



# PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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## HEADLINE NOTICES

### Year 10 Examination Week Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

A reminder to all Year 10 students, parents and carers that Exam Week commences on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Please note that due to arrangements for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 (outlined below), there has been some rescheduling to the previously published examination timetable. An updated version has been issued separately. We wish all students the best of luck.

### Operational Arrangements for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

Please be reminded that as a result of the national teachers' strike taking place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023, adjusted arrangements for the school day will be in operation. On this day, Year 7, 8 & 9 students will not be required to attend school site and will instead be required to participate in online lessons, except where parents have expressed a wish for their child to attend our vulnerable student/key worker provision or otherwise on-site. Students in Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 will attend school for their normal activities with some adjustments to the start and end of the school day. Full details have been circulated separately and can also be accessed via our school website [here](#).

### Admissions Consultation

Kingsdale Foundation School Admission Authority is currently consulting on admission arrangements for the school for September 2024 entry. We would welcome your views on proposed changes to our Admission Policy. An explanatory letter, draft proposed policy and relevant supporting documents are attached and can be found at [www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk](http://www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk)

The main proposals are that we consider 'feeder school' status for primary schools expressing an interest and that reserve additional places for disadvantaged students in receipt of Free School Meals.

Please note that the technical proposed increase in the school's admission number would maintain the school at its current size, i.e. there would be no increase in the number of students on-site. In fact, there would be a slight decrease. Please send all comments or queries for the attention of Ms O Otubu, Admissions Officer by email at [admissions@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) by 5pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 when this consultation exercise will close.

## THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

### Achievement and Success

'Draw a distinction between achievement and success. Achievement is the knowledge that you have studied and worked hard and done the best that is in you. Success is being praised by others. That is nice but not as important or satisfying. Always aim for achievement and forget about success.'

### Verdant

'Green with grass or other rich vegetation.'

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Ella Bunten selected to play for Kent Ladies' Rugby

Ella Bunten, Year 11, is absolutely smashing it in Rugby!

She had country trials and was selected to play for Kent Ladies' Rugby Under-16s in the England Development Programme.

Her first training session was last weekend, with her first game taking place this week.

As well as playing for Kent, Ella is playing for the Blackheath & Dartford Ladies' Team. We look forward to sharing your future achievements Ella in this bulletin. Good luck.



## CALLING ALL ARTISTIC STUDENTS!

Check out the Amazing  
Logo Design Competitions  
on Page 6 and Page 18

Lots more competitions  
on pages 4, 8 and 16

## SCHOOL NEWS cont.

### The Marczaks are Judo Champs!

We are delighted to announce that Julia Marczak, Year 11 and Derek Marczak, Year 10, both won their respective categories in the British Judo Championships 2022 on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> December in Sheffield. Their younger sister, Hanna Marczak, Year 8, also did very well and won Bronze at the British Championships.



Julia and Derek went on to win at the Scottish Open Championships 2023, earlier this month. Their performance has secured them a place on GB National Team Squad and they are now preparing to compete at the European Cup in Spain in February.

What an amazing achievement – Well Done!!



## ENGLISH NEWS

# TATE MODERN

### Tate Reward Trip

Last week, Mr Harper, Ms Ferguson and Ms Sherratt led a group of Year 9 students to the Tate Modern as part of a rewards trip for outstanding creative writers. Students had a full tour of the gallery and were captivated by the latest exhibitions. Students also workshopped new pieces of poetry and short stories inspired by the works of Henri Matisse and Gerard Richter.

Mr Harper hopes trips like this will encourage students to engage in all the creative writing extra-curricular opportunities at Kingsdale and inspire them to express themselves!



# SPORTS NEWS

## Boys' Day of Dance at Selhurst Performing Arts College

On 19<sup>th</sup> January, Kingsdale were invited to bring 30 students from all year groups to a 'Day of Dance' workshop at the Performing Arts College in Selhurst.

The students were taught by Musical Theatre, and Dance students.

