



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINE NOTICES



Christmas Break 2022 – Endings & Beginnings

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term and to wish all families a restful and peaceful holiday season. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school in the New Year. Please be reminded that the school will have a staggered finish for students on Tuesday 20th December 2022 for the Christmas Break. Details have been circulated separately. The Spring Term 2023 will commence on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at the usual times.

ようこそ日本

Kingsdale Welcomes Japanese Students

On Thursday December 15th, we said a big Kingsdale “こんにちは” (Kon'nichiwa) to pupils from Momoyama Gakuin High School in Osaka, Japan for a morning of workshops, presentations and cultural exchange. We were overwhelmed by the response from our own Sixth Form students who were treated to a display of martial arts routines and a sample of life in a Japanese school.

Perhaps the most memorable part of the visit was when the Japanese students spent more than an hour just chatting and playing games with their Kingsdale counterparts.

The day closed with thank you speeches from Mr Harding and the Senior Student team and an exchange of gifts. The Japanese students said ‘sayonara’ and left a packed hall wondering when we would get a chance for a reciprocal visit...



THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

Christmas

‘Somehow, not only for Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes back to you.’

Fastidious

Very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail.

SCHOOL NEWS

Beatrix Bianco Delights The Audience At The Royal Variety Show

It is not often you hear or witness a spectacular performance by someone as young as 13 at a Royal Variety Show. But this is exactly what Beatrix Bianco, Year 8HWS, achieved at The Royal Albert Hall on 1st December 2022.



Congratulations to Beatrix for such an enthralling performance which left the audience clamouring for more.

For those of you who would like to watch the show, it will be broadcast on ITV1 on **Tuesday 20th December, from 8-10.30pm on ITV1**. Set your reminders so you don't miss it!

ENGLISH NEWS

ART ATTACK! CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

We received a **record-breaking 350 entries** for the competition this year!
After much deliberating, the English Department is delighted to announce the following winners:

Year 7 Winners

Soren Lonie & Pheobe Hancock

Year 8 Winners

Summer Mackay & Woody Vestlund-Wright

Year 9 Winners

Nasir Martin-Akal, Vida Lukas
& Luke Evans-Talavera

...but that's not all: we are taking **100 students** who impressed us with their submissions on a **REWARDS trip** for a creative writing workshop at one of the world's best art galleries!

- Year 7 Trip 1
National Gallery 30th January 2023
- Year 7 Trip 2
National Gallery 31st January 2023
- Years 8 & 9 Trip
Tate Modern 10th January 2023

Congratulations to our winners and to the 100 students selected for the rewards trip. We would also like to thank all the students for taking part. Keep up the good work!

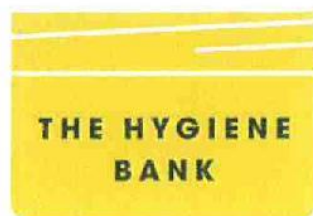
Students who have been selected will receive a letter by email (addressed to parents) and will be asked to sign up on parent pay.

There is no cost for this trip.

Well done everyone!



This is an important message from our community partners, The Hygiene Bank, who support local people at this increasing time of need.



We are a donation drop off point for The Hygiene Bank

Help us tackle hygiene poverty in the UK

Items we desperately need:

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- Toothbrush (child/adult)
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- Shower gel
- Razors
- Shaving foam
- Deodorant
- Hairbrush/hair ties
- Nit comb/nit shampoo
- Period products
- Nappies
- Baby wipes
- Toilet roll
- Laundry detergent

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Suggested donations:

**Packs of nappies / packs of sanitary products
/ unisex shampoo / unisex shower gel / shaving
foam / toothbrushes / toothpaste / deodorant
/ washing powder.**

You can find a full list of suggested new and unopened
items to donate on our website.

To find out more about how you can
support, visit: thehygienebank.com

Or follow us on social media:

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Natalie Haynes

GEOGRAPHY NEWS

Geography Club

Geography club has been running since the beginning of September 2022. This club is for students in Year 7 who are interested in exploring Geography beyond the classroom and making new friends. Students have enjoyed playing competitive geographical games, and most recently, constructing their own geographical board game. The next session will take place during the first week back after the holidays, on Thursday 5th January 2023, P3. Students are welcome to bring their lunch.



