



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

Issue 4 Monday 23rd September 2024

HEADLINE NOTICES

Open Days for the 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 listed to the right of this notice and is also 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

House Excellence Award



Huge congratulations go to this week's nominee for the House Excellence Award, Margot Oliver, Year 9. Margot has had a tremendous start to Year 9 in the Drama Department. She has built on her great work from Year 8 and is consistently dedicated, creative, diligent and imaginative in her class work. She is part of the cast for the school musical, Les Misérables and brings a positive committed energy to the show. Well done Margot!

Gluten Free Lunch Options for Students

If your child requires gluten-free meals, please contact Mr Samuels via asl@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk to request a dining card. This card will allow them access to gluten-free pasta or wrap in a designated queue, alongside other students. As part of our ongoing efforts to further enhance our catering offer, we encourage you to visit our website [here](#) to view the 4-week menu, complete with allergen information. Please direct any feedback or suggestions to Ms Taylor, Director of Operations via dtr@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



Mobile Phone Policy

Please be reminded that our amended student mobile phone policy has now come into force. Many thanks for the high level of student compliance to date. 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. 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

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

Fastidious

Giving too much attention to small details and wanting everything to be correct and perfect.

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Wednesday 25th September 2024

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

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

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

Saturday 5th October 2024

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

Wednesday 9th October 2024

9.30am-11.30am, 1.30-3.30pm & 5.30pm-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](#).

Sixth Form Open Days

Wednesday 25th September 2024

4.30pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 16th October 2024

1.30pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 6th November 2024

4.00pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 27th November 2024

4.00pm-6.30pm

Transition Student Coffee Morning

Our Year 12 Student Coffee Morning for Transition Pathway students takes place on Thursday 26th September 2024 from 11am to 11.45am in CR1.

For more information please contact:

Mr Latcham-Ford at

zld@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

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



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. Our Extra-Curricular Sports Programme for the Autumn term commenced from Monday 9th September and is open for bookings. Please be advised that all of our clubs are free. However, students are 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. 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 our extensive sports programme.

SPORTS NEWS

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

Year 8 Boys' Football Kingsdale v Whitgift School

Last week saw the Year 8 A & B Boys' Football teams kick off the new season with a friendly away game against Whitgift School. The A team were held to a 1-1 draw and the B team came out as convincing winners with a 6-0 scoreline.

Final Score: Kingsdale 1-1 Whitgift School (A team)
Kingsdale 6-0 Whitgift School (B team)

Goals scored: Madjid Diop (A team) (1), Arthur Walker (B team) (3-Hatrick), Dinero Chambers (2) and Jose Saucedo (1).

Player of the Match: Arthur Walker



Year 8 ESFA National Boys' Football Cup Competition Kingsdale v Bonus Pastor Catholic College

The Boys' A team opened the competitive season with a fantastic win in the first round of ESFA National Cup last week!

Final Score: Kingsdale 4-3 Bonus Pastor

Goals scored: Harry Davis (1), Dario Nicolini (1), Madjid Diop (1) and Dinero Chambers (1).

Well done boys!

Science News

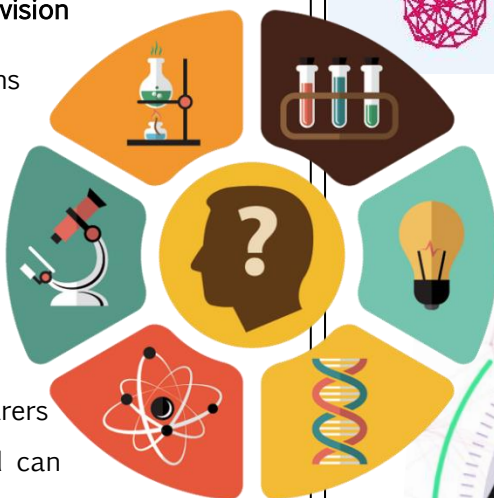
Science Saturday School Revision Has Started!

