

PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

Issue 7 Monday 16th October 2023

HEADLINE NOTICES

Transport Update: School Street Operations

Please be advised that Bowen Drive, Seeley Drive and Lyall Avenue located to the rear of the school site, will shortly become operational as designated School Streets. This means that at certain times of the school day in the morning and afternoon, cars will be prohibited from entering the area around Dulwich Wood Primary School; cars that do may receive a penalty notice. The exact date the scheme commences, along with hours of operation will be shared shortly with Kingsdale parents. Please contact Mr Harding, Acting Deputy Headteacher via dhg@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk should you have any queries in the meantime. On a related note, we would remind all parents who drop their child/ren to school via car not to do so in the area in front of the main school site on Alleyn Park (zig-zag lines). Such behaviour can cause an obstruction on the highway and could be dangerous for cyclists & pedestrians as well as attracting a parking fine. Thank you for your cooperation in anticipation.



House Award for Excellence

This week, we congratulate Florence Hanks, Year 12, Eagle nominated for her fantastic effort in all subjects and for being a brilliant ambassador for her school. Well done Florence!

Curriculum Coffee Morning – Year 7 & 8

Please be reminded that the final session of this half-term will take place on **Friday 20th October between 11am & 1pm** for Year 7 & 8 parents. 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. Please contact Mrs Chaudhary, Acting Deputy Headteacher, via sca@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk with any queries.

Attendance Matters!

As part of the focus on attendance and punctuality, all students have now received the overview of their September attendance and punctuality via their school email. This week parents will receive the latest attendance overview for their child/ren. Please encourage students to check their school emails regularly for updates, so they can keep track of their attendance and punctuality, as well as other important messages.

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

Success or Failure

*'My will shall shape the future.
Whether I fail or succeed shall be
no one's doing but my own.
I am the force; I can clear any obstacle
before me, or I can be lost in the maze.
My choice; my responsibility; win or
lose, only I hold the key to my destiny.'*

Esoteric

Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sixth Form Open Days For September 2024 Year 12 Entry

Please be advised that the window for applications for September 2024 Year 12 Entry opened on Monday 4th September 2023. Our remaining scheduled Open

Events for this entry cycle are:

Wednesday 18th October 2023
1.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 8th November 2023
1.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 29th November 2023
1.30-6.30pm

Please note that all visits are by prior appointment. Prospective students and parents can book a visit for one of the scheduled days listed above by clicking [here](#). Please direct any queries to Ms T. Dyer via sixthform@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk.

Fireworks Season

Firework season can be great fun for children and families through attendance at organised displays. However fireworks can be dangerous if used irresponsibly. Please take a moment to discuss the dangers of fireworks with your child and the importance of personal safety. Please remember that it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to buy fireworks.

Fireworks are deemed offensive weapons by the school and students in breach will be subject to permanent exclusion under our Offensive Weapons Policy.

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

KINGSDALE FOUNDATION SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWS



Black History Month Question & Answer Session Part 2: 11am – 1pm

Following on from our hugely successful Q & A session with KFS ex-students last week, Kingsdale are proud to invite two more alumni to speak to our current students, both of whom are making headway in their chosen fields; CEO of Clearview Research, journalist and author, Mr Kenny Imafidon and Ms Gabriella Arowoshola, Talent Manager in the entertainment, music & cultural PR industry.

We will be asking questions about their journeys since leaving Kingsdale Foundation School with questions such as 'What advice would you give to your younger self?' and 'What obstacles if any did you have to overcome?'

The event will again be live streamed for parents, teachers & students to join. A joining link has been sent separately via email. Watch this space for more updates and reports on Black History Month at Kingsdale.



Kenny Imafidon – A Man on a Mission

Author, journalist and co-founder of @Clearview Research, Kenny has had the opportunity to work with companies such as Uber and Deliveroo, as well as voter registration campaigns for young people in UK elections and for EU referenda. He is a trustee of various charities such as BBC Children in Need, (S.W.I.M) Strength Within Me Foundation, Spark Inside & City Gateway where he is currently the Chair on the Board of Trustees. He recently released a hugely successful book, 'That Peckham Boy'.



Gabriella Arowoshola

Kicking off her career in the entertainment industry, Gaby started off as a presenter and producer on Reprezent radio. Over the course of 5 years, she has built key relationships with industry gate keepers, artists, DJ's, producers and other talent. After a shift in

ambitions, she took a leap of faith and moved into PR Space doing corporate relations. After a few trials and errors, Gaby found a new avenue in music and culture as there was a growing interest in the market to tap into BAME culture. Gaby has worked with brands such as Pepsi and Red Bull to name a few.

With a passion for music and nurturing talent, Gaby started her own management company in 2020 called CATR (Cut Above the Rest) the Afro-Caribbean diaspora - championing black music globally. Gaby has successfully worked with acts such as Ms Banks, Naira Marley, Midas the Jagaban, Zinoleesky and more. Artists who have now been recognized internationally and garnered millions of streams.



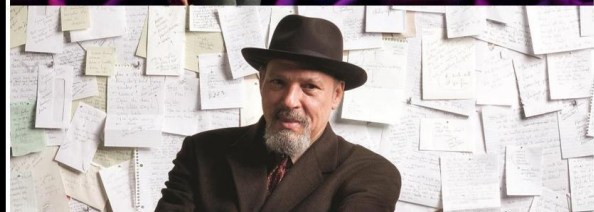
WINDRUSH FOUNDATION

Windrush Foundation Presentation

On Wednesday 18th October at 10am, Mr Arthur Torrington CBE, of the Windrush Foundation will be joining us at Kingsdale Foundation School to talk to Year 8 & 9 Leadership Groups and selected students about The Windrush.



Mr Torrington will also be discussing the amazing Black History Month Panels that he has so generously loaned to the school throughout the month of October. These panels have been used extensively in black history teaching sessions with the students and are located in the main school Atrium.



