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Notes from SLT: Mrs Phillips

Wow, what an exciting couple of weeks we have had in school. It has been fantastic to start up our sporting fixtures and to welcome students here as well as taking our own students to visit other schools to complete these. Mrs Sword will share more about these in the PE section below.

In addition to our sporting events, we have also successfully held our auditions for We Will Rock You, we had a fantastic turn out and we are very excited to share the cast list in the next newsletter and we will also share more details about the rehearsal schedule.

We have been delighted to host a number of our local primary schools for a netball tournament, it was wonderful to welcome so many members of the wider community to our school as part of this event.

Black History Month

Last week Ms Davis and four of our Year 10 students shared an extremely powerful assembly on Black History Month and the importance of acknowledging this, not just in October but throughout the year. We will be holding a Black History Month day in the canteen on Wednesday 20th October where we will be tasting a special menu created by our catering team to celebrate food of a black heritage. Remember to enter our competition: Create a visual representation of what true diversity means to you as a student of KAB.



15th-19th November - One kind word!



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Our anti-bullying ambassadors are preparing for a week to celebrate anti-bullying, starting with their assembly to the whole school.

We kick off with odd sock day on **Monday 15th November**, so let's see some lovely mismatched socks from all of the students and staff. Posters will go up at the beginning of November to remind you.

Please contact Mrs Smith or your tutors if you have any other suggestions of how we can celebrate this week!

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READING: Reading at King's!

As a reminder to all KS3 parents and students, please do log your private reading in your reading journals! They should reflect roughly an hour a week of reading at home and this can be whatever text you like: fiction or non-fiction! You can win prizes and challenges based on the descriptions in the first few pages. DARE points and all!

Below are the Black History Month book recommendation from First News.



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Our booklists special issue (Issue 797) featured a list of must-read books on the back page. Lots of people online pointed out that our list wasn't very representative. Since it featured entirely white authors, many of them from overseas. We thought it was important to share a different list of must-read books with you, that features and are about diversity. To help us out, we asked in expert Sharon Jarrett from the Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service in London, who has put together a truly fantastic list of books to read this Black History Month and beyond.

MUST-READ BOOKS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THE UNDEFEATED
KWAME ALEXANDER
A powerful poem about Black American history.

BLUEBLOOD
MALORIE BLACKMAN
A Black fairy tale from Britain's foremost Black children's author and former Children's Laureate.

YOU ARE A CHAMPION: HOW TO BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE
MARCUS RASHFORD
The nation's favourite footballer and activist shows how to achieve your dreams.

THE CROSSING
MANJEET MANN
A novel in verse about hope, grief and the tragedy of the refugee crisis.

HIGH RISE MYSTERY
SHARNA JACKSON
There's been a murder in the 14, the high-rise block where sisters Nia and Noma live. Can they solve the case?

CHILDREN OF THE BENIN KINGDOM
DINAH ORJI
An adventure set in the ancient kingdom of Benin, a West African.

DIVER'S DAUGHTER - A TUDOR STORY
PATRICE LAWRENCE
Journey with Eward her mother, who was stolen from Africa as a child, across the Atlantic to Elizabethan London to the sea.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
by Janet Holm, Ilanurken
Black History Month explores the global experience of Black Africans. Sadly, these experiences include injustices that have often been overlooked. The books here help give an understanding of these issues and celebrate the achievements of Black History.

QUEEN OF FREEDOM: DEFENDING JAMAICA
CATHERINE JOHNSON
The story of Queen Nanny and the women who mothered slave resistance against the British in 18th century Jamaica.

BEDTIME STORIES: BEAUTIFUL BLACK TALES FROM THE PAST
FOREWORD BY CANDICE BRATHWAITE
A collection of tales from Black History.

CAN I TOUCH YOUR HAIR? POEMS OF RACE, MISTAKES AND FRIENDSHIP
IRENE LATHAM AND CHARLES WATERS
A story told in poems, which raises questions of race and identity.

TIMELINES FROM BLACK HISTORY: LEADERS, LEGENDS, LEGACIES
FOREWORD BY MIREILLE HARPER
A life of information on the people and the issues that have shaped Black history.

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MANGOES
KLEEN COTTON
It seems nothing much happens in Tynesville, the small Caribbean village where Clara lives.

