Kingsdale is outstanding!

Ofsted gives Dulwich school top marks across all areas

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A DULWICH secondary school has been rated ‘outstanding’ in all areas - after a visit from nine Ofsted inspectors

Kingsdale Foundation School, a mixed secondary school in Alleyn Park, was rated ‘good’ during a previous inspection in 2012 but impressed inspectors to be rated ‘outstanding’ across the board this month. The school was praised for its “culture of high ambition and expectation that forms the backbone for successes” and its “harmonious environment”.

“Pupils’ personal development and welfare is outstanding because of the care and attention that staff pay to making pupils’ time in school productive and safe,” inspectors said in their report.

“Pupils’ behaviour is outstanding because their day-to-day conduct usually matches staff’s high expectations.

“The most able and disadvantaged pupils make strong progress because teachers’ planning anticipates their needs.”

The only area inspectors said could be improved on was to ensure that “low-prior-attaining pupils make the same strong progress as their peers consistently across the curriculum”.

Headteacher Steve Morrison said the Kingsdale community had worked with “dedication and passion” to achieve the “rare tribute” from Ofsted. “It is not every day a school is visited by nine Ofsted inspectors including four of Her Majesty’s Inspectors,” he said. “Since our previous inspection we had become the highest attaining school in Southwark according to the Government’s tough new more rigorous Attainment 8 measure and one of the top achieving non-selective schools in the country. At the same time, we maintained our status as one of the most popular and oversubscribed schools in south London. “We believe in our students, staff and parents but we also realised this was no guarantee of success under the increasingly challenging Ofsted framework. “Therefore, it was with great pleasure we received Ofsted’s perfect six “outstanding” judgements across all Key Stages. “We believe it is a confirmation that we are on the right path and that there is still a place in our secondary education system for individuality, creativity, choice, imagination and innovation.”

The full Ofsted Inspection report is available on Ofsted’s website.
HEADLINE NOTICES

The End of Another Amazing Year!

We would to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, guardians and carers for their continued support during this academic year. We look forward to working with you again next year and wish all families a restful and enjoyable Summer break. Please be reminded that the first day of term for our new Year 7 students is Tuesday 5th September 2017. Years 8-10 return on Wednesday 6th September 2017. Arrangements for Year 11 & 12 work experience issued separately. More information, including term dates for the 2017-18 academic year, can be accessed via our website located at www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

2016 & 2017 Kingsdale Kat Award

At the Parents’ Forum on Friday 14th July 2017, we were proud to present our 2nd Kingsdale Family Award for sustained commitment to the school. The inaugural 2016 winners of The Kingsdale Kat Award were: The Kat Family

The 2017 winners of The Kingsdale Kat Award were: The Guillaume Family

This Prize is awarded for outstanding and inspirational sustained family contribution to Kingsdale Foundation School. It is named in honour of the Kat family - Debi, Greg and their children Joe and Jacob, for their loyalty, exceptional service and commitment to the development of our school.

Welcome to Wonderland Dance Extravaganza!

On Friday 14th July 2017 our incredibly talented dance students’ magical interpretation of Alice in Wonderland in the POD featured students from Year 7 all the way to Year 12. The standing ovation summed up the quality of the performances in this fantastic show! A huge well done to all involved.

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 12 Scale Mount Snowdon in Tribute to a Dear Friend

On Tuesday 18th July, 19 students from tutor group 12MBO climbed Mount Snowdon to commemorate the much missed member of their tutor group who sadly passed away in April of this year. The students hiked the challenging 3,560 ft ascent, successfully reaching the summit of the highest mountain in Wales in under 3 hours. This commemorative trip was organised in its entirety by students namely Harlem Nguyen and Erin-Mia Patel. We are very proud of the group’s achievement and are all moved by their fitting tribute.

Students in attendance were: Tiberiu Ancu, Elijah Badot-McLeod, Emily Chan, Hector Chapman, Saira Chohan, Harvey Dawson, Louis Griffiths, Evie Harms, Nicholas Kyriianou, Angus Mackley, Oscar Mills, Finn Mungeam, Harlem Nguyen, Abdullah Omotoso, Erin-Mia Patel, Rohan Prasad, Isaac Robson, Paul Rothero and Bradley Terry.
Classorama Double Whammy – Two Best Steel Bands in London!!

With the competition in its 4th Year - Kingsdale students did it again! Not only winning the coveted first prize but the junior players took 2nd place as well! It was an incredible result and every student that played gave it their absolute best. We couldn’t be more proud of them. Well Done!