GRAND FINAL

August Wilson **MONOLOGUE COMPETITION**

Selected from over 1000 performances across years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Finalists will perform their monologues in front of a live audience.

Join us as we celebrate Black History Month with the work of America's greatest playwright.

POD | Kingsdale Foundation School | Free entry

Thursday 19th October @ 6.00-8.00PM

Featuring inspirational special guests from the world of theatre.

DEBATE NEWS

Model United Nations News

Saturday 7th October saw students from Years 10, 11 and 12 take part in their first Model United Nations (MUN) Conference of the year at Alleyn's School alongside a mixture of state and private schools from across London and the South-east. Representing China, Pakistan, Australia and Hungary, the students had a fantastic day debating a variety of world issues and received a talk on the challenges of Artificial intelligence from Lord Jim Knight.

'The dangers of technology and the legacies of colonialism were discussed. All very serious real-world topics which we debated at the 2023 Alleyn's Model United Nations. Within my council, I argued with the UK over my country (China's) colonisation, funded the very enthusiastic German plan to send both Vladimir Putin and Elon Musk to space and attempted to prevent the genocide of the human race. And failed. The MUN was a thrilling, invigorating experience complemented with free pastries, and I very much encourage all to take part.'

Jess Gavin Elias in Year 10

A huge well done to all students who attended, particularly those who were attending an MUN for the first time.



If you are interested in taking part in Model United Activity and in debating, please contact the following teachers:

Year 7: Ms Stewart & Ms Redfern

Year 8: Mr Muhammed

Year 9: Ms Benmeriem

Year 10: Ms Kirby Reynolds

Year 11: Mr Burke

6th form: Mr Burke

Humanties@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

SCHOOL NEWS



Duke of Edinburgh Award Update

1. Students who are in Years 9 - 13 and are not yet enrolled on the scheme are welcome to join the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Further details on how to join, including an information assembly and registration/login details has been sent separately. Please note that the final date to pay the registration fee is Tuesday 31st October 2023.
2. Students who are already enrolled on the Bronze DoE programme but who did not go out on expedition in the 2022-23 academic year will be schedule to go on an expedition this term. Further details have been sent to these students and parents separately, including training dates and expedition times. Parent Pay (EVOLVE) has now opened to allow parental payments.
3. Students who are already enrolled on the Silver DoE programme but who did not go out on their final expedition in July 2023 will be going out this term. Further details have been sent separately.
4. Students who have completed their Bronze aware and who are considering joining the Silver award programme have received details on this programme by email. Registration must be completed and fee paid via our EVOLVE payment site before 30th November 2023.

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

Please remember that if students miss the sign-up date this year, they are still able to take part the following academic year.



Neighbourhoods Fund 2024/25



Policing Community Conversations Event 2nd November 2023

Parents are warmly invited to take part in a Community Conversation on Policing and Community Safety organised by Southwark Council on 2nd November between 6 & 7pm in the Golden Room at Kingswood House, Seeley Road, Dulwich Wood, Southwark, SE21 8QN.

The entrance to the event will be from the terrace at the back of the building through the 'Palm Court', which is the Orangery of the house.

There will be opportunities to:

- Hear about the Met's recently published Policing and Community Safety Plan for London, to improve trust, reduce crime and raise policing standards
- Share views about local policing and propose new ways the council and the community can shape local policing and help to improve community safety

This free conference will be hosted by Cllr Dora Dixon-Fyle, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, with key speakers, Detective Chief Superintendent Seb Adjei-Addoh, BCU Commander for Lambeth and Southwark.

The Conversation will begin at 6.00pm (doors open at 5.45pm) and food & refreshments will be available.

Places are limited, so if you would like to take part, please book your place as soon as you can using the link provided below.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-jzqxkx>

If you have any questions about the event or if you can't make it to this event, but would like to send in your suggestions via email to us at communitysafety@southwark.gov.uk

Succeeding in GCSE Languages

26th September 2023

Succeeding in GCSE Languages

On 26th September, the Languages Faculty held its annual Succeeding in GCSE Languages evening. During the event, we shared some useful tips for parents and students to improve their language skills ahead of their examinations.



10 Tips for Parents

1. Be positive about language learning and avoid sharing horror stories of your own experiences!
2. Take an interest in what your child is learning and help them work out how language learning will benefit them.
3. New (school year's) resolution – Learn the language with your child!
4. Test your child using their vocabulary booklets/verb endings.
5. Look through their book with them and encourage them to check their work for errors and redraft written pieces in green pen.
6. Encourage them to read through their notes and prepare questions to ask their teacher for clarification of concepts not understood.
7. Encourage them to prepare a bank of phrases which can be used on a variety of topics, using structures that they have learnt in class instead of relying on a dictionary.
8. Encourage them to use www.wordreference.com to look up individual words instead of relying on online translators.
9. Track your child's progress via Go4Schools.
10. Your child will never have "no language homework"!

Always encourage the use of Memrise/Quizlet. Little and often works best! Contact us with any queries via languages@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

LANGUAGE NEWS

10 Tips for Students

1. Have a positive attitude towards language studies and come prepared to each lesson.
2. Participate fully in class, asking as many questions as possible.
3. Changing social media accounts / phones into the foreign language and follow some Instagram, YouTube and TikTok accounts that will help with your language learning (**age restrictions apply**).
4. Test yourself regularly on vocabulary – ask someone at home to help you.
5. Make the most of the online resources, such as Memrise, remembering little and often works best.
6. Use past paper questions accessed via revision world and Edexcel /WJEC website.
7. Free writing: give yourself 20 minutes to write without any resources about a topic using different tenses and structures learnt in class. Hand it in to your teacher to get feedback.
8. Find something to watch in another language and change the language on your Netflix, Prime or Disney+ account!
9. Listen to foreign music, radio and news to improve your listening skills.
10. Use apps and websites to learn the language independently.

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.

