



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

Issue 12 Monday 2nd December 2024

HEADLINE NOTICES

Curriculum Coffee Mornings

This week sees the last of our optional Coffee Mornings for parents this term. It is a great opportunity to meet staff and learn more about the curriculum/provision for each year group. These sessions take place in addition to our established, more general, monthly Parents' Forums. The date for this meeting is:

Friday 6th December 2024 Years 7 & 8.

The event starts at 11.30am (Conference Room 1) at the school. Parents who are interested in attending, must register via the link sent separately by email.

We hope to see you there. Should you have any queries, please contact Mrs Chaudhary, Deputy Headteacher via sca@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



House Excellence Award

Ezana Tewodros, Year 9, has been nominated by the Science Department who states Ezana always asks the best questions and demonstrates a genuine interest and curiosity in the world around him, the hallmark of being a great scientist. Well done Ezana. We appreciate all your hard work!

Considerate Parking and Road Use



We would like to thank all of our parents who drive and park with consideration for our local community when visiting the school or dropping/collecting students.

Can we please request that parents take particular care not to park over the driveways of the surrounding houses or park with their engines running.

We would also remind parents that the path running up the side of the school into the Little Bornes residential area is private access and should not be used by students who are dropped in the surrounding area.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

Advent

'The Old Testament frequently makes references to the coming of a messiah – a messenger from God. Many of the readings of Advent speak of a time when there will be peace and an end to suffering. This is what most of us would really hope for if we thought hard about the world as it is now'

Kindle

To ignite or to set something on fire. Figuratively, it may mean to inspire someone's interest.

SCHOOL NEWS

Adolescent Sure Start Drop In Sessions

Adolescent Sure Start is now offering advice, signposting and support sessions at five different locations around Southwark for young people aged 11-19 (or up to 25 for young people with SEND) and/or their parents and carers. The idea is that young people can access support in relation to a wide range of issues somewhere close to where they live.

Young people and parents/carers can just turn up during the times listed below:

- **Mondays 2.30-5.00pm:** Kingwood Arts, Seeley Drive, Kingswood Estate, SE21 8QN
- **Tuesdays 2.30-5.00pm:** 1st Place Family Hub, 12 Chumleigh Street, SE5 0RN
- **Wednesdays 2.30-5.00pm:** Brandon Library, Maddock Way, SE17 3NH (nurse & DWP are available during sessions)
- **Thursdays 1:00-5.30pm:** Damilola Taylor Centre, 1 East Surrey Grove, SE15 6DR (with various partner agencies - hosted by the Youth Service)
- **Fridays 2.30pm-5pm:** South Bermondsey Children's Centre, Tenda Road, SE16 3PN

The team has close links with many other organisations in Southwark and can act as a gateway for young people and their parents/carers to get longer term or specialist support, where that is needed.

You can access more information [here](#).

KINGSDALE
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SCHOOL
PRESENTS

Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION

Performed entirely by students

A musical by ALAIN BOUBLIL and CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG

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MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL and CAMERON MACKINTOSH (OVERSEAS) LIMITED



MONDAY 9TH DEC 6PM

TUESDAY 10TH DEC 6PM

THURSDAY 12TH DEC 6PM

FRIDAY 13TH DEC 6PM

SATURDAY 14TH DEC 11AM & 4PM

TICKETS -

ADULTS £7

CONCESSIONS £3

ON SALE IN THE DRAMA OFFICE

@ KINGSDALE'S DRAMA STUDIO

**Contains older themes which may not be suitable for younger audiences.
Any questions or queries, please contact Mr T Tilley on tty@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk**



ORIGINAL ORCHESTRATIONS BY JOHN CAMERON
NEW ORCHESTRATIONS BY CHRISTOPHER JAHNKE
STEPHEN METCALFE AND STEPHEN BROOKER
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY CAMERON MACKINTOSH
SCHOOL EDITION SPECIALLY ADAPTED AND LICENSED BY
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A MUSICAL BY ALAIN BOUBLIL AND CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG BASED ON THE
NOVEL BY VICTOR HUGO
MUSIC BY CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG
LYRICS BY HERBERT KRETZMER
ORIGINAL FRENCH TEXT BY ALAIN BOUBLIL AND JEAN-MARC NATEL
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL BY JAMES FENTON
ADAPTED BY TREVOR NUNN AND JOHN CAIRD

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LANGUAGES NEWS

Year 13 Trip to Bordeaux

In November, Year 13 French students enjoyed a 5-day cultural trip to Bordeaux, tasting local specialties like canelés and oysters, climbing the Dune du Pilat (the tallest sand dune in Europe!), and connecting with French students. They honed life skills through organising activities, budgeting, and translating, while creating unforgettable memories and deepening their appreciation for French language and culture.

Student testimonies

I had an amazing time in Bordeaux and really enjoyed getting to know the city that our teacher grew up in. All of the activities were really fun, and in general, the trip as a whole allowed us to immerse ourselves in French culture. Also, I think the school visit was a nice touch as we got the chance to interact with students and learn new things.

I appreciate Ms Bhira for organising such a great trip.

Finlay Wilkie-Jones (Year 13)

Bordeaux was the perfect introduction for my first time in France with Ms Bhira passionate to show us around her hometown. This trip helped me practice my communication skills in French as well as give me a deeper understanding in certain cultural aspects such as wine and it's importance within the region. Along with being treated to incredible cuisine every day and exploring landmarks, fond memories with friends were made and this trip will be one that'll stick with me for a while.

Gabriel Espino (Year 13)



MATHS NEWS

Maths Master Classes at Imperial College London

Year 8 Maths scholars attended their first session at Imperial College on Thursday, 21st November 2024.