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HAPPY HERE
FOREWORD BY SHARNA JACKSON
Stories and poems by Black British authors and illustrators, exploring joy, home and family.

THIS BOOK IS ANTI-RACIST
TIFFANY JEWELL
Learn the history of racism and the fight against it.

BLACK AND BRITISH
DAVID OLUROGA
An introduction to Black British history by the historian and broadcaster David Oluroga.

NO 1 CAR SPOTTER
ATINUKU
Meet No. 1, whose hobby is car spotting and solving problems in his African village.

TWINS
VARIAN JOHNSON
In this graphic novel we meet Maween and Francine, who are twins and best friends. But will a new school change everything?

THE STORY OF AFRO HAIR
KIN CHINDI
Explore the fashions and styles of Afro hair over the last 5,000 years.

WINDRUSH CHILD
BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH
Can a boy from Jamaica learn to enjoy his new life in 1950s England?

WALTER TULL'S SCRAPBOOK
MICHAELA MORRAN
The story of Walter Tull, the first Black British professional football player and the first Black officer in the British Army.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK EVER!
We want to hear about your favourites, and we need your help! Head to FirstNews/Feedback and help us choose your favourite book!

THE BIG PICTURE

Will all know how frustrating it can be to get stuck in traffic, but being held up by a herd of elephants seems much more relaxing! These beautiful beasts were crossing a main road in Namet National Park, which is in the far northeast of India, in the foothills of the Himalayas.

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House News

This week saw our first House assemblies of the academic year! A huge thank you to the four year 10 tutors who ran them. They talked about the important historical figures our houses were named after, linking to our DARE values, each with a different motto.

Make sure that you are getting involved in the creative competition - design a house crest/logo that will be used to represent your House in all our House competitions; sports day, charity events and in-school competitions!

A reminder that it must:

- Include your house colour
- Include a house motto - speak with your year 10 House tutor representative for inspiration from their assemblies!
- Be on a single side of A4 paper
- Be submitted **before half term**

We cannot wait to see all your entries and pick our winners!

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PE Updates:

This week has been a busy week for the PE department with a number of fixtures and preparing for our first inter house competition next week.

On Tuesday we had two Rugby fixtures, Year 10 hosted Forest School and Maiden Erlegh Wokingham but unfortunately we lost both of the games. The students kept their heads and worked extremely hard for both games. They showed real determination and enthusiasm. Year 7 played away at Bohunt Wokingham which they won, Mr Lamprecht was extremely proud of the effort the students showed.



On Wednesday, King's Academy Binfield hosted the Year 5/6 Primary School Netball tournament. 8 year 9 leaders came and supported me throughout the day and were brilliant. They showed real leadership skills and used initiative throughout the day.

Wednesday also saw the year 7 and 8 girls attend a football tournament at Garth Hill College. Each team played 3 games each

with a mixture of draws and wins as the results. Both teams made it to the semi finals luckily they were not playing each other. After a tense 8 minutes for both teams, both were still at 0-0. We then headed into extra time, there was some more end to end play but still no score in either



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game. It then went to penalties, Sienna stepped up to be goalkeeper for the year 8's and made some brilliant saves and even scored one of the penalties. Amelia and Paige also took penalties.

For the year 7's there were a whopping 6 penalties before there was a winner. Jess had made some fantastic saves.

Luckily King's Academy came out on top for both teams however it did mean it was King's v King's in the final. The final score was 0-0, which means we are the top two in Bracknell Forest.

A massive well done girls and I look forward to the rest of the season in January.

On Thursday the year 8's had a rugby fixture against Forest. The students played them twice as another team did not turn up. There were a lot of tries within the game, and the boys gave a good resilience throughout the two games. Unfortunately the year 8's lost.

Good luck to everyone in the next matches.

Next week we have the following fixtures:

Monday 18th - Year 9 and 10 Girls Football at Garth Hill College

Year 8 Rugby at King's Academy Binfield

Tuesday 19th - Year 10 Rugby at King's Academy Binfield

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Year 7 Rugby at King's Academy Binfield

Wednesday 20th - Year 10 Netball at Edgbarrow

Year 9 Rugby at Piggott School

Inter house Competition

Our first sporting inter house competitions are being held next week in PE lessons, students are going to take part in the Schools Mini Marathon. Students will have to complete 2.6 miles. Look out in the next newsletter for photos of the events.

