



# PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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## HEADLINE NOTICES

### National Teacher Industrial Action Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Please be reminded that national strike action by a teacher union will be taking place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. On this day, normal school operations will be affected. Further details regarding specific arrangements have been communicated to parents and students separately.

### Open Days Academic Year 23-24

As always, the school extends a debt of gratitude to those parents who have supported and advocated for the school throughout the years. Prospective parents to the school tell us how much they value having the opportunity to hear the testimony of current parents and we welcome any parents who would be prepared to speak briefly (five minutes maximum) about their positive experiences of the school at one of our Open Days scheduled in the Autumn term. A full list of open event dates is outlined below.

If you are willing and able to contribute to one of our Open Days below please email Mr Harding via [dhg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:dhg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

**Wednesday 20th September 2023**

9.30am - 8pm

**Saturday 23rd September 2023**

10am - 6pm

**Wednesday 27th September 2023**

9.30am - 8pm

**Wednesday 4th October 2023**

9.30am - 8pm

**Saturday 7th October 2023**

10am - 6pm

**Wednesday 11th October 2023**

9.30am - 8pm

**Saturday 14th October 2023**

10am - 6pm

### Safer Routes to School - Use of Cycling Helmets

At Kingsdale, we actively encourage our students to cycle to school as part of our Healthy, Active Lifestyles and sustainable travel approaches. However, it is important the students have the correct safety equipment with them when cycling which includes high vis jackets, lights (in Winter months) and cycle helmets. We would be grateful if parents could particularly encourage their child/ren to wear their helmet if they cycle and not to simply carry them with them! Please contact Mr Harding via [dhg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:dhg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) for further information.

## THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

**Acts of Kindness** – 'You must give time to your fellow citizens even it's a little thing, to do something for others – something for which you get no pay, but the privilege of doing it.'

### Logic

Reasoning conducted or assessed according to facts.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Summer Term Student Feedback Questionnaires

Please be reminded that we have now issued our Summer term student questionnaires as part of our ongoing quality assurance processes. We value very highly the input and feedback from our students and would ask all parents to encourage their child/ren to complete the online survey by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The link to the questionnaire and further details have been issued separately. See the final page of this publication for more information about our surveys.

### Curriculum Coffee Mornings

A reminder that the dates of this term's meetings are as follows:

**Friday 7th July 2023**

11am - 1pm, Year 12 & 13

**Friday 14th July 2023**

11am - 1pm, Year 9

**Friday 21st July 2023**

11am - 1pm, Years 7 & 8

Each event starts at 11am in Conference Room 1 at the school.

Please contact Miss Dyer via [asrpa@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:asrpa@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) with any queries



# CONSTELLATIONS CONSTELLATIONS CONSTELLATIONS CONSTELLATIONS

BY NICK PAYNE

KINGSDALE DRAMA STUDIO  
12-14 JULY 2023 @ 6PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE  
DRAMA OFFICE

## A RELATIONSHIP IN A **METaverse**

FEATURING AN ELITE ENSEMBLE  
OF ACTORS IN YEARS 9 & 10

A BEEKEEPER AND QUANTUM  
PHYSICIST MEET. THEY HIT IT OFF,  
OR PERHAPS THEY DON'T.

SEE THE MANY POSSIBILITIES  
COME TO LIFE IN THIS  
REMARKABLE PLAY.

TICKETS £4 / £3 CONCESSIONS  
AVAILABLE FROM THE DRAMA OFFICE

OR EMAIL  
[QGG@KINGSDALE.SOUTHWARK.SCH.UK](mailto:QGG@KINGSDALE.SOUTHWARK.SCH.UK)

RECOMMEND TO AGES 12+ DUE  
TO THEMES AND LANGUAGE

*Festival*  
**REPUBLIC.**

Presents

# Crystal Palace Schools Concert

Showcasing young performers from schools around Crystal Palace Park

**Wednesday 5th July**

Doors 16:00, show ends 21:30

Free entry

Ecclesbourne & Cypress Choirs

Ecclesbourne Djembe Kings

Cypress Djembe Flames

Grounded UK Juniors from Elmwood

James Dixon Steel Pan Band

Kingsdale Foundation School Showcase

Insanity from the Norwood School

Harris City Academy Steel Pan Orchestra

Beyond London & The Minorities from Harris Academy South Norwood

**CRYSTAL  
PALACE  
PARK  
TRUST**



SCAN FOR TICKETS

# CRYSTAL PALACE PARK TRUST

## Crystal Palace Schools' Concert

A reminder that our Year 12 A Level Music students will be performing as part of the Crystal Palace Schools' Concert next month in Crystal Palace Park. It promises to be a fantastic event, which will also feature bands from a variety of local schools. Kingsdale's band features 14 pupils and they will be performing a range of music including jazz, rock and pop.

The concert takes place between 4 & 9.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July in Crystal Palace Park. Tickets are FREE and can be obtained at the following link:

<https://www.universe.com/events/festival-republic-presents-crystal-palace-schools-concert-tickets-RW38PH>

We hope to see many pupils, parents, staff and members of the school community there!

## SCHOOL NEWS



### KFS Uniform Bank cont...

Our uniform is a key part of our identity and as such we are able to help parents and carers in providing quality uniform items. Sadly, the cost of living is still rising and some families are finding it a challenge to cover all bases in bringing up a family. There is also the negative environmental impact in design and disposal within the clothing industry to consider.

Kingsdale community families can acquire *cleaned and sanitised* pre-worn uniform blazers (Belmont Dry Cleaners in Croxted Road have been most generous with their time and costing in this matter) and other items, dependent on availability, at a much, reduced rate. The Uniform Bank will also be open between 2.45pm and 3.30pm during the first week of Summer School. *Please, always check for availability of items prior to making a purchase.*

This is a rolling programme that continues throughout the entire academic year and as such we are always looking for donations. Please leave washed and folded clothes at the main Reception area. Items of uniform will be available at other times of the year depending on supply. If you would like to help in any way please make yourself known to the team.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact: Mr Lewis at [jls@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:jls@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)



### KFS Uniform Bank

We have many items of clothing to help supplement your uniform requirements. *(subject to availability).* Please note we do not stock ties or individual badges.

