



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINE NOTICES

Open Days Academic Year 2023-2024

We warmly invite any parents prepared to speak briefly (five minutes maximum) about their positive experiences of the school at one of our Open Days to contact the school for more information. A full list of Open Day event dates is outlined below. If you are willing and able to contribute to one of our Open Days below please email Mr Harding via dhg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Wednesday 27th September 2023 9.30am - 8pm

Wednesday 4th October 2023 9.30am - 8pm

Saturday 7th October 2023 10am - 6pm

Wednesday 11th October 2023 9.30am - 8pm

Saturday 14th October 2023 10am - 6pm



House Award for Excellence

Congratulations go to this week's winner, Anan Do in Year 10 and Dove House. Anan is an incredibly diligent, hardworking and modest student. She goes about her studies with focus, concentration, commitment and curiosity.

Talking to Anan's teachers around the school, it is clear she is highly valued and her humility, respectfulness and kindness are much appreciated by all who work with her. Well done Anan on receiving such a prestigious award.

School Lanyards

Please be aware that this academic year, students are required to bring and wear their official school lanyard whilst on the school site. All students have now been issued with a lanyard by their tutors and replacements for lost or damaged lanyards can be obtained from the school shop in person in the main Atrium or online [here](#).

Curriculum Coffee Morning – Years 12 & 13

This week sees the next of our scheduled popular optional Coffee Mornings for parents due to place on Friday 29th September between 11am and 1pm. These sessions are a great opportunity to meet staff and learn more about the curriculum for each year group. Parents who are interested in attending, must register via the link sent separately by email. We hope to see you there. The following session after this week will be for Year 10 parents scheduled for Friday 6th October between 11am & 1pm.

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

Respect

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

Inflation

A general increase in prices and a fall in the purchasing value of money.

SCHOOL NEWS



Kingsdale Alumnus Secures Mercury Music Prize Win as Part of Ezra Collective!

We are delighted to inform you that celebrated Kingsdale Alumnus, Ife Ogunjobi (2nd from right above) recently won the highly prestigious Mercury Music Prize as part of the successful jazz band, the Ezra Collective. We are incredibly proud of Ife's success and wish him and his band mates every success in the next stage of their career. Well done Ife!

Whole School Extra-Curricular Activities Programme is here!

We are pleased to announce that our 2023-24 Extra-Curricular Programme is now live. Please use the following form available [here](#) to register your child.

Get Ready for House Assemblies!

Monday 2nd October, sees the return of our House Assemblies which take place throughout the week. Students must register with their tutor before attending.

Monday 2nd October - Swift

Tuesday 3rd October - Albatross

Wednesday 4th October - Eagle

Thursday 5th October - Falcon

Friday 6th October - Dove



SCIENCE NEWS

Year 13 Biology Juniper Hall Trip

Last week, 47 Year 13 Biology students embarked on a captivating journey to Juniper Hall; a picturesque site of scientific interest nestled in the heart of the Surrey Hills.

Over the course of two and a half days, these young scholars engaged in a series of ecology experiments that ranged from the depths of mature woodlands to diverse grasslands. Armed with quadrats and a thirst for knowledge, they meticulously catalogued plant species and explored the complex relationships within these ecosystems, all while honing their statistical analysis skills.

The trip's final day was equally transformative, as the students delved into the world of conservation, practised the humane capture and release of small mammals, investigated the behaviour of isopods in choice chambers, and engaged in a thought-provoking debate on the ethical dimensions of animal experimentation.

This unforgettable weekend at Juniper Hall not only broadened their scientific horizons but also instilled a deep sense of ecological responsibility and ethical contemplation, shaping them to become conscientious scientists of our natural world.

Well done to all our students.



