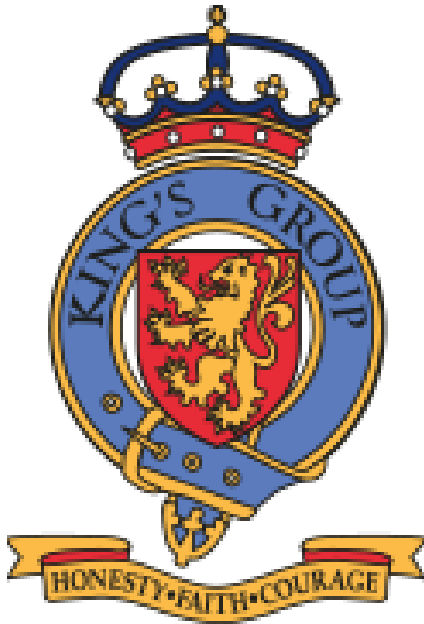


WEEK ENDING 13TH JANUARY 2023

# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers

We were delighted to see parents of year 10 students at parents evening this week. Teachers were pleased to be able to share students' successes and to give feedback to help everyone to make even better progress. We hope that students will be able to take these pointers and apply them in their learning as they move forward into the spring term.

The press has recently been reporting on public sector strikes that are taking place at the moment. You will be aware of the potential for teachers to strike in England and Wales in the coming weeks. Once unions have balloted and we have confirmation on whether or not these strikes are to take place, I will provide you with information about how this might impact your children. Depending on the numbers of staff who are on strike, we may have to keep some year groups at home or, potentially, the school may have to close. This is because without a certain number of staff, students' safety cannot be ensured and so the school cannot open for some or all students. Please be aware that this might occur, I will provide further information once this is available.

It has been brought to my attention that at the end of this term, the calendar shows a full day when we break up for the Easter holiday on Friday 28 April 2023. As usual, we will provide further information on this nearer the time, but please note that Friday 29 April 2023 will be a half day.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Moore

## NEW BEHAVIOUR & CONDUCT POLICY LAUNCH

This week we saw our new Behaviour & Conduct Policy go live. The first week has been successful with over four thousand DARE points awarded to students for displaying the DARE values throughout the school day. All students had their fresh start with any individuals who had previously gained behaviour points being reset to zero for a fresh start. See **page 6** for a reminder of our DARE values.

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## VICE PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support with the launch of our new behaviour and conduct policy, we are pleased to report that the students are adapting well and have shown excellent understanding of the expectations. It has been wonderful to see the amount of DARE points being given, showing that our students truly are 'Daring to be Remarkable'. In addition to this, I would like to thank you for your support with ensuring that our students comply fully with our uniform policy. We would ask that you continue to support us with ensuring that make up is not being worn, particularly eyelash extensions. Students will be asked to remove mascara and eyelash extensions where these are visible.

I am also pleased to report that attendance over the last week has improved compared with the two weeks prior to the Christmas break, it is really important that your child attends school every day in order that we are able to support them fully to achieve their maximum potential.

Mrs McCleave is our new attendance officer and can be contacted on [attendance.bi@kingsacademies.uk](mailto:attendance.bi@kingsacademies.uk) if you have any concerns or queries regarding attendance.

We have been made aware of a number of complaints about parking of secondary parents at the St