

WEEK ENDING 21ST APRIL 2023

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were pleased to welcome back all our students this week. Students have made an excellent start to the term in all year groups and it has been lovely to see them all engaging enthusiastically with their learning.

Year 11 have made a particularly good start to the summer term, focussing well in lessons, engaging with after school revision sessions and pushing themselves in their independent revision activities. Thank you to all parents/carers of year 11 students for your support at this crucial time. Please continue to encourage students in excellent attendance and punctuality, participation in all their revision sessions and to use their time wisely in the few weeks that remain before the start of the GCSE exams. It is clear that students are serious about doing well and are exercising an excellent growth mindset. They are all showing that they DARE to be Remarkable.

We were delighted to welcome Year 1 parents/carers to King's Academy Oakwood to take part in enrichment activities with their children this week. The students continue to engage enthusiastically in all the activities they are trying and were excited to be able to share their enrichment activities with you. It has been great to have participation in some activities from parents/carers too.

Primary students at KAB and KAO will be having 'Rock Stars Day' next Wednesday. This will be a fun day with a range of maths activities helping students enjoy progress, particularly in multiplication tables. Mrs Fitzgibbon will be organising the day and we will let you know how this goes next week.

A letter was sent out earlier this week to all parents/carers about industrial action that is scheduled to take place on Thursday 27/4/23 and Tuesday 2/5/23. Staff are not required to indicate if they intend to strike, but as before are responding to requests for information to aid planning. Further information on which groups will or will not be in school will be sent to you as soon as possible. Year 11 will definitely be in school since the NEU has made special dispensation for teachers of Year 11 to enable GCSE classes to continue to be supported on strike days that are so close to final exams.

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Dare To Be Remarkable



On Thursday 27/4/23 Mr Beckingham, the NEU representative at KAB, will be available at the St Georges Park entrance at the start of the school day to answer any questions parents/carers may have about the current industrial action and its aims.

Everyone has made a great start to the term, and I am sure that the good weather will help us all to be even more positive as we progress through the summer.

Best wishes
Mrs Moore

PUNCTUALITY TO SCHOOL AND LESSONS

Good punctuality at school is essential for students to achieve their full educational potential. It is also vital for students to form good habits for later life. Punctuality records form part of references passed onto employers or higher educational institutes. All students are expected to arrive punctually for school in the morning and to arrive punctually for each lesson. A register is taken at the start of the day and during each lesson. Students arriving late are recorded as thus on the register, along with how many minutes late they are.

We would ask parents and carers to support us in maintaining good punctuality by:

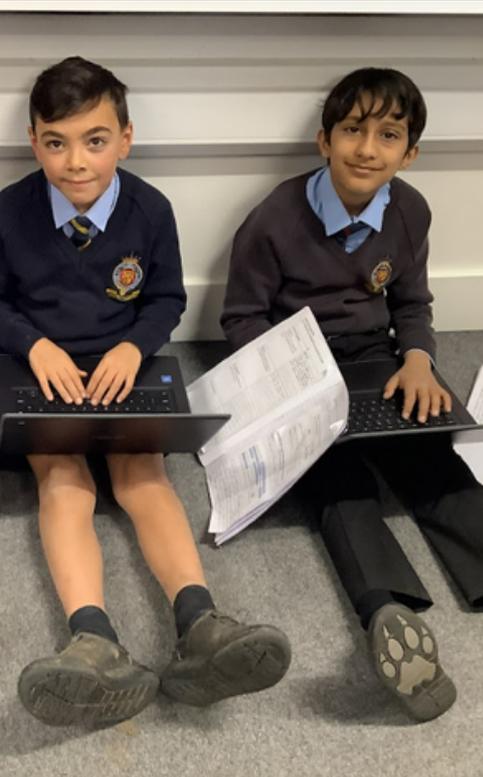
- Ensuring that their children get up in plenty of time to be ready and prepared for school.
- Ensuring their child has organised their bag and equipment the night before so that this does not delay departure in the morning.
- Discussing any issues of lateness to ensure this does not become a habit.
- Monitoring their child's attendance record when it is sent home and looking for patterns of lateness.

In order for us to work together to support your child in being punctual to school and their lessons we will be contacting parents and carers of any students who have been late to lessons in the previous week by more than 10 minutes. We will then be working with students to support them in getting to their lessons so they are not missing any valuable learning time.

UNIFORM TENDER PROCESS AND POLICY REVIEW

Thank you to everyone who completed the uniform survey last half term. We have used the information gathered from this to make changes to our uniform policy, this is currently under review and will be published following review by governors. This policy will not come into place until September 2023.

We will be going out to tender for our uniform supply contract, whilst this tender is ongoing Stevensons will remain as our supplier.



PRIMARY UNIFORM UPDATE

Due to the unexpected rise in uniform prices, which has increased the summer dress from £18 to £25, we are allowing parents to purchase an alternative summer dress for this summer term only. If you wish to purchase the alternative summer dress, it must be the exact dress linked below from Marks and Spencers in the colour 'mid blue'. This dress closely matches the summer dress from Stevensons but is available at a much lower cost which we feel we must offer due to the significant increase in prices. Click [here](#) to purchase the alternative dress.