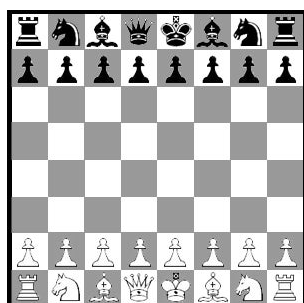
CHESS CLUB



Thursday's 4.10pm

Room MA5

(Years 7 and 11 can start at 3.45pm)



Play
Learn to play
watch
solve puzzles
make new friends

For more information please email:

Mr Denyer sdr@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Mr James ijs@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUB NEWS

Food Science Year 7 and 8

Love of Food Club

Tuesday 15:45 to 17:00 in FS2

Autumn Term 2023

19-09-2023 Dutch Apple Cake

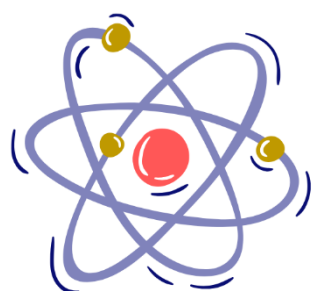
26-09-2023 Cheese Twists

03-10-2023 Lemon Drizzle Traybake

10-10-2023 Black History Month Celebration

17-10-2023 Spooky Halloween Mummies

**Please sign up on FS1 every Tuesday
for the following week's session to
secure your place**



Science Club

Remember our **Science club** for Year 7 and 8 students takes place every Wednesday after school, starting at **3.45pm** in **Room SC8**.

Everyone is welcome.

Some of the fun activities students can do at the Science club include:

- Square bubbles
- Swabbing cheek cells
- Density columns
- Making cheese
- Imploding cans
- Slime
- Making a compass
- Spaghetti and marshmallows structures
- Volcanos

Please direct any queries to science@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk





Geography Club

*"The world is not in your books and maps, it's out there."
~ Gandalf to Bilbo in The Hobbit:
An Unexpected Journey*

Day

Once a fortnight during Tuesday lunchtimes.

Time

11.05-11.55am (Students can bring their lunch along too!)

Location: Room IT1

About the Club

Geography Club will empower students to explore the world and related current issues beyond lessons.

Students can come along to watch documentaries, play games, discuss and debate current geographical topics and eat snacks!

Open to all Year 7s. Please see Miss Darvill or Miss Booth for more information or email

humanities@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk . See you there!

Art, Design and Technology Faculty Clubs 2023-24

Monday

Silver Arts Award

PS1 Ms Wallner

16:10 – 17:00

Bronze Arts Award

AR1 Ms Wilkinson

15:45 – 16:45

Fly High Club – Year 9

FS1 Ms Leung & FS2 Miss

Hinds

16:15 – 17:15

Young Makers

TE2 Ms Koch

16:10 – 17:10

Tuesday

Year 8 Art Scholars (by invitation only)

AR7 – Ms Brocklesby

16:10 – 17:00

Year 7 Art Scholars (by invitation only, after October half term).

AR4 – Ms Montero

16:10 – 17:10

Year 9-13 Catch Up

AR2 Mrs Howell

15:40 – 17:00

Art Catch Up

AR5 Ms Wallner

16:10 – 17:00

KS4/5 Photography Catch Up

PS1 Ms Gregson

15:45 – 17:00

Love of Food Club

FS2 Ms Leung & Ms Hinds

15:45 – 17:15

Digital Explorers

TE3 Ms Gardiner

16:10 – 17:00

D&T Catch Up year 9/10/11

TE2 Ms Koch

15:45 – 17:15

Thursday

Arts Year 7 Art & Textiles Club

AR5 Mrs Howell

11:00 – 12:00

Art & Textiles Catch Up

Ms Brocklesby AR7

15:40 – 17:00

Graphics Catch Up

TE3 Ms Gardiner

16:10 – 17:00

Camera Club

PS1 Ms Wallner

15:40/16:10 – 17:00

Young Designers

AR6 Ms Virgin

11:00 – 11:45

Fly High Club – Year 10

FS1 Ms Leung & FS2 Ms Hinds

16:15 – 17:15

Friday

Finish it Friday Club

AR2 Mrs Howell

15:40 – 17:00

NEAs Workshop

Ms Leung & Ms Hinds

16:15 – 17:15

The Art, Design and Technology Department are delighted to announce that their weekly clubs will begin week beginning 18th September - expect for the Year 7 Art scholars club which begins after half-term.

The Year 8 Art Scholars is by invitation only. There is no need to register for a place, your child just needs to arrive at the starting time.