Morning session:

Laws of indices

Afternoon session:

Robotic design and programming

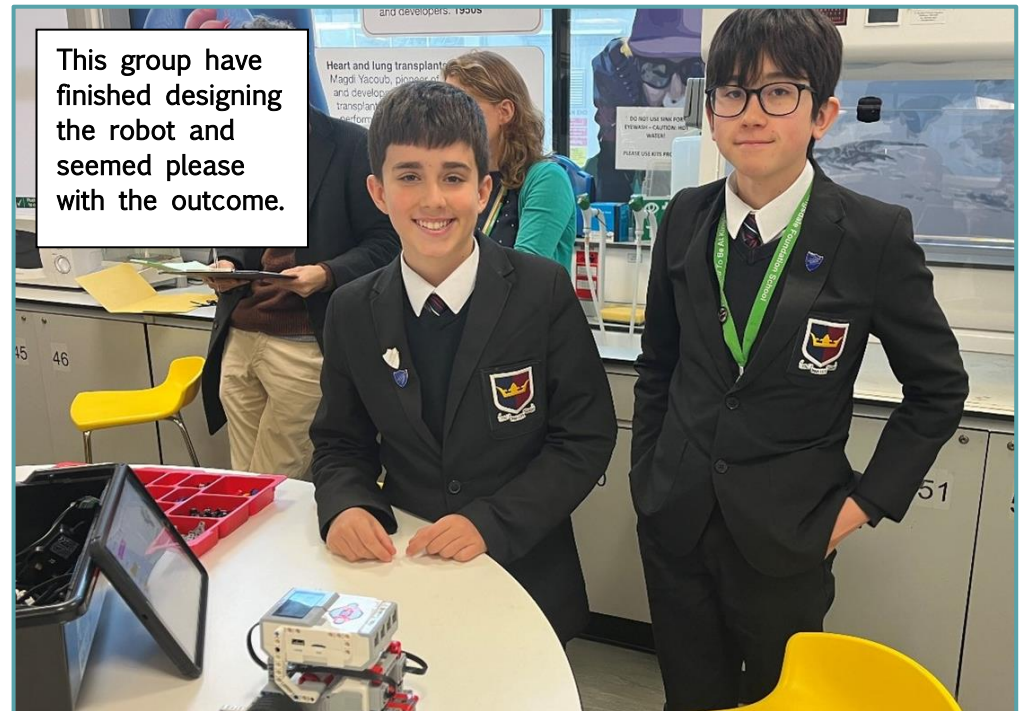
The day was divided in to two parts with the morning session curriculum based learning and the afternoon session comprising a STEM project activity. A great session was had by all.



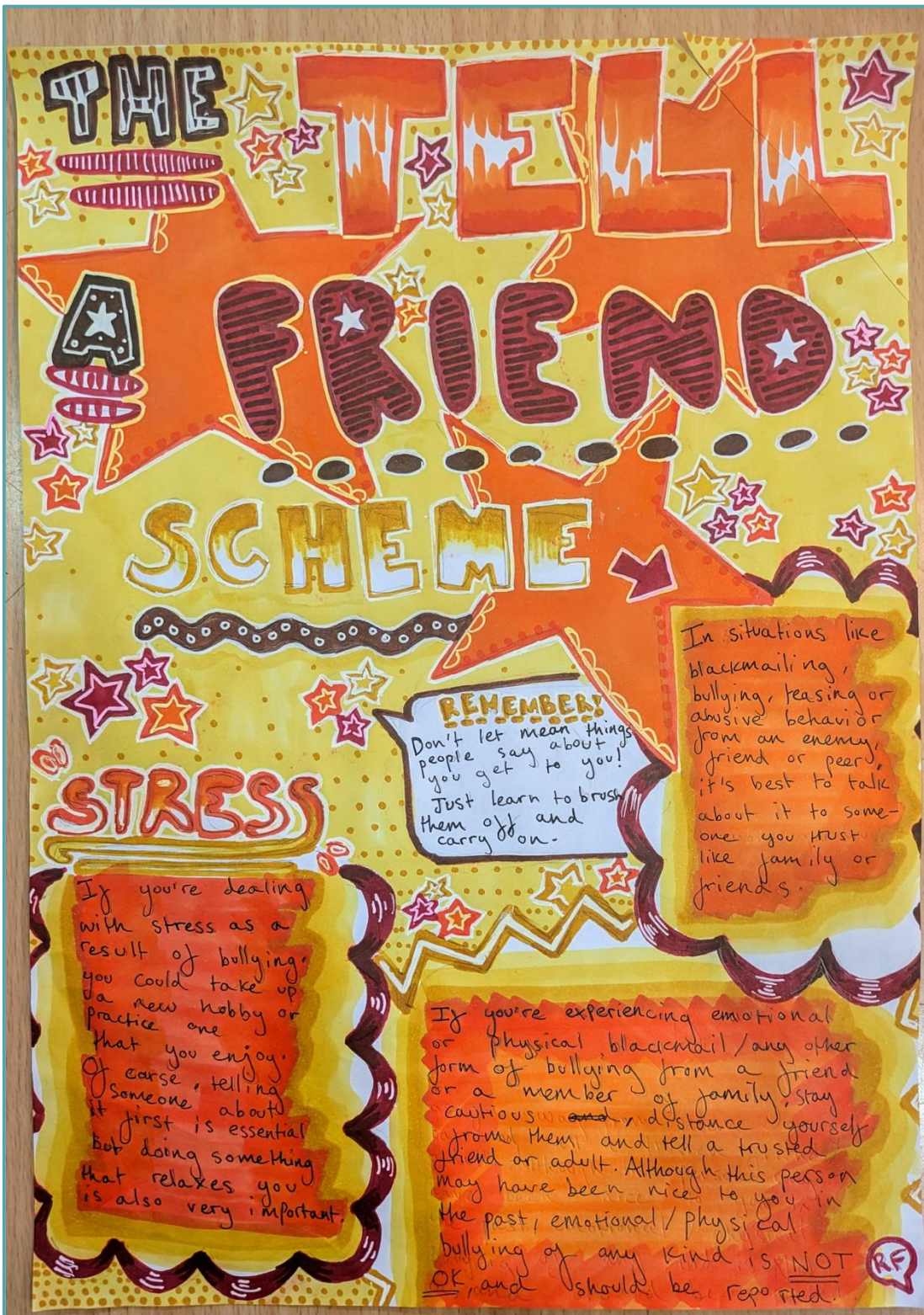
Students building a lego robot and programme it to move



