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Notes from SLT

Wow, what a jam-packed half term this has been. We have been delighted to take some small steps towards 'normality' through having people in to visit our students and finally being able to participate in some cross phase activities, such as our Year 2s coming to make slime in our Secondary Science labs.

Paul Hannaford visit

We were delighted to welcome Paul Hannaford to the secondary phase. Over the past 10 years Paul has built a successful career educating over 400,000 school children from multiple year groups ranging from year 4 up to sixth form, tailoring the message appropriate to their ages. Paul delivered a fantastic talk for each year group about the dangers of addiction, drugs and alcohol as well as involvement in gangs, knife crime and county lines. Through his own experiences as a former addict of over 20 years, he was able to convey an incredibly powerful and hard-hitting message. Paul delivered a fantastic, hard hitting talk to all students on the dangers of drug use, knife crime and gang violence. We believe these messages are so important to empower our students to remain safe. A large focus was on the idea of choice and the consequences of our actions. These consequences can have a lasting impact on our students' future and it's important we empower them to make the right decision. Equally, we hope the thought provoking nature of the talk has led to open conversations at home.



Year 9 Options

Our year 9 options process has officially begun! We sent out the link to our options website via School Comms, and all students have a copy of our Options Booklet. We are very excited that this is now underway, and are looking forward to meeting with each of our year 9 students in their interviews in March ahead of making their final choices. It is so important that our students ask our teachers questions about the different subjects, core and option, so that they fully understand the requirements of each one. We are all here to help and support as the process gets underway!

Young Gentleman's Project

Some of our Year 8 and 9 students have been working on 'The Young Gentleman's Project'. This week their parents were invited in for their certificate ceremony. Anthony, leader of the project, is very proud of the progress the students are making and was delighted to share this with their parents.



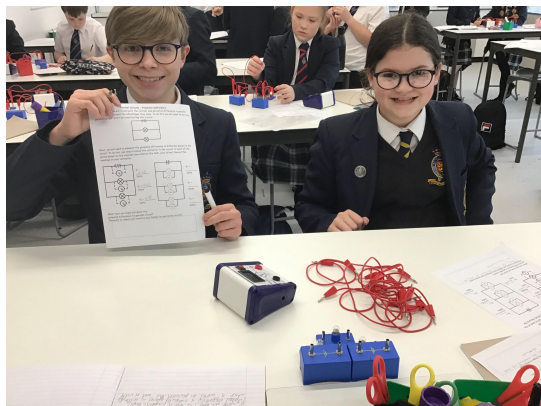
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Department Focus Science



As usual at King's Academy Binfield, we are continuing to pack as much practical activity into our science lessons as possible. Here, year 7 were using the electronics equipment to investigate how potential difference is affected by components being in either a series circuit or in a parallel circuit. As well as learning about potential difference, year 7 have also been studying about metals and non metals in chemistry, and interdependent relationships in Biology.



Our year 2 students gained the most Dojo points, and, as a reward, asked to spend more time with the secondary school students and also to be able to do some science. So we combined both of these, and our amazing technicians and fantastic members of our KS3 Science club made slime with them. This was a really engaging and fun session for everyone involved, particularly Mrs Trimble and Mrs Lesniewicz.

Our year 10 students are continuing their studies at GCSE level. At this stage in the year, students will have completed a number of required practical activities. Here a group of year 10's are doing a neutralisation titration. This is an analytical technique that combines a laboratory investigation with calculations to determine the concentration of one of the reagents, here sulfuric acid.



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1:1 Devices

With the Chromebook Scheme portal now closed, we are really looking forward to the start of this new project. Departments have been working together developing the curriculum further to provide the enhanced opportunities chromebooks will provide.

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. **Reminder, if there are any financial concerns, please do get in touch with us at chromebooks.bi@kingsacademies.uk. We continue to look at requests on a case by case basis.**

If you already have your own chromebook, please remember to purchase the license through SchoolComms by 28th February.

READKING: Reading at King's!

Words of the Week

Over the last fortnight, students have been using their new Words of the Week and receiving lots of DARE points. Find them below!

Tutor Read

In tutor time, the students have been reading their novels together. Many tutor groups have moved onto their next texts: for example, The Book Thief in Year 9, Salt to the Sea for Year 8 and Treasure Island for Year 7. How are you enjoying your new Tutor Read books so far? Who are your favourite characters? What is a key moment in the story so far?



 incisive (adjective) to approve of a person's ability to think and express their ideas clearly, briefly, and forcefully. Sentences containing the adjective 'incisive' - Unfortunately, the politician did not have an incisive delivery of his speech. - The student debated the class topic with incisive confidence.	Use this word correctly in your work in any subject this week for a DARE point. Synonyms - sharp - direct - clever Antonyms - dull - vague - dense	 indolent (adjective) describes someone who dislikes work or effort; a very lazy individual. Sentences containing the adjective 'indolent' - After a night of gaming, Joe was only capable of indolent behaviour. - The co-worker disapproved of her colleague's indolent work ethic.	Use this word correctly in your work in any subject this week for a DARE point. Synonyms - lazy - idle - slack Antonyms - busy - keen - energetic
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World Book Day

Note for the diary! After half term, King's Academy Binfield will be celebrating World Book Day: **3rd March 2022**.