MUSIC EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Department Name	Name of Activity	What year group is it suitable for?	Location	What time will your activity start?	What time will your activity end?	Name(s) of the staff member(s) running this activity	Frequency of the club
Music	GCSE Music Composition Catch-Up	Year 11	MS2	8:30:00 AM	9:00:00 AM	Mr Williams	Monday's & Thursday's
Music	GCSE Music Unfamiliar Listening & Dictation	Year 11	MS4	8:30:00 AM	9:00:00 AM	Mr Williams	Tuesday's
Music	GCSE Music Set Work Revision	Year 11	MS4	8:30:00 AM	9:00:00 AM	Mr Williams	Friday's
Music	Music Theory & Aural Skills	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11	MS3	8:30:00 AM	9:00:00 AM	Mr Lewis	Every weekday (Mon – Fri) Pupil's only need to attend once week on whichever day suits them best
Music	Orchestra	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13	Performance Hall	3:45:00 AM	4:30:00 AM	Ms Melvin	Wednesday
Music	Barry Graham Big Band	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13	Performance Hall	3:45:00 AM	4:30:00 AM	Mr Brown	Monday
Music	Chamber Choir	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13	Performance Hall	11:30:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	Izzy Hatton	Monday
Music	Clarinet Ensemble	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13	Performance Hall	12:00:00 PM	12:45:00 PM	Heather Ryall	Monday
Music	Junior Woodwind	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13	Performance Hall	12:00:00 PM	12:45:00 PM	Gareth Lockrane	Tuesday
Music	Senior Percussion	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13	Performance Hall	3:45:00 PM	4:30:00 PM	Nuno Brito	Tuesday
Music	Wind Ensemble	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13	Performance Hall	3:45:00 PM	4:30:00 PM	Alyson Cawley	Tuesday
Music	Electric Guitar Ensemble	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13	Performance Hall	3:45:00 PM	4:30:00 PM	Lee Burnett	Tuesday



DRAMA | EXTRA CURRICULAR

Irish Theatre Festival

IRISH THEATRE FESTIVAL

- Our A Level students will be directing students in a series of scenes from Irish plays.
- For more information contact Mr Golding QGG@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

PROPS AND COSTUMES

If parents have any lamps, stools or armchairs that they are throwing out, then please get in touch with Mr Golding (qgg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) as we require these for future productions.



YEAR 7 & 8 DRAMA CLUB

- Runs to **5th December 2023** (excluding 1st December)
- **Thursdays 4-4.40pm in DR1 (Drama Block)**
- This is an inclusive club where everyone is welcome to meet new friends, play games and explore different types of drama. No auditions are required.
- To sign up and complete online consent please see <http://tinyurl.com/KFSDramaEx>
- For more information contact **Mr Golding:** QGG@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

DRAMA CLUB



Advanced Mathematics Support Programme®

Year 13 students are invited to join the problem-solving classes that AMSP are running this year.

The classes will run on Saturdays and will be a mixture of online and face-to-face sessions, as detailed below.

Date	Time	Venue
7-10-2023	09.30 – 13.15	Westminster City School, 55 Palace Street, London, SW1E 5HJ
14-10-2023	10.00 – 11.30	Online
21-10-2023	10.00 – 11.30	Online
4-11-2023	10.00 – 11.30	Online
11-11-2023	10.00 – 11.30	Online
18-11-2023	09.30 – 13.15	Westminster City School, 55 Palace Street, London, SW1E 5HJ

The classes are aimed at students in Year 13 who are taking A Level Maths. They are not suitable preparation for any of the university entrance exams – we will be offering STEP 2 & 3 classes later in the year – and we will not be covering any A level Further Maths material during these sessions.

Students applying need to commit to attending all sessions, and any unexpected non-attendance will be followed up with both teachers and emergency contacts as part of our duty of care.

[For further details and to apply please click here.](#)

Problem solving classes are also on offer for Year 12, which will start in the New Year and we shall send you further details in due course.

MATHS NEWS

Sparx Maths

This year, Hegarty Maths has been upgraded to Sparx, which will be used to set homework tasks for Mathematics lessons.

To register, students will need to go to the Sparx site [here](#). Once there, type in the school's name 'Kingsdale Foundation School' followed by their personal details. They will then be prompted to set their own password.

The user interface is very similar to Hegarty Maths, but the work set will be more adequate for each individual student's needs.

Should you have any queries, please contact maths@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

SCHOOL NEWS



School Flu Vaccinations

Please be advised that letters have now been issued concerning Flu vaccinations. Consenting students in Years 7 – 11 are scheduled to have their Flu vaccinations at school on **Tuesday 3rd October 2023**.