This group testing their final rocket design outside.



This group have finished designing the robot and seemed please with the outcome.



Kingsdale is a Telling School

Congratulations to Ruby Fox in Year 8 for winning the Anti-Bullying Week poster competition! It's inspiring to see the creativity and commitment of Year 7 & 8 students at Kingsdale, all contributing their voices to such an important cause. Peer-mentoring schemes are vital in fostering kindness, support, and understanding among students, and your collective efforts demonstrate how art can be a powerful tool for change. Well done to everyone who participated. Let's continue to stand together against bullying!

Christmas Food Drive

The tutor that donates the most (**in weight**) will receive a prize!

Priority items

any donated will be **x2** of the weight

sanitary items will be **x3** of the weight!

- Cooking Oil
- Tuna
- Pasta Sauce
- Rice (500g) bags
- Sugar
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned meat
- Washing up liquid
- Tea
- Rice pudding
- Biscuits
- Long life milk
- Halal tinned meat
- Non dairy milk
- UHT milk
- Strong carrier bags
- Instant Coffee
- Vegetarian meals
- Toilet rolls
- Baby wipes and Nappies



Back and Front gates of school
25th Nov - 14th December

Get Rid of and Donate is a charity that are proud to be the first award winners of Lambeth Council's winners of the Climate Change Award 2024. They want to extend their work to more secondary schools in Southwark & Lambeth. The Kingsdale community can help them.

Parents can donate and drop off to the school at Main Reception, for the notice of Mr Lewis and/or Ms Dalrymple.

Get Rid of and Donate collects unwanted clothes (**not school uniform – send this to KFS Uniform Bank**), shoes, small kitchen and household textiles, bedding, curtains, personal cosmetics, musical instruments electrical/ gadgets, IT equipment, toys, books, garden equipment etc.

We want to support the reduction of risk of any contamination or viruses and as such, all items **MUST BE** in good condition and clean.

ITEMS SHOULD BE DONATED IN BAGS FOR LIFE OR BOXES - NO PLASTIC OR WASTE BIN DISPOSAL BAGS

Get Rid of and Donate **DO NOT ACCEPT** the following items:

1. **Used Baby Items** - baby bottles, steamers, teething rings, bowls & cutlery, potties, baby baths, changing mats, baby underwear & socks, baby bedding, sleeping suits, baby/Children bike or car seats
2. **Old/damaged/stained bed sheets & pillowcases or duvets** - (will collect only if in good condition)
3. **Damaged Kitchen/houseware** - any broken or items with missing items, porcelain ornaments, framed pictures, ceramic cups, and drinking glasses.
4. **Commercial Publications** - magazines, newspapers, season wrapping paper, trees or decorations
5. **Specific Plastic Items** - plastic bags, clothes hangers, food containers, bottles or plates
6. **Animal Items** - cat litter trays, baskets, housing, play toys, dog cages (only new items accepted)
7. **Out of Date Food**
8. **Certain Furniture** - furniture made of MDF, dismantled furniture
9. **Damaged/Faulty Appliances/Electronics** - items that are faulty, damaged or not working.



Get Rid of and Donate rescues unwanted items – preloved good quality clothes, shoes, household/textiles, books, toys, tech/electrical, furniture, musical equipment/music/cd/DVDs and more recycling giving back to those in need.

Join our campaign to help those in need, making an impact and support GROAD's global green agenda in local communities.

Something that you no longer want can still be used by someone else giving a 2nd or 3rd life span!

Donations benefit the beneficiaries of the project refugees, asylum seekers, vulnerable families and the homeless.

The UK creates 26 million tons of waste, of which 14 million ton end up in landfill sites. *Landfill is the second most used waste treatment in the UK in 2018 with 23.6% of waste sent to landfill. We all have contributed to this in some way.

The alternatives are the three R's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!



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Join us in our mission to others help and Get Rid of and Donate.

07944 102 112

info@getridofit-donate.com

www.getridofit-donate.com

If you are worried someone's drinking or drug use is affecting your child, we're here to help.



We help children and young people to cope with difficult family situations and feel stronger in themselves.

You can speak to us on 0203 404 7699
or email Southwark.YoungPeople@cgl.org.uk

Free Workshops for Parents and Carers

Do you want more guidance on how to talk to your children, teens and young people about vaping, alcohol or drugs? Do you want to be informed on the current themes and trends we come across working with young people in the borough?

Substances are more accessible today than ever before. For parents, carers or anyone responsible for children and young people, it can feel overwhelming and difficult to know how to respond.

