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Note from SLT: Mrs Phillips

Some people may think that at this point in the term things slow down a bit in preparation for the summer, it is safe to say that this is absolutely not the case at King's Academy Binfield. It has been a jam packed half term of events so we have lots to update you all on. It has been wonderful to be able to welcome so many of our families back into school over the last few weeks with events such as our Presentation Evening, KAB6 launch and our Careers Fair.

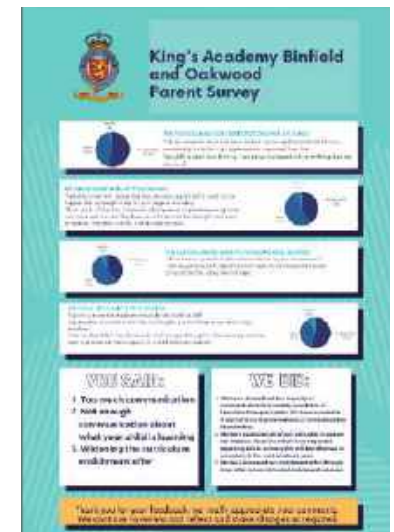
It is fantastic to see so many extra-curricular activities taking place through the summer term. We are looking forward to events such as Sport's Day and our Healthy Lifestyles and Relationships day coming up; it is fantastic to be able to widen our students' cultural experiences through this offer as well as the trips that are coming up. We have Year 10 Geography field trips going out next week, a Year 9 Science trip to Thorpe Park as well as our final DofE expedition.

Summer Fair

We have our first summer fair coming up on Saturday 9th July, this has been organised by our PTA and will be hosted at King's Academy Oakwood, it would be fantastic to see as many of you in attendance as possible.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey, the results were overwhelmingly positive and we are delighted to share some of the outcomes and actions we have taken as an attachment to this newsletter. We always take parent feedback on board and it is important to hear from all aspects of our community, so please do ensure you get involved in the next survey if you did not join in this time. As always, if you do have any concerns in the meantime, please do raise them with the appropriate member of staff in school, for pastoral concerns this should be initially through the form tutor and curriculum concerns through the subject teacher.



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Presentation Evening

On Tuesday 28th June we were delighted to host our first presentation evening in two years. It was wonderful to invite our parents in to celebrate students who had exhibited outstanding progress and attainment across different subject areas, as well as those who consistently show the DARE values across the school. The presentation was followed by drinks and nibbles with the teachers, students and parents, it was a truly wonderful evening.



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Yr 7 STEM Day

Last Thursday Year 7 took part in a series of workshops, talks and challenges linked to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Sessions included a talk about STEM careers from the team at Thales, building and testing rocket cars and finding out more about the World Bee Project led by staff from Oracle and what it means to be healthy and how we can measure health with visitors from Reading University.

Students also put their maths skills to the test with a coordinates based treasure hunt, explored the roles of different careers in putting man on the moon and competed against each other to build the tallest freestanding tower that could withstand high winds inspired by the engineering behind the Burj Khalifa.



The engagement and enthusiasm of the whole cohort was fantastic to see with many of our visitors commending them on the insightful questions and positive attitudes.



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DIVE IN week

The students have been in their vertical tutor groups this week to support their understanding of diversity and inclusion within our KAB community. There have been an array of activities during tutor time which have encouraged students to be supportive and celebrate others' differences. Sessions have included activities on Neurodiversity, LGBTQ+ and Culture. During lunchtimes clubs have also been run for students to ask further questions about culture, identity, religion and our neurodiverse super powers! We are extremely proud of how the students have embraced this week's focus and how open and inclusive they are.



KAB6 Launch

We are extremely excited to have held our KAB6 Launch Evening, this took place on Wednesday 22nd June and was extremely well attended. Mrs Howells, Mrs Richards (Director of 6th Form) and Mrs Moore (Executive Principal Designate) hosted the evening and presented the plans for KAB6, our 6th form provision, which will be opening in September 2023. Students were informed about the subjects that will be on offer as well as the plans for the design of the 6th form area that are being created in conjunction with the student 6th form committee and all of the extra-curricular offerings we plan to include. It was a very exciting evening and certainly created a buzz about what is to come!.



