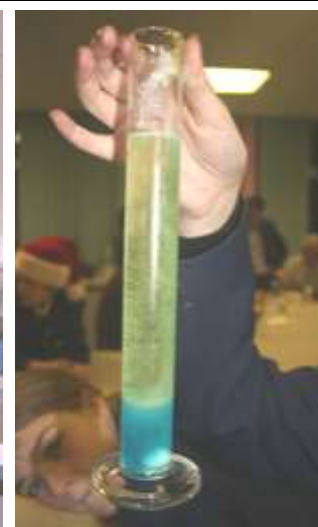


Science Lectures delight enthusiasts of all ages!



Over 30 students presented some of their favourite science experiments to parents and friends as part of the Science Lectures evening in December. There was a range of talents on display, including demonstrations of chemistry experiments, a presentation about our solar system and the stars beyond and the dissection of an eyeball (not everyone's cup of tea, but certainly insightful!) There was plenty of audience participation – some extracted their DNA, simple lava lamps were built using alka-seltzer tablets and drinks cans were crushed.

One Year 7 student commented, *'It was so much fun! Being able to show my family the kinds of things we do here was great. I'd love to take part again next year!'*

An enjoyable, educational evening was had by all! A huge thank you goes to the science teachers and technicians for all their organisation of this fascinating event.



Year 9 visit Surrey Skills and Careers Fairs

Once again, it's that time of year where the Year 9 students have to make their very important options choices. To aid this process, this year they attended the Surrey Skills Fair at the University of Surrey in Guildford. This year's event took place on Friday 6th January with the whole of Year 9 attending.

The students had the opportunity to speak with various colleges and universities about any courses they were interested in. They were also given the chance to ask a range of questions about what the colleges offer and what option would be best for which course. As well as this, each student received a variety of freebies, from pens and stickers, to leaflets and brochures; another example of valuable material!

One student found the experience to be '*very interesting*' and said it allowed them to see the options as more of an exciting decision rather than a daunting one. All of the students took away information that was beneficial to their choices. A big thank you to the teachers who accompanied the students and to Miss Blessett who organised the event.

Additionally, students attended the annual careers fair at Tomlinscote School. Students were once again offered advice on a wide array of career opportunities, as well as being able to gain information about local colleges and apprenticeships. Year 9 said they enjoyed this opportunity and were excited to see how their school subjects can aid them in later life.



Year 8 Netball Team astonishes in tremendous victories!

The Year 8 Netball Team triumphed over the opposing teams during their recent matches! On the 16th January, the team played against Hoe Valley School. The team consisted of Year 8 students Emma Jolliffe, Grace De-Ath, Emilie Parker, Sophie Kenton, Summer Shaw, Nat Khajatjone, Lizzie Ford, Mila Tamatawale, and Alice Vakacokovanua (with some additional help from a very talented Year 7, Rosie Flanagan). Throughout the match, Kings played tremendously; unfortunately, Grace was taken off because of an injury. However Kings powered on and won by an astonishing 20-0! Emma Jolliffe was awarded player of the match.

Another match soon followed on 23rd January, where the netball team played against Winston Churchill School, and, even with the loss of some players, won by a superb 22-1. The team evaluated their last match and worked even harder! With the loss of one of their best shooters, Emilie Parker, Rosie bravely stepped up and did an amazing job! The team did brilliantly and Emma Jolliffe received player of the match again.

Congratulations to these very talented students and to the PE department for what is evidently effective training!

Year 11 boys finish football tournament with stunning success



The Year 11 boys football team won the District 6-a-side tournament for the first time! After a tremendous amount of effort, including nail-biting moments, near misses and triumphant goals, the team celebrated with their well-earned medals and trophies.

For the last two years, Kings reached the semi-finals. This was a great achievement within itself, but the boys clearly had their sights set on the main prize! The hard work and dedication they demonstrated shows how important effort is when completing your own challenges.

The victorious team were led by captain Cavan Atkinson, who scored the winning goals in the last minute of the final. The rest of the team was made up of Adam Jones, Yllzon Hysenaj, Dennis Gorman, Robert De-Ath, Sakshakh Rana, Kiy Greenslade and Jack Kingshott. Huge congratulations to these highly talented students!

