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Notes from SLT: Mr Dean

As we approach the middle of the school year it is a great time to reflect on the achievements all our community have had since September. As you know we strongly believe that our entire community can DARE to be remarkable and they have shown this time and time again this school year. This year, staff have awarded 26,534 DARE points to the students at KAB Secondary which is just phenomenal to see. I have put the breakdown of DARE points by Year Group and house below. I have scaled the points to make them comparable as we don't have the same number of students in each year group and house.

Year Group	DARE Points since September
7	9965
8	7911
9	6974
10	8608

Year Group	DARE Points since September
Churchill	7342
Curie	7145
Mandela	7533
Nightingale	7037

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Every student has contributed towards these fantastic totals and we feel that this is something to be proud of and to celebrate. I would love to see even more DARE points awarded across the rest of the school year so I ask you to encourage your child(ren) to DARE to be remarkable at all times so that we can continue to celebrate their achievements.

Duke of Edinburgh

Three of our remarkable Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze participants have commenced on an ambitious gardening project. As part of their volunteering section Franco, Aden and Tomoki are assisting Miss Mead with Groundskeeping at KAB and have just broken ground on the flower bed in the quad. Check back for progress updates in future newsletters as the volunteers turn this into a stunning DofE garden! This is just one example of many volunteering activities that our DofE participants are engaging with in our local community.



1-1 Devices

With the start of Chromebook Scheme fast approaching, and **14 days until the portal closes**, we are really excited about the next stage of our project.

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

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.

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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

READING: Reading at King's!

Words of the Week: Lots of students have been upleveling their lexicon by using these two words over the last fortnight:

implicit (adjective)

1. something that is implicit is said in an indirect way.

2. if you say that someone has an implicit belief in something, you mean that they have complete faith in it and no doubts at all.

impudent (adjective)

not showing due respect for another person; being impertinent.

Remember to use these words in class, verbally or in your writing, to be awarded with a DARE point.

Reading Recommendations: Here is a list of other recommended new books for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students -

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/new-book-releases/books-of-the-month/>

Please also use the library to find new texts to your liking!

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YPLs

We have spoken to all year groups about Make your Mark this week. This gives students the opportunity to have their say on things that affect their age group. The voting is open for the whole of February so please do encourage students to make their mark. We are very lucky to have a year 10 student who is currently part of the UK youth parliament and he will be coming round to tutor groups next week to answer any questions. If having a voice and youth politics is something that your child is interested in please encourage them to join!

- The link below will take you to the short video clip which explains all about Make your mark.

 [UK Youth Parliament's Make Your Mark 2022](#)



Wellbeing Day

Plans are currently underway for our Wellbeing Day which will take place on Tuesday 15th March to coincide with Comic Relief, the students will be off timetable completing a variety of activities to enhance their wellbeing - look out for more details in the coming weeks.

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We Will Rock You!

Tickets Are Live!

Tickets for our production of We Will Rock You are going live on Friday 28th January. 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.

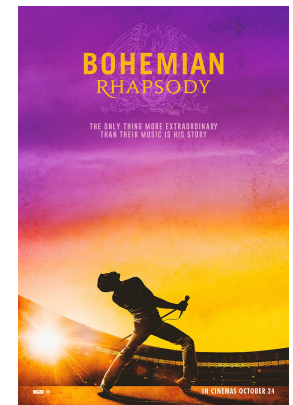
Please confirm your ticket requirements in the comments field on the payment and correct ticket split.

Film Night Fundraiser:

As preparations for We Will Rock You gather momentum we will be hosting a film night on Thursday 10th February as a fundraiser for our production. We will be screening the 2018 film Bohemian Rhapsody (PG13) to raise money for costumes, props & the hire of radio mics.

The evening will cost £5 which includes the film, pizza & snacks.

A letter with full details and how to book will be sent to you via Schoolcomms by Monday 31st January.





3 day Hip Hop & Urban Dance Workshop:

Dance Woking is hosting a 3-day programme of dance this February half term led by highly acclaimed urban/street dance artist, Alisha Thompson. During the 3-days Alisha will teach dancers street/hip hop dance skills to enable them to create a performance piece using these dance styles.



This programme is suitable for dancers who would like to try a new dance style or improve on their current techniques. It would also suit dancers who would like to enhance their dance training by experiencing working with a different choreographer.

Venue: Esher Church of England High School, More Lane, Esher, Surrey, KT10 8AP

Dates: Monday 14 to Wednesday 16 February 2022 from 10am - 3pm

Suitable for students aged 12years + with some dance experience, not necessarily hip-hop/street

For more information please visit: <https://www.dancewoking.com/newslisting/dance-surrey-youth-call-out-for-dancers/>

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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.

