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Notes from SLT: Mrs Lee

Happy New Year 2022! Another jam-packed edition of our KAB newsletter this week.

Firstly, we are delighted to announce that our final fundraising total for the events in December is an amazing: **£2467.79**

This will be shared equally between Cancer Research UK and Alexander Devine Hospice, two charities very important to our community.

With our return to school for the new year comes a refreshed extra-curricular timetable and even more opportunities for each and every one of our students to get involved in our clubs. Mindfulness club is now running every week on a Wednesday rather than fortnightly, and you can find the full list of clubs at the end of the newsletter. There are also a number of GCSE drop in sessions for our year 10 students to support across the curriculum and are highly recommended to support alongside the work going on in lesson time.

I would also like to draw your attention to the 1-1 devices information in this newsletter. As you will know, the Chromebook Scheme will very soon be starting, and we are looking forward to the next stage. There are huge benefits to this project, which we have outlined below. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Finally, it was a pleasure to see year 9 parents during our online year 9 Parents Evenings on Monday and Thursday this week.

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1-1 Devices

With the start of Chromebook Scheme fast approaching, and **27 days until the portal closes**, we are really excited about the next stage of our project. For us this is a project that has been researched for a number of years but was delayed a number of times due to the pandemic. It is not new: many local and national schools have a Chromebook for Learning Scheme.

Through our research we have seen how the technology will open up greater opportunities and experiences to enhance the learning of all students. Already, some faculty areas are using innovative ways to support students, such as their portfolio of verbal feedback in CAPA on student's work which will allow students the flexibility to access this whilst improving their work in lessons and at home, and in Languages accessing online content to help improve their vocabulary at their own pace, based on the content and skills that have been taught.

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.

Please see below details on how to place a Chromebook order.

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: KAB2021

Password: S3cure02!

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

The portal will be open from Tuesday 9th November - Thursday 10th February 2022

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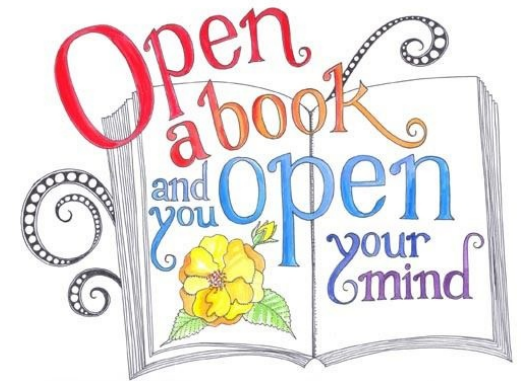


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READKING: Reading at King's!

LIBRARY REMINDER:

Library Leaders are on duty there at lunchtime so you can take out a book of your choice. Please don't forget to use our wonderful resources to borrow a book and broaden your mind. As always, respect the space and place read books back in the relevant shelf when finished.



STAFF DOORS:

Have you taken a look around the classroom doors recently to check what your teachers are reading at the moment? Ask your teacher about what genre the book is or how they rate it so far out of 5 stars! You could compare a book you're reading with what they're reading too. Let's increase our dialogue about books and reading.

WORD OF THE WEEK:

See the next two pages to remind yourself of our new vocabulary over the last fortnight! Remember: if you use these words in class, verbally or written, you will receive a DARE point from your teacher! Keep stretching your **Lexicon** (your brain dictionary – not the shopping centre in Bracknell!).



implacable

(adjective)

If you say that someone is **implacable**, you mean they are very hostile and nobody can change how they feel.

Use this word correctly in your work in any subject this week for a **DARE point**

Synonyms

- Unappeasable
- Unpacifiable
- Unforgiving

Sentences containing the adjective 'implacable':

- The enemy was **implacable**, so the villagers feared they would be conquered and destroyed by them.
- Even after being offered a £100 gift card, the customer remained **implacable** about the poor service they had received from the shop.

Antonyms

- Placable
- Soft-hearted
- Gentle



impertinent

(adjective)

If someone talks or behaves in a rather impolite and disrespectful way, you can say they are being **impertinent**.

Use this word correctly in your work in any subject this week for a **DARE point**

Synonyms

- Impolite
- Disrespectful
- Insolent

Sentences containing the adjective 'impertinent':

- Many people consider it **impertinent** to ask someone how old they are.
- The **impertinent** child had a smart answer for everything.