#### Prices:

Blazer £6, Sweatshirt/Jumper £4  
Skirt/Trousers £3 and all shirts £2

#### Payment:

Please use appropriate combination of donation boxes (£6/4/3/2) on Parent Pay. Screen shot or download receipt. Come along at opening times to select items from the Uniform Bank.

Open: 3.45 – 4.45pm Mon/Wed/Fri  
Staff: Mr Lewis and Ms Dalrymple

### The School Shop

A reminder that our School Shop is now open during the school day to enable students to purchase a range of useful items that they might need. This includes stationary and uniform items; all of which can be purchased using their school fob.



# ENGLISH NEWS



## Kingsdale Poet Laureate Competition!

Congratulations to Sid Dunster, Ishti Khan, Alfie Kempton, Penny Whalley, Lucas Harrison, Molly Bell, Roe Ryan, Esme Forrest, Skye Cousin-Chan for their winning entries to the Poet Laureate Competition 2023!



As part of this celebration, renowned poet Jessica Mookherjee, gave a poetry workshop to the Laureates on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June and then led an assembly in the Pod where the winners performed their poems cheered on by their friends. What a great event!



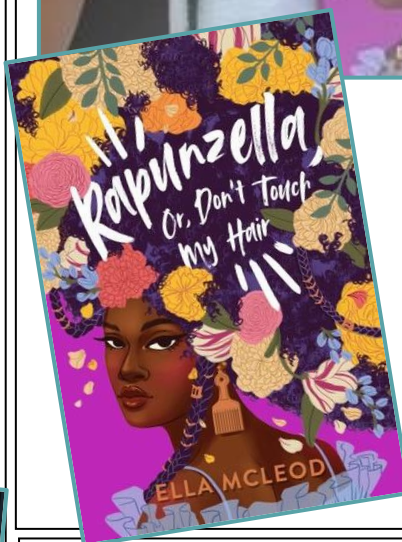
## Author Visit from Ella McLeod

Last Friday saw a gathering of keen creative writers in Year 9 receiving a talk from YA novelist and podcaster Ella McLeod!

Ella shared her passion for literature, her rage against outdated fairy stories and some top tips for writing, getting published and making it as a creative. The group participated brilliantly and asked very insightful questions afterwards.



Ella with her fantastic debut novel, *Rapunzella Or, Don't Touch My Hair*.



## Lost Property

We are still receiving a large number of items that have been mislaid or lost by students. In many cases, these items are unlabeled, making it very hard for them to be quickly and successfully reunited with their owners! Please can we ask parents to label all items of their children's property at school, including water bottles, blazers and coats.

Lost property queries can be directed to [lostproperty@kingsdale.southwark.school.uk](mailto:lostproperty@kingsdale.southwark.school.uk)

# KINGSDALE CULTURE DAY

23rd July 2023

Please Get Involved!



# THE KINGSDALE FAMILY INTERNATIONAL CULTURE DAY!

Kingsdale Foundation School is proud to present a unique and splendid festival of cultural diversity, The Kingsdale Family International Culture Day, on Sunday, 23rd July, 2023.

This will be a vibrant school event themed around celebrating and embracing the rich and diverse cultures that exist within our wider school community. It is a school community event the success of which will depend upon the generous and spirited participation of all, including parents. We invite you to get involved in contributing to this wonderful event and we look forward optimistically to your enthusiastic participation.

Please get in touch with Mrs Sarika Chaudhary via email [Kfscultureday@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:Kfscultureday@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk), preferably by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, if you can help with:

- Donation of Food
- Donation of Raffle Prize
- Running a Cultural Stall to sell/ exhibit cultural artefacts and/or promote any skill/talent
- Run a Cultural Workshop in Art/ Craft/ Dance
- Sponsoring the Event

The funds that we raise through this event will be donated to the charity 'Mind' that provides support, advice and services for better mental health.

We really hope you can make it and look forward to your support. Tickets will be available soon and are free!!



**SUNDAY 23RD JULY,  
12PM-3PM**

Alleyn Park, London SE21 8SQ  
[kfscultureday@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:kfscultureday@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

**We really hope  
you can make it  
and we look  
forward to your  
support!**



## KINGSDALE FOUNDATION SCHOOL

### Silver Arts Award Year 9 Exhibition

Parents, carers and friends of Year 9 Art, Photography, Graphic Design and Textiles students are warmly invited to our Silver Arts Award Year 9 Exhibition.

This pilot event is run by students participating in Silver Arts Award:

Hetty Murphy-Wright 9NSH

Zuzanna Piotwska 8JBU

Allegra Lawla 8HAD

Vida Lukas 9AKD

Sukey Erickson 8JBU

Nancy Edwards 10APN

Emilie Leroy 9OSG

Elena Mclellan 8DSE

and Alice Finegan 10WMS

Refreshments will be served.

**Silver Arts Award  
Year 9 Exhibition  
5th July 2023 4-7pm  
at Kingswood Arts  
Seeley Drive, SE21 8QN**



# ART & DT NEWS

To see more of the brilliant Art, Textiles, Photography, Graphics and Textiles work by our students, as well as Art alumni, please follow us on Instagram [@kingsdaleart](#) - [@kingsdaledandt](#) - [@kingsdalefoodscience](#) (age restrictions apply)

Artwork by  
Rosalee Salkeld  
CCStc Photography



**KINGSDALE**  
FOUNDATION SCHOOL

## Art & Design Exhibition

Wednesday 12th July 2023

5pm – 8pm

SE21 8SQ

## Tes Schools Awards 2023 finalists



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, our Art Department attended the prestigious TES School Awards ceremony, on Park Lane, as we were shortlisted for the 'Excellence in Creative Arts Award 2023.'

It was an absolute honour to be shortlisted, along with other schools with a strong arts focus. Actor James Nesbitt was the host for the event, and although our inexperience did not enable us to win on our first entry to this event, we are incredibly proud of our achievements as a team, and of our fantastic students, parents, Art Alumni and school community, who all supported our nomination.

