



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

Issue 1 Monday 4th September 2023

HEADLINE NOTICES

Autumn Half-Term 1

Monday 4th September – Friday 20th October

We warmly welcome all parents/carers and students to the start of the new academic year. We hope you had a wonderful and restful Summer break and are looking forward to an exciting & productive new term.

Please follow these links [here](#) and [here](#) for news on our fabulous 2023 A Level & GCSE results!

Students in Years 7-10 & 12 have now returned to school. Please see below confirmation of the school reopening times for each year remaining group:

Monday 11th September 2023 - Year 13 students return to school

Monday 18th September 2023 - Year 11 students return to school

This academic year, by popular demand we have retained a staggered start and finish to the school day and staggered lunchtimes by year group. Please also note that the timings of school day continue to be as follows:

Years 7, 11, 12 & 13 students start their day at 08.40am (arriving on-site by 08.35am latest). These students finish school at 3.40pm daily.

Year 8, 9 & 10 students start their day at 09.05am (arriving on-site by 09.00am latest). These students finish school at 4.10pm daily.

Please direct any queries to your child's Heads of Learning.

Year 6 Open Days for September 2024 Entry

We welcome any parents who would be prepared to speak briefly (five minutes maximum) about their positive experiences of the school at one of our Open Days scheduled for the Autumn term. A full list of open event dates is outlined below. If you are willing and able to contribute to one of our Open Days below please email Mr Harding via dhg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Wednesday 20th September 2023 9.30am - 8pm

Saturday 23rd September 2023 10am - 6pm

Wednesday 27th September 2023 9.30am - 8pm

Wednesday 4th October 2023 9.30am - 8pm

Saturday 7th October 2023 10am - 6pm

Wednesday 11th October 2023 9.30am - 8pm

Saturday 14th October 2023 10am - 6pm

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 our community.

Proficiency

A high degree of skill or expertise.



SCHOOL NEWS

School Photographs

The school photographers will be coming into school on the days listed below. Please ensure that your child is aware of the day that their school photograph will be taken. Arrangements for photographs for siblings and further details will be issued separately by Heads of Learning.

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Year 7 Photographs

Wednesday 6th September 2023

Year 8 Photographs

Thursday 7th September 2023

Year 9 Photographs

Friday 8th September 2023

Year 10 Photographs

Monday 18th September 2023

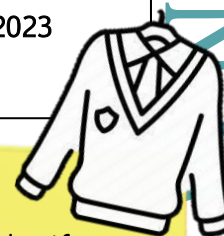
Year 12 Photographs

Tuesday 19th September 2023

Year 11 Photographs

Thursday 21st September 2023

Year 13 Photographs



School Uniform

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

You can also access our online shop [here](#).

We would 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

jl@southwark.sch.uk



SCHOOL NEWS

The Kingsdale Family International Culture Day 2023

We celebrated the wonderful range of cultural diversity that exists within our school community through our radiant cultural festival, 'The Kingsdale Family International Culture Day' that took place on Sunday 23rd July 2023. This year's programme included an exciting array of multicultural music, art, craft, dance, drama & exotic cuisine along with interactive games, sports, fun activities and cultural stalls. Cultures from around the world were represented on the day with spirited performances and participation of students, parents, staff and local community, some of whom came dressed up in exciting cultural attire! We are proud to have raised funds worth in excess of £3,000 through this free festival this year for the charity 'Mind' that provides support, advice and services for better mental health.

The day also marked the official renaming of the Music Block and Pupil Support Office. The school paid tributes to the late Mrs Mary Graham, who devoted more than 50 years of her service to the school and inspired and shaped our exceptionally strong Performing Arts provision. Our very special guest and renowned musician, Chi-chi Nwanoku, oversaw the renaming of the Kingsdale Music building as 'The Mary Graham School of Music' in her memory. We also renamed the Pupil Support Office after Mrs Brenda Bloomfield, our long-standing Pupil Support Officer, who recently retired after another 50 year association with Kingsdale.