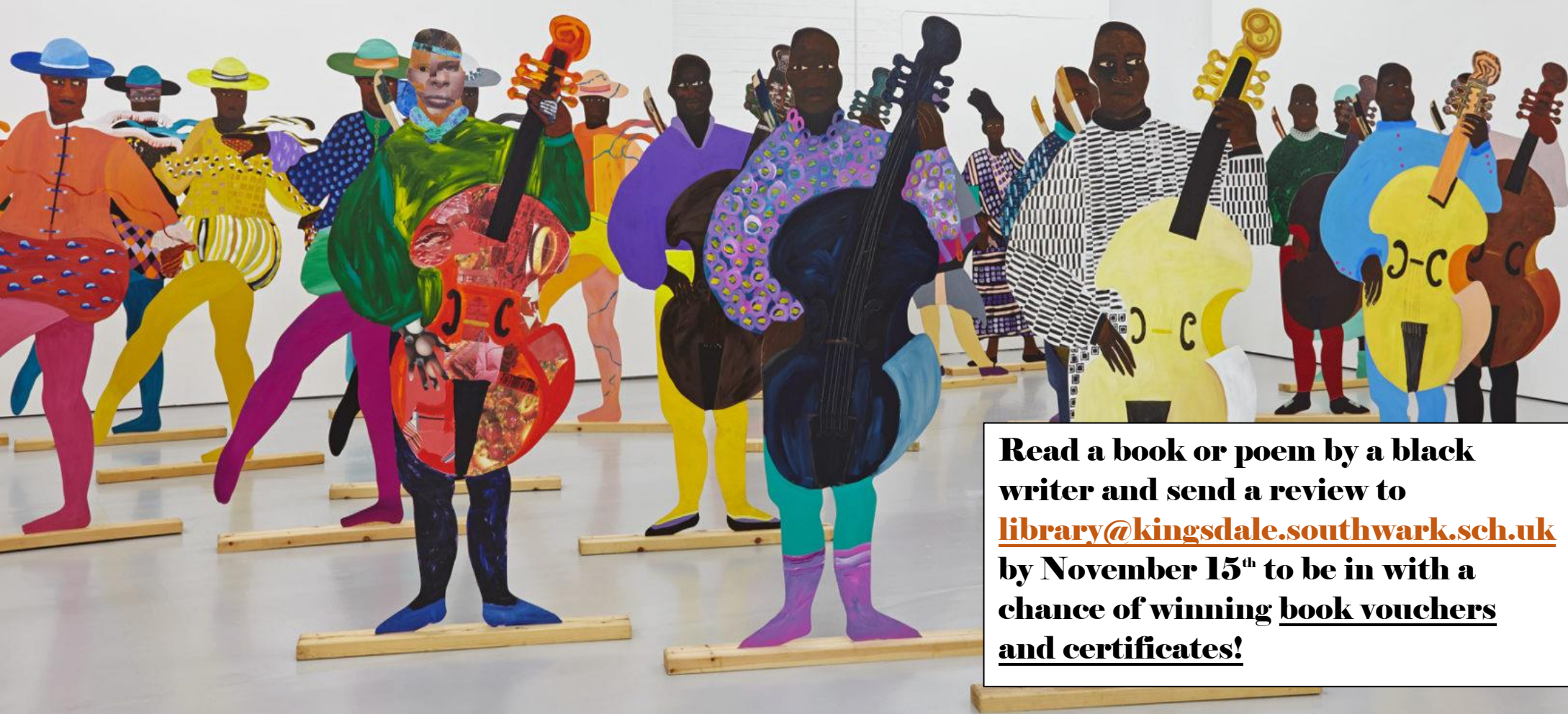
We appreciate that students, parents, carers or guardians may wish to speak to someone outside of school hours or may wish to disclose an incident or concern confidentially or anonymously. Our two confidential emails are:

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.

**SAFE
ZONE**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH LIBRARY CHALLENGE: READ MORE BLACK WRITERS!



Read a book or poem by a black writer and send a review to library@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk by November 15th to be in with a chance of winning book vouchers and certificates!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023



HUMANITIES NEWS – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

What is the Humanities faculty doing to celebrate Black History Month?

All Key Stage 3 students will be studying a black history enquiry throughout the month:

- **Year 7** Why did Christianity remain the religion of the Axumites?
- **Year 8** How did civilisation flourish in Benin?
- **Year 9** How have black people struggled against racial injustice in Britain in the 20th century?
- Windrush 75 Tannoy – this year also coincides with the Windrush's 75 year commemoration.

The History department will be providing a list of individuals/groups from the Windrush generation to be read out during the morning's tannoy.

- The UK BHM's theme this year is 'Saluting our Sisters', which focuses on the overlooked stories of black women who have contributed to society.

We are running an open competition for all students to submit a piece of work under this theme; it could be an essay, a poster, a song, a poem, a pamphlet etc. More information will be given in lessons and tutor time.

- There will be BHM assemblies run by year 12 History students.
- Big History Club on 17th October will be focusing on 'Saluting our Sisters', focusing on the often lesser heralded (and indeed often not named) contributions of black women.

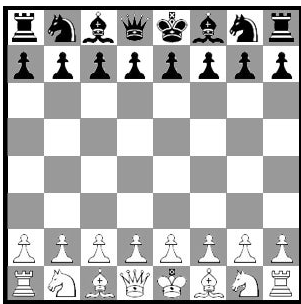


Contact us with any queries via humanities@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

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

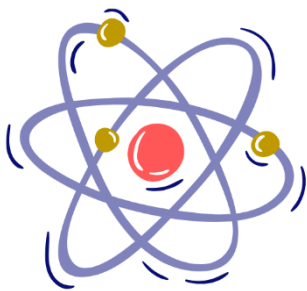
Food Science Year 7 and 8
Love of Food Club

Tuesday 15:45 to 17:00 in FS2

Autumn Term 2023

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|------------|---------------------------------|
| 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