Please note that these sessions will be available to Year 11 students every Saturday during term time.

These sessions are online via MS Teams and take place between 1 and 2pm.

Information has been 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.

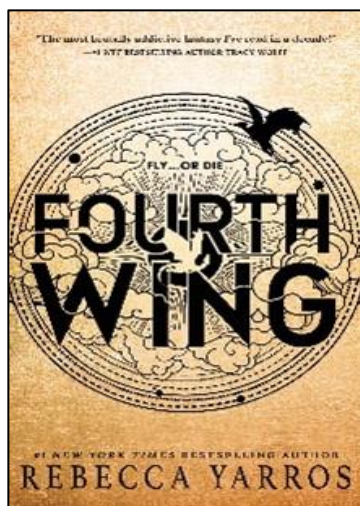
Please email: science@kingdale.southwark.sch.uk
If you have any questions.

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

Noel Post in Year 8 recommends *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros. Enter the brutal and elite world of a war college for dragon riders...

Twenty-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe

Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history. Now, the commanding general also known as her tough-as-talons mother has ordered Violet to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: *Dragon Riders*.

But when you're smaller than everyone else and your body is brittle, death is only a heartbeat away... because dragons don't bond to "fragile" humans. They incinerate them. She'll need every edge her wits can give her just to see the next sunrise.

Noel loved this thrilling and 'extremely well-written' book and really enjoyed the depiction of dragons!

Suitable for Year 7 students 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

Reading Recommendations



Teacher Recommendation

Mr Stevens recommends *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan.

It is 1985, in an Irish town. During the weeks leading up to Christmas, Bill Furlong, a coal and timber merchant, faces his busiest season. As he does the rounds, he feels the past rising up to meet him - and encounters the complicit silences of a people controlled by the Church.

Mr Stevens really enjoyed this 'gently poetic' treatment of a difficult subject matter.

Some mature themes; best suited for students in Year 9 and over!

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

Lambeth Parent Forum

Lambeth Parent Forum are a group of parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities aged 0 to 25 in the London Borough of Lambeth. We work with local authorities, education, social care, health and other providers. Membership of Lambeth Parent Forum is free and we do not ask anything of you unless you want to become involved in Forum activities and consultations.

We are funded by a grant from the DfE and are currently supported by Contact in Lambeth. We are part of The National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF).

To sign up please: [Click here](#)



Website aimed at explaining autism for autistic young people

Despite the understanding of neurodivergence increasing and the number of diagnoses rising, Information on autism and what it means to be autistic for young people recently diagnosed can be difficult to find. To help address this, the charity Spectrum Gaming has developed a website, Autism Understood (<https://bit.ly/3DAxRJ3>).

The site aims to support young people to better understand themselves and to provide a place where reputable information about autism can be found. The website was co-created with young people and adults with autism from the field of research, education, and experts with lived experience. Spectrum

Gaming has three aims: developing friendships, improving self-acceptance, and increasing advocacy.

The website will help young people to build an understanding of the areas that they may need support in, and why, framed in a positive way and written with a level of true understanding.



Teen Life Parent/Carer Programme Lambeth and Southwark

Join the National Autistic Society's Teen Life 6 week programme for parents and carers of young autistic people aged 10 to 16

2 parents/carers per child

Plus a professional to support you if required (e.g. staff member from school)

Only 6-8 families per group

This programme is for families with Southwark/Lambeth GP only

All families will receive a free accompanying workbook for the programme. Voluntary donations welcome

Topics	Each session is 2 ½ hours
Week 1 -	Understanding Autism, Hidden presentation of autism in women and girls, Autistic perspectives
Week 2 -	Self-esteem, Communication, Spending time with other people
Week 3 -	Stress and anxiety, Understanding behaviour
Week 4 -	Understanding your diagnosis, Understanding intense interests, Managing expectations
Week 5 -	Puberty, Independence skills
Week 6 -	Education, Planning for the future

How to book : Email gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net

Include **your name** and **phone number**

Your child's name / date of birth



SEND FACULTY NEWS cont.

