

Open Evening 2016 welcomes prospective students and parents to Kings International College



It was a night of high energy and tangible enthusiasm when Kings opened its doors to Year 6 students and their parents on 13th October. Students and staff gathered to welcome guests to our college, inviting them to spend time in our departments to experience life at Kings. With two presentations from Mrs Langley (which included special talks from our Head Boy, Frank, and Head Girl, Georgia, and some other very brave students!) plus an array of activities on offer around the site, the atmosphere was incredibly positive, and many prospective students left with smiles on their faces. We look forward to seeing many of them for our July transition days in the Summer Term!

Cake sale for Macmillan raises vital funds



Our students have been known to have a sweet tooth and a cake sale is the perfect way to demonstrate that, especially when it goes hand in hand with raising money for a worthy cause! We have always been a charitable school and one charity we were eager to fundraise for was the Macmillan cancer charity. On Friday 30th September, Macmillan's coffee morning took place. These have been a great success in the past, and this one was no different.

Students and staff once again pulled together to make and buy cakes to sell during brunch. With a wide array of sweet treats available, the students were truly spoiled for choice! Due to their generosity we raised an impressive £348 for Macmillan. We're sure they will benefit from this donation and we hope our contribution makes people's lives easier. We would like to thank everyone who donated cakes, especially Mrs Digby for her organisation.

Maths Challenge Success—It All Adds Up!



On Friday 30th September, the annual Inter-House Maths Challenge saw students and staff buzzing about fractions, decimals and translations! Windsor, Mercia and Lancaster came head to head in 3 rounds, all requiring mathematical thinking skills. Teams from all over Key Stage 3 competed in a Treasure Hunt, Estimation Post-It challenge and Tarsia puzzle. As well as this, there were 10 extra sequence questions to solve at the same time, testing students' organisation skills as well as their mathematical prowess!

The results were:

1st — **Mercia** — Lizzie Ford, Tamanna Begum and Kim Walsh (Year 8)

2nd — **Windsor** — Filipe Gomes, Thomas Mills and Charlie Crossley (Year 9)

3rd — **Windsor** — Kamran Khan, Stan Warrener and Matthew Russell (Year 7)

This means that Windsor House were crowned the overall winners. The students were seen to have a fantastic time, showing their competitive spirit as well! Thank you to the Maths Department and the Year 10 students for their organisation of this event.



Student Leadership Conference at Wellington College



Informative, inclusive, inspirational. These are three words Kings students used to describe this year's student leadership conference. On 7th October, Frank Crossley (Head Boy), Georgia Ludlow (Head Girl), Tia Jolliffe (Windsor Prefect) and Lead Learning Ambassadors Joshua Betteridge and Lydia Westwood attended the 11th Annual Head of School Conference at Wellington College. Around 50 schools from all over the UK were present at the event, with a mixture of sixth formers and secondary school students, as well as those at the College.

The students got to discuss their roles with other heads of school, which allowed them to share their leadership visions with other students in similar positions. They watched two presentations, one from the Master of College and one from the previous deputy. The inspiring speeches taught the students about public speaking and the responsibility of being a student leader. This also consisted of how to tackle speeches on controversial subjects such as 'Only women should rule the world'.

Later on in the day, students discussed situations they may face as leaders as well as ways to develop student-teacher communication, which is something we strive to achieve at Kings, in many different ways. This wonderful experience is one that inspired students to thrive in their roles, and gave them invaluable advice. A big thank you goes to Miss Nelson for organising the event and Mrs Popple for accompanying the students on the day.

GCSE Results show how brightly our students can shine!

Kings is delighted to share a few of the considerable highlights from our 2016 GCSE results:

- **70% achieved 5 GCSEs at A* - C**
- **71% achieved an A* - C in English and Maths**
- **61% achieved 5 A* - C grades including English and Maths**
- **100% of those entered achieved A* - B in Biology and Physics, with 100% A* - C in Chemistry**
- **100% of students entered achieved A* - C in German, Spanish and Dance**
- **At least 80% A* - C in History, French, Science Core, Child Development, Food Technology, Drama and ICT**
- **At least 70% A* - C in Art, Science Additional, and Statistics.**



We are elated with the outstanding progress that these students have made during their time at Kings. This includes the performance of the most able students, who have achieved the highest grades across all subjects. We would like to send a heartfelt congratulations to our highly talented outgoing Year 11s, and wish them the best for their futures.

Kings welcomes pupils for a space themed day that's out of this world!



Though the weather may have been getting cooler during a Tuesday morning in October, the spirits of Year 6 pupils from Mytchett and The Grove Primary Schools certainly weren't affected! The pupils joined students and staff at Kings for 'A Journey Through Space and Time' on a fun-filled taster day. While the majority of the day was spent participating in animated activities in PE, Performing Arts, Maths, History, English and Geography, the afternoon was saved for a special showcase of the

day's accomplishments.