LTA GIRLS IN TENNIS COURSE

Please see **page 7** for details of a course being run by The Lawn Tennis Association which is aimed at getting more girls into the sport.

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

Please see page 5 for details of the Funtastic Kids half term holiday camp which is available to book now.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 28th April	KAO Reception Enrichment Session (enter via the office at 2:30pm)
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday (school closed to students & staff)
Tuesday 2nd May	Jade Class assembly (KAB)
Thursday 4th May	Willow Class assembly (KAO)
Thursday 4th May	Year 10 Parents Evening
Friday 5th May	Quartz Class (KAB) Enrichment Session - 2:30pm start
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (school closed to students & staff)
Friday 12th May	Topaz Class (KAB) Enrichment Session - 2:30pm
Monday 15th May	GCSE Public Examination Window Commences
Wednesday 17th May	Emerald Class assembly (KAB)
Friday 19th May	Opal Class (KAB) Enrichment Session - 2:30pm start

PRIMARY UPDATES

KAB PRIMARY PHASE CLASS

ASSEMBLY DATES

Please see below for details of upcoming KAB Primary phase class assemblies

- **Tuesday 2nd May 3pm** - Jade Class assembly for Jade class parents/carers to attend (KAB)
- **Thursday 4th May 3pm** - Willow Class assembly for Willow class parents/carers to attend (KAO)
- **Wednesday 17th May 3pm** - Emerald class assembly for Emerald class parents/carers to attend (KAB)

PRIMARY PHASE CORONATION CELEBRATION

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, in the primary phases, on Friday 5th May, we would like to invite children to come in wearing a crown that they have made. Please also bring in one small, special snack (avoiding nuts) that we can enjoy outside whilst playing traditional playground games. If you are unable to make a crown at home, children can make crowns in class on Friday 5th.



EMERALD KICKBOXING TRIUMPH!

A huge well done to Harley, Nathaniel and Charlie H from Emerald Class who received their yellow belt in martial arts kickboxing before Easter.



They have all worked incredibly hard since starting in January and we are so proud of their achievement. Well done boys!

JADE CLASS GYMNASTICS JOY!

Huge congratulations to Logan, Lily, Emilia and Esme in Jade class, who all competed in a recent Gymfinity Competition and they each achieved a podium place.



DEACON'S TOURNAMENT DEBUT

Deacon in Birch Class at KAO was recently asked to play in an under 10s ice hockey tournament for the first time. He played 4 games and then his team made it to the final game which they ended up winning 5-2. Well done Deacon.



PRIMARY PE UPDATE

First of all, welcome back to all the Binfield and Oakwood students and I hope that you all had a great Easter break. It's fair to say, lots of you have been very active with the amount of forms I have received from the children and staff. In just under 3 weeks, we have done over 1500kms! This is fantastic to see and I am so happy to see all the children competing and being active. Below you will see the latest details in regards to the challenge

The CONQUEROR Virtual Challenges

Total Distance so far	4992.12 km
Challenges completed	12
Children taking part	100

Our latest Conqueror of the Week winners were Austin H from Oakwood and Harley T from Binfield. Both pupils in Reception classes are doing fantastically well. Click [here](#) if you need the Conqueror Challenge form.

This term will see our busiest in regards to School Tournaments with 11 events taking place. This will be across KS1 & KS2, with both schools attending certain events. Towards the end of term will also see the Kings Academy Sports Day take place. More info on this soon and I look forward to seeing all the children take part and have a fantastic day of Athletics.

SECONDARY UPDATES

EASTER SKI TRIP SUCCESS!

During the Easter Break we took our Winter Sports Trip to Marilleva in Italy, it was a slow start with the coach being severely impacted by the delays at Dover. Once we were there we had a fabulous time, we were so impressed with the resilience our students showed with learning and developing new skills in skiing or snowboarding.

A huge thank you to all of the staff who gave up the first week of the Easter Holidays to enable this trip to take place.

Please see some pictures from the trip on **page 6**.

CAREERS WEBINAR – ARMED FORCES

Please see **page 7** for details of Adviza's Armed Forces Webinar: The Army – Tuesday 25 April 2023 from 6.00 – 7.00 pm. Bookings are free and can be made via their [Events](#) page on the Careers Portal now.

This webinar is suitable for all year groups and anyone, students, parents/carers and staff, is welcome to join in. If you require any further details, please email: careersguidance@adviza.org.uk

The webinar will be recorded and become available on the [Past Webinars](#) page so that it can be viewed again at a later date.



Funtastic Kids

May Half Term Holiday Camps!

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Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June**

9:30am - 3:30pm: £23.50 Sibling: £19
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The Army

What is a career in the Army like? What skills do you need for the roles available? How and when can you apply? Where can you find out more?

Sign up for this webinar to see if the Army might be a career option for you!

Presented by Cpl Nathan Greenan, Royal Engineer, Armoured Engineer, Recruit Coordinator, Army Careers Centre Swindon

Tuesday 25th April 2023

6 - 7pm

Please book via the Adviza Portal under 'Events'
Cost: FREE | Suitable for all ages



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