skills National Competition with Anglian Water

Dates: 26th May 2021 (09am till 15:00)

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds keen to fight climate change.

Application Deadline: 12th May 2021

National Grid

Thinking about a career in energy?

Dates: 27th – 29th April 2021 (4pm – 5pm)

Eligibility: 16 – 19 year interested in employability opportunities at the National Grid.

Application Deadline: 8th April 2021

Green Skills in Consulting & Construction with Jacobs

Dates: 28th April 2021

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year old with an aptitude for STEM subjects.

Application Deadline: 8th April 2021

British Army Insight Session (Female Students)

Dates: 3rd June 2021 (10am – 12pm)

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year old female students interested in a career that makes a difference.

Application Deadline: 3rd May 2021

Y11 VWEX within Cisco's Tech/ Business Departments

Dates: 5th – 9th July 2021 (9:30am – 4:30pm)

Eligibility: Year 11 students curious about a career in technology.

Application Deadline: 9th May 2021

Royal Air Force Careers Insight - Access All Areas

Dates: 19th May 2021 (10am – 3pm)

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year olds interested in finding out more about opportunities in the Royal Air Force.

Application Deadline: 19th April 2021

Royal Air Force Careers Insight - Access All Areas

Dates: 20th May 2021 (10am – 3pm)

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year olds interested in finding out more about opportunities in the Royal Air Force.

Application Deadline: 20th April 2021

NextGen Nurse

Meet the people behind the masks

Date: 14th May 2021(10am – 2pm)

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year interested in helping to save and improve people's lives.

Application Deadline: 22nd April 2021

**For a full list of placements:
[sign in here to search and apply.](#)**



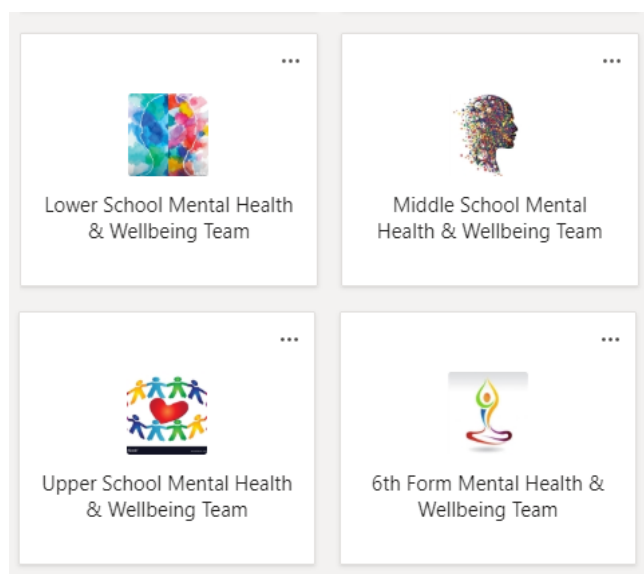
If you have any questions about the placements or experience any issues please do not hesitate to contact us at: experience@speakersforschools.org.

Mental Health & Well-being Support for Students, Parents, Carers & Guardians

As we near the end of this term, we are aware that many students, parents, carers & guardians may experience concerns and anxieties that require additional support or guidance in managing or addressing these. Please be aware that support programmes have been put in place to support students and their families following the return to face-to-face learning. Details have been circulated separately.



Mental Well-being rooms on Microsoft Teams have been set up for each school phase. Resources and links to support groups and charities have been made fully accessible to students should they wish to access support or advice independently.



Mental Health & Well-being Student Forums

Mental Health & Well-being Student Forums will continue to take place, for each year group, this week on Microsoft Teams for any student who wishes to discuss mental health & well-being related topics at Kingsdale or, who would like to be part of the Kingsdale Student Mental Health & Well-being working party. Each phase of school will be working in collaboration with staff to ensure the needs of all stakeholders are understood and met.

If your child would like to attend their year groups forum they can do this by joining the meeting in their assigned Microsoft Teams room at their designated time next week.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Monday 28/3/21 8:30 – 8:50am	Tuesday 29/3/21 8:30 – 8:50am	Wednesday 30/3/21 8:30 – 8:50am	Thursday 1/4/21 8:30 – 8:50am

HELP AND ADVICE

Please be aware that we now have a mental health and well-being email address below which students and their families can use should they wish to raise concerns, share ideas or discuss matters confidentially:

health&wellbeing@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Below are some links to support groups and charities offering support and guidance to young people and their families during these challenging times.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>

[Advice for parents and carers | Talking mental health secondary school \(annafreud.org\)](https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/resources/)

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/resources/>

<https://research.reading.ac.uk/andy/resources/resources-parents/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/>



For further information or to discuss matters relating to mental health and well-being at Kingsdale School please contact:

Ms V, Turner at health&wellbeing@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



KINGSDALE PE DEPT NEWS!

Sports Leaders UK Young Leaders Awards

Huge congratulations to 20 Sports Leaders who have achieved their Sports Leader UK Young Leaders Award and received their certificates last week!

