



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINE NOTICES

Early School Closure – Wednesday 24th January 2024

Please be reminded that in order to best facilitate the Year 8 Open Evening on Wednesday 24th January 2024, the school will close early between 1.55pm & 2.05pm for students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 only. Students in Years 11, 12 & 13 will finish school at their normal times. Year 10 students who have exams in the afternoon will be released after their exam has concluded. Details issued separately. Where parents of students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 wish their child(ren) to remain at school on this day, this will be accommodated.



House Award for Excellence!

Congratulations this week to **Samson Awosanya, Year 12, Dove** who has been nominated for the prestigious House Award for Excellence by the Performing Arts faculty. Samson is an incredibly talented and hardworking drama student.

He approaches his work with passion and commitment, going above and beyond in both the classroom and extra-curricular activities. In the recent school theatre productions, he displayed a mature and nuanced array of performance skills, and his presence in and around the drama department is felt by all who have worked with him. Well done Samson!

Curriculum Coffee Mornings



Our next scheduled parental Coffee Morning is due to take place for Year 9 & 10 parents on Friday 26th January between 11am & 1pm. These sessions are a great opportunity to meet staff and learn more about the curriculum for each year group. This week's session will have a focus on Science provision. Parents who are interested in attending, must register via the link sent separately by email. We hope to see you there. Please contact Mrs Chaudhary, Acting Deputy Headteacher via sca@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk with any queries.

Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for 2025-26 Entry

We would welcome your views on the proposed change to our Admission Policy related to preferential admissions for some students from designated Feeder Primary Schools. An explanatory letter, draft proposed policy and relevant supporting documents can be found on our website. Please send all comments or queries for the attention of Ms O. Otubu, Admissions Officer, by email via admissions@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk by **31st January 2024** when this consultation exercise will close.

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

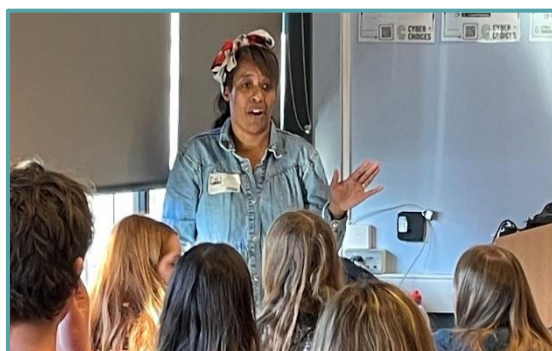
Respect

'To be well respected you must first be respectful to others.'

Endorsement

The act of making a public statement of support for something or someone.

SCHOOL NEWS



Careers Talk on Editing & Edit Production

On Friday 19th January, the Kingsdale Careers Team were pleased to welcome Nikki Porter for a careers talk on Editing and Edit Production in the TV & Film industry. Ms Porter has extensive experience of working as an Editor and Edit Producer in an editing house and has worked on TV commercials, music videos and TV shows. Interested students in Years 10 and 12 who participated in the event were able to discover more about this career and learn how to get into the industry.

Ms Porter described the various roles in the editing house and also focused on the skills and craft that are required to succeed in this area. Students viewed some of the showreels produced by her team and discussed the process of creating a commercial. There was question time at the end of the talk when students were guided on work experience opportunities and how they may build their portfolio. This was a fantastic and insightful careers talk with great reviews from our students. Thank you to Ms Nikki Porter, who is also one of our Kingsdale parents!

KINGSDALE MUSIC CONCERTS

Kingsdale Winter Concert January 25th @ 6pm – the Pod

We are excited to bring you the annual Kingsdale Winter Concert, bringing together all of the ensembles at Kingsdale for a night of musical entertainment. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. The concert starts at 6pm and will include a short interval.

Steel Pans Concert February 1st @ 5pm – the Pod

The finale in our series of Scholars' Concerts welcomes all of our Steel Pan groups, coming to perform together with all families and wider school community invited to support them. Including our 7-time Class-o-rama winning Senior Steel Pan group!

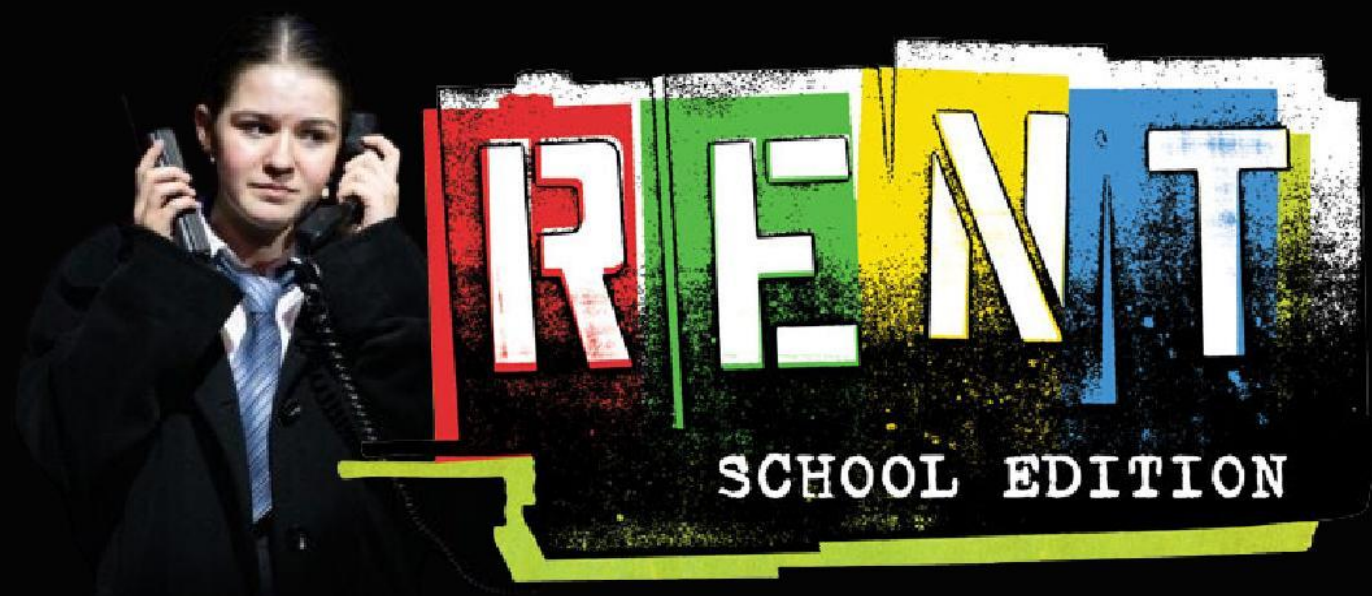
Kingsdale Valentine's Concert February 22nd @ 6pm – the Pod