## Year 7 & 8 Art Scholars' Reward Trip to Brighton

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, the Year 7 & 8 Art Scholars took the train to Brighton for their annual reward trip. The sun shone as they enjoyed the Lanes before heading to the pier for a delicious fish and chips lunch. The students showed fantastic creativity on the beach, followed by ice creams all round and a musical interlude at the station before heading back to London. We were so proud of everyone's fantastic behaviour and engagement. It was a super day out!





Hetty Murphy-Wright went to the Magdalena Abakanowicz exhibition at the Tate Modern Gallery as a part of her Silver Arts Award, to 'Review arts events'.

Through this section of her qualification, Hetty is showing that she has learned about the art form, how to review an arts experience and how to share her review with others.

## Magdalena Abakanowicz By Hetty Murphy - Wright

A while ago I went to an art exhibition at the Tate Modern displaying Magdalena Abakanowicz' art to complete part 1 of my Silver Arts Award. It was an incredible experience, and I was so lucky to be able to go. It really inspired me to try out a more varied selection of materials and art forms.

Magdalena Abakanowicz was a Polish fibre artist who created huge sculptures using coarse sackcloth sewn and attached together. Her most used materials consisted of burlap, string, and cotton gauze. Although she died in 2017 her sculptures are still exhibited in the most prestigious institutions to this day globally, her most famous pieces being "abakans", 'Embryology', "Human Figures" and so on. Her work is absolutely extraordinary, and the amount of detail is outstanding. What I loved about this exhibition was that you could get quite close to some of her large pieces meaning that you could see how much detail was really in them and all the different colours intertwined with each other. Although she uses a variety of different art forms and materials you could clearly see a consistent theme and style throughout her work.



This is a picture taken by me of one of my favourite sculptures of hers. It was hanging from the ceiling, and you could get so close up to it, helping you see all the details that would otherwise go unnoticed. I loved the different shades of deep forest green and the loose strands that hung out of it. Although it was one of her smaller pieces it still caught my eye, maybe because it was round, and the others were more of a flat shape. This piece was also a large contrast compared to the others, as they were more vibrant and warm.

What made this gallery visit so amazing has to be the fact that her artwork was hanging all around you creating an immersive experience that felt like you were walking through some sort of maze or forest.

Mr Freud, contrastingly compared to the oil painting technique he used for 'the girl in the bed' to his self-portrait (1963), he uses a completely different technique called impasto the use of a pallet knife or brush to create a unique experience and thick texture. In this artwork, he uses a range of paint to successfully show the shadows casted on the left side of his face. Additionally, his use of orange enhances the wonderful strokes and matches parts of the background- bringing the piece together.

In general, Mr Freud uses quite earthy colours on his paintings which largely consist of nude people as well as portraits, he captures the range of tones in skin expertly using shapes to section apart his artwork. However, Freud's art varies in receptiveness - some view his work as ruthless, cruel and pitiless, whilst others view his art as honest representations of society and humanity. After evaluating his art, I can see the intensity and complicated feelings Freud expresses through his challenging paintings.

One of the first things you see when you enter the exhibition is a text that talks about Magdalena

Abakanowicz and her back story. The first sentence is "following the second world war, Abakanowicz pursued an education in painting and weaving, graduating from the Academy of Plastic Arts in Warsaw in 1945."- I hope that gives you more of a background on how she became who she is. I would definitely recommend this exhibition to anyone interested or who can appreciate art. It is worth the money to go as it is unlike any other exhibition that I have ever been to (and I have been to a lot!). At first, I wasn't sure of how much I would like it but after going I am inspired to try a larger selection of art forms and materials. I would rate this exhibition a 5/5 because it surprised me as it was not what I originally expected it to be like, it was better.

# SPORTS NEWS

## SPORTS DAY

### Kingsdale Foundation School's Inter-House Sports Day Finals Event 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

As with previous years parents, carers, and guardians are warmly invited to attend this exciting event showcasing the talents of your children and our up-and-coming top athletes. Should you wish to attend our Sports Day, we ask that you register your interest using the email address below. All spectator bookings should be made no later than **Wednesday 19th July** so that adequate provision can be made at the venue. Please be advised that further details regarding the timings for the day including individual event times will be made available in due course. We very much look forward to seeing you all on the 21st July 2023.

For further information please contact Ms V. Turner at: [pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

### Student Links to register for Sports Day Heats

#### Year 8 Sports Day Heats Registration Form:

Please click [here](#) for the Year 8 student online registration form for the heats

## DEADLINE – 4<sup>th</sup> JULY

#### Year 10 Sports Day Heats Registration Form:

Please click [here](#) for the Year 10 student online registration form for the heats.

## DEADLINE 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY

**STUDENTS! DON'T FORGET TO FILL IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE USING THE LINKS ABOVE!!**



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Year 9 and 10 Reward Trip!

The Middle School is delighted to confirm that letters have been emailed out regarding the reward trip to Thorpe Park on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July** for those pupils who have consistently behaved well throughout the year.

**Please note that the payment deadline has been extended to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.** Please contact Heads of Learning if you have any questions.

### Calling all Budding Student Journalists!

Kingsdale students have started their own school newspaper and are inviting fellow students to get involved!

If you're passionate about current affairs and would like to write reviews and news reports for the Kingsdale Telegraph, please get in touch!

**Click image to open the latest edition!**



Students should post their illustrations, reviews and articles (maximum 80 words for reviews and 100 words for articles) in the school newspaper contributions box, situated in the main office. Please include your full name and tutor group. Alternatively, they can email the team via [kingsdaletelegraph@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:kingsdaletelegraph@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

### Student Suggestion Boxes

To promote our well-established and highly effective Student Voice programme, there are suggestion boxes, which are located outside of the Attendance Office in the Main Atrium and The Office of The Headteacher at the bottom of the Green Stairs.

Please encourage your child to use this facility to make suggestions about how we can continue to improve our provision.



# SPORTS NEWS

## Year 8 & 9 PGL Trip



Last week saw roughly 60 students from Year 8 and 9 make the trip to PGL Boreatton Park in Shropshire for our annual watersports trip.