Don't worry, despite the picture, Flu vaccinations are delivered through a nasal spray. Further information is available in the documentation that has been issued to all parents via email. Should you wish for your child to receive the vaccination at school, please ensure you fill out the e-consent link on the NHS form issued separately by Monday 25th September 2023. Please be aware the vaccination team will not vaccinate any students without parental consent.

If you have any further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Heads of Learning using the email addresses available in our Communication Directory [here](#).

SPORTS NEWS



Kingsdale's Beach Volleyball Club: Sun, Sand, and Success!

Kingsdale School has hit the volleyball jackpot this half-term with the inception of our brand-new Beach Volleyball Club for Year 9, 10 and 11 Volleyball teams! Thanks to the overwhelming enthusiasm of our students, slots for this exciting initiative have already been filled. A big shout-out to everyone who's joining us on this thrilling journey!



Our school club boasts the expertise of ex-GB international sensation, Mark-Garcia Kidd. With his guidance, Wednesday mornings are transforming into a sand-filled extravaganza. Our players are diving, serving, and spiking, prepping for the season. And as the seasons shift, so do we. As the cold weather approaches, the indoor volleyball season will swing into action post half-term. If you've been bitten by the volleyball bug and are eager to join, direct your interest to Mr Sliti for our indoor Volleyball Club. The indoor courts promise just as much action and intensity!

An exciting 'heads-up' for our dedicated players: as we step into the warmth of post-Easter, the opportunity to rejoin the beach courts beckons. Only the most dedicated and regular indoor players will be handpicked for this golden chance. So, consistency and passion will be your tickets back to the beach.

Highlighting our upcoming events, we're gearing up for a monumental Kingsdale Beach Volleyball Tournament in Summer 2024. The mercury will rise, and so will the competitive spirit, as neighbouring schools challenge us to a grand volleyball showdown.

To our participating students, ready your serves and set your sights high. The journey with Kingsdale Beach Volleyball Club promises to be sun-soaked, skill-enhancing, and simply spectacular.

Please direct queries to pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Horse Riding Every Wednesday

This week our students have been enjoying the first Horse Riding session which took place on Wednesday.

The PE Department are currently processing all applications for these exciting sessions. Please look out for an email soon with dates and times, of your child's slot if you applied for one.

Exciting Sports Opportunity for Girls at Kingsdale

The 'Space for Girls' initiative is working in partnership with Peckham Levels and are inviting female students who reside in Southwark aged 13-19 to participate. The first session will take place on 26th September between 5.30 & 7pm and will be a free "taster" fitness class hosted by a female instructor. Following the class, participants will have the opportunity to speak with London Sport staff and design a 12-week fitness program tailored to their preference whether that be boxing, dancing etc. The full programme will then commence on 3rd October at Peckham Levels.

Any students who meet the eligibility criteria above and who are interested in this initiative are warmly welcomed. If you have any questions or would like further information, please email Miss Thomas via its@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs Sign-Up Process for 2023-24

To book your child a place on the Sports Club(s) of their choice, please complete the Autumn term extra-curricular sports clubs online form by scanning the QR code.

On the form please select your child's year group from the list given which will give you access to all the clubs available for their year group. Please be advised that in most cases, submission of your form will confirm your child's place. However, please be aware that for activities such as Cycling, Swimming and Horse Riding, places are limited for each session. To ensure that all students have an opportunity to attend these activities, sessions will be allocated to students in blocks during the course of the academic year. The teacher(s) in charge of these clubs will notify you via email/phone call when your child's place becomes available.

For all queries, please contact pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

CAREERS

Careers Interview with Independent Careers Advisor

At Kingsdale, we are committed to ensuring that our students are given the information, guidance and advice to support them in making well informed decisions about their future. As part of our Careers Education Programme, we have organised careers interviews for our Year 11, 12 & 13 students from this half-term. These will be led by an independent Careers Advisor from Prospects Careers Services. This is a wonderful opportunity for students as the interviews aim to provide them 1:1 coaching and support to reflect on their interests and skills, offer an insight into future pathways and discuss careers and courses that they are interested in. The interview will be followed by provision of an Individual Careers Plan from the Careers Advisor.

