

WEEK ENDING 14TH JULY 2023

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

KAB and KAO continue to be incredibly busy with students and staff working really hard and participating in lots of activities during the penultimate week of term. This week we have had the amazing PE, Performing Arts and Creative Arts Showcase event which included work from KAB and KAO in all phases. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended, to the staff for their organisation and preparation for such an inspiring evening and to the students for their incredible work. The evening included primary and secondary choirs, song groups, dance, food, art, photography and the first ever KAB secondary sports awards. Everyone showed that KAB/KAO students really do DARE to be remarkable!

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome new reception class students to KAB for their transition activities. Geography students in Year 10 have been on their coastal field trip and staff have had INSET training and an evening event where they shared outcomes from the year long evidence based practice research they have all been involved with.

This week has also been a busy week for sport in the primary phase with the sports days being held for reception students and students in Key Stage 1 and then Key Stage 2 all participating in events at Oakwood on the large field. (At the time of writing these events have not yet taken place so I am unable to comment on anyone's achievements. Assuming we do not get rain, more information about this will be shared next week). As you are aware, the Secondary Sports Day was rained off but competitors who were unable to complete their events will do so on Tuesday 18/7/23. Mrs Sword has sent a letter with details earlier this week, please do check this.

With just a week to go until the end of the academic year, it is incredible that so much is still happening at school. I would like to thank staff on behalf of all the students for their ongoing dedication and enthusiasm that is making the last few weeks so worthwhile for everyone. Thank you.

Kind regards
Mrs Moore



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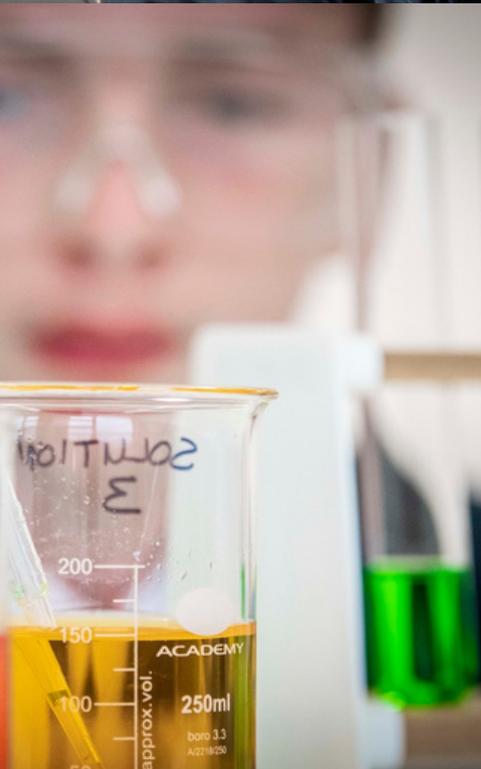
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Dare To Be Remarkable



PARIS SIGNS FOR A NEW TEAM!

We've learned that Paris from Year 3 at KAO has just been signed for Oxford United Football Club. She was also highest goal scorer when she played at Pinewood including tournaments. Congratulations Paris on a brilliant season, and good luck with your new club!



YEAR 9 BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

We recently embarked on a captivating two-day trip to the Belgium Battlefields around Ypres with 53 Year 9 students with the aim of deepening their understanding of World War I and its impact, while also delving into the realm of war poetry.

We began our journey by visiting a trench reconstruction, front line medical facilities, both British and German cemeteries which gave some interesting comparisons. We then headed to the historic town of Ypres, where we had the privilege of attending the moving Menin Gate remembrance service. Witnessing this poignant ceremony provided an opportunity for our students to pay their respects and connect with the sacrifices made by countless individuals during the war. Jack P and Finn M won the poetry competition and so were able to lay a wreath during the ceremony.

On the second day our exploration continued at the Flanders Fields interactive museum, where students immersed themselves in the sights, sounds, and stories of the war. This engaging museum offered a unique perspective, allowing our students to gain a deeper appreciation for the experiences of those who lived through this tumultuous period. Students were then given free time to explore Ypres and in particular the local chocolate shops!

One of the most touching moments of the trip occurred when a few students were able to locate the graves of their relatives at Tyne Cot cemetery. This personal connection to history provided a profound and emotional experience, reinforcing the importance of remembrance and the impact of war on individual lives.

Throughout the trip, our students represented the school admirably, engaging wholeheartedly with fellow visitors and impressing the knowledgeable tour guides at various locations. Their curiosity, respect, and willingness to learn left a lasting impression on everyone they encountered.





KAB6 UPDATE

This week we have welcomed the contractors on site to begin work on the KAB6 refurbishment. In just a few days there has already been significant change. Carpets have come up, new walls built and painting has begun in the work room. We are very excited to see the progress over the next few weeks and we will absolutely be ready to welcome our new year 12s on Monday 4th of September.

OUTSTANDING PE ACHIEVEMENTS!

King's Academy Binfield Secondary has seen some more success in Athletics competitions. On Thursday 6th July, 3 Year 7 students represented Bracknell in the County Round of Athletics at Palmer Park. Dylan threw an impressive 18m in the Javelin. Caitlin came 3rd in the 70m Hurdles and Imogen smashed the 600m. She also achieved a new Berkshire Record. These are amazing performances from all 3 students and we wish them all the best in their next competitions. Well done. Izzy (Year 8) has been selected to represent the English Schools Athletic Combined Event in September. She has been ranked best 9 in the country. This is a massive achievement and we wish her all the best for September.



AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS PODCAST

Amazing Apprenticeships is a leading organisation in the education sector, working with schools, colleges and employers, tackling misconceptions and promoting the benefits of apprenticeships and technical education. On their website they have a wealth of information on Apprenticeships, T Levels and Traineeships that you can access and too many resources to mention here but you can explore these resources by clicking [here](#).

Something for the parents/guardians

Amazing Apprenticeships run a podcast called The Parent Perspective which is an exciting podcast series especially for parents and carers, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance. Series 2 is available now and series 3 has just been released. Both are hosted by Rachel Burden. Through the podcasts Rachel and guests offer a fun and informative space for parent/guardian listeners to:

- Explore which careers are available today
- Showcase the experiences of interesting and diverse role models
- Provide real-time insights into how the world of work is changing
- Each episode Rachel speaks to a diverse mix of parents, bringing their burning questions to expert speakers from the careers world. Together they uncover practical solutions and informative answers, to help you and your child make informed decisions on those all important next steps.

Click the link to access [The Parent Perspective Podcast](#).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Tuesday 18th July | Year 7 STEM Day |
| Thursday 20th - Tuesday 25th July | Performing Arts Tour to Paris |
| Friday 21st July | Last day of term - early finish for students (times TBC) |
| Monday 4th September | School reopens (all phases in school) |