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### Notes from SLT: The Situation In Ukraine

During times of tragedy and difficulty in the news, we know that our young people will be aware of what is happening, but will not always be using reliable newsfeeds and sources to get this information. We want to ensure that we provide our young people with a balanced impartial and factual view of the situation. We will be discussing the humanitarian side and impact of this on all people affected by the conflict. The situation is obviously also all over the internet and on social media, on sites such as TikTok. What is on there can be extremely worrying and distressing for our young people, so we want them to know they can talk to us in school about it. In tutor time today we have discussed:

- The current situation as it stands
- The humanitarian impact of this on displaced families and individuals
- The need for compassion for people impacted

### Advice about how to talk to your child about this situation:

- Be honest. In times of uncertainty, it's never more important for your child to have a strong, secure and trusting relationship with you. If you tell your child something that is not true, it may harm your relationship and their sense of stability.
- Acknowledge that this is a serious event but many countries are working together to figure out what to do. Point out that day to day life for your child will be the same. **And of course, show empathy for the families that are currently vulnerable and under threat.**
- If your child asks a question, you might be tempted to bat it away and say, 'Don't worry about that'. Be sure you answer it, otherwise, your child might fill the knowledge gap with worries (often inaccurate or extremely unlikely scenarios), information from another child or even social media. Their questions are your chance to help them understand the world's events in a safe, calm and measured environment.
- Particularly in the early stages of this situation, ask: 'What do you want to know?' rather than assume you know what is on their mind.
- **Avoid stereotyping** – We will not lay the blame on any nation and will always challenge hateful talk. We have a legal duty to provide an impartial and balanced view of any political matter. We do occasionally use Newsround as an age appropriate, unbiased news programme and will continue to use this. We will however, continually monitor the frequency and the appropriateness of the programme for our students and young people.

Please do contact us if there are any personal circumstances which we would benefit from being aware of, so that we can work together for the best interest of your child.

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**Parking** - Please do not park in the disabled parking spaces when collecting your child if you are not eligible to do so, we have families who have a disabled badge who are not able to get a space because of inconsiderate parking. As a reminder, secondary parents should not be dropping students off at the St George's Park entrance. Please also be considerate when dropping off in the estate, making sure not to block residents' driveways.

### English update - focus on Young Shakespeare and World Book Day by Tatiana (Year 9 student)

Last Friday (the 25th of Feb), The Young Shakespeare Company were invited to come and perform the play of Romeo and Juliet for the whole of Year 9 to deepen their understanding of the play. It was a very refreshing take on the play and also very educational to see the different ways in which you can perform the play. Coming from a year 9 student, I thought it was very relevant that the actors had gender fluid roles which are not often found in theatre and felt almost connected to today's modern society. Overall, I think we can all agree that it was a very interactive play but also captivating and took us through a roller coaster of emotions. I hope to see them again!



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### READING: Reading at King's!

## WORLD BOOK DAY!

Over the week up until the 3rd March, we have had plenty of wonderful celebrations in place to immerse ourselves in the World Book Day frenzy! Firstly, students have all been given their £1 tokens to use in local booksellers and redeem money off books! See below to remind yourself what they look like. We've also had our Tutor Door Decoration competition: excellent reading displays all around the school. Thank you to all the tutor groups for partaking! A special congratulations to our overall winning door from 7ECh! Many students handed in submissions for the Creative Writing Competition too. Well done for your extraordinary efforts in this creative piece. Masked Reader (like the Masked Singer TV Show!) has gone down a treat with tutor groups guessing who the Masked Teacher is every day. Thank you to all teachers who helped to magic up this mysterious competition. Students also had a giggle at the Staff World Book Day Costume competition: see the staff photo below!

Finally, a huge thank you to our eight Reading Ambassadors in Year 10 who came down to the Primary School to read aloud to our Reception and Year 1 students. They all enjoyed themselves hugely and I know everyone will be keen to repeat this exciting reading experience.

