

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Seasonal activities have been going on this week in the primary phases with the pantomime and Key Stage 1 performances. Students have been really wonderful in their performances and parents and carers have enjoyed this start to the festive season. Congratulations to all students who have been involved so far. We look forward to the ongoing performance in Primary and the secondary winter showcase next week!

Today, I am pleased to share with you the letter from Governors about equity, diversity and inclusion at KAB/KAO. This letter has been sent to you separately and shows our commitment to EDI and our plans for this next term.

Year 11 parents evening took place this week. It was great to welcome so many parents and carers to hear about students' progress and what they will be doing to take the next steps towards their GCSEs.

Next week we have further activities including Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day. Term will finish with a half day on Friday 15 December at 12 noon for secondary students and 12.30 for primary students. We look forward to further festive fun next week!

Kind regards
Mrs Moore



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THAMES VALLEY POLICE – E-SCOOTERS ALERT

We know many people will be buying or receiving e-scooters as gifts this Christmas, but many will not be aware of the legalities on their use. Before you buy, please bear in mind the following:-



Personal e-scooters –

- These are for use on private land only
- These are illegal on any public highway
- You cannot get insurance to ride these on the roads.

This is because e-scooters are classed as motor vehicles in law. In theory, this means that you need an MOT, road tax and insurance to use one, however it isn't currently possible to register e-scooters in this way.

Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

You cannot use a privately owned e-scooter on the road, pavement or in a public space. If you do then you risk receiving a large fine, points on your driving licence and your e-scooter could be seized.

Rental e-scooters –

Some parts of the UK are running government trials of rental e-scooters. If you're over 16 and have a full or provisional driving licence, then you can use these on public roads and cycle paths. Please check that your driving licence covers categories AM, A or B.

Zipp, Lime, Ginger, Tier and Voi are permitted by a government scheme to hire e-scooters in cities and towns across the Thames Valley. Renters must hold a provisional or full drivers licence to hire them. The rental company will supply e-scooter motor insurance for renters. These scooters must be ridden on the road. Rental schemes are currently being trialled in Buckinghamshire (Zipp Mobility), Milton Keynes (Lime, Tier and Ginger), and Oxford (Voi). Slough were trialling the use of e-scooters, but that trial is currently suspended.



KABKAO UPDATES

KAB WINTER FAYRE & WINTER SHOWCASE EVENTS

Please see **page 4 and 5** for details of the KAB Winter Fayre and Winter Showcase, which both take place on Tuesday 12th December. The Winter Fayre is running in conjunction with the Showcase, and both take place on the same evening.

KAB & KAO CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – REMINDER

Please see **page 5** for details of the Christmas Jumper Day that primary & secondary phase are invited to take part in on Thursday 14th December.

KAB SECONDARY PHASE CHRISTMAS DINNER – REMINDER

Please see **page 5** for details of the KAB Secondary phase Christmas dinner that will be taking place on Thursday 14th December.

SAM MAKES THE GRADE!

We were delighted to hear that Sam W from Year 1 at KAO passed his second karate grading last weekend and got his new belt. Sam was very confident and showed his skills really well.

Congratulations Sam!



LOCAL FESTIVE FUN FOR THE FAMILY

Please see the poster from Bracknell Rocks on **page 6** for some fun ways to entertain the family over the festive period.

UNIFORM SHOP FESTIVE CLOSURE

Please see the poster on **page 6** which shows the festive closure dates for Stevensons branches.

REMARKABLE READING UPDATE

Please see the graphic below for more information about the secondary phase Remarkable Reading programme.

Remarkable Reading at King's Academy

Year 7 Reader of the Week

Remember it is recommended that students read for at least 20 minutes a day

Year 7 Reader of the Week
21 hours
12,549 SRP
Currently Reading
The Extremely Inconvenient
Adventures of Brontë Mettlestone

Give the gift of reading this Christmas

We're delighted to share that at the end of term we will enter all our star readers into a lucky dip raffle to congratulate them on their careful reading journey so far!