A huge thanks to our fantastic teaching & support staff, students from various year groups, parents, governors and other stakeholders for their enthusiastic engagement in celebrating and embracing our cultural diversity and making it another memorable, unique and notable Kingsdale community event. Do keep Sunday 21st July 2024 free for next year's event!





ART & DT NEWS

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



**Art and Design Exhibition
Wednesday 12th July 2023**
At the end of the Summer term, we held our annual Art and Design Exhibition.

The event was not only a wonderful celebration of the achievements of our A Level and GCSE students, but also showcased the outstanding work by Year 9 and our Key Stage 3 Scholars.



We were overwhelmed by the number of visitors who attended, so thank you to all our students, families, friends and Art Alumni who all came along and made it such a special evening!

Congratulations to all the students involved and a special thank you to the Music department for providing live entertainment throughout the event and to our Year 9 Food Science students who made and served the most delicious food and drinks.

We would also like to thank our wonderful Premises team for all their support in setting up as well as dismantling the presentation boards!



The Art department always love to know about extra-curricular Art projects our students are involved with. The Monthly Spatula, created by some of our Year 9 students is a fantastic example of such an activity!

Students are encouraged to contact the art team with details of their projects via artd&t@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



The Monthly Spatula at South London Comic and Zine Fair (SLCZF)

On Sunday 16th July 2023, The Monthly Spatula had its second anniversary at the South London Comic and Zine Fair (SLCZF) held at Stanley Arts. This is the biggest independent comic and zine fair in London – so we are very lucky to be able to go twice in a row. Zine is short for magazine by the way.

We released our first issue at the same fair last year and it's been great to sell it again at the second and also to release Issue 2! I know, it has taken about a year to produce a monthly comic, but that's another story.

We sold The Monthly Spatula at the communal table at the entrance – somewhere you can leave the things you're selling and go about the rest of the fair while the people at the communal table sell the things there for you.

I went with my friends and family, which included contributors to the spatula, who you might see on the covers: Tawan Satitkit-Foster, Lucy Whitehead, Eddie Fahvell, Sol de Glanville and my brother Dom. We printed off some Monthly Spatula Issue 2 t-shirts and wore them to the event, as walking adverts, as you can see in the photo.

I managed to meet Tor Freeman, who draws for The Phoenix Comic (Sigismond's Neighbourhood and Grandma Toad) and I'm glad I did. I also met Shane Melisse, the creator of RO4D KNI5HT – a medieval, fantasy world combined with the current version of ours. You can see their works on Instagram at @tormalore and @shanefaced respectively.

The fair isn't just stalls to browse – they also have talks about the subject of comics and magazines (graphic novel making, publishing, etc.) and workshops throughout the event.

I thought the whole thing was a brilliant event – I found it exciting, lots of fun, and even relaxing at times. I really hope we can go again next year!

Sebastian Rooks
Editor, co-writer and co-artist of
The Monthly Spatula



DANCE NEWS

Community Festival



On Friday 14th July 2023, a four-week workshop, which included 18 of our students, concluded at the Selhurst Performing Arts College.. The programme finished with an amazing performance from 10 secondary schools and 8 primary schools from across all the London Boroughs, as well as care homes. As part of the project, our students worked on their musical theatre, singing and dance skills to create a piece on topics as varied as climate control, mental health, dementia, bullying and homelessness.

This was an amazing opportunity for our Kingsdale students, who were a credit to the school, to showcase their skills. If our students were nervous when the lights dimmed and the music started, we would never have known. Our students' collaborative piece got rapturous applause from the audience and their peers alike.

We would like to thank all our after-school dance students who continuously keep growing from week to week and never give up on the dance skills that they are learning in class, no matter how challenging it may seem at the beginning. THANK YOU and WELL DONE!

Also, a huge thank you to all our parents who support our students and the Dance Department.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new year 7 dancers to the after-school Dance Club on Tuesdays and the Contemporary Dance Club and Street Dance Club on Thursdays.



