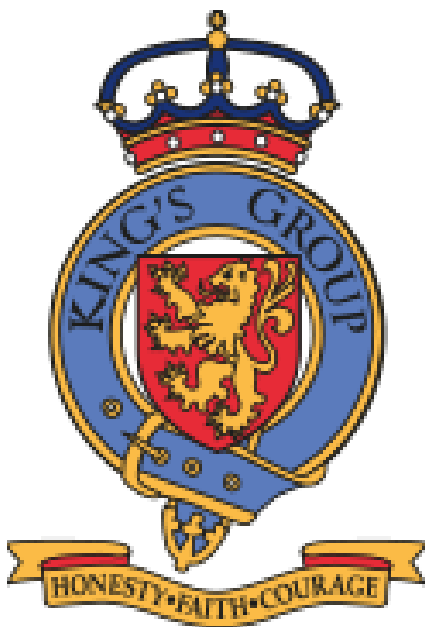


WEEK ENDING 3RD MARCH 2023

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all for your support with students who were not able to come to school this week because of the strike. I hope students were able to continue their learning at home as effectively as possible. The next strike days will be on 15 and 16 March 2023. I will be in touch closer to the time with information about the provision we will have in place on strike days 3 and 4.

Year 11 have completed two weeks of Pre Public Exams. All year 11 students have been working hard and have been focussed throughout the exam period. We will be supporting students to use feedback effectively in the coming weeks as they prepare for their final GCSE examinations. We will also be reviewing arrangements and reflecting on the logistics of the exams with students as well, which will help us to improve arrangements ready for exams in the summer.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that if you have any queries relating to your child's school life, this should always be directed to your child's tutor. If this needs to be referred to another member of staff in the school, then your child's tutor will redirect this. Our SEND team has been increasingly overwhelmed recently with queries that could just as easily be managed by the tutor, leaving the SEND team to use their specialism where this is most needed. Thank you for your help with this.

King's Academy Binfield and Oakwood have had a number of activities this week leading up to World Book Day which took place on Friday to avoid the strike. Students enjoyed a range of activities including quizzes, dressing as characters and competitions. Students have received book vouchers and I look forward to hearing about what books these are used for.

Happy reading. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Mrs Moore

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COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY 2023

We will be celebrating Comic Relief with a non-uniform day on **Friday 17th March**, students will be invited to attend school in their own clothes for a suggested donation of £2. If possible clothing should be red in order to keep in with the theme! A further letter will be coming out to remind students about acceptable clothing for non-uniform days. PE Kit will need to be worn for PE and Dance lessons.



SECONDARY BAKE SALE

You will have seen in the news the humanitarian crisis taking place in Syria and Turkey following the recent earthquakes there. We are holding an event to raise funds for the DEC who are coordinating charity efforts in this area.

We will be holding a bake sale in the quad at break on **Wednesday 8th March** with all funds going to the DEC. Therefore we would like to ask that you send your child into school with baked goods to sell at this event, these can be homemade or shop bought, the more cakes donated the better!

Please ensure that you send your child to school with some change on Wednesday 8th March.



GCSE DANCE PERFORMANCE EVENING

I am delighted to invite you to the GCSE Dance Performance Evening on **Tuesday 14th March** from **6.00 – 7.00pm**. The evening is a free event and there is no requirement to obtain a ticket.

This evening is an informal, but important opportunity for our year 11s to showcase their practical dance coursework. The students have been working extremely hard for the last two years and are keen to show what they have achieved.

I will be using this evening's performances as a practical PPE so all performances will be filmed, marked and feedback given in preparation for the practical exam on the 19th of April.

Kind regards,
Miss J Richards



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS UPDATE

REMINDER: DofE expedition training is every Wednesday week B in the canteen area of Secondary. Please let your leader know if you cannot attend. The next three session will cover:

- Bearings & Compass Directions
- Naismith's Rule & Contour Lines
- Risk Assessment and Keeping Safe on Expedition
- We will also be mapping our day walk

EXPEDITION DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Saturday 22nd April 2023 (10am-4pm)	Day Walk(Swinley Forest, Lookout, Bracknell, RG12 7QW)
Saturday 20th - Sunday 21st May 2023(timings to be confirmed)	Practice Expedition(Longridge Scout Activity Centre, Quarry Wood Rd, Marlow, SL7 1RE)
Saturday 8th July - Sunday 9th July 2023(timings to be confirmed)	Qualifying Expedition(Bentley Copse Scout Campsite, Guildford, GU5 9JH)

PLEA FOR SPARE KIT DONATIONS: As the evenings are now beginning to draw out and there are definite signs of spring in the air - we are looking forward to getting our hiking boots back on and setting forth on the expedition season!

We would like to ask for you to consider donating any expedition equipment that you no longer use to the school. We would be able to use this not only for Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions but for other events such as field trips and excursions that require more hardy footwear and clothing. We would love to accept from you any of the following that is still in good working order:

- Waterproof coats
- Waterproof trousers
- Gaiters
- Hiking boots
- Hiking socks
- Rucksacks - daypacks and 60/70litre sacks
- Compass
- Map case
- Hiking poles
- Sleeping bags
- Roll mats

Please bring in any donations marked for DofE and bring them to the school office.

Thank you, the KAB DofE Team



PE UPDATE

On Tuesday 21st February, we took part at the Bracknell School's Boccia tournament. We took 3 teams, which consisted of a mixture of year groups. It was a fantastic event and our students showed real determination, effort and respect by not only cheering our own school on but others as well. The students really showed the DARE values and it was brilliant to see.

At the tournament there were 16 teams, which were divided up into two groups. King's Academy Binfield came 2nd in Group A and 1st in Group B. A massive congratulations to everyone who took part.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 8th March	Secondary Bake Sale (see page 2)
Monday 13th March	Year 7 Parents Evening (rescheduled date)
Monday 13th March	Year 9 Immunisations & MMR Catch Up
Tuesday 14th March	GCSE Dance Performance (see page 2 & 5)
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief Day (see page 1)
Friday 24th March	KAO Year 2 Enrichment Session (details on last Primary Newsletter)
Friday 31st March	End of Spring Term (students finish for Easter)
Monday 17th April	Start of Summer Term (all students in school)

GCSE DANCE PERFORMANCE EVENING

Tuesday 14th March
6.00 - 7.00pm
Main KAB Hall



Free Entry
No tickets required