Parents of pupils arrived to watch the spectacular display of music and poetry, as well as some special performances by Kings students. The impressive showcase highlighted the skills that were gained during the day. We were delighted to have such wonderfully enthusiastic pupils joining us for the day, and hope to welcome them to Kings again!



Year 7 are buzzing about books once again!



Year 7 were delighted to receive their brand new reading books from Bookbuzz this half term. The Book Trust, which runs this fantastic scheme, provides books to school students at a greatly subsidised cost, allowing each student to get a book of their choice at no cost.

The books to choose from this year were wide in terms of both genre and style; for example, 'River of Ink' follows a boy who is washed up on the shore of the Thames

with no memory, while 'My Brother is a Superhero' is a comical story of sibling rivalry with a cape-wearing twist!

Students completed bookmarks indicating which book they desired and these have now been handed to students in a special assembly. They were thrilled, with many students eager to begin reading their exciting new books straight away! A special thank you goes to the Parents' Association for assisting with funding for Bookbuzz this year.

The English Department are running a competition for Year 7, asking them to write a review about their Bookbuzz book. House points will be available for each entry and awards for the best reviews will be given out next half term. Come on, Year 7, go for it!



Strive programme produces spectacular seating area



Thanks to the Strive programme for talented students, an unused space has been turned into a beautiful seating area for all to enjoy. Led by the Technology Department, students in Key Stage 3 joined forces to create the area, showing both creative flair and willingness to put in some serious elbow grease!

Year 9 students Chloe Cox and Sydney Williams said, *'We knew what space we had to work with, so the whole team thought of designs that would fit perfectly. We chose an 'L' shaped bench so that we could use the space to its full potential; then, a lovely parent donated some tyres, so we turned them into stools.'*

They continue, *'Some other parents donated shingle and decking, and a governor donated the extra picnic bench. Without these materials, we*

wouldn't have been able to create such a wonderful area, so we really are grateful for everything that was donated.'

The area was unveiled in July and has been a huge hit with students across the college. Congratulations to the Strive team and the Technology Department, and thank you to our wonderful parents for their generosity.



International Day of Peace 2016

In 1981, the UN declared 21st September as International Peace Day. This day is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

At the request of the United Nations, the Peace Crane Project was founded in 2013. Since this time, over one million children from all over the world are estimated to have taken part.

This is our first year of marking this important international event, which we have linked to the RS unit studied by Year 9 — 'Is religion always a good thing?'

Year 9 decorated and folded origami cranes to exchange with another group of students at Lalaji Memorial Omega International School, Chennai, India. For homework, they were asked to take a photo of their crane after placing it in their community in a place they felt represented peace. This will create a peace collage in college.

Journalist Liza Frenette wrote, *"Placed on a countertop, windowsill, in the crook of a tree, on a blackboard ledge, a sports field, a desk, a dining room table, or a bureau – or strung from a ceiling – the brightly colored cranes, so delicate, are whispers for peace."*



Sports Day—the results!



Sports Day in July 2016 saw some of the most thrilling action we've ever experienced! The whole day was a massive success, especially for Windsor as they sprinted their way to first place!



However, it was clear that Mercia and Lancaster made a valiant attempt and gave Windsor a run for their money. Our commentators, Mr Davies and Miss Morrish, provided us with plenty of humour and entertainment throughout the day. Whether students were jumping as high or long as they could, or running at the speed of light (well, close to it, anyway!), the cheering in each house could be heard across the whole campus. Fortunately, the weather was stunning—something we can never take for granted!



Congratulations to all who achieved first place in their events, and thank you to all the staff and students that helped to make Sports Day run as smoothly as possible. Also, a huge thank you to the PE Department for organising all the events.



Celebration of Achievement—winners from last term’s spectacular ceremony

Half Honours:

English	Maths	Science cont.	Technology and Art	Humanities
Calumn Paterson	Alex Osmond	Calumn Paterson	Lucy Rudd	Harry Asprey
Thomas Denbigh	Filipe Gomes	Megan Cowlard	Valentina Balbuena-Goni	Sadia Hussain
Lucy Briggs	Charlie Crossley	Sebastian Hayes	Leila Aziz	Tia Jolliffe
Emily Couper	Millie Green	Alexander Evans-Holmes	Maisie Elder	Evelyn O’Shea
Caitlin Russell		Alex Lively	Emily Cooper	
Leila Aziz		Shae Hayes	Adam Hooper	
Poppy Maidment		Thomas Denbigh	Harvey Ford	
		Ben Kew	Eire Hooper	
Languages		Adam Jones		
Sadia Hussain		Katie Thorpe		
Georgia Ludlow		Robert De-Ath		
	Science		ICT	
	Charlie Cooper		Joshua Roberts	
	Robert Bruçal		Endersby	
	George Asprey			
	Aimee Simpson			
	Tia Jolliffe			