The Sixth Form Careers Interviews (at least one per student) take place on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. Year 11 careers interviews (one per student) will take place on Thursdays and Fridays each week. **Sixth Form Careers interviews started from 7th September 2023. The schedule of Year 11 careers interviews begins from Thursday 28th September 2023 onwards and will conclude by Spring Term 2024.**

The Heads of Learning will be contacting the students before their careers interview appointment. If you would like to discuss any of the information in this communication further, please do not hesitate to contact the Careers Team via careers@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

ENGLISH NEWS

Student Reading Recommendations

We hope the start of term hasn't been too busy and you have had some time to read!

A reminder that we would like students to share with us what they like to read, their favourite book, something they have recently read or something that would be helpful for a particular subject or topic.

To help us share recommendations and inspire others to pick up the books suggested, please complete the form here and we may share in the newsletter for everyone to enjoy: [Student Book Recommendations: 2023_2024](#)



CALENDER 2023-24

AUTUMN TERM 2023

First Autumn Half-Term

Thursday 31st August – Friday 20th October

Autumn Half-Term Holiday

Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November

Second Autumn Half-Term

Monday 6th November – Thursday 21st December

SPRING TERM 2024

First Spring Half-Term

Thursday 4th January – Friday 9th February

INSET DAY

School closed to students except Year 11
Thursday 4th January

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Second Spring Half-Term

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

SUMMER TERM 2024

First Summer Half-Term

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

INSET DAY

School closed to students except Year 11
Monday 15th April

Mayday Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

Half Term Holiday

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Second Summer Half Term

Monday 3rd June – Thursday 25th July


INSET DAY

School closed to students except by invitation
Thursday 25th July

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

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

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



DYSLEXIA SPARKS

Dyslexia Sparks Monthly Support
October 2023 - Dyslexia Intro

- Thursday 5th October 2023
- 10:00 - 11:00am
- Location: Online
- Length: 1 hour

This free online session for parents will give you an understanding of what dyslexia is and how it might affect your child's learning. Sign up for free here: [CLICK](#)



Understanding Autism Within the Family: FREE Webinar

This webinar is presented by Anne-Marie Harrison, Education Director of Ideas Afresh Education, sharing advice and top tips on helping family members understand and embrace your child's autism traits & behaviours.

Date: Wednesday, 27th September
Time: 10 am-11 am (Including Q&A)

This webinar is ideal for families who may feel they are being pulled in all directions! Should we stay home or accept that family invitation? How can we best support our family in understanding, accommodating and enjoying our autistic child's company? Anne-Marie will answer these questions and provide pointers about how to foster positive sibling relationships and enjoy whole-family participation.


Sign up here: [REGISTER](#)

SEND FACULTY NEWS

UNDERSTANDING ADHD

CHARACTERISTICS OF ADHD

- NEGATIVE THINKING
- INTRUSIVE THOUGHTS
- ALEXITHYmia
- EXECUTIVE DYSFUNCTION
- LOW DOPAMINE
- ADDICTION



ONLINE EVERY TUESDAY
 10.30 - 11.30 AM

UNDERSTAND YOUR OWN ADHD

SARAHJANE@AUTISMADHDADVOCATES.ORG
 01958496689

@THEAUTISMADHDADVOCATESCIC

FREE TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE

Understanding ADHD:
The Autism & ADHD Advocates CIC

- Every Tuesday, 10:30-11:30am
- Location: Online
- Length: 1 hour

ADHD is a disorder that is defined through analysis of behaviour. People with ADHD show a persistent pattern of inattention and/or hyperactivity-impulsivity that interferes with day-to-day functioning and/or development. This free weekly webinar will help parents and students with ADHD to understand their conditions and how to manage in various situations.

Sign up for free here: [CLICK](#)



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.