YEAR 12 APPRENTICESHIP EVENT

Please see **page 6** for details of an apprenticeship information event which may be of interest to Year 12 students.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 12th December	Nursery Christmas Carols in the classroom 2:45 - 3:30pm
Tuesday 12th December	KAB Secondary Phase Winter Showcase 4-8pm
Tuesday 12th December	KAO Christmas Pyjama Party 5-6pm
Wednesday 13th December	KAB KS2 Christmas Show 6pm at KAB Secondary
Thursday 14th December	KAO KS2 Christmas Show 6pm at KAB Secondary
Thursday 14th December	KAB Christmas Pyjama Party 5-6pm
Friday 15th December	End of Term - students finish early (see page 1 for times)
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET Day - school closed to students
Wednesday 3rd January	Start of Spring Term - all students in school
Wednesday 3rd January	Year 12 Assessment window begins
Wednesday 3rd January	Year 9 Immunisations
Thursday 4th January	KAB6 Interviews - 3:30-6:30pm

2023 KAB Winter Fayre



Tuesday 12th December

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Secondary Canteen

Bring lots of loose change!

Same night as the Winter Showcase!

~ All money raised will be donated to the Duke of Edinburgh Award fund ~

Stalls include: Tree Decorations, Snowman Shy, Guess the name of the elf, Drop a coin on Rudolph's nose, Guess the location of Santa's workshop, Sweets, Popcorn, Gingerbread Decorating, Santa Hat Cupcakes, Hot Sausage Rolls and Hot Chocolate with all the trimmings!

The Performing Arts Department At King's
Academy Presents...



THE WINTER SHOWCASE

Tuesday 12th
December 2023

Main Hall

Refreshments will be served
from 6pm with the show
commencing at 6.30pm.

Ticket Options-

£5-Adults
£3 Concessions



CHRISTMAS DINNER

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

TRADITIONAL TURKEY DINNER

OR

ROASTED VEG & CRANBERRY SLICE



CHOICE OF DESSERT

ICED CHOCOLATE & ORANGE BROWNIE

CHRISTMAS ICECREAM

WINTER BERRY MUFFIN

£3.50 PER STUDENT VIA CHARTWELLS ACCOUNT
PRE-BOOK BY FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

LUNCHTIME WILL BE EXTENDED ON THIS DAY
FOR MORE DETAILS REFER TO WINTER EVENTS LETTER



Christmas Jumper Day

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

This year we're
raising money
for charity Daisy's
Dream



Donations can be
made via
SchoolComms

Students must wear full school uniform.
Blazers can be replaced by the
Christmas jumper.





FESTIVE HOLIDAY INSPIRATION

BRACKNELL ROCKS IS THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

WWW.BRACKNELLROCKS.CO.UK

FESTIVE FUN & HOLIDAY CLUBS

There are **LOADS** of brilliant festive events happening this holiday. From Trails to Christmas markets to meeting the big man himself. A highlight for us is A winning the Bauble competition at the Lexicon. So if you are in town doing the Twinkle Trail keep your eyes peeled for her Christmas Tree. Here are some suggestions this festive season.

- Twinkle Trail at the Lexicon (plus their other festive activities)
- Family New Year's Eve Party at Village Hotel Bracknell

We also have a handy holiday club guide. [Click here to view.](#)



ELFLEX AT GOLFPLEX

GolfPlex has turned in to ElfPlex this festive season. They've even covered the Polar course to protect the presents from the weather and they are giving away hot drinks, mulled wine, mince pies and cupcakes.

In the Elf Workshop they've arranged bauble decorating, colouring, in lucky dip bins and face painting. The Elves Workshop will be open on the following dates 9th, 10th, 16th and from 17th to 23rd December. Booking essential. To book [click here](#) or head to the [Bracknell Rocks Website](#).



FOLLOW US AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY!

There are thousands of local parents following us Social Media, and we'd love for you to join in! Just search Bracknell Rocks and like our page!



www.bracknellrocks.co.uk



STEVENSONS

Opening Times

From everyone at Stevensons, we're sending you our best wishes and a little note to say that we are closing our stores over the Christmas holidays so staff can spend time with their family and friends.

We're closed from 18th December until 1st January.

We re-open on the 2nd of January

You can still order for home delivery or Click and Collect once the store re-opens.

Festive.



Buzzacott



Discover Audit and Accounting Apprenticeships with Buzzacott

We are a leading accountancy firm based in the City of London and are hosting an event to provide insight into the apprenticeships we offer school-leavers in audit and accounting.

This is a unique opportunity for students and their parents/guardians to understand the fantastic potential apprenticeships can offer.

During the event, you will:

- Meet Buzzacott Partners and learn about their roles.
- Hear from school-leaver trainees about their Buzzacott experiences.
- Have your questions answered by our team.

Register for the event by scanning the QR code below.

We look forward to welcoming you.



When: 11 January 2024, arrive from 5:30pm for a 6pm start

Where: Buzzacott, 130 Wood Street, London, EC2V 6DL

