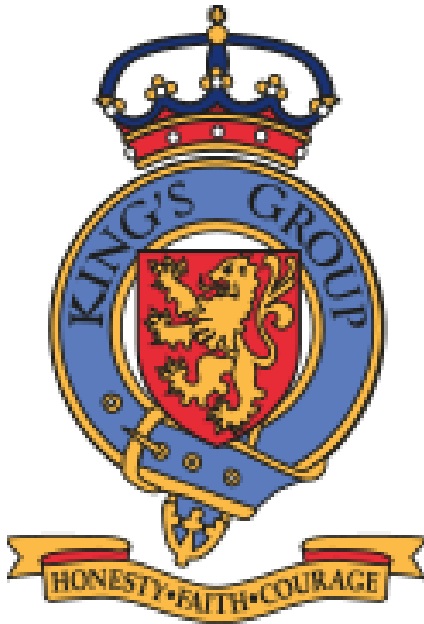


WEEK ENDING 9TH DECEMBER 2022

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD



NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have had a visit from one of the King's Group Academies trustees, Sir Pritpal Singh. Sir Pritpal was knighted for his work in education in 2005. On his visit he toured KAB and KAO and met with some KAB students from years 2, 3 and 11 and recounted some of his wonderful experiences of meeting the Queen when he was knighted, of his career as a Headteacher and answered questions from the students about his most important influences.

This week we have had the EYFS/KS1 nativity plays and, in secondary, the House play competition. We are looking forward to KS2 Carols by Candlelight next week. In KAB secondary, students performed in the house drama competition. The winning house will perform in the Winter Showcase on Monday.

I am looking forward to all the festive activities next week and hope that you enjoy them with us.

Best wishes
Mrs Moore

GROUP A STREPTOCOCCUS (GAS)/SCARLET FEVER

On Wednesday we sent an information sheet to all parents/carers from the UK Health security Agency. This fact sheet is included in this newsletter for your reference.

LAST DAY OF TERM REMINDER

On the last day of term, the **secondary phase will close at 12:00pm**. Students will end the term with a celebration assembly and will be dismissed from their tutor groups. Food will be available at break time only on this day. Students in the **primary phase will finish at 12:15pm**. There will be further information regarding lunch on the last day in next week's newsletter. Students will return to school on Tuesday 3rd January.

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY REMINDER

The **15th December** will be Christmas jumper day! The children can come to school dressed in their uniform but with a festive jumper rather than the academy cardigan or jumper or blazer. We will be raising money for Thames Hospice, who carry out fantastic work providing inpatient and community palliative and end-of-life care services to people aged 16 and over across East Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire. Please send children in with a minimum donation of £1.

URGENT SAFETY ALERT FROM THE OFFICE FOR PRODUCT SAFETY AND STANDARDS

We have been asked to share with our parent & carer community, an urgent safety alert about baby self-feeding pillows. Please [click](#) here to read.



VIRTUAL ROUTES INTO STEM COURSE

Please see the flyer on **page 5** for details and dates of a virtual course on routes into STEM careers, run by The Engineering Development Trust. The course is aimed at helping students who are interested in STEM career choices uncover the best path for them.

SPORT IN MIND – FREE ACTIVITIES

Sport in Mind provide activities across Berkshire that are free to join & for different age groups. Click [here](#) to find out what's on offer.

GREEN PARK CHALLENGE

[The Green Park Schools Challenge](#) takes place on Sunday 2nd April 2023 as part of the Reading Half Marathon. This is a fun run which is estimated to be just under 3km and is open to all the family. From serious athletes wanting a shorter race, to complete beginners wanting to have fun with a Stadium Finish, get fit and raise money for charity all at the same time. There's also a T shirt Competition where you can download the template and draw a picture to do with the Green park Challenge run. The winner and have the child's design printed on all the t shirts for the 2023 run.



KAB – SECONDARY PHASE – PE & COLD WEATHER

As the weather gets colder please make sure your child is prepared for PE outside. Your child is allowed to wear base layers (either black, white or navy) in colour underneath their PE kit. This can include base layer bottoms. Their PE kit must be the top layer. Your child can wear gloves as long as they are the ones with grips on. Your child can also wear a beanie, ideally this needs to be navy in colour and not sponsoring anyone. Please no bobble hats or fluffy gloves as these can be a health and safety issue when it comes to PE.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 12th December	KAB Christmas Showcase -Secondary Phase (see page 2)
Wednesday 14th December	KAB - Year 3- Carols by Candlelight (see page 2) KAO - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 Carols by Candlelight (see page 2)
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch (Primary)
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Lunch (Secondary)
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day - all phases
Friday 15th December	End of term (see page 2 for finish times)
Tuesday 3rd January	Spring Term Begins - All phases back in school

Virtual Routes into STEM 2023

Virtual Routes into STEM (VRIS) course provides an exciting opportunity to explore the various routes you can take towards your STEM career. This course is designed to enable young people to work through activities and projects at their own pace, tour a variety of institutions virtually and also have access to live career sessions and mentor panels with STEM employers. Registration for this course opens on 5th December 2022!

