

## December sees charitable efforts from students and staff



On 12<sup>th</sup> December, the annual Year Eight Giving Nation Christmas fair took place, bringing a sense of excitement to the festive season!

Traditionally, Year 8 are given the task of organising a fair to raise money for their individual chosen charities. This year, Year 8 decided to collaborate on a charity, namely Cancer Research UK. Students and their tutors spent weeks organising the event, thinking of a wide variety of stalls to draw in their peers. Cake sales, raffles, Wii games and, of course, 'Sponge the Teacher' all made up for some terrific fundraising. The Christmas spirit was enhanced by students and staff wearing Christmas jumpers – a very merry display! In total, Year 8 managed to raise over £1100 for Cancer Research—a remarkable achievement.

Additionally, Mrs Popple organised for a photo booth to be placed in the Main Hall during the day. Students paid £1 each to either have a photo taken of themselves or in a group, with plenty of comical dressing up to be seen! The money raised went to the Lisa May Foundation, for which Kings held a fashion show in support last year.

These events were a thorough success, and we would like to congratulate Year 8 on their impeccable, event planning skills! A big thank you to Year 8 tutors, Miss Beattie and Mrs Popple for the organisation. Once again, Kings has demonstrated how thinking of others can lead to a roaring success!

## Prayer space gives students time to reflect



CYFC recently took over a classroom to create a prayer space which all students visited during their Religious Studies lessons. We were the first college in Camberley to host this exciting event which was organised by CYFC and supported our local churches.

Prayer spaces enable young people of any religion or those without a faith to explore spirituality and to reflect on important questions such as: Who am I? What am I thankful for? Can I forgive? Students took part in various activities, including washing away negative thoughts in a fountain, placing stickers on a map to think about others around the world and writing things they have done wrong then shredding them as a way of asking for forgiveness.

The feedback that we received from students was overwhelmingly positive, with many requesting another visit. Comments included, *'It is a good place to speak your mind which made me feel a lot better.'*

With such encouraging feedback, we are delighted to say that CYFC are moving to the top floor of the tower block where they will be providing an area of quiet reflection for students. This will be an area for students of any faith or none. Miss Bache and Mrs Bartlett would like to thank the CYFC team for all their hard work during the prayer space week, in particular their Director, Rachel Bevin for organising everything so brilliantly.

## Seder plate competition produces superb entries

Year 7 have been learning about how food has important symbolic meaning at the Jewish festival of Passover (Pesach). At this festival, Jews recall the events of Moses and the Exodus through the reading of the Haggadah and the special Seder meal.

For the Inter-House RS competition, Year 7 created some brilliantly designed Seder plates. This year's high standard made judging very difficult. The RS Learning Ambassador, Adebola Opaleye, helped to select the winners. After much discussion, it was decided that the overall winner in Year 7 was Lucy Theobald (7LWI) in Lancaster house.

Lucy won a box of chocolates, plus the top Seder plate designer in each tutor group won a chocolate selection box: Miguel Cartaxo (7WDA) Alex Osmond (7FFO) and Ellie Campbell (7APO).



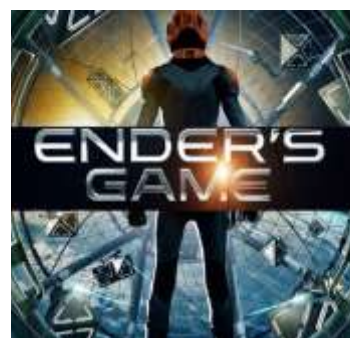
## Cinema trip aids students' GCSE studies

The Into Film Festival is the world's largest annual free film festival for young people. As part of this year's festival, 30 students in Year 9, 10 & 11 enjoyed an exclusive screening of the film *Ender's Game*, based on the award winning novel written by Orson Scott Card. Set in the future where an alien race has attacked the earth, Ender Wiggin is recruited by the International Military to lead the fight against the Formics.

In Religious Studies GCSE, 'Religion & Life' candidates are expected to use examples from the media; *Ender's game* deals with issues such as morality, prejudice and genocide. In 'Religion & Society' students study the reasons and justification for war which are examined throughout *Ender's Game*;

*"If we have them boxed in, why go to war?" Ender asks Colonel Graff on his trip to command school. "The purpose of this war is to prevent all future wars," Graff replies.*

Our students are to be commended on their excellent behaviour. We hope they enjoyed their trip and their 2-4-1 vouchers kindly given to them by Vue Cinema, Camberley.