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Careers and Futures Evening

Thursday 30th June saw our inaugural Careers and Futures Evening, this was extremely well attended and the feedback has been hugely positive. Mr Baldwin organised and coordinated the evening that saw exhibitors ranging from The RAF and Fire Service, to Oracle, Honeywell and Waitrose. We had stalls from Further and Higher Education providers as well as Adviza the Bracknell Forest Careers service. Mr Baldwin hosted talks about Careers, Futures and Apprenticeships and then students moved around the stalls to find out more information about their options for the future. All in all it was a wonderfully exciting event and all who attended really benefited from it.



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National Flight Academy Experience for Ruby 10LSW

Back in early 2020 Ruby entered a STEM based competition run by Virgin Atlantic, for children of their employees, in conjunction with Delta Airlines to win a one week long scholarship at the National Flight Academy based in Pensacola, Florida.

Ruby submitted her competition answer to the question “Imagine you are working in a STEM career 20 years from now on a project that is going to change the world”. Her entry won her a fully paid NFA place including flights to the USA. Ruby was originally meant to attend in June 2020 but Covid put paid to that and sadly the event was cancelled. Ruby was finally able to attend this event in June this year.

This was an absolutely fantastic experience for Ruby and we are incredibly proud of her.



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CAPA UPDATES:

Summer Art & Technology Exhibition

The Creative Arts team are proud to announce our Summer Creative Arts Exhibition will take place on Thursday 14th July from 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

The exhibition will showcase a range of work produced from primary through to our GCSE students. Work from Fine Art, Photography, Textiles & Design Technology will all be on display. Mrs Digby and her Food Preparation & Nutrition GCSE students will also be providing afternoon tea refreshments which we hope you will enjoy!

We will also have some live musical performances from our secondary students.

Please join us for what will be a lovely way to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students at King's Academy Binfield & Oakwood.

We Will Rock You: Photographs!

Just a reminder that orders for the We Will Rock You Photographs has been extended until Wednesday 6th July. We cannot guarantee arrival before the end of the summer term for any orders placed after this date.



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PE News:

There has been so much that has happened in PE this half of the summer term and so much more to come...

District Sports

We have had over 65 students representing King's Academy Binfield in the District Sports held at Bracknell Leisure Centre. We competed against all of the schools within Bracknell Forest and we had some brilliant performances. It was so nice to see so many students taking part and for some of the students, this was the first experience of an athletics competition or representing the school.

Unfortunately when it was the year 8-10 turn at the districts, the weather was not in our favour and it rained the whole time, the sun came out for the relay at the end however all students were brilliant and only a couple of moans!

A massive shout out to the following students for getting through to the county round;

Mitchel W, Kayden J, Tegan S, Rowan H and Brandon A.

Mitchel came 2nd in the Triple Jump. He was 5cm off the winning, and a year younger than the rest of the competition so Mitchel you have done incredibly well.



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Kayden came 5th in the Triple jump.

Rowen came 7th in the High Jump with a jump of 1.50cm, which equals his PB. Which is absolutely fantastic.

Tegan came 8th in the Shot.

Brandon came 5th in the High Jump and set a new personal best which was amazing.

For year 7, we only had one student making it through to the county round and this was Izzy R.

Izzy not only won the 70m Hurdles, she set a new championship record! We could not be prouder of her.

A massive shout out to all the students who took part, we are so proud of you.



Sports Day

The PE department are excited to announce that our Sports Day will be on Friday 15th July. This will be the first year that Sports Day will be held altogether as a school so we are extremely looking forward to it. On this day, all students regardless if they are taking part in an event (although we hope most are) will be coming to school in their full King's Academy PE Kit. More details on Sports Day will follow.

Lost Property and Naming PE kit

This is just a reminder to please make sure all items of PE kit are named. When the weather cannot make its mind up, a lot of jumpers are being taken off in lessons and it is hard to give them back to their correct owners if they are not named.

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Any lost property we do have either stays in the office by the Sports Hall or if it is named goes to reception to be handed back to the owner.