This unique event happens every February as we invite staff, parents, Sixth Formers and community members to perform. The concert is a special occasion where professional musicians and highly skilled enthusiasts alike come together and deliver performances of exceptional quality – the likes of which you would normally have to pay high prices for tickets.

We would like to invite any members of our parental or wider school community who have a talent to share to perform – if interested please email

performarts@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk
for more details.

PERFORMING ARTS



In December 2023, Kingsdale Foundation School's Music and Drama Departments proudly staged Jonathan Larson's 'RENT' The Musical.

"RENT" is a story of a group of working-class Bohemians and artists in New York City's East Village in the late 1980's, struggling to survive in the midst of the AIDS crisis. The show explores themes of sexual identity, poverty, racism, homelessness and the resilience that keeps these communities afloat against a background of police violence, political discrimination and the harsh realities of life on the streets.

The whole team worked incredibly hard to make the production something incredibly special. Not only were the actors and musicians absolutely outstanding, the designers and backstage crew and creative team worked to the best of their ability to enable the show to reach such a high standard.

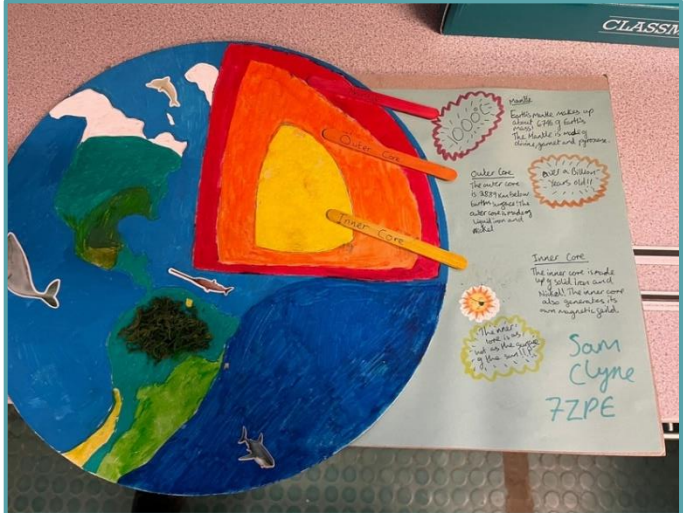
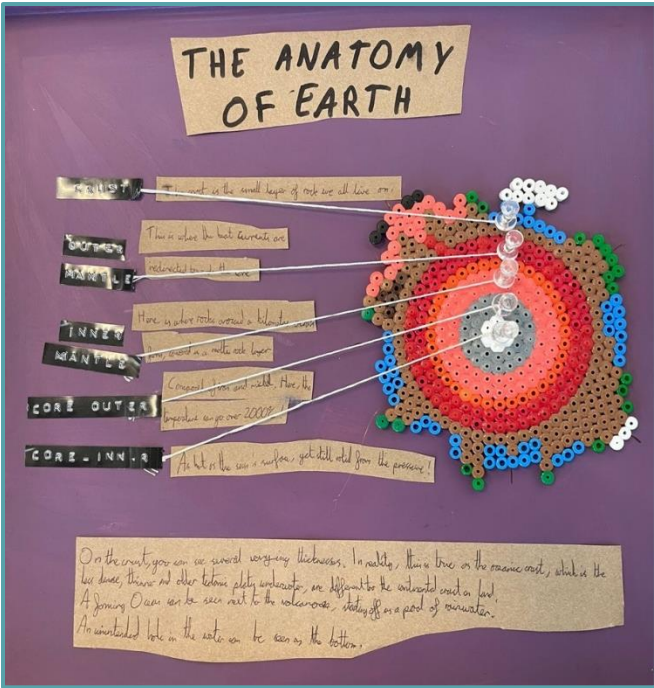
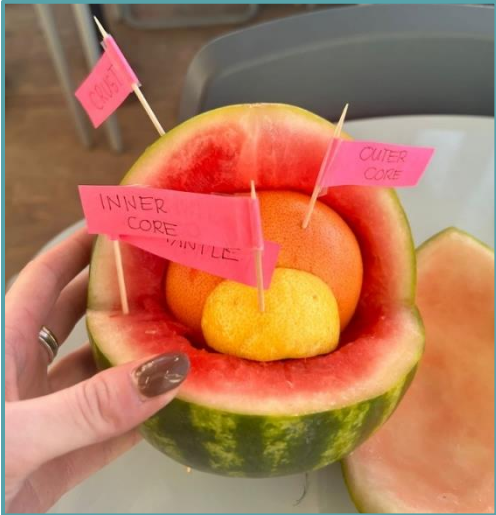
The group became a family, exploring the context of the piece, teaching and supporting each other through the process to make the whole experience more than just a school musical. An unforgettable experience for all involved.



GEOGRAPHY NEWS

Year 7 Geography Students Explore Earth's Layers Through Art & Cake

In a recent project, students merged art and culinary skills to create models that not only showcased their creativity but also deepened their understanding of the Earth's layers. The project challenged our geographers to bring the Earth's interior to life using a variety of materials, including arts and crafts supplies and even edible items like cake. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and enthusiasm displayed by our students during this project.