Elsewhere in PE News, the recent inter-house Kingball matches took place for KS3. Results are below:

1st	Mercia
2nd	Windsor
3rd	Lancaster

Year 7

1st	Windsor
2nd	Lancaster
3rd	Mercia

Year 8

1st	Lancaster
2nd	Mercia
3rd	Windsor

Year 9

NCS aims to inspire Year 11 once again

Students in Year 11 at Kings were recently given the opportunity to sign up to NCS with The Challenge, a government-funded programme for 15-17 year olds. Working through physical, personal and creative challenges, this once-in-a-lifetime experience empowers young people to build skills and confidence to get ahead in work and life, whilst engaging with their local area.



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NCS programmes are delivered by a network of youth and community organisations. The Challenge, the country's largest provider of NCS, is going to have over 1,600 places available in Surrey in summer 2017. The programme is broken down into 3 parts:

1. **Get Active:** Participants stay at a residential centre working with some of the best outdoor instructors in the UK.
2. **Get Involved:** Participants stay in university style accommodation and learn a skill (from drama, business enterprise, art, music, photography or sport) and apply this skill to their local area.
3. **Make Your Mark:** Participants design, pitch and deliver their own social action project.

Upon completion, those who take part will receive a signed certificate from the Prime Minister and have further opportunities through membership of The Challenge Society. NCS develops young people's leadership, teamwork and communication skills, builds confidence, increases independence, and provides experiences which are invaluable for CVs, job applications or UCAS Statements. It is a thoroughly recommended program and staff are available to answer questions that students or parents may have.

Rock and Pop Foundation visits Kings



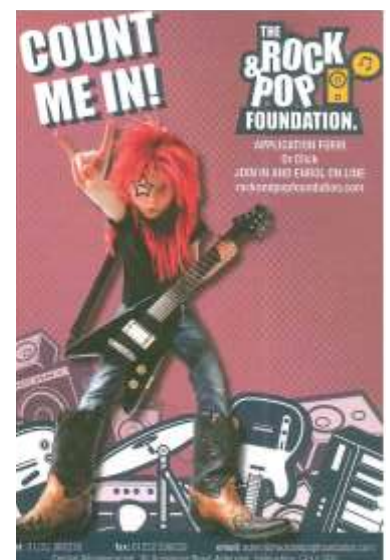
The Rock and Pop Foundation team visited us in assembly a few weeks ago to launch the exciting offer of music lessons here at Kings International College.

Performing a range of songs, from Ed Sheeran to Bon Jovi, the visitors showed how playing instruments and making music in a group can be fun and exciting. Learning to play a new instrument can also assist students with skills such as dedication, organisation and collaboration.

A group of ten students were invited to the front during the assembly; these brave individuals competed in a girls vs boys sing-off, with both sides putting in a great amount of effort (although one may have been slightly more in tune than the other...!)

Guitar, drum, keyboard and piano lessons are available to all students in either a one-to-one or small group format.

To enrol in lessons please visit www.rockandpopfoundation.com and click 'Enrol here'. Alternatively, paper enrolment forms are available from Mr Wickenden in the Music Department.



Seder Plate competition—results

Congratulations to the winners of the Religious Studies Seder Plate Inter-House Competition!

The Humanities Learning Ambassadors judged 140 Seder plates, and were highly impressed by the hard work that had been put into this competition by Year 7. The high standard of the entries made selecting the winners a very difficult challenge for Pretty Gurung, Thomas Denbigh and Khaddy Sowe; After much discussion, the winners were:

Kayley Waldren 7KGU

Joslyn Knapp 7SBA

Jessica Sutherland 7EQU

Ted Enser 7LJA

Ryndelle Reyes 7GGL

Jonathan Vincent 7SBA

Thank you to the Humanities Learning Ambassadors for judging the competition. We hope that all of the winners enjoy their chocolate prizes!

Prayer Space opens the eyes of Key Stage 3



When you think about prayer, what do you imagine? Perhaps you imagine a place of worship or being on your knees, eyes closed, hands together? These were some of the responses from KS3 when CYFC asked them about prayer before they took part in the twenty activities in our Prayer Space.

To their surprise, the Prayer Space activities involved playdough, video, sand, balloons and much, much more! No kneeling involved!

Prayer space is designed to encourage students to consider questions about the world, their future and to reflect on their life values. The activities can be used by those from any faith and for those without any religious beliefs.