Antonyms

- Well-mannered
- Polite
- Respectful

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YPL Updates

Year 7 - Mrs Crockford

Year 7 have continued to impress me since their return after the Christmas break. Last term was a time for forging new relationships and becoming familiar with a brand new school, not to mention all of the new teachers, expectations and subjects that they had to familiarise themselves with. Teachers of year 7 will be writing their reports this month and this will give us, you and them the chance to see the progress being made and effort that is being applied to their studies. They have started this term particularly well and I look forward to seeing more students have their time to shine!

Year 8 - Mr Blake

I have been very pleased with how the Year 8 students have returned to school. I have spoken to a number of students explaining how the new year is another opportunity for them to start afresh while others can continue to build on the excellent work that they have shown in the first term. As a year group, we have a number of opportunities and exciting projects coming up this term. Please look out for these and throw yourself into them, even if they are out of your comfort zone!

Year 9 and 10 - Mrs Jackson

The new year brings with it the opportunity to reflect and set ourselves goals for the year ahead. Soon the Yr9s will be selecting their options and starting the next step of their journey, it is now time to be having those discussions as a family and with teachers about what subjects you are interested in taking at GCSE. Yr10s as you continue to work towards your own GCSE goals take time to reflect on how well you have approached your studies and if you need to stretch yourself further.

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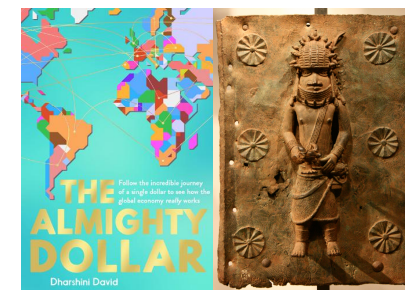


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Department focus: Humanities

Following the Christmas break, King's students are coming back to an incredibly global Humanities curriculum:

- Geographers will be following the journey of a single dollar across global trade (Y8), as well as exploring glaciation through the desert of Antarctica (Y9).
- Historians will be assessing the medieval Silk Roads in Asia (Y7) as well as investigating the Early Modern Kingdom of Benin (Y8).
- In Religion and Worldviews students will be considering the importance of pilgrimage (Y7) and investigating a wide range of beliefs and attitudes on crime & punishment (Y10).



History have launched reading lists with each year group, including a 'watch list' for Y10. Students can find these on google classroom or speak with their teacher for a paper copy. Many of the books are available in the library or all can be purchased cheaply online or at bookstores.

Extra curricular opportunities:

Eco-Club - Thursday lunchtime 2.23

Are you passionate about improving the environment?

What can the school community do to be more sustainable?

Join us at Eco-club:

This term:

- Tree planting
- Reducing school plastic use
- Bird feeders



Mindfulness Club - Wednesday lunchtime 2.09

After the success of the mindfulness club last term, Miss Davis is now running this club Wednesday Week A **and** B.

If you are looking for a quiet, safe space to reflect and take a moment to pause then come along!

All welcome, especially Y7 students.



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CAPA Updates: Spring Term Extracurricular in CAPA



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY

EXTRA CURRICULAR SPRING TERM TIMETABLE

	WHAT	WHERE	STAFF	TIME	YEARS
MONDAY	GCSE Art & Photography Drop in	1.51	SHe	3.10-4.30	Yr 10
TUESDAY	Production rehearsals*	Music room/ Hall/ Drama Studio	JRi, LRo & JWl	3.05-4.45	All
	GCSE Art & Photography Drop in	1.51	SHe	3.10-4.30	Yr 10
WEDNESDAY	GCSE Dance Drop In	Dance Studio	JRi	3.05 - 4.30	Yr 10
	Art & Textiles Club	1.51	SHe & KHo	3.10 - 4.00	All
	GCSE Drama Drop In	Drama Studio	JWi	3.05 - 4.00	Yr 7
	GCSE Music Drop In	Music Room	LRO	3.05 - 4.30	Yr 10
THURSDAY	GCSE Art & Photography Drop in	1.51	SHe	3.10 - 4.30	Yr 10
	GCSE Design Technology Drop in	1.55	WLa & KHo	3.10 - 4.30	Yr 10
	Production rehearsals*	Production rehearsals*	JRi, LRo & JWl	3.05-4.45	All

*The school production is by **AUDITION ONLY** - Whole cast & technical team should consult the Google Classroom for updates.