The afternoon session started with a performance from Khronos Agoria (BGT Semi Finalist 2019) Dance Troupe who put on an amazing show. It was then the turn of our students to learn selected dance routines and were also able to add their own choreography and show their work.

Kingsdale students were able to meet Alumni dancers of Kingsdale Dayne Thompson, Ruby McGinty, Maya Jones and Sienna Arif Knight (Currently starring in Mallory Towers).

It was a great experience enjoyed by all.



Upper School Students with Alumni Dayne Thompson who currently attends Selhurst performing Arts College, stopped by to say 'hi' to the Kingsdale students.



**Melanie King visits the Kingsdale Art Dept**  
Artist and curator Melanie King came to the Kingsdale Art Dept to give a talk and workshop on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January with our Silver Arts Award and Year 12 Photography students.

She spoke to them about her photographic projects, sustainability within photography and interests in celestial light and astronomy. Students learned about making their own phytograms - images made using plants, photographic paper, soda crystals and vitamin C!

Please see our Instagram for more photos! (age restrictions apply)



## SSLP Photography Competition



This year's [Photography Competition](#) is now open to all staff and students at all SSLP schools. Anyone interested in being notified about winners and each new round in the competition should [register now](#). The first round is the **Extraordinary Ordinary** and can be [entered here](#). **Deadline for this round: 31 January**



Any camera can be used, but special consideration must be given to the subject, the light, the composition and the emotion within the image, as this will bring your photograph to life.

The SSLP Photographic competition is spread over five months will test your resilience and ability to regularly produce work of a high standard and to a given brief. You will be asked to submit one photograph each month that should be inspired by the monthly theme. Good Luck!

To register your interest in this competition please complete the [registration form](#).

**This year, the themes will be:**

- [The extraordinary ordinary](#)
- Natural worlds
- Motion and distortion
- Forgotten Objects
- Reflections and Perspective

# DEBATING NEWS

Kingsdale Students Compete at  
Urban Debate League Competition



Last week saw Kingsdale students participate in the school's first ever Urban Debate League competition at Sydenham School.

This is part of the Debate Mate programme, which has seen 50 students participating in weekly debate workshops since November 2022. These workshops are designed to build confidence and public speaking skills and are run by university student mentors. 18 students from Years 8 & 9 participated in this competition, participating in two debates on subjects such as 'Studying Maths until you are 18' and 'The relevance of the Royal family today'. All students performed fantastically with all teams recording victories across the two debates, receiving excellent feedback on their confident speeches and excellent questioning of the opposition.

The students were also respectful and courteous to the opposition, showing themselves to be not only excellent debaters but also wonderful ambassadors for the school. The teams will have another competition in March, with the highest scorers advancing to the regional debate mate finals. Well done to all students involved!

Debating runs as a Sixth Form enrichment activity at Kingsdale and debate/Model United Nations (MUN) programmes currently run for Years 7-10.

Please contact:

Mr Burke ([jbu@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:jbu@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)) for more information.



## OPINION PIECE

Geography in the News

By Kingsdale Sixth Form Students **STUENTS**



### Australia Rangers Find Massive 'Toadzilla'

Australian park rangers have recently stumbled across the world's biggest toad to date. This cane toad, weighing in at 2.7kg, has been given the comical nickname of 'Toadzilla', which reflects its species' capability to devastate Australia's ecosystem.

Cane toads were originally introduced to Australia in 1935 to control cane beetles. A female cane toad, such as Toadzilla, can lay up to 35,000 eggs. This staggering rate of reproduction means the Australian population of cane toads are estimated to be in the millions and occupying areas across thousands of square miles in the north-eastern part of the country. Cane toads are so poisonous that if another animal were to give one a single lick it will likely be killed which, combined with the current size of their population, means that cane toads are widely considered to be one of the most damaging invasive species in the world.

## HOUSE NEWS

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Coming soon



Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme

**'Want to talk about it?  
Making space for conversations  
about life online'**

We will be highlighting the positives and equally the downside of the internet, devices and new technologies with all our students that week during lessons, assemblies, PSHCE and tutor time. More details to follow!