We're offering FREE online workshops for parents and carers in Southwark, to give advice and guidance to help you navigate this quickly changing landscape.



We'll cover:

- Current trends amongst young people
- Strategies for talking to young people about substances in an open and supportive way
- Practical advice on how to keep your children safe from the dangers of substance misuse

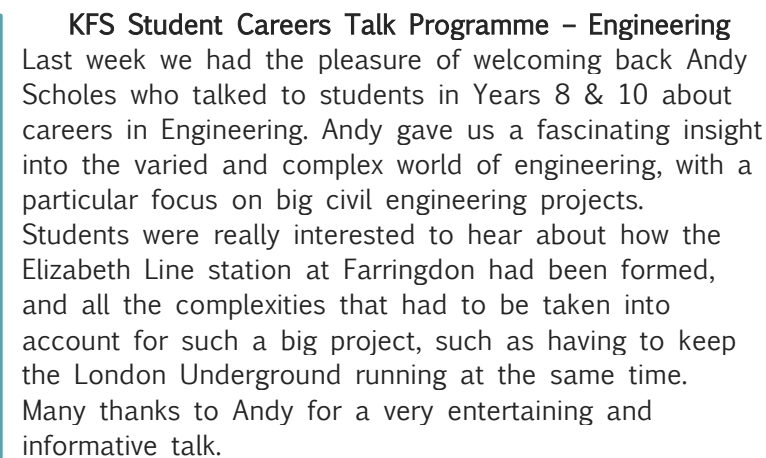


For further information contact:

- Email: Southwark.YoungPeople@cgl.org.uk or scan the QR code for a direct link to the eventbrite page.
- You can call us on: **020 3404 7699**

SCAN ME



The logo for the Museum of London, featuring a stylized bird (likely a penguin) in profile, facing left, in front of a colorful, abstract background. The background consists of concentric, wavy bands of blue, orange, and red. The text "MUSEUM OF LONDON" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the logo.

On **Tuesday 10th December** at 12.00 noon, there will be a fascinating career talk for students lined up from Jemma Perkins who works at the Museum of London (recently rebranded as the London Museum). If you've ever wondered what goes into creating a museum, or are interested in heritage, art, design or culture – this talk is for you. The London Museum is one of the foremost museums in the country and is a real treat. Its main site is currently being moved and so we're sure Jemma will have lots to say about the future of the sector.

Students should come to **CR1 at the start of Period 4 with their lunch**. Students who would like to get a school lunch slightly early should attend the Humanities office during PM registration on Monday 9th December to get a slip. To sign up, students should please fill out this form [here](#), or e-mail Ms Markes via their school email.

careers@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

MUSIC

MUSIC CONCERTS

The Music department is delighted to announce the dates for this year's Scholars' Concerts, where all Kingsdale musicians are invited to perform either as soloists or in small groups. Family and friends in the Kingsdale Community are warmly invited to attend these outstanding free events.

For any enquiries please email:

musiclessons@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



Monday 2nd December

Brass: *Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tenor Horn, Baritone & Tuba Scholars*
Juniors 5pm & Seniors 6pm

Tuesday 3rd December

Woodwind: *Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Recorder Scholars*
Juniors 5pm & Seniors 6pm

Thursday 5th December

Jazz Piano: *Mr. Glasser & Mr. Carter's Scholars*
All Students at 5pm

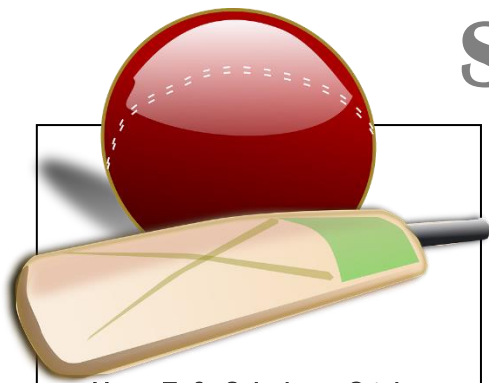
Friday 6th December

Piano 2: *Ms. De Geer & Ms. Qiu's Scholars*
Juniors 5pm & Seniors 6:30pm

Thursday 23rd January

Steel Pans: *All groups*
All Students perform at 5pm

SPORTS NEWS



Year 7 & 8 Indoor Cricket Surrey Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 Indoor Cricket Team who played in a Surrey Tournament at Dulwich College last week.

The group consisted of Dulwich College, Alleyn's School, Harris Academy East Dulwich and Kingsdale. Kingsdale's toughest game was up first against a very good Dulwich College team.

Final Scores:

Kingsdale **50-90** Dulwich College

Kingsdale **77-69** Alleyn's (*all out*)

Kingsdale **67-23** Harris East
Dulwich (*all out*)

The Team

Jamie Hilyer (Year 7)
Aneurin O'Shea Butcher (Year 7)
Jackson Small (Year 7)
Ciaran Cavanagh (Year 8)
Chester Cunningham (Year 8)
Hector Day (Year 8)
Harry Davis (Year 8)
Jonathan Koder *Captain* (Year 8)
Ruben Walker (Year 8)

Well done to all who worked so hard coming back from a loss to Dulwich College, winning the remaining games to come 2nd in the Group.

The team will now qualify for the 2nd stage in the New Year.

*KFS disclaimer. Please be advised
Match reports produced and
presented by student reporters.*

Kent County Cross Champs!

It was the last Kent County Cross Country league match on Saturday 23rd November at Swanley Park. The Under-13s Girls' Cambridge Harriers team won the overall league for the first time in their club history. Seren Yeatman (Year 8) placed 4th and Esther Yeatman (Year 8) placed 10th overall out of 44 in their race. Celia Yeatman (Year 8) placed 8th overall and Celia Allen (Year 10) placed 28th in the Under-15s Girls' race out of 50. Well done to all competitors.



