**PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN**

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**HEADLINE NOTICES**

**Happy New Year!**

We would like to wish all Kingsdale families a happy and successful New Year! We hope you all had a restful break and we look forward to another exciting school term.

**Kingsdale to perform with the LSSO at the Barbican**

Tuesday 9th January 2018

We are pleased to announce that, once again, a number of Kingsdale Music Scholars are performing with The London Schools Symphony Orchestra (LSSO) at the Barbican Concert Hall on Tuesday 9th January 7.30 until 9.45pm. We are very fortunate to have 30 tickets available free for parents with their children. **Max 4 tickets per family.** These concerts are always of a very high standard and will encourage pupils on any instrument to apply to be part of this great orchestra. Parents who are interested in attending with their children are asked to contact Mrs Graham via email mgm@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk as soon as possible. We are sorry the notice period is so short.

**Languages Department**

Revision guides for Writing are now available in the School Shop for French, German and Spanish. French reading guides are also available and the other language guides will be stocked as soon as they are available from the publishers. Each revision guide is available at a bargain reduced price of only £2!

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Year 7 Author Event with Polly Ho-Yen**

The English department has invited the author, Polly Ho-Yen, to Kingsdale Foundation School on **Friday 12th January**.

Polly Ho-Yen is a children’s author and her book ‘The Boy in the Tower’ was nominated for the Blue Peter book award and the Carnegie Award.

Her latest book, ‘Where Monsters Lie’, was also nominated for the long list for the Carnegie.

Polly will be addressing Year 7 students, linking life experiences to creative writing and developing ideas in story writing. There will also be an opportunity for students and staff to purchase books and have them signed by the author herself!

The event will take place from **1.00pm-2.30pm in the pod on Friday 12th January.**

We really hope the visit will inspire students to read for pleasure and exploration of ideas.

**Very Important Notice:**

**Student School Emails**

We shall shortly be writing to parents with information on a new initiative where students will be issued with their own individual school email addresses to assist with their learning and school communications. Further information will be circulated separately.

**THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK**

**Choices**

‘There are always two choices, two paths to take. One is easy and its only reward is that it is easy.’

**Recuperate**

‘To obtain something that has been lost, usually one’s good health or a financial stake.’
SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 8th January 2018
- Year 9 Boys’ Football Home Game against Dunraven. 2.30pm Kick off – Finish 5pm approx: Mr Foster/Mr Price
- Year 9 Boys’ Football Inner London Cup Home Game against Dunraven. 2.30pm kick off – Finish 5pm approx: Mr Foster

Tuesday 9th January 2018
- Mixed Year 9 & 10 Hockey Away Game against Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School. Leave school at 12.45pm – return at 6pm approx. 4.15pm start: Mr Walker
- Year 9 Boys’ Football English School Cup Away Game against All Hallows Farnham School. Leave school at 11.45pm – return at 6.15pm approx. 2.15pm Kick-off: Mr Foster/Mr Price

Wednesday 10th January 2018
- Year 9 Boys’ B Team Football English Schools Cup Home Game against Hertsmere School. 2pm Kick off – Finish 4.30pm approx: Mr Stewart
- Year 11 Boys’ Football Away Game against Trinity School. Leave school at 12.45 – return at 6pm approx. 2pm kick-off: Mr McAspurn/Mr Price
- Under-14s Basketball Away Game at University Academy of Engineering – Southbank. Leave school at 3.30pm – return at 5.30pm approx. 4pm start: Mr Barot/Mr Foster

Thursday 11th January 2018
- Year 7 Girls’ Football Astro Home Game against Kingston Grammar School. 3pm Kick-off – Finish 5.15pm approx: Ms McNamara
- Year 7 Boys’ Football English Schools Cup Away Game against Tanbridge House School. Leave school at 11.30am – return at 6pm approx. 2pm Kick off: Mr Price/Mr McAspurn

Diary Dates

Friday 19th January 2018
Parents’ Forum Key Stage 3 – 7pm in the Flexible Learning Centre

Wednesday 31st January 2018
Year 8 Parents’ Evening

Thursday 1st February 2018
Winter Music Concert

Friday 9th February 2018
End of 1st Spring Term

House News

Jack Petchey Award Winner 2017-18
Many Congratulations go to Katie Digweed in Year 8 and of Albatross House. She is our first Jack Petchey Award Winner for this academic year. Katie was nominated for this prestigious award for the outstanding contribution to her House and major success in receiving the highest achievement points for her work. Katie will have the opportunity to spend a sum of £250 on resources for her Albatross House.

Head of House, Mr Chan stated that Katie has remained an exceptionally hard working student who continuously leads by example.

Well done Katie and Albatross House.