## SCHOOL NEWS cont.

### Southwark Schools

LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

#### Southwark Schools Learning Partnership (SSLP) Gospel Choir Event

The Music Team are happy to share with you a recording of the Southwark Schools Learning Partnership Gospel Choir Event (link below) which Kingsdale hosted at the end of 2022. We hope you enjoy the performance! You can access the recording [here](#).

It was an amazing day and was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.



#### 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)

## CALLING ALL ARTISTIC STUDENTS!

### Cricket4London Logo Competition

Cricket4London are running an exciting programme to increase sport participation for young people in London, created by a consortium of the major County Cricket clubs in London and they want Design and Art students to be part of it by creating the branding for this programme.

Cricket4London is the first collaborative initiative from the professional cricket clubs of Essex, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey to create a high-profile accessibility-focused programme that provides easy-to-join cricket games and activities for young people across London.

Cricket4London need a logo and want it to be designed by young people in London, to find the best one they are running a simple design competition, with some great vocational orientated prizes.

#### Target audience:

The programme will include young people from 5 up to young adults of 21. However, the key target for students' designs is the 11 to 18 year age group. The logo needs to be non-gender specific and appropriate for all ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds and abilities. Cricket4London's secondary audience are people who will help support, enable and deliver, from parents/guardians, teachers, The Mayor of London to potential big-brand sponsors.

#### Tone of voice:

Modern, exciting, and fun. Not the traditional stuffy imagery you expect from cricket.

#### Proposition:

Cricket is the best way to get young Londoners active.

**Midnight on February 6<sup>th</sup> is the closing date for entries.**

Winners will be informed by email.

For terms and conditions and details on how to apply, please go to [Cricket4London Logo Competition - Kia Oval](#)  
Cricket4London look forward to receiving entries for this exciting opportunity.



## So you want to be ... a Scientist

Thursday 2 February 12:40-1:10 or 1.20-1.50pm via SSLP Zoom link

Years 7-9 students are invited to attend this **LIVE** webinar with Sydney Lo who will talk about her degree in Biotechnology

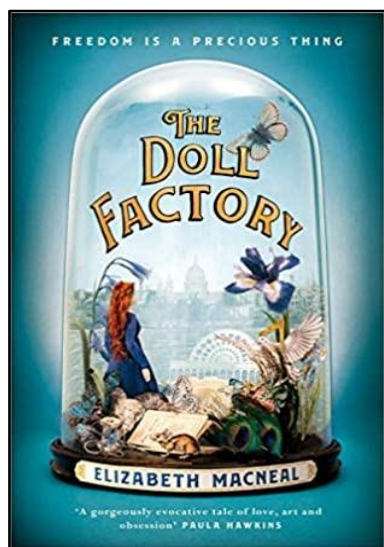


After an exciting placement year with an Oxford Immunotherapy company, Sydney is now in her final year of Biotechnology at Imperial College London.

"It's hard work balancing both my lives as a student and as a scientist in a lab making drugs to treat cancer patients, but I make it work. Sign up for this talk if you want to be a popping 'life scientist' and you'd like to hear more about university study at a top STEM uni, as well as what an early career in science would look like for someone just starting out in the industry! You also get to hear me nerd out about my job where I torture protein molecules just to see what happens to them 😊"



Register here to join the event <https://sslp.education/events/case-studies/so-you-want-to-be/>



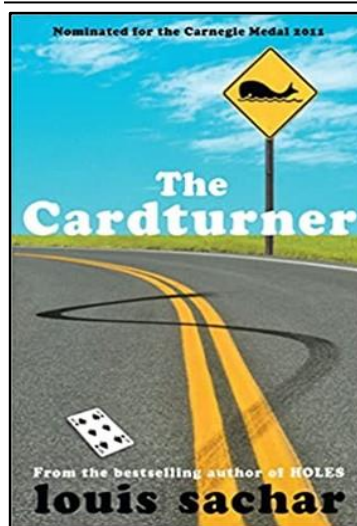
**Teacher Recommendation**  
Ms Redfern recommends  
*The Doll Factory*  
by Elizabeth Macneal.

