# WEEK ENDING 22ND SEPTEMBER 2023 KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



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## **MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well particularly now the weather has become so changeable.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers of Year 5 and 6 students to come to look round KAB Secondary at our **Open Evening on Wednesday 27 September**. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support of children who are either helping in faculties or undertaking the vital role of tour guides in the evening. We cannot show KAB to its greatest advantage without sharing the views of our students with prospective parents/carers.

We have been pleased to welcome parents/carers of students in Years R and 3 at KAB Primary and Years 4 and 5 at KAO who have been into school this week to meet their children's class teachers and hear about the curriculum for the year.

Year 11 have made an exceptional start to the year and are already embracing the start of the process to prepare for GCSEs with the launch of the tutor group revision sessions. Three mornings a week, students go to different groups during tutor time to participate in interventions tailored to help each of them not only reach but exceed their potential. These groups will change following the first set of PPEs which begin the first week back after half term (30/10/23).

Attendance is vital to ensure all students make progress. Without being at school students miss learning which inevitably slows progress. I am pleased that at KAB/KAO our attendance is 95.98% which is almost at our target of 97%. Thank you for your support in ensuring your children are at school on time every day. Now let's aim for 98% !!

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend despite the poor weather that is forecast.

Kind regards Mrs Moore

## PRIMARY UPDATES

#### **NURSERY & RECEPTION UPDATES**

Due to the change in format of the newsletter to combine Primary & Secondary news into a single weekly edition rather than alternating formats, the updates for Nursery & Reception will return next week.

### YEAR 1-6 LEARNING JOURNEYS

	Binfield	Oakwood
Year 1	<u>Opal Class</u> <u>Moonstone Class</u>	<u>Ash Class</u>
Year 2	<u>Topaz Class</u>	Birch Class
Year 3	<u>Quartz Class</u>	<u>Chestnut Class</u>
Year 4	<u>Amethyst Class</u>	<u>Pine Class</u>
Year 5		<u>Sycamore Class</u>
Year 6		<u>Oak Class</u>

### **IDA IS A STAR PLAYER**

Ida from Emerald class recently was awarded 'Player of the Week' at her soccer school. Here's a picture of her with her trophy and certificate looking very proud. Well done Ida!



## Wokingham Children's Book Festival

Wokingham Children's Book Festival takes place from Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th October. You'll be able to meet and listen to talks by authors of children's books, learn about the process of writing and have a lot of fun! There will be 13 events where you can meet a range of fantastic authors giving sessions on subjects such as the writing process and their characters. Visit the <u>website</u> for more details.

### **PRIMARY P.E. UPDATE**

Where have the summer holidays gone!? It's been such a rush being back that I can't believe we are already 3 weeks into term.

It's fair to say this term will be busy with PE and Sport at both Oakwood and Binfield primary. After school clubs start next with both schools being offered 4 different sports covering Football, Tag Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Multi Sports. The latest list of school sporting events has been released and there are 12 events over this term alone, not including football fixtures, that range from Year 2 to Year 6.

The latest Grassroots Reading FC fixtures have come out and you should have all received an email as to how you can watch live games for only £1.00 per child. Reading Football Club release 4 fixtures across the season into their Grassroots programme and this is a fantastic opportunity to watch live football at a very cheap price!



Lastly, Conquer Challenges is Back!!! Last year the children did incredibly well and managed to hit 11k kilometres! Completed 24 challenges and had a total participation of 117 children taking part. My hope is that more children come on board and challenge themselves in taking part and keeping active! Click the link for the Conqueror Challenge <u>form</u>. All you need to do is fill out the 5 questions and then click send. If you need any more help or information then please don't hesitate to ask.

Here are a couple of images from some of our events last year



## SECONDARY UPDATES

## ONLINE BEHAVIOUR & CONDUCT POLICY INFORMATION EVENT

Following the successful launch at King's Academy Binfield secondary phase of the Behaviour & Conduct policy we held an information event for parents/carers in the spring term last academic year which was well received. We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a similar online event to give you the chance to hear more about the policy and to ask any questions you may have.

