



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINE NOTICES

Welcome to Autumn Term 1
Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 8th October

We would like to offer a warm welcome back to all parents/carers and students at the start of the new academic year 2024-2025.

We hope you had a wonderful and restful summer and are looking forward to an exciting new Autumn term.

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Year 7 students **only** return to school
Year 11 & 13 work experience placements

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 return to school at their usual times

Monday 9th September 2024

Year 13 students return to school from work experience

Monday 16th September 2024

Year 11 students return to school from work experience

By popular demand we have retained the staggered start and finish to the school day as well as separate lunchtimes by year group. There is no change to the organisation of sessions or the school day more generally.

Further details have been issued to all students and parents separately. Please direct any queries to your child's Heads of Learning. Contact details are available on our website [here](#).

Mobile Phone Policy 2024-25

Please be reminded that our amended student mobile phone policy has now come into force. As part of this revised approach, Year 7 students are not permitted to be in possession of a smart phone whilst on the school site and may only have a registered traditional/brick phone. Students in Years 8-11 may be in possession of a smart phone which cannot be used or be on display at any time whilst on the school site. Devices used in contravention of this policy may be confiscated. Please refer to our full policy [here](#).

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

A Good Beginning Makes for a Good Ending – Let's commit ourselves at the beginning of the new school year to achieving the highest possible standards in our work, in our behaviour towards each other and in our loyalty to the community.

Inculcate
To instill an idea, attitude or habit by persistent instruction.

SCHOOL NEWS

Local Road Closure at Hunts Slip Road Until November 2024

Please be advised that at this time, there is no access to cars and other vehicles to Hunts Slip Road while important changes to the road layout take place.

As part of these changes, a new & separated cycle lane will be installed, coming into operation in the late Autumn term.

Parents are asked to ensure that this traffic disruption is factored in to their child's journey each day, to ensure that they are not arriving late to school.

Please also ensure that students who walk or cycle to school through the Hunts Slip Road area take particular care when moving through the affected works area and stick clearly to demarcated and safe paths.

School Uniform (See Page 5)

Further details about our school uniform, including our PE kit, can be accessed [here](#). You can also access our online shop [here](#).

We also encourage parents to use our sustainable Uniform Bank which contains many items of pre-worn clothing to help supplement student uniform requirements.

Opening times are 3.45-4.45pm each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Please contact Mr Lewis via

jls@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



SUMMER 2024 EXAM RESULTS NEWS



Fantastic GCSE Results at Kingsdale Foundation School in Summer 2024!

We have achieved our best ever GCSE results with many exceptional individual and collective achievements to celebrate this year. We pay tribute to the dedication, talent and sheer hard work of students, staff and parents. 4 students achieved 10 or more Grade 9s, 35 students achieved 10 or more Grades 8 & 9 and over 130 students achieved 8 or more 7-9 Grades! In excess of 90% of all students achieved a top pass in both English and Mathematics and over 70% of the entire cohort achieved the English Baccalaureate.



Ella Khaldoun & Kyra Russell celebrate achieving a splendid 5 Grade 9s & 15 Grade 8s between them!



Daniel Horner & Dayee Islam secured a really impressive combined total of 8 Grade 9s, 6 Grade 8s and 5 Grade 7s!



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Dashiell Bonti & Olive Graham celebrate their tremendous achievement of attaining 4 Grade 9s, 10 Grade 8s and 1 Grade 7 between them!

You can read more about the exam successes of our students at both GCSE and A Level by clicking [here](#).



Amazing A Level Examination Results at Kingsdale Foundation School in 2024!

We are delighted to announce that our students have excelled by producing our best ever A Level results with some exceptional individual performances including 5 students who achieved 4A* grades and 12 students who achieved at least 3A* grades each!

