



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

Issue 19 Monday 9th February 2026

HEADLINE NOTICES

Spring Half-Term Break
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

The school will close this Friday 13th February for the Spring half-term break. During this holiday, revision sessions are scheduled to take place for students in Years 11 & 13 as part of their exam preparation programme. Further details have been issued separately by the Year 11 & 13 pastoral teams.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to seeing all the students on Monday 23rd February at the usual times when school reopens.



House Excellence Award

Amdalat Badara, Year 11, has won the House Excellence Award. She was nominated by the Languages Department.

Amdalat is a passionate Spanish student who has consistently demonstrated a strong dedication and genuine enthusiasm for languages. Since Year 7, she has attended lessons with a positive

attitude, a warm smile and a keen interest in developing both her linguistic skills and her understanding of Spanish culture. Her commitment and natural flair for languages clearly identify her as a true linguist and we are confident that she will go on to achieve great success in her GCSEs.

Mental Health & Well-Being Weekly Focus for Students: Gratitude & Recognition

This week's mental health & well-being focus for students is 'Gratitude & Recognition'. We would like to encourage students to take a moment to register, acknowledge, and celebrate the achievements not only of others around them but also of themselves. Recognition of personal achievement, no matter how small, boosts morale and positively impacts on our mental well-being. Whenever we receive a heartfelt gesture of appreciation from others for something we have done it not only boosts our spirits but also our passion and purpose. Gratitude involves showing appreciation for the things in life that are meaningful or valuable to us.

We would like to encourage students to take a moment to notice and acknowledge the things they're grateful for each day, no matter how big or how small. Expressing gratitude can brighten our outlook, boost our mood, and help us feel more positive in the face of challenges.

For information on student well-being at Kingsdale, contact **Ms V. Turner** via vtr@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

THEME OF THE WEEK

A Matter of Attitude

'I visualised where I wanted to be, what kind of player I wanted to become. I knew exactly where I wanted to go, and I focused on getting there.'

Michael Jordan

WORD OF THE WEEK

Amnesty

A decision by a government that allows political prisoners to go free.

Most of the political prisoners were freed under the terms of the amnesty.

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 7 at Seen on Screen Project Friday 6th & Monday 9th February

We are delighted to inform you that our Year 7 cohort have been participating in a theatre production which took place in the POD on Friday 6th February and which will run again on Monday 9th February 2026, provided by Southwark Council & London Bubble Theatre. The theme of this production is the impact of screen time on mental health for young people. This content has been developed with young people, teachers, Southwark Council, CAMHS and Groundwork.

For more information and details on the content of the production and support should you need it, please see Page 2 below.

Kingsdale Valentine's Concert Thursday 26th February 2026

A reminder that our Valentine's concert returns at 6pm on Thursday 26th February. This is an annual concert in which students, staff, community members and alumni showcase their musical talent.

We have a number of spaces reserved for parent and community acts. Please email performarts@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk if you or anyone you know would like to join us to perform at this special event.

SEEN ON SCREEN

*Robyn, Lily-Rose and Xavier are juggling home and school life, expectations and emotions.
At the end of each day they can't wait to retreat to their bedrooms and relax.*

Screen time feels like the perfect escape but as their online worlds expand, their mental wellbeing begins to falter.

Can they manage their screen use and protect their wellbeing before everything starts to unravel?

**The content has been developed
with young people, teachers,
CAMHS and Groundwork.**



**If you are concerned about your child's
mental health or screen time use, why not
take a look at these websites:**

[Internet Matters](#)

[NSPCC](#)

[The Nest - Wellbeing Support in Southwark](#)

[Kooth](#)

[Young Minds](#)



Kingsdale Symphony Orchestra

Join students from around Southwark in a
half-term orchestral course.

Sign up using the QR
code below

Dates: Wednesday 18 February to Friday 20
February

Times: 9:30am to 3:00pm Wed/Thurs
2pm to 6pm Friday

Concert at 5:30pm on Friday 20 February



Safer Internet Day 2026 | Tuesday 10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

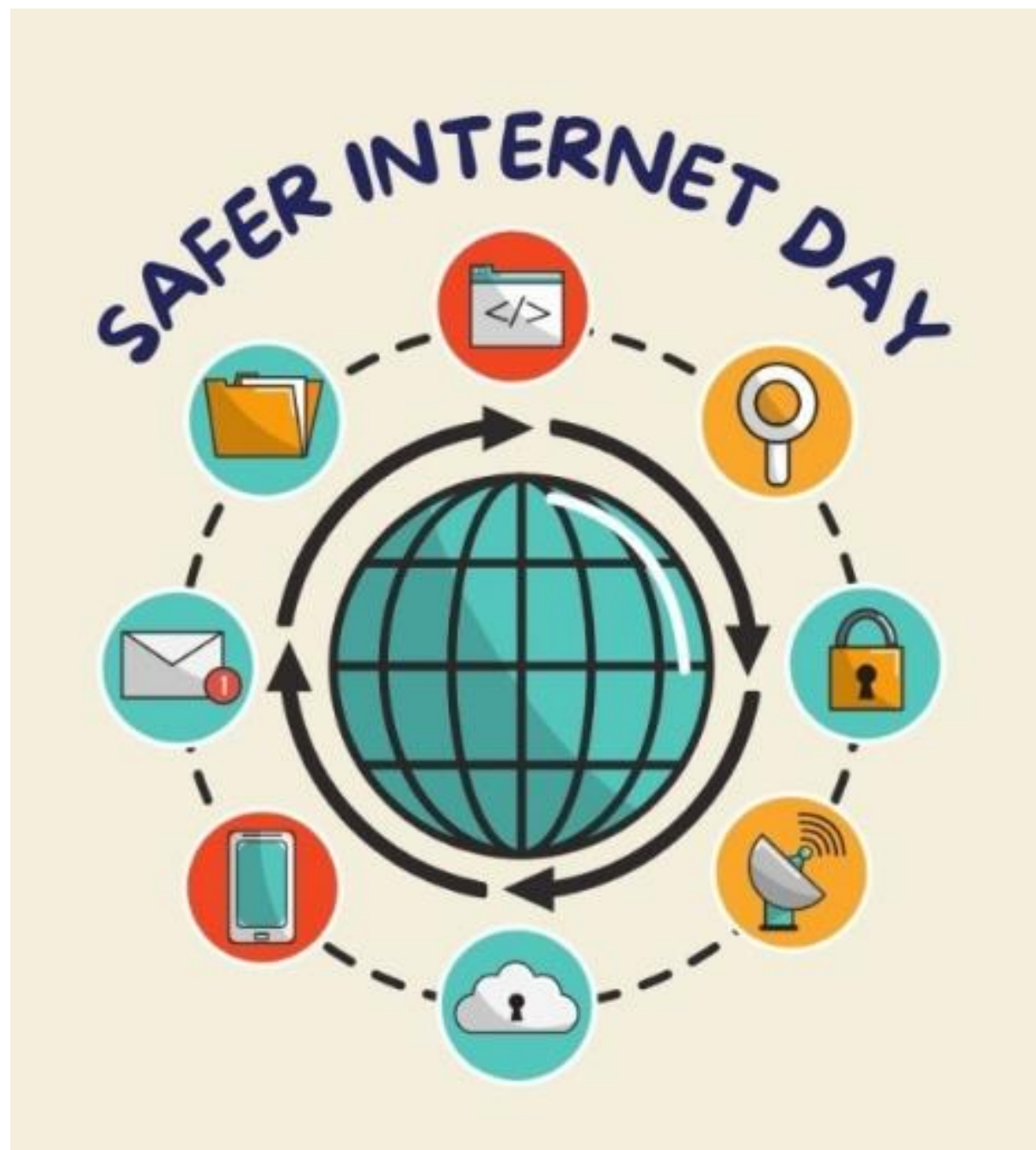
saferinternetday.org.uk

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on Tuesday 10th February this year and is a time to celebrate the safe and responsible use of technology through channels that are accessible and promote positive spaces for children and young people. The theme this year is about making smart choices with AI. Following widespread media reporting and public scrutiny of the AI tool Grok, it is important for schools and other organisations to take proportionate precautions to ensure their communities are appropriately safeguarded.