LANGUAGES NEWS



Thinking About Webinar featuring Natalie Haynes
Kingsdale Foundation School's Languages Faculty will be running a *Thinking About* webinar featuring writer and broadcaster Natalie Haynes in May 2023. We are sure that this will be a really exciting event and we are looking for some students in years 10-13 to host the event. Ideally they will be studying Latin or Classical Civilisation. You can listen to Natalie's BBC4 programme [Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics on BBC Sounds](#) read a brief biography below. Please contact Ms Evans and Mr Bowring via languages@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk if your child is interested in being a co-host. The webinar will of course be open to students to join and ask questions even if they do not want to host. We would again recommend it to students (and their parents!) in years 10-13 and will be most relevant to those studying Latin and Classical Civilisation.

Natalie Haynes Biography

Natalie Haynes is a writer and broadcaster and – according to the Washington Post – a rock star mythologist. Her first novel, *The Amber Fury*, was published to great acclaim on both sides of the Atlantic, as was *The Ancient Guide to Modern Life*, her previous book. Her second novel, *The Children of Jocasta*, was published in 2017. Her retelling of the Trojan War, *A Thousand Ships*, was published in 2019. It was shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2020. It has been translated into multiple languages. Her most recent non-fiction book, *Pandora's Jar: Women in the Greek Myth* was published in Oct 2020, and Margaret Atwood liked it.

She has spoken on the modern relevance of the classical world on three continents, from Cambridge to Chicago to Auckland.

She writes for the Guardian. She is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4: reviewing for *Front Row* and *Saturday Review*, appearing as a team captain on three seasons of *Wordaholics*, and banging on about Juvenal whenever she gets the chance. Six series of her show, *Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics*, have been broadcast on Radio 4: all series are available now on BBC Sounds.

LANGUAGES NEWS

FACULTY OF
**MEDIEVAL
AND
MODERN
LANGUAGES**



UNIVERSITY OF
OXFORD

FRENCH AND SPANISH FLASH FICTION COMPETITION

The poster is set against a background of handwritten text in French and Spanish. It features the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages and the University of Oxford logos in the top right corner. The main text is in blue and black, with a small banner of colorful triangles. At the bottom, there are flags for France and Spain, and a small text box with encouragement in French and Spanish.

If you're in Years 7-13 and studying French or Spanish, we invite you to enter this year's

FRENCH & SPANISH FLASH FICTION COMPETITIONS

The aim is to write a complete story, written in French or Spanish, using no more than 100 words. Our judges are looking for imagination and narrative flair, as well as linguistic ability. Winners will be awarded a top prize of £100!

For more information and to submit your entry, go to mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/language-competitions
The deadline for submitting your story is 12 noon on 31st March 2023.

  **Bon courage!**
¡Buena suerte! 



Oxford University's Flash Fiction Competitions in French and Spanish are now open!

Students are asked to submit a complete story of **no more than 100 words**, in French or Spanish, for the chance to win up to £100.

Entries are judged by a panel of academics who are primarily looking for creativity, imagination and narrative flair, as well as linguistic accuracy. Pupils' language skills will be considered in the context of their age and year group: in other words, we will not expect younger pupils to compete against older pupils linguistically.

This year, in response to the amazing number of entries we received last year, we have expanded the competition to include a third age category, as outlined below:

- Years 7-9 (ages 11-14)
- Years 10-11 (ages 14-16)
- Years 12-13 (ages 16-18)

The judges will award a top prize of £100, as well as prizes of £25 to a maximum of two runners up, in each category. Certificates will also be awarded to pupils who have been highly commended by our judges. Results as well as the winning, runner up, and highly commended stories will be published on our blog, [Adventures on the Bookshelf](#), if entrants give us permission to do so.

More information and links to the submission forms can be found on [Oxford University's website](#). Pupils may only submit one story per language but are welcome to submit one story in French AND one story in Spanish if they would like to. For some inspiration, they can have a look at last year's winning entries in [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

The submission deadline is 12 noon on 31 March 2023.

Please contact Mr Dogue in the Languages office if you are interested in taking part.

Holiday Tips for Parents of a Child with SEND

Advice from Bright Heart Education

Christmas crowds, lights, smells and lack of routine can make the holidays a challenging time for children with special educational needs. Help keep the whole family happy during the festivities with these practical tips on how to survive it with your sense of humour and festive cheer intact.

Visit the local library

While it may not sound like the most exciting place for a holiday outing, for children with special educational needs, the quiet and less crowded library makes for a great option where you can spend a few hours together. At some libraries you may even find games which are appropriate for your child.

