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1-1 Devices:

Well what an amazing new feel around the academy. Walking around during lessons and seeing students immersing themselves in their learning; whether it be in a blended or hybrid environment. As you would expect with any new project, we are still working our way through some learning points. All staff and students are fully engaged in the enhanced learning experience.

Some parents have been in contact with regards to purchasing a device as you missed the last portal. We have started discussions with FreedomTech to enable this. Please do let us know if you would like to purchase a device and whether you would like to discuss financial difficulties.

Here are some photos of examples of blended learning that has taken place this week



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GCSE "DNA" School Visit:

On Wednesday we were very fortunate to have Quirky Bird Theatre visit King's to perform "DNA" for our GCSE Drama cohort. "DNA" is our set text for the GCSE written exam. Quirky Bird not only performed an extremely professional and enjoyable performance but also offered an in-depth Q&A which our students thoroughly engaged in. The discussions that followed really showed the maturity of our GCSE Drama cohort with each student demonstrating our DARE values throughout. This led nicely into our afternoon drama lessons where we explored section B of the GCSE paper. The performance from Quirky Bird was phenomenal but moreso, the behavior for learning from the students was truly exceptional.



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Online Safety - Social Media use:



Please ensure that you are regularly checking and monitoring your child's social media usage. We are being made aware of a number of offensive social media accounts being created and interacted with by our students which are aimed at staff here.

Serious sanctions will be put in place for any student found to be setting up or contributing to these accounts. Students in particular are very active on TikTok and Snapchat - please refer to the parent guides to these websites on our website to inform you about parental controls [here](#).

We have got Sharon Girling OBE coming into school for the day on Monday 23rd May. Sharon is a national expert on on-line safety and will be delivering lessons to every year group during the day. This will be followed by an evening session for parents to support you in ensuring your child can remain safe online, particularly in the world of social media. The last session Sharon delivered for our parents was so well received, so we would urge you to attend, particularly if your child has had issues with their social media usage. Further information will be shared about the event next week.

#Cultureofkindness:



We are currently working in tutor times and PSHE on further promoting our culture of kindness at King's Academy Binfield. Students have been completing work around respect and anti-bullying. This was launched by an assembly with Mrs Phillips and has been supported by additional sessions run at break and lunch times. For the week commencing 3rd May, students will be in vertical tutor times sorted by house so that students can get to know and work with other students in their house from different year groups on the themes related to our culture of kindness. We are really excited about the prospect of enhancing our community further through this experience. If you have any concerns regarding your child during this week, please still email their regular tutor as your main point of contact.

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Admin Updates:

As the warmer weather approaches, please ensure that students are bringing a water bottle to school and any suncream needed is applied before school. Sunhats are permitted when outside but must be removed when in the building.

If your child has allergies, please ensure they take antihistamines prior to attending school. We have had a large number of students attending the office asking for antihistamines during the school day, this is not something we will be routinely providing any longer.



Behaviour and Achievement:

We have recently moved to a new system of tracking behaviour and achievement in school; Classcharts. In the next two weeks we will be rolling out the parent module to this, as well as the student module through their chromebook accounts. This will allow you to see any behaviour and achievement incidents recorded for your child in real time. This is a wonderful tool for you to be able to support your child's learning and celebrate their successes with them. Look out for your sign up details coming out in a letter.



Ukraine Donations:

As you will know, we have been collecting donations for a local Ukrainian Association in Bracknell (VSI Razom) who are collecting specific items to send out to Ukraine. We are delighted with the generosity shown by our community; they are extremely grateful for all they have received. The lorry is being loaded tonight and then starting the three day journey to Poland, from which they will travel onto Ukraine. Thank you for such remarkable support.



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Ski Trip By Emma C

In the first week of the Easter Holidays, 66 students and 12 staff went to Artesina, Northern Italy to learn or pursue skiing and snowboarding. 22 Hours there and back! How did we all cope? Some of us were fast asleep for a few hours, a few of us were asleep pretty much the whole time, even going up the mountain, not mentioning names (Oliver L). What a sing off we had indeed! I still think it was a draw!

Meals: What an amazing amount of carbs we had!! Pasta, Pizza, Frankfurters, chicken! More pasta than ever, the different shapes does not change the taste though. Pizza night, we had a group of people who told me they had 5 pizzas between them since it was only them on a table!