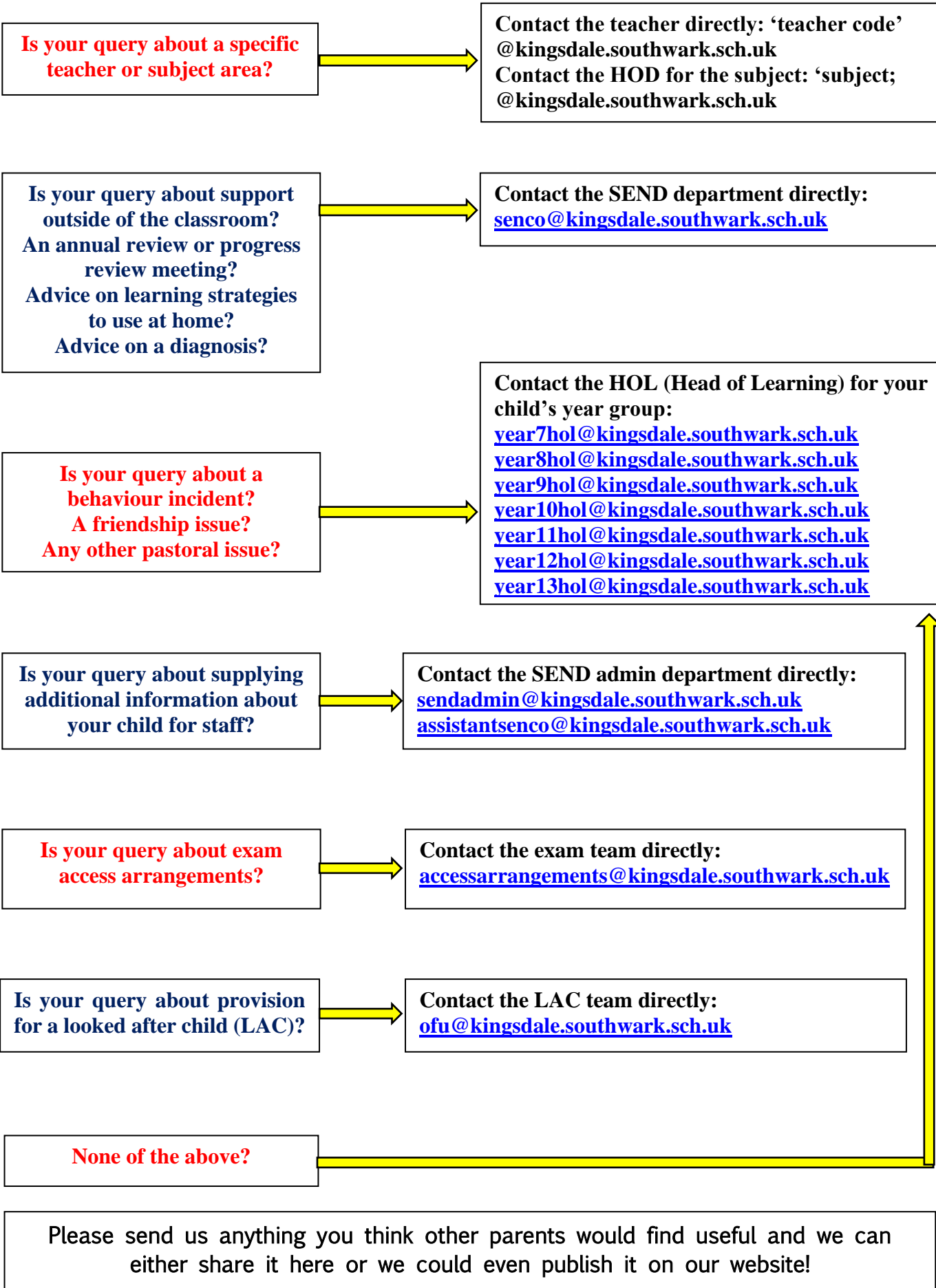
We work with local authorities, education, social care, health and other providers. Membership of Lambeth Parent Forum is free and we do not ask anything of you unless you want to become involved in Forum activities and consultations. We are funded by a grant from the DfE and are currently supported by Contact in Lambeth.

We are part of The National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF). To sign up please: [Click here](#)

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.



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 and can also be accessed online [here](#).



Lost Property

We are still receiving a large number of items that have been mislaid or lost by students.

In many cases, these items are unlabelled, making it very hard for them to be quickly and successfully reunited with their owners!

Please can we ask parents to label all items of their children's property at school, including water bottles, blazers and coats. Lost property queries can be directed to lostproperty@kingsdale.southwark.school.uk

Calling all Budding Student Journalists!

Kingsdale students have started their own school newspaper and are inviting fellow students to get involved!

If you're passionate about current affairs and would like to write reviews and news reports for the Kingsdale Telegraph, please get in touch!

Click image to open the latest edition!