Stay home and get crafty

Stay home and bake, make paper garlands, cut snowflakes, or otherwise have crafty fun with your child. If you need to do most of the work, that's ok. This is also an important way to not only connect with your child at this special time of year, but also to keep them occupied in a stimulating way that inspires confidence and feelings of success and accomplishment. These exercises are a tool for helping your child stay mentally engaged during the time off from school.

Use the festive season as a teaching opportunity

Help and encourage your child to give gifts. This provides an excellent opportunity to work on social skills, like thinking of other people's needs and interests, and being kind and helpful.

Worry less about age-appropriate experiences

Many children with special educational needs are "younger than their years." A 12-year-old with special educational needs may for example, still get a big kick out of holiday-themed *Thomas the Tank Engine* toys or a visit with Santa. Consider choosing a few toys and experiences that will resonate with your child even if they're really intended for younger children.

Communicate expectations

Communication is a big factor in successful holiday fun with a child with special educational needs. Communicate with your child what will be happening during their holiday so that they feel secure and prepared. Share with the family and friends you may be visiting what your needs are. For example, let them know if your child needs downtime and may not be able to participate in some of the usual family activities. Communicate with them ahead of time if your child can only tolerate a certain amount of time at a gathering. Let them know you may need to retreat and may miss part of the celebration.

SEND FACULTY NEWS



Be gentle with yourself and your child

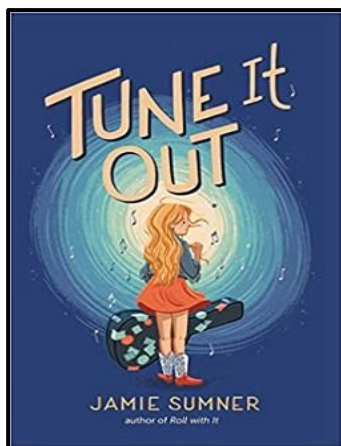
It's normal to feel frustrated when a child with special educational needs doesn't seem to "get" the holidays or appreciate what you do to make the season special. It can be equally difficult to endure the stares and comments of well-meaning family and friends who simply might not understand why your child isn't appropriately happy and engaged.

Whilst you cannot change the behaviour or feelings of other people, you can change your own. To make the holidays easier for everyone (including you):

- Remember that the holidays aren't for garnering praise or appreciation; they're for building relationships and memories (and, for some people, for remembering the religious significance of Christmas). If you're able to remember even a few special moments when the holidays are done, you've succeeded.
- Give yourself permission to walk away from difficult situations. While some extended families and friends can be wonderful with children with special educational needs, others aren't. If your family falls into the latter category, it's ok to cut a visit short. You're under no obligation to stick with an unpleasant situation.
- Get support when you need it. Maybe you really need to attend a carols evening, a church service, or a special party even if your child can't or won't. There's nothing wrong with asking for a little respite care from those in your support network so that you can have the experience that you need in order to recharge and remember why the holidays are special.

SEND FACULTY NEWS **cont.**

Please find below some suggestions for holiday reading for you and your child!

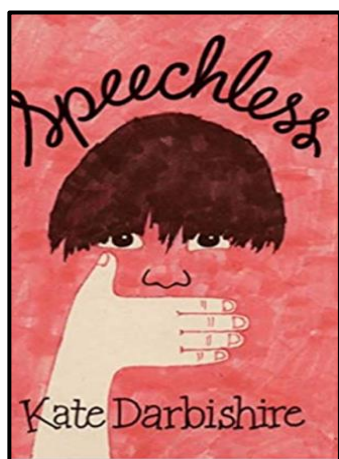


Tune It Out

by Jamie Sumner

From the acclaimed author comes a moving novel about a girl with a sensory processing disorder who has to find her own voice after her whole world turns upside down.

Lou Montgomery has the voice of an angel, or so her mother tells her and anyone else who will listen. But Lou can only hear the fear in her own voice. She's never liked crowds or loud noises or even high fives; in fact, she's terrified of them, which makes her pretty sure there's something wrong with her.

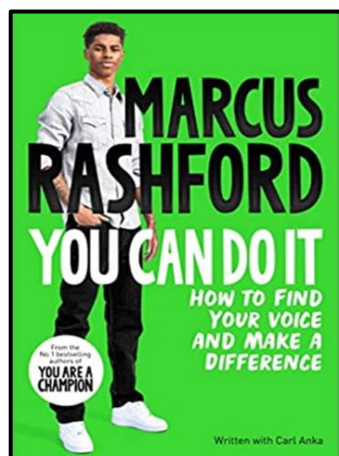


Speechless

by Kate Darbishire

Eleven-year-old Harriet has Cerebral Palsy. At her new secondary school, she is bullied and ridiculed every day and she doesn't know how to make friends. Charlotte tries – but how do you talk to someone who won't talk back? When Harriet's mum is rushed into hospital, her grandmother, Gloria has far more important things to worry about than Harriet. Like whether her nail polish matches her outfit. Jake, Harriet's brother, starts skipping school and acting weirdly. Harriet can see he's in danger but what can she do? Harriet is plucky and resilient but is she brave enough to face up to her challenges?