PE Kit

We have seen an increase in the number of students not wearing the correct shorts/skorts/leggings and trousers. Please can you make sure you have the correct kit. If you do not you will be given the spare kit to replace what you do not have correctly. If there are any issues with kit, please contact Mrs Sword on lauren.sword@kingsacademies.uk

Hats and PE

If the weather becomes really hot again (like it was a couple of weeks ago). Baseball caps (PE appropriate hats) will be allowed to be worn within PE lessons. The hats must be plain blue/black in colour and have no logos on them.

For sunny weather we also have an additional water container which we take out to lessons as well as gazebos which are put up.

Fixtures for the remainder of the time;

Monday 4th July - Year 9/10 Leaders @ KAO Sports Day P1 and 2

Tuesday 5th July - Year 9/10 Leaders @ KAB primary Sports Day P1 and 2

Wednesday 13th July - Year 7 Athletics @ Edgbarrow

Thursday 14th July - Year 10 Athletics @ Edgbarrow

Friday 15th July - Sports Day



King's Academy Binfield PE Extra Curricular Timetable



Summer Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Trampolining Club **Paid Club - Run by Rushby and Whyte Trampoline Club**</p>	<p>Cricket All Years SBL and WLa</p> <p>Sports Club **Invite only** LSw</p> <p>Tennis JGo</p>	<p>Athletics All Years SBL and ECH</p> <p>GCSE PE/BTEC Sport/ Health and Social Care Intervention LSw</p>	<p>Rounders All Years LSw and BDa</p>
<p>All clubs will run until 4.15pm unless stated.</p>			

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Day & Time	What	Where	Staff
Tuesday 3.05-4pm	Dare To Perform*	Drama Studio	JRi, LRo & JWi
Tuesday 3.05-4pm	Art Homework SOS	Art Room	SHe
Tuesday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Art Drop In	Art Room	SHe
Wednesday 12.45-1.15	Music practice rooms available**	Music Practice Rooms	LRO
Wednesday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Dance Drop In	Dance Studio	JRi
Wednesday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Music Drop In	Music Room	LRO
Wednesday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Drama Drop In	Drama Studio	JWi
Wednesday 3.05-4pm	Art Club	Art Room	SHe
Thursday 12.45-1.15pm	Music practice rooms available**	Music Practice Rooms	LRO
Thursday 4-5pm***	Dance Company	Dance Studio	JRi
Thursday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Design Technology Drop In	Workshop	WLa & KHo
Thursday 3.05-4pm	YR 7,8,9 Resistant Materials	Workshop	WLa
Thursday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Art & Photography Drop In	Art Room/ CAPA computer room	SHe
Thursday 3.05 - 4pm	KS3 Textiles Club	Textiles	KHo & CDi

*Dare to Perform is by invitation only.

**All music practise rooms must be booked directly with Mrs Roberts on a Monday break time

*** Dance company timing will vary for a couple of weeks



Extra-Curricular Clubs

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	STAFF	TIME	YEARS
Monday	Week A: GCSE Spanish Speaking Drop In	1.28	KCr	12.45-1.15	Yr 10
	Week B: GCSE French Speaking Drop In	1.29	LLa	12.45-1.15	Yr 10
Tuesday	Creative Writing	2.16	KGr	3.05-4.00	All
	Journalism Club	1.26	SHn	3.10-3.45	All
	Code Club	2.35	JCa	3.15-4.15	All
Wednesday	Week A: GCSE Spanish Writing Drop In	1.30	NBe	12.45-1.15	Yr 10
	Book Club	1.18	DCh	3.10-3.45	All
Thursday	Week A Film Study Club	1.30	NBe	3.05-4.00	Y7-9
	Eco Club	2.23	EWh & HOw	12.45-1.15	All
	KS3 Science Club	Science	Science team	15.05-16.00	All
	KS4 Science Club	Science	Science team	15:05-16:00	Yr 10
Friday	LGBTQ+	2.48	AJa	12:45-1:25	All
	Mindfulness Club	2.09	BDa	12.45-1.15	All

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Key Dates:

Date	Event
06/07/22	INSET Day - School closed to all students
07/07/22	Year 6 Induction Day Year 6 Parents' Evening
14/07/22	Healthy Lifestyles and Relationships Day Art and Technology Exhibition
15/07/22	KAB Secondary Sports Day
19/07/22	KAB Secondary Sports Day (Reserve date)
22/07/22	End of summer term for all students - 12pm

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

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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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