Pupils achieving the award are:

Adeola Bootle
Alison Taplin
Annabelle Guiliou
Charlotte Raphael
Duygu Odemis
Ella Patterson
Emma Horner
Ena Sejdovic
Georgia Venier
Grace Lightfoot-D'Cruze
Hannah Steadman
Jessamine Miles
Leonie O'sullivan
Lilian Wood
Lucas Bardot
Lucie Temple
Olivia Efe-Frances
Ollie Micklethwaite
Stephanie Ross
Taiyana Prince

Well done to all these students.



Extra congratulations to Sports Scholar, and Year 9 GCSE PE student, Georgia Venier, on achieving her Sports Leaders UK Young Leaders Award. Georgia, who currently plays cricket for Kent, will now progress onto her Cricket Leaders Award. We all wish her the very best of luck!

Year 9 GCSE Girls PE

It's great to see the Year 9 GCSE PE students enjoying being back in their practical PE lessons!



Year 7 Boys' Football

We had a great turnout for our Year 7 football training session on our school Astroturf. Over 40 students turned up and enjoyed being back. It was great to see them having such fun!



We are also pleased to announce that the South London Cup games will resume after the Easter Holidays for years 7, 8, 9 & 10. Further details issued separately. You can also contact us via pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Dance After School Club

Please see below the timetable for Dance on Tuesday after school:

Year 7's Week A

30th March ● 27th April ●
1st May ● 25th May

Year 9's Week B

20th April ● 4th May ●
18th May ● 1st June



Don't forget!

Students should send any parentally approved PE challenges photos to: pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



House News

International Women's Day 8th March 2021

Iconic Women

The Task was: Can you guess the women in the images in this montage?

We were inundated with answers to the 'iconic women' montage last week, so thank you to everyone who emailed their answers. *If you were not sure, the answers are below.*



Rosa Parks
(Civil Rights Campaigner).



Serena Williams
(Multiple Grand Slam Tennis)



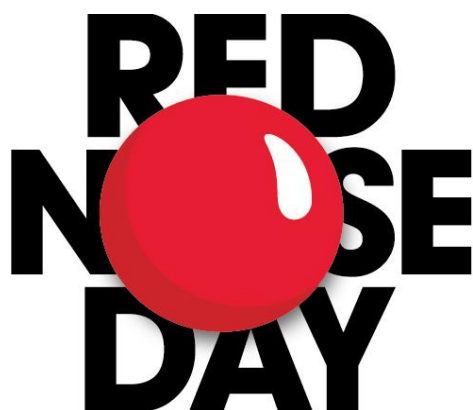
Billy Jean King
(British Tennis Player)



Emmeline Pankhurst
(Suffragettes Leader)



Malala Yousafzai
(Youngest Nobel Prize laureate)



Red Nose Day Competition 2021

Friday 19th March

A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who donated to the Comic Relief Fund on RED NOSE DAY.

We shall let you know in due course how much was raised in the next edition. Students participated by wearing an item of red clothing with their uniform. Well Done to All!



The picture shows one of our students wearing a 100% plastic-free, plant-based Red Nose. The new Red Nose is made from bagasse, a natural by-product of sugarcane, chosen for its widely celebrated green qualities. Another great quest to save our planet!



Red Nose Day 2021 Competition
The task here was to design a Red Nose in line with the environmentally friendly theme and to be as creative and imaginative as possible.

The winner is:
Vida Lukas Year 7, Dove House!

The House Leader Board 2020-21

Week commencing 29th March 2021

1st Place – Falcon with 13,218 Points

2nd Place – Albatross with 12,769 Points

3rd Place – Dove with 12,220 Points

4th Place – Swift with 12,217 Points

5th Place – Eagle with 11,055 Points

It's very close between Dove and Swift.
Can any other House catch Falcon?



House Challenges

House Cooking Challenge – Italian Dish



Ariana Clarke Year 7, Eagle House

Explains how she made her Italian Dish – The dish looks delicious!!

Torta Della Nonna

You can still enter!

Please send us a picture and a short description of how you made your dish. The best-looking dishes will win valuable points for their House.

Deadline: Tuesday 30th March 2021

Don't forget to arrange appropriate supervision in the kitchen. Please send your pictures of your delicious dishes and remember to seek permission from your parents/carers in advance.

HOW TO ENTER:

Be sure to share your activity with the House Team:
housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk Ensure you include your full name and tutor group.

Online Safety

DfE Advice for Parents, Carers and Guardians

Harmful Online Challenges & Online Hoaxes.

What is a hoax?

What is an online challenge?

Why do parents and carers need to know about this?

To find out more Click [HERE](#)

You can also contact us via
housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk for more information and with any questions.



Extra-Curricular Activities are back!

Thank you to the many parents and carers who contacted us this week in relation to the extra-curricular programme at Kingsdale and left some wonderful comments while registering for their child's activity online. Just in case you missed the link to our extensive programme last week, please see below.

To explore the array of sports, music and after-school clubs that will be suitable for your child, please click on the link below which will take you to our school website.

[Link](#)

You will be able to register your child for their chosen activity. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr Fatodu at:

housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