Perfect for fans of RJ Palacio's *Wonder* and Sharon M. Draper's *Out of My Mind*. Now enjoyed by thousands of young readers! *Speechless* is being used in schools across the UK to encourage conversations about inclusion and diversity.



You Can Do It: How to Find Your Voice and Make a Difference

by Marcus Rashford

Marcus uses the power of his voice to shine a light on the injustices that he cares passionately about and now he wants to help YOU find the power in yours! From surrounding yourself with the right team, to showing kindness to those around you, to celebrating and championing difference, *You Can Do It* shows you that your voice really does matter and that you can do anything you put your mind to.

You don't have to be an international footballer to make a difference – even the smallest changes can have the biggest impact.

Shows young people how to:

Be kind to yourself – you can't change the world unless you look after yourself first!

- Be kind to other people
- That there's no such thing as normal – and it's GOOD to be different
- Celebrate and champion difference
- Use your voice to make a change
- Bounce back
- Appreciate the squad
- Always be a team player

Kingsdale Reading Challenge!

- Read a new book before Christmas. Choose one from the Kingsdale Recommends booklist!
- Challenge: choose a genre you don't usually read.
- When you have finished, create a poster celebrating the book. Be as creative as possible!
- Hand in to the English office. All submissions will receive Achievement Points – the best will get put up around the school.

Kingsdale Recommends!

The books recommended by Kingsdale's current Year 9 and Year 8 students ☺

Mystery/ thriller

- A Good Girl's Guide to Murder (Series)– Holly Jackson
- Murder Most Unladylike (series) – Robin Stevens
- One Of Us Is Lying (Series)- Karen M. McManus
- This Lie Will Kill You – Chelsea Pitcher
- All the wrong questions – Lemony Snicket
- The Girls I've Been – Tess Sharpe
- Alex Rider – Anthony Horowitz
- The Cousins – Karen M. McManus
- Need – Joelle Charbonneau
- Demon Road Trilogy – Derek Landy
- Girl Missing – Sophie McKenzie
- Ruby Redfort – Lauren Child
- Ketchup Clouds – Annabel Pitcher
- Cherub (Series)– Robert Muchamore
- B is for Burgler – Sue Grafton
- Thief! - Malorie Blackman
- Artemis Fowl (series) - Eoin Colfer
- The Haven (series) – Simon Lelic
- Daughter - Jane Shemilt
- Ruby Redfort (Series) - Lauren Child

LGBTQI+

- Heartstopper series – Alice Oseman
- Felix Ever After - Kacen Callender
- More Happy Than Not – Adam Silvera
- Girl in Pieces – Kathleen Glasgow
- The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler - Gene Kemp
- The story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag - Rob Sanders
- George - Alex Gino
- The Misfits - James Howe
- Drama - Raina Telgemeier
- Carry On: A Novel - Rainbow Rowell
- The Black Flamingo - Dean Atta
- If I was your girl - Meredith Russo

Quick reads

- The Boy Who Got Accidentally Famous – David Baddiel
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) – Jeff Kinney
- Empress and Aniya - Candice Carty-Williams
- Grandpa's Great Escape – David Walliams
- The Pearl – John Steinbeck
- Rebel Cats! Brave Tales of Feisty Felines - Kimberlie Hamilton
- A Series of Unfortunate Events (series) - Lemony Snicket
- Holes – Louis Sachar
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry - Mildred D. Taylor