## Young citizen day highlights safety to Year 7



At the end of November, Year 7 took part in the Surrey Heath Young Citizen programme, along with approximately 400 students across Surrey Heath secondary schools.

It was a fantastic event, with the objective being to teach young people how to lead safe, healthy lives and to understand how their behaviour can have an impact on others. This scheme is an ideal way to encourage the teenagers of tomorrow to remember essential life skills, and to have consideration for others in their community. The Young Citizen 2014 scheme included a carousel of workshops, embracing cyber safety and alcohol awareness. There

were also workshops run by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, St John's Ambulance and Surrey Police. These were followed by a wrap-up session at the end of the day to conclude and summarise the learning.

We hope Year 7 enjoyed the day. Further information can be found in the following places:

<https://www.cyberstreetwise.com>

<http://www.respectnotfear.co.uk>

<http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/community/safersurreyheath/youngcitizen>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

<http://www.childline.org.uk/Explore/Bullying/Pages/Bullying>

Thank you to Miss Bache for the organisation of this day.



## Children In Need cake sale raises money once again

Charity work has always been a Kings tradition and Children in Need is one of the many charities we fundraise for, year after year! Cake sales are always a huge hit with the students and teachers; an added bonus is this event always raises a superb amount of money.

Many people contribute to the large collection of sweet treats that is always offered to them. The donations received

from the students for purchasing cakes and cookies are all forwarded to Children in Need, a charity that is very close the nation's hearts. This year we raised £310 from this sale alone. We would like to thank everyone who either purchased, produced or participated in the cake sale, and a special thanks to Miss Reynolds for organising another great success.



## Students are pioneers in anti-bullying project



Anti-bullying ambassadors were recently selected across Year 9 and 10 to promote teamwork, confidence and togetherness.

Each tutor group in Year 9 chose three representatives, with Year 10 tutor groups choosing one. The programme began with students attending a course about their new role, which included information about why people sometimes bully other people. This session also included the chance for our ambassadors to speak to students from

other schools on past experiences of bullying, and how these experiences can teach people to deal with issues in the future.

The ambassadors have since been working together on ideas for promoting the anti-bullying programme around Kings. These ideas included a special assembly, a club for the programme and ways to give students the confidence to report bullying and stand up to it.

The ambassadors are particularly keen on ensuring their peers can identify who they can go to for help. These superb representatives can be found through the anti-bullying badge they wear on their blazers; the four coloured sections represent the following inspirational phrase: Stop, Think, Smile, Repeat.

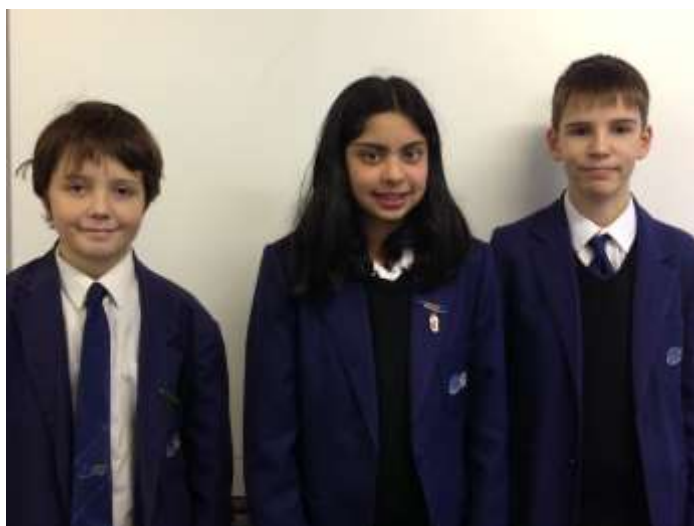
## Students shine in Shape maths challenge

The Maths Department recently accompanied nine of our talented mathematicians from Key Stage 3 to the Shape Maths Challenge at Gordon's School. Taken through a variety of mathematical puzzles, the students were able to showcase their ability to switch between many different mathematical skills. The teams were:

*Year 7 Team: Charlie Crossley, Filipe Gomes, Lucy Briggs*

*Year 8 Team: Max Filley, Leila Aziz, Harvey Ford (pictured)*

*Year 9 Team: Kiy Greenslade, Jacob Fuller, Harry Asprey*



It was clear that the students really enjoyed themselves; they performed very well, with Year 8 achieving a second place and Year 9 achieving a third place in a very competitive and sporting contest. Despite finding some of the areas tricky, Year 7 are keen to work on their skills and compete again in the future.

Students were practically buzzing with excitement on the bus on the way back to college! It is wonderful to see so much excitement from students in their core studies. We look forward to improving our results next time!