Under-15s Boys' Rugby London & South East Regional Finals

Big congratulations go to the Under-15 Boys' Rugby team who came 2nd out of eight teams in the London & South East Regional finals day last week.

Final Score: Kingsdale **4-12** to St James Boys' school
Tries scored: Donnie Heritage (1)

Final Score: Kingsdale **16-0** Hinchley Wood
Tries scored: Joseph Ayora Vanegas (1), Cal Williamson (1), Harvey Tomlinson (1) and Donnie Heritage (1)

Final Score: Kingsdale **16-4** Teddington School
Tries scored: Daniel Sharp (2) and Joseph Ayora Vanegas (2)

Final Score: Kingsdale **20-12** Howard of Effingham
Tries scored: Daniel Sharp (2), Donnie Heritage (2) and Josh Daniels (1)

Player of the Tournament: Donnie Heritage for his strong carries knocking over several opponents in front of him and scoring a 70-metre try from his own half!

They will now play St James Boys' School again at Brunel University in a one-off knockout match in February 2025, with the winners advancing to the National finals in Castleford.

Well done all the boys on a great performance!

Reading Recommendations



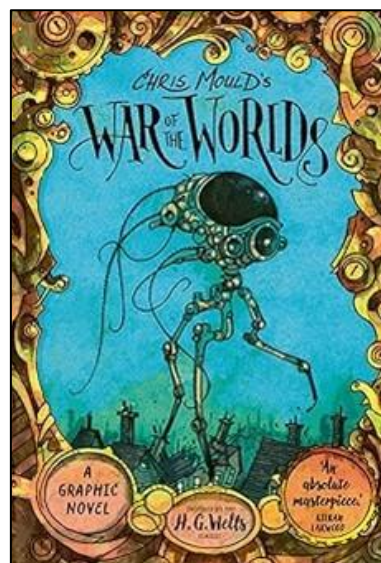
Teacher Recommendation
Mr Cannicott recommends
Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien

Discover Tolkien's remarkable world of Middle-earth and follow the complete story of Frodo Baggins and the Hobbits' part in the epic quest for the

Ring – beginning with the fateful visit from Gandalf and culminating in the dramatic climax between Frodo and Gollum atop Mount Doom and Bilbo's departure to the Grey Havens.

Mr Cannicott was enthralled by the story's masterful plot; he'd seen the film many times before and enjoyed learning more about the Tolkien's world.

Suitable for all students i.e. from Year 7 and over.



Student Recommendation
Blythe Bell Lawrence recommends
War of the Worlds by Chris Mould

'Those who have never seen Martian life can scarcely imagine the horror.'

1894. Across space, this earth is being watched by envious eyes.

What seems to be a meteorite falls to earth, but from the debris unfolds a terrifying alien threat ... As war descends, Leon and his scientist wife race against the clock to discover the science behind these invaders in the hopes of ending the war of all worlds.

Blythe liked this 'new perspective on a classic tale!' The story being retold by an artist was fresh and interest.

Suitable for all students in Year 7 and over!

SCIENCE INFORMATION for Year 11 students

Please encourage your child to join the Saturday afternoon virtual Science GCSE revision sessions which take place every week in term time between from **1pm - 2pm**.

Access details have been circulated to students separately via MS Teams.

Please note that additional Science catch-up sessions are now running each week after school on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Further details have been issued separately.



CREST Award Mentoring Opportunity

This year, many of our Year 12 students are completing the Crest Science Award. This is a student-led research project, where students pick a topic or area to research including experiments focused topics such as sound proofing technology and psychological studies.

We are looking for mentors in STEM fields who are interested in potentially providing mentoring support to students during this academic year. This would be an opportunity to provide guidance on pointers to a student on their project either in person or online.

Please contact Mr Burke via jbu@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk if you would like to participate.

SEND FACULTY NEWS

Get Involved In The Arts: Disability Arts Programmes



Entelechy Arts is a participatory arts company working with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to produce high quality theatre, music, dance and video events and performances. It works with both adults and young people who have complex and multiple disabilities.

Heart n Soul is a leading creative producing company working with learning disabled artists in music, theatre, dance, creating art, photography,

media and film. It is piloting a new project for adults where they get the chance to take part in a variety of creative sessions.

Greenwich and Lewisham Young People's Theatre workshops are for 13-25 year olds with moderate learning difficulties. Young people with disabilities (up to 19 years) are welcome on all programmes with the aim of integration. A summer arts college has a course for young people of 13-19 years with moderate learning difficulties and disabilities.

LONDON
Westfield



Holiday Shopping: Sensory needs Westfield Shopping Centre

Westfield White City and Stratford frequently host events for young people. To enhance the guests' experience, they provide sensory packs featuring carefully selected sensory items. These packs offer a wide range of sensory opportunities and therapeutic benefits for both children and adults with various disabilities, making their shopping experience more enjoyable.

The sensory packs include ear defenders and sunglasses to help with noise and light sensitivity, fiddle toys to keep hands engaged and relieve stress, and feeling fans to express emotions.