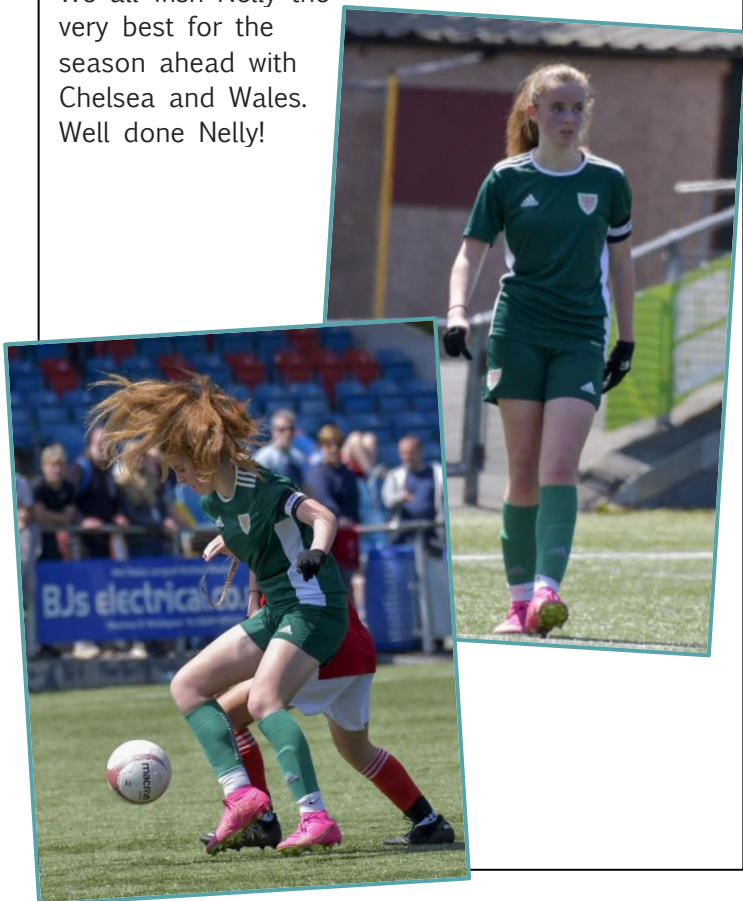
SPORTS NEWS



**Nelly Guest – Year 10
Joins Under-16s Girls' Chelsea FC Team**

The Sports Faculty would like to extend huge congratulations to Nelly Guest, Year 10, who has signed for the Under-16s Chelsea FC team. Nelly has had a fantastic year captaining Under-16s Wales in her second year of her international football career.

We all wish Nelly the very best for the season ahead with Chelsea and Wales. Well done Nelly!



**Isaac Forde - Year 10
LTA Tennis Player in
Scottish Junior Open
Under-16s Boys' Singles**

Isaac Forde did very well at the Scottish Junior Open Under-16s Nationals despite his foot injury prior to the event.

With hard work and determination he reached the final in both, singles and doubles and became a runner up in both.

It's no mean feat to get into a final at a national tournament twice and we very much look forward to what the future holds for Isaac!



**Berti Wright - Year 9
Summer Swimming Camp & Training in July**



Berti Wright attended the National Waterpolo Talent Games in Coventry on 8 & 9th July. Selected players from the different talent centres got together for the second time in 2023 for pool and land training, work shops and, of course, a tournament. Berti's team, Croydon, had two great wins and ended up with the Bronze medal overall. Well done Berti!



SPORTS NEWS cont.

Year 9 & 10 Volleyball Kingsdale v Elmgreen School



At the end of the Summer term, our Year 9 & 10 Volleyball team staged a stellar performance, securing a resounding 3-0 victory over Elmgreen School in an exhilarating match.

Otto Alvarez and Orin Diwan from Year 10 led the charge, delivering powerful serves and precise sets, which set the tone for the entire match.

