

# News from the faculties



## Science

- 2 students are attending the Salters' Chemistry Camp at the University of Sussex in June. This is a 2 day residential course involving a range of chemistry activities in a university laboratory to inspire and enthuse students to study Chemistry at A-level and beyond.
- 4 gifted Year 8 students attended University of Surrey for a day to take part in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry.
- 25 top set Year 10 students will be visiting Winchester Science Centre on the 2nd July. They will be looking at Space Science, in particular to encourage students to study space related degrees at university.
- 15 students have already replied to visit Iceland. The numbers are sufficient for the trip to go ahead. This will be for the current Years 7 and 8.
- In the UK Biology Online Challenge for Year 10, a national competition, 3 students won Silver certificates and 4 won Bronze.
- A residential trip to the Isle of Wight is being investigated for G&T Biology students.

## Technology

- The Technology Club is being commissioned by the Lisa May Foundation to make keyrings, and possibly other goods, for the charity to sell.
- Technology Club students have been trained as 'student technicians' to be able to support practical activities in the workshop on the Year 5 induction days in June.
- Year 10 visited Farnham Sculpture Park in order to enhance their current controlled assessment project.
- Ex-student Sofia Chaudhry presented to Year 8 students about her career as a freelance graphic designer and university lecturer. This talk was discussing higher and further education options, opportunities available to them and things to consider when picking their GCSE options in Year 9. The students were very inspired and it was great to see the success of a former student.
- On Monday 6th July an Art Exhibition will be held at Kings.

## PE

- Year 11 Netball Team won Division 2 of the National Netball League.
- 3 students got through to the District Squad in athletics.
- 2 students won bronze medals in the Surrey Championship and 1 student achieved Silver in the Surrey Youth Games for physically challenged youngsters.

## Humanities

- Kings hosted a Geography Quiz on 18th June 2015 with Collingwood and Tomlinscote. Kings were winners overall. Over 40 students took part. A great afternoon was had by all!
- WDA is organising a WW1 Battlefields trip for November 2015.
- Geography students in Year 8 continue to work with the Lisa May Foundation in creating keyrings to be sold via their website to raise funds for tsunami victims and local Surrey charities.
- Humanities Inter-House Quiz to be held in Summer Term.

## Music

- The 'Hatch my Ideas' Workshops will be taking place in the last two weeks of June. Our students will lead workshops in primary schools in the area.
- Year 10 GCSE music students performed at Holly Lodge on Saturday 20th June.

## Accelerated Learning

- We were successful in our bid for lottery funding to run an ASD family course, 'Planning for Independence', in September 2015 for KS4 autistic students and their families.
- An interactive board and projector has been funded by the Children With Special Needs Foundation for the Accelerated Learning unit, with many thanks to our governor Gavin Price. All youngsters with SEN and EAL will benefit.

## French

- Year 8 students are learning Chinese or Japanese in Tomlinscote.
- Students in Years 10 and 11 have taken GCSE exams in Italian, Portuguese, Urdu and Chinese.

## Drama and Dance

- 30 students took part in the Runnymede performance, as part of the Magna Carta celebrations, Many dignitaries, including the Queen, were present.
- Our students took part in the Charter Festival, the Boys Dance Project and the Youth Arts Platform.
- A Summer Performance Evening, with presentation of awards, will take place on Wednesday 1st July at 7.15 pm. Governors are welcome to attend.

## English

- We have supported Year 10 students to write prefect application letters and coached them for their interviews.
- Talented and gifted students read the books nominated for this year's Carnegie Medal , an annual children's book award, and won this competition for secondary schools in the area.
- A group is currently being coached to take part in a Spelling Bee at Tomlinscote in July.
- Key Stage Three students are all being encouraged to learn a poem off by heart for a poetry speaking competition; the grand finale will be held on 14th July.
- Year 10 students have been invited to participate in a debating workshop at Tomlinscote in July.

## Maths

- There were fantastic results from the UK Junior Maths Challenge; Years 8 and 9 Maths students were awarded 3 Gold, 4 Silver and 10 Bronze awards.
- Two students participated in the UK Olympiad which is no mean feat. They had to be in the top 1,000 out of over 250,000 pupils to take part in the Olympiad.
- A SHAPE Inter-School Maths Challenge was held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June with 10 schools taking part.
- The Inter-House Maths Challenge takes place on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

## Business Studies & Enterprise Education

- MyKindaCrowd set Year 10 students a real business challenge. Students modelled analysis and evaluation skills to produce their outcomes which were really innovative. The challenge was not easy and students had to ‘think outside the box.’
- MyKindaCrowd are a social enterprise. Their main aim is to help employers reach the next generation of talent from school leavers. They work with schools and colleges delivering a mix of face-to-face workshops and online challenges. They were impressed with the work ethic of our students.
- On 1<sup>st</sup> July, we are taking 30 students to an inter-schools Business Challenge hosted by Costa Coffee. Students are looking forward to this and to winning! This type of challenge is innovative and always boosts student achievement as well as students gaining a first-hand insight to their future competition!
- The Business Studies Department is running a business day for Year 9 students in activity week (9<sup>th</sup> July). Students will create a new airline, take on job roles and create many facets linked to the business, culminating in a final presentation from each business. Please come along during the day if you can, we need judges!

Note from Mrs Zenonos:

I am looking to engage with businesses in the local area to make business become ‘real’ for students here at Kings. If you are able to assist in any way at all please contact me directly:  
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## PSHE

- Whole staff training took place on British values, anti-radicalisation and the ‘Prevent’ video (Surrey safeguarding).
- Staff audits of SMSC have been collected and will be analysed.
- Tutor groups have contributed their ideas to work on college/British values. A poster has been created which will be displayed around college.
- Kings PSHE co-ordinator is working with Surrey’s PSHE Working Party committee.
- As a direct result of the sex and relationships day in April, the students designed a Child Exploitation poster which is now displayed in school.

## Primary Liaison

On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June, some **209** Year 5 students and their teachers from Frimley C of E, Redwood, The Grove and Mytchett will have enjoyed a themed programme, ‘Around the World,’ incorporating PE, Science, Technology, Art, Music or Dance.

Lee Wickenden, our music teacher, will be working with Lakeside on a music project in early July.

Our 2015/16 marketing strategy continues in a most constructive manner.

English and Maths teachers have observed lessons in our main primary schools, continuing to develop an understanding of good practice. Moderation exercises in Maths and English have been most constructive.

Through discussion at SHLP, Kings has an understanding of the work of our primary colleagues on 'Life without Levels' to inform our work on assessment.

### **Primary/Secondary transition**

Year 6 students will be welcomed to Kings for their Induction Days on 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>nd</sup> July. In addition to the induction Programme for parents and carers, two sessions are prepared on Behaviour for Learning and Teaching and Learning for our new students. We start as we mean to go on!