At Kingsdale throughout this week, there will be a range of scheduled activities taking place during lessons, assemblies and tutor time. Encourage your child to engage in the big conversations and contribute to the debate of Artificial Intelligence.

As parents and carers, you can also join in by accessing tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online. To find out more, click [here](#).

We would value any feedback on any highlights of the week via safeguarding@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk.



Year 10 Oil Painting Outreach Programme



A group of Year 10 art students has recently taken part in an oil painting outreach led by Freya Moyett, an artist and educator from the City and Guilds College of Arts.

The students thoroughly enjoyed all six sessions of this fantastic outreach programme and produced some truly beautiful oil portraits.



Saatchi Gallery visit

On Wednesday 21st January, Year 8 Graffiti Club students were invited to the Saatchi Gallery to have a guided tour around 'The Long Now: Saatchi Gallery at 40'. Students enjoyed the interactive artwork, as well as receiving and artist in residence talk.

The day ended exploring Priestcorp's exhibit 'Papercut', with every student receiving a free exhibition poster!



Arts Careers Programme

Last Tuesday, as part of our careers programme, Tekall MacFarlane, Director of Ivy Studios, came to Kingsdale to give a lunchtime talk to our Year 10 and 12 students.

Ivy Studios is a collective of interior designers, graphic designers and architects, so it was very inspiring for our students to hear all about these industries and career possibilities.

3 Day Creative Studio at Camberwell College of Arts

18, 19, 20 February (half term)
10.30am-4.30pm

Explore different approaches to drawing in two and three dimensions using a range of traditional and unconventional materials and methods

Apply using the QR code here!



Who can take part? Eligibility criteria

All applicants must:

Be studying GCSE Art & Design or Design & Technology at a UAL Outreach partner school or college in London

You must meet 1 or more of the following criteria:

- you are currently in or have been in care
- you live in a priority postcode area
- you live in a household that receives benefits for living costs
- have no parent or guardian that has completed a university degree

*Please provide accurate information when you apply.

Any questions?

Get in touch on
outreach@arts.ac.uk

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Young Artists' Summer Show 2026

We are encouraging students to submit artwork to the Royal Academy Student Summer Show. The school is registered for applications and students can speak to their Art teacher for support.

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 living and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts either onsite or online. The RA will award prizes for inspiring artworks.

How to enter

From 5 January 2026, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, teachers and parents/guardians can submit artworks via the RA website until 4 March 2026.

Important dates

5 January – 4 March 2026

Registration and submission open

May 2026

Judging

14 July 2026

Online exhibition opens

14 July – 30 August 2026

Display at the RA open

Sign up and find out more

roy.ac/youngartists

[@royalacademyarts](#)

Made possible by Robin Hambro

RA Royal Academy of Arts



CAREER NEWS

Work Experience Help

As shown by the Careers Fair, the Kingsdale parents are our best asset in terms of giving access, insight and opportunity to our students. With this in mind, our Year 12s will soon be looking for work experience opportunities.

All placements are appreciated, as while many of our students have networks through family and friends, not all do so any help is appreciated to ensure all students have work experience arranged, a boost for both their personal horizons and their UCAS/Apprenticeships applications.

If you or your employer would be interested in hosting a Kingsdale student, please contact Mr Burke at jbu@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



Sixth Form Careers News

It has been another exciting half-term for Careers in the Sixth Form, with a huge array of talks as well as our annual careers fair.

Our working lunch programme has seen parents deliver amazing talks from a variety of different fields, including - International development, Acting & theatre production, fashion design & graphic design. A huge thank you to all our guest speakers for their inspirational talks and for giving up their time to come in.

Next term will see an even bigger focus on higher education with guest speakers including Imperial College & Royal Holloway coming in to deliver workshops.

Students have also been actively applying for university-based programmes with over 30 students applying for Sutton Trust Summer Schools, as well as numerous students gaining places on Oxbridge based mentoring programmes.

Careers Talk: Advertising

A huge thank you to Suzanne Ashley-Tagoe for coming in and giving a really fascinating talk about careers in advertising last week.

Students were impressed to learn about the range of careers available in advertising, from the creative ideas to the legal considerations to production and post-production.

We saw some of the campaigns that Suzanne has been involved in and students came away with lots of ideas about how to break into the sector.

Thank you, Suzanne!

SPORTS NEWS

Dejaun on Trial at Arsenal Academy!

We're delighted to share some fantastic news! Dejaun Oppong, Year 7, is currently on trial at Arsenal Academy. This is a brilliant achievement and a testament to his hard work, talent and dedication. A huge congratulations to Dejaun - we wish him the very best during this exciting opportunity!



Under-13s Girls' Touch Rugby League Kingsdale v Coloma Girls School

Congratulations to the Under-13 Girls' Touch Rugby team for their superb 5 tries to 4 tries win against Coloma school last week. Well done all the girls on their fantastic win.

Final score: Kingsdale 5-4 Coloma

Tries: Koto O'Sullivan (2), Amani Amma (1), Lola Nichols (1) & Sahara Phillip-Brown (1)

Player of the Match: Koto O'Sullivan who scored two tries

Year 8 Boys' Football B Team English Schools' Cup Round 5 News! Kingsdale v Thomas Bennett Community College



Congratulations to the Year 8 Boys' Football B team who beat Thomas Bennett Community College in the English Schools Cup Round 5 last week. It was a great team effort on a cold rainy day – a great team spirit kept the players on their toes and there was a 100% work rate from every player that took part. In the 1st half, Kingsdale went 2 – 0 up, as Captain Hamish Roberts helped set up two great goals from Andres Valencia-Pinnock. The Kingsdale boys were buzzing with their performance as they went into the 2nd half. A quick goal from

Hamish Roberts was followed by one from Thomas Bennett. Danny Jones in midfield was outstanding covering every inch of the pitch picking up the ball and put Morgan McLean-Afriyie down the left for him to run into the box and chip the ball over the flying keeper. Thomas Bennett pulled another goal back with 3 minutes remaining. To cap off a very good competitive game Andres Valencia - Pinnock cracked a stunning strike leading to his hatrick and making it 8-3 Win to Kingsdale. Massive well done to all!

Final score: Kingsdale 8-3 Thomas Bennett Community College

Goal scorers: Andres Valencia-Pinnock (3), Hamish Roberts (1), Morgan McLean-Afriyie (1) and Thomas Bennett (3)

Players of the Match: Danny Jones for his work rate in midfield and Andres Valencia - Pinnock for his 3 outstanding Goals.