Whose it for?

- Students in Year 9 or 10 or S3 or S4 who are interested in exploring a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
- All you need is an interest in STEM and curiosity about the future. The course is also open to all academic abilities

What's involved?

- Approximately 20 hours of study virtually at a pace that suits you over 3 weeks
- Exploring different Routes into a STEM career including College Courses, University Courses, and Apprenticeships and learning from industry what is involved in a STEM career as well as enhancing your skills
- The course includes live interactive sessions over the half-term break allowing you to listen and ask questions to STEM students and professionals
- Once you have been inspired by these different Routes you will get to work on a project set by a STEM company to look further at a career area that interests you

What do you get out of it?

- A chance to find out about different Routes into a STEM career from industry experts, college and university leaders, as well as young people who are currently on that path
- Engage in projects and activities that will enhance your problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity and innovation skills and inspire you to find career motivation
- Projects include a Biopharm challenge from GSK, a Design challenge from Balfour Beatty, an RSC Chemistry challenge and many more exciting challenges in all areas of STEM.
- A chance to create your own personalised action plan to see your own Route into STEM
- Be able to learn about your career skills and how you could write about this in your CV/ Personal Statement or Application form
- Once completed you will receive an Industrial Cadets Bronze Award showing all that you have achieved on the course

When is it?

- Thursday 9th February – Tuesday 7th March 2023 with live sessions on the 13th – 17th February 2023, and 20th – 24th February 2023 (dependent on when your February half-term week falls).
- Thursday 13th July – Tuesday 8th August 2023 with live sessions on the 24th – 28th July 2023.

Cost

£70 towards the cost of administration and the Industrial Cadets Bronze award.

Bursaries

Bursary places are available, please indicated your interest on the application form.

What previous students have said

"This course has increased my knowledge of my future in STEM by huge amounts, and I now know the huge variety of paths I can take. Not only this, but it has encouraged me to research much deeper into subjects I knew little about before which I am now seriously considering taking part in in the future, such as apprenticeships."

"I think the Routes into STEM has definitely inspired me to see a future into STEM. I think what they do is amazing and I would love to be a part of it."

"I have learnt about all of the different aspects that the STEM industry has to offer. I also love that there are jobs that haven't even been created yet."

"My Industrial Cadets experience has made me continue to want to pursue a career in STEM and I do see my future in STEM."

95% of students felt confident about making future career choices following their course

99% of students felt they know more about the STEM careers opportunities available to them

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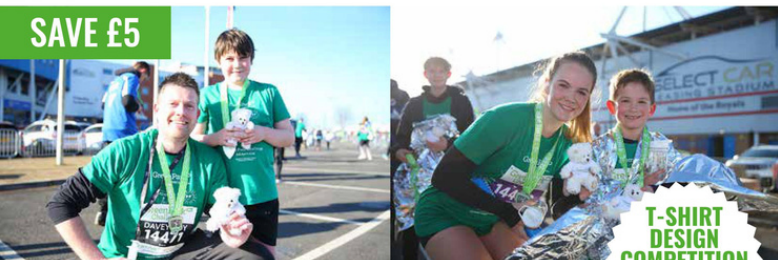


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SAVE £5



FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY
£13 GREEN PARK CHALLENGE ENTRY

Run, walk or skip the 1.5 mile (2.5km) route around Green Park and finish in the impressive Reading Football Stadium.

Join the fun in this safe, community-focused run with parents, friends, siblings, teachers or anyone else that you can persuade.

FOR JUST £13 YOU'LL RECEIVE:

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SPECIALLY DESIGNED T-SHIRT

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Join this fabulous day on 2nd April 2023 and be part of something special.

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CALLING ALL GREEN PARK CHALLENGE ARTISTS

Could you be the young designer of the 2023 t-shirt?

See your creation worn by hundreds of school children, parents, siblings and their friends on race day?

Open to all Green Park Challenge 2023 runners from the ages of 4 – 14.

You could win a special trophy, a sample of your T-shirt (before anyone else), a FREE 2024 entry for you and 10 FREE 2024 entries for your school.

All you have to do is enter the Green Park Challenge and then email us your design.



[Click here for more information and to download an entry form](#)

COMPETITION CLOSING ON 9TH JANUARY 2023

Enter the race and SAVE £5 – Then enter the competition!

GOOD LUCK

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