



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

Issue 3 Monday 16th September 2024

HEADLINE NOTICES

Open Days Academic Year 2024-25

We would welcome any parents who would be prepared to speak briefly (five minutes maximum) about their positive experiences of the school at one of our Open Days scheduled to take place throughout the Autumn term. A full list of Open Day event dates is available on our website [here](#).

If you are willing and able to contribute to one of our Open Days please email Mr Harding, Deputy Headteacher, via dhg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

School Photographs



School photographs for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have now been taken. The photographs for the remaining year groups are scheduled to take place as follows:

Monday 16th September Year 12
Thursday 19th September Year 11
Friday 20th September Year 13

Please ensure that your child is aware of the day that their school photograph is to be taken. Arrangements for photographs for siblings and further details issued separately by Heads of Learning

Arrangements on how to obtain your child's photo once taken have been issued separately. Please address any queries regarding school photographs to Ms Otubu, via email at euo@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

KFS Mobile Phone Policy 2024-25

Please be reminded that our amended student mobile phone policy has now come into force. As part of this revised approach, Year 7 students are not permitted to be in possession of a smart phone whilst on the school site and may only have a registered traditional/brick phone as seen in this picture.



Students in Years 8-11 may be in possession of a smart phone which cannot be used or be on display at any time whilst on the school site. Devices used in contravention of this policy may be confiscated. Please refer to our full policy [here](#).

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

'A Positive Approach to Life – 'If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't, you're right.'

Sagacious

Having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgement.

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 6 Open Days and Evenings for September 2025 Year 7 Entry

Wednesday 18th September 2024

9.30-11.30am, 1.30-3.30pm & 5.30-8pm

Saturday 21st September 2024

10am-12 noon, 1-3pm & 4-6pm

Wednesday 25th September 2024

9.30-11.30am, 1.30-3.30pm & 5.30-8pm

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

9.30-11.30am, 1.30-3.30pm & 5.30-8pm

Saturday 5th October 2024

10am-12 noon, 1-3pm & 4-6pm

Wednesday 9th October 2024

9.30-11.30am, 1.30-3.30pm & 5.30-8pm

Saturday 12th October 2024

10am-12 noon, 1-3pm & 4-6pm

*Please note the deadline for booking scholarship assessments online or submitting a hard copy Supplementary Form is Monday 7th October 2024. More information about admissions is available on our website [here](#).

Year 7 Parents' Forum

Please be informed that on Friday 20th September 2024, we shall be holding our first Parents' Forum of the academic year which is for Year 7 parents.

This will be an important event to allow Year 7 parents to meet key staff and learn more about the school. It takes place in the Sports Hall between 5.30 & 7.15pm and is also broadcast online. Further details have been issued separately to Year 7 parents.

Final Few Places: SSLP Art History Futures Event at Dulwich Picture Gallery

Tuesday 24th September 2-5pm Dulwich Picture Gallery



This conference is all about celebrating Art History, and the subject's relevance to degree pathways and careers within the Arts, Media and Heritage sectors. It aims to be both an introduction to History of Art for those who might not yet have had a chance to explore it and an exploration of the many and varied futures that a study of Art History can open up for students. Teachers are encouraged to think about who among their pupils might enjoy and benefit from such an event.

This event is aimed at:

- Students in both Key Stages 4 and 5;
- Schools who do offer History of Art as a curriculum subject *and* schools that don't;
- Students who are considering studying Art History beyond school *and* students who don't, but have an interest in art.
- Students who are interested in jobs in the Arts, Media and Heritage sectors.

We want pupils to walk away from the afternoon delighted to know more about Art and Art History and more aware of how they can use that knowledge. There will be:

- personal statement advice;
- advice from industry professionals;
- reading and further research suggestions;
- information about Art History Link Up (<https://arthistorylinkup.org/>) and other avenues and competitions for pursuing and developing an interest in Art History.

If interested, please email Ms Montero at mmr@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk by Monday 16th September 2pm when final numbers will have to be finalised.

Year 7 Art Scholarship selection process for the academic 2024-25-year intake will be taking place shortly after the October half-term break.

Over the next couple of weeks all Year 7 students will have sat a practical Art exam during their Art lessons. Any student who believes they might be at, or near the expected standard for an Art Scholarship, are invited to bring in a portfolio of artwork. The portfolio might consist of drawings, paintings, photography, textiles 3D work (photos only) and digital work. A maximum of twenty pieces of work can be submitted and the work should have been produced in the past two years.

If a student wishes to be considered for a scholarship which focuses on photography, then we would expect to see a portfolio of at least 20 images, presented with annotation to explain how they shot the images and what the ideas behind the images were. This portfolio can be presented digitally and should be emailed to the class teacher.

Your child should give their clearly named portfolio to their Art teacher during the first week back after half-term (W/b Monday 4th November) and no later than Friday 18th November 2024.

Please ensure that your child collects their portfolio from their Art teacher during their art lesson W/b Monday 18th November 2024. For more information, please watch a supporting video, which will explain the process in more depth and shows you some examples of what we are looking for. This year we are only offering Scholarships rather than Gifted and Talented places, which are referred to in the video. You can access the video [here](#).