Migration Museum Trip

On Tuesday 11th July, sixty-five Year 8 and 10 students were taken on a trip to the Migration Museum, just off Albert Embankment in Lambeth. The Migration Museum is a national institution that educates on the history and role of migration in Britain over hundreds of years. The programme began with a whole group discussion on some key terms, 'migration', 'immigration', 'emigrate', and 'refugee'. The students then participated in two engaging workshops, one of which was delivered by Taimor, an Iraqi refugee who spoke about his tragic experience leading to his escape from home to the UK. The second workshop explored profiles of migrants to gain a deeper understanding of contexts and circumstances leading to migration.

The mass of 'Wanderers', made by street artist Stik, was one of the most popular scuptures at the museum.

"The best thing I did on this trip was listening to the refugee’s story. It was very moving."

Amisha (Year 8)

“I thought it was interesting to find out about what it felt like to be kidnapped.”

Raneem (Year 8)

“I enjoyed seeing the pictures and learning about the achievements people had made after entering the UK.”

Rebekah (Year 8)

Kingsdale students enjoyed their day and both teachers and students found the trip to the Migration Museum enlightening and thought provoking.

The National Portrait Gallery

BP Portrait Award

Students in Years 10 & 12 visited the Royal Academy to see the summer show and then the National Portrait gallery to see the BP portrait award. We had a fantastic day and the work was really inspiring.

Russian Art Project: 'Between East and West' Exhibition

Private View at Kingsdale Foundation School

Huge congratulations to the twenty Year 7 & 8 Art Gifted, Talented and Scholarship and Art Awards students for curating such an amazing show!

This exhibition was highly praised by the parents and the general public. The work exhibited was all produced during the 'Russian Art Project' - a series of theoretical and practical outreach sessions, in which our students took part from May to July 2017. This collaborative Russian Art Project; 'Between East and West' was led by Helen Higgins and Dr Natalia Murray from the Courtauld Institute and Ms Montero.
House Sports Day
Tuesday 18th July 2017

What an amazing day this was; showcasing the full range of fantastic sporting talent that we have at the school! In glorious, blazing sunshine, student spectators and parents were treated to a wide range of Track and Field events, including individual and team events. A highlight of the afternoon was the teachers’ relay races which saw the staff demonstrate their sporting prowess. After the Science Faculty Ladies’ Team stormed home to a clear victory, the Mens’ Race was nail-bitingly close, with Languages just pipping Humanities to a win. Look closely at the picture below to see Mr Hood beat Mr Ware by a whisker. A great day for all. We are looking forward to next year already.

Mr Goldstein celebrating too soon!
**Sports News cont.**

**White Water Rafting Trip**
A selected group of gifted and talented Sports Scholars visited Lee Valley White Water Rafting Centre this week to take part in a range of activities, including White Water Rafting, Beach Volleyball and Beach Football.

It was a fantastic day and a great way to reward these pupils for their commitment to PE and School Sport.

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**House News**

**House Activities Day 2017 – Wednesday 19th July 2017**

The Beyoncé Experience, Hollywood Musicals, Court Room Drama and Touch Rugby were just a few of the many activities taking place across the school.

The most popular of the activities, as always was Food Technology (Cake Baking), Design & Technology (Making Chocolate/Ice Moulds) and Steel Pans. In addition to these practical elements this year was was Pom Pom making and Building a Rollercoaster. It was wonderful to see the return of the ‘Roving Reporters’ with students on this occasion using iPads to give a journalistic and visual representation of the day’s event.

Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable day for the students and a relaxing way to end a successful academic year for Kingsdale.

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**Diary Dates**

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

- **Friday 1st & Monday 4th September 2017**
- **INSET Day – School closed to students**
- **Tuesday 5th September 2017**
  - Start of Autumn Term for new Year 7 students only
- **Wednesday 6th September 2017**
  - Start of Autumn Term for Years 8-10

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**Ways we communicate with Parents and students**

These include:

- **Parental News Bulletin**
  This is issued weekly by email to parents.

- **Email/Text**
  Please ensure we have your latest email and mobile phone contact details.

- **Twitter & Instagram**
  You can find us at @kingsdalefs on both platforms

- **Website**
  Our new improved website: www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

- **ShowMyHomework**
  Used to share homework details and other school news via the Notice Board feature with students and parents.

  [www.showmyhomework.co.uk](http://www.showmyhomework.co.uk)

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A huge thank you to all departments who delivered the workshops and most of all, to the parents and carers who gave generously to support our non-uniform day. All the funds raised will be donated and split between The Manchester Appeal Fund, charities supporting victims of the Grenfell Tower fire and the House Charities.

Finally, the House Team wish to thank all our parents and carers for their ongoing support and input to our weekly news; this has been highly appreciated. We look forward to more of the same and even better still next year.

**We wish you a restful Summer break!**
You can’t get better than that!
Kingsdale’s perfect marks from Ofsted

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“Congratulations to the Kingsdale Community who have worked with dedication and passion to achieve such a rare tribute from Ofsted.”

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