

Ofsted 2016

Report highlights college's tremendous success

Parents and their children are rightly proud of the college.

The curriculum meets the needs of pupils very well and leaders ensure that the college values of 'inspiring learning' are at the heart of college life.

Subject leaders have a clear focus on the quality of learning and teaching in their subject areas.

Positive relationships between teachers and pupils underpin engaging and effective learning.

Teachers and teaching assistants have high expectations and so pupils from all starting points are making improved progress in English, mathematics and across the subjects.

Pupils are polite, courteous and respectful to each other, staff and visitors.

Governors share the Headteacher's ambitious aims and vision for the college.



Public speaking competition shows Year 10's skills



A team of Year 10 students who were representing Kings in the Rotary Club's 'Youth Speaks' contest scooped both trophies and commendations from the judges in a recent event held at the Rushmoor Council Chambers. Competing against other local schools, both independent and comprehensive, Rouge Touati-Evans, Frank Crossley and Lydia Westwood performed admirably against their talented fellow speakers. To crown the evening, Frank was singled out for praise by the judges for his role as chairperson and Rouge was presented with the Zoe Jarmain Gold Cup for public speaking following her presentation on the subject of "Tumblr Grammar". What a superb first showing at this competition!

Summer's super success



Summer Shaw (7CDI) has once again shown her terrific talent in a judo competition.

She recently took part in the British Schools Qualifier in January in the Nottingham area. Out of 3 matches, Summer stood her ground, applied her technique and won all 3!

She was awarded the gold medal in front of a very impressed crowd of people, including her proud parents!

Summer has previously stated that she enjoys the discipline of judo, as it encourages her to be dedicated and work hard to achieve her goals. She will be competing in The British Schools Finals which are on the 3rd April. We wish her every bit of luck—go for it, Summer!

Charity Marathon for Mrs Hampton

Many of our students take part in activities outside of school, however, so do our staff! This year, Teaching Assistant Mrs Hampton is running the London Marathon to raise money for the British Lung Foundation, in memory of her husband.

Chris Hampton contracted lung fibrosis while working as a self-employed electrician. Currently, there is no treatment for this illness, but the British Lung Foundation and other charities are carrying out research in the hope of finding one. Mrs Hampton says, *'I want to highlight how important Health and Safety precautions are for self-employed trade workers, and hope to raise awareness of these issues.'*

Along with her son, Adam, Mrs Hampton has been training hard for the marathon, even running despite the recent wind and rain! The intense training regime began just after Christmas, and the pair are hoping to raise as much money as possible. A 'Just Giving' page has been set up under Adam and Lindsey Hampton to raise sponsorship money, and anyone willing to donate to this terrific cause can visit the website.

We wish Mrs Hampton and Adam all the best with their training, and look forward to hearing about their success after the race!

Photographs from Year 7 British Values Day



Year 7 Seder plate winners announced

Congratulations to the winners of the RS Inter-house Seder plate competition, an annual challenge that allows Year 7 to show their creative skills alongside their knowledge of religious studies.

The standard of entry was extremely high this year, which made the judging a challenge for the Humanities Learning Ambassadors. After much discussion, Adam Hooper, Evelyn O'Shea and Haddi Jallow decided that the students who had shown the greatest effort and understanding of Seder were:

7SJA Natalie Dalrymple

7JWA Daisy Maidment

7CDI Jana Hill

7TCO Ella Hollingworth

Mr Davies, Acting Head of Humanities, had the difficult task of selecting the overall winner. He chose Daisy's Seder plate for the care taken in presentation and her clear understanding of the symbols used at the Seder meal. All of the winners were presented with prizes of chocolate selection boxes and house points by their RS teachers. Superb work, Year 7!



Spirited Arts Competition

In its 13th year, the National Spirited Arts competition received around 2,000 entries from hundreds of UK schools as well as entries from as far afield as Cyprus, Australia, Indonesia and South Africa.

With such a large number of super entries, we are delighted that the following Year 10 students have been awarded certificates in recognition of their excellent work:

Mollie Putman-Trimmer

Emma Wakley

Emily Purusram

Christian Nondje-Essoh Silva

Holly Sutton

Bethany Jordan

Eleanor Bassett



Their entries were responses to such thought provoking questions as: Is there one true religion? What happens when we die? How do we know if anything is real? These are among some of the questions discussed by students at Kings in their RS lessons when they are studying Philosophy.