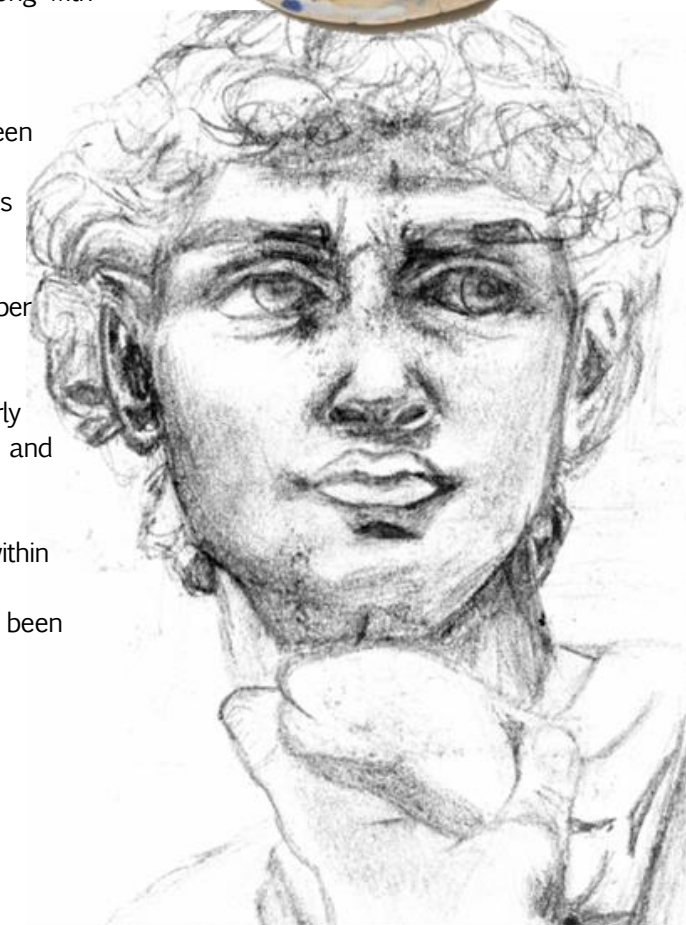
All the work produced so far in Art lessons and for Art home-work, along with the Art exam and the portfolio, will be used to identify potential Art/Textiles/Photography/Graphics Scholars.

Parents will be notified by letter by 25th November, if their child has been selected for the Art Scholarship programme. If your child has been selected, they will be invited to attend one of our Art, Textiles, Graphics and Photography Scholarship clubs.

The first Year 7 Scholars' Club will take place on Tuesday 26th November 2024 in room AR4 between 3.45 & 4.45pm.

Attendance to these clubs is not compulsory, but students who regularly attend, will be given priority to participate in other Art related activities and workshops.

If students are not successful, there are other clubs that are offered within the Art Department, that any student regardless of ability can participate in. Further details regarding all Art clubs has been issued separately. Please address any queries to artd&t@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



Les Misérables School Musical Auditions!



YEAR 7 Auditions

will be held on:

**Thursday 19th
September 2024**

In Autumn 2024, the Kingsdale Foundation School Drama and Music Departments are proudly staging Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg's 'Les Misérables' The Musical.

Context of the show

Les Misérables is set in early 19th-century France, and follows the character Jean Valjean, a French peasant, and his desire for redemption, released in 1815 after serving nineteen years in jail for stealing a loaf of bread for his sister's starving child. Although set hundreds of years ago, its themes are universal; we still live in a world dogged by inequality, poverty, and injustice. If all art is political, then Les Mis is a piece of theatre that wants to help you escape difficult times, but also make you question the present by looking at a long-lost past.

If your child would like to audition for the show or if you would like any more information on the auditions, click the link below to find the audition information and **parental consent sign up** form where you can pick an audition day.

[Click here](#) to go to find audition information and sign-up form.

For any other questions or queries, please contact Mr Tilley, Miss Hatton, or Miss Miles:

tty@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

ihn@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

wms@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

PE Department Extra-Curricular Sports Activities Timetable - Autumn Term 2024-25

Activity	Time	Venue	Staff
Monday			
Fitness – Boys and Girls Year 8 and 10	12:00-12:45pm	Fitness Suite	Mr Roberts
Hockey – Mixed – Year 8&10	12:00-12:45pm	Astro	Mr Pizzey
Basketball – Mixed – Year 9	12:55-1:40pm	Sports Hall	Mr Hall
Rugby – Girls – All Years	3:45-5:15pm	Playing Fields	Ms McErlain
Football – Boys – Year 11	3:45-5:15pm	Astro	Mr Price & Mr Pizzey
Tuesday			
Table Tennis – Mixed – Y8, 9 & 10	8:10-8:50am	GM1	Mr Price
Football – Boys – Year 9	8:00-8:50am	Astro	Mr Foster
Dance – Mixed – Technique – Year 8 and 10	12:00-12:45pm	Dance Studio	Ms McGregor
Fitness – Boys and Girls Year 9	12:55-1:40pm	Fitness Suite	Mr Lord
Dance – Mixed – Technique – Year 9	12:55-1:40pm	Dance Studio	Ms McGregor
Cycling – Mixed – All Years - TBC	3:00-5:00pm	Herne Hill Velodrome	Mr Johnstone
Basketball – Girls – Year 7 & 8	3:45-5:00pm	Sports Hall	Mr Worsley & Mr Roberts
Football – Girls – Year 10 and 11	4:10-5:15pm	Astro/Playing Fields	Mr Dash
Dance – Mixed – Contemporary – Year 7 and 11	3:45-5:00pm	Dance Studio	Ms Dookey
Dance – Mixed – Contemporary – Year 8, 9 and 10	4:15-5:15pm	Dance Studio	Ms Dookey
Wednesday			
Football – Boys – Year 10	8:00-8:50am	Astro	Mr Foster, Mr Johnstone
Horse Riding – Mixed- Year 7	10:45-12:15pm	Dulwich Stables	Ms McGregor
Sports Scholars – Mixed – Year 7 and 11	11:05-11:50am	Sports Hall	Mr Fitchett, Mr Price & Mr Lord
Hockey – Mixed – Year 7	11:05-11:50am	Astro	Mr Pizzey
Table Tennis – Mixed – Year 7 and 11	11:05-11:50am	Gym 1	Mr Bash
Fitness – Boys and Girls Year 11	11:05-11:50am	Fitness Suite	Mr McWhirter
Horse Riding – Mixed- Year 7	12:45-2:15pm	Dulwich Stables	Ms McGregor
Football – Mixed – Sixth Form	1:50-3:40pm	Playing Fields	Mr Price
Rugby – Mixed Sixth Form	1:50-3:40pm	Playing Fields	Mr Worsley
Beach Volleyball – Mixed Sixth Form	1:50-3:40pm	Crystal Palace	Mr Pizzey
Table Tennis – Mixed – Sixth Form	1:50-2:45pm	GM1	Mr Dash
Fitness – Mixed – Sixth Form	2:50-3:40pm	Fitness Suite	Mr Dash
Rugby – Boys – Year 7	3:45-4:45pm	Playing Fields	Mr Worsley
Rugby – Boys – Year 8&9	4:10-5:15pm	Playing Fields	Mr Roberts & Mr Lord
Archery – Mixed – Year 7	4:00-4:45pm	Gym 2	Mr Pizzey
Archery – Mixed – Year 8	4:45-5:30pm	Gym 2	Mr Pizzey
Netball – Girls – Year 7	3:45-4:40pm	Sports Hall	Ms McErlain & Mr Smith
Netball – Girls – Year 9&11	4:40-5:30pm	Sports Hall	Ms McErlain & Mrs Sinclair
Football – Girls – Year 8&9	4:10-5:15pm	Astro	Mr Dash & Mr Jones
Thursday			
Football – Boys – Year 8	8:00-8:50am	Astro	Mr Johnstone
Netball – Girls – Year 8&10	12:00-12:45pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Sinclair, Mr Foster & Ms McErlain
Sports Scholars – Mixed – Year 8&10	12:00-12:45pm	Astro	Mr Worsley, Mr Jones & Mr Fitchett
Dance – Street Dance – Mixed – Year 7 and 11	3:45-5:00pm	Dance Studio	Ms McGregor & Ms Dookey
Dance – Street Dance – Mixed – Year 8, 9 and 10	4:15- 5:15pm	Dance Studio	Ms McGregor & Ms Dookey
Football – Girls – Year 7	3:45-5:00pm	Astro	Mr Jones & Mr Foster
Basketball – Mixed – Year 10 and 11	3:45-5:00pm	Sports Hall	Mr Fitchett & Mr Hall
Friday			
Basketball – Boys – Year 7 & 8	7:45-8:50am	Sports Hall	Mr Lord
Rugby – Boys – Year 10&11	8:00-8:50am	Astro	Mr McWhirter
Recreational Football – Boys – Year 7	11:05-11:50am	Astro	Mr Dash & Mr Price
Fitness – Boys and Girls Year 7	11:05-11:50am	Fitness Suite	Mr Lord
Sports Scholars – Mixed – Year 9	12:55-1:40pm	Sports Hall	Mr Price & Mr Hall
Hockey – Mixed – Year 9	12:55-1:40pm	Astro	Ms Marshall & Ms McErlain
Swimming – Mixed – Year 7	11:15-1:45pm	Crystal Palace	Mr Jones
Football – Boys – Year 7 A and B Squad	3:45-5:00pm	Astro	BDH, DFR, JPE

Kingsdale Foundation School Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

The Sports Faculty at Kingsdale Foundation School are delighted to welcome our students to school after the Summer break and announce that our Extra-Curricular Sports Programme for the Autumn term will commence on Monday 9th September and is now open for bookings. Please be advised that all of our clubs are free. However, students will be required to submit a completed parental consent form before attending sessions held before or after school. Please be aware that students are not required to have parental consent to attend any of our published lunchtime clubs.