London. 1850. The greatest spectacle the city has ever seen is being built in Hyde Park, and among the crowd, two people meet. For Iris, an aspiring artist, it is

the encounter of a moment – forgotten seconds later, but for Silas, a collector entranced by the strange and beautiful, that meeting marks a new beginning. When Iris is asked to model for pre-Raphaelite artist Louis Frost, she agrees on the condition that he will also teach her to paint. Suddenly her world begins to expand, to become a place of art and love. But Silas has only thought of one thing since their meeting, and his obsession is darkening . . .

Ms Redfern adored this book because of its exploration of less able characters in the Victorian era and its graceful treatment of sensitive issues. Some dark themes. Suitable for students aged 15 and over.

## Reading Recommendations



**Student Recommendation**  
An anonymous student in Year 7 recommends  
*The Cardturner*  
by Louis Sachar.

When Alton's ageing, blind uncle asks him to attend bridge games with him, he agrees. After all, it's better than a summer job in the local shopping mall, and

Alton's mother thinks it might secure their way to a good inheritance sometime in the future. But, like all apparently casual choices in any of Louis Sachar's wonderful books, this choice soon turns out to be a lot more complex than Alton could ever have imagined. As his relationship with his uncle develops, and he meets Toni, deeply buried secrets are uncovered and a romance that spans decades is finally brought to conclusion. Our mystery student really liked it because of the plot twists and pleasantly weird characters! Suitable for students aged 13 and above.



## SEND FACULTY NEWS

### Children's Mental Health Week 2023

Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

This year's theme is **Let's Connect**.

The Mental Health Week is run by children's mental health charity Place2Be to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. Please see the support and guidance below from Place2Be.

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity that provides counselling and mental health support and training in UK schools.

### What's it all about?

**Let's Connect** is about making meaningful connections, and for Children's Mental Health Week 2023, Place2Be is encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. As parents and carers, you are an important role model to your child. How you connect with friends and family will influence your child, and how they develop their own friendships and relationships. For example, how you greet people and maintain friendships, but also how you forgive people or say sorry when you need to.



## What can you do?

Here are a few simple ways you can connect with your child and help them to make meaningful connections.

### 1. Connect with your child in everyday ways:

Moments of connection (and re-connection) are really important in child-caregiver relationships. For example, if you pick them up from school, or come in from work, try to give them your full attention and see if this helps you feel better connected as you hug, talk, smile and hear about their day. Watching your child play and joining in is really important to them – so put your phone away and have a bit of fun – being playful is good for adults, too! With an older child, you may find times such as car journeys a good time to talk, or to reconnect by playing music you both like. It is important to be accessible to a teenager when they need to talk. You may have to be there 'on their terms' and be ready to listen.

### 2. Talk to your child about important connections:

This could include talking about family members, friends, neighbours, childminders, people in the local community and others in your faith group (if you have one). Remember it's ok to talk about people they miss, for example, family members who live in a different country or people who have died. Children learn a lot from their parents about how to express their feelings, including the joy that comes with feeling connected to others and the sadness that comes with missing others.

### 3. Talk to your child about their friends:

As children become teenagers, their friendship groups become increasingly important to them. Be open to hearing about their friendships and try to listen without judgement. Ask them about their life in real life and online. You may not think online friends are 'real friends', but your child may feel differently. Losing friends, feeling left out or being bullied is very painful and your child needs to know you will support them through these difficult times.

# SEND FACULTY NEWS cont.

## 4. Connect by taking an interest in your child's world:

As adults we can sometimes be dismissive of the things that our children and teenagers are interested in, e.g. their music, fashion, what they watch etc. If you do take an interest in these things, however, you may feel better connected to your child and the important things in their world. This can lead to other conversations about other things in their lives that matter to them.

## 5. Find time to connect as a family:

Family life can become busy and stressful, so it's important to find some time where you connect together. This could include simple things like cooking, watching a film, playing a game, going to the park or even doing the family shop together.

