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Notes from SLT: Mrs Phillips

It is lovely to be writing to you at the start of this (hopefully less disrupted) academic year. We have been back at school for just over two weeks now and it is absolutely fabulous to have all of our students back, mixing with each other and re-establishing links with friends in other year groups. The start of term has been extremely busy, but we continue to be delighted with how well the students are doing. The students are looking wonderfully smart, behaving in a respectful manner and engaging in fantastic learning, showing their commitment to 'Dare To Be Remarkable' in all they do. It has been a pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students into our community and we are so impressed with the fantastic attitude to learning they are all already showing.

As the term progresses we are delighted to share with you our extra-curricular timetable for CAPA, PE and homework club, which you will find later in this newsletter. Information about further clubs will follow next week.

Notices:

Whilst we can appreciate there are some frustrations with the traffic around the school in the morning, unfortunately this is beyond our control. Please continue to use the alternative drop off points available to you and encourage your children to make their own way to school where possible.

This leads us nicely to the Sustrans Bike to School week, that we will be participating in next week, please do encourage your children to bike to school next week. This must, of course, be done safely and all students must wear a helmet.



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Student Success:

We are keen to share student successes with you in each newsletter, so please do keep us informed of any successes the students are having outside of school so that we can celebrate them as a community!

Aden 10ACI - Swimming Success

Aden qualified for regional meets in July and raced really well in the 200m and 100m backstroke, 100 freestyle, 100 butterfly and 200 Individual Medley. He is now ranked 5th in the south-east region for backstroke and is within the top 22 for all the other strokes and top 50 in England for all strokes.

Aden has also just been selected for phase one of the Swim England national development programme which is an amazing achievement.

Creative Writing Club - Published Success

Holli 9KGR and **Emini 9LLE** have both been published in a national mystery writing competition for work they completed in creative writing club last year where they had to write 100 words of a mystery story.

Their work has now been published in an anthology of entries from schools across the nation called 'Case Files: Unsolved Detective Tales,' a copy of which will be in our library for students to read.

Ophelie 10SHE - Dance World Cup

Ophelie took part in the Dance World Cup in August as part of Team England with Berkshire Dance Academy. They did extremely well in the competition placing second overall!

DARKNESS

Darkness - it's everywhere. If you go into the light, it follows you. I wonder why. I wonder why she was screaming. I wonder why my hands got slippery. I wonder why I never hear her voice anymore. So many clues, but yet I can't seem to grasp what's in front of me. The blood on the floor doesn't match the hair on the ground, which doesn't match the clothes left around. How long would this person mock me? Days of going house to house thinking I was getting closer before blacking out but this time I think I know why...

Emini
King's Academy, Binfield

SUSPICIOUS DEATH

It was a suspected suicide and all evidence seemed to point that way but something didn't add up. Everybody was convinced it was pointless me being here as there was no way it was murder. But it was. Footprints overlapped in a way that they shouldn't have. Detectives say she was in a daze but how could she have been? The way she'd fallen had been unnatural for a suicide as if she'd been pushed, but CCTV proved there was nobody in this apartment, therefore proving it was not murder. There was a screaming noise, then the world went blank...

Holli R
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Prefects

This week in their assembly all of our students have been introduced to our Year 10 prefect team. The prefects will be actively involved in school life, from carrying out additional duties, to running lunchtime clubs, to representing the school and mentoring other students. We are delighted to welcome them to the prestigious role and can't wait to work with them over the coming year.



Student Council

In assemblies this week students have been learning about democracy. A key part of democracy in school is the role of the Student Council. Students have been putting themselves forward for this. Please do encourage your child to put themselves forward for this as the student council plays such an important role in ensuring that student voices are heard.

Community

As you know, we are extremely proud to be part of the community in Binfield. Unfortunately we have been made aware of some anti-social behaviour in the community outside of school hours, particularly around littering and language in local parks. Please ensure that you support us with this by speaking with your children about appropriate behaviour when they are out in the community.