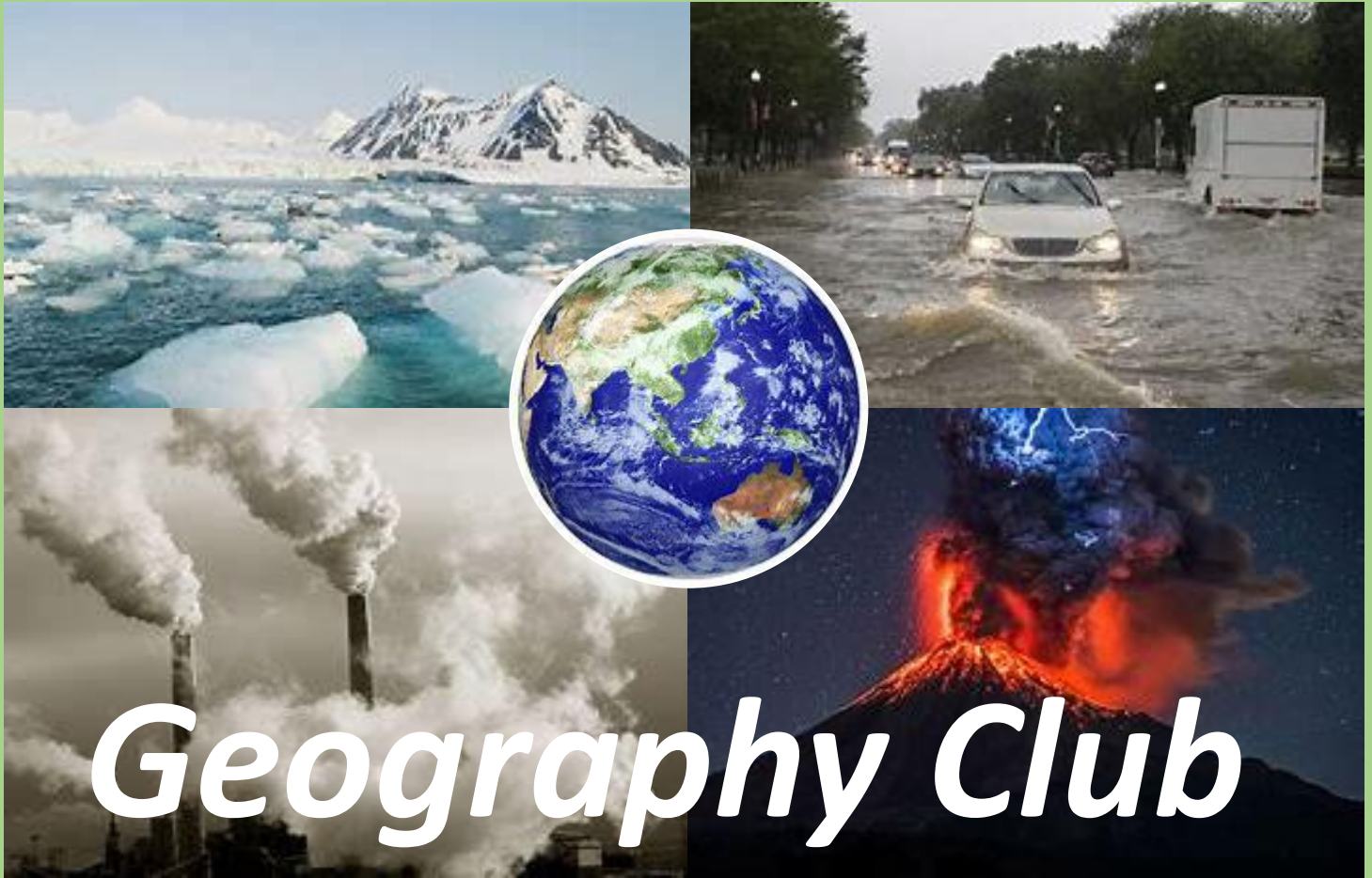
Science Club

Remember our **Science club** for Year 7 & 8 takes place every Wednesday after school, starting at **3.45pm** in SC8. Everyone is welcome.

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

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





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 at 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.

Come along and watch documentaries, play games, discuss and debate current geographical topics and eat snacks!

Open to all Year 7s - see Ms Darvill or Ms 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 have now started, except for the Year 7 Art Scholars' Club which begins after the half-term break.

The Year 8 Art Scholars' Club is by invitation only. There is no need to register for a place. Students just need 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 |



MATHS NEWS

Mathematics Scholarship Programme 2023-24 Notice Update Year 7 & 8 Scholarship sessions have started.

The remaining schedule for the Autumn term is as shown below.
The list of the groups has been posted on the year 7 & 8 respective Microsoft Teams' page.
Contact Mr Otieno with any queries via ooo@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

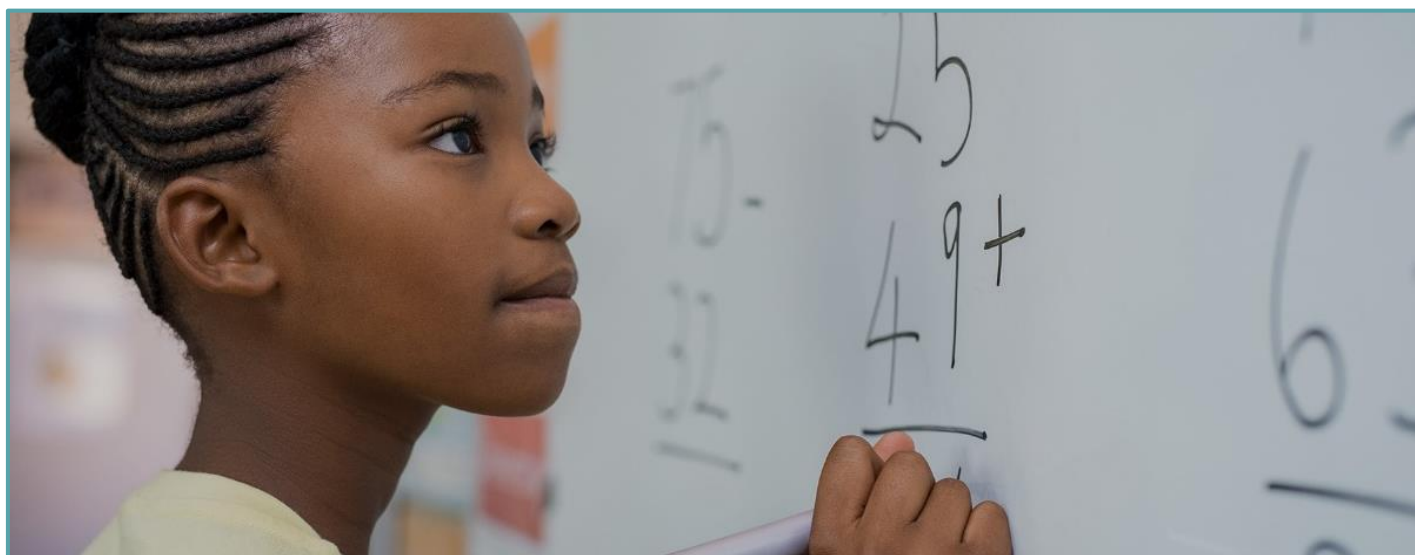
Year 7 Maths Scholarship Programme SCHEDULE AUTUMN TERM 2023 TIME: 15.50 – 16.35