Fantasy/ adventure

- Harry Potter (series) – JK Rowling
- Percy Jackson (series) – Rick Riordan
- Skulduggery Pleasant (series) - Derek Landy
- His Dark Materials (Series) - Philip Pullman
- Skandar and the Unicorn Thief – AF Steadman
- Vampirates (series) - Justin Somper
- Twilight (series) - Stephenie Meyer
- The Power of Five (series) - Anthony Horowitz
- Rooftoppers – Katherine Rundell
- The Wolf Wilder – Katherine Rundell
- Like a Charm – Ellie McNicoll
- The Call of the Wild – Jack London
- Lord of the Rings (series) - J.R.R Tolkien
- A Place Called Perfect - Helena Duggen
- Amari and The Night Brothers - B.B Alaston
- Red Queen – Victoria Aveyard
- The Cruel Prince – Holly Black
- Gods and Warriors (series) – Michelle Paver
- Children of Blood and Bone - Tomi Adeyemi
- The Gilded Ones - Namina Forna
- I am Pete - Anne Holm
- The Hobbit – JRR Tolkien
- Silverfin – Charlie Higson
- City of the Beasts – Isabel Allende
- The Wind Singer – William Nicholson
- Starseeker – Tim Bowler
- The Raven Cycle (Series) - Maggie Stiefvater
- A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket
- Keeper of the Lost Cities (series) - Shannon Messenger
- The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents – Terry Pratchett
- A Secret of Birds and Bone – Kiran Millwood Hargrave
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children – Ransom Riggs
- Eragon (The Inheritance Cycle series) - Christopher Paolini



Sports

- Pogba (Ultimate Football Heroes) - Matt & Tom Oldfield
- Ronaldo (Ultimate Football Heroes) - Matt & Tom Oldfield
- You are a Champion – Marcus Rashford
- You Can Do It – Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka
- Kick – Mitch Johnson
- Ghost – Jason Reynolds
- Becoming Mohammad Ali – James Patterson
- Striking Out – Ian Wright and Musa Okwonga

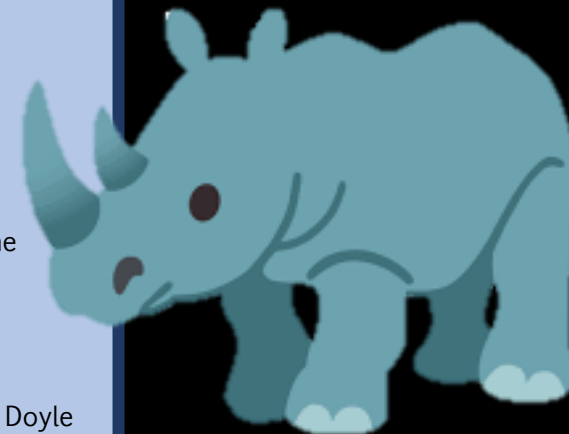


Manga/ Graphic novels/ picture books

- Amulet - Kazu Kibuishi
- Coming to England - Floella Benjamin
- Chibi Maruko-Chan (series) - Momoko Sakura
- Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba - Koyoharu Gotouge
- The Cartoons That Came To Life – Tom Ellen
- One-Punch Man (series) - Yusuke Murata
- Tsunami Girl - Julian Sedgwick
- A Dinosaur Ate My Sister – Pooja Puri

Classics

- Lord of The Flies – William Golding
- Animal Farm – George Orwell
- The Silver Sword – Ian Serrailier
- Remembrance – Theresa Breslin
- A Little Love Song – Michelle Magorian
- The Boy in Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne
- Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo
- To Kill A Mockingbird – Harper Lee
- Huckleberry Fin – Mark Twain
- Little Women – Louis May Alcott
- Sherlock Holmes (series) - Arthur Conan Doyle
- Northanger Abbey – Jane Austen



Horror/ gothic

- The Ghost of Gosswater – Lucy Strange
- Apocalypse – Tim Bowler
- Shadows – Tim Bowler
- Raven's Gate – Anthony Horowitz
- Horowitz Horror - Anthony Horowitz
- The Stuff of Nightmares – Malorie Blackman
- Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror – Chris Priestley
- Shadow and Bone – Leigh Bardugo
- Curse Workers (series) – Holly Black
- The Mary Shelley Club – Goldy Moldavsky



Non-fiction

- Gulag: A History - Anne Applebaum
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X - Alex Haley/Malcolm X
- Unlocking the Universe - Stephen Hawking
- Becoming - Michelle Obama
- Saving the Last Rhinos - Grant Fowlds
- The Elephant Whisperer - Lawrence Antony
- Lion Hearted, The Life & Death of Cecil & the Future of Africa's Iconic Cats - Andrew Loveridge
- Sapiens - Yuval Noah Harari
- The Diary of Anne Frank - Anne Frank
- Black and British: A Forgotten History - David Olusoga
- The Flame Trees of Thika - Elspeth Huxley
- I Am Malala - Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai
- Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah



Historical

- The White Phoenix - Catherine Randall
- Goodnight Mister Tom - Michelle Magorian
- Sphinx's Princess - Esther Friesner
- Street Child - Berlie Doherty
- Dead Man's Cave - James Gallahan
- Coram Boy - Jamila Gavin
- A Traveler in Time - Alison Uttley