If your child wishes to attend any of our 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). When booking please note those activities that have limited numbers per session and where arrangements for allocating students to sessions varies from that of many of our other clubs. All students attending our clubs must do so in full school PE kit which they are permitted to wear to school in addition to those days when they have timetabled PE lessons.

Please be advised that those students attending in non-school uniform PE kit will not be allowed to participate and will be sanctioned as they would if attending a lesson in non-school uniform items. As always, all students are invited to attend our clubs, and we very much look forward to celebrating the achievements and successes of our students during this academic year.

LINK to school website Extra-Curricular Sports page

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MXLFNSSR3kSVFlxpQFISZi1Q1rWwAatFg4t0UruzeTNUQUpLTFdQM1ZHvUw1MEJLRTlyTDhNRUIWOC4u>

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



FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR EVERY GIRL



**FOR GIRLS
AGED 5 - 11**



TIME AND DATE

Every Monday (17:00 - 18:00)



COST

FREE



LOCATION

BURGESS PARK ASTRO TURF, COBOURG ROAD, SE5 0JB

WHO WE ARE

THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK



**FOR GIRLS
AGED 12 - 14**



TIME AND DATE

Every Monday (17:00 - 18:00)



COST

FREE



LOCATION

BURGESS PARK ASTRO TURF, COBOURG ROAD, SE5 0JB

WHO WE ARE

THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK



NEXT STEPS

head to www.Englandfootball.com/participate/women-and-girls/Play to book your first session or contact us to find out more:

Joe Howard (joe@lpessn.org.uk)

SCAN ME FOR WILDCATS



SCAN ME FOR
SQUAD GIRLS' FOOTBALL



#LET
GIRLS
PLAY



Big History Club!

For Key Stage 3 and 4 in HU6
Every other Tuesday from 4.15 to 5.00pm

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 first session on
Tuesday 17th September
we will be meeting to introduce ourselves and discuss what
we'll be investigating this year (and consuming biscuits).

Bring along any ideas for people, events or items from
history you want to know more about!



Science News

**Science Saturday School Revision
Starting Soon!**

Please note that these sessions
will be available to Year 11
students **EVERY SATURDAY**
starting from **SATURDAY
21st SEPTEMBER**.

These sessions will be
ONLINE via **MS TEAMS**
between 1pm and 2pm.

Information will be sent directly
to Year 11 parents/carers with
details on how your child can
access the sessions.

All Year 11 students are welcome to attend.



CENTURY

New Science Platform Century

Century is the new online homework
platform that we have started using
in Science.



Students have all been given their logins and
parents/guardians will receive their logins within
the next few weeks to allow you to view tasks
and progress.

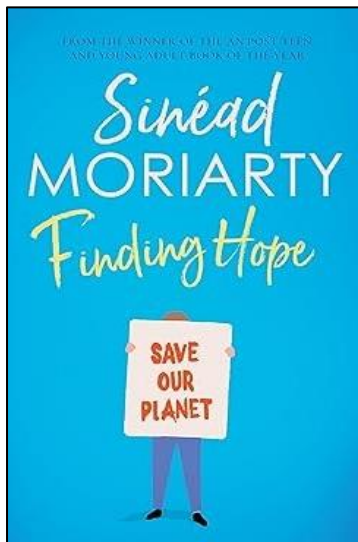
Please email: Science@kingdale.southwark.sch.uk
If you have any questions.

Student Suggestion Boxes

To promote our well-established and highly effective
Student Voice programme, there are suggestion
boxes, which are located outside of the Attendance
Office in the Main Atrium and the Office of The
Headteacher at the bottom of the Green Stairs.

Please encourage your child
to use this facility to make
suggestions about
how we can continue
to improve our
provision.





Student Recommendation
Blyth Shaw in Year 7 recommends *Finding Hope* by Sinead Moriarty.

In trying to save the planet, can Hope heal herself?

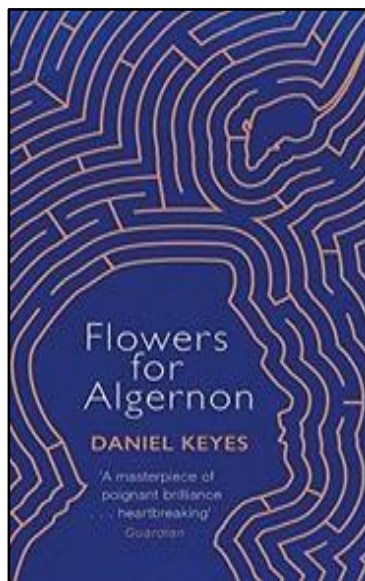
Hope is driving her family mad with her crazy ideas about how to save the planet.

Since her mum died, she's been throwing herself into climate action to push away the pain. But the more she tries to convince her family to reduce, reuse and recycle, the more fed-up they get. Feeling unloved, Hope sets off in search of the one person she's sure will understand her: Greta Thunberg.