SCHOOL NEWS



Student Meditation & Mindfulness Sessions

The Kingsdale Health & Well-Being Team are pleased to announce the launch of our Meditation and Mindfulness sessions for students.

Students throughout the school are very welcome to attend sessions during the times allocated for their year groups shared to the right of this notice. Sessions will take place weekly during tutor periods and will be led by Mr M. Doiley, a member of our SEN team and a highly experienced and published author in this area.

To register your child's interest in attending these sessions or for further details please contact Mrs V Turner via email at health&wellbeing@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Kingsdale Foundation School Meditation & Mindfulness Sessions for Students

Year 7	Tuesday 8.40 – 9am Gym 2
Years 8 & 9	Tuesday 15.50 – 16.10pm MS1
Year 10	Wednesday 15.50 – 16.10pm Music School Performance area
Year 11	Wednesday 8.40 – 9am Gym 2
Sixth Form	Friday 8.40 – 9am Gym 2

MATHS NEWS



Advanced Mathematics Support Programme

Girls into Maths Careers

The Advanced Maths Support Programme invited ten of our Year 8 female students from Kingsdale Foundation School recently to join them at London at Imperial College for a day of exploring careers in maths. This event allowed our students to see the application of mathematics outside of the classroom. The morning sessions included presentations from a variety of female guest speakers who gave students an insight into how they use mathematics in their professional lives, including a Radiology Physicist with the NHS, a Security Analyst at Just Eat and a Principal and Consulting Actuary.

Our students also enjoyed a practical workshop where they learned about the world of data journalism, as well as a workshop presented by a NASA space scientist who shared astonishing images and experiences of a moon landing expedition.

The girls then designed, produced and tested their own moon-landing helicopters.

Laura, Year 8, said, "The whole day was really fun and I'm definitely going to study maths after GCSE!" and Minnie added "The women in maths were very inspiring and the whole trip was very enjoyable."

This was a wonderful opportunity for our girls and we are confident that such experiences will continue to foster a love of learning beyond the classroom and encourage wider participation in studying Further Mathematics at A Level, leading to successful careers (some of which don't currently exist!) centred around the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects.



DRAMA CLUB

We would like to welcome new members, particularly those who were unable to attend in the Autumn term.

YEAR 7 & 8 DRAMA CLUB

- Runs 18th January to 7th March 2023 (excluding holidays)
- Thursdays 4.00-4.40pm in DR1 (Drama Block)
- This is an **inclusive** club where everyone is welcome to meet new friends, play games and explore different types of drama. No auditions are required.
- To sign up and complete online consent please see <http://tinyurl.com/KFSDramaEx>
- For more information contact Mr Golding: <mailto:QGG@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk>



Danke Schön

FINDING LANGUAGES DIFFICULT?

Languages Homework club

Need some help with your French/Spanish/German/ Latin homework?

Need a quiet space to do some revision?

Need some help with preparing for a test?

Come along to the Languages Homework Club! Learn and develop your language skills!

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Carpe diem!

TUESDAY 15.45-16.45 IN LA4

Year 11 GCSE Skills Workshop

Drawing with Stitch Workshop

Tuesday 16th January 3.45-4.45pm

GHL AR2

Heat Transfer Ink Printing Workshop

Thursday 18th January 3.45-4.45pm

ABY AR7

Light Painting Workshop

Friday 19th January 3.45-4.45pm

GWR PS1

Lightbox Photography Workshop

Monday 22nd January 3.45-4.45pm

JGO PS1

Digital Drawing Workshop

Tuesday 23rd January 4.10-5.30pm

TE3 EGR

Digital Mockup Workshop

Tuesday 30th January 3.45-4.45pm

LVN AR6

Painting Workshop

Friday 2nd February 3.45-4.45pm

MMR AR4

SCHOOL NEWS

Friday Islamic Prayer Time (Jumu'ah)

Congregational prayer time on a Friday is a very special moment. So as to facilitate good order (and health and safety requirements) during this time, it will be necessary for participants to have a Prayer Pass. This will make it clear who is to be present and who is not.

Prayer passes will cover the time period 12.50 – 13.25 *on a Friday* throughout the year and will include Ramadan. In Kingsdale there is no tradition of being released from class at any other time of the day or week for devotions.

Prayer passes will be named and must be produced when asked by any member of staff and shown to the class teacher on a request to leave class at the relevant time. To this end please request a letter from Mr Muhammad, Mr Dabo, Ms Yurdakul or Ms Benmeriam and complete the slip requesting a 'Prayer Pass'. Return the slip to Mr Lewis who will then pass on the information to all Heads of Learning where a record will be kept. The PE changing rooms in the LLC Building will be open for wudu/ablutions from 12.50 – 13.00. Prayer and Khutbah (sermon) will be from 13.00 – 13.25 led by a Kingsdale School Imam. Students must return to class by 13.30 at the latest.

CALENDAR 2023-24



SPRING TERM 2024

First Spring Half-Term

Thursday 4th January – Friday 9th February

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Second Spring Half-Term

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

SUMMER TERM 2024

First Summer Half-Term

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

INSET DAY

School closed to students except Year 11
Monday 15th April

Mayday Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

Half Term Holiday

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Second Summer Half Term

Monday 3rd June – Thursday 25th July

INSET DAY

School closed to students except by invitation
Thursday 25th July

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

Confirmed dates for the 2024-25 academic year are available to view on our website [here](#).

YEAR 10 RS MOCK 2 & FINALS

May - June 2024

Is your ship together?



PIRATE RE, ALL WELCOME
Revision Every Wednesday
4.15 – 5.15pm in HU7
BE THERE, HA, HAAAA...