House Awards:

Lancaster	Mercia	Windsor
7CDI: Ciaran Ormston	7JWA: Daisy Maidment	7SJA: Natalie Dalrymple
8FFO: Viktoria Kovacs	8WDA: Annalyce Perrin	7TCO: Andrea Lewis
8LWI: Kira Escott	9AME: Ryley Morrison	8APO: Alex Lively
9RCA: Valentina Balbuena Goni	9CSL: Adam Hooper	9REL: Courtney Hodge
10SMC: Tegan Harkness	10ABR: Evelyn O’Shea	10DNE: Sydnee Roberts
House Award: Georgia Ludlow	House Award: Leila Aziz	House Award: Tia Jolliffe

PE Awards:

Team of the Year	Y10 Boys’ Football
Outstanding Sportsman Key Stage 3	George Appah
Outstanding Sportswoman Key Stage 3	Sophie Kenton
Outstanding Sportsman Key Stage 4	Harry Asprey
Outstanding Sportswoman Key Stage 4	Khaddy Sowe
Most Outstanding Achievement Outside College	Summer Shaw
Most Improved Sportsman Key Stage 3	Obed Kazadi
Most Improved Sportswoman Key Stage 3	Amelia Maple
Most Improved Sportsman Key Stage 4	Jack Kingshott
Most Improved Sportswoman Key Stage 4	Sydnee Roberts

Headteacher’s Award: Rashed Khan

Good Citizen Cup: Morgan Markson

Humanities Award: Thomas Denbigh

Carol Wright Reading Award: Helen Telp

Val Hammond Creative Writing Award: Holly Hamer

Accelerated Reader Kindle Winner: Bruno Goncalves Vital

Star Reader Cup: 7CDI

Annie Reynolds Award for Outstanding Dedication to College Sport: Alex Osmond

Full Honours
Harry Asprey
Georgia Ludlow
Tia Jolliffe

Celebration of Achievement



October Half Term
Monday 24th-Friday 28th October

Year 7 & 8 Pedestrian Safety
Performance by Streetwise
Tuesday 1st November

Aladdin Theatre trip
Wednesday 2nd November

Level 2 Functional Skills Mathematics
Examination (selected Year 9
students)
Thursday 10th November

Book sale to raise funds for LRC
Thursday 17th November, brunch
time

Year 7 Young Citizen Day
Wednesday 23rd November

Inset Day—college closed
Friday 25th November

Year 11 Mock Examinations
Monday 28th November –
Wednesday 7th December

Celebration of the Arts—
'Winter's Tale'
Wednesday 14th—Friday 16th
December

College closes at 1:05pm for the
Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 21st December

Christmas Holidays
Thursday 22nd December—Monday
2nd January 2017

College reopens for the Spring Term
Tuesday 3rd January

Message from the Headteacher

October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcomed approximately 300 families to our Open Evening on 13th October. Over 170 students supported our college by being tour guides or by assisting in departments. Your sons and daughters executed their roles superbly and our prospective parents were most impressed with their knowledge of the school and their ability to confidently and warmly relate to our visitors; skills that will be welcomed in the world of work.

As they have toured the college in September and October, prospective parents have asked me about our journey at Kings and the reasons for our success. We do seem to have moved forward at speed.

In 2012 82 students joined us in Year 7 and we welcomed 147 students to Kings in September 2016. Our published pupil admission number (PAN) is 150.

Our Year 11 left Kings in 2012 with 42% achieving 5A* - C including English and Maths and in 2016 we congratulated our Year 11 leavers with 61% achieving 5A* - C including English and Maths.

How can we explain our success?

Our vision is shared by all in our community and undoubtedly we have excellent staff who are passionate about learning and will go the extra mile to ensure the best outcomes for all students no matter what their needs. We have engendered a culture of shared learning and high expectations which has secured great progress for our students.

Our current Year 11 students are keen to improve on this year's academic results! I welcome their competitive spirit.

We commend student achievement in this issue of Kings News; not least students who gained awards at our celebration ceremony in July. Many congratulations to our sporting champions too; Olympians of the future maybe! It was wonderful to see the new seating area being used this term, with thanks to Year 9 students who designed and cleverly executed this project. Finally, well done in particular to Year 7 who enjoyed the challenge of the maths competition and came third!

Plans are afoot to refurbish our college; amongst other things, single glazed windows will be replaced in early 2017. Frequent visitors and students will have noticed the recent internal refurbishment.

Thanks to Leon Dyt our new Premises Manager and our PA for all their support and hard work, not least in helping to create a pleasant environment in which all of us can happily meet, study and work.

Wishing you an enjoyable half-term.

Judith Langley

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

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