Thank you again to all the students and staff for a fun-filled, reading-focused day!



World Book Day book tokens will be valid from  
**Thursday 17 February – Sunday 27 March 2022.**



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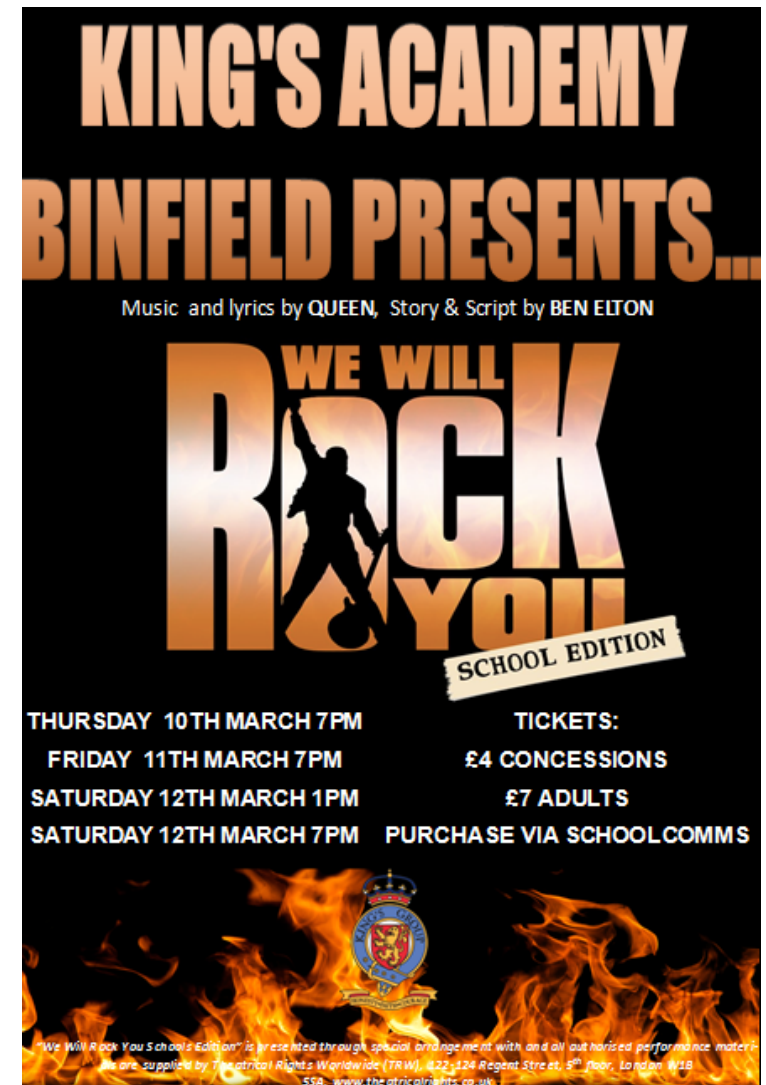
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### 1-1 Devices

Firstly I would like to thank parents for their support with this new and exciting initiative that we think will enhance the learning of all students.

We are aware that some families have missed the deadline however, we are currently working with FreedomTech to look at the next feasible time to provide you with the opportunity to purchase a device through the scheme. The portal will open as soon as feasibly possible and close on 1st April. This is to ensure that these students can receive their devices as close to the beginning of the summer term as possible. **Reminder, if there are any financial concerns, please do get in touch with us at [chromebooks.bi@kingsacademies.uk](mailto:chromebooks.bi@kingsacademies.uk). We continue to look at requests on a case by case basis**

If you already have your own chromebook, or have since decided that you will purchase not through the scheme, please remember to purchase the license through SchoolComms.



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### **PE Updates:**

Another busy couple of weeks for the PE department since half term, we have seen several fixtures happening across the two weeks. Due to the number of fixtures we have had we apologise for not having extra-curricular clubs on. Please see the fixture and club list for what will be on for the next couple of weeks.