Activities We had lots of snowball fights and lots of games, even on the slopes. Alberto's group played limbo multiple times on the slopes and he taught us to go backwards (some were better than others) Let's talk about how Mr Blake was so good he wanted to throw snowballs at some of the boys and all they wanted to do was get him back. This resulted in Liam, Harrison T and Ellis sliding down part of the slope! I'm afraid he was too good. Helena and Mr Blake had a race as Mr Blake was trying to beat the advanced group! Helena won, of course. But Mr Blake left poor Miss Churchill stranded!!



We had a disco at the end, The dirty dancing song came on, Max and Harrison T decided to do the big lift at the end! What a show closer!! Overall what an amazing time we all had! Games nights, bum boarding and roly polys on a magic carpet lift! Definitely something we would do again.





King's Academy Binfield PE Extra Curricular Timetable



Summer Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Trampolining Club **Paid Club - Run by Rushby and Whyte Trampoline Club**	Cricket All Years SBL and WLa Sports Club **Invite only** LSw Tennis JGo	Athletics All Years SBL and ECH GCSE PE/BTEC Sport/ Health and Social Care Intervention LSw	Rounders All Years LSw and BDa
All clubs will run until 4.15pm unless stated.			

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*Dare to Perform is by invitation only.

**All music practise rooms must be booked directly with Mrs Roberts on a Monday break time

*** Dance company timing will vary for a couple of weeks

Day & Time	What	Where	Staff
Tuesday 3.05-4pm	Dare To Perform*	Drama Studio	JRi, LRo & JWi
Tuesday 3.05-4pm	Art Homework SOS	Art Room	SHe
Tuesday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Art Drop In	Art Room	SHe
Wednesday 12.45-1.15	Music practice rooms available**	Music Practice Rooms	LRo
Wednesday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Dance Drop In	Dance Studio	JRi
Wednesday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Music Drop In	Music Room	LRo
Wednesday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Drama Drop In	Drama Studio	JWi
Wednesday 3.05-4pm	Art Club	Art Room	SHe
Thursday 12.45-1.15pm	Music practice rooms available**	Music Practice Rooms	LRo
Thursday 4-5pm***	Dance Company	Dance Studio	JRi
Thursday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Design Technology Drop In	Workshop	WLa & KHo
Thursday 3.05-4pm	YR 7,8,9 Resistant Materials	Workshop	WLa
Thursday 3.05-4pm	GCSE Art & Photography Drop In	Art Room/ CAPA computer room	SHe
Thursday 3.05 - 4pm	KS3 Textiles Club	Textiles	KHo & CDi

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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
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
	KS3 Science Club	Science	Science team	15.05-16.00	All
	KS4 Science Club	Science	Science team	15.05-16.00	Yr 10
Friday	LGBTQ+	2.48	AJa	12.45-1.25	All
	Mindfulness Club	2.09	BDA	12.45-1.15	All

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Key Dates:

Date	Event	Date	Event
02/05/22	May Bank Holiday - School closed to all students	27/06/22	English Speaking GCSE Recording Window
03/05/22	Culture of Kindness - Vertical Tutor Groups	28/06/22	Awards Evening
10/05/22	Year 9 Parents' Evening (in person)	30/06/22	Careers Fair
12/05/22	Year 9 Parents' Evening (virtual)	06/07/22	INSET Day - School closed to all students
23/05/22	Online Safety Day (Students) Online Safety Parents' Evening (6pm)	07/07/22	Year 6 Induction Day Year 6 Parents' Evening
27/05/22	End of half term	14/07/22	Healthy Lifestyles and Relationships Day Art and Technology Exhibition
06/06/22	Start of summer half term 2	15/07/22	KAB Secondary Sports Day
06/06/22	Year 10 Assessment fortnight	19/07/22	KAB Secondary Sports Day (Reserve date)
27/06/22	Start of DIVEIN Week (Diversity and Inclusion)	22/07/22	End of summer term for all students - 12pm



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.

Remember, we are all still here to support you, please reach out if you need any support. For any safeguarding concerns please email safeguarding.bi@kingsacademies.uk