Dystopia

- Boy in the Tower - Polly Ho Yen
- Gone (series) - Michael Grant
- Ugliest (series) - Scott Westerfeld
- Maze Runner (Series) - James Dasher
- Divergent Trilogy - Veronica Roth
- The Knife of Never Letting Go - Patrick Ness
- More Than This - Patrick Ness
- The Maze Runner - James Dashner
- The Summer We Turned Green - William Sutcliffe
- The Supreme Lie - Geraldine McCaughrean
- Noughts and Crosses (series) - Malorie Blackman
- The Hunger Games (series) - Suzanne Collins

Science fiction

- Dune - Frank Herbert
- Life As We Knew It (Last Survivors series) - Susan Beth Pfeffer
- Show Us Who You Are - Elle McNicoll
- The Kid Who Came From Space - Ross Welford
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (series) - Douglas Adams
- Railhead - Philip Reeve
- Ender's Game - Orson Scott Card
- Never Let Me Go - Kazuo Ishiguro
- A Phoenix First Must Burn - Patrice Caldwell



Bildungsroman (coming of age)/ Real Life Fiction

- The Fault in Our Stars - John Green
- They Both Die at the End - Adam Silvera
- After (Series) - Anna Todd
- Vampire Diaries - LJ Smith
- Love Frankie - Jaqueline Wilson
- Stargazing for Beginners - Jenny McLachlan
- Geek Girl - Holly Smale
- Wonder - R.J. Palacio
- Solitaire - Alice Oseman
- Girl in Pieces - Kathleen Glasgow
- To Kill A Mockingbird - Harper Lee
- It Ends With Us - Colleen Hoover
- The Star Outside My Window - Onjali Q. Raúf
- The Gravity of Us - Phil Stamper
- The Boy Who Steals Houses - C. G. Drews
- The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas
- One - Sarah Crossan
- Scavengers - Darren Simpson
- There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom - Louis Sachar
- The Outsiders - SE Hinton
- Face - Benjamin Zephaniah
- Skin - Adrienne Maria Vrettos
- The Icarus Girl - Helen Oyeyemi
- Looking for JJ - Anne Cassidy
- Prep - Curtis Sittenfield
- Junk - Melvin Burgess
- Let me Hear a Rhyme - Tiffany D Jackson

CAREERS

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Careers Talk Series – Photography Thursday 12th January 2023

The Kingsdale Careers Team has organised a Careers Talk on Photography on **Thursday, 12th January 2023**.

We have invited Mr Anthony Lam to lead this talk for our students from Years 7-13. If your child is interested, please book a place via careers@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk.

Careers Talk Series Careers in Editing/ Edit Production



The Kingsdale Careers Team was pleased to welcome Nikki Porter to talk to our students about careers in Editing and Edit Production last week. Nikki shared her diverse experience of editing TV commercials, music videos, feature films and documentaries before taking a sidestep into edit producing. The talk was open to all interested students (Years 7-13) and there was keen interest in finding out what qualification and experience helps in this field. Students shared their own experiences of editing and Nikki competently motivated them to develop their interest and skills. A fascinating raft of queries were answered and Nikki even offered some work experience opportunities to those interested. A huge thanks to our guest speaker!

The KFS Careers Talk Series are gaining huge popularity with our students. Parents are requested to please contact us via careers@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk if they can help with a careers talk.



Unifrog for Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

The school have subscribed to Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. All students in Years 7-13 again have access to this excellent website this academic year.

The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and contains a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups.

Each student has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations. Key features of the platform include:

- Exploring Pathways – personality quizzes, career and subject profiles and webinars.
- Recording – self-reflection about extracurricular activities and key employability skills.
- Opportunities – search tools showing live vacancies/courses/placements for apprenticeships, universities (in the UK and abroad), FE, virtual work experience and more.
- Applications – tools to help students build applications for a range of pathways (e.g., CVs, Personal Statements, Common App Essays).

Students are advised to access the portal www.unifrog.org and sign in using the school email as username. If the password is not available or the student has forgotten it, they should click on 'reset password' and they will then be able to create a new password and access the portal.

We encourage all our students to read about the different careers that they find interesting on Unifrog. Careers tasks are set throughout the year using this platform supported by tutors and other colleagues.