This event will take place online on Thursday 5th October at 17.00. An email will come via our school comms with a link to Event Brite for you to book your place. The meeting link will then be sent to you.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to **email** us.

#### **YEAR 9 WHEELER PROGRAMME**

As a member of the Wellington College School Alliance we are about to put forward ten Year 9 students for the five-year Wheeler Programme at Wellington college. It is aimed at 'intellectually curious' students who are currently not quite achieving their potential but who, with some targeted support, could go on and reach their full potential. Further information is available in the flyer. If you wish your child to be considered please contact <u>Mrs Goodley</u> by 26th September

#### WILLIAM'S DRIVE TO SUCCEED!

Huge congratulations to William T from Year 9 who took part in the local final for the Junior British Indoor Karting Championship. To progress to the next stage, he had to qualify in the top 24, and in a field of top drivers



from Teamsport local region, he came first! Next stop is Leicester where he will take part in the Regional finals on 7th October. Good luck with the next stage William.

### **SECONDARY P.E. UPDATE**

**PE at King's this Half Term:** The PE department is very excited to announce that our extra-curricular timetable is up and running. If your son/daughter would like to attend an extracurricular club, they just need to bring in their PE kit and come to the changing rooms at 3.05. There are two expectations for this and that is Trampolining on a Monday and Basketball on a Thursday, both of these clubs require you to sign as we have additional coaches coming in.

**PE Kit and the new change:** Just a reminder that students can wear King's Academy branded shorts, skorts, leggings and trousers. Students also have the option of plain navy bottoms that have no logo on them. Please also make sure students also bring a hair band if they are wearing their hair down to school on PE days.

**Summer Success:** Over the summer holidays we have had some sporting success:

Izzy (Yr9) competed in the SE Athletics Championships for the 75m hurdles and won! Izzy then competed at the UK National Championships where Izzy came 3rd. In her heat she had a phenomenal race and beat the previous no 1 girl in the UK in a new UK leading time of 11.16. Izzy has also taken part in the ESAA Combined Events National Championships, this time is was for the U15 Pentathlon event. There were 40 girls from all over the UK and Izzy placed overall 16th. Well done to Izzy for these amazing achievements and I hope Izzy has a restful break before starting the indoor season.

*Liam C (Yr 11)* has made it through to the final stages of the U16 Football County Trials. We wish you all the best in the next trials.

**Jess (Yr9)** was selected to be part of the England Football Talent Pathway for the coming season. We wish her all the best with her training and matches.

DATES FOR THE DIARY		
w/c Monday 25th September	KAB6 Taster Lessons for Year 11	
Wednesday 27th September	KAB Secondary Phase Open Evening for September 2024 Year 7 Admissions(6-9pm)	
Thursday 28th September	Late start for Secondary Phase (students start at 10:50am)	
Monday 2nd October	Year 6 Bikeability	
w/c Monday 2nd October	KAB6 Taster Lessons for Year 11	
Monday 2nd October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:30-10:30am)	
Tuesday 3rd October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:30am-10:30am)	
Thursday 5th October	Year 5 & 6 Netball Tournament	
Thursday 5th October	Secondary Phase Parent Event - Behaviour Policy (5-9pm)	
Thursday 5th October	KS4 Drama Trip (6;30-11pm)	
Friday 6th October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:15-10:30am)	
Monday 9th October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:15-10:30am)	
Tuesday 10th October	KAB Primary Photos	
Tuesday 10th October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:15am-10:30am)	
Thursday 12th October	Year 12 visit to Newbury College Careers Fair	
Thursday 12th October	Year 7 & 12 Meet the Tutor Evening (4-7pm)	
Friday 13th October	Year 7, 9 & 11 School Photos	