After each session the feedback to CYFC included a lovely, calm atmosphere, how nice it was to have time to think about important issues and how much they had enjoyed taking part in the different activities. One student who was sitting in the quiet, still area said, *'This is like heaven.'* What greater compliment is there to Rachel Bevan and the team from CYFC for all their hard work? Thank you for an amazing experience from the RS staff and students in KS3!

See page 6 for more photos from the Prayer Space lessons.

Photos from the Prayer Space sessions



Celebrating the Arts—A Winter's Tale

Celebrating the Arts is one of the largest events in the whole school year, in terms of staff, pupils and preparation needed, and this year was no exception! It was a collection of plays, dances and musical interludes, something that is organised every other year. Students from every year group were involved, and no person played a small role. It took a number of months of preparation before the whole event was perfected and we can certainly say that the evenings were exceptional. Many teachers came to watch and ALL said that it was a brilliant success for the Performing Arts Department. On the last night, Miss Nelson and Mr Wickenden awarded the music, drama and dance awards.

Congratulations to all the following:

Joshua Betteridge **11ABR** – Best Male Dancer Award

Lucy Briggs **9WDA** – Best Female Dancer Award

Thomas Denbigh **9HBA** – Best Male Musician Award

Valentina Balbuena **10RCA** – Best Female Musician Award

Arianne Hill **10AME** – Best Female Actor Award

George Asprey **9WDA** and Charlie Lingwood **9FFO** – Best Male Actor Award

What a wonderful three nights - ones that the Year 11s will surely remember for their final performance evening at Kings. Thank you to all the students involved, to all the staff who helped and everyone that attended the event!



Dates for your diary

**Functional Skills
Mathematics Level 1
Examination (selected Year 10
students) took place on
Monday 28th February**

**World Book Day—activities
taking place within college
Thursday 2nd March**

**Parents' Association Quiz Night
Friday 3rd March from 19:00**

**Year 11 Pre-Public
Examinations
Monday 6th March – Friday
10th March inclusive**

**Year 8 girls HPV vaccination
Monday 27th March**

**College closes for the
Easter Holidays
Thursday 30th March, 1:05pm**

**INSET day
Friday 31st March**

**College re-opens for the
summer term
Tuesday 18th April**

**For up to date details about
college events, please see our
website:
www.kingsinternational.co.uk**

If you are interested in becoming part of our growing and enthusiastic Parents' Association, please contact Mr Cooke:
t.cooke@kings-international.co.uk

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

January does seem a long way away now but did you make any New Year's resolutions? Have you made positive changes stick? On average it takes 8 weeks before a new behaviour becomes automatic so you may well now have a new behaviour! Resolutions or not, we are hoping that our Year 11 in particular have embedded their learning habits for the pre-public exams in early March.

All our students made the equivalent of New Year's resolutions during our Student Review Day on 10th February. Together with you we will support your children to achieve their targets, but acknowledge the fact that at times this may not be easy. Great learning happens when the challenge is matched by determination and perseverance. We encourage our students to value the process of learning as well as producing a finished piece of work or the right answer. Success is more likely to be achieved through effort and tenacity.

Making even small changes in good studying habits will make a difference. We have put tips on our website under Learning, Exams, Revision Tips to help you to support your children through what could be a stressful time. Please do contact us if you would like to talk to us about your child's exams.

You may remember Year 7 students participated in a resilience programme. Early indications are that many feel far more confident and indeed resilient learners, increasingly able to demonstrate independent learning.

As in all our newsletters we celebrate great achievement. The Christmas Lectures, confidently and ably presented by students inspired by science, were particularly impressive. Our Head Boy and Head Girl are going to give a live demonstration of science in action during assemblies in the week beginning 20th March which will highlight Science Week.

Equally, but differently, impressive were our Year 8 Netball team and the Year 11 Football team who won the District 6-a-side tournament for the first time. This was a real show of resilience and determination in action. Many congratulations to both teams.

Thank you to Rachel Bevan and CYFC for giving our students the opportunity to reflect on life values. Please talk to your children about Kings values and what values they can already demonstrate.

My congratulations, as always, to the wonderful performances of those involved in Celebrating the Arts, 'a Winter's Tale.' It is always a joy to be in the audience!

Judith Langley