The weekend saw the students take part in a variety of activities including Abseiling, Archery, Archery Tag, Giant Swing, Rifle Shooting and Trapeze. The activity the students most enjoyed was the Giant Stand Up Paddle Board. The students particularly enjoyed pushing each other (and the teachers) into the lake whilst learning new skills and playing some games on the water. On Sunday, the students went to Alton Towers which was a fantastic experience!



All of the students managed to go on all the main rides such as The Smiler, Oblivion, Wicker Man and the super scary Postman Pat Parcel Post rollercoaster. The students were a credit to the school all weekend and their behaviour throughout was exemplary.



## Amelia Orungbeja Attends the Under-15s Girls' Basketball England Talent Programme



Congratulations to Amelia Orungbeja for all her success in her basketball journey so far. Amelia was invited to attend the Under-15s Girls' England Talent Programme in which she was selected to represent England in Serbia and the JNR NBA tournament in Valencia!

Amelia has also been selected for the London Region Under-15s team for the All Stars Tournament in Manchester, Basketball Showcases in Girona Spain and Jnr NBA Finals Europe and Middle East in Abu Dhabi.

Well done Amelia for all your hard work and success and we wish you luck in your upcoming tournaments. *Keep up the good work!*



**Under-14s National RFU Touch 2 Mixed Rugby**  
Congratulations to the U-14s Mixed Touch Rugby team who competed in the National RFU Touch 2 Twickenham tournament last week. The event was held at the Sixways Stadium in Worcester. Across the day, the team played 7 games, winning 3, drawing 2 and losing 2. This placed them in 4<sup>th</sup> position overall. Well done!

## Year 7 & 8 Starburst Surrey Cricket Competition



The Year 7 and 8 cricket team travelled to Reigate cricket club on Friday 23rd June to play in the Starburst Surrey Cricket Competition. The first game was against Farnham school which was a great first game for Kingsdale winning 238-207 runs. The second game in the group was against Caterham which was a very close game but we just lost by 5 runs. The 3<sup>rd</sup> group game was against Hinchley where the team played really well and came out with a clear win. This meant we were through to the next round to play against Wallington School. This was a fantastic game to finish on with some excellent wickets and 6's scored which ended with a win for Kingsdale! The team should be so proud of their efforts on the day with Kingsdale placing 4<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams competing on the day. Well done girls!

### Team:

Jessica Stratford, Ruby MacCallum Hall, Crystal Georgestone, Freya Taylor-Moon, Freya Small, Greta Gaukrodger, Hebe Griffiths, Ava Woodcraft, Esme Tennant, Iris McWilliams & Anaiya Queiros

### Under-15s 'Sisters n Sport' Final Kingsdale vs Repton School, Derby

Last week, the Under-15s Girls took part in the Sisters n Sport Plate Finals held at the famous Repton school in Derby.

It was a tough game which challenged the girls and it was a final both teams wanted to win. Kingsdale had to dig deep and work hard with Evie Roberts, Honor Thomas and Wanda Rataj consistently forcing their opponents back. Eventually our persistence paid off with a win! A massive well done to the Year 10 girls! Kingsdale have won the Sisters in Sport Under-15s competition two years in a row and have earned the right to be called champions in 2021-22 and 2022-23!

**Final Score:** Kingsdale 3-1 Repton School

**Goal scorers:** Nelly Guest (2) and Ella Abayomi (1)

**Player of the match:** Nelly Guest

### Team:

Nelly Guest, Lois Lawson, Evie Roberts, Levi Palache, Ella Khaldoun, Honor Thomas-Lee, Wanda Rataj, Izzy Ayora-Vanegas, Blu Williams & Esme Robinson

## SPORTS NEWS cont.

### 3 Week Community Dance Workshop for Selected Year 7, 8, 9 & 11 students



Last week selected Kingsdale dance students started work on the Community Festival which takes place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

The students will be working on a short Musical Theatre piece which will showcase mental health, dementia and homelessness.

Kingsdale students were great on working with Year 12 & 13 Musical Theatre, Applied Theatre & Dance students in year 12 & 13 from Selhurst College, on ideas for the collaborative piece that they will be performing together. This was an impressive Q & A session, with lots of ideas.



Our students then had to dust off their vocal cords and sing. Our students were put through their paces with dance, which of course our students were more than up for the challenge proving again that Kingsdale students are more than capable of great heights! The piece is starting to come together nicely and will really push our students performance abilities to a higher level.

Well done to all our students for taking part. You are definitely showing our continued high standards of representing Kingsdale.



# SPORTS NEWS cont.

## Sisters n Sport Under-14s Cup Final Kingsdale vs Loretta Grammar School



The whistle goes for kick-off and Kingsdale start strong and on the attack straight away. After a few minutes of play, Ryhona Mundle scores the first goal to make it 1-0, soon scoring another to make it 2-0 at half-time. 10 minutes into the second-half and Ella Abayomi scores a left foot screamer from the edge of the box making the score 3-0. Captain May Antoniou stepped up to take a free kick from roughly 30 yards out, striking the dead ball beautifully and scored to make it 4-0. Towards the end of the game Bea Hewson scored another goal making the final score 5-0 to Kingsdale. Well done team!

**Final Score:** Kingsdale **5-0** Loretta Grammar School

**Goal scorers:** May Antoniou - captain (1), Ryhona Mundle (2) and Bea Hewson (2)

**Player of the match:** Ella Abayomi

### Team:

Fiona Ebert, Benji Downing Jones, May Antoniou, Kayde Grant, Eliza Gibbons, Isla Calder, Bea Taylor Bougue, Bea Hewson, Flo Ewen, Molly Bell, Daisy Williams, Rhosaine Benjamin, Ryhona Mundle, Zoe Solomons, Ella Abayomi & Imarn Nugent

## Under-12s Wyn Bailey Inner London Cup Final Kingsdale vs Mossbourne Academy



Kingsdale played Mossbourne Academy in the final of the Inner London Cup down at Long Lane JFC last week. There was added pressure as this was the same cup the previous Year 7 team won last year. Kingsdale started slowly but were 1-0 up at half-time with a goal scored by Nancy Frost. The second-half was stronger with an early goal from Captain Ella Abayomi to make it 2-0. Soon after goals followed by Sophia Jexx and a second goal by Ella. Leaving the final score 4-0 to Kingsdale.