There are going to be lots of wonderfully wacky ways to get into the spirit of the day: Staff Costume Competition, writing competitions, and a Masked Reader competition - think of a school version of the TV Show!



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We Will Rock You!

Tickets Are Live!

Tickets for our production of We Will Rock You are now live! We will be performing over 3 nights from Thursday 10th March - Saturday 12th March with 1 Matinee performance on Saturday 12th March.

There will be a maximum of 5 tickets per student family.

(This is to ensure all families are potentially able to attend the performance).

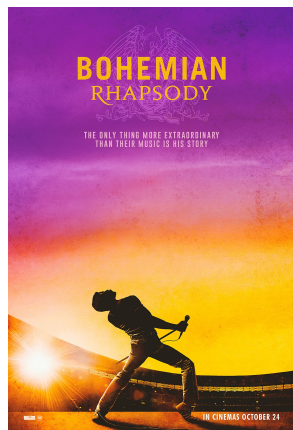
Please ensure you are booking for the correct date.

(This purchase is for THURSDAY, 10th MARCH, you will not be permitted entrance should you attend the incorrect show).

Adult ticket £7 each.

Student/concession £4.

Please confirm your ticket requirements in the comments field on the payment and correct ticket split.



Film Night Fundraiser

On Thursday 10th February we held a film night fundraiser for We Will Rock You. Thank you to all those who attended, we raised a fabulous total of **£250** this will provide a very generous boost to our production funds.

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PE Updates

It has been a busy couple of weeks since the last newsletter and we have had a number of fixtures.

Netball - Year 7's had their second fixture against Ranelagh in the last two weeks, and it was nice to see some new faces to the squad. The girls did really well and you could see an improvement from their last game which was brilliant. They were really working hard to get in front of their players but the Ranelagh girls just kept getting the better of us. We had some brilliant moments of play going down the court from both King's Academy Binfield teams and I look forward to their next match to see the progression they make.

At the time of writing the Year 8 and 9's match against Ranelagh had not been played. Please look out for the next Newsletter to find out how they got on.

Football - Y9 have had a tricky start to the year with a series of fixtures in a short space of time. Results this week included some spells of good football being played away in a 11-1 loss at Emmbrook. However the team have showed improvement over the course of their fixtures and narrowly lost 3-2 to the year 8s on the final day of term, with goals coming from Liam C and Ollie M.

The Y10 boys football team battled well against Bohunt in a high quality game of football at the end of January. Liam K, relishing his right wing back role, gave King's a 1-0 lead in the first 5 minutes before some excellent Bohunt strikes pegged King's back. In the final minutes before half time, Enzo scored a great goal to give King's a glimmer of hope, going in at half time 4-2 down. King's then kept a strong Bohunt team from scoring for 15 minutes, before a few late goals resulted in a final 7-3 scoreline.

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PE Extra-curricular Clubs and Fixtures

The PE extra-curricular clubs for the first two weeks will be the following:

- Sports Club on Wednesday with Miss Davis
- Badminton on Thursday with Miss Davis

Unfortunately due to the number of fixtures there will be no other clubs running.

Here are the fixtures for the first two weeks back after half term:

Wednesday 23rd Feb - Year 7 Netball Away at EP

Year 10 Football Away at EP

Thursday 24th Feb - Year 7 and 8 Netball Home against Garth Hill

Tuesday 1st March - Year 8 football Away to Edgbarrow

Year 8 and 10 Netball Home to Bohunt Wokingham

Year 7 Football Away to Bohunt Wokingham

Wednesday 2nd March - Year 8 Football Home to St Crispins

Year 8 Netball Home to EP

Thursday 3rd March - Year 9 Football Home to St Crispins

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

Date	Event
Monday 22nd February	INSET Day
Friday 25th February	Year 9 Young Shakespeare Company
Monday 28th February	Year 7 Parent's Evening
Thursday 3rd March	Year 7 Parent's Evening
Thursday 10th March - Saturday 12th March	We Will Rock You Performance
Tuesday 15th March	Staff and Student Wellbeing Day (Comic Relief) - Non-uniform

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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](#)



[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.

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Great news...The UK's best family magazine is now free to all parents & guardians- Enjoy!

Please click on the link below:

[Family First - Winter 2021/22 by Seven Star Media - Issuu](#)

