

## Checkmate Production Stuns Audiences

*Students show their talent in spectacular display*



Lights...camera...ACTION! Kings students proved they know how to put on a wonderful showcase in the two consecutive performances of *Checkmate*. Devised by Mrs Goddard, the play centres around a number of characters who find their lives controlled by Fate, and looks at how we can be in control of our own destiny.

The production saw stand out performances from the main cast, as well as superb shows from the supporting chorus. Michael Staunton's turn as the character of Fate was controlled and consistent, while Jasmine Mackenzie played her Dolly Parton loving character, Claire, with humour and flair! The programme also showed a sense of originality, with students writing excerpts about themselves and their performances (with many comedic undertones!)

Josh Betteridge led a tribute to the Performing Arts department on the Friday evening. Miss Nelson, Mrs Goddard and Mr Wickenden took to the stage to collect their gifts, and congratulated the students on their hard work and dedication to the production. We're hopeful that younger students were inspired and look forward to taking part in future shows.

# Checkmate



## Castles competition produces creative constructions



In the last few weeks, the Humanities Faculty ran their annual Castle Competition, where Year 7 were required to design and construct a 3D castle. As is the tradition, the entries were, of course, outstanding. Every student produced a brilliant castle, all with their own remarkable project idea. From recycled sweet wrappers to stone embellishments, all were very unique. The winners were determined through a vote, this concluded:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Morgan Markson [7TCO](#)

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Daisy Maidment [7JWA](#)

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Natalie Dalrymple [7SJA](#)

Each student received Behaviour Watch points and prizes which were presented in an assembly. The Humanities Faculty were delighted with all the students' efforts! Well done to all of Year 7 on their tremendous and very imaginative masterpieces.

## Maths Challenge updates

### Year 10

Eight Year 10 students took part in many higher level activities at a recent competition in Sandhurst, which required them to summon their inner Pythagoras! On 4th March, they indulged themselves in 5 rounds named after French food courses, all containing different subjects within mathematics. The event was held by FMSP (Further Maths Support Programme) whose aim is to inspire young people to take maths further after GCSEs. Whether that be A-levels, a degree, or even a career, this group of people are seriously nuts about maths!

Tia Jolliffe, Josh Betteridge, Georgia Ludlow, Sadia Hussain, Alex Poulter, Frank Crossley, Jacob Fuller and Harry Asprey competed against many other local schools. Team 2 from Kings was given a commendation award as they scored extremely highly in every round. Tia, Josh, Harry and Alex took away an extra praise certificate for this achievement. The eight students were also given amazing freebies, which they were very grateful for!

### Year 9:

Kings sent three teams to take part in the very competitive SHAPE Maths Challenge at Tomlinscote School on Thursday 5th March. All our students performed very well indeed against many other talented mathematicians from six other local schools. Our Year 9 team of Max Filley, Harvey Ford and Leila Aziz performed brilliantly and won their event by a good margin! An enthusiastic Head of Maths, Miss Herniman, was clearly thrilled at the result saying, *'It is great to see our students from all year groups enjoying the event so much.'*

Thank you to the whole Maths department for organising these fantastic opportunities that help further their education. Well done to all the participants! Keep up the great work!



## World Book Day



Reading is one of the most encouraged activities at Kings; World Book Day is just one of the events where we see the students' fascination with books come to life!

On 3rd March, the annual event was celebrated through a number of interactive games; a book trail was set up by Ms Phillips and the Library Assistants, which saw students exploring the school to find clues and answer questions about popular books and authors. After so many students answered correctly, the winner was chosen 'out of a hat' - congratulations to Chloe Cox 8LWI!



A bookmark designing competition was also launched; the winner will have their design made into bookmarks for students at Kings to use. Watch this space for an announcement of a winner! On top of all this, there was a puzzle that involved

students guessing which staff member was promoting their favourite book. We've certainly seen the students get to grips with their inner bookworms this year! We look forward to this event growing even more in the coming years.