The Learning Support Faculty!

Learning Support 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.

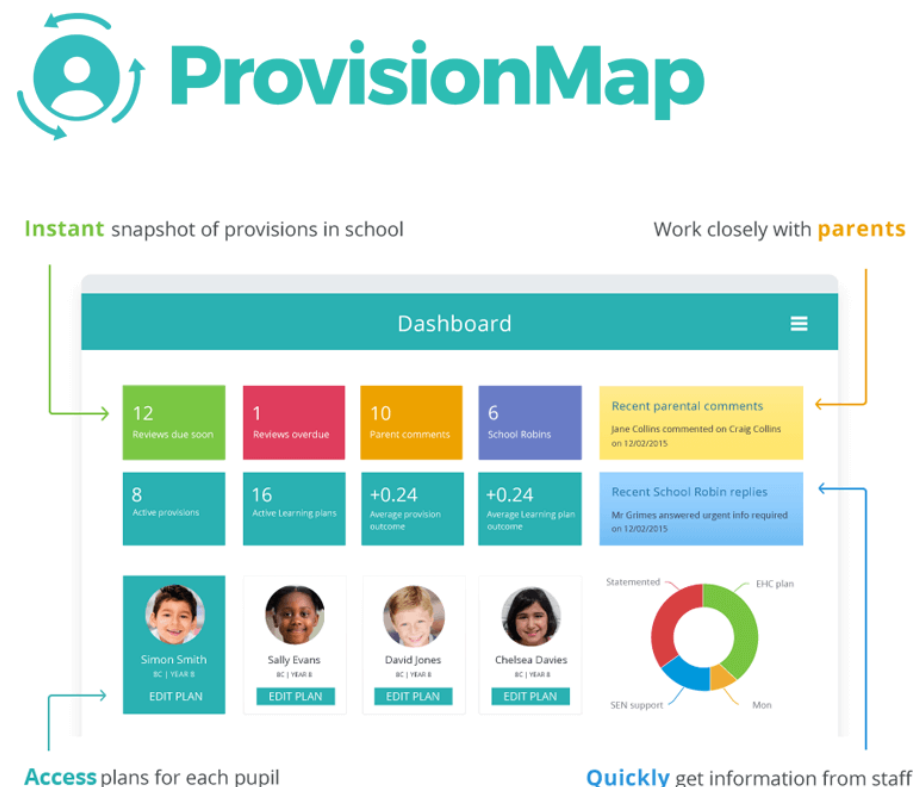
The Learning Support Centre (LSC) is a therapeutic intervention provided to allow students experiencing anxiety to be referred for a period of time. This is a quiet space for students to work and be supported by teachers and TAs. Students have access to learning mentors, counsellors, and an art psychotherapist 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.