## 6. Try to resolve conflict and re-connect after arguments:

Arguments and moments of disconnection are bound to happen in families - between your children, between yourself and your children and between yourself and your partner, if you have one. It is important that children learn how to disagree in appropriate ways, how to say sorry and how to make amends when they have done something wrong. They will learn a lot about how to do these things from you - so try to model the behaviour you want to see in your children.

Talk to them about how to re-connect with friends after arguments including what they can do to help repair relationships.



### Learning Support Faculty Coffee Mornings

We are pleased to announce we will be continuing with our parental coffee mornings this term. These events will give parents of students with SEND the opportunity to come into school and engage with the faculty. This will include receiving information about the extra academic support we are offering SEND students, the staff training we are providing, the use of our provision mapping programme 'Edukey', a focused 'Dyslexia Support for Parents' session and updates on our ongoing programmes.

Parents are asked to arrive at 8.50am on the allocated day at the main reception to give time to sign in for a 9.05am start.

#### Year 8

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Period 1: 9.05-10.00

#### Sixth Form

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Period 1: 9.05-10.00

#### Year 9

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
Period 1: 9.05-10.00

#### Year 10

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Period 1: 9.05-10.00



Looking for free practical advice to help you support your child?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting children and managing their behaviour.

[www.parentingsmart.org.uk](http://www.parentingsmart.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing parents there!

Please direct queries to

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

# SPORTS NEWS cont.

## Rugby Workshop for Sports Scholars



On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, Ben John (ex-pro Ospreys rugby player) came into Kingsdale to run a rugby workshop for our sports scholars.

The students took part in a 2-hour rugby training session with Ben who talked them through a number of drills and games to improve their skills and techniques in rugby. The students then had the opportunity to ask Ben questions on his past and present career and any questions they had about getting into rugby at a higher level.

Overall, the students had a great afternoon playing rugby and developing their skills.



## Kingsdale Southwark beat Lambeth to reach Quarter Finals



Kingsdale won this year's much anticipated tournament to represent Southwark in the London Youth Games. Having one of the best winning records in London, Kingsdale/Southwark went straight to the last 16 to play Lambeth.

The squad had the performance of the season winning the match 61-38 through a shooting spree for the ages from Players of the Match, Jacob Hannick and Joshua Davis releasing 3 pointers from every part of the arc. Nathan Nyarko dominated the paint with fellow forward Nashon Francis blocking countless shot and helping the team with second attempts through offensive rebounds. Samuel Komolafe keeps improving, game to game, finding his positions where he can go to work.

Kingsdale now awaits the announcement of their Quarter Final opponent. Watch this space!

**Final Score:** Kingsdale 61-38 Lambeth

**Players of the Match:** Jacob Hannick (Year 10) and Joshua Davis (Year 11)



## Year 11 PE GCSE

Saturday Theory Revision Sessions  
2pm to 4pm in GC2 on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

All Year 11 GCSE PE students  
are welcome to attend.

# SPORTS NEWS cont.

## Year 9 Boys' ESFA Quarter Finals Football Kingsdale v Shenfield High School



The Year 9B Boys' Football team marched into the quarter finals of the ESFA Under-14' B National Cup after a convincing 8-0 win against Shenfield High School last week. A dominant performance started thanks to a 6-minute hat-trick from Noah Munroe on his debut for the team. A further fourth goal just before half time from Kayode Peterkin put the tie to bed. The second half continued to be one way traffic with Kingsdale adding four more goals. Noah Munroe finished with 7 goals and a deserved Man of the Match. The team now await the winners of either John Hampton Grammar School or Cambourne Village College in the next round. Well done boys!