## Gideons visit for Year 7

We were very pleased to welcome The Gideons International to Kings again this year to speak to Year 7 about their work and Christian beliefs.

In an informative presentation, Roger Howes and his team explained how and why the Gideons present copies of the New Testament and Psalms to a wide variety of organisations including the armed forces, police, hospitals and thousands of secondary students across the UK.

Since 1948, 30 million copies of the New Testament and Psalms have been given away in the UK. Year 7 were all offered copies which they will be able to use to help them with their Religious Studies homework.

Year 7 were praised by all of the visitors for their excellent behaviour and thoughtful contributions. They added that they were looking forward to their visit to Kings next year.

## Science Week excites students from all year groups

During the week commencing 18th March, **British Science Week** definitely went off with a BANG here at Kings! From a marshmallow and spaghetti competition to an A-level titration task, the students portrayed their fascination for science in a variety of ways!

In the LRC, the marshmallow and spaghetti competition took place. Despite this sounding very unscientific, methodical skills were certainly required! The participants had to build the highest tower possible out of these sweet and savoury products. It may sound simple, but the construction also had to hold a Cadbury's Crème Egg for 30 seconds—which is much harder than it may seem! Many teams took part and showed their impeccable resilience when building the towers.

The winning Easter Eggs went to Elizabeth Ford, Kimberley Walsh and Amy Furnell in Year 7. Though their creation wasn't the tallest, it held the Crème Egg for 30 seconds in a portrayal of strength. Prizes were also given to the group who built the tallest tower, which included George Asprey and Charlie Crossley in Year 8. Well done to all the participants who took part as this was clearly a well enjoyed activity! Great work!

However, this wasn't the end of National Science Week! Many pupils, from a variety of year groups, also took part in a titration task after school. Not only did they have to perform the experiment, but they also had to work out A-level calculations. Numerous teams participated so Mrs Welmers (Head of Science) decided to award a KS3 winner and a KS4 winner. KS4 prizes went to Bethany Jordan, Aimee Simpson and Rebecca Browning, while KS3 saw a tie between Filipe Gomes, Miguel Cartaxo and George Asprey, and Alex Lively, Thomas Denbigh and Calumn Paterson.

The winners were awarded HMV vouchers and many sweet treats for contributing. Well done to all the winners and the other participants as all were very close to the correct answer.

Alongside these events were a visit from Year 6 students from South Camberley Primary school and an event in KS3 lessons that involved turning copper coins to 'gold'. Years 10 and 11 also took part in some chemistry demonstrations—there are 2 videos on the Kings website that can be viewed of both demonstrations—definitely worth a watch!

A huge thank you to the Science Department for all their fantastic organisation!



## Sport Relief charity day shows students' and staffs' competitive sides!



A fun-filled day was had by all for a superb cause! Sport Relief, the bi-annual BBC charity event, saw students in trainer mufti, running round the astro-turf and chanting for their favourite team in a tense dodgeball tournament...

Organised by the PE Department, the day was a huge success in encouraging sportsmanship, fitness and a charitable outlook. Students and staff paid £1 to wear mufti—with the proviso being that trainers had to be worn in preparation for a mile-long run (or walk!) around the astro-turf. Students from South Camberley

Primary joined staff and students here to see how many laps they could complete around the pitch. The atmosphere was positive, with many choosing to run despite the crowds and chilly weather. A scrumptious cake sale also took place in the main hall, with sweet treats being the rewards for those who exerted such wonderful energy!

Then, period 6 arrived...it was time for the showdown of all showdowns in what turned out to be the most competitive sport of all—dodgeball! Teams of Year 11 girls took on the female staff team, while the Year 11 boys battled it out with the male staff team.

Only one team from each match could reign victorious, and after a dramatic set of matches, the Year 11 girls and male staff teams were crowned the winners. MVPs were also chosen for each team; congratulations to Rosai Vakacokovanua **11HBA**, Abdul Wahid **11NGO** (who is said to be still recovering after hearing the whole school chanting his name), Mr Vincent and Mrs Welmers.