Under-14s Girls' Football Sisters n Sports Cup Kingsdale v JAGS

Well done to the Under-14s Girls' Football team who progressed into the next round of the Sisters n Sports Cup last week as they beat JAGS with some great goals from Violet Martin, Ella Marsden, Marlena Westaway and Poppy Clapperton!

Well done!

Final score: Kingsdale 7-0 JAGS

Goal Scorers: Violet Martin (1), Ella Marsden (1), Marlena Westaway (1) and Poppy Clapperton (4)

Player of the Match: Four great goals from Poppy Clapperton earned her joint Player of the Match with Poppy Greeves for a great midfield performance.



SPORTS NEWS

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



London Schools Cross-Country Championships

On Wednesday 4th February, 36 students travelled across to West London to compete in the London Schools Cross-Country Championships at Wormwood Scrubs. In really tough conditions, our students battled hard as they competed in the muddy terrain against 30+ schools from all over the city. A special mention goes to our Year 7 students competing in the championships for the first time who did themselves and the school proud – Owen Freestone, Lotta Kersting Gomes, Evie Ellison, Lena Aldridge, Finbar Kingston, Ari Amusin, Thomas Wilkie and Sam Mashford.

Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 12 of their races who will now be eligible to compete in the English Schools Cross-Country Championships at Sefton Park, Liverpool on Saturday 14th March – Emery Aldridge, Jacob Hood, Elliott Albert-Preskett, Sofia Mendes, Celia Allen and William Weyham.

1st XI Girls Football Friendly Kingsdale v JAGS

On Monday 26th February, the girls played a friendly against JAGS and drew 1-1. It was an excellent game and the girls played brilliantly! As always it was a great game and atmosphere.

Team sheet: Chloe Milton, Lilee Heaton, Jess Rennison, Bette Price, Amelie Bunten, Daisy Bailey, Flo Ewen, Lily Hathaway, Martha Ackroyd-Todd, Martha Hill and Zena Barry

Under-13 Girls' Sisters n Sport Hockey Plate Competition Kingsdale v Ibstock

It was the girls' first major competition on Thursday 29th February, with only 8 players and they had never practiced a short corner before. Although we lost the game, the goals did not come from the opposition's short corners. There were 3 excellent defensive shorts by the girls with brilliant closing down enabling the ball to go out of play. It was a close game even though we did not score, but we had some good opportunities to level the score but could not convert.

Team sheet: Amelie Rae, Rosa Ackroyd Todd, Georgia Baker, Zena Barry, Nell Clements, Martha Hill, Lily Sophia Mikalsen and Ava Rugeroni

Under-12s Boys' Football Friendly Kingsdale v St. Dunstan's

On Monday 2nd February the Under-12 Boys' team had their first game of their season with a friendly against St Dunstan's. Although we lost the game the boys had some excellent play with a few opportunities to score but were unable not convert.

Team sheet: Arthur Barnes, Charlie Barnes, Akinsegun Jegede, Thomas Wilkie, Monty Lewis, Israel Sulola and Ethan Milne



Under-14s Boys' London Hockey Tier 2 Competition

This tournament for the Under-14s Boys' team on Tuesday 3rd February got underway with the driving rain continuing and getting slightly heavier.

The team lost the first game 7-0 against Dulwich College. However, with a break and a re-arranged formation, in the second game against Royal Russell, it was very close throughout with excellent saves from Ruben Walker in goal for us. Dylan Christmas and Frank Whitehead had some excellent shots on goal but the opposition goalkeeper managed to save them. In the end it was a 2-0 loss to us against Royal Russell.

In the final game against St Dunstan's, the team started with a lot of possession. We managed to hold it at 0-0 with more excellent saves by Ruben. Then a short corner was awarded to St Dunstan's and the whistle blew for half-time. St Dunstan's converted from the short corner. After the restart, they were awarded another short corner and again converted that goal making it now 2-0. Kingsdale made break with an excellent pass from Frank to Dylan, who crossed to Harry but he was just ahead of the ball and could not have a shot at goal. Some time later, Harry again on the attack used his reverse with an almost goal but it just went wide. In the end it was 2-0 to St Dunstan's but Kingsdale played well.

Team sheet: Frank Whitehead, Harry Wilkie, Harry Davis, Zacharie Seydoux, Ruben Walker, Sebi Schwab, Joe Draper, Lori Weber-Brown, Danny Jones, Bay Fairman, Ethan Milne, Thomas Wilkie and Dylan Christmas.

PE Department Extra-Curricular Sports Activities Timetable - Spring Term 2025-26

Sports Clubs Spring Term 2026

The Sports Faculty at Kingsdale Foundation School are delighted to announce that our Extra Curricular Sports Programme for the Spring term 2026 is now underway. Please be advised that students will be required to submit a completed parental consent form before attending sessions held before or after school. However, students are not required to have parental consent to attend any of our published lunchtime clubs. Please find attached our programme of extra-curricular clubs for the Spring term. If you have already signed your child up for a club that has been running since the Autumn term and is on the same day and at the same time for the Spring Term then you do not need to complete the form again.

If your child wishes to attend any of our published sports clubs, please follow the link below, where you will be able to access further information and a consent form for your child's chosen sports club(s). Please be advised that all students are required to wear full school PE kit when attending any of our extra-curricular clubs.

KFS Extra-Curricular Sports Online Booking Form

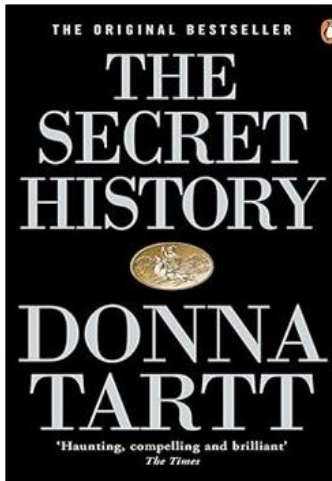
Please be informed that all students attending our extra-curricular clubs and representing the school at sporting events are expected to be excellent sports ambassadors for the school and are therefore required to adhere to and sign our Sporting Code of Conduct which can be accessed by following the link [KFS Extra-Curricular Sports Online Booking Form](#). Please be assured that all students are welcome to attend our clubs whether for recreational or competitive enjoyment and we very much look forward to welcoming you to what is sure to be another year of sporting excellence at Kingsdale Foundation School.

