# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE



### of good luck have been, quite frankly, amazing. I feel very privileged to be part of such a fantastic community.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all.

Kind regards, Mrs Moore

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### PRIMARY MESSAGE FROM MRS TATE

Dear Parents and Carers.

It has been another fun and busy week in the primary phase!

Year 6, in particular, have been incredibly busy. Firstly, half of Year 6 visited the Resistant Material rooms at KAB to make bird boxes for their Design and Technology unit of work. The rest of year 6 will visit next week. Year 6 have also completed their Bikeability lessons which is the government's national cycle training programme. This Training programme helps students to learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads.

This is just a short message this week, but I wanted to write to you to say a huge thank you for all the support that has been shown to me from the whole KAB/KAO community. The kind wishes and messages

It has been lovely listening to the primary choirs at both KAB and KAO rehearsing for their performance at Young Voices. More information will be shared with parents about this shortly.

We are looking forward to meeting with our primary families at the upcoming Parent's Evening. Please remember to book an appointment so we can let you know how your child has settled in their first term.

Best wishes, Mrs Tate





### **SECONDARY MESSAGE FROM MRS PHILLIPS**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic week in KAB Secondary, we have been delighted to welcome our prospective Year 6 parents in for our first open morning tours, these have been fantastically well attended. It is always a pleasure to welcome members of the wider community in to showcase the excellent teaching and learning taking place.

On Monday 16th October we are opening our doors once again for our KAB6 open evening, we are very excited to welcome our prospective cohort of 6th form students in for a visit to showcase our fantastic facilities, curriculum and provision. Booking for this can be found on our website.

It has been fantastic to see the extra-curricular provision fully underway, just this week our Year 9 students attended a rugby tournament at Edgbarrow and put in an excellent performance, the Addams Family rehearsals have been taking place, we hosted a primary netball tournament led ably by our sports leaders. If you child has not signed up to any of these clubs, please do encourage them to get involved.

Best wishes, Mrs Phillips

#### FINAL INSET DAY FOR 2023-24

We are happy to be able to confirm the date of our final INSET day of the school year. This will be on Friday 5th July 2024 and all staff will be attending the Festival of Education at Wellington College which we believe will provide us an opportunity to be more inspired and learn new things to make our school even more remarkable

### **INVIGILATOR VACANCIES**

Due to the increased number of students along with those with a need for additional exam access arrangements who qualify to take exams in small rooms, a larger number of invigilators are required. As a result we need the help of parents/carers to support us to provide the number of invigilators that are needed.

If you or someone you know is interested in this role please complete the application form which can be found on our website here.

We will provide all invigilators with training to ensure that they are fully prepared to undertake this role. Please note, JCQ regulations mean that parents/carers of Year 11 students are not allowed to invigilate their own children.

For more information and how to apply, please visit the KABKAO <u>website</u>. We can't wait to have you on board!

### KABKAO UPDATES

# UPDATE - PRIMARY PARENTS EVENING SEN APPOINTMENTS

Please accept our apologies, there was an error in the information about the availability of Mrs Jones, our SENDCO at the Primary Parents Evenings. She will only be available on the following dates. Please book in the usual way.

- KAB 11th October
- KAO 16th October

The Mental Health Support Team will also be available on these two dates, so do pop along to talk with them if you have any concerns about your primary age child.

#### **FUNTASTIC KIDS HOLIDAY CAMP**

Please see the flyer on **page 5** for details of the upcoming October Half Term Holiday Camps. run by Funtastic Kids. Parents/carers can book places via the Funtastic Kids **website**. Spaces have already started filling up, so if you want your child(ren) to attend, please book as soon as possible!

#### CHARLIE'S PEDAL POWER

Charlie in Year 4 at KAO competed in an off-road cycling event this weekend organised by the Wessex Cyclocross League. Despite tough conditions his determination shone through and he finished the race, representing his local



cycling club and winning a medal in the process.

Well done Charlie on such a fantastic result!

# MESSAGE FROM THE SECONDARY LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM

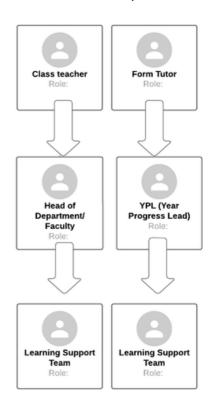
It has been wonderful to see all of our students settle back into the routine of school life.

Upon reviewing how you are able to access our

team; we have streamlined this to ensure queries and requests for support can be dealt with by the appropriate person and within appropriate time frames.

The flowchart below shows you the optimum way for your queries, requests and concerns to be dealt with.

- If your concern is pastoral related, the form tutor should be the first point of call.
- If your concern is subject related, the class teacher should be the first point of call.



The best way to directly contact a member of the learning support team is to use our new email secsend.bi@kingsacademies.uk and include FAO:
Mr/Mrs in the subject line.

As the Learning Support Team grows, it is important that emails are triaged and allocated to the correct staff member to deal with your query in a timely manner, we ask that you no longer email members of the SEND team directly and use this email address only.

We hope this system will make communication easier for all concerned.

### KABKAO UPDATES

### SECONDARY MEDICAL UPDATE

With the autumnal weather approaching, we are starting to see cases of coughs, colds and flu like symptoms in school.

We do not administer paracetamol/ibuprofen/ throat lozenges in secondary so please ensure your child has a dose of any medication they may need before coming into school. If you wish to bring a small amount of paracetamol in for your child, please bring it into Reception, clearly labelled with your child's name and the dose they require and when.

Please do not give any medication to your child to carry around in school.

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Since March 2022 when the final Covid restrictions were lifted, the UK Health and Security Agency (UKHSA) has advised that COVID-19 should be managed like other respiratory infections, such as flu.

NEW PLAYERS WANTED!

OUR U15 SIRENS ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS IN YEAR 9/10 TO JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM READY FOR THE 23/24 SEASON

Previous playing experience is preferred but not essential.

Contact Lizz Gray on 07879 811624 to find out more

COVID-19 presents a low risk to children and young people. This, combined with high vaccination rates in the population, means there are no longer specific rules relating to COVID-19 in schools, colleges, childcare and other education settings.

For children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive for COVID-19, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

# GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

Bracknell Cavaliers are looking for Year 9/10 girls to join their Under 15 Sirens team. Please see the flyer below for more details.

### SECONDARY TENNIS COACHING

Latika Tennis Club are offering 2 free taster lessons to secondary students interested in being coached in the sport. See the flyer below for more details.



DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Monday 9th October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:15-10:30am)
Tuesday 10th October	Year 6 Visit to KAB (Group B) - Birdbox Making
Tuesday 10th October	KAB Primary Photos
Tuesday 10th October	Secondary Phase Open Morning (9:15am-10:30am)
Wednesday 11th October	KAB Primary Parents Evening (4-7pm)
Thursday 12th October	KAO Primary Parents Evening (4-7pm)
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
Monday 16th October	KAO Primary Parents Evening (4-6pm)
Monday 16th October	KAB6 Open Evening (6-9pm)
Wednesday 18th October	KAO Primary Photographs
Thursday 19th October	KAB Primary Parents Evening (4-6pm)
Friday 20th October	School closes for half term break- early finish (TBC)
Monday 30th October	School reopens - all students in school