Blythe really enjoyed this optimistic take on a serious issue and found the descriptions delightful!

Suitable for all students from Year 7 upwards!

Reading Recommendations



Teacher Recommendation
Mr Tracey recommends *Flowers for Algernon* by David Keyes.

Charlie Gordon, a floor sweeper born with an unusually low IQ, has been chosen as the perfect subject for an experimental surgery that doctors hope will increase his intelligence - a procedure that has been highly successful when tested on a lab mouse named Algernon.

What will become of them both?

Mr Tracey adored the hugely sympathetic protagonist and found the depiction of mental illness extremely poignant.

Some dark themes so best suited for students in Year 10 and over.

CALENDAR 2024-25



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

Should you have any suggestions for additions to our website, please contact Mr Karp, via email

tkp@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

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

AUTUMN TERM 2024

First Autumn Half-Term

Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 18th October

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November

Second Autumn Half-Term

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2025

Friday 3rd January INSET DAY

School closed to students except those in Year 11

First Spring Half-Term

Friday 3rd January – Friday 14th February

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Second Spring Half-Term

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

SUMMER TERM 2025

First Summer Half-Term

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

Tuesday 22nd April INSET DAY

School closed to students except those in Year 11

Mayday Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Second Summer Half Term

Monday 2nd June – Friday 25th July

Friday 25th July INSET DAY

School closed to students except by invitation

SEND FACULTY NEWS

Welcome from the Learning Support Faculty!

The Learning Support Faculty would like to welcome everyone back to the school and we hope everyone has enjoyed their time so far.

We would like to introduce our fantastic team to you and let you know a little bit about what we do.

- Director of English and Learning Support: Ms G. Smith
- SENCO: Ms S. Jarada
- Assistant SENCO: Ms M. Thorn
- SEND Consultant: Ms L. Dadkhah
- SEND Consultant: Ms C. Francis-Finch

The Waves of Intervention model are used at Kingsdale Foundation School, with a particular focus on Wave 1: Quality First Teaching. Our staff are given regular CPD opportunities by specialists within the Learning Support Faculty, from external agencies and within faculties and pastoral teams. Students who require additional support may be allocated a Teaching Assistant (TA) to supplement the teaching and input they receive. Students who require access arrangements for examinations are assessed in line with JCQ guidance.

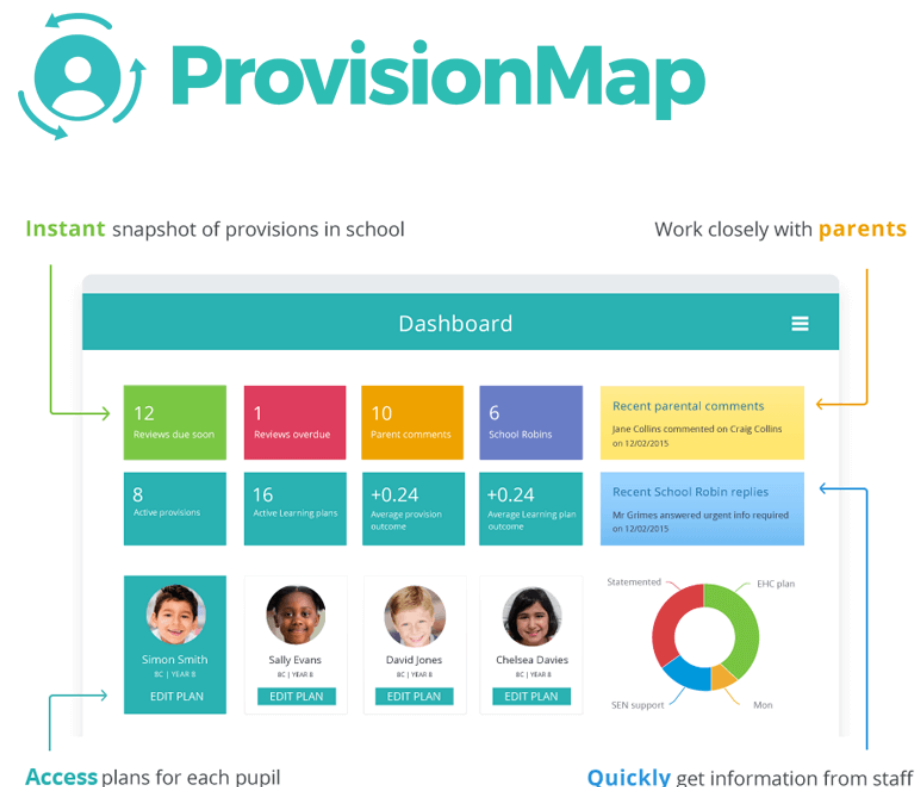
The Learning Support Centre (LSC) is a therapeutic intervention provided to allow students experiencing anxiety to be referred for a period of time. This is a quiet space for students to work and be supported by teachers and TAs. Students have access to learning mentors, counsellors, and an art psychotherapist through a referral procedure in line with their needs. The SEND provision in lessons is monitored through the quality assurance of teaching and learning procedures

Edukey

As part of the school's focus on Quality First Teaching we have a programme called Edukey. Edukey is a fantastic piece of software for ensuring staff can plan and deliver their lessons effectively for all students.