Should you have any queries please contact us via careers@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

SCHOOL NEWS



School Attendance Focus

It is important to remember that it is essential for pupils to attend school to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, well-being, and wider life chances. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of Key Stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment. Generally, any student attending more than 95% is far more likely to achieve or exceed targets set based on prior achievements and potential. At Kingsdale, we are proud of our student attendance which is normally well above the national average and we need to all work together to sustain this.

Whilst we understand the impact Covid has been having, we need to ensure that this impact is not extended by allowing any potential small symptoms, such as colds or tiredness to prevent students from attending school. We are grateful to the many parents who understand this, and who do their best to arrange any medical appointment to have the least possible impact on time spent in school. We also extend our thanks to all those parents who use the dedicated year group absence emails to let us know of any absence by 8.30am of the morning of absence, and to help clear up any queries that may affect attendance. Current attendance can be seen on go4schools and on the My Ed app.

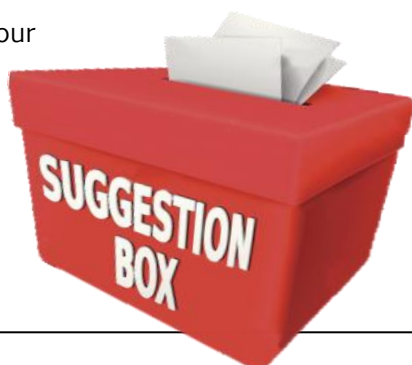
Please contact us with any queries or questions arising from this communication via:

attendanceoffice@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.



SCHOOL NEWS



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

BE CONSIDERATE

Parking Matters - Considerate Parking

Please be reminded that, as a courtesy to our neighbours, all parents should be mindful about the need to park considerately when dropping off/picking up their children.

Please could all parents avoid parking on the white lines between driveways and under no circumstances should parents park in such a way as to obstruct local residents from entering/exiting their property.

Parents are reminded that parking in the Little Bornes/Rouse Gardens area should be avoided where possible due to local restrictions.

Please remember that as part of our focus on **sustainable travel**, we do encourage our students to **cycle** or **walk** to school where they can, or to take public transport. Not only does this reduce local congestion, it is also the more healthy alternative!

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. The Shop also serves as our Student Services Hub, where copies of timetables can be obtained as required and lost property enquiries can be made.

Queries regarding mislaid items can also be sent to lostproperty@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

SCHOOL NEWS cont.

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 on the image or click [here](#) 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 kingsdaletelegraph@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

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 new and improved website can be found at:

www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

Satchel One (Previously ShowMyHomework)

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

<https://www.satchelone.com/login?userType=parent>

Students should submit work via the online submission option.

MyEd Parent App

Downloaded for free at:

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

This app provides a range of useful info for parents.

KEY DATES 2022-23



Tuesday 20th December 2022

End of Autumn Term

Year 7-10 Short Reports issued

via www.go4schools.com

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Staff INSET Day

School Closed to Students

Wednesday 4th January 2023

First Day of the Spring Term for Students

Friday 10th February 2023

End of First Spring Half Term – Normal Finish

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Spring Half Term Break

Monday 20th February

Start of Second Spring Term

Friday 31st March

End of Second Spring Term

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

Easter Break

Monday 17th April

First Summer Half Term

INSET DAY – School closed to students

except those in Year 11

For further information contact the Attendance

Office: info@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

or call 0208 655 9727



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 unlabelled, 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.sch.uk

SPORTS NEWS



Year 10 & 11 Boys' Basketball Kingsdale v Harris East Dulwich School

Kingsdale were able to attack the basket well which drew many fouls allowing us to make many of our free throws. We dominated on the defensive side with blocks and steals. However, we needed to play more interior defence as we allowed too many easy lay-ups and offensive rebounds. Overall, the game was tough, but we persevered and ended up pulling away in the 4th quarter and secured the win with great performances from all 10 players. The team dynamics are growing and we are maturing in our 'Basketball IQ'. We hope to continue our undefeated streak into the New Year and send off our year 11's as champions!

by Jacob Hannick, Year 10

Final Score: Kingsdale 53-46 Harris East Dulwich

Man of the Match:

Josh Davis in Year 11 for his first ever in-game dunk and his 31 point dominant performance.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Kingsdale Cooking Challenge Christmas Lunch/Dinner



What do we eat during Christmas dinner?

People around the UK look forward to Christmas for many reasons, but one of the things we get very excited about is the thought of all the delicious food we can eat (and how much of it)! Some items on a traditional Christmas dinner menu might vary from region to region in the UK – so Scotland, England, Wales, and Northern Ireland will all have slightly different customs.