**Final Score:** Kingsdale 8-0 Shenfield High School

**Goals:** Noah Munroe (7) and Kayode Peterkin (1)

**Man of the Match:** Noah Munroe

## Year 9 Boys' Basketball Kingsdale v Dulwich College

The Kingsdale Year 9 Boys' Basketball team won their third game in a row on Monday last week away to neighbours Dulwich College. The Year 9 boys were joined by four of the Year 10 team, a setup matched by opponents Dulwich College. The game began slowly for Kingsdale with Dulwich taking an early lead thanks to some outside shooting and strong defensive pressure but this soon changed and by half time Kingsdale was up 30-11. Kingsdale setup in a zone defence early on and this proved too much for Dulwich who couldn't find the routes to the basket in their drives, getting clogged-up in the paint and being forced to dish outside under pressure. Some great work under the basket at both ends from Akim Baker, Bear Nickson and Oli Canova-Slaterly saw off any easy points from rebounds. Special mention goes to Jacob Hannick for his outstanding work finding driving lanes and drawing fouls in attack. Final score 48-33 Kingsdale! A great effort from everyone involved.

## Year 10 & 11 Boys' Basketball Kingsdale v Dulwich College



The Year 11 & 10 boys Basketball team competed in their second match of the week against neighbouring school, Dulwich College. The team saw much development and depth portrayed from the squad. Special shout out goes to Year 11 Matteo Brown and Misan Ikomi for most improved players through their offensive development.

Man of the match goes to Year 11 Joshua Davis for his 32-point dominant performance with a very close second going to Samuel Komolafe for his presence in the paint and defensive prowess.

Well done Kingsdale Basketball!

**Final Score:** Kingsdale 70-37 Dulwich College

**Man of the Match:** Joshua Davis (Year 11)



**Final Score:** Kingsdale 48-33 Dulwich College

**Man of the Match:** Jacob Hannick



# MATHS NEWS

## Mathematics Scholarship Programme 2023

Year 7 & 8 Maths Scholarship sessions are now in progress.  
The schedule for this Spring term is as shown below.

### Year 7 Maths Scholarship Programme

#### SCHEDULE SPRING TERM 2023

TIME: 15.50 – 16.35

DATE	YEAR GROUP	TEACHER	ROOM
31 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023	YEAR 7C & 7D	MR PRIOR & MR CHOY	MA1 & MA2
8 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023	YEAR 7A & 7B	MRS TERZIU & MS LIMA	MA1 & MA2
SPRING HALF TERM BREAK			
22 <sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2023	YEAR 7C & 7D	MR PRIOR & MR CHOY	MA1 & MA2
1 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023	YEAR 7A & 7B	MRS TERZIU & MS LIMA	MA1 & MA2
8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023	YEAR 7C & 7D	MR PRIOR & MR CHOY	MA1 & MA2
15 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023	YEAR 7 EXAM WEEK	YEAR 7 EXAM WEEK	YEAR 7 EXAM WEEK
22 <sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2023	Early school closure	Early school closure	Early school closure
29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023	FRANKFURT TRIP	FRANKFURT TRIP	FRANKFURT TRIP

### Year 8 Maths Scholarship Programme

#### SCHEDULE SPRING TERM 2023

TIME: 16.20 – 17.05

DATE	YEAR GROUP	TEACHER	ROOM
1 <sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2023	YEAR 8C & 8D	MS MILES, MR JAMES	MA6 & MA8
8 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023	YEAR 8A & 8B	MR MANNING, MS BURNEY	MA6 & MA8
SPRING HALF TERM BREAK			
22 <sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2023	YEAR 8C & 8D	MS MILES, MR JAMES	MA6 & MA8
1 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023	YEAR 8A & 8B	MR MANNING, MS BURNEY	MA6 & MA8
8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023	YEAR 8C & 8D	MS MILES, MR JAMES	MA6 & MA8
15 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023	YEAR 8A & 8B	MR MANNING, MS BURNEY	MA6 & MA8
22 <sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2023	Early school closure	Early school closure	Early school closure
29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023	YEAR 8C & 8D	MS MILES, MR JAMES	MA6 & MA8



## MATHS NEWS cont.

### Year 9 Mathematics Scholarship Programme 2023

The year 9 scholarship sessions are now running **every Friday 13.10 – 13.40** in AR3 & AR4.