In excess of 40% of all grades achieved at A level this year at Kingsdale were at A*/A and 70% at A*-B. Seventy percent of our graduates going on to higher education have accepted places at prestigious Russell Group Universities including 10 going on to Oxford & Cambridge or to study medicine. Students have secured places at many other top universities including University College London, Edinburgh, Warwick, Manchester, Bristol and Nottingham to do well-regarded, competitive and demanding courses such as Theoretical Physics, Classics, Mathematics, Engineering, Economics, Philosophy, Languages, English Literature & Biochemistry. Our gifted and talented creative and performing artists will not just be attending highly esteemed conservatoires and institutions encompassing Kingston University, CCW, Guildhall, Royal College of Music & Royal Welsh but also, for example, the following universities: Cambridge, Edinburgh and Manchester to do Degrees in Architecture, Fine Art & Design respectively. There is much for our community of learners to celebrate.



Hepzibah Stockbridge, Jacqueline Nwabueze and Iris Utley with their combined and highly impressive 5 A, 2 A and 1 B grades.*

Kai Slater secured A grades in Mathematics and Further Mathematics and an A in Computer Science and will be undertaking an apprenticeship in the Film Industry.*





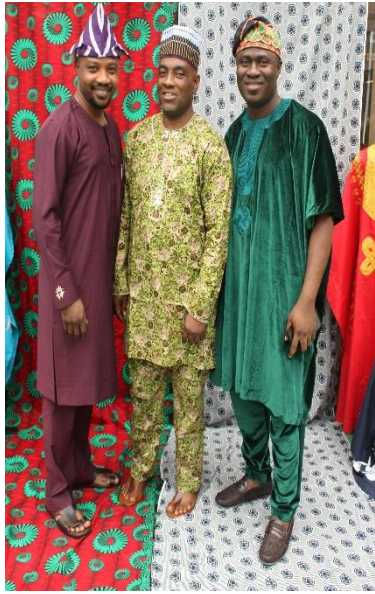
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The Kingsdale Family International Culture Day 2024

Kingsdale Foundation School celebrated the wonderful cultural diversity that exists within our community with a spectacular Summer festival, The Kingsdale Family International Culture Day, which took place on Sunday, 21st July 2024. The event beautifully summed up the school vision of 'Respect and Inclusivity' where every child's identity is embraced and celebrated creating a safe, happy and nurturing space for all. The day brought together all members of the community with a fantastic range of cultural & food stalls, music, dances, arts and crafts & interactive activities. Multitudes of international cultures were represented on the day ranging from Great Britain, Japan, China, India, America, Australia, Jamaica, Iran, Greece, Turkey, Spain, France, Austria, Italy, Nigeria, Mexico, Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, Phillipines, Mauritius and many others. It was a vibrant, scintillating and colourful day with all participants proudly representing their cultural heritage and identity.

This was a charity event. We were able to raise funds through the successful participation of all visitors. Despite the fact that the entry tickets were free of cost for all community members, we raised around £4,000 for Mind – a charity for mental health and well-being. Our huge thanks go to every stakeholder who contributed so generously to make the event a success. Thank you to our students, who planned and led various stalls like future entrepreneurs and leaders. Sincere thanks also go to the parents, who gave up their time and energy in supporting and volunteering with their children to lead various activities on the day. Huge appreciation for our wonderful teaching and support staff, who represented their various departments to make the day a brilliant and creative success. Please submit any further feedback on the event via kfscultureday@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.

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

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.

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KFS Uniform Bank

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



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 that we can offer pastoral support and liaise with our Safer Schools Officer.

Please contact Mr Harding via dhg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk with any queries.



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

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 COMPETITIONS



Kingsdale Cooking Challenge Sourdough September

The ninth month is when the Real Bread Campaign helps you to discover that: Life's sweeter with sourdough!

The aims of **#SourdoughSeptember** are to:

- Share the delicious delights of genuine sourdough
- Encourage more people to bake genuine sourdough
- Celebrate the small, independent bakeries that bake genuine sourdough



STUDENT TASK: Bake your own sourdough – include the recipe and pictures of the sourdough.

HOW TO ENTER: Submit your entry to housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk.

Ensure your entry is accompanied by your **full name, tutor group and House.**

Prizes will be awarded to outstanding entries. We look forward to seeing your work!

House Captains



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: Write a paragraph to 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 your paragraph:

housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Include your full name, House, and tutor group.

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