STUDENT TASK:

Capture your Christmas meal. Send us a picture and a short description of what your meal contains. The best-looking meals will win valuable points for your house.

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

HOW TO ENTER:

Submit your picture to the House Team at:

housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Ensure your entry is accompanied by your

full name and tutor group and House.

Prizes will be awarded to outstanding entries.

We look forward to seeing your work!



KEEPING YOU AND YOUR PHONE SAFE

Getting a phone is really exciting. You can stay in touch with friends and find out more about the world.

- Don't fight back, it's not worth the risk when a phone can be replaced.
- Tell us if someone robs you or tries to. It's important you get help straight away by dialling **999** using a friend or trusted adult's phone rather than contacting police when you get home. This gives us the best chance to catch the suspects, recover stolen items and make sure you're safe.

- If you don't want to talk to police – contact Fearless online, without giving your name, at www.fearless.org
- Memorise or keep a note of a parent/carer's phone number in a separate place in case of emergency.

As police officers, our job is to keep you safe and stop people who want to steal property like phones, cash, earphones and even expensive coats or trainers.

You can help us do that by being careful where you use your phone and taking care of cash and other valuable items.

YOU CAN HELP US PROTECT AND TRACK YOUR PHONE IF IT'S STOLEN.

HERE'S 3 THINGS YOU CAN DO:

- Your phone will have security features such as a passcode or fingerprint/face ID. Make sure you use it to protect access to your phone.

5 TIPS TO KEEP SAFE

- Keep your phone and valuables out of sight and in a safe place. Take care when you take them out especially near bus stops and train stations.
- Stay alert and remember earphones/headphones can distract you from being aware of someone approaching from behind you. Thieves can approach on mopeds, e-scooters and pedal cycles.
- Tracker apps can help locate your phone if it's lost or stolen. Ask a parent to show you how to set one up.
- Record the phone's IMEI number in a separate place at home. Find this by typing in ***#06#**. You'll need to give this number to police if it's stolen.

For more information go to www.fearless.org/campaigns/robbery

SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 19th December 2022

- No planned fixtures

Tuesday 20th December 2022

- Under-12s Boys' Football Away Match against St Paul's Academy. Leave school at 10.45am. 12 noon Start. Return at 2pm approx.:

Mr A-Warren/Mr Foster

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

- No planned fixtures

Wednesday 4th January 2023

- No planned fixtures

Thursday 5th January 2023

- No planned fixtures

Friday 6th January 2023

- Under-16s Boys' Football (ESFA) Away Match against Burgess Park. Leave school at 10.30am. 11.30am Start. Return at 2pm approx.: **Mr A-Warren/Mr Price**

***Please Note Fixtures may get Cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.**

All fixtures are available to view on:

<http://www.kingsdaleschoolsports.org.uk>

Fixtures Emergency Contact Number:

07852336724



HOUSE NEWS

Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch & Festive Food Drive

All of these will be rolled into one on the Monday 19th December 2022

Don't forget to . . .

- Wear your Christmas Jumper
- Donate **ONE KILO** of food (non-perishable) OR **£1** for the House Charities and Save The Children Fund

Non-uniform Day

Tuesday 20th December 2022

Donate £1 for the House Charities

Let's raise lots of money for charity and collect lots of food for the Food Banks in Southwark and neighbouring boroughs.



Seasonal Greetings from The House Team - A Time for Reflection

As the end of 2022 draws to a close, we want to thank all our students and their families for your relentless engagement in all our quizzes, challenges and ongoing activities this calendar year. We have thoroughly enjoyed and valued your input. The House Team wish you all a restful, peaceful Festive break and look forward to communicating with you again in 2023. Happy New Year!!

HOUSE NEWS

Student House Captain Your House Needs You!



Would you relish the challenge of becoming a House Captain?

- Are you an organiser and communicator?
 - Are you a good team player?
 - Do you have lots of creative ideas?
- Then you could be ready to be a House Captain!

STUDENT TASK:

Simply, in a few sentences explain why you want to be a House Captain. The House System remains integral to promoting the *Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development* for all our students across the school.

Email Mr Fatodu:

housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Include your full name and tutor group.

The House Leader Board 2022-23

Week ending 16th December 2022

1st Place – Swift 16,165 Points

2nd Place – Dove 14,278 Points

3rd Place – Albatross 13,157 Points

4th Place – Falcon 12,581 Points

5th Place – Eagle 11,591 Points

Swift House continue to set the pace!

However, there is plenty of time left to catch them in the New Year!