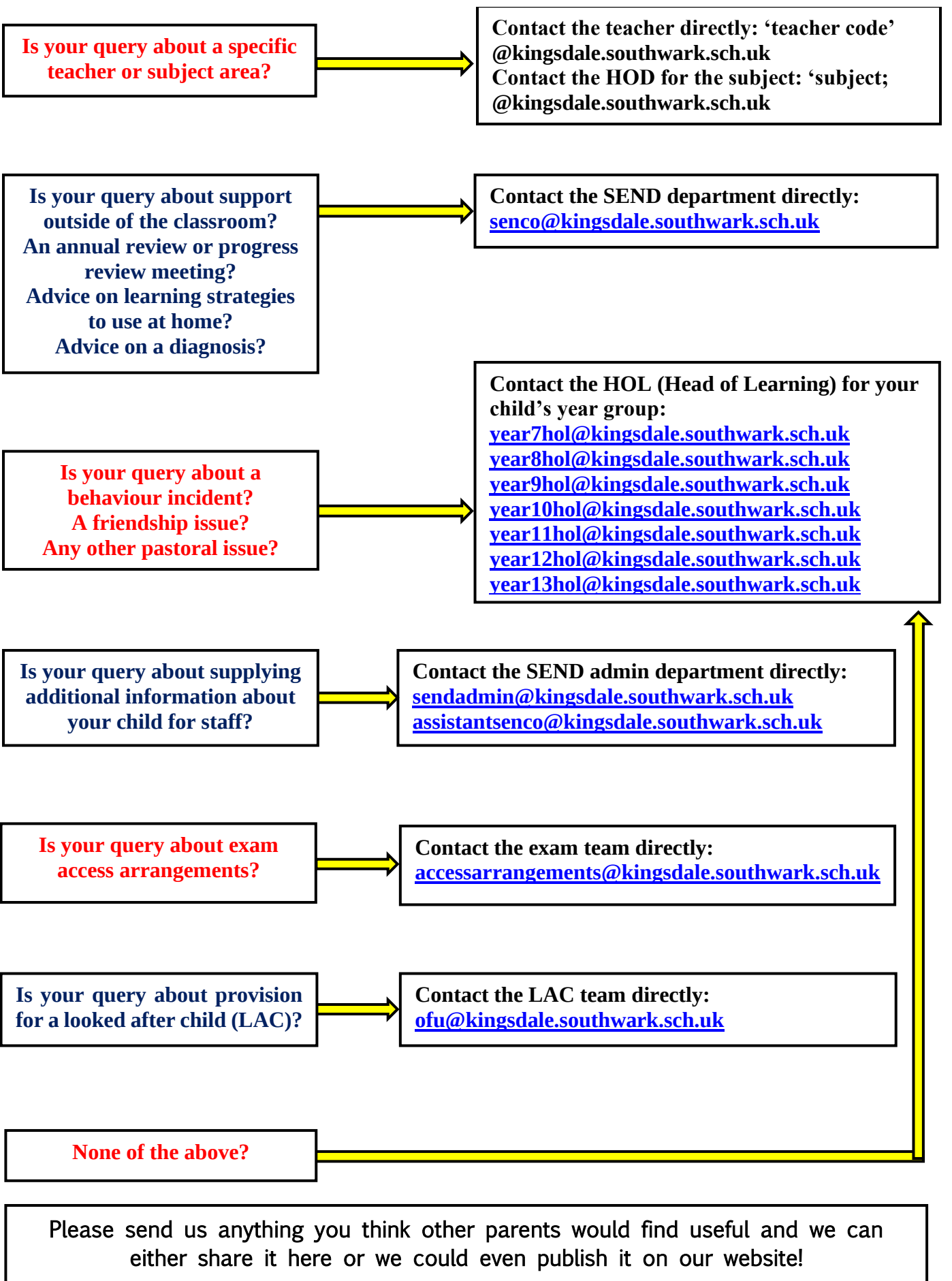
All provision plans for students are uploaded so information is accessible to all staff, including documentation, provision plans, meeting logs and a tool to be able to communicate quickly and easily with the teachers of said pupil.

This also means all staff can be proactive in seeking information relating to each and every pupil's needs.



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.





Neurodiversity 101: Start Of A New School Term

Welcome back to Kingsdale and Welcome to Kingsdale to our Year 7 students and parents, as we start the new term, please find the advice below from the Neurodiversity 101 Newsletter produced by Prof. Amanda Kirby.



What can you do to make a difference?

Communication with the school

Contact your child's form tutor if you haven't done so and ask to discuss your child's needs and any adjustments that should be in place from day one. Create a document with information about your child's strengths, challenges, and preferences you can share with them. Think about what the areas of greatest demand for your child at this time will be and try and focus on these skills or discuss the support for them.