Supported by the agile Julius Sporidis-Kapp, they broke through Elmgreen's defenses, securing point after point. Ginevra Rossi's defense was exceptional, with countless successful digs and returns, while Maxwell Garcia-Romans and Tomo Iwata-furlonger were consistently strong at the net. Their combined efforts pushed our team to a commanding lead.

Adding to the Year 10's onslaught, the Year 9's, led by the dynamic Riley Macadam, Sid Bailey, and Micah Coward, demonstrated exceptional teamwork and skill. Their seamless transitions, coupled with their strategic placements and excellent communication, contributed significantly to the victory.

The final point, scored with a stunning spike by Alvarez, sealed the victory and sparked a well-deserved celebration among our team. This triumphant 3-0 win against Elmgreen School, which came as a result of teamwork, grit, and sheer determination, underscores the bright future of our school's volleyball team.

Final Score: Kingsdale 3-0 Elmgreen School

Goal scorers: Otto Alvarez, Orin Diwan, Maxwell Garcia-Romans and Tomo Iwata-furlonger

Team: Otto Alvarez, Orin Diwan, Julius Sporidis-Kapp, Ginevra Rossi's, Maxwell Garcia-Romans, Tomo Iwata-furlonger, Riley Macadam, Sid Bailey and Micah Coward.

Well done to all players!



Year 8 Kingsdale Volleyball Team Closes Successful Season



The Year 8 Kingsdale School volleyball team have concluded a great season last year, setting sights on the next academic year.

The team displayed dynamic strategy and adaptability throughout the season. Their remarkable victories, including the inter-school tournament win, were a testament to their weekly training.

The Kingsdale Volleyball squad has become a model of teamwork, respect, and resilience and as they celebrate this season. They are already keen to hone their skills and strategies for this year.

Kingsdale Foundation School congratulates the team for their successful season and looks forward to the next year of achievement, sportsmanship, and growth.



Under-13s South London Maunders Cup Final Kingsdale v Graveney School

As a result of this match played at the end of the Summer term, the Kingsdale Under-13 Girls' Football achieved 4 wins across the season with this cup. Well done girls!!

Final Score: Kingsdale 4-0 Elmgreen School

Goal scorers:

Flo Ewen (1),
Ryhona Mundle (1),
Imarn Nugent (1)
and Sofia Jexx (1)

Player of the Match:

Daisy Williams



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

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

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

Be part of Southwark Youth Parliament.
Stand as a candidate and represent
your school or local area.
Applications close at midnight 30 June 2023
Elections will take place online from
25th to 29th September 2023.

To find out more please contact,
Youth Engagement Lead:
Jessica.kouadio@southwark.gov.uk or
youth.parliament@southwark.gov.uk



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* If you have special needs you can be a member up until the age of 25.



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.

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

SCHOOL NEWS



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 – PC Crampton.

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



SCHOOL NEWS

Kingsdale is a Safe Space

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

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

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

Our two confidential emails are:
health&wellbeing@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk
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.



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.

Lost Property

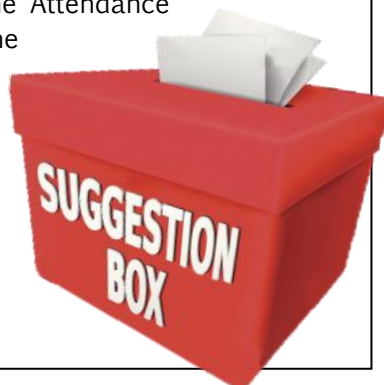
We receive a large number of items that have been mislaid or lost by students. In many cases, these items are unlabelled, making it very hard for them to be quickly and successfully reunited with their owners!

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

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.



HOUSE NEWS

The House Leader Board 2022-23

Week ending 14th July 2023

1st Place – Swift 40,165 Points

2nd Place – Dove 35,969 Points

3rd Place – Albatross 32,777 Points

4th Place – Falcon 32,250 Points

5th Place – Eagle 29,047 Points



Who won??

It was...Swift! Well done to all members.
The 2023-24 race is now on!

School Marking Code & Quality Assurance

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



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