Click [HERE](#) for more information

REGISTER FOR FREE



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YOUTH SERVICES

FOOTSTEPS FORWARD

- For ages 14-18
- Drop-in's welcome
- Parental consent is required



4-6PM, every Thursday,
Aug 15th - Dec 19th



Rotherhithe Community Centre,
30 Plough Way London SE16
2LJ, UK



**Have you been
bereaved or
affected by
youth violence?**

Come together for

Weekly sports

Well-being activities

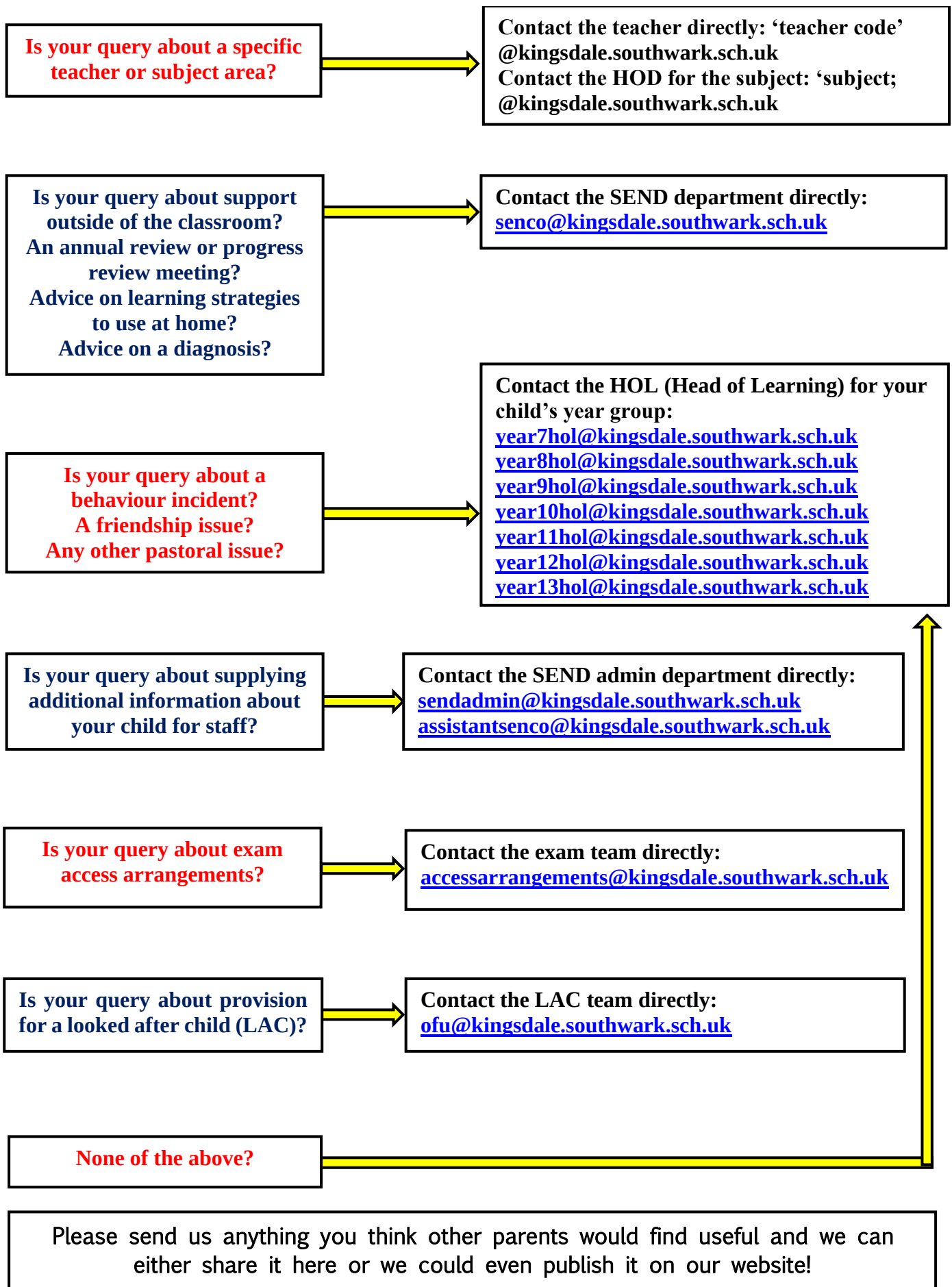
Youth Club+ Workshops

Group/ Individual
therapy

Contact Allison Vitalis for info + referrals: :
a.vitalis@rj4all.org

Communication Flowchart: SEND

At Kingsdale we would like our communication to be as effective as possible. Please see the flowchart below to help us support your child effectively and get the information needed to the right people.



SCHOOL NEWS

CALENDAR 2024-25



You can also find lots of other useful sources of information on the school website [here](#). This includes further details about the operation of the school, including Term Dates, Assessment and Uniform.

Should you have any suggestions for additions to our website, please contact Mr Karp, via email tkp@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

For further information on term & holiday dates, please contact the Attendance Team via attendance@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Second Autumn Half-Term

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Christmas Break

Monday 22nd December – Thursday 2nd January

SPRING TERM 2025

Friday 3rd January INSET DAY

School closed to students except those in Year 11

First Spring Half-Term

Friday 3rd January – Friday 14th February

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Second Spring Half-Term

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

SUMMER TERM 2025

First Summer Half-Term

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

Tuesday 22nd April INSET DAY

School closed to students except those in Year 11

Mayday Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Second Summer Half Term

Monday 2nd June – Friday 25th July

Friday 25th July INSET DAY

School closed to students except by invitation

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 School Shop is located in the main Atrium nearest to the green stairs.



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

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 3.45pm and 4.45pm each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 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



Talking to your child about

SHARING IMAGES ONLINE

For children and young people, socialising online is part of normal life. Chatting online and sending messages, photos and videos can be a good way of strengthening friendships. Sometimes, however, they can misjudge boundaries and may not realise the impact of their actions.