Well done to the team on becoming Champions of Inner London!

**Final Score:** Kingsdale **4-0** Mossbourne Academy

**Goal scorers:** Ella Abayomi - captain (2), Sophia Jexx (1) and Nancy Frost (1)

### Team:

Ella, Imarn, Sophia, Betsy, Ella, Martha, Ceci, Nancy, Iris, Freya, Clemence and Dorothy



## Under-14s SSCA Plate Cricket Kingsdale v Glenthorne High School

The Under-14 Boys' Cricket team have progressed into the SSCA Plate Semi-Final after beating Glenthorne High School by 4 wickets.

All players performed excellently, Niall Basini Rogers was the top scorer in the game, achieving 66 not out, making him the Player of the Match.

**Player of the match & Top scorer:**  
Niall Basini Rogers

Well done to all players!

# SPORTS NEWS cont.

## Year 7 Sports Day Heats

There was a great turnout at the Year 7 Sports Day Heats event last week, showcasing the outstanding talents of our Year 7 athletes and paving the way for a very exciting, action-packed Sports Day Finals on Friday 21st July.

For further information please contact Ms Turner  
[pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)



# Big History Club!

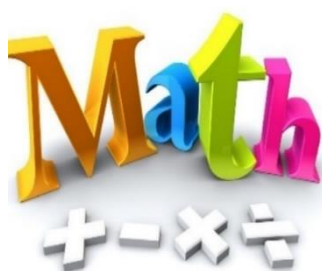
For Key Stage 3 and 4 in HU3  
Every other Tuesday from 4.15pm to 4.45pm

Do you want to dive into the past?  
Is there something we don't cover at school that you would like to learn about?

In Big History Club we use history and fiction books, films, art, music and more to **enquire into diverse World Histories** from ancient times to modern day.

In our next session on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** we will be asking:  
**How has 'apocalypse' been viewed over time?**  
with Mr Muhammad

Bring along any questions you have, and more ideas for people, events or items from history you want to know more about in future sessions!



## MATHS NEWS

The Wednesday Mathematics scholarship sessions for Year 7 & 8 students continue throughout the half-term as outlined below. The Year 9 Scholarship sessions also continue as usual **every Friday 13.10 – 13.40 in Rooms AR3 & AR4.**

Students are requested to check their respective Scholarship Microsoft Teams pages for the up-to-date information.

### Year 7 Maths Scholarship Programme

**SCHEDULE SUMMER TERM 2023**

**TIME: 15.50 – 16.35**

DATE	YEAR GROUP	TEACHER	ROOM
5 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023	YEAR 7A & 7B	Session 7 <i>Fraction of a circle 2</i> MRS TERZIU & MS LIMA	MA1 & MA6
12 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023	YEAR 7C & 7D	Session 7 <i>Fraction of a circle 2</i> MR PRIOR & MR CHOY	MA1 & MA2

### Year 8 Maths Scholarship Programme

**SCHEDULE SUMMER TERM 2023**

**TIME: 16.20 – 17.05**

DATE	YEAR GROUP	TEACHER	ROOM
5 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023	YEAR 8A & 8B	Session 7 <i>Fraction of a circle 2</i> MR. DIEDRICK, MS BURNEY	MA2 & MA8
12 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023	YEAR 8C & 8D	Session 7 <i>Fraction of a circle 2</i> MS MILES, MR JAMES	MA6 & MA8

Contact Mr Otieno if you have any inquiries on [maths@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:maths@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

# Want to make a **REAL** **DIFFERENCE?**

## Become a Youth Parliament Member and be the voice of young people

Stand as a candidate for the Southwark Youth Parliament if you're aged 14 to 19\*, live in Southwark and want to make a real difference. You'll be able to influence decisions that affect young people and make sure your generation's voice is heard.

Be part of Southwark Youth Parliament.  
Stand as a candidate and represent  
your school or local area.

Applications close at midnight 30 June 2023  
Elections will take place online from  
25th to 29th September 2023.

To find out more please contact,  
Youth Engagement Lead:  
[Jessica.kouadio@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Jessica.kouadio@southwark.gov.uk) or  
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\* If you have special needs you can be a member up until the age of 25.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Safe Travel to School

At school, we have shared the key messages about keeping safe with the students. Some of the key messages are outlined below:

### “LOOK UP LOOK OUT”

- **BE AWARE** of your surroundings.
- **BE AWARE** when using your mobile phone.
- Know your route home.
- Keep to busy roads.
- Try to be with other people.
- If someone tries to stop you keep walking.
- **SHOUT** for help and make **NOISE**.
- If anything happens speak to a trusted adult as soon as you can.
- **RUN HIDE TELL**.
- There is no right or wrong response as each situation is different but remember that **YOUR SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT**. Only **YOU** can assess the risk.
- Possessions are replaceable, but **you are not**.

**Your child must contact the Police immediately on 999 if they are concerned about their safety or if they are the victim of a mugging/attempted mugging.**

Students and Parents should also inform the school so the at we can offer pastoral support and liaise with our Safer Schools Officer – PC Crampton.

Please contact Mr Harding via [dhg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:dhg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) with any queries.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Kingsdale is a Safe Space

We would like to take this opportunity to once again remind students and their families of our two confidential emails which are operational both during and outside of school hours.

This provision is available for any member of our school community wishing to seek advice, discuss any matters relating to mental health & well-being or report an incident or concern confidentially via email.

We appreciate that students, parents, carers or guardians may wish to speak to someone outside of school hours or may wish to disclose an incident or concern confidentially or anonymously.

Our two confidential emails are:  
[health&wellbeing@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:health&wellbeing@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)  
[tellsomeone@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:tellsomeone@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

Please contact **Ms V Turner** for further information regarding this provision or any matters relating to mental health & well-being at Kingsdale School.