### Student presented with D of E Award



The Duke of Edinburgh Award is no mean feat—it takes dedication, organisation and a caring spirit to complete the required elements. Year 11 student Joe Markson (**Windsor**) has become the first student in his year group at Kings to complete this prestigious award.

Presented with his certificate by his Head of House, Miss Blessett, Joe stated that he had to complete a camping trek, plus a long period of volunteer work to receive this award. He highlighted how important volunteer work can be, particularly in light of the festive season.

Joe's skills are to be commended; Windsor House are proud to have Joe as one of their own, and hope that this will inspire more students to get involved in the future.

### Year 8 student wins volunteering prize



The Surrey Heath Sports Awards celebrated the best in local sporting achievement on Sunday 19 October at an invite-only ceremony at Camberley Theatre. Organised by Surrey Heath Borough Council, the awards honour people from all over the

borough who have excelled in sports including football, basketball, judo and cricket.

The evening is one of the most anticipated events in the Borough calendar as a chance to celebrate the achievements of local athletes, clubs, coaches and volunteers. Nominations were open to the public for two months between July and August. The awards were attended by around 350 members of the local sporting community and selected VIPs, including the Mayor of Surrey Heath, Cllr Bob Paton.

Megan Cowlard (Year 8, **Mercia**) was awarded with the accolade Young Volunteer of the Year! This award was given to her in recognition of her spending considerable time helping disabled young people with sport, especially swimming.



### English trip gives students deeper insight into American classic

Year 10 and 11 were treated to an exciting workshop in London covering one of America's greatest literary successes, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. The novella, originally published in the 1930s, has been on the GCSE English Literature syllabus for many years and continues to intrigue students every year.

Twenty-four students, accompanied by Mrs Bavin and Mr Meek, travelled to London for this interesting trip. The workshop itself, run by the British Film Institute on London's Southbank, covered a variety of aspects of the novella. In particular, there was a focus on how texts can be transformed and adapted to become suitable for film-goers across the world. Looking in depth at this idea, students were able to put their analytical skills to the test. The afternoon was rounded off with a showing of the 1940 version, much to the delight of the students who came.

One student commented, *'It was great to see the original film version; comparing it with the more modern film was incredibly useful.'*

The English Department look forward to more workshops like this in the future.



## Mock wedding gives Year 10 a taste of religious ceremony

Year 10 donned their best outfits to attend the mock wedding of two of their peers, Precious Muchimba and Daniel Williams. As is the tradition at Kings, the RS Department organised the event to allow students to experience a Christian wedding ceremony, in order to prepare them for their GCSE, specifically the unit covering 'Marriage and Family'. This event was organised by a small group of Year 10 students, alongside Miss Beattie and Mrs Bartlett, who we thank and congratulate for their hard work and for the success of the event.

Precious made a very beautiful 'bride', and was ably supported by 'bridesmaids' Chloe Alma-Daykin, Amba Welling and Shelbie Jackson. Kieran Bristow (father of the bride) proudly walked Precious down the aisle where her 'groom', Daniel, awaited alongside his 'best man', Hayden Tyson.



The beautiful musical interlude was provided by Micaela Balbuena Goni and Irish Mangsat, while the reading during the ceremony was given by Diyasa Rai, Susanna Parakkattu and Mrs Bavin. The ceremony ended with the signing of the register. Special thanks again to Reverend Nicole for giving his time to officiate a wonderful occasion!

## Geography quiz—successful teams!



Pictured: Alex Lively, Peter Kimber, Jack Smart, Max Filley, Frank Crossley, Thomas Hills, Joshua Betteridge, Chelsea Browning, Kiy Greenslade, Emilie Jackson, Rebecca Browning, Thomas Denbigh, Gizem Coskun, Aimee Simpson, Harry Asprey and Rzelle Reyes.



Please see Mrs Langley's message for more information about these students' fantastic success at the Geography quiz between Kings, Collingwood and Tomlinscote.

## Interform News

Students across the college once again excitedly took to the courts to compete in interform netball and kingball. Joined by their tutors, students displayed a high level of skill and determination to win for their houses.

Winners are outlined below:

	Netball	Kingball
<b>Year 7</b>	Lancaster	Mercia
<b>Year 8</b>	-	Lancaster
<b>Year 9</b>	Lancaster	-
<b>Year 10</b>	-	Mercia

Students are looking forward to competing in interform rounders in the future. Reigning champions will be looking to hold on to their titles in the hope of being awarded the interform shield in the summer term. Good luck to all tutor groups!