Create a visual timetable and key information about the school day

Depending on the age of your child create a simplified visual timetable for the school day (if you know what's happening day to day). Post up the names of new teachers. The more information your child has about the school day the less challenging the change will be for them. If you don't have this before the start of the term, try to get this information as soon as they start. Place timetables in the kitchen, and their bedroom so your child can see what is happening across the week.

Practice travelling to school

You could walk/drive or use public transport (whichever method you will use) to practice what will happen for them each day.

New uniforms

If your child has a new uniform and new shoes practice dressing and undressing and dealing with unfamiliar fastenings while there is less pressure for both of you timewise. If they need adaptations for fastenings such as Velcro instead of buttons, make these changes. Marks and Spencer's do an adaptive clothing range.

Label everything and personalise it where possible

Involve your child in choosing and personalising their school belongings so they can recognise them easily such as their school bag, lunchbox, pencil case and other essentials.

This can also create a sense of ownership and excitement about going to school.

Create some social stories

If you use social stories, consider creating a simple story that introduces the school, teachers, and peers, along with expected activities. You can play this with your child to familiarise themselves with the processes.

Connect with classmates

Play-dates in the first few weeks when term has started can help cement friendships.

Keep them short and at a time when your child is not too tired.

Identify comfort items

Encourage your child to select a comfort item or fidget toy they can take to school. Having something familiar can provide comfort during times of stress. This can be something they could keep in their pocket or in their pencil case.

Discuss school routines

Talk with your child about what they're looking forward to at school and what might be worrying them.

Address their concerns and highlight the positive aspects of the school experience. You may want to discuss times that are less structured such as lunchtimes, and break times as these may be more stressful for some children and talk about what they can do if they need some support and how to ask for it.

Practice your goodbyes

If leaving you is hard help your child rehearse saying goodbye and coming up with a routine for drop-offs. Consistency and a positive routine can make farewells easier.

Talk through the day

Transitioning to school can be challenging, but your support and patience are key to helping your child succeed.

Check every day after school how the day's gone. Sometimes, if you are driving home the chat alongside can be easier than face-to-face.

Prepare the night before

Put out clothes the night before school and pack bags and have them ready by the front door. It is really odd but there is more time in the evening than there is in the morning!

Practice your self-care

As the start of the term approaches, make sure to prioritise your own self-care. Your child may pick up on your own feelings of stress too!

SEND FACULTY NEWS cont.



Cinema screenings for students with ASD

There are now various cinemas which provide SEN-friendly film screenings where families, as well as their friends and carers, can enjoy a film in an environment that's designed for people with ASD

The national cinema chains which regularly offer autism-friendly screenings include Odeon, Vue, Cineworld and Showcase. To find a SEN-friendly screening for these cinema chains, we recommend visiting their websites to see if there are any on offer and getting in touch with them directly if you have any specific questions that aren't covered on their website.

- [Cineworld](#)
- [Odeon](#)
- [Vue](#)

What's different about film screenings suitable for young people who have ASD?

During the film, low lights are left on inside the auditorium and the film soundtrack is quieter than it would be in a regular film screening. Another difference is that there are no trailers screened before the main film at AFS screenings. These screenings also don't restrict the audience from moving around, making a noise or taking a break in the middle of the film screening if they need or want to. Other cinema companies which offer SEN-friendly film screenings include Picturehouse and Empire.

Endorphins: SATURDAY CLUB SPA CAMBERWELL



Our inclusive Spectacular sessions will provide a safe and supportive environment for SEND children and young people, including arts and crafts, drama, dance, fun and games - our Superstar sessions are the place to be in Southwark!

Our experienced team is focused on delivering sessions that promote fun and friendships.

Our sessions are pre-bookable only so we can ensure we can provide an excellent level of care with a staff ratio of 1:3 or limited 1:1 spaces.

- **Location:** Spa School Camberwell
150 Southampton Way SE5 7EW
- **When:** Saturdays
- **Ages:** 8 - 19 years

FURTHER DETAILS AND BOOKINGS, PLEASE GO TO
EEQU booking page [here](#).

Support provided

We offer five 1-to-1 spaces & 15 1-to-3 spaces on each of our sessions (please select the correct ticket), medical needs are considered, an assessment will be carried out for ALL children prior to all bookings being confirmed.

Eligibility criteria

- Age: 8-19
- Southwark resident
- Child/young person has an EHCP (Educational Health and Care Plan)
- Unable to access universal services due to level of need and/or require additional support to access

Higher needs placement (staff ratio of 1:1+) criteria is as follows:

In addition to the general criteria above:

- Attends a special school (in or out of borough) and/or open to All Age Disability Service in Southwark
- Severe or complex learning



FREE

**ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY
NON CONTACT BOXING AND
FITNESS SESSION**

Age 16+
Carers encouraged to join

**WEEKLY CLASSES START
25TH OF OCTOBER**

3-4 Bellenden Road Business Centre, Bellenden
Road, Peckham SE15 4RF

For more details contact:
jake.ramshaw@sportworksltd.co.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 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

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.

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



Talking to your child about

SHARING IMAGES ONLINE

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

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

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



What can you do to keep your child safe online?