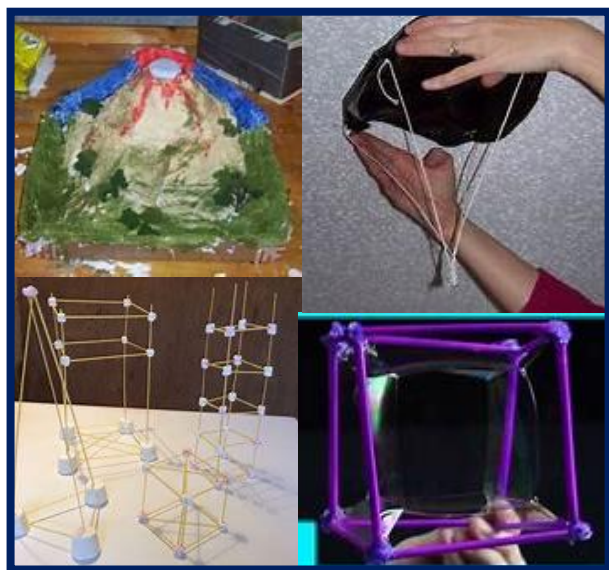




Students from Year 7 & 8 enjoy the Science club every week each Wednesday after school, starting at 3.45pm in SC8. Everyone is welcome, they just need to pop in.

Some of the activities they have already enjoyed include:

- Square bubbles
- Using microscopes
- Swabbing cheek cells
- Density columns
- Making cheese
- Imploding cans
- Slim
- Making a compass
- Spaghetti and marshmallows structures
- Volcanos
- Parachutes
- DNA origami
- Chromatography butterflies



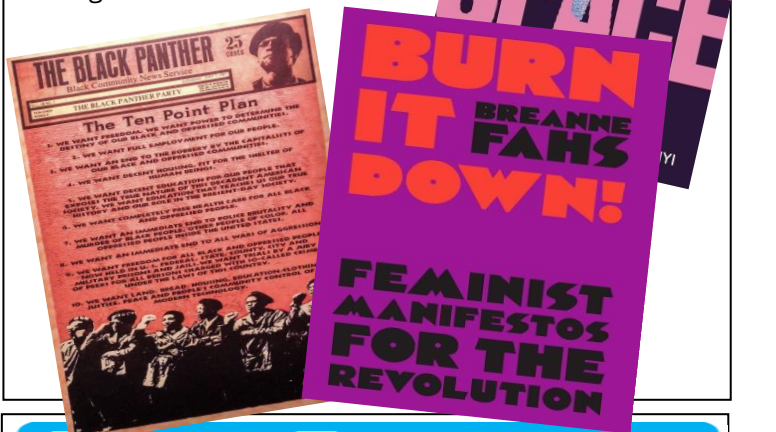
There are many more activities coming up, all hands on for fun and learning the science behind this fun. **JOIN US!**

## Creative Writing Club: Manifestos

What is a manifesto? What kinds of people write manifestos? How can I make my voice heard?

Come to Creative Writing Club every **Monday 3.50-4.50pm** in the USL with Ms Bowles and Ms Dobson (USL Librarian.)

Our first session will be exploring manifesto writing and writing our own.



Following on the successful Debate Mate programme this year, we will be resuming our weekly debate clubs this term for Years 7, 8 & 9 students in company with our Year 10 club. These clubs are fantastic for students to build confidence and will give them an opportunity to practise debate skills and compete in our House Debating competition later this term, alongside preparation for future competitions and Model United Nations (MUN) conferences.

These clubs are open to all students to attend.

**Year 7 Wednesdays**  
15.45-16.30 – LSL Mr Bakare

**Year 8 Wednesdays**  
12.00-12.50 – IT5 Ms Willett

**Year 9 Mondays After School**  
16.10-17.10 – MA2 Mr Burke.

**Year 10 Fridays**  
12.00-12.50 – HU4 Ms Sherratt

For all debate queries please contact:  
[jbu@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:jbu@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

## SEND FACULTY NEWS

# Family Fund

## Helping disabled children



### Managing Finances: Checking Your Benefits Online

Knowing what benefits you may be entitled to claim can be confusing. This new online workshop will take you through how to use the Turn2Us benefits calculator, step-by-step. We'll also show you how to use your government gateway account to apply for benefits online. During this friendly and informal trainer-led session a case study will be used to show you how to use the online calculator and all the information you'll need.

Please note, no personal information will be required or asked for during the workshop.

The session is held online, via Zoom and lasts about an hour. It's free to attend for all families raising a disabled or seriously ill child.

**"I was really happy with how the session was run, there were ample opportunities to ask questions and it was a relaxed environment."**

Our next Checking your benefits online session will be held on **Wednesday 12 July at 6pm – 7pm. Online via Zoom**

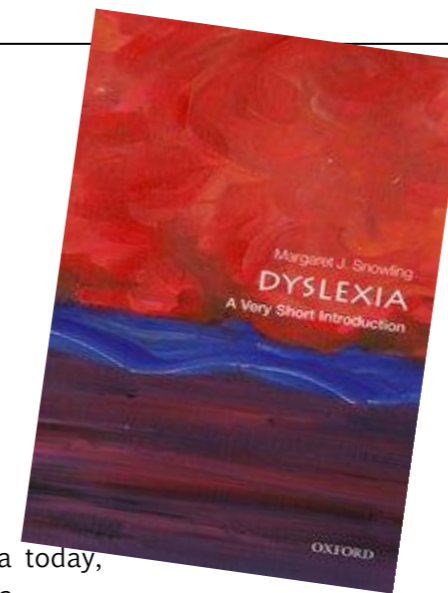
Sign up for the course here: [SIGN UP](#)

## Dyslexia: A Very Short Introduction by Margaret J. Snowling

Margaret J. Snowling CBE is Professor in the Department of Experimental Psychology at the University of Oxford and President of St. John's College. Her research focuses on children's language and learning; specifically, the nature and causes of children's reading difficulties and how best to ameliorate them. She is also professionally qualified as a clinical psychologist and has written and edited several books.