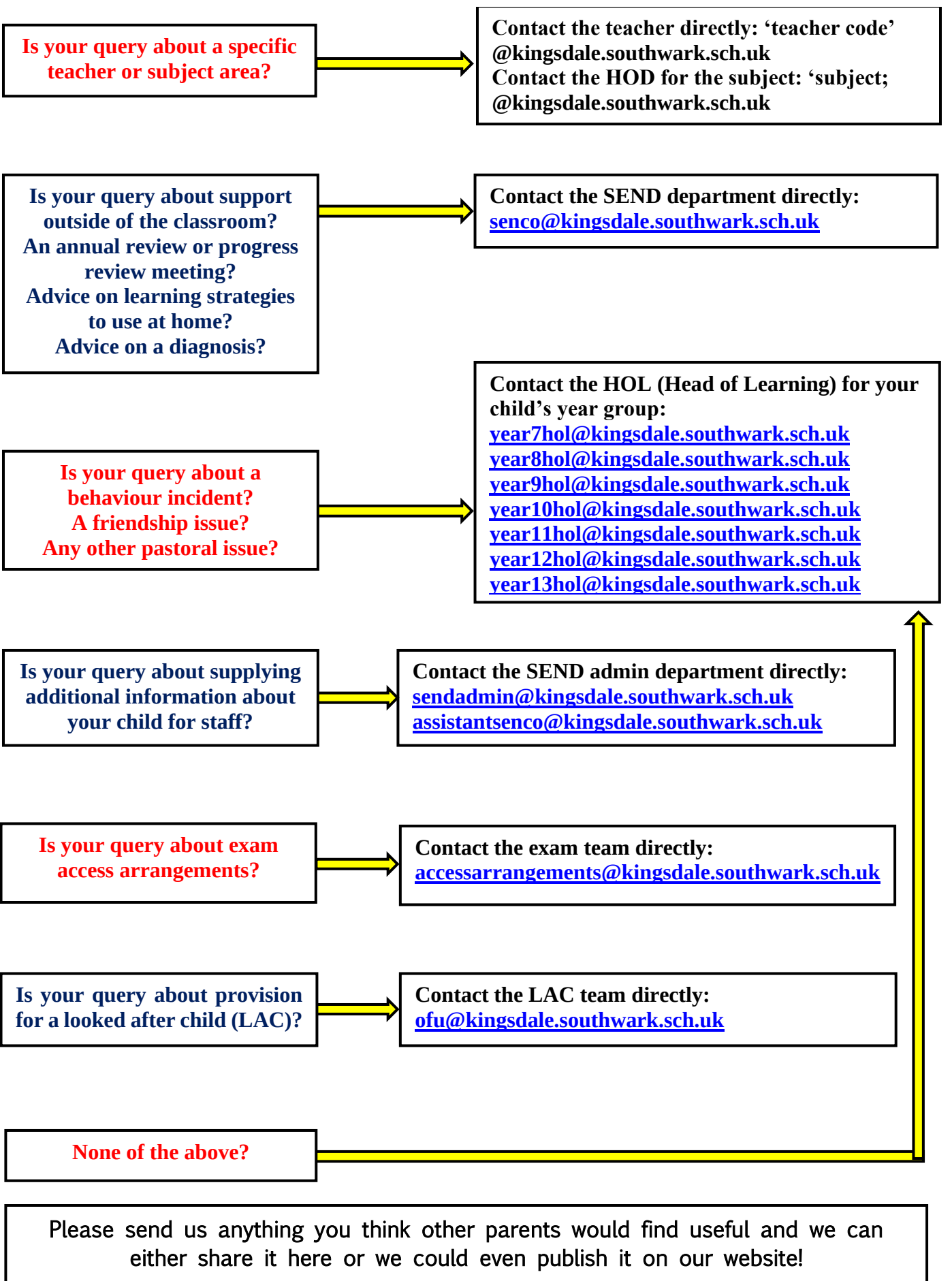
All provision plans for students are uploaded so information is accessible to all staff, including documentation, provision plans, meeting logs and a tool to be able to communicate quickly and easily with the teachers of said pupil.

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.



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 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

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.



shospace.org.uk

Why Shore?

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Safe Travel to School

At school, we have shared the key messages about keeping safe with the students. Some of the key messages are outlined below:

“LOOK UP LOOK OUT”

- **BE AWARE** of your surroundings.
- **BE AWARE** when using your mobile phone.
- Know your route home.
- Keep to busy roads.
- Try to be with other people.
- If someone tries to stop you keep walking.
- **SHOUT** for help and make **NOISE**.
- If anything happens speak to a trusted adult as soon as you can.
- **RUN HIDE TELL**.
- There is no right or wrong response as each situation is different but remember that **YOUR SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT**. Only **YOU** can assess the risk.
- Possessions are replaceable, but **you are not**.