| DATE | YEAR GROUP | TEACHER | ROOM |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------|
| 18 TH OCTOBER 2023 | YEAR 7A & YEAR 7B | Session 2: <i>Estimate the value of Pi</i> Mrs Deva & Mr Diedrick | AR4 |
| AUTUMN HALF TERM BREAK | | | |
| 8 TH NOVEMBER 2023 | YEAR 7C & YEAR 7D | Session 2: <i>Estimate the value of Pi</i> Ms Davis & Ms Lima Martins | AR5 |
| 15 TH NOVEMBER 2023 | YEAR 7A & YEAR 7B | Session 3: <i>Estimate the Area of a circle 1</i> Mrs Deva & Mr Diedrick | AR4 |
| 22 ND NOVEMBER 2023 | YEAR 7C & YEAR 7D | Session 3: <i>Estimate the Area of a circle 1</i> Ms Davis & Ms Lima Martins | AR5 |
| 29 TH NOVEMBER 2023 | YEAR 7A & YEAR 7B | Session 4: <i>Estimate the Area of a circle 2</i> Ms Deva & Mr Diedrick | AR4 |
| 6 TH DECEMBER 2023 | YEAR 7C & YEAR 7D | Session 4: <i>Estimate the Area of a circle 2</i> Mi Davis & Ms Lima Martins | AR5 |
| 13 TH DECEMBER 2023 | Year 11 Parent's Evening | | Online |
| 20 TH DECEMBER 2023 | YEAR 7A & YEAR 7B | Session 5: "Proper" formula for area of a circle Mrs Deva & Mr Diedrick | AR4 |

MATHS NEWS cont.

Year 8 Maths Scholarship Programme SCHEDULE AUTUMN TERM 2023 TIME: 16.20 – 17.05

| DATE | YEAR GROUP | TEACHER | ROOM |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------|
| 18 TH OCTOBER 2023 | YEAR 8A & YEAR 8B | Session 2 <i>Exploring triangles</i> Mrs Terziu & Ms Cherepanova | MA3 |
| AUTUMN HALF TERM BREAK | | | |
| 8 TH NOVEMBER 2023 | YEAR 8C & YEAR 8D | Session 2 <i>Exploring triangles</i> Mr Prior & Ms Burney | MA4 |
| 15 TH NOVEMBER 2023 | YEAR 8A & YEAR 8B | Session 3 <i>Construct triangles 1</i> Mrs Terziu & Ms Cherepanova | MA3 |
| 22 ND NOVEMBER 2023 | YEAR 8C & YEAR 8D | Session 3 <i>Construct triangles 1</i> Mr Prior & Ms Burney | MA4 |
| 29 TH NOVEMBER 2023 | NO SESSION Year 8 Exam week | | |
| 06 TH DECEMBER 2023 | YEAR 8A & YEAR 8B | Session 4 <i>Construct triangles 2</i> Mrs Terziu & Ms Cherepanova | MA3 |
| 13 TH DECEMBER 2023 | Year 11 Parent's evening | | Online |
| 20 TH DECEMBER 2023 | YEAR 8C & YEAR 8D | Session 4 <i>Construct triangles 2</i> Mr Prior & Ms Burney | MA4 |





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 |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 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 Mathematics. 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 Mathematics 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.

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

CALENDAR 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

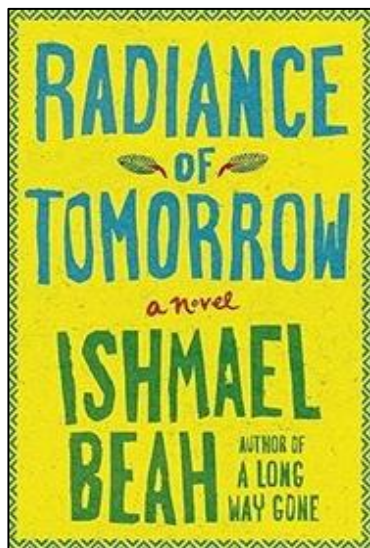
INSET DAY

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



Teacher Recommendation
Mr Cannicott from the English Department, recommends *Radiance of Tomorrow* by Ishmael Beah

A harrowing, fictionalised account of Sierra Leone's civil war, Beah's first novel is an affecting,

tender parable. Benjamin and Bockarie, two longtime friends who return to their hometown, Imperi, after the civil war. The village is in ruins, the ground covered in bones.

Mr Cannicott enjoyed reading an author with real-life experience of a country usually only covered by western journalists. It made for an authentic, if sad, read.

Some dark themes in this book means that it is suitable for students aged 15 years and older.