Well done to everyone who took part in the events, and particularly to Mr Carnie, Miss Slaney and Mrs Digby for their organisation.



## Real Easter Egg competition



Camberley Youth for Christ challenged Year 7 to design a poster advertising the Real Easter Egg. Their poster had to be hand drawn, eye catching and include the story of Easter as this is unique to the Real Easter Egg. Launched in 2010, over one million eggs have been sold and have raised almost £200,000 for charity. Rachael Bevin, Director of Camberley Youth for Christ, praised all Year 7 for the high standard of their entries. She said that the quality of the work made judging very difficult, but after much discussion with her team the following students were selected as winners:

- Leah Tyson **7CDI**
- Grace De-Ath **7SJA**
- Aqil Choudhury **7TCO**
- Jasmine Forbes **7JWA**

When Rachael and Gabrielle (CYFC) awarded the Real Easter egg prizes they congratulated all 4 students on their excellent work which fulfilled the competition brief egg-cellently...!



## Discover Islam Exhibition



The RS Department was delighted to host the 'Discover Islam' exhibition at Kings, shortly after the half term holiday. Although the exhibition has been visited by over 20,000 people nationally, we are the first school in Camberley to have this fantastic opportunity. In Key Stage 3, all students study Islam and it is one of the religions studied as part of the RS GCSE.

The exhibition was a huge success, being visited by all students, many staff and the college governors. It aims to educate about Islam as well as promoting a better understanding of the religion and clear misconceptions through displays that explain key Muslim beliefs and practices.

Students were asked to give feedback after their visit. These were overwhelmingly positive with comments including:

- *'I learnt about the origin of Islam & their beliefs about issues and theories such as the start of the earth'* Yr. 11 student
- *'It gives us a greater understanding and clears misconceptions.'* Yr. 10 student
- *'It allows you to really think about others and why they act/dress in a certain way'* Yr. 8 student

We would like to thank Gemal and Dr. Mohammad Patel for kindly giving up their time to organise the exhibition and speak to students about their faith.



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we will be celebrating the end of the Spring Term in House assemblies. Over 200 students will receive an award for high achievement, in one or more subject areas, and 82 students will receive a 100% attendance award. The award of Star Student was presented to 38 students for being 'Responsible' learners. What a wonderful end to the term!

Our students were set a two week attendance challenge and we are pleased to report that 354 students have been in school every day for the past fortnight,

Congratulations to our victorious Maths students and scientists, forensic readers, creative artists, members of the cast and crew of 'Checkmate' and the whole school for the phenomenal event that was Sports Relief!

While continuing the strong focus on study, especially with Year 11 students revising for their imminent GCSE examinations, Kings has certainly packed a great deal into four and a half weeks.

Best wishes

Judith Langley

## Dates for your diary

*Year 11 revision sessions during the Easter holidays—please check the website for up-to-date information*

**Summer term begins**  
**Monday 11th April**

**GCSE Art Practical examination**  
**Tuesday 19th and Thursday 28th April**

**GCSE Physical Education Practical examination**  
**Friday 22nd and Friday 29th April**

**GCSE Drama Practical examination**  
**Friday 29th April**

**Matilda Theatre Trip**  
**Thursday 28th April**

**May Day Bank Holiday**  
**Monday 2nd May**

**Summer 2016 examination series**  
**Tuesday 3rd May – Monday 27th June**

**Year 8 HPV Immunisations**  
**Monday 16th May**

**Year 8 Parents' Evening (college closes at 3:25pm)**  
**Wednesday 18th May**

**Summer Half Term**  
**Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June**

*Y11 dates to be aware of:*  
*Posh Togs Day—Friday 24th June*  
*Prom—Friday 8th July*  
*Summer 2016 results day—Thursday 25th August*  
*(arrangements for this day will be communicated in due course)*

If you are interested in becoming part of our growing and enthusiastic Parents' Association, please contact Mr Cooke:

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