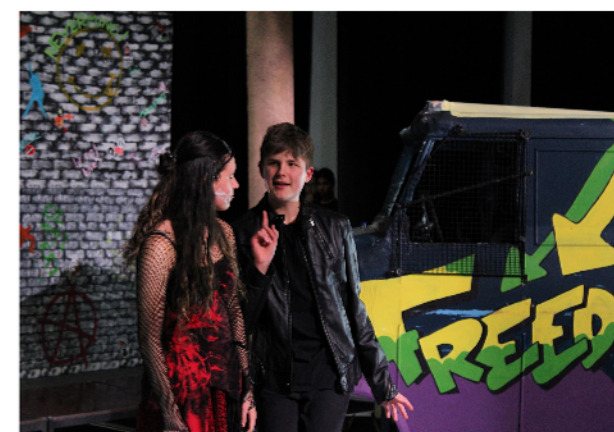


We Will Rock You!

Last week saw our first ever musical performed at King's Academy Binfield. We opened with our dress rehearsal on Wednesday to an audience of students from KAO Year 4 and Meadowvale Year 6; this was a fantastic success and gave the students a huge amount of confidence going into their performance on Thursday for their opening night.

Students performed four performances across Thursday, Friday and Saturday and quite rightly received a standing ovation for each performance. We are so incredibly proud of all of these students and the hard work they have put in over the last few months of rehearsals, giving up weekends and evenings. We want to publicly thank our performing arts team; you gave so much to this performance and it was truly wonderful. Well done everyone, you have definitely 'Dared to be Remarkable'!



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Wellbeing Day

Tuesday 15th March saw our first 'in person' wellbeing day. We put on this day in response to student feedback. Students told us that they had really enjoyed the wellbeing day we had put on during lockdown and that they wanted to repeat something similar now that we are able to 'in person'. We were delighted to welcome the 'TikTok Sensations' Here at Last who came in to perform some of their most popular tracks and to talk to the students about their own experiences with mental health and cyberbullying. In addition to this we had visits from Bracknell Cobras, East Grinstead Hockey Club and Berkshire Birds of Prey. All of the activities on offer for students were designed to support their mental health and wellbeing, we wanted students to try new things and get to mix with people from other year groups who they may not have had the opportunity to meet before. The students started the day with an assembly led by Mrs Phillips on the importance of self care and taking care of our own mental health and wellbeing. The day concluded with the students reflecting on their own ways they plan to look after their mental health and contributing to our whole school wellbeing charter.

As part of this day, students came in in their own clothes and took part in a bake sale, we were raising money for Comic Relief. Given the current situation in Ukraine, we have decided to split the money we have raised between Comic Relief and also the DEC Appeal Ukraine. The DEC donations will be sent via The Red Cross, one of the 15 DEC member charities.

We are delighted to announce we have raised: **£1,284.15** across KAB and KAO. Thank you for your support!





1-1 Devices

A reminder that, in response to parental requests, the second portal is now live and parents that have not yet placed their order for one to one devices may now do so.

How to order your device:

To select and place an order for a device, please visit the Tech 4 Learners portal: www.tech4learners.co.uk - and login with the below details.

Username: KAB2022

Password: S3cure02!

If you are experiencing any difficulty logging in, please contact Freedom Tech on 0203 857 5630.

The portal will be open from Monday 14th March 2022 - Friday April 1st 2022

If you already have your own chromebook, please remember to purchase the licence through SchoolComms by 1st April.

As mentioned previously, we are able to support our families in receipt of Free School Meals by providing the Chromebooks at a substantially subsidised cost. For families in financial need we will provide financial support: every student should be advanced by access to technology. If you have any concerns regarding affordability of the scheme please do contact us chromebooks.bi@kingsacademies.uk. We will look at all requests on a case by case basis.

Parent Survey

Thank you to the 120 parents who have completed the parent survey we shared last week. Whilst this is a great start, there are over 800 children who we haven't had feedback from you - their parents. Please do take a few minutes (it really is that quick!) to complete it so we can have a true picture of what we are doing well, and the areas we need to give greater priority to. If you have more than one child, especially if they are in different phases, please do complete one per child. Thank you.

[Parent Survey 2022](#)



Food Technology Report - Written by Maiah Moon - Year 10

This week the GCSE food tech classes got the chance to practice their knife skills and test their creativity as they were given the choice between jointing down a chicken or filleting a fish. They were then free to transform either into a dish of their choosing.

The main focus of the lesson was on the technique and process of jointing down the chicken/ filleting the fish as well as the patience and ability to manage their time effectively, in order to disassemble and then put together everything in the space of an hour.

Despite the stress and pressure, everyone's dish proved successful, with fragrant, mouth-watering aromas coming from the food tech corridor (of which tend to lure in many teachers as they pass by on their learning walks).

Everything from chicken curry, kiev's and fried cod were produced, and some even tackled the task of upskilling their dishes with more complex sides, such as home-made mayonnaise or hollandaise sauces.

Many left the lesson with smiles on their faces, eager to taste all they'd produced - even Mrs Phillips had a taste of some home-made chicken nuggets!



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Year 10 - Young Shakespeare Company

Written by Liam Kimmer - Year 10

The Young Shakespeare company came into King's Academy Binfield and put on a fun and interactive performance for the whole of year 10. During the workshop they helped show us that the characters and the whole text can be interpreted in different ways by asking the audience for ways they could act the characters.

The performance showed us a new interpretation of the play and we really feel this will help us remember key points of the text through memorable parts of the performance. We enjoyed the unique costumes and different accents for each character whilst still ensuring we got a good level of overall understanding of the language used. Overall it was a very fun and beneficial experience.



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

Date	Event
Monday 28th March	Year 10 Parent's Evening - In person
Thursday 31st March	Year 10 Parent's Evening - In person
Friday 1st April	End of Term 3:05pm
Saturday 2nd April	Winter Sport's Trip Departs

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

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[Young Minds - Mental Health Support](#)



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

[Kooth - Free online counselling support](#)



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. Remember, we are all still here to support you, please reach out if you need any support. For any safeguarding concerns please email safeguarding.bi@kingsacademies.uk