SPORTS NEWS



Dylan Ameen (Year 8)
London Stars Basketball

Dylan Ameen's Basketball team, the London Stars, recently competed in Hungary to win a spot in the finals.

Dylan's dedication and hard work won an MPV – Most Valuable Player Award – Well done Dylan! Keep up the good work!



Year 7 Girls' Netball
Kingsdale v Bishop Thomas Grant
This was Kingsdale's Year 7 B team debut game playing against Bishop Thomas Grant School.

All the training really paid off as the girls put forward an excellent performance, with good solid moves from the squad.

Displaying good interceptions in the first and second quarters, Kingsdale established control. In the 3rd and 4th quarters the team really pushed on scoring with more poise. Well done to the whole team and thanks to coaches Ells and Nells in getting the girls prepared and ready to play competitive netball.

Final Score: Kingsdale 9-0 Bishop Thomas Grant!



Under-18s Girls' Football ESFA
Kingsdale v American School of London

Congratulations to the Under-18s Girls' Football Team for winning their match 5-0 against American School of London in the ESFA Cup. Goals scored by Kalliopi Attrill, Nelly Guest and a hat-trick scored by Ella Khaldoun. Our player of the match went to Ella Khaldoun for running the front line all by herself, non-stop running and pulling strings for the three goals she scored. Goals were well assisted by Nelly Guest, Kalliopi Attrill, Isabella Ayora, Wanda Rataj and Lois Lawson.

Final Score: Kingsdale 5-0 American School

Try scorers: Kalliopi Attrill (1), Nelly Guest (1) and Ella Khaldoun (3)

Player of the Match: Ella Khaldoun



Year 7 Netball A team
Kingsdale v Harris Academy, Clapham

Well done to the Year 7 Netball A team for a fantastic win against Harris Academy Clapham last week.

Final Score: Kingsdale 18-0 Harris Academy Clapham

The team: Ella Mansden, Violet Martin, Sophia Liard, Kiki Harrison, Anna Holness, Evie Nicholls, Eleanor Saldamha, Torianna Imumi and Ella Gamester

Player of the Match: Ella Mansden

SPORTS NEWS cont.



London Broncos v Catalan Dragons – Free Tickets!

The PE Department has been offered a number of free tickets to the London Broncos v Catalan Dragons Super League Match on Friday 23rd February 2024, 8pm Kick-off at the Cherry Red Records Stadium (Wimbledon).

If you would be interested in these tickets, please complete the form below by clicking on the link or by scanning the QR code. Please note these tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis and/or by lottery. If successful, a member of the PE Department will be in touch with more information.

If you have any questions, please email apy@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk.

London Broncos v Catalan Dragons
- Friday 23rd February 2024 -
Cherry Red Records Stadium



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Year 7 Indoor Athletics Competition

Well done to the Year 7 girls who took part in the indoor athletics competition at Sacred Heart School last week. They won the competition and will be representing Southwark at the Athletics School Games in February.



The team: Taiyah Joseph-Adigun, Raysa Lohoba, Poppy Clapperton, Maliyah Boothe, Georgie-Ann Hewitt and Taliyah Rosen

Year 7 Football ESFA

Kingsdale v Cardinal Newman School

Last week the Year 7 Boys' Football B team hosted Cardinal Newman School in the ESFA National Cup at Selhurst sports arena. The team got off to a difficult start conceding early goals and headed into the half time break 2-0 down.

However, an exceptional second-half performance saw Kingsdale come out 3-2 winners. The team progresses to the next round where they will travel to Shenfield High School.

Final Score: Kingsdale 3-2 Cardinal Newman

Goal scorers: Trae Toro-Mcguigan (1), Lukas Phillips (1) and Dinero Chambers (1).

Player of the match: Arthur Walker for exceptional performance.

LIBRARY NEWS

UPPER SCHOOL LIBRARY & LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY AFTER-SCHOOL SCHEDULE

MONDAY	LGBTQ+ Club With Mrs Bowles and Ms Dobson	USL TIME: 4.15-5pm
TUESDAY	Year 7-9 Homework Club With Mr Gunathilaka, Ms Dobson & a TA	USL TIME: 4.15-5pm
WEDNESDAY	Creative Writing Club With Ms Dobson Book Club With Mr Read	USL TIME: 4.15-5pm USL TIME: 4.15-5pm
THURSDAY	Year 10 and 11 Homework Club With Mr Gunathilaka, Ms Dobson & a TA	USL TIME: 4.15-5pm
FRIDAY	Board Games Club With Mr Gunathilaka and Ms Dobson	USL TIME: 4.15-5pm

(Book Club and Year 7-9 Homework Club will later be moved to LSL)



Southwark Schools
LEARNING PARTNERSHIP



**Mathematical Puzzles
and Paradoxes**
Alleyn's School on 30th January

Professor Sarah Hart

Professor Emerita of Mathematics,
Birkbeck, University of London

Professor of Geometry, Gresham College

*Mathematical Puzzles
and Paradoxes*

Tuesday 30th January
5 to 6pm
Alleyn's School

All welcome (and especially sixth-formers!)

For a ticket, please email jonesb@alleyns.org.uk



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Update

BRONZE AWARD

1. Students who are in Years 9 - 13 and are not yet enrolled on the scheme are welcome to join the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award next academic year as the original deadline has expired (31st Oct 2023).
- 1a. All 275 newly enrolled participants for the Bronze Award will have now:
 - Been added to the Bronze DofE MS Teams site where all information about how to start/current events etc. is posted both in the 'chat section' and the 'files section'. Please look here for help and advice.
 - All parents have access to the above information (deadlines and requirements to be sent out separately re the expedition in 2024) on the school intranet site under the Duke of Edinburgh's Award section.
 - Please remember the KEY cut off dates of 30th April and 14th July 2024. See details on the above sites.
 - Please check ALL parental emails for your child's DofE Welcome Pack. All 275 Bronze awards were purchased on Thursday/Friday 9th/10th November 2023. A link was sent from the award to the email address of the person who received the link to pay for the award.