Sports Club

Sports club has been extremely successful and everyone is enjoying themselves. Here are some photos from Archery session.





CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY

EXTRA CURRICULAR AUTUMN TERM TIMETABLE

	WHAT	WHERE	STAFF	TIME	YEARS
MONDAY	GCSE Drama Drop In	Drama studio	JWi	3:05 - 4:00	Yr 10
TUESDAY	Production rehearsals*	Music room/ Hall/ Drama Studio	JRi, LRo & JWi	3.05-4.00	All
	Art homework Drop In	1.51	SHe	3.05 - 4.00	All
	GCSE Art Drop in	1.51	SHe	3.05 - 4.00	All
	GCSE DT Drop In	1.55	WLa & KHo	3.05 - 4.00	Yr 10
WEDNESDAY	GCSE Dance Drop In	Dance Studio	JRi	3.05 - 4.30	Yr 10
	Art Club	1.51	SHe & KHo	3.05 - 4.00	All
	Drama Club	Drama Studio	JWi	3.05 - 4.00	Yr 7
THURSDAY	Dance Club	Dance Studio	JRi	3.05- 4.00	All
	Dance Company*	Dance Studio	JRi	4.00 - 5.00	All
	Choir	Music Room	LRo & JWi	3.05 - 4.00	All
	GCSE Music Drop In	Music Room	LRo	3.05 - 4.30	Yr 10
	GCSE Photography Drop In	1.51	SHe	3.05 - 4.00	Yr 10

*The school production & dance company are by **AUDITION ONLY**. Further information to come in the next few weeks.



Autumn Term

King's Academy Binfield PE Extra Curricular Timetable



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
No Clubs due to Staff Meetings	Netball All Years Year 7 Rugby	Sports Club **Invite only** Year 8 and 9 Rugby	Year 10 Rugby
All clubs will run until 4.15pm unless stated.			



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
	Poetry Club	1.17	NWa	1.00-1.25	All
	Debate Club	2.17	HOw & KMa	1.00-1.25	All
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
Friday	Week B: GCSE French Writing Drop In	1.37	SLe	12.45-1.15	Yr 10
	Week B: Mindfulness Club	2.09	BDa	12.45-1.15	All

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

Date	Event
18th October 2021	Year 7 - Meet The Tutor Evening
21st October 2021	Year 7 - Meet The Tutor Evening
25th October 2021 - 29th October 2021	Half term week - no school

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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I= Eedi

Message from Miss Davis about some workshops to support the Maths anxious child. These are being run by a company called Eedi.

1. Free webinar for parents on helping your Maths-anxious child

I bet you've heard some of these phrases at parents' evening: "I'm afraid she gets her maths brain from me", "I'm not a maths person", "I'm useless at maths", "What they learn in school is so hard these days"... etc etc. As maths teachers this is heart-breaking, but what these parents are really saying is that they are maths-anxious, under-confident and unsure how to help their child with maths. At Eedi, we want to help those parents.

Using both the latest research and her vast experience in this area, Rachel will give practical advice on ways parents can help their children with their maths, whether they are struggling with maths anxiety or stuck on their homework. And they'll learn tips for keeping their own maths anxieties at bay too!

The webinar takes place on Wednesday 3rd November at 7:30pm.

If your parent network might be interested, please feel free to pass on the link below to your networks via email or social media:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RaZtoO11RIGk7HzuDRVYMA

2. Free course for Maths-anxious Parents

In addition to the live webinar, we also have a short online course called "[Helping with Homework: For Maths-Anxious Parents](#)" that is ready to access now. It guides parents through a few of the ways they can help their child without having to know too much about the maths. Why not check it out for yourself and see if you think your students' parents would benefit from it?

"Have looked through this as a teacher to recommend to my pupils and colleagues - it is great! Thank you"

3. Free course for Students with Maths anxiety

And while we're at it, just a reminder that our free maths anxiety course for students is still available [here](#). We have had over 2000 students already complete the course and some lovely praise coming in from those who have found it really valuable. Why not set it as a homework at some point this term once you have got to know your classes? We send through an email certificate upon completion of the course so you'll have something handy to record as evidence!