MATHS NEWS

Sparx Maths

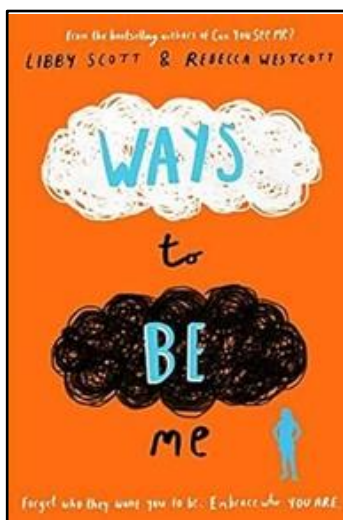
This year, Hegarty Maths has been upgraded to Sparx, which is being used to set homework tasks for Mathematics lessons.

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

Reading Recommendations



Student Recommendation
Seria Watson recommends *Ways To Be Me* By Libby cott

Being in the top class at school means a whole *host* of privileges, but even better than that is the school production - and Tally is convinced she'll win the lead role.

But at home, things aren't going so well. Mum and Dad have been making Tally feel pressured and upset and Tally wishes things didn't bother her so much - but they do, and sometimes she feels so misunderstood and frustrated, she could explode.

Then Tally's mum and dad tell her about something she's never heard about before. Something called autism. And everything changes.

Seriah enjoyed this book because the first-person perspective allowed her to access the narrator's emotions. Suitable for students aged 12 years and older.

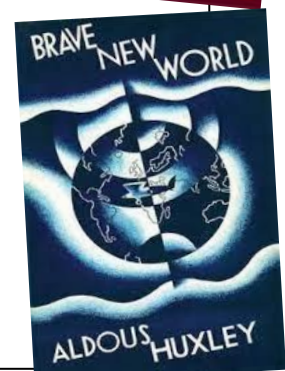
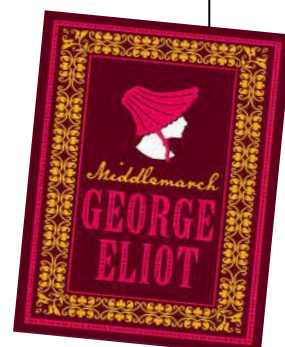
ENGLISH NEWS

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, some-thing 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](#)



SPORTS NEWS



English Schools' Athletics Association (ESAA) Cross Country Competition

A massive well done to all the students who took part in the ESAA Cross-Country Cup Round 1 competition which took place on Friday 6th October. A special mention goes to Sofia Mendes, Seren Yeatman, William Weyham, Shad Juan Bryan-Gray, Guy Barnett and Theo Gaymes who came in the top three for their races.

All five teams have qualified into the next round that will be held on Saturday 11th November in St Albans – good luck!



Summer 2024 PGL Watersports Trip Years 8 & 9

The PE Department are pleased to announce we are again running our annual PGL Watersports trip. This trip will take place in Ardeche, France in June 2024. This trip is open for all students who are currently in Year 8 and 9. For more information about what is included in the trip and the price, please see the link or QR code on the left.

If you would like to sign up your child up, please complete the Microsoft Form which can be accessed [here](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mr Pizzey apy@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk or Miss Findlay ofy@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk.

PGL Ardèche Watersports Adventure - Domaine de Segries, Ardèche - June 2024



Cycle Confidence Course

The Sport, Health & Recreation Faculty will be running a Cycle Confidence Course at the school again this year. 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:

Monday 11th March 2024

Tuesday 12th March 2024

Wednesday 13th March 2024

Thursday 14th March 2024

Friday 15th March 2024

Contact pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk for more information.

SPORTS NEWS cont.



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 (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

Big History Club!

For Key Stage 3 and 4 Students in HU6
Every other Tuesday from 4.15pm 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 next session on **Tuesday 17th October** we will be discussing

What is the Black History Month?
with Mr Attar

Bring along any knowledge you already have, and ideas for future sessions.



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SEND FACULTY NEWS



Dyslexia Assist

By Parents for Parents : By Children for Children

Dyslexia Assist for Parents

Dyslexia Assist is a small charity started by parents with dyslexic children to share information, tips, ideas and experiences. They aim to help you help your child. You can't 'cure' dyslexia but there are plenty of websites and learning programmes that will take your money and claim they can. Even when your child's difficulties are recognised, it can be hard to get the support he/she needs throughout education. You can best help children by finding the right support for them and building on their strengths to tackle their difficulties.

Hopefully, Dyslexia Assist will help you hang on in there, as things gets easier.

Website here: [CLICK](#)

ADHD AWARENESS OCTOBER 2023

MOVING FORWARD WITH ADHD

ADHD: Support for Parents

Please find listed below some groups, forums and websites to support parents and children with ADHD.

- **Southwark ADHD:** Parent/Carer Support Group: Website Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009587374961>
- **Lambeth ADHD:** Parents/Carers support group meets at Effra Early Year's Centre, 35 Effra Parade, Brixton SW2 1PL. For further details and to join the mailing list, please email: lambethadhd@hotmail.co.uk
- **YoungSibs:** UK-wide online support service for siblings under 18 who have a brother or sister who is disabled or has special educational needs or a serious long-term condition including ADHD <https://www.sibs.org.uk/youngsibs/>
- **Contact:** Provides support, information and advice for families with children with disabilities or other conditions including ADHD. Also runs family workshops and activities. Free online chat service available. 0808 808 3555 helpline@contact.org.uk

ADDISS (The National Attention Deficit Disorder Information and Support Service) provides information, moderated online forums and local support groups. 020 8952 2800 info@addiss.co.uk



New 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.



ADHD Awareness Month:

Free Resources for Parents/Caregivers

For ADHD Awareness Month, The Reach Institute are committed to supporting parents/caregivers and those who have been diagnosed with ADHD. Together, we can increase awareness! Below is a list of REACH-recommended resources on ADHD, including the future of ADHD, common comorbidities, treatment & management of ADHD, and strategies for parents/caregivers.

What is ADHD?

Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is one of the most common behavioural health disorders, affecting approximately 9% of all children and adolescents. ADHD challenges a child's ability to focus, follow directions, stay organized, manage time. ADHD can also affect academics, relationship, mental health and substance issues later in life. Early intervention and prevention are key.

What are the common signs & symptoms?

When it comes to ADHD signs and symptoms, every case is different. Some symptoms are more prevalent in boys. And, often the signs present differently for girls. Children may be inattentive, hyperactive, and/or impulsive. Common symptoms include the inability to sit still, difficulty concentrating or following directions, excessive talking and/or interrupting, impulsive behaviour, fidgeting, having a short attention span, difficulty staying organized, completing tasks, managing time.

The Future of ADHD, What's New:

- ADDitude webinar: The Future of ADHD, presented by REACH Founder, Dr. Peter Jensen – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKz0JW0lly0>
- New treatments for ADHD, Dr. Laurence Greenhill: <https://thereachinstitute.org/new-treatments-for-adhd/>

The School Shop

A reminder that our School Shop is now open during the school day to enable students to purchase a range of useful items that they might need. This includes stationary and uniform items; all of which can be purchased using their school fob. The School Shop is located in the main Atrium nearest to the green stairs.



Lost Property

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

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

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

Calling all Budding Student Journalists!

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

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

Click image to open the latest edition!



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

SCHOOL NEWS



KFS Uniform Bank

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

The Uniform Bank will also be open between 3.45 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.



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.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



A Celebration of Black People and Their Achievements

October is Black History Month in the UK; an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years.

The month was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations.

Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just African and Caribbean people but black people in general.



STUDENT TASK:

Create a piece of original artwork on the theme of: "A celebration of inspirational black people and their achievements."

HOW TO ENTER:

Submit your entry to the House Team:
housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk
 Ensure your entry is accompanied by your full name, tutor group and House.

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

Recycle Week

Recycle Week 2023 will take place between 16th and 22nd October 2023. This year's theme - The Big Recycling Hunt - focuses on "missed capture": the items that can be recycled but are commonly missed in the home.

The **Recycling Locator** helps you recycle items in your local area. Use it to find out:

- where to recycle a specific item
- what to put in your recycling at home
- your nearest recycling locations.

www.recyclenow.com/recycling-locator

Learn how to recycle better

Adult vs child quiz

1. What recycling containers do you have (e.g. green wheelie bin, small brown bin)?
2. Take the adult vs child quiz! Complete the table with your guesses about where each item should go when you're done with it?
3. Use the Recycling Locator to check your answers and note down any special instructions (e.g. leave the lid on or flatten).

Who is the Recycling Champion?

| Item | Where does it go? | | | Notes |
|--|-------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| | Me | Adult 1 | Adult 2 | |
| 1. Plastic pots, tubs or trays | | | | |
| 2. Plastic detergent or cleaning bottles | | | | |
| 3. Plastic shampoo and conditioner bottles | | | | |
| 4. Aerosols | | | | |
| 5. Food cans and tins | | | | |
| Total | | | | |

STUDENT TASK:

Create your own poster that teaches about climate change and demonstrates the damaging effects of climate change.

HOW TO ENTER:







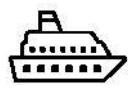

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HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Black History Month Quiz

Questions:

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1. Who was the first black woman in space?
 2. What is the name of a famous spider, often spoken about in African stories?
 3. Which month is Black History Month celebrated in the UK?
 4. Whose iconic speech included the words 'I have a dream'?
 5. What did Rosa Parks refuse to do in 1955?
 6. Name 3 Caribbean Islands.
 7. Where in London, since 1966, does an annual carnival take place?
 8. Nelson Mandela was the president of which country?
 9. Which famous black nurse died in London in 1881 after saving many British soldiers during the Crimean War?
 10. Who was the first black president of America?
 11. Name 3 African countries...
 12. Name 3 of the fruits in Handa's basket from the book Handa's Surprise.
 13. Laurie Cunningham was the first black football player to represent England in an international match, where in London was he from?
 14. Queen Nefertari was queen of which country?
 15. Which famous black British artist's recent project had photographic portraits of over 75,000 Year 3 school children displayed at the Tate Britain?
 16. Unscramble these words to spell out an African country:
 - a. NAYKE.....
 - b. AGRINIE.....
 - c. BIZAMA.....
 17. Why is the Port of Tilbury in Essex significant in black British History?
 18. Name the tallest animal living in Africa?
 19. What is the longest river in the world called and in which continent can it be found?
 20. What is the next line in this Bob Marley song? 'Don't worry about a thing...

House Competitions cont.

House Competition Winners!

I cooked my own Autumnal breakfast: porridge topped with banana slices and honey.
Congratulations go to Francesca Fitzgerald, Year 9, Swift House.



SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO DEAL WITH UPSETTING CONTENT

A Guide for Parents and Carers

Raising children in the digital age seems to be getting tougher, with the world currently experiencing so many uncertainties. From climate change to the war in Ukraine and the conflict in Israel, right now children across the globe can scarcely go online without being exposed to unsettling stories, images and ideas. Reassuring a concerned child can be difficult, especially when bad news feels omnipresent. We've put together some advice to help you in discussing upsetting events with young ones.

1 FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD KNOWS

There are many ways that children are exposed to upsetting content in the media, both online and offline. Before swamping your child with information, find out what they know already. Show them you're interested in what they have to say, practice active listening and try to gauge how much your child has been impacted by what they've seen.



2 RIGHT TIME, RIGHT PLACE

Starting a conversation about upsetting content probably isn't the best idea when your child is studying for an exam or about to go to bed. Choose a time when they're relaxed and open to talking, to make sure you have their full attention. Remember, these conversations can become emotional, so choose somewhere your child feels safe and comfortable.



3 KEEP IT AGE APPROPRIATE

With younger children, try and keep the conversation more general and avoid leading questions and complex detail. You can go slightly deeper into the specifics with young teenagers but keep monitoring their emotional response. With older teens, you can be more open about the realities and consequences of what's happening – but again, do stay aware of their emotional state.