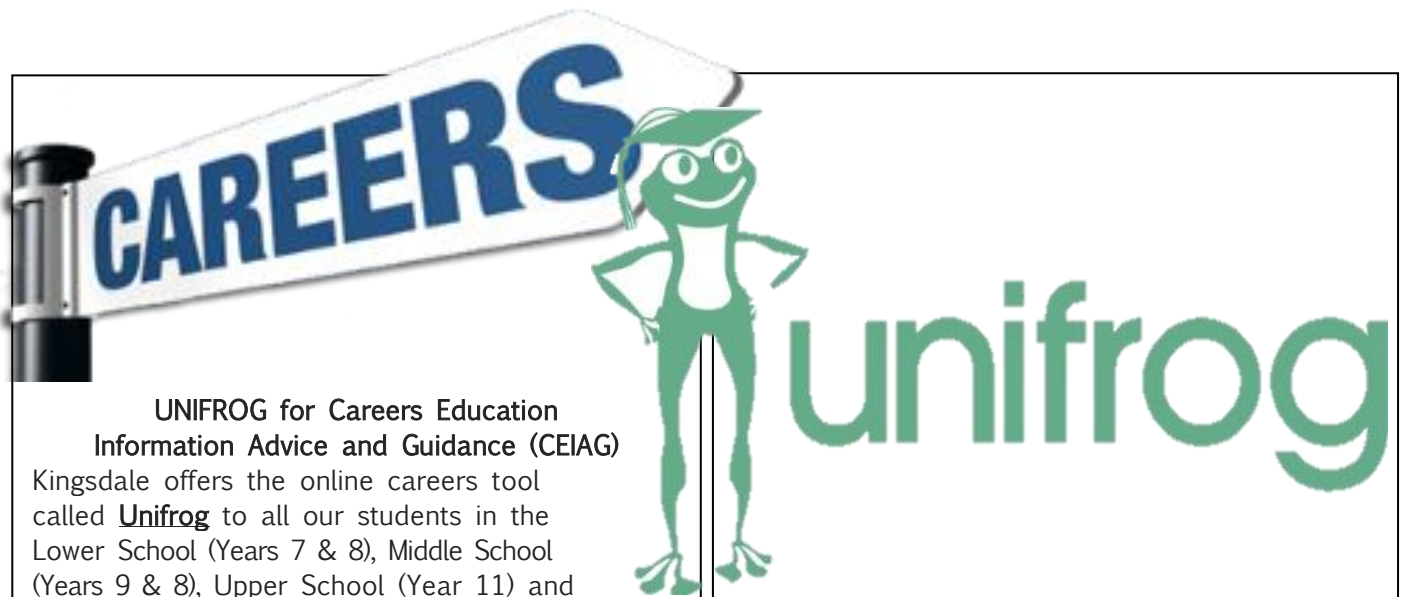
SILVER AWARD

2. Students who have completed their Bronze Award and who are considering joining the Silver Award programme will have received a direct email from Mr Dennington before 30th November 2023 offering them the chance to pay for the new award by 4th Jan 2024. This date was for potential new students to join and not for those who have already paid and joined the Silver Award.
- 2a. All Silver Award students will have now:
 - Been added to the Silver DofE Award Team, where, as usual, all information / deadlines etc. are written.
 - Had their Silver Awards purchased in the week of 8th January with welcome packs sent to the school's designated 1st contact email account. Therefore, please ensure that you check all parental emails for your child's DofE Welcome Pack in that week.
 - All parents have access to the above information (deadlines and requirements to be sent out separately re the expedition in 2024) on the school intranet site under Duke of Edinburgh Award section.
 - Please remember the key criteria in order to be invited out on expedition are that your child must have completed their Bronze Award fully and uploaded a good assessor report for at least one of their activities by 30th April 2024. All 3 activities that they intend to engage in should have been written up fully on their DofE platform.

PUPIL PREMIUM

3. Years 9 to 13 – any level of the award.
 - If you have already paid – then I will reimburse you.
 - If you haven't paid but still wish your child to start an award, the cut-off date to email me was the same as for everyone else, 31st Oct 2023 for Bronze and 4th Jan 2024 for Silver.
 - If you have missed those dates, you can always choose to join in the next academic year.

Should you have any queries about any aspect of the DofE programme at Kingsdale, please contact Mr Dennington via sdn@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



UNIFROG for Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Kingsdale offers the online careers tool called **Unifrog** to all our students in the Lower School (Years 7 & 8), Middle School (Years 9 & 8), Upper School (Year 11) and Senior School (Years 12 & 13). Unifrog brings into one place, every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship and college course in the UK. Additional opportunities include School Leaver Programmes and details on every college at Oxford and Cambridge. This makes it easy for students to compare and choose the best university courses, apprenticeships or further education courses for them. They can also explore exciting opportunities further afield by looking at English taught undergraduate programmes available in Europe and the USA. In addition, the platform helps students successfully apply for these opportunities by assisting them in the writing of their personal statements, applications and CVs, as well as guiding them through the process.

How to Get Started on Unifrog?

Students access the platform by accessing www.unifrog.org using their school email address and password; they can do so from any computer, tablet or smartphone.

We would encourage parents to use the platform with your child, so they can support them through the process of deciding their next steps. **In the case that students do not receive login emails or do not remember their password, they can visit www.unifrog.org/sign-in and click on 'Reset password/Resend Welcome Email'. This will trigger a reset password email on their school email account and allow them to create a password to log in.**

We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to support your child throughout the process.

The sign-up code you need is: FOSQPARENTS and you can sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code.

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

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

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

We encourage all our students to read about the different careers that they find interesting on Unifrog. Careers tasks are set during the year using Unifrog.