The schedule for this Spring term is as shown below.

### Year 9 Maths Scholarship Programme

#### SCHEDULE SPRING TERM 2023

TIME: 13.10 – 13.40

DATE	YEAR GROUP	TEACHER	ROOM
3 <sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2023	YEAR 9A & 9B	MS DAVIS & MRS DEVA	AR3 & AR4
10 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023	YEAR 9A & 9B	MS DAVIS & MRS DEVA	AR3 & AR4
SPRING HALF TERM BREAK			
24 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023	YEAR 9A & 9B	MS DAVIS & MRS DEVA	AR3 & AR4
3 <sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2023	YEAR 9A & 9B	MS DAVIS & MRS DEVA	AR3 & AR4
10 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023	YEAR 9A & 9B	MS DAVIS & MRS DEVA	AR3 & AR4
17 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023	YEAR 9A & 9B	MS DAVIS & MRS DEVA	AR3 & AR4
24 <sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023	YEAR 9A & 9B	MS DAVIS & MRS DEVA	AR3 & AR4

### Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Unifrog is hosting virtual seminars with some well-known companies during

#### SKILLS & ENTERPRISE WEEK from

6 – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Students can register for the following events by signing into their Unifrog accounts - [HERE](#)

#### 6<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm

Creative and innovative thinking with Virgin Atlantic, Centrica, and Crowe LLP

#### 7<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm

Be resilient and positive with Severn Trent, Schroders, and Royal Navy

#### 8<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm

Problem solving with Dyson, PwC,  
and EY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT STUDENT

WEBINARS Includes a competition where students will have to develop a business idea, business plan, and elevator pitch.  
Contact [careers@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:careers@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) with any queries.



## 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](mailto:attendanceoffice@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

### 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.school.uk](mailto:lostproperty@kingsdale.southwark.school.uk)



## 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

### 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.

## KEY DATES 2022-23



### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Year 13 Parents' Information Evening  
6-8pm in the USL (details circulated by letter)

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

End of First Spring Half Term – Normal Finish

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
Spring Half-Term Break

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Start of Second Spring Half-Term

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

End of Second Spring Term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter Break

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

First Summer Half-Term

**INSET DAY – School closed to students  
except for Year 11 students**

For further information contact the Attendance Office:  
[info@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:info@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)  
or call 0208 655 9727

# HOUSE COMPETITIONS cont.



## LGBT+ History Month

It's LGBT+ History Month, which is a time to promote the history and celebrate the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. The + is an inclusive symbol to mean 'and others' to include people of all identities.

For some people, having their sexual or gender identity celebrated or accepted hasn't always been easy, and being gay in the UK was once illegal. For many people it's still very difficult to talk openly about their sexuality because of fear of what people might say or think. However, due to changes in laws and attitudes, life has become much easier for the LGBT+ community - although in some places there is still work to be done.



### TASK:

Create a piece of original artwork on the theme of: **LGBT+ History Month.**

### HOUSE ACTIVITY

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

We look forward to seeing our students' work!

National Storytelling Week 2023



*Storytelling can be found enriching lives everywhere. The sharing between teller and listener empowers, feeding the imagination from one generation to the next."*

*Society for Storytelling.*

Once upon a time, storytelling was a way to pass the time. Now, it's an excellent way to entertain and teach each other new ideas. This is why National Storytelling Week is celebrated by people of all ages who read the likes of folktales, fairy tales, love stories and more. Storytelling is a powerful tool that allows us to share stories that inspire and teach others.

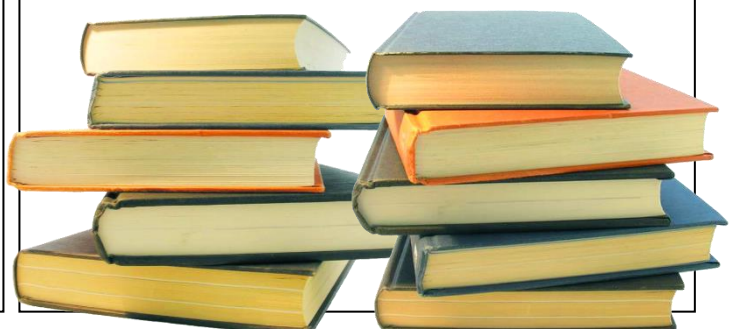
### TASK:

The House Team encourage you to write your own stories and share them with us. Making up your own stories is an important part of National Storytelling Week!