They can also be manipulated or pressured by others into sending inappropriate content, such as nude or semi-nude images. These can be sent for reasons including humour, shock-value, revenge or exploring bodies and relationships. Once images are shared, they can't be retrieved, leaving them vulnerable in many ways.

Having conversations with your child at an early age about what is and isn't ok to create and share can help keep them safe.



What can you do to keep your child safe online?

S

Set clear boundaries.

Agree with your child what they can do online and their access to certain apps/websites.

T

Talk with your child and be supportive.

Listen to what they already know so you can start a conversation about what normal use is.

E

Educate everyone in the family.

Make sure all family members know what isn't appropriate and how to stay safe online.

E

Evolve with the internet.

Keep up to date with technology used by your child and their features such as smartphones, VR headsets etc.

R

Research, review and regulate the apps and websites your child uses. This will allow you to decide whether they should use them and how to keep them safe online.



Prosecutions of children are very rare but there can be legal consequences to sharing nude or semi-nude imagery of a child (photos, cartoons or other picture formats), even if the person doing so is a child. If you think your child has shared an inappropriate image, speak to an advisor at the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP). Details below.



FOR SUPPORT AND ADVICE, PLEASE VISIT:



ParentZone – Resources for parents/children to help keep kids safe online.



Education from
the National
Crime Agency

CEOP Education from the National Crime Agency – Advice, information and resources to use with your child to help keep them safer from online child sexual abuse.



Internet Matters – Comprehensive resources and expert guidance to help parents/carers keep their children safe online.



A safe space for teenagers worried about sexual behaviour

Our new website for young people with concerns about their own or someone else's sexual thoughts and behaviour.



shospace.org.uk

Why Shore?

- It is one of the only resources of its kind in the world, designed specifically for young people with concerns about sexual behaviour
- It has reliable information to get anonymous help if they or a friend has acted harmfully online

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.



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

Illumination Street Week 2024



Illumination Street is a campaign that celebrates the passion, flair, and effort that people around Britain invest in lighting up their homes for Christmas. They aim to inspire both adults and children to use their imagination with their front gardens and homes during the festive holidays.



STUDENT TASK: Send a photograph of your decorations in your front garden. Remember to keep your door number and address anonymous.

HOUSE ACTIVITY:

Submit your photo with the House Team:
housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk
Ensure your entry is accompanied by your full name, tutor group and House.



What is International Volunteers Day 2024?

International Volunteers Day (IVD) is an annual event dedicated to recognising and celebrating the incredible efforts of volunteers and volunteer organisations worldwide. It's a time to inspire more people to get involved in volunteer activities and highlight how volunteering helps create a better, more inclusive world.

When is International Volunteers Day 2024?

IVD is observed globally on December 5th each year. This special day is an opportunity to honour the achievements of volunteers and reflect on the positive impact of volunteerism in our communities and beyond.

Get Involved!

Many students at Kingsdale Foundation School are already making a difference by volunteering their time for various activities and local community projects. We'd love to hear about how you have volunteered this year!

Share Your Story

STUDENT TASK: Write a short entry or send us a picture showcasing your volunteer efforts. Let's celebrate the difference you're making in the world!

Submit your entry to the House Team:
housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk
Ensure your entry is accompanied by your full name, tutor group and House.



FaceApp, as the name suggests, is an app by Wireless Lab which uses uploaded images of someone's face and allows them to add a variety of interesting filters making themselves look older, younger, appear with different hair colour and so on. The app uses either the camera on your phone to take a selfie, or lets you use a picture from somewhere like Facebook or Instagram to apply these filters. While this all sounds like innocent fun, there have been some valid concerns raised about the terms and conditions, and what the company is doing with all these selfies and pictures.



What parents need to know about FACEAPP



WHY IS IT SO POPULAR?

The app went viral in the middle of July 2019 with the #faceappchallenge, where users download Faceapp, take a picture of their face adding the old age filter, and then share the image of themselves online with friends. It can be fun to see what you might look like when you're more well travelled, and the results are pretty convincing (much to the amusement of older family members!).



HOW DOES IT WORK?

The app scans the uploaded face, and uses a neural network (basically a huge database of sample faces) to show what it thinks you'll look like when you're old; adding wrinkles, grey hairs, yellowed teeth etc. Anybody can upload an image they have access to, even those of children, without any kind of consent being needed. As explained in the lengthy terms and conditions of the app, these images are saved by Wireless Lab and can be used however they see fit, at any time in the future.



IS IT SAFE?

This is the contentious question. Wireless Lab, the Russian company behind the FaceApp app, are particularly vague with their descriptions of what they can potentially do with a person's details, to the point where a lot of people are worried about their images being used for nefarious purposes like cyber crime or political campaigns. In reality, the app is no more or less safe than any other, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't be vigilant of what you or your child is agreeing to online.



LEVEL OF ACCESS?

Buried in the legal jargon and technical mumbo jumbo, FaceApp has a worryingly large amount of access to your or your child's device. As well as storing any pictures you upload to the app, it also has access to your internet history, and basic information like your name and location. Naturally this sounds scary because it has been highlighted so publicly, but this is the normal kind of access and information apps take from us nowadays. If you are at all concerned it's worth leafing through those lengthy Terms Of Service before making a decision on if you're happy for your child to use an app.



SHOULD I BE WORRIED?

While your details **COULD** be used in the wrong way, the company has publicly stated they have no desire to do so and a number of independent probes into the app seem to suggest everything is being stored correctly and safely. That's not to say it will always be this way, so it's worth bearing in mind that this could change further down the line.



FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE

An app that takes an image of a face and uses it to commit online crimes or say things pretending to be somebody else might sound like the plot of a hollywood thriller, but with today's technology it can be a very real fear. Facial recognition software is now so advanced, a fake picture or video of a face can be produced without your knowledge or permission, potentially by a company you thought was safe. Now it must be stressed that this is extremely unlikely to happen, especially as this advanced technology is still being worked out, so you shouldn't be too worried about it - but always be aware of the permissions you're giving to unknown parties.



Safety Tips For Parents



CHECK DOWNLOADS

It may seem obvious to keep an eye on what is downloaded on a device, but it can be very easy to miss out on new fads and viral hits. Most app stores let you see what's currently trending, alongside descriptions of what an app is. Talking to your child about what current trends they're enjoying will help you keep an eye on what's popular. You also get to see what they might look like in the future, which could be a blessing or a curse!



BE REALISTIC ABOUT YOUR DATA

When it comes to online security, the phrase 'better the devil you know' is particularly apt. While companies like Facebook and Google are by no means virtuous in their collection of our data, we do at least know (for the most part) a lot about how it's being handled. Luckily, we know Wireless Lab are treating our information correctly for now, but apps you don't know or trust, may not. It's always worth reading up on an app and making sure it's the real deal before downloading it.



BE AWARE OF COPYCAT APPS

When something like FaceApp goes viral, many copycat apps can pop up on the store piggybacking off the success of the original. These apps can contain viruses that are often far more malicious and dangerous to you and your child than the terms in the 'safe' version of the app. Make sure you're aware of which is the original before making any downloads.



KNOW IF YOU CAN SPEND MONEY ON AN APP

Like most things these days, there is a way to spend money on FaceApp. You can purchase a 'pro' version which unlocks additional filters either through your phone's app store, or on the app itself. This subscription ranges from 1 month for £3.99, 12 months for £19.99 or lifetime access for £38.49. It's very easy to make this purchase without too much thought so do make sure you know about any additional costs of an app your child is using.



ALWAYS READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Many of us don't have the time or energy to read through pages and pages of legal speak, and that's normal, but leafing through the fineprint can unearth a lot of grizzly permissions you didn't know you were giving. Often, at times they are unavoidable, but knowing what you're signing up for and if there's anything you can do about it could help you make more informed decisions on the types of content you expose your child to.



Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



SPORTS FIXTURES



HOUSE NEWS

Online Safety Corner

For this week's Online Safety focus, we are looking at everything Parents/Carers need to know about 'FaceApp'. Get a greater insight here.

Please read! Remember to keep an open dialogue with your child about their activities online. **See page 20 above.**

The House Leader Board 2024-25

Week ending
29th November 2024

- 1st Place – Dove 34,236 points
- 2nd Place – Swift 32,876 points
- 3rd Place – Albatross 31,871 points
- 4th Place – Eagle 31,177 points
- 5th Place – Falcon 31,098 points

It's a dead heat for points between Falcon and Eagle! Nobody wants to be bringing up the rear do they?



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.



Remember!

You can access the school's Extra Curricular Sports page via clicking the following link here.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Turner at pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk should you require any further information regarding the KFS sports programme.

Monday 2nd December 2024

- Under-14s Boys' Rugby League Finals at Stanwell. Leave school at 12 noon. Start 1.45pm. Return at 6.30pm approx.: **Mr Roberts/Mr Price**
- Under-13s Boys' Rugby Home Match v Southborough High School. Leave school at 1.30pm. Start 2.30pm. Return at 4.30pm approx.: **Mr Lord**
- Under-12s & 13s Girls' Joint Indoor Cricket Tournament at Alleyn's School. Leave school at 12.30pm. Start 1.30pm. Return at 4.45pm approx.: **Ms McErlain**

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

- Under-12s Girls' A & B Hockey Matches at Streatham & Clapham High School. Leave school at 1pm. Start 2.30pm. Return at 5.30pm approx.: **Mr Pizzey**
- Under-16s Girls' Football Home Match against Haberdashers' Hatcham College. Leave school at 1pm. Start 2pm. Return at 4.30pm approx.: **Mr Jones**
- Under-14s Boys' Football B Team Away Match against St Dunstan's College. Leave school at 1.30pm. Start 2.30pm. Return at 5pm approx.: **Mr Foster**

Wednesday 4th December 2024

- Under-13 Boys' JNBA Basketball Away Matches at St Joseph's College. Leave school at 2.30pm. Start 3.30pm. Return at 6pm approx.: **Mr Lord**
- Under-15s Boys' Football Home Match against Woolwich Polytechnic School. Leave school at 1.30pm. Start 2.30pm. Return at 4.30pm approx.: **Mr Foster**

Thursday 5th December 2024

- Under-14s Boys' Football Away Match v Leigh Stationers Academy. Leave school at 1pm. Start 2.30pm. Return at 5pm approx.: **Mr Foster**
- Mixed Under-16s Girls' & Boys' Volleyball Away Match v Bishop Thomas Grant School. Leave school at 2.50pm. Start 3.30pm. Return at 5.45pm approx.: **Mr Fitchett**

Friday 6th December 2024

- Under-14s Girls' Netball and Hockey Away Matches v Streatham & Clapham High School. Leave School at 1pm. Start 2.30pm. Return at 5.30pm approx.: **Miss McErlain/Mr Pizzey**

***Please note Fixtures/Events may be cancelled due to wet pitches.**

Extra Fixtures may be organised at short notice.

All fixtures can be viewed via the link below:

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