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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
	Mindfulness Club	2.09	BDa	12.45-1.15	All

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We Will Rock You!

A reminder for your diary, our opening night will be Thursday 10th March and performances will run through until Saturday 12th March. These dates also include a matinee performance on Saturday 12th March.

We have now appointed our backstage and technical team so we would ask all students involved to continue to refer to the rehearsal schedule and check for updates on the Google Classroom.

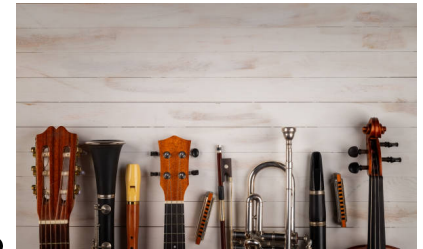
More information regarding ticket sales will be released in the coming weeks.



Instrumental Lessons

The performing arts department provides a wide variety of instrumental and vocal lessons through Berkshire Maestros. Instrumental provision currently provided includes: drumkit, guitar (bass, electric and acoustic), violin, woodwind, piano / keyboard, brass and voice. If you are interested in learning an instrument please contact Mrs Roberts

lianne.roberts@kingsacademies.uk



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PE Updates:

We have had a great start to the New Year, this week has seen netball training and football trials for all year groups! These have been a massive success, our fixtures will be coming in thick and fast now!

As well as this we have kicked off 2022 with our first fixtures. This week the U14 girls have had two fixtures, a Cup game against the Marist and a league game against Maiden Erlegh.

U14 Girls Match Reports

On Tuesday the girls played their first full 11-a-side match against Marist. The game started well, but as the team was getting used to the pitch and playing together, the opposition capitalised on their chances and the first half unfortunately finished 2-0 to Marist. The team pulled together at half time, and put in a really strong performance in the second half, linking passes up the pitch resulting in some really close chances, and putting in a strong show in defense, stopping the opposition from increasing their goal tally.

The team looked for the positives, and went into the game on Wednesday aiming to improve their performance further.

On Wednesday, the team played against Maiden Erlegh. The girls continued to build on their previous performance, but despite some excellent defensive play, and some incredible saves from our keeper, we were unable to stop the opposition from scoring. In the final minutes of the game, the team grouped together and managed to come from deep in midfield to bring the final score to 4-1.

Cold Weather

Just a reminder that students can wear base layers under their PE tops and Jumpers if they get cold as well as wearing base layers under shorts or tracksuit bottoms.

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Year 7 PE

Currently in year 7 we are studying hockey, and with this the students have been advised to bring in shin pads. They must also have gumshields. It is vital that they bring in a gum shield as they will not be able to take part in the lesson. If you have any questions or issues about this please let me know.

Extra-curricular

From the number of fixtures that you can see, we will update you each week at the moment to let you know which clubs are on what days! We apologise that we can't set them in stone at the moment, but there are no set dates for fixtures etc.

Fixtures for the next Fortnight

Monday 17th Jan - U12 (boys) Football v Bohunt Wokingham

Tuesday 18th Jan - Sports Leaders Leading the New Age Kurling Tournament

U15 (boys) Football v Holyport (Cup Game)

U12 (Boys) Football v St Bartholomew's (Cup Game)

Year 7 A and B Netball v Bohunt Wokingham

Thursday 20th Jan - Year 9 Netball v Bohunt Wokingham

Tuesday 25th Jan - Year 8 Netball v EP

U14 (boys) Football v Bohunt Wokingham

U13 (boys) Football v Bohunt Wokingham

Wednesday 26th Jan - Year 9 and 10 Netball v Garth

U15 (boys) County Cup - This game is subject to winning the first round

U13 Football v Cox Green (Cup Game)

Friday 28th Jan - Year 7/8 Sports Hall Athletics Competition

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

Date	Event
Tuesday February 1st 2022	Options Evening Website Launch
Thursday February 10th 2022	Date portal closes for orders of chromebooks
Friday February 11th 2022	INSET Day - school closed for all students
Monday February 21st 2022	INSET Day - school closed for all students

Resources for help and support

[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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