Your child must contact the Police immediately on 999 if they are concerned about their safety or if they are the victim of a mugging/attempted mugging.

Students and Parents should also inform the school so that we can offer pastoral support and liaise with our Safer Schools Officer – PC Crampton.

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



Kingsdale is a Safe Space

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

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

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

Our two confidential emails are:

health&wellbeing@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk
tellsomeone@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Please contact **Ms V Turner** for further information regarding this provision or any matters relating to mental health & well-being at Kingsdale School.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS



The European Day of Languages is celebrated every year on 26th September. The European Day of Languages was first officially celebrated in 2002 following the success of the European Year of Languages in 2001. The day is organised jointly by the European Union and the Council of Europe.

Europe is lucky to enjoy a rich diversity of languages and cultures with 200 European languages, 24 Official EU languages, and it is estimated around 60 regional or minority languages.



STUDENT HOUSE ACTIVITY:

Submit your answers to the crossword on the following page to the House Team:

housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

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

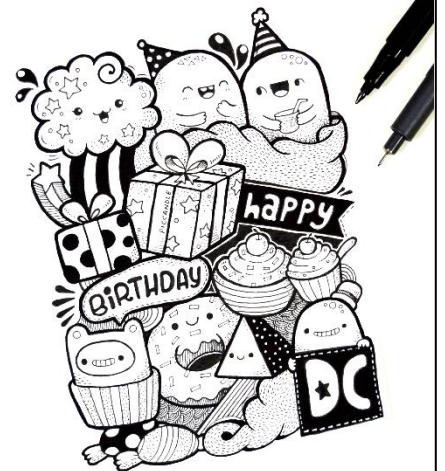
National Doodle Day 2024



What is National Doodle Day?

Every year in September, a selection of famous faces from the worlds of art, sport and entertainment pick up their pens, paints and pencils to create one off doodles to support people affected by epilepsy. These doodles are auctioned off to the highest bidder following a week long eBay auction.

By doodling, this ensures that the 600,000 people living with epilepsy have access to specialist advice, quality healthcare and can live free of stigma, prejudice, and discrimination.



STUDENT TASK:

Create your own doodle that captures your summer holidays.

HOW TO ENTER: Submit your entry to housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

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

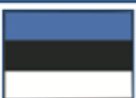
Prizes will be awarded to outstanding entries. We look forward to seeing your work!