For further details please contact Ms V. Turner, Director of Sport, Health & Recreation via pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Activity	Time	Venue	Staff
Monday			
Football – Boys – Year 10	8:00-8:50am	Astro	Mr Hall & Mr Foster
Recreational Football – Boys – Year 7	11:05-11:50am	Astro	Mr Price & Mr Foster
Table Tennis – Mixed – Year 7	11:05-11:50am	Gym 1	Mr Hutchinson
Swimming – Mixed – Year 7	11:15-1:45pm	Crystal Palace	Ms Jaymes
Recreational Football – Boys – Year 8	12:00-12:45pm	Astro	Mr Dash
Netball – Girls – Year 8&10	12:00-12:45pm	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
Recreational Football – Boys – Year 9	12:55-1:40pm	Astro	Mr Price
Fitness – Boys and Girls Year 9	12:55-1:40pm	Fitness Suite	Mr Dash
Football – Boys – Year 8	4:15-5:15pm	Astro/Playing Fields	Mr Price
Basketball – Boys – Year 9, 10 & 11	4:15-5:15pm	Sports Hall	Mr Hall
Rugby – Girls – All Years	3:45-4:45pm	Playing Fields/Astro	Mr McWhirter
Tuesday			
Basketball – Girls – Year 8, 9, 10 & 11	8:00-8:50am	Sports Hall	Mr Roberts
Table Tennis – Mixed – Year 9	8:10-8:50am	GM1	Mr Price
Rugby – Boys – Year 8&9	8:00-8:50am	Astro	Mr Lord
Football – Boys – Year 7 A and B Squad	11:05-11:50am	Astro	Mr Fitchett
Basketball – Girls – Year 7	11:05-11:50am	Sports Hall	Ms McManus
Table Tennis – Boys and Girls - Year 8 and 10	12:00-12:45pm	Gym 1	Mr Roberts
Fitness – Boys and Girls - Year 8 and 10	12:00-12:45pm	Fitness Suite	Mr Lord
Sports Scholars – Mixed – Year 8 and 10	12:00-12:45pm	Astro	Mr Johnstone
Dance – Mixed – Technique – Year 8 and 10	12:00-12:45pm	Dance Studio	Ms McGregor
Dance – Mixed – Technique – Year 9	12:55-1:40pm	Dance Studio	Ms McGregor/Ms Dookey
Cycling – Mixed – All Years	3:00-5:00pm	Herne Hill Velodrome	Ms McGregor
Badminton – Mixed – Year 8,9, 10 & 11	4:15-5:15pm	Sports Hall	Ms Jaymes
Football – Boys – Year 11	3:45-5:00pm	Astro/Playing Fields	
Football – Girls – Year 10 and 11	4:10-5:15pm	Astro/Playing Fields	
Dance – Mixed – Contemporary – Year 7 and 11	3:45-5:00pm	Dance Studio	Mr Foster
Dance – Mixed – Contemporary – Year 8, 9 and 10	4:15-5:15pm	Dance Studio	Ms Jaymes
Wednesday			
Football – Boys – Year 9	8:00-8:50am	Astro	Ms Dookey
Netball – Girls – Year 11	8:00-8:50am	Sports Hall	
Horse Riding – Mixed- Year 7	10:45-12:15pm	Dulwich Stables	Mr Johnstone
Horse Riding – Mixed- Year 7	12:45-2:15pm	Dulwich Stables	Mr Foster
Sports Scholars – Mixed – Year 9	12:55-1:40pm	Sports Hall	Ms McGregor
Football – Mixed – Sixth Form	1:50-3:40pm	Playing Fields	Ms McGregor
Rugby – Mixed - Sixth Form	1:50-3:40pm	Playing Fields	Mr Foster
Rugby – Boys – Year 7	3:45-5pm	Playing Fields	Mr Price & Mr Dash
Football – Girls – Year 8&9	4:10-5:15pm	Astro	Mr McWhirter
Thursday			
Hockey – Mixed – Year 8,9,10 & 11	8:00-8:50am	Astro	Mrs Sinclair & Mr Foster
Sports Scholars – Mixed - Year 7 and 11	11:05-11:50am	Astro, Gym 2	Mrs Sinclair & Mr Foster
Badminton – Mixed – Year 7	11:05-11:50am	Sports Hall	Mr Dash & Mr Jones
Fitness – Boys and Girls Year 7 and 11	11:05-11:50am	Fitness Suite	Various
Hockey – Mixed – Year 7	11:05-11:50am	Astro	Ms Jaymes & Ms Marshall
Dance – Street Dance – Mixed – Year 7 and 11	3:45-5:00pm	Dance Studio	Mr Price & Mr Fitchett
Dance – Street Dance – Mixed – Year 8, 9 and 10	4:15- 5:15pm	Dance Studio	Mr Dash
Football – Girls – Year 7	3:45-5:00pm	Astro	Ms McGregor
Friday			
Basketball – Boys – Year 7 & 8	7:45-8:50am	Sports Hall	Ms McGregor/Ms Dookey
Rugby – Boys – Year 10&11	8:00-8:50am	Astro	Ms McGregor/Ms Dookey
Netball – Girls – Year 7	3:40-4:45pm	Sports Hall	Ms McManus
Netball – Girls – Year 9	3:45-5:00pm	Sports Hall	Mr McWhirter



Teacher Recommendation



Ms Walker recommends
A Secret History
by Donna Tartt.

Under the influence of their charismatic Classics professor, a group of clever, eccentric misfits at an elite New England college discover a way of thinking and living that is a world

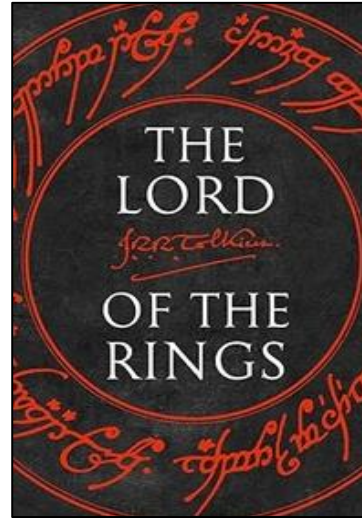
away from the humdrum existence of their contemporaries. But when they go beyond the boundaries of normal morality, their lives are changed profoundly and forever as they discover how hard it can be to truly live and how easy it is to kill.

Ms Walker found that the visual imagery really simulated her imagination; she also really enjoyed the riveting plot!

Some dark themes; best suited for students in Key Stage 4 and over.

Reading Recommendations

Student Recommendation



Year 12's Sebastian Rooks recommends
Lord of the Rings
by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Sauron, the Dark Lord, has gathered to him all the Rings of Power – the means by which he intends to rule Middle-earth. All he lacks

in his plans for dominion is the One Ring – the ring that rules them all – which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit, Bilbo Baggins.

In a sleepy village in the Shire, young Frodo Baggins finds himself faced with an immense task, as the Ring is entrusted to his care. He must leave his home and make a perilous journey across the realms of Middle Earth to the Crack of Doom, deep inside the territories of the Dark Lord. There he must destroy the Ring forever and foil the Dark Lord in his evil purpose.

Sebastian is really enjoying the rich language and the exciting plot.

A long read with some mild violence, but an ambitious Year 7 could take this classic on!

Carnegie Book Club

If you're in Year 7 and love reading, join Ms Redfern and Ms Walker for the Carnegie Medal Book Club! The club allows students the opportunity to read, discuss and review the books shortlisted for the 2025 [Carnegie Medal for writing](#), so it will be a great chance for students to read some of the best titles in teen fiction!

We meet every Wednesday during Period 3 (Year 7 lunch) in the Lower School Library.

**GO
ALL
IN.**

**National
Year of
Reading
2026**



National Year of Reading 2026

We are proudly supporting the National Year of Reading 2026 and the theme of 'Go All In.' Watch this space for more information regarding the exciting programme of initiatives we have planned to support this important focus.

As a 'Do Now' activity, we ask all parents to ensure that their children have a reading book in their school bag every day which they can obtain from the school libraries.



SCHOOL NEWS



Big History Club!

For Key Stage 3 and 4 in HU6
Every other Tuesday from 4.15 to 5pm

Do you want to dive into the past?

Is there something we don't cover at school that you would like to learn about?