This book:

- Introduces the exciting research surrounding dyslexia today, including analysis of the potential causes of dyslexia.
- Discusses the neuroscience of dyslexia, and what we have learned about how it works through techniques such as brain scanning.
- Weighs up the various strategies and interventions which can help people with dyslexia today, sifting the fact from the fiction.
- Provides a brief history of dyslexia since its recognition in 1896.
- Draws on cross-linguistic studies to look at dyslexia in various different languages.



### Discount on Professor Maggie J Snowling's Book

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/dyslexia-a-very-short-introduction-9780198818304?cc=gb&lang=en&>

We have a 20% discount using the code **VSI20** the T&Cs are below:

Offer is valid until 18/08/2023 at 11:59pm (GMT). This offer is valid on the books listed within this promotion only. Offer valid for individual orders only and not intended for resale or bulk orders of a single title. Prices, publication, availability, and shipping fees are subject to change without notice. All sales are subject to acceptance by Oxford University Press. Offer valid online only. To redeem offer, enter code VSI20.



### Autism: Thinking Skills & Problem Solving

Free live webinar for parents presented by Annie Etherington, Consultant and Autism Tutor at Birmingham University

**"Autism: Thinking Skills & Problem Solving".**

**Date: Friday 28th July**

**Time: 10am-11am (Including Q&A)**

In this webinar, Annie will explore:

- How to build on strengths in autistic thinking
- How to develop flexibility and creativity in problem solving in autism
- Focusing on strategies and approaches for parents and carers of 5 year - 16-year-old children with autism.

Click here to register: [CLICK](#).

### New episode of youth-led podcast "Our Turn to Talk"

"Our Turn to Talk" is the National Children's Bureau's (NCB) youth-led podcast programme. All episodes are developed and directed by young people and focus on topics that are important to them.

In their seventh episode, young people working with NCB in a variety of roles explore their experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic and how this has continued to impact them today. Bethan, a young trustee, Eden, a member of the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum, Lotte, a Young Research Advisor, and Jacob, a member of FLARE, participate in a group discussion and reflect on their personal experiences. Navigating life during and post pandemic explores:

- The impact of school closures on young people's experiences of education.
- Young people's mental health and positive self-care strategies they have developed.
- The effect on local communities, access to services, and what improvements could be made.
- Key takeaways from their experiences.

The podcast can be listened to: [here](#). A transcript of the podcast is also available via the link.



## Cygnets Autism Programme for Parents/Carers

Do you have a child on the autistic spectrum aged 5-18 years old? Are you interested in attending a parenting support programme to gain a greater understanding of your child's condition?

Cygnets is a six week course run by Southwark's Autism Support Team and is designed to:

- increase parents understanding of autistic spectrum conditions
- help parents develop their knowledge on how a child on the autistic spectrum experiences the world and what drives their behaviour
- guide parents through practical strategies they can use with children
- direct parents to relevant ASC resources
- give parents the opportunity to meet with other parents who have had similar experiences and to gain support and learn from each other

### Who is the course for?

Southwark parents and carers

### Course Length

The free course runs for six weeks (one day per week) and each session lasts for 2.5 hours.

### What the course covers

- What is Autism?
- Communication
- Sensory Issues
- Understanding Behaviour
- Managing Behaviour

### When and where

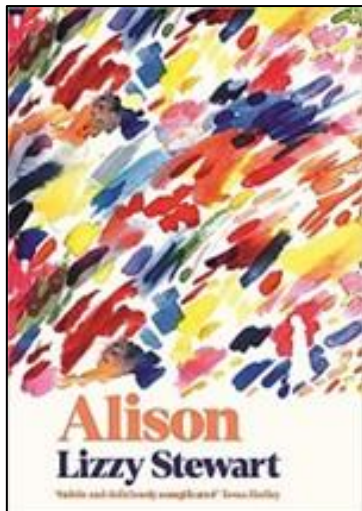
The course runs every term

### Contact

Click [here](#) to register your interest in the course



# Our Turn to Talk



**Teacher Recommendation**  
Ms Wilson recommends *Alison* by Lizzy Stuart

Alison is newly married, barely twenty and struggling to find her place in the world. A chance encounter with an older artist upturns her life and she forsakes

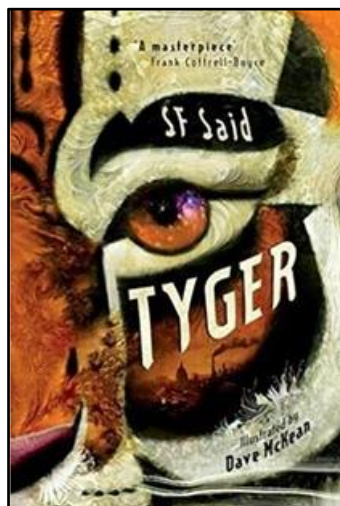
convention and her working-class Dorset roots for the thrumming art scene of London in the late seventies.

As the thrill of bohemian romance leads inevitably to disappointment, Alison begins to find her own path - through art, friendship and love.

Ms Wilson had never engaged with a graphic novel before and really enjoyed the portrayal of the art world that it created.

Some adult themes – a perfect read for KS5 students!

## Reading Recommendations



**Student Recommendation**  
George Smolski in Year 7 recommends *Tyger* By SF Said

Adam has found something incredible in a rubbish dump in London. A mysterious, mythical, magical animal. A TYGER.

And the tyger is in danger.

Adam and his friend Zadie are determined to help, but it isn't just the tyger's life at stake. Their whole world is on the verge of destruction. Can they learn to use their powers before it's too late?

George loved this because of its message of acceptance and the otherworldly atmosphere created by the language.

Suitable for students in Key Stage 3 and over.

## Ways we communicate with Parents and students



We communicate with students & 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 share schoolwork, assignments and files.

### Twitter/Website

You can find us at @kingsdalefs. Our website at: [www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk](http://www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk)

### SatchelOne (previously SMHW)

Used to share homework details and other school news via the Notice Board feature with students and parents. Login [here](#).

### MyEd app

Downloaded for free at:

<https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>

This app provides a range of useful info for parents.

## School Marking Code & Quality Assurance



Parents are reminded that detailed information exists on our school website [here](#), regarding the way that students are assessed at Kingsdale, through the marking of classwork and assessments. Our approaches are also discussed throughout the year at scheduled Parents' Evenings and through curriculum information evenings (*details issued separately*).