The National winning entries can be viewed on the NATRE website:

<http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/art-in-heaven/2015/>

Checkmate update

With just one week to go until the performances of Checkmate, rehearsals are becoming incredibly busy! The set is now being completed and final touches are being put to the students' showcases. Tickets are still available for both evenings—you don't want to miss out on this spectacular show!

Kings International Performing Arts Department

'CHECKMATE'



LRC's first open mic session proves popular with superb musicians



Students at Kings will notice a few changes going on in the LRC this term—all of them exciting! One of these is the introduction of Open Mic sessions on the first Tuesday of every month. Led by Mr Wickenden, students in any year group can sign up to perform in front of a group of their peers.

The crowd was impressive for the first event! Students from across the school sat and watched while others performed—some sang, some played instruments, but

all were equally impressive!

One student commented, *'It's so good to have this opportunity. It's something really different and allows people to show their talent.'* Thank you to Ms Phillips for the use of the LRC—hopefully this is a tradition that will continue to grow!



PE News

Well done to the Year 10 football team on getting through to the semi final of the district football tournament without a recognised goalkeeper. They also managed to win their second league game of the season with a hard fought victory over Mill Chase Academy, with Jack Kingshott and Kiy Greenslade getting on the scoresheet. Sadly, the boys got knocked out in the semi finals. They were unbeaten throughout the group stages (5 matches) and didn't concede a goal until their 2-0 defeat to Tomlinscote in the semi finals. Given the difference in representation at district level, we did really well in comparison!

The boys involved in this were:

Cavan Atkinson

Robert De-Ath

Adam Jones

Jack Kingshott

Sakshakh Rana

Charlie Slater

The Year 9 football team are also on a 2 match winning streak after an excellent comeback away at Ash Manor!

Kings would like to wish Cavan Atkinson (10SMC) good luck with his trials at League 2's AFC Wimbledon.

The results from the Year 7 Interform Netball are as follows:

7SJA 6 points

7JWA 6 points

7TCO 6 points

7CDI 0 points

This was settled in the end on shots scored.

1st Windsor: 50 house points

2nd Mercia: 39 house points

3rd Lancaster: 10 house points

Congratulations 7SJA!



Sport Relief is on Friday 18th March. All students will be taking part in the Sport Relief Mile at some point during the day. It will be a mufti day, however students (and willing staff!) must wear trainers so they can participate in the mile. Additionally, during the day there will be a cake sale, as well as a staff vs students dodgeball competition. Watch this space for some serious competitive spirit!

Upcoming productions for Kings students

Hidden: a play about self-worth, mental health and self-harm

Years 8 & 9 are being given the opportunity to see this new play in March, which will cover the following areas:

- Explaining what self harm is and what can trigger people to self-harm
- Debunking some of the unhelpful myths surrounding self harm
- Enabling people to find alternative and healthier ways to manage their emotions
- Enabling people to be a good friend to someone they suspect is harming themselves
- Enabling people to get help if they or someone they know is self harming

High: a play about illegal drugs and 'legal highs'

Years 9 & 10 are being given the opportunity to see this new play in May, which will cover the following areas:

- Exploring the difference between 'legal' and 'illegal' drugs
- Explaining what NPS are and the dangers that surround them
- Debunking some of the unhelpful myths surrounding drug misuse
- Exploring the impact of drug misuse on friends, family and the wider community
- Enabling young people to get help if they or someone they know is misusing drugs

GCSE Dance Trip inspires Year 10

On Thursday 21st January, Miss Nelson, assisted by Mr Wickenden, took the entire Year 10 GCSE class to London to take part in the ultimate dance experience day. This trip was designed to influence the students when they begin preparing their solos as a part of their GCSEs.

Students began the day by taking the tube to the Royal Ballet School, where they watched a demonstration class of students who attend there. They informed them of their diets, daily routines and then continued to show some of the technique that they practice every day. The Kings students had a quick tour of the site and were mesmerised by the bridge that joined the Royal Ballet School to the Royal Opera House; many selfies and 'aesthetic' photos were taken to memorialise their day in London!

Students headed to Green Park to enjoy a lunch that ended up being invaded by pigeons before moving on to see Buckingham Palace, as a slight detour in their day. The next destination was the Tate Britain Gallery, where students could spend time to find inspiration for their solos, which they have now begun. The most anticipated part of the day came with McDonalds...!