In Big History Club we use history and fiction books, films, art, music and more to **enquire into diverse World Histories** from ancient times to modern day.

In our next session on **Tuesday 10th February**, we will be marking LGBTQ+ History Month by asking ***Who was the real 'Gentleman Jack'?*** and investigating the lives of other Queer people during the Enlightenment era with Ms Preston.

Bring along any questions you have about this topic, or ideas for people, events or items from history you want to know more about in future sessions!



CALENDAR 2025-26



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 at attendance@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

SPRING TERM 2026

First Spring Half-Term

Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Second Spring Half-Term

Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2026

First Summer Half-Term

Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

Monday 13th April INSET DAY

School closed to students except those in Year 11

Mayday Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May 2025

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Second Summer Half Term

Monday 1st June – Friday 24th July

Friday 24th July INSET DAY

School closed to students except by invitation

2026/27 Term Holiday dates now published [here!](#)

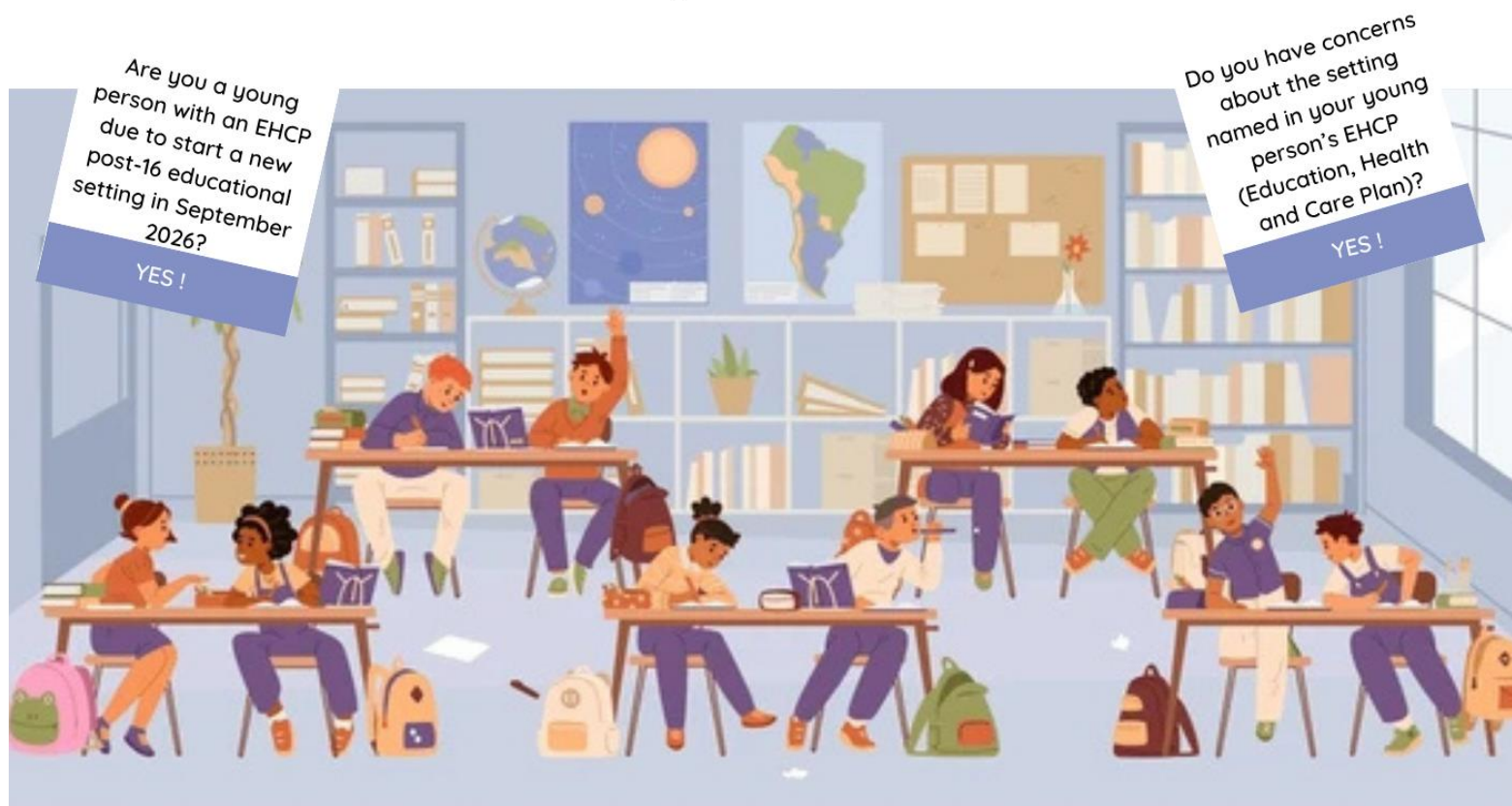


REGISTER TO ATTEND

EHCP POST-16 SCHOOL TRANSITION



For SOUTHWARK young people,
parents & carers



FOR SOUTHWARK YOUNG PEOPLE, PARENTS
& CARERS WITH AN **EHCP** STARTING A
POST-16 EDUCATIONAL SETTING IN
SEPTEMBER 2026

SESSION DATE

ONLINE

Thursday 16th April 2026
12:30pm - 2:00pm
Microsoft teams

This sessions will provide you with impartial advice, including how to make an appeal to SENDIST (the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal)

CONTACT

For more information contact the SIAS Team

✉ sias@southwark.gov.uk

☎ 020 7525 3104

SEND FACULTY NEWS

Croydon Multi-Sport SEND Festival

Wednesday 19 February

New Addington Leisure & Community Centre, Croydon

Families may be interested in the Croydon Multi-Sport SEND Festival, a free and inclusive event for children and young people with SEND.

The festival offers a range of accessible sports and physical activities in a relaxed, supportive environment. It's a great opportunity for children to try new activities at their own pace, build confidence, and for families to connect with local SEND services and organisations.



For more information and event details, please visit:

<https://news.croydon.gov.uk/children-and-young-people-invited-to-croydons-free-multi-sport-send-festival/>

SEND Local Offer

Information and Local Offers

The Learning Support department would like to remind you that you can find lots of useful information in our SEND Policy and Report which can be found here:

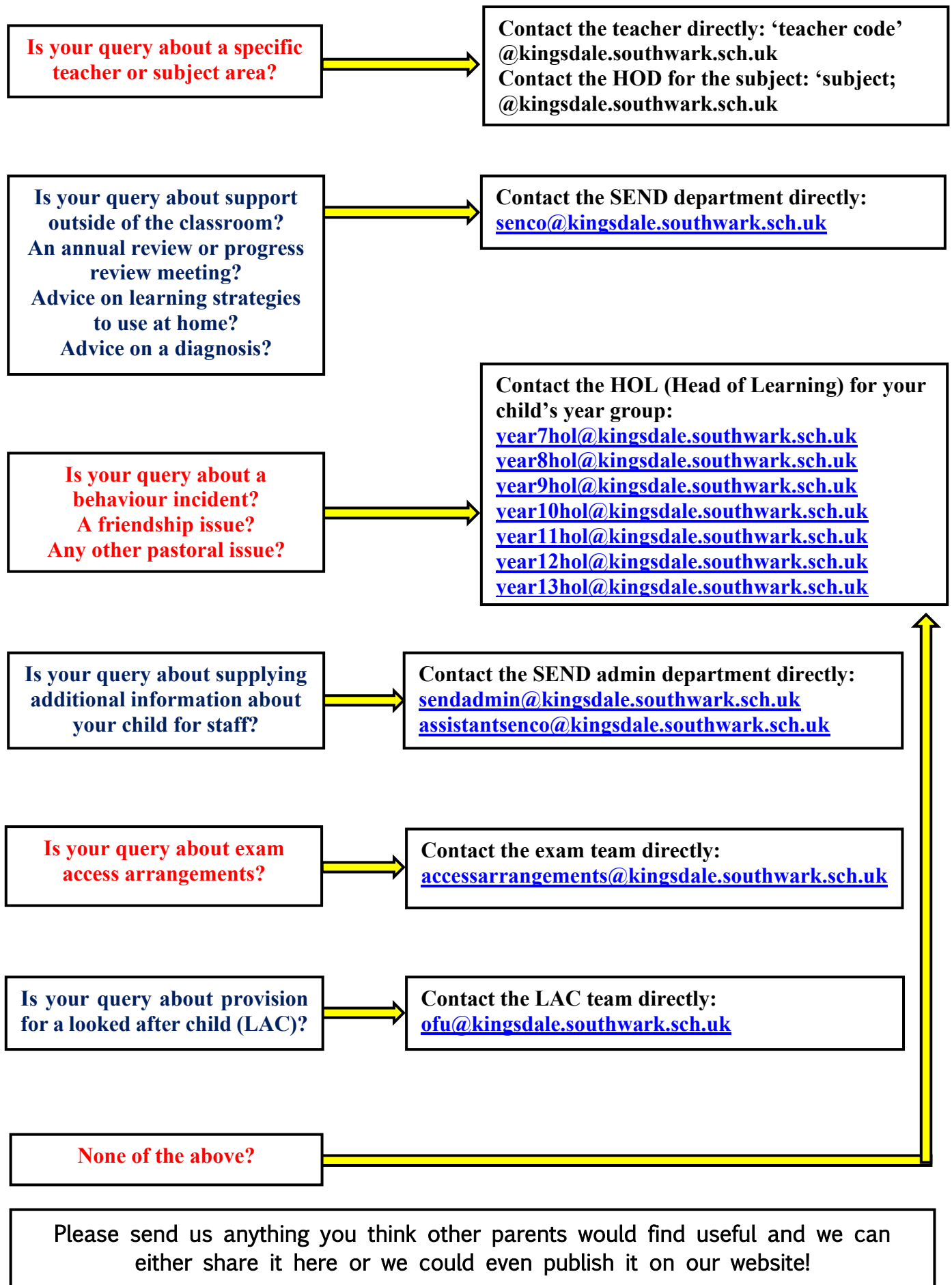
<https://kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk/information/statutory/> under the 'SEND Policies & Report' tab.

You can also find out information regarding your local SEND offer here:

- Southwark: <https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/>
- Lambeth: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeths-send-local-offer>
- Lewisham: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/children-and-young-people-service/local-offer>
- Croydon: <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/special-educational-needs-and-disability-support/local-offer-special-education-and-disability-support-directory>
- Bromley: <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-disability-send-local-offer>
- Wandsworth: <https://fis.wandsworth.gov.uk/kb5/wandsworth/fsd/localoffer.page?jsessionid=E8917B191BB385C792E73B8A458458B2?newfamilychannel=2>
- Merton: <https://directories.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>

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.



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



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

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

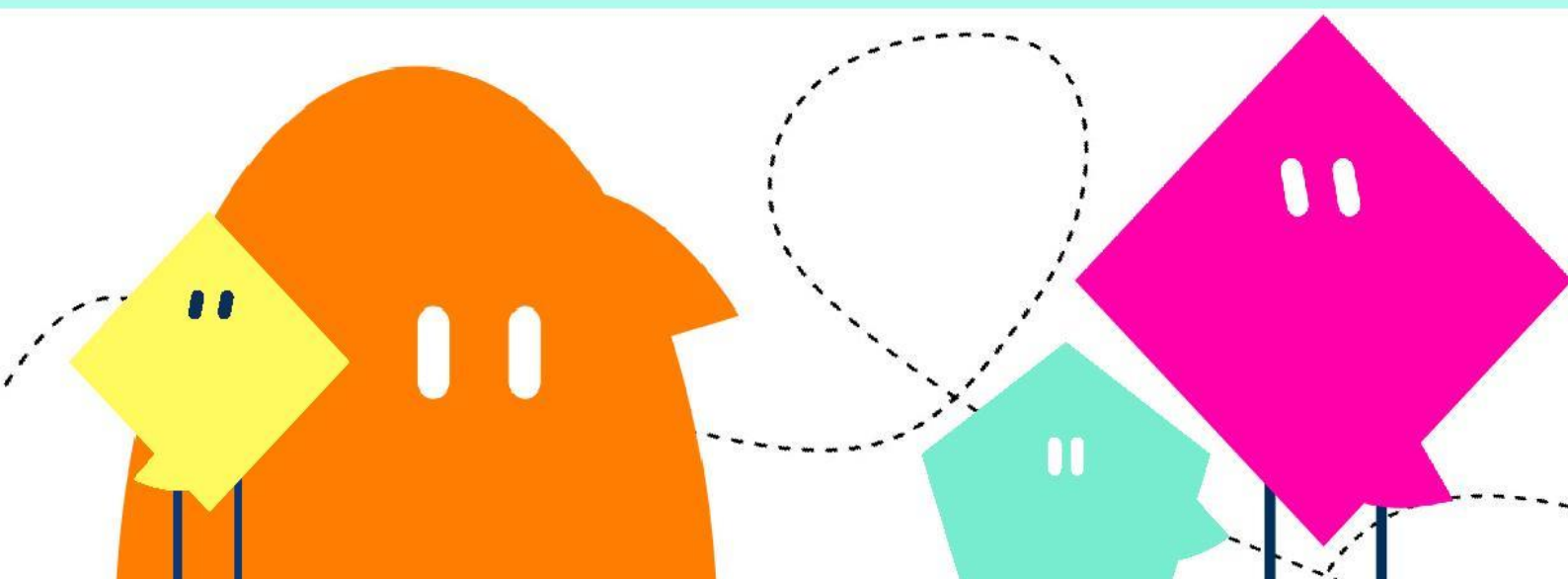


Education from
the National
Crime Agency

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.



shorespace.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

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



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

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 COMPETITION

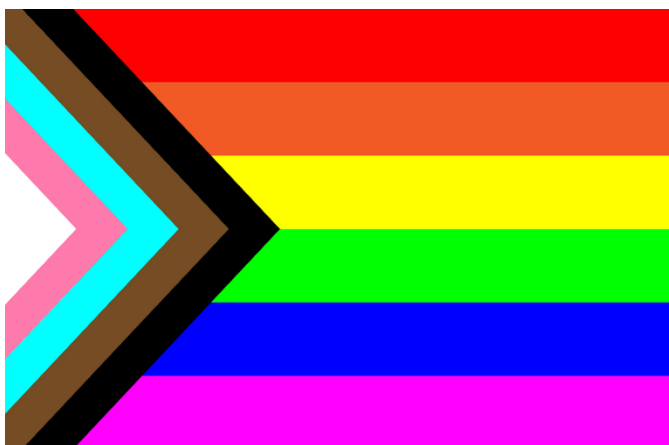
LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH



LGBTQ+ History Month

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

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



STUDENT TASK: Create a piece of original artwork on the theme of: LGBTQ+ History Month.