### HOUSE ACTIVITY

Submit your story to the House Team at: [housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)  
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# MY PHONE



## 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](http://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](http://www.fearless.org/campaigns/robbery)**

# SPORTS FIXTURES

## Monday 30th January 2023

- Under-12s & Under-13s Boys' Rugby Home (MDPF) Game against Ibstock Place School. Leave school at 1.50pm. 2.30pm Start. Return at 4.15pm approx.: **Mr McWhirter**

## Tuesday 31st January 2023

- Under-14s Boys' Football Away Game at Selhurst Arena against Bishop Thomas Grant. Leave school at 12.30pm. 1.30pm Start. Return at 3.30pm approx.: **Mr Price**
- Under-13s Girls' Basketball Away Game against Lilian Baylis Technical School. Leave school at 2pm. 3pm Start. Return at 5.30pm approx.: **Mr Roberts**

## Wednesday 1st February 2023

- 12-18s Mixed Cross-Country London Schools Championships at Wormwood Scrubs. Leave school at 10am. 11.30am Start. Return at 4.30pm approx.: **Mrs Sinclair/ Mr Price/ Mr Foster**
- Under-14s Girls' Football Away Game against Trinity School Croydon. Leave school at 1pm. 2pm Start. Return at 4.30pm approx.: **Mr Dash**

- Under-12s Boys' A/B Team Football Home (Fields) Game against Dulwich Prep. Leave school at 1.50pm. 2.30pm Start. Return at 4.30pm approx.: **Mr A-Warren**

## Thursday 26th January 2023

- Under-12s Girls' Netball Southwark Schools Tournament at St Georges Road, Elephant & Castle. Leave school at 9am. 10am Start. Return at 3pm approx.: **Ms Thomas**
- Under-13s Boys' A Team Football Home Game against St Mathew Academy. Leave school at 1.50pm. 2.30pm Start. Return at 4.30pm approx.: **Mr Foster**

## Friday 27th January 2023

- Under-14s Boys' Rugby Away Game against Ibstock Place School. Leave school at 12.45pm. 2pm Start. Return at 5pm approx.: **Mr Worsley/ Mr Price**  
\*Please Note Fixtures may get Cancelled due to Water-logged or frozen pitches.

## Kingsdale is a Safe Space

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

[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.



# HOUSE NEWS

## The 'Alternative' Kingsdale House Logo Design Competition

As part of developing Kingsdale's House identity, students are being invited to design their alternative to the current House logos to best represent the diversity of our community at Kingsdale Foundation School. The House System encourages healthy competition between the Houses, and these alternative logos will play a pivotal role in reflecting these values.

### TASK:

Students will need to digitally design a logo for each House that visually reflects the 5 Houses: Swift, Albatross, Eagle, Falcon, and Dove. Students are invited to work on this competition during iPad Club which is held every Thursday 3:50pm - 5pm in TE3 with Ms Gardiner.

Students may also work on their competition entries from home and email them over before the competition deadline.

The logos should keep to the same colour system of blue, yellow, green, red, and grey and reflect the key values of the House system.

### The deadline is Friday 4th February

The winner is due to be announced after the February half term.

All entries should be sent to [egr@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:egr@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) and [knh@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:knh@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk)

## The House Leader Board 2022-23

Week ending 27th January 2023

1st Place – Swift 21,392 Points

2nd Place – Dove 19,033 Points

3rd Place – Albatross 17,450 Points

4th Place – Falcon 16,790 Points

5th Place – Eagle 15,216 Points

Swift House continue to set the pace!

However, there is plenty of time left to catch them! Which House can or will?