This was followed by a trip to Sadler's Wells Theatre to watch a performance of Sleeping Beauty, choreographed by Matthew Bourne, the choreographer of The Nutcracker which students had previously been studying in class. The students thoroughly enjoyed this trip and feel that it enhanced their learning immensely. Thanks go to Miss Nelson and Mr Wickenden for planning and accompanying them.



Harry Potter brunch delights budding wizards!



Along with the exciting new changes happening in the LRC comes the need for updated books—and what better way to raise some money than through a literary themed brunch!

Ms Phillips and Mrs Bavin got together to organise a Harry Potter brunch for students, allowing them to be immersed in the world of magic, albeit for only a short time!

Students had the opportunity to purchase a ticket for a one-time-only event in the LRC; on arrival, they were sorted (via the wonderful Sorting Hat!) into their Hogwarts houses, after which they could take part in a variety of magical activities. Tia Jolliffe was on

hand to show students a 'magic trick' involving balloons and cola cans, while Ben Ludlow handed Butterbeer to excited ticket-holders. Origami owls, challenging quizzes and an interactive character game were also available to keep the potential witches and wizards entertained!

Meanwhile, in the 'Great Hall', a wide array of sweet treats were sold to hungry punters. Chocolate frogs, every flavour beans, liquorice wands and marshmallow owls were just some of the delectable things on offer to students.

Overall, the event raised over £200 for the LRC, allowing us to purchase some new books. A huge thank you goes to the parents who donated their time to this event, whether through selling treats or baking cakes. Thanks also goes to staff who assisted, plus Rebecca Eastwell, Dione Custodio, Grace Sullivan-Royall and the Library Assistants for all their support.



Dates for your diary

**AM: Functional Skills Mathematics
(selected Year 10 students)
Tuesday 1st March**

**AM: BTEC Science Unit 20474E
Wednesday 2nd March**

**AM: BTEC Science Unit 20460E
Friday 4th March**

**Checkmate Production
Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th March**

**Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations
Monday 7th – Friday 11th March**

**Sport Relief Charity Day
Friday 18th March**

**College Closes at 1:05pm for the
Easter Holidays
Thursday 24th March**

**Summer term begins
Monday 11th April**

**Matilda Theatre Trip
Thursday 28th April**

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

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

**Year 8 Parents' Evening (college
closes at 3:35pm)
Wednesday 18th May**

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

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have seen from our front page some of the many positive statements from Ofsted. What is so pleasing is the unanimity between all interested parties. Our students, staff, governors and parents were all agreed that Kings is a safe and happy place in which to learn.

Ofsted inspectors judge the school against its own judgements. It was of significant importance that what we say about our school can be seen and verified by the inspectors. They took considerable time to check all aspects of our work against what everyone said about the college, and by what they observed over their two days with us. They upheld our current judgement and agreed with us on our areas for improvement. Evidently, we know our school and go forward with increased confidence.

One of our areas for development is to increase attendance for all children. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated. Please continue to encourage your child towards 100% attendance. All colleges and potential employers are keen to question us on attendance and punctuality, so it makes a real practical difference to future prospects in and beyond school.

A strong sense of collaboration and educational drive was recognised by Ofsted. There is a clear team spirit and commitment. As can be seen in this issue of Kings News, there is the 'wealth of opportunities for learning beyond the classroom and opportunities to undertake leadership roles.' I particularly enjoyed our first open mic session in the LRC, where talented and well-rehearsed musicians played to an appreciative audience. Kings will continue to look for opportunities to celebrate talent and hard work. Such enrichment 'underpins pupils' achievement.' (Ofsted 2016)

High quality and dedicated staff are a pre-requisite for continued improvement and Kings staff truly are the best! On Friday we recruited another talented Maths teacher to the Faculty. She was impressed by the Maths team and our students' obvious enthusiasm for Maths. You may be aware how difficult it is to recruit great staff so this is particularly pleasing. No one is leaving Maths you will be pleased to hear.

We are proud of our relationships with our primary schools. Effective transition between the two phases supports good progress. On 8th March, Kings is hosting a Science and Literacy Day for primary students. Our students will help in the structure and leadership of that day.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the Performing Arts Department performance of 'Checkmate.'

Thank you for your continued support of Kings.

Best wishes

Judith Langley

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

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