## Local pantomime showcases students' talents



What a treat! Students in Year 7 and 8 were treated to an after college trip to see Cinderella, the pantomime currently being shown at the Harlington Centre in Fleet.

This was no ordinary showing, however; Year 7 student Millie Green (Lancaster) performed live on stage in front of a packed crowd, including her friends, peers, Miss Morrish and, of course, her tutor, Mr Wickenden.

The students were thrilled to watch Millie showing such tremendous stage presence and talent in terms of singing, dancing and acting. Millie herself was very excited to be a part of such a well-known show with a professional cast.

Even though he was not in this particular performance, Year 9 student Kai Spriggs (Mercia) is also set to appear in Cinderella in Fleet. Having performed in pantomimes before, Kai is excited to get back on stage again. Break a leg, Kai!

**Early closing for Christmas holidays**

**Friday 19th December, 13:00**

**College opens for the Spring Term**

**Monday 5th January 2015**

**Year 7 Parents' Evening**

**Monday 12th January, from 16:00**

**Cida ICT exam – Unit DA201**

**Tuesday 13th January**

**24 Hour Dance-athon for charity**

**Friday 16th January**

**BTEC Travel and Tourism Unit 1 exam**

**Tuesday 20th January**

**Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening**

**Thursday 5th February from 16:00**

**Student Review Day for Year 8, 9 and 10**

**Friday 13th February**

**Spring Half Term**

**Monday 16th—Friday 20th February**

**SHAPE Inset Day—college closed to students**

**Monday 23rd February**

**Early closing for Easter holidays**

**Friday 27th March**

## Message from the Head of College

Dear parents and carers

It has been another busy and successful half term.

In our November issue we celebrated our students' academic achievement but in this issue we celebrate their ability to think of others. On Friday afternoon the Hall, Cyber Café and adjoining corridors turned into a splendid mix of stalls, selling scrumptious sweets and cakes. The atmosphere was most festive and very good humoured! Mr Davies got soaked with cold water and was heard to say, 'the things I do for Kings.' In fact our Year 8 and their tutors were not so much doing this for Kings of course but for Giving Nation. Giving Nation is a national initiative which supports young people to give in different ways. They believe every young person can play a part in challenging the issues that face others in the UK and overseas. They support students to turn their generosity into action by selecting the issue that matters most to their class. Year 8 students have chosen the charity Cancer Research and together with all students who paid their £1 for wearing a Christmas jumper, are to be congratulated in raising **£1108.09**. A fantastic result!

As Year 8 were organising this extravaganza, Year 11 were sitting in silence in the drama studio for their mock examinations. It was very pleasing to hear that our invigilators were most impressed with their behaviour and attitude saying that they were, '*brilliant in adhering to the examination boards' regulations.*' The invigilators also commented that our students took these exams seriously and have tried their best. They will be opening their mock results on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We wish them well and promise our continued support for their success.

Year 9 students began the Key Stage 4 options process on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Parents of Year 9 will note the Year 9 Parents' Evening and Option Evening on 5<sup>th</sup> February which will provide more information and advice prior to choosing their options.

Parents of Year 10 and Year 8 will have noticed a change in our reporting system. We are now commenting on students' behaviour for learning. Are our young people taking responsibility for their learning? Are they ready to learn with the right attitude? Are they determined to succeed even when learning gets difficult? It's interesting to note that the Secretary of State for Education has recently announced a package of measures to help schools instil character in students. Schools that develop and build character, in their pupils will also be recognised for the first time through the new character awards. Kings recognises how important it is to develop students who have resilience and grit. Maybe Kings will be one of the first schools to win such an award!

Kings KS3 Gifted and Talented Geographers enjoyed friendly competition against students from Tomlinscote and Collingwood. Our Year 7, 8 and 9 teams all won first prizes. One student was heard to say, 'It was a bit embarrassing because we just kept winning!'

We were pleased to welcome Councillor Bob Paton, Mayor of Surrey Heath who took House assemblies in December on the theme of Democracy. The students appreciated the many democratic processes at Kings, including the School Council, and how these processes are mirrored in local democracy. The Mayor complimented our students on their respectful and friendly attitude.

My thanks to Reverend Andrew Knowles for his thought provoking assembly. I wonder if you have seen the Christmas Sainsbury's advert? It has caused some controversy. Is it just a marketing ploy, using the First World War to sell the Sainsbury's brand or is it a significant reminder to us about the power of peace?

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas.

Judith Langley

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