### **Netball**

Over the last 2 weeks we have seen 3 netball matches. It has been a busy time for the year 7's as they have played two matches within 2 days! Year 7 started with EP on Wednesday 23rd Feb, and we adapted our game as EP did not have enough players for two teams, so the Year 7's showed great resilience. Everyone played brilliantly, there were some lovely passes happening and our footwork has improved massively since our very first game, which I am so pleased with. Then the following day we played Garth Hill College, the students adapted again as we played 7 a side this time and changed back the rules, again their footwork improved, as well as their defending however we could not stop Garth's shooters from scoring. Well done to all the year 7's who have played over these two matches, they worked extremely well and I am looking forward to their next match.

The Year 8's also played Garth Hill and this was a close game, throughout every quarter there was only 1 goal in it. Both teams were equally balanced. We had some great defense from Aalia, Lauren and Lelia, while the attack did well to beat the strong Garth defense.

This week saw the Year 8's play EP. The girls had to adapt to playing indoors and the mix of lines on the sports hall floor, however this did not phase them. There was some lovely play up the court, right from the defense all the way through to the shooter. There was a stand out shoot from Libby, who got it in from the edge of the circle, Amelia with her consistent pressure on her player and great adaptability of positions from Monica. The whole team worked extremely well and this paid off in the result.

Well done to everyone who played in these matches and good luck in the future matches.

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### **Football**

We have had a number of football matches in the last couple of weeks. First, our Year 10s played a local match against Easthampstead Park. Despite playing the match for long periods with less men, the boys put on an excellent performance showing grit and determination, unfortunately losing 1-0. Stand out performance was Isaac who showed excellent composure in defense.

With our year 8s, the story of uphill battles seems to be the running theme. This week they played two fixtures, one against Edgbarrow and one against Crispins. The commitment the boys showed in both fixtures given the awful weather conditions was certainly admirable. As was the commitment to the parents watching. The game against Edgbarrow was one of the most exciting games of the year. If it was a game based on statistics, King's would have won 9/10 fixtures, with more possession, shots and corners, however, the Edgbarrow striker certainly made the boys pay for missed chances and after showing tremendous effort to get the score back to 3-3 from 3-1 down, the game ended 5-4 Edgbarrow.

The game versus Crispins though was a different story. Unfortunately, a lack of communication and individual errors led to Crispins going 3-0 in the first 10 minutes which killed the game entirely. The rest of the game was a relatively even affair with most of the possession played between the two penalty boxes. The game ended with a 4-1 loss. Heads up boys, more fixtures in the weeks to come.

### **Fixtures and Extra Curricular Clubs**

Monday 7th - U13 Boys Football v Bohunt (Away)

Tuesday 8th - U15 Boys Football v St Crispins (Away) and Netball Club

Wednesday 9th -

Thursday 10th - U14 Boys Football v Edgbarrow (Away) TBC

Tuesday 15th - Year 7 Boys Football v St Crispins (Away) and Netball Club



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Wednesday 16th - Year 7 Boys football v Edgbarrow (Home)

Thursday 17th - Year 7 Netball v Brakenhale (Away)

### Upcoming and important dates for the remainder of this half term:

Date	Event
7th March - 17th March	Year 9 Options Interviews.
9th March	Young Shakespeare Company - Year 10
10th-12th March	We Will Rock You!
15th March	Wellbeing Drop Down Day
16th-18th March	Year 10 Geography field trip
28th & 31st March	Year 10 Parents Evening



## Resources for help and support

We know that times are extremely challenging at the moment, we are compiling a list of resources and websites to help supporting your children with their mental health and wellbeing

[Young Minds - Mental Health Support](#) **YOUNGmINDS**



[Safer Internet Centre - Resources for parents/carers](#)



[Kooth - Free online counselling support](#) **kooth**

Remember, we are all still here to support you, please reach out if you need any support. The first point of contact should be Form Tutors or YPLS. Mrs Spooner and Mrs Collins are also on hand to address any wellbeing issues.

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