S

Set clear boundaries.

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

T

Talk with your child and be supportive.

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

E

Educate everyone in the family.

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

E

Evolve with the internet.

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

R

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



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



FOR SUPPORT AND ADVICE, PLEASE VISIT:



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



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

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

International Day of Peace



PEACE BEGINS WITH YOU

Each year the International Day of Peace (IDP) is observed around the world on 21st September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Rarely has our world needed peace more.

This year's theme is 'Actions for Peace':

The ambition for the #GlobalGoals is a call to action that recognises individual and collective responsibility to foster peace. Fostering peace contributes to the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that will hopefully create a culture of peace for all.

STUDENT ACTIVITY:

Create a poster featuring statements in support of respectful relationships, such as "Be proud of who you are", "There are no outsiders in our school" and "There's no place for homophobia/biphobia/transphobia in our school".

HOW TO ENTER:

Create a "peace pledge" for Kingsdale, expressing your values and your commitment to taking action to build peace going forward.

Share your pledge with the House Team:

housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk.

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

World Clean Up Day



What is World Clean Up Day?

World Clean Up Day is a global event promoting the eradication of solid waste that negatively impacts the world around us. It takes place every year and is a time in which millions of people all over the world take an active stance against waste-induced pollution.

When is World Clean Up Day 2024?

World Clean Up Day takes place on 20th September.

What is the history of World Clean Up Day?

The origins of World Clean Up Day can be traced back to 2008. It all began in Estonia, where just 5,000 people set themselves the challenge of cleaning their whole country in a mere five hours!

STUDENT TASK

- **Choose an Area:** Pick a room or outdoor area at home that could use some tidying up (e.g., bedroom, living room, yard, garage, or garden).
- **Sort and Separate**
- **Collect Waste:** Identify and gather items that are no longer in use (e.g., old papers, plastic containers, broken toys, etc.).
- **Sort into Categories:**
 - **Recyclable:** Plastics, glass, paper, metals.
 - **Compostable:** Food scraps, plant material, natural fibres
 - **Trash:** Non-recyclable and non-compostable waste.
 - **Donatable:** Items in good condition but no longer needed (clothes, books, toys).

HOW TO ENTER

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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Source: <https://www.windowcentral.com/youngster-spends-over-8000-fifa-xbox-highlighting-predatory-game-design-ea/> | <https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/addictive-behaviours-gaming-disorder> | <https://www.eurogamer.net/18-european-countries-call-for-better-regulation-of-foot-boxes-following-new-report>

SPORTS FIXTURES

HOUSE NEWS

Monday 16th September 2024

- Under-13s Boys' Football Home Game (Mary Datchelor Playing Fields) against Bonus Pastor Catholic School. Leave school at 3pm. Start 3.30pm. Return at 5pm approx.: **Mr Johnstone**
- Under-14s Girls' Football Away Game against Bullers Wood School for Girls. Leave school at 2.15pm. Start 3.30pm. Return at 5.45pm approx.: **Mr Jones/Mr Dash**

Tuesday 17th September 2024

- No planned fixtures/events

Wednesday 18th September 2024

- Sixth Form Boys' Rugby Match Game against Eltham College. Leave school at 2.30pm. Start 3.30pm. Return at 5.30pm approx.: **Mr McWhirter/Mr Worsley**
- Under-16s Boys' Football In-house Game Team A against Team B (Mary Datchelor Playing Fields). Leave school 3.50pm. Start 4.15pm. Return at 5.45pm approx.: **Mr Price/Mr Pizzey**

Thursday 19th September 2024

- Under-12s Boys' Elite Football Home Game (Mary Datchelor Fields) against Trinity School. Leave school at 3.45pm. Start 4.30pm. Return at 5.45pm approx.: **Mr Price/Mr Dash**
- Under-15s Boys' Football Away Game against Dulwich College. Leave school at 3.45pm. Start 4.15pm. Return at 5.30pm approx.: **Mr Foster**

Friday 20th September 2024

- No planned fixtures/events

***Please note fixtures & events may be cancelled due to wet pitches.**

Extra Fixtures may be organised at short notice.

View all fixtures at

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

Online Safety Corner

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

PLEASE READ!! Remember to keep an open dialogue with your child about their activities online. **See page 16.**

House Captain



YOUR HOUSE NEEDS

YOU!

Would you relish the challenge of becoming a House Captain?

- Are you an organiser and communicator?
- Are you a good team player?
- Do you have lots of creative ideas?

Then you could be ready to be a House Captain!



STUDENT TASK: Write a paragraph to explain why you want to be a House Captain.

The House System remains integral to promoting the *Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development* for all our students across the school.

Email your paragraph to

housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Include your full name, House, and tutor group.

The House Leader Board 2024-25

Week ending 13th September 2024

1st Place – Dove 6,497 points

2nd Place – Swift 6,187 points

3rd Place – Albatross 5,741 points

4th Place – Eagle 5,737 points

5th Place – Falcon 5,652 points

Dove are off to a fast start but can they keep it up?

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