Students should post their illustrations, reviews and articles (maximum 80 words for reviews and 100 words for articles) in the school newspaper contributions box, situated in the main office. Please include your full name and tutor group. Alternatively, they can email the team via kingsdaletelegraph@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

SCHOOL NEWS



KFS Uniform Bank

Our uniform is a key part of our identity and as such we are able to help parents and carers in providing quality uniform items. Sadly, the cost of living is still rising and some families are finding it a challenge to cover all bases in bringing up a family. There is also the negative environmental impact in design and disposal within the clothing industry to consider. Kingsdale community families can acquire cleaned and sanitised pre-worn uniform blazers (Belmont Dry Cleaners in Croxted Road have been most generous with their time and costing in this matter) and other items, dependent on availability, at a much, reduced rate.

The Uniform Bank will also be open between 3.45pm and 4.45pm each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please, always check for availability of items prior to making a purchase. This is a rolling programme that continues throughout the entire academic year and as such we are always looking for donations. Please leave washed and folded clothes at the main Reception area. Items of uniform will be available at other times of the year depending on supply. If you would like to help in any way please make yourself known to the team.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact: Mr Lewis at jls@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



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.



SCHOOL NEWS

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



STUDENT TASK

Bake a moon cake, send us a picture and a short description of what your cake contains. The best-looking cake will win valuable points for your house.

Don't forget permission from your parents/carers and have appropriate supervision in the kitchen.

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Kingsdale Cooking Challenge: Mid-Autumn Festival/Moon Festival

The Mid-Autumn Festival that's also called the Moon Festival is one of the most important celebrations in China; although there are other countries, having similar festivals that mark the autumn harvest.

The country-wide celebration is all about reuniting with friends and family, wandering in the highly decorated streets, sharing a meal together and lighting lanterns; all in the name of worshipping the moon and unity. The festival is based on three important concepts: gathering, thanksgiving and praying. All three are strongly connected to family and love. People usually eat and share mooncakes within the family and drink cassia wine that's considered to be the 'reunion wine'.

HOUSE ACTIVITY:

Submit your answers to the House Team:

housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

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

European Day of Languages

The European Day of Languages is celebrated every year on **26th September**.

Now in its seventeenth year, 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 language and cultures with 200 European languages, 24 Official EU languages and it is estimated around 60 regional or minority languages.

STUDENT HOUSE ACTIVITY:

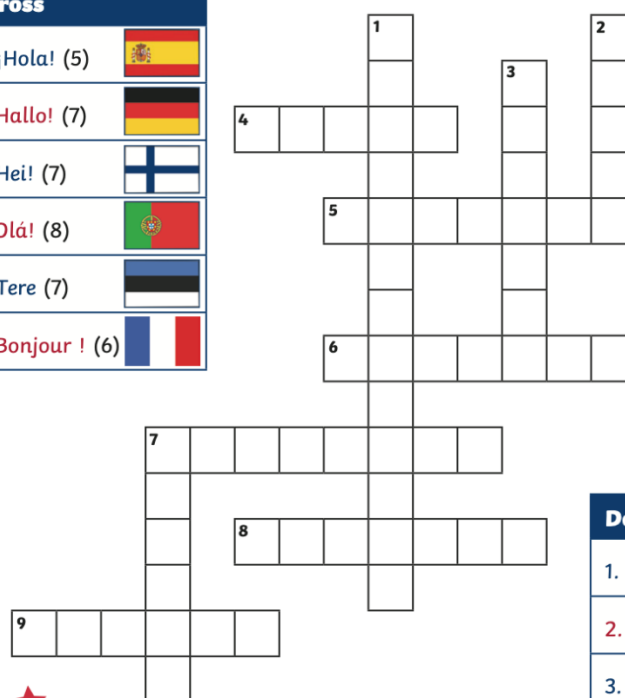
Submit your answers to the House Team: housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

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

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)		



¡Hola!

Cześć!

Hallo!

Bună!

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

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What you need to know about...

MUSIC STREAMING APPS & SITES



What are they? 'Music Streaming Apps & Sites'

Music streaming apps allow people to listen to music on their devices. It gives users access to millions of songs and artists from around the world. Popular music streaming apps and sites include Spotify, Soundcloud, Apple music, Amazon Prime and Deezer. Music streaming allows children to listen to songs from around the world in a much easier and cheaper way. This enables them to showcase their talent which would have been very hard to do many years back.

Know the Risks

Explicit content

Explicit content is everywhere online, including in popular music. Children can easily access songs on Spotify, for example, that may have explicit or inappropriate language not suitable for children. It is also easy to erase searches so you can't see what a child has been listening to.