We truly believe that this all inspiring Unifrog online career tool will offer your child an excellent insight into exploring every possible area in the world of work. This will assist us in keeping the commitment we have to providing students with outstanding careers guidance; equally tailored support when choosing their next steps after school.

For more information, please contact our careers team at careers@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Dyslexia: supporting reading at home

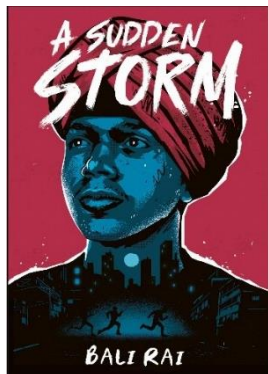
For 25 years the publishing company Barrington Stoke have been publishing super-readable books to help every child unlock a love of reading. Alongside award-winning and engaging stories from the best writers, their books contain a whole host of specialist features designed to help dyslexic and reluctant readers.

Did you know ...

- that black text on white paper can hurt sensitive eyes, while off-white paper helps
- that careful spacing between letters and lines can help new and struggling readers
- that justified text can mean readers get lost on the page
- that many young readers feel more confident about opening a book if it has clear, manageable chapters to give natural 'rest' breaks
- that illustration can help to carry the story forward and help struggling readers if they lose their place
- that research has shown boys prefer books of 100 pages or under

Browse their catalogue here: [CLICK](#)

Some recommendations:

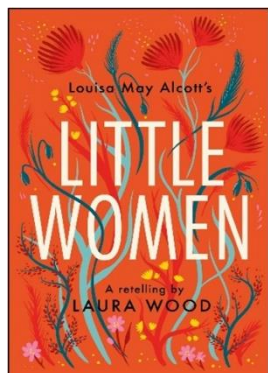


A SUDDEN STORM by Bali Rai (illustrated by David Shephard)

It's Arjan's sixteenth birthday and he's celebrating with his mates – going to see a film and then get a Nando's. He's looking forward to some good banter and wondering what might happen with Jem, who's been looking at him differently these days ...

But the night comes to a dramatic and violent end when Arjan is targeted by a group of racist thugs, who single him out due to the colour of his skin and the turban that he wears as a symbol of his commitment to his faith and culture. Is the life of a good friend and beloved son really worth so little?

Information for Adults: This book has a dyslexia-friendly layout, typeface and paperstock so that even more readers can enjoy it. It has been edited to a reading age of 7 and is aimed at readers aged 13+. Content may be unsuitable for younger readers.

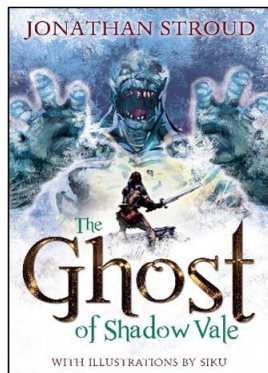


LITTLE WOMEN: A RETELLING by Laura Wood

When you're one of four sisters, it can be difficult to find your own identity. But that's never the case for the March girls – sweet Meg, tomboyish Jo, shy Beth and precocious Amy. With their father away at war and their mother working long hours, the sisters have to look out for each other and make their own entertainment. Although disagreements arise, their strong bond, vivid imaginations and infectious sense of fun see them through the darkest of days in this timeless coming-of-age story.

Bestselling and YA Book Prize shortlisted author Laura Wood brings Louisa May Alcott's classic to life once more in a stunning and truly accessible retelling.

Information for Adults: This book has a dyslexia-friendly layout, typeface and paperstock so that even more readers can enjoy it. It has been edited to a reading age of 9.



THE GHOST OF SHADOW VALE by Jonathan Stroud

In a land of ice and a vale of snow, the safety of a people rests on the shoulders of the warrior Grettir. Glam was a monster-slayer. He killed the monster in Shadow Vale. But now Glam's ghost roams the frozen wastes, killing anyone who crosses his path. Can Grettir face down the horror who was once a hero?

Information for Adults: This book has a dyslexia-friendly layout, typeface and paperstock so that even more readers can enjoy it. It has been edited to a reading age of 7.

SEND FACULTY NEWS

Kingsdale Foundation School Learning Support Faculty are working in partnership with Bell House to offer you some discounted workshops aimed at equipping you with knowledge and strategies to support your child at home.



The sessions will be run by Dyslexia Specialist Teacher, Tina Hunter. Discounted places are available for Kingsdale Parents.

[Supporting the Dyslexic Learner: diagnosis & access — Bell House](#)

Thursday 25th January - Getting a Diagnosis & Access Arrangements

Thursday 1st February - Memory Mastery

Thursday 8th February - Supporting Reluctant Reading

Thursday 22nd February - Supporting Writing Skills

Thursday 29th February - Study Skills

Thursday 7th March - Managing Maths

The training can accommodate a maximum of 40 people each session.

Please park on College Road where there is unrestricted parking. Bell House can be reached by the P4 bus route (Dulwich Picture Gallery Stop) or the P13 bus route (Dulwich College stop) and the nearest train stations are West Dulwich or North Dulwich.



NSPCC and Ambitious about Autism: Online safety



Online safety tips, advice and activities specifically for parents and carers of children with SEND.

Letting your child go online can be intimidating; you might worry about the different spaces they explore, the people they meet digitally and the potential for things going wrong. Being online can be positive for children and young people, including those with additional needs. So much of our communication now happens online, either by messages, in a game or through a video call. Sometimes online platforms like the apps, social media sites and games your child accesses can help them connect and make friends with new people that they might not know offline.

As a parent or carer, you play an important role in helping your child to have positive experiences online. If your child has additional needs, then this role can be even more important, and it can feel like a lot of responsibility when you hear about some of the risks young people face online.

