

### **Note from SLT: Mrs Phillips**

Wow, our final newsletter of the academic year, as we bid farewell to a remarkable year we are celebrating all of the wonderful successes of our students. I know that Mrs Howells has written to you separately but on behalf of the staff and the student we would like to say a very big and public thank you for everything she has done in leading King's Academy Binfield and Oakwood to become the truly remarkable learning environments they are today. **School finishes at 12pm on Friday 22nd July 2022.** 

We hope you all have a truly wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming students back in on:

#### **Monday September 5th 2022**

Year 7 and Prefects - Arrival from 8:30am for an 8:45 start.

Years 8,9,10,11 - Arrival at 10:30am - straight to tutor bases.

#### **Summer Safety**

We want all of our students and families to have a wonderful, safe summer. This time of year is a wonderful time to get outside and enjoy the sunshine when we have it, but this is also a time when young people in particular can be faced with danger. We have received leaflets from the Fire Service about fire safety and water safety and will be circulating this with this newsletter. We have covered this in assemblies and PSHE lessons for the students but think it is an important message for you, as parents and carers, to follow up with them too.

Safeguarding our students takes place across the whole school year, not just in term time. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us on safeguarding.bi@kingsacademies.uk

Where a child may be in immediate danger or you have an urgent concern we have attached the Bracknell Forest Local Safeguarding Information which can be found on our website <a href="here.">here.</a>





#### **Sports Day**

Wow, our first ever full Secondary Sports Day and what a success it was. A massive shout out needs to go to the students for the enthusiasm they showed throughout the whole day. We had an impressive number of students taking part in a range of events. The new Tug or War and Welly Wang were extremely popular this year.

Over 160 students have received medals from taking part in different events. We are looking forward to celebrating our winning house in our end of year assembly on Friday.







### **Year 9 Science Trip - Thorpe Park**

This term Year 9 began their GCSE science course with the first Physics unit focusing on the topic of Energy. Students have been learning about energy transfers and calculating the size of different energy stores in class.

To help bring this learning to life on 13th July the cohort took a trip to a very busy and very warm Thorpe Park to experience these energy transfers in action as well as having the opportunity to complete calculations using real world data from numerous rides at the park. Despite the long queues and hot weather the students were fantastic and we are excited to build and develop this trip for future year groups to enjoy too.



#### **CAPA** exhibition

On Thursday 14th July we gathered together at KAB Secondary to celebrate the wonderful art, photography & technology work produced by our students this year. Work from both KAB & KAO primaries and KAB Secondary was displayed for students, staff and parents to inspire and enjoy.

Our fabulous Year 10 GCSE Food preparation & Nutrition students cooked, baked and presented the most delicious afternoon tea; and our Year 10 GCSE Music students treated us to an informal performance and some beautiful background music.





The afternoon was hugely successful and such a lovely way to showcase the students' work. We are already looking forward to and making plans for next year's exhibition, we hope to see you there!





#### **Summer Fair**



Saturday 9th July was our first annual summer fair and what a success it was. The summer fair was superbly hosted at King's Academy Oakwood and organised by our fabulous PTA supported by some of our parents and older students. There were a wide variety of stalls available, SLT were extremely busy on the BBQ stall and 'Soak the Teacher' was unsurprisingly, very popular. A fantastic day was had by all with an amazing £1947.65 raised for the PTA



















### Year 10. GCSE Geography Field Trip: - Hengistbury Head, Christchurch Bay

#### Mrs. Bondsfield, Mr. Clarkson and Miss. White

On Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th of July we were privileged to take our year 10 GCSE geographers to Hengistbury Head in order to carry out their coastal fieldwork study.

Fieldwork is a vital part of the geography curriculum and this opportunity allowed our students to collect primary data in a physical environment using a variety of techniques including: charting beaching geomorphology using ranging poles and clinometers, comparing cliff height and establishing the rate of longshore drift with oranges, tape measures and stopwatches! These observations provided the students both with the raw data that they later presented visually and an opportunity to evaluate our approaches to the fieldwork.

Despite a slightly delayed start we were blessed with beautiful weather and the students were exemplary throughout both days. To make the day memorable we ended with obligatory ice creams on the beach!













The revised Bronze DofE expedition dates for Bronze Cohort 1 (year 10) are Saturday 1st - Sunday 2nd October 2022. Information letters will be sent out in September with additional details; locations and start times.

Bronze Cohorts 2 and 3 will be meeting in the canteen with their leaders during the first week back on Wednesday 7th September 2022 from 3:05-4pm in the canteen.

### **Key School Dates:**

Date	Event
22/07/22	End of term students leave 12pm
01/09/22 02/09/22	INSET Day - School Closed to Students
05/09/22	Year 7 and Prefects - Arrival from 8:30am for an 8:45 start.  Years 8,9,10,11 - Arrival at 10:30am - straight to tutor bases.



### 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

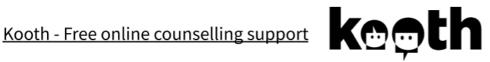


Young Minds - Mental Health Support



Safer Internet Centre - Resources for parents/carers





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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