Adult themed podcasts

Many music streaming apps also offer the ability to listen to podcasts which can vary across any kind of topic, from business and comedy to relationships. Again, children could be exposed to content which is more adult themed or contains age-inappropriate language.

Chatting to strangers

Some music apps, like Playlist, want to make music a more social experience by finding others who share the same musical tastes and will allow users to join group chats where they listen to a playlist together in real time. This could open up your child to talking to strangers online.

Safety Tips

Use child friendly apps

Many music streaming services are made just for children. For instance, the Spotify kids app provides parents with control over what their children listen to and all the content is family friendly and fun for children to explore.

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Turn off explicit content

Most of the major music streaming apps will provide the option to turn off explicit material to make sure the music is completely clean. Some services even offer an option to lock the content censoring settings with a password, so your child can't switch it back.

Implement privacy controls

Check the privacy setting of your child's app. Ensure that whichever app or site they choose to stream music, the settings are set to be private. This way they can only share the music they are listening too with friends and family and can't engage in conversation with strangers.

Offering Support

Explore apps yourself

If your child insists on wanting to use a music streaming app then be part of the journey with them. Take the time to understand which apps they prefer to use and why they want to use it. Find out how to use the app yourself and understand what they could be exposed to and how to ensure they get the most of it in a safe manner.

Regularly check-in

Have regular conversations with your child about what they are listening to and how they are feeling. If they do hear explicit music or content that makes them feel uncomfortable, let them know that they can always talk to you and discuss what they've heard and what it means.

Our Expert Parven Kaur



Parven Kaur is social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks; a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 25th September

- No planned fixtures

Tuesday 26th September

- No planned fixtures

Wednesday 27th September

- Under 15s & 16s Girls' Netball Away Game against Harris Academy, Wimbledon. Leave school at 1.25pm. 3.30pm Start. Return at 5.30pm approx. by public transport: **Ms Thomas/Ms Findlay**

- Sixth Form Boys Rugby Nationals Home Game at Old Alleynians RFC. Leave school at 1.45pm. 2.30pm Start. Return at 5pm approx.: **Mr McWhirter**

Thursday 28th September

- No planned fixtures

Friday 29th September

- Under-15s Boys' B Team Football ESFA Home Game against Glyn School. Leave school at 2.15pm. 3pm Start. Return at 5pm approx.: **Mr Price**

***Please note some extra Fixtures may be organised at short notice.**

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HOUSE NEWS

ONLINE SAFETY CORNER

For this week's Online Safety focus, we have included an important focus on 'Music Streaming apps & sites'.

PLEASE READ!! Remember to keep an open dialogue with your child about their activities online. (SEE PREVIOUS PAGE).

The House Leader Board 2023-24

Week ending 22nd September 2023

1st Place – Swift 3,897 Points

2nd Place – Dove 3,857 Points

3rd Place – Falcon 3,461 Points

4th Place – Albatross 3,417 Points

5th Place – Eagle 3,085 Points

SWIFT have started the academic year exactly where they left off, in the top spot.

Falcon have moved into 3rd place, going above Albatross. It is still very early in the race so don't despair!

Cycle Confidence Course

The PE department will be running a Cycle Confidence Course at the school. Any parents or guardians who are interested in their child taking part in this course, will need to sign up in the New Year. More information will be sent out in due course.



Please note that this course is free of charge, however, your child will need a working bike (they will be checked on the day), a helmet and suitable clothing.

The course will run from 9am to 3pm on the following days:

Monday 11th March 2024

Tuesday 12th March 2024

Wednesday 13th March 2024

Thursday 14th March 2024

Friday 15th March 2024

Please contact pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk for more information.

Ways we communicate with Parents and students



Student & Parent Email

Please ensure we have your correct email and mobile phone contact details. Students should also be regularly accessing their student email accounts.

MS Teams

Used to share schoolwork, assignments and files.

Twitter/Website

You can find us at @kingsdalefs. Our website at: www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

SatchelOne (previously SMHW)

Used to share homework details and other school news via the Notice Board feature with students and parents. Login [here](#).

MyEd app

Downloaded for free at:

<https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>

This app provides a range of useful info for parents.

Kingsdale Foundation School, Alleyn Park, Dulwich, London, SE21 8SQ

Web: www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk Tel: 0208 670 7575 (To report student absence use Option 2)