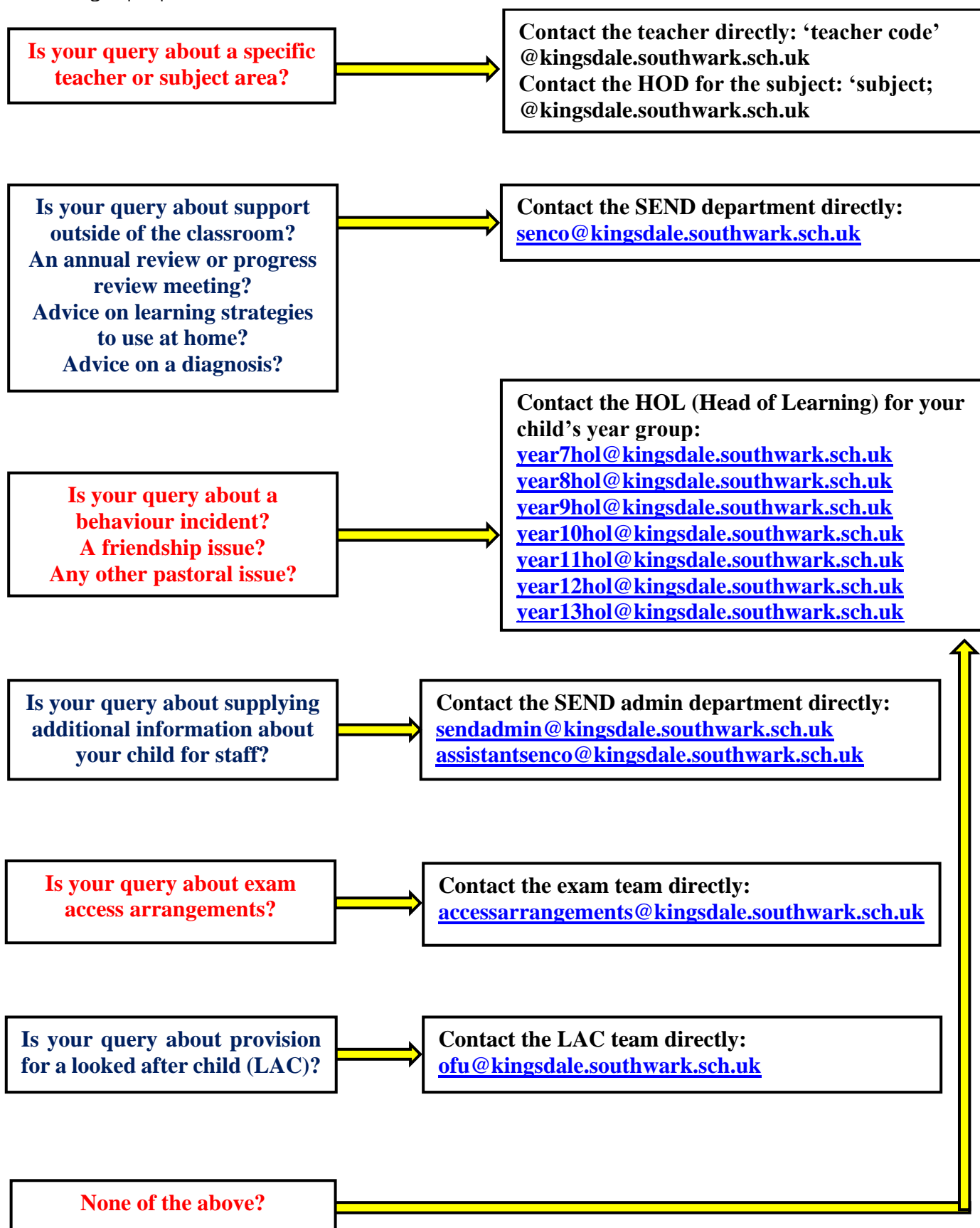
Tips and information here: [CLICK](#)

SEND FACULTY NEWS

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.



Please send us anything you think other parents would find useful and we can either share it here or we could even publish it on our website!

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

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 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 jl@southwark.sch.uk





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

Holocaust Memorial Day



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Holocaust Memorial Day is marked each year on the 27th January. It aims to remember the genocide of millions of Jewish people and other groups of people who were killed by the Nazis during the Second World War. Holocaust Memorial Day also acknowledges the genocide in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

The 27th January is the date that the concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated, therefore is a symbolic date for Holocaust Memorial Day as it reflects the hope that dark times do come to an end. Each year a different theme is chosen as a way to honour the day. The theme of Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 is the Fragility of Freedom.



You can mark Holocaust Memorial Day by:

- Watching the Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony, which will be available online;
- Spread awareness of injustice;
- Holding a moment of reflection:



**HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY TRUST**

The Africa Cup of Nations 2024



The Africa Cup of Nations began on Saturday 13th January, with Ivory Coast staging the finals for the second time.

The hosts opened the tournament with their first match while record seven-time champions Egypt were also in action on the first weekend. Current Afcon holders Senegal began the defence of their title on Monday 15th January. The tournament brings in Africa's best players which means they'll be away from their clubs - including Premier League stars like Mo Salah - for possibly as long as their countries stay in the contest.



STUDENT HOUSE ACTIVITY

Draw a poster to show support for your favourite team/African player. Include their football history and any interesting facts.

Share your work with the House Team:

housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ONLINE FINANCIAL SCAMS & EXPLOITATION

To date, nearly 43 million UK internet users have encountered a financial scam online; roughly 20% of those victims wound up at least £1,000 out of pocket as a result. The number of con artists plying their trade in the digital world has grown in recent years (a worrying trend which, unfortunately, appears likely to continue), and their methods have become increasingly creative. It can, therefore, be difficult to recognise an online financial scam – let alone to safeguard our children against them – but it's not impossible. Our guide offers a few pointers on what to look out for.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHISHING SCAMS

Scammers often use deception to obtain personal and financial information from their target. They might pose as legitimate organisations, such as pretending to be HMRC and threatening legal action for unpaid tax unless the victim provides their National Insurance number. Their efforts have been getting more convincing recently, so be mindful of any unexpected or unusual emails.