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YPL Updates:

Year 7 have had a fantastic start to their time at Kings Academy Binfield and I could not be more impressed. The level of independence and resilience that they have shown so far has been phenomenal and I have experienced them take on the new challenges of being at a secondary school with determination and enthusiasm. I spoke to Year 7 about first impressions and asked them to think about who they were and how they wanted to begin their journey at secondary school. Subsequently, I have witnessed numerous acts of respect around the site, both to their teachers and peers alike and the number of DARE points being accumulated by the year group as a whole has highlighted their aspirations to achieve academically. Congratulations to year 7 on a superb start to what is clearly going to be a successful and exciting year for them!

Mrs Crockford

Year 8 - What a great start to the year! Since the students return, I have been very impressed with their attitude to school and learning. In our assembly at the start of the year, I spoke about my word of the year being 'Privileged'. The summer holidays gave me an opportunity to reflect on how privileged I am to be in the position I'm in and I hope in the assembly, the students were able to reflect on their position too. Looking back and reflecting gives us a clearer direction going forward. With this in mind, I hope this year, the students show determination when things are tough, aspire to be the best they can be, treat everyone in the school community with respect and demonstrate excellence and enthusiasm in everything they do. If they do this, they will have fun, they will be safe and they will achieve!

Mr Blake

Year 9 and 10 - It has been an absolute pleasure to take on the role of YPL for these two year groups. The students have returned to school with a fantastic attitude to learning and have shown excellent levels of maturity as the oldest students in the school. Year 10 have made an excellent start to their GCSE studies and are showing fantastic levels of enthusiasm to their new subjects whilst Year 9 have really stepped up into this key transition year as they start to consider their GCSE options. The extra-curricular timetable has now started with more clubs being added and I will be actively encouraging all of the students to get involved and give new things a try.

Mrs Jackson

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CAPA Updates

We have had a busy start back in CAPA over the last 2 weeks. It's been a joy to see our Year 10s tackling their new GCSE courses, a full Design Technology rotation in place and our KS3 students displaying our DARE values in every lesson. This week we have launched our Autumn Term extracurricular timetable. Students do not need to sign up for clubs, they simply need to attend on the relevant evening.



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 & JW	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 & JW	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.

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School Production:

We will be launching our first ever full scale school production on Monday 20th September at 3.15 - 3.40 in the main hall. Production auditions will be open to any student in Years 7 - Year 10.

If students are interested in finding out more information, they simply need to attend the launch meeting on Monday afterschool.

In this meeting the production will be revealed, students who are keen to audition will be given an audition pack and they will be invited to a specific Google Classroom where they will be able to find the musical resources needed for their audition.

Auditions will be held from Tuesday 5th October to Thursday 7th October

Instagram:

Last year we launched a KAB & KAO Instagram account to showcase some of the fabulous work that our students have produced. We would love as many parents and students over the age of 13 to follow us at @kab_kao_capa!

PE Updates:

Wow! It has been an extremely busy two weeks for the PE department and we could not be happier that extra-curricular activities with mixed year groups can take place. It is so nice to see students working together again. There has been some fantastic effort from all students and the DARE values have been displayed.

Just a reminder, please can you ensure all PE kits are named. We are seeing a lot of PE kit without names which is not helpful when it gets lost as it makes it harder to get back to your son/daughter.

We have our first fixtures in a couple of weeks so make sure students are at training to be selected. This is so exciting as it will be our first fixture in over 18 months and the department cannot wait!

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Sporting Success

If you have had any sporting success outside of school we would love to hear about it. Please can you email Mrs Sword on lauren.sword@kingsacademies.uk with the details.

Instagram:

Alongside the Performing and Creative Arts instagram page, there is also a PE instagram page. If you are over the age of 13 and would like to follow us you can find us @kab_kao_pe

PE Extra-Curricular Timetable




Autumn Term

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PE Extra Curricular Timetable

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

Autumn Term



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

Date	Event
22nd September 2021	Year 6 Open Evening - (This is now fully booked)
27th September 2021	Year 7 and Year 9 School Photos
Week commencing 27th September 2021	Bike to school week
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

YOUNGMINDS

[Young Minds - Mental Health Support](#)



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

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[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.