4 EMPHASISE HOPE

Upsetting content can make anyone feel angry, scared, sad or overwhelmed. Try to find stories of hope, generosity and strength related to the content you're discussing. Children often feel reassured when they know they can do something to help, so encourage your child's sense of control through activities which make them feel they're positively impacting the events they're concerned about.



5 MONITOR REACTIONS

All children react differently, of course, and young people might not directly say that they're scared, angry, anxious, confused or uncomfortable. Emotional reactions are natural when discussing upsetting topics, so take note of your child's body language and reactions. Allow them to express their feelings in a non-judgmental space and try to stay mindful of how they might be feeling.



6 CONSIDER YOUR OWN EMOTIONS

It's not only young people who find upsetting news difficult to process: adults also have to deal with strong emotions in moments of stress. Children develop coping strategies by mirroring those around them, so staying on top of how you appear to be regulating your emotion on the outside is important for supporting your child through worrying times.



7 SET LIMITS

Managing screen-time and content can be difficult even in normal circumstances, but especially in unusual or stressful periods (at the start of the pandemic, for example). It's virtually impossible to keep children away from upsetting content completely, but it's important to try to limit exposure by using parental controls, talking about the dangers of harmful content and enforcing screen-time limits.



8 TAKE THINGS SLOWLY

Try not to overwhelm your child with information all at once; instead, take the discussion one step at a time. You could make the first conversation a simple introduction to a potentially upsetting subject and then wait until your child is ready to talk again. Opening the door to the conversation and demonstrating that your child can talk to you about this type of issue is a vital first step.



9 ENCOURAGE QUESTIONS

Online, troubling images, posts, videos and stories are shared across multiple platforms, many of which your child might access. Even if the content is actually inappropriate, encourage your child to discuss what they saw instead of being angry at them for seeing it. Children are still learning that not everything online is accurate – you want to be their ultimate source of information, not their device.



10 FIND A BALANCE

There's often a tremendous compulsion to stay right up to date with events. Our phones frequently send us push notifications urging us to read the latest article or view the most recent video on social media. It's essential to remind your child that it's healthy to take regular breaks, and to focus on positive events instead of 'doomscrolling' and risking becoming overwhelmed by bad news.



11 BUILD RESILIENCE

News has never been more accessible. While our instinct may be to shield children from upsetting stories, it's important that they're equipped with the tools to manage this content when they are exposed to it. Talk about upsetting content more generally with your child and emphasise that they can always tell you or a trusted adult if something they see makes them feel uneasy.



12 IDENTIFY HELP

It's hugely important that children know where to find support if they encounter upsetting content online. Encourage them to open up to an adult that they trust, and make sure they're aware of who their trusted adults are. It is essential that children understand that they're not alone, and that help is available if and when they need it.



Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is the director of FaceUp South Africa, which is a reporting system that is currently being used by schools and companies to fight bullying around the world. FaceUp helps give a voice to bystanders by encouraging them to speak up and get the help they not only want but need.



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Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/health-6047806> | <https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/> | <https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>



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SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 16th October

- No Planned Fixtures/Events

Tuesday 17th October

- Under-14s Girls' Netball Away Game against Charter School, North Dulwich. Leave school at 2pm. 3pm Start. Return at 5pm approx.: **Ms Findlay**

Wednesday 18th October

- Under-14s Boys' Football Home Game against Hurtsmere School. Leave school at 3pm. 3.45pm Start. Return at 5.45pm approx.: **Mr Foster/Mr Price**
- Under-16s Girls' Netball (Sports Hall) Home Game against Charter School, North Dulwich. 4pm Start. Finish at 5.15pm approx.: **Ms Thomas**
- Mixed Girls/Boys Beach Volleyball at Crystal Palace Arena against Charter School, North Dulwich. 7.15am Start. Return at 8.45am approx.: **Mr Price**

Thursday 19th October

- Under-13s Boys' Rugby Away Game against The Quest Academy. Leave school at 1.30pm. 2.30pm Start. Return at 4.30pm approx.: **Mr Roberts/Mr Price**

Friday 20th October

- No Planned Fixtures/Events

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



HOUSE NEWS

Online Safety Corner

For this week's Online Safety focus, we are supporting children to deal with upsetting online content with some useful conversation starters.

PLEASE READ!! Remember to keep an open dialogue with your child about their activities online. See the page 23.

Managing your Online Data: Free Support for Parents - Courtesy of Parent Zone

If you're looking for some quick and easy tips to manage your data and privacy online, Parent Zone, the experts in media literacy, will be live streaming a short 6 minute video on **17th October at 4:30pm**. The video can be watched via the YouTube link below and can be watched back any time.

<https://youtu.be/PcjGGT42hX0>

You can find even more resources to help your family build habits to feel more in control online here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/pzlocal/southwark>

Celebrating Black History Month



Someone shared in our House Assemblies recently was the amazing work of **Katherine Johnson**

Date of Birth:

26th August 1918

Place of Birth:

West Virginia, USA

Date of Death:

24th February 2020

One of the first African-American women to work as a NASA scientist. Famously, astronaut John Glenn refused to fly in the 1962 *Friendship 7* mission unless Johnson had checked the calculations. Glenn's successful flight around the Earth marked a turning point in the space race between the USA and the Soviet Union. Johnson was later called upon to help calculate the trajectory for the 1969 *Apollo 11* mission, which led to the first man walking on the moon.

Katherine co-authored 26 scientific papers. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015 and the Silver Snoopy Award, a special honour for outstanding NASA employees, in 2016.

The House Leader Board 2023-24

Week ending 13th October 2023

1st Place – Dove **8,707** Points

2nd Place – Swift **8,545** Points

3rd Place – Falcon **8,067** Points

4th Place – Albatross **7,728** Points

5th Place – Eagle **7,108** Points

DOVE have retained the lead this week for the second time in the top spot.

Swift has stayed in 2nd place.

It is still early in the race. What will happen this week?