Should you have any queries about the marking of your child's work at the school, or have any specific concerns about the frequency of marking in any subject for your child, please use our dedicated reporting email

[checkmychildsmarking@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:checkmychildsmarking@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

# HOUSE COMPETITIONS



## Kingsdale Cooking Challenge: World Chocolate Day

World Chocolate Day, also known as 'International Chocolate Day', is celebrated on 7th July. Some believe this is the date that chocolate was introduced to Europe in 1550.

### What is the history of chocolate?

Chocolate originated in Mexico, where Olmec people grew cacao for the first time. The cacao tree species is thought to be around 100 million years old! Word of mouth tales speak of the Olmecs using cacao to make drinks, but there's no written evidence of this. Their knowledge was passed to the Ancient Maya, who lived in Mexico and Central America. They transformed chocolate into a spiced drink that was used in special ceremonies.



### STUDENT TASK:

Make a chocolate-based dish. Send us a picture and a short description of how you made your chocolate delight. The best-looking dish will win valuable points for your house.

Don't forget to get permission from your parents or carers and have appropriate supervision in the kitchen.

### HOUSE ACTIVITY:

Submit your picture and recipe to the House Team: [housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)  
Ensure your entry is accompanied by your full name, tutor group and House.

## Inter-House Sports Day Mascot Competition

Inter-House Sports Day is taking place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Now is your chance to represent your House and bring home the trophy!



### STUDENT ACTIVITY:

Create a Mascot to represent your House.

### HOW TO ENTER:

Share your Mascot with the House Team: [housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)  
Ensure your entry is accompanied by your full name, tutor group and House.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMINO



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MODERATION GAPS

Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place – increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of even younger children finding their way onto the platform.

### UNSAFE CONTENT

The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, then make and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (someone's true identity can be completely obscured behind their username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or outright predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

### INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES

Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being seen by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof'; it was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate a shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregate, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals – but even that can create plenty of hazards.

## COMICS & COSPLAY

### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a bevy of customisation options such as stickers, 'moods' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubble or profile frames. If your child has payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

### REPEATED USAGE

As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks', as users are awarded 'reputation points' for logging in regularly. This type of mechanism, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT IT

If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics – such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online. It might also be a good idea to go into the app's settings and disable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

### STAY UPDATED

Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well moderated and full of innocent conversation about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful places.

### MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION

If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in depth. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become inflamed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

### MONITOR SCREEN TIME

If you haven't already, you might want to consider setting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having – and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site @GRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



Source: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/scottish-news/mum-horrified-after-daughter-10-18773398>

# SPORTS FIXTURES

## Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

- Year 10 Girls' & Boys' Sports Day Heats at the MD Playing Fields. 9am until 12 noon: **Ms Turner & PE Staff**

## Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 8 Girls' & Boys' Sports Day Heats at the MD Playing Fields. 9am until 12 noon: **Ms Turner & PE Staff**
- Under-16s Mixed Girls' & Boys' Dance Workshop at Selhurst Performing Arts College. Leave school at 12noon. 12.30pm Start. Return at 4pm approx.: **Ms McGregor/Ms Dooky**

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

- No planned fixtures

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 7 - 10 Sports Scholars' Cricket Workshop at the MD Palying Fields. Leave school at 9.30am. 10am Start. Return at 2.30pm.: **Ms Cave/Mr Price**

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

- No planned fixtures

\*Fixtures may be cancelled due to rain  
<http://www.kingsdaleschoolsports.org.uk>

Please note some extra Fixtures may be organised at short notice.



# HOUSE NEWS

## Online Safety Corner

For this week's Online Safety focus, we have included an important focus on an interesting social media tool bringing young people together. It does this by creating shared interest areas online for young people to explore. Find out more about **AMINO. PLEASE READ!!**

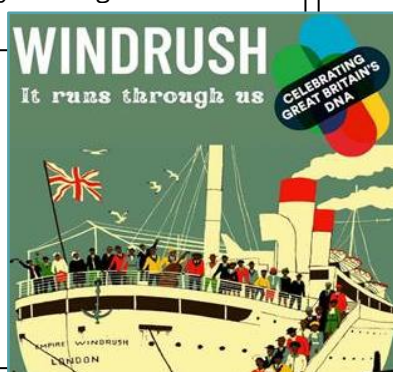
Remember to keep an open dialogue with your child about their activities online. **See previous page.**

## Windrush Generation Celebrate a 75 Year journey

Last week, June 22<sup>nd</sup> in the UK was marked as a national day of celebration for the Windrush Generation. The contribution of the Windrush generation to rebuilding Great Britain after the second world war should not be underestimated.

It was the Prince of Wales who said,  
*'The Windrush generation have made the UK "a better people today". This day in the national calendar this year marks, 75 years since the first crossing from the Caribbean.*

Prince William said the voyagers and their descendants had helped rebuild the country and added to its culture. The King was also at a Windsor Castle service, and a procession was held in south London. Campaigners welcomed the commemorations but called them "bittersweet". For more information on Windrush 75, click [here](#).



## Student Voice Student Online Surveys

At KFS, we take the student voice very seriously. As such we routinely canvas our young people via confidential online surveys on a range of topics regarding their experiences at the school.

The indicative schedule for such surveys for each academic year is below but will be supplemented by additional surveys as required: Autumn Term: Safeguarding & Extra-Curricular Provision Spring Term: Safeguarding, Assessment & Curriculum Provision Summer Term: Safeguarding, Scholarships & School Support Services.

Please note each term, students are also required to rate and review the teaching they have received in each timetabled lesson as part of our quality assurance processes. See the Front Page for more information.

## The House Leader Board 2022-23

Week ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

- 1st Place – Swift 38,360 Points
- 2nd Place – Dove 34,364 Points
- 3rd Place – Albatross 31,434 Points
- 4th Place – Falcon 30,992 Points
- 5th Place – Eagle 27,851 Points

Swift are leading the race and heading for victory!  
 Can any other House catch them?