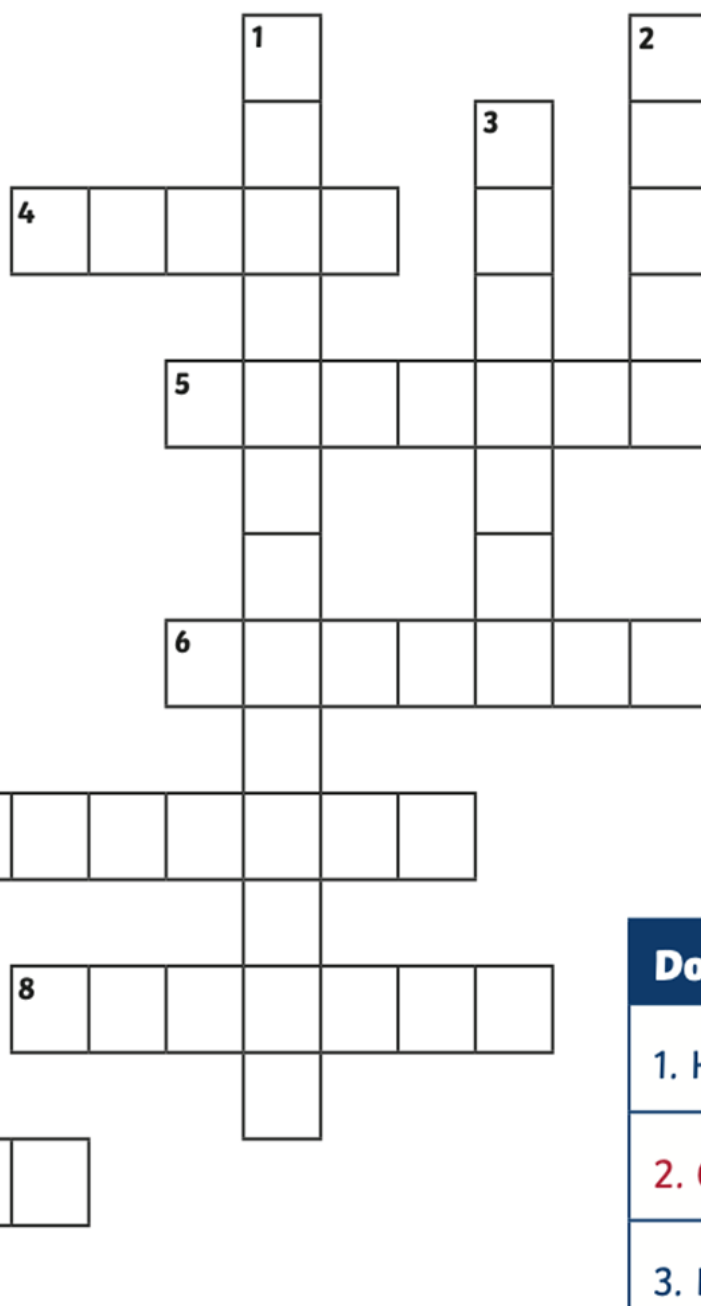
HOUSE COMPETITIONS cont.

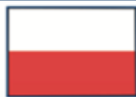
Can you solve this crossword puzzle? Look carefully at the clues, which show 'Hello!' in different languages and the country's flag. Write the countries in the boxes in the crossword grid.



Tip: The numbers in brackets show you how many letters you need.

Across	
4. ¡Hola! (5)	
5. Hallo! (7)	
6. Hei! (7)	
7. Olá! (8)	
8. Tere (7)	
9. Bonjour ! (6)	



Down	
1. Hello! (13)	
2. Ciao! (5)	
3. Bună! (7)	
7. Cześć! (6)	



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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#WakeUpWednesday

SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 23rd September 2024

- No planned fixtures/events

Tuesday 24th September 2024

- No planned fixtures/events

Wednesday 25th September 2024

- Sixth Form Boys' Rugby Away Game against Dulwich College. Leave school at 1.45pm. Start 2.30pm Return at 5.30pm Approx.: **Mr Worsley/ Mr McWhirter**

Thursday 26th September 2024

- Under-13s Boys' Football Away Game against St Aloysius College. Leave school at 12 noon. Start 2.30pm. Return at 6pm approx.: **Mr Johnstone/Mr Foster**
- Under-15s Girls' Football Home Game (MD Playing Fields) against Hayes School Bromley. Leave school at 3.30pm. Start 4pm. Return at 6pm approx.: **Mr Jones/Mr Price**

Friday 27th September 2024

- Under-13s Boys' Football Away Game against Dulwich College. Leave school at 3.45pm. Start 4.15pm. Return at 5.45pm approx.: **Mr Johnstone**

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

Extra Fixtures may be organised at short notice.

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

HOUSE NEWS

Online Safety Corner

For this week's Online Safety focus, we are looking at everything Parents/Carers need to know about 'iPads'.

Get a greater insight now.

PLEASE READ!! Remember to keep an open dialogue with your child about their activities online. **See page 15 above.**

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 20th September 2024



- 1st Place** – Dove 11,385 points
- 2nd Place** – Swift 10,958 points
- 3rd Place** – Albatross 10,338 points
- 4th Place** – Eagle 10,171 points
- 5th Place** – Falcon 10,123 points

Who is going to win the race this academic year? Can Swift catch Dove at this early stage of the race and can Albatross join the party at the top?