HOW TO ENTER:

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.



Children's Mental Health Week 2026: This is My Place

Children's Mental Health Week 2026 will take place from 9-15th February 2026.

This national awareness week led by Place2Be, highlights the importance of children and young people's mental health. The theme for this year is "This is My Place", focusing on helping children and young people feel a sense of belonging and inclusion within their communities.

Children's Mental Health Week has been held every February since 2015, giving children and young people a voice and raising awareness of the importance of their mental wellbeing.



STUDENT TASK: Identity Card

Create an identity card that reflects who you are. Each card will include:

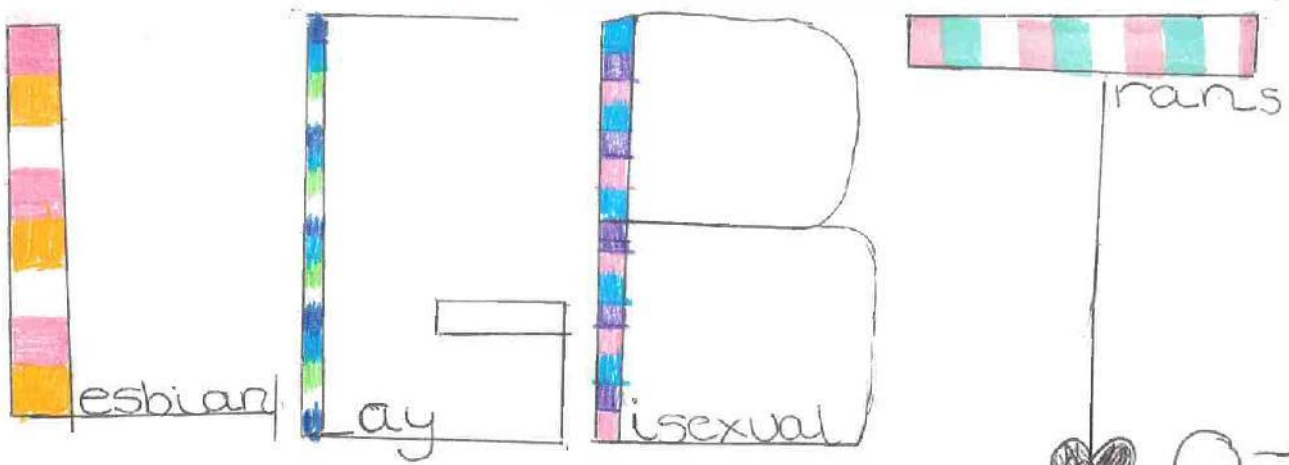
- Your name
- Two things that are important to you (such as hobbies, family, beliefs or culture)
- One way others can help you feel included

HOW TO ENTER:

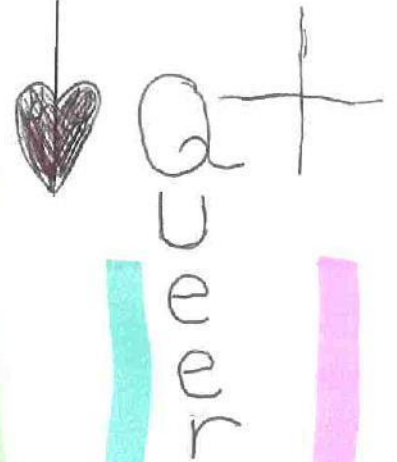
Share your card with the House Team so that we can collate cards and create a booklet representing Kingsdale's community:

housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

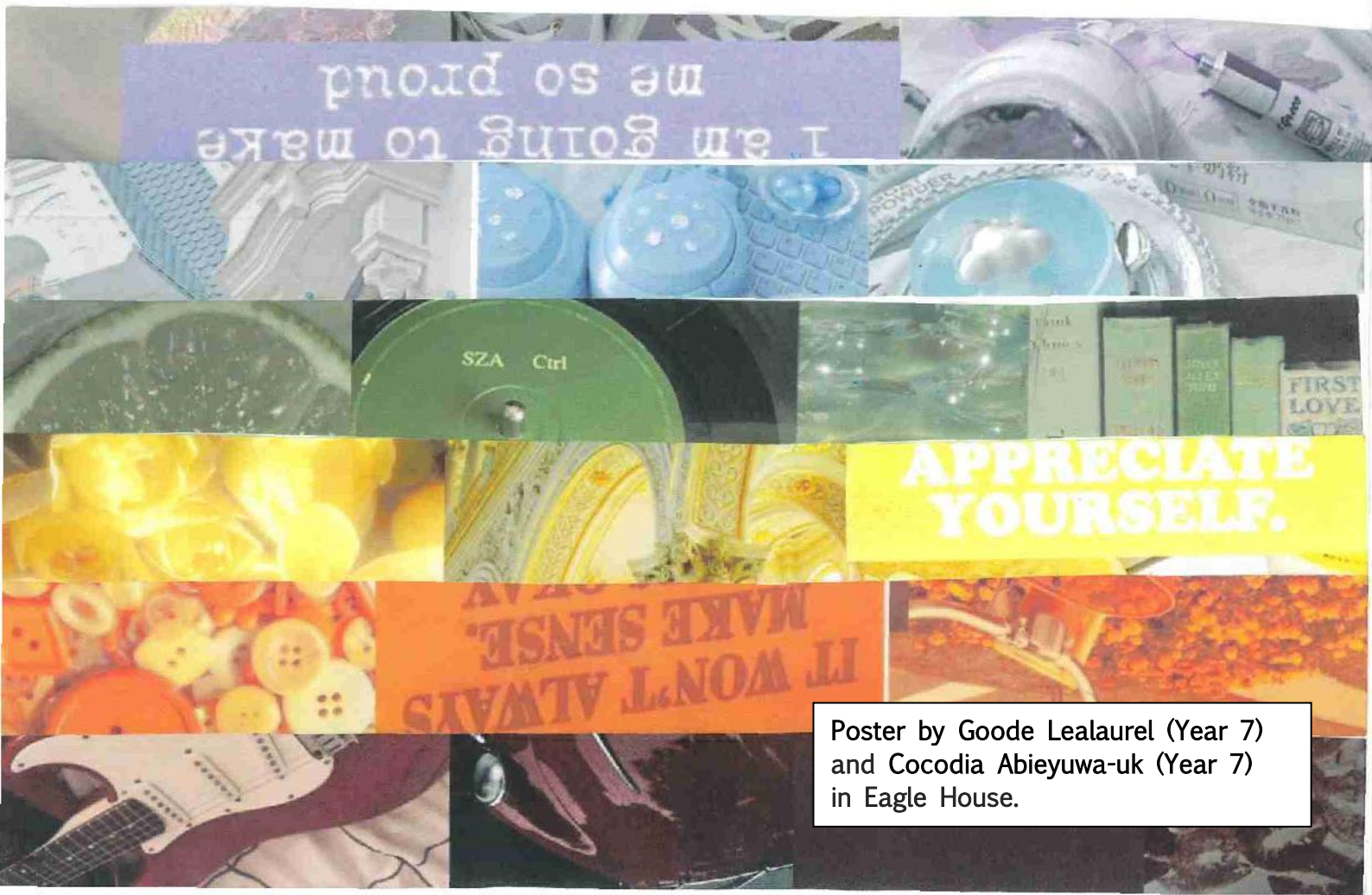
Ensure your entry is accompanied by your full name, tutor group and House.