Extra-curricular Clubs

The PE department apologises that there is not a consistent extra-curricular club timetable that has been sent to you for this half term and we apologise that training and clubs are not always on the same nights, this is due to the number of fixtures that we currently have. We are working on a plan and Mrs Sword is hoping to send out details soon.

We also have an exciting opportunity where we are working with Rushby and Whyte Trampoline club and they are offering trampolining sessions after school on a Monday from after February Half Term. Hopefully you have received more details about this. If you do have any questions regarding this please contact Mrs Sword and she will put you in touch with the Trampolining Club.

Cold weather

Just a reminder that lessons will be happening outside in the cold weather, so please ensure you are wrapped up. In addition to wearing the school branded PE uniform you can wear a base layer underneath your T-shirt and Jumper (this base layer can be white, black or navy - these do not need to be branded). Students can also wear base layers under their shorts or tracksuit bottoms.

Football Fixtures

The previous 2 weeks have seen every year group represent the school at least once. There has been a mixed bag of results but whether winning or losing, our students have truly demonstrated the school DARE values and have been fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Year 7: Despite the long trip to Newbury, the result and conditions didn't go our way with a 4-1 loss to St Bartholomews. The scoreline certainly did not reflect the game. Having gone 2-0 down, James G scored an early goal of the season contender, but in the efforts to level, the opposition counter-attacked, killing the game and the tie. Overall, for the first game of the season, the students showed a lot of promise.

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Year 8: This Thursday, the Year 8's cup run came to an unfortunate end with a 4-3 loss to Cox Green. Even with going 2-0 up, King's lost 4-3 in what was a very competitive game. Although it was very tight, individual errors cost our own downfall, however there is plenty to build on, especially when we have a fully fit squad to call upon.

Year 9: The first league match of the season, ended in a one-sided defeat to Bohunt. However, with the stand-out performance in the last two weeks, Harry B played extremely well in goal, making some incredible saves to keep the scoreline down. Despite the scoreline, the students battled incredibly hard and showed excellent determination from the first minute to the last.

Year 10: The Year 10s have now played 2 games this season, winning 1 and losing 1. Their win came in the Preliminary Round of the Cup against Holyport, winning 4-3, with a strong team performance. However, the cup run ended the following round with a defeat to Claire's Court.

Team of the Fortnight - The team of the fortnight goes to the U13 Girls. With most of the students being in year 7 against a majority year 8 team from Downe House, the game ended in a 1-1 draw. After an end to end extra time, the scoreline had not changed and so went to penalties. The girls' composure came through and they won 2-0 so are onto the next round with a tie against Cox Green to come.

Netball Fixtures

Over the last 2 weeks we have had 3 Netball games, the year 7's had their first full length netball match against Bohunt Wokingham, and I am so proud of them they worked incredibly hard and never gave up. All the students showed real resilience. All of them took on the feedback and improved their game and I am waiting to see what the next game will look like for them.

The second match was the year 9 team against Bohunt and they played brilliantly as well. We had a strong squad of 11 players, which was fantastic. A big thank you to the year 8's who stepped up and helped support the year 9's. Bohunt Wokingham had a strong team and it was a good match. The ball kept going end to end however their defence just got the better of us and unfortunately we lost. This was an important night as we had Caitlin and Holly debuting for King's Academy Binfield. A big well done girls, you were brilliant.

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The last fixtures of the fortnight was a Year 9 and Year 10 game against Garth and both of these games were extremely close. After the first quarter it was neck and neck for both teams. For the year 9's, the Garth team started to pull away but with some great shooting from Megan and some great defence from Emily and Megan, King's Academy Binfield were right back in it. Holly had some lovely passes and movement off the ball which led to a last minute goal by King's Academy Binfield drawing 21-21. Well done to the year 9 team it was a lovely match to umpire.

The year 10 team had a brilliant 3rd quarter and pulled themselves back into contention of winning. There was some lovely play down the court by Cece and Sofia. There was brilliant movement within the circle at both ends by Ruby and Eleanor trying to keep out their GA, and with Emma and Zia having brilliant passes around the attacking circle. Unfortunately Garth just kept putting on the pressure and we lost 10-13.

All the students who have represented the school over the last 2 weeks have been brilliant. Well done.

Fixtures for the Next Fortnight - Subject to staff availability

Wednesday 2nd February - U15 Boys Football v Bohunt Wokingham (Home)

Thursday 3rd February - U14 Boys Football v Littlehealth (Away) TBC

Tuesday 8th February - U14 Boys Football v Emmbrook (Away)

Thursday 10th February - Year 9 and 10 Netball v Ranelagh (Away)

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 1st February	Year 9 Options Website goes live.
Tuesday 8th February	Drug and Knife Crime Awareness talk in school - further details to follow
Friday 11th February	INSET Day - school closed to students

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.

Kooth - Free online counselling support

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