IDENTITY THEFT

Criminals can manipulate someone into providing personal data, then use it to assume their identity online and commit fraud, make unauthorised purchases or engage in other illegal activities. Identity theft can be accomplished by tricking victims into downloading malware that scans their device for information; by figuring out passwords to social media accounts; or through phishing scams.

FRAUDULENT INVESTMENTS

Fraudsters might lure victims into offering their hard-earned cash for a "one-of-a-kind investment opportunity" promising high returns or quick profits – such as the many cryptocurrency scams currently circulating online. Some unscrupulous influencers have even used their status to tempt their followers into paying for courses which promise to help them become rich and more attractive.

DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING

Many online sellers use false or misleading advertising to persuade consumers to spend money or supply personal information. Certain websites, for instance, have become notorious for using attractive images to advertise their products, promising to deliver an item for a fraction of its usual price – only for a cheaper-looking, poor-quality reproduction to arrive in the post instead.

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

Scammers use social media to manipulate or deceive victims, often by posing as a popular influencer and exploiting their audience – such as posting a link to a 'giveaway' which actually siphons money or personal data to whoever is behind this false identity. This type of scammer commonly impersonates influencers with a younger fan-base, as children tend to make more naive targets.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE YOUR CHILD

Talk to your child about the risks of online financial scams and encourage open communication about their digital activities. Make sure they know the kind of ruses that are out there, and what to look out for when encountering a potential scam. Foster their critical thinking skills – and emphasise that if something they see on the internet seems too good to be true, then it probably is.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Almost all devices that children typically use to access the internet have built-in safeguards like parental controls and monitoring tools. Stay aware of the options available to you, and make use of them to shield your child from possible exploitation as best as you can. This, combined with common sense and critical thinking, should go a long way towards keeping them safe.

STAY INFORMED

Try to keep your knowledge of current and emerging scams in the digital world up-to-date, so you can help your child stay safe. New methods of exploitation are developing all the time, but thankfully it's not all doom and gloom. There are plenty of sources – such as Ofcom – that keep a record of online scammers' methods, plus lists of which sites or schemes to be wary of.

PRIORITISE PRIVACY

Teach your child to value their own privacy: that is, to respect the value of their personal data and be cautious about sharing it online. It's especially important that children know to safeguard their financial details and other sensitive data – and never to provide that information to anyone online, unless they're absolutely certain that it's safe, secure and for a legitimate reason.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Encourage your child to report any suspicious or potentially harmful online encounters to you or another trusted adult. Make it clear that they will never get in trouble for telling you about what's happened. Fraudsters often attempt to play on children's fear of getting into trouble, so cancelling out that notion robs internet scammers of one of their greatest weapons.

Meet Our Expert

Ross Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 13 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.



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<https://www.ukfinance.org.uk/system/files/Fraud%20The%20Facts%202021-%20FINAL.pdf>

SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 22nd January 2024

- Under-16s Boys' Football B Team Away Game against Weydon School at Selhurst Arena. Leave school at 1pm. Start 2pm. Return at 4.30pm approx.: **Mr Price**
- Under-13s Boys' Rugby 7s London Schools Tournament at Garratt Green. Leave school at 1.15pm. Start 2.30pm. Return at 5.30pm approx.: **Mr Roberts**

Tuesday 16th January 2024

- Under-14s Boys' Rugby Home Game against Graveney School. Leave school at 1pm. Start 1.45pm. Return at 3.45pm approx.: **Mr McWhirter**

Wednesday 17th January 2024

- No planned fixtures

Thursday 25th January 2024

- Under-15s Boys Football B Team Away Game against Oakwood Grammar School at Selhurst Arena. Leave school at 1pm. Start 2pm. Return at 4.30pm approx.: **Mr Pizzey/Mr Price**
- Under-13s Boys' JNR NBA Basketball Away Game against The Elm Green School. Leave school at 3pm. Start 4pm. Return at 5.30pm approx.: **Mr Lord**

Friday 26th January 2024

- Under-15s Girls' Indoor Cricket Tournament Away Game against Alleyns School. Leave school at 3pm. Start 3.30pm. Return at 6pm approx.: **Ms Thomas**
- Under-12s Boys' Hockey Away Game against Dulwich College. Leave school at 2.50pm. Start 3.15pm. Return at 5pm approx.: **Mr Pizzey**
- Under-14s Girls' Football Away Game against Latymar School. Leave school at 1pm. Start 2.30pm. Return at 6pm approx.: **Mr Dash**

***Please note Fixtures/Events may be cancelled due to wet or frozen pitches
Extra Fixtures may be organised at short notice.
<http://www.kingsdaleschoolsports.org.uk>**

The House Leader Board 2023-24

Week ending 19th January 2024

- 1st Place – Dove 28,601 Points
- 2nd Place – Swift 28,148 Points
- 3rd Place – Falcon 27,097 Points
- 4th Place – Albatross 25,779 Points
- 5th Place – Eagle 24,393 Points

It is getting very close as Dove return to the top of the Leaderboard. The race is truly on!



HOUSE NEWS

ONLINE SAFETY CORNER

For this week's Online Safety focus, we are looking at everything Children need to know about 'Online Financial Scams & Exploitation.' Get a greater insight here. **PLEASE READ!!** Remember to keep an open dialogue with your child about their activities online. See page 19.

House Assemblies – Thank You!

House Assemblies last week were collectively very well received, with the main themes focusing on 'New Year and New Beginnings'. Students were encouraged to be reflective of the year just passed but embrace the hope that comes with the New Year ahead. Set new goals, learn a new musical instrument, help more around the house. Students were asked to become better versions of themselves and to take advantage of the many new opportunities that will present arise in 2024. All the assemblies can be accessed online from the student Teams area for each House. We also want to see many entries for the House Competitions!

Communication with Parents & students



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.