Everyone L S



EQUAL!



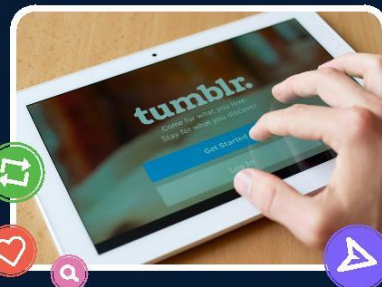
Poster by Goode Lealaurel (Year 7)
and Cocodia Abieyuwa-uk (Year 7)
in Eagle House.



Tumblr is a popular social media platform and microblogging site with over 463 million blogs on its platform. In Europe you must be over 16 to sign up, but the age limit is just 13 elsewhere. However, in both cases, age verification is limited. The platform is designed to share different types of content, such as videos, photos or short articles. People can react to each other's content, share items they like, and even interact through the platform with direct messages.



What parents need to know about TUMBLR



WATCH OUT FOR ADULT CONTENT

You can post almost anything on Tumblr, so it's important you're aware of what your child is exposed to. In fact, it was briefly removed from the Apple store when it was found users were sharing illegal content involving the sexual abuse of children. There has since been a ban on being able to share 'adult' material, but some material still slips through the net.



A BROAD SEARCH FUNCTION

The broad search tool on Tumblr makes it very easy for anyone to find almost any kind of content. In fact, an NSPCC investigation found there to be content about eating disorders and self-harm that could be damaging to a young person's mental health. There is no easy way to stop this broad search function, so it pays to educate your child on the risk of searching for such topics.



MISLEADING TAGS / ACRONYMS

The 'tagging' function on Tumblr allows users to label relevant content and makes searching more effective. However, such tags often employ words with a dual meaning or strange acronyms that can lead to inappropriate content being associated with something innocent.



BE AWARE OF OVERSHARING

Tumblr is a public platform and anything that's shared on it can be viewed by anyone with a Tumblr account. It's important your child understands people they do not know could comment on what they share. You should remind your child not to share anything they would not be happy for everyone to see.



PROFILES AREN'T CLEAR

Due to the vague nature of the profile function on Tumblr, it's easy to remain quite anonymous. This means it's difficult for your children to be clear about whom they're interacting with. This increases the potential for cyber-bullying or grooming.



IT'S EASY TO POST 'FAKE NEWS'

It's easy for anyone to create and share information on Tumblr, whether it's true or not. Sometimes, this is done as a joke. Other times, it's done to be malicious or support an ideological or political agenda. It's important to understand your child could be exposed to this misinformation and take steps to encourage them to question it.



National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Top Tips to Protect Your Child



1 FILTER CONTENT

It's not possible to filter out all mentions of a potential harmful phrase, but you can filter out certain posts that are tagged with the phrase. You can do this in your account settings.



2 ACTIVATE SAFE MODE

You can turn on 'Safe Mode', which will hide sensitive content, however it's equally important to monitor your child. If you see their behaviour changing, calmly offer support and ask them if something is bothering them.

SAFE MODE



3 KEEP YOUR CHILD INFORMED

Encourage your child to seek alternative opinions and news stories and not rely on a single source for information, especially if it appears to be unsupported.



4 REPORT & BLOCK USERS

Show your child how to report and block specific content that is potentially harmful or upsetting. You can find details of how to on the 'Community Guidelines' page. Though blocking can be effective, you're only able to block a single post. To block a user, you must add them to the block list of each post.



5 RESPECT ORIGINAL CONTENT

It's easy to repost any content on Tumblr so it appears as your own. To avoid your child falling foul of any copyright or trademark infringements, make sure they understand the importance of citing the original author of anything they wish to share.



6 PROTECT THEIR PRIVACY

Check your child's Tumblr account settings to make sure they're hidden from all internal and external search engines. Turn off the auto-play function on all media and set it so only approved friends can message your child. Setting strong passwords and two-factor authentication will also make it especially difficult for anyone other than your child to access their Tumblr account.



Meet our expert

Claire Woffenden has been a technology journalist since 1998 with a specialism in consumer technology (apps, websites, home computing and digital devices). As a Mum of two young children - aged 8 and 6 - Claire is passionate about helping to keep children safe online.



SOURCES: <https://www.tumblr.com/policy/en/terms-of-service>, <https://www.teensafe.com/blog/everything-a-parent-needs-to-know-about-tumblr/>, <https://www.official.com/what-is-tumblr-parent-teacher-guide/>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbUlmJMNRN8>, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yagagrp4_w, <https://www.fastcompany.com/90304153/seven-weeks-after-nsfw-ban-tumblr-still-bulges-with-porn>, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/08/06/instagram-tumblr-allowing-extremely-dangerous-self-harm-images/>

SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 9th February 2026

- No planned fixtures/events

Tuesday 10th February 2026

- Under-15s Boys' Hockey Away Match v St Dunstan's College. Leave school at 3.30pm. Start 4.30pm. Return at 7pm approx.: **Ms Jaymes /Mr Dash**
- Under-16s Boys Football B team (Quarter Finals) Away Match v Northampton School for Boys. Leave school at 9am. Start 2pm. Return at 8pm approx.: **Mr Johnstone/Mr Price**

Wednesday 11th February 2026

- Under-13s Girls' Hockey Away Tournament Venue/Times **TBC: Ms Jaymes**
- Under-13s Boys' Indoor Cricket Tournament at Chestnut Grove School. Leave school at 11.15am. Start 12.30pm. Return at 5pm approx.: **Mr Johnstone/Mr Price**
- Under-16s Boys' Rugby Away Match at Brigstock Road, Streatham against The Elm Green School. Leave school at 2pm. Start 3pm. Return at 5.30pm approx.: **Mr McWhirter**
- Under-15s Girls' Futsal Tournament Venue TBC. Leave school at 10.30am. Start 11.30am. Return at 5pm approx. Further details issued separately.

Thursday 12th February 2026

- Under-16s Girls' Football Away Match v Southfields Academy. Leave school at 1pm. Start 2.30pm. Return at 5.30pm approx.: **Mr Jones/ Mr Dash**
- Under-12s Boys' Rugby Away Match v St Joseph's College. Leave school at 1.50pm. Start 2.30pm. Return at 4.30pm approx.: **Mr Roberts**

Friday 13th February 2026

- No planned fixtures/events

Please note that fixtures maybe postponed or rearranged due to weather conditions.

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



HOUSE NEWS

Online Safety Corner

For this week's Online Safety focus we are looking at 'What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Tumblr.' Get a greater insight here.

Please read! Remember to keep an open dialogue with your child about their activities online. See Page 23 above.



The House Leader Board 2025-26

Week ending

6th February 2026

- 1st Place** – Swift 71,028 points
- 2nd Place** – Dove 70,837 points
- 3rd Place** – Falcon 70,006 points
- 4th Place** – Albatross 69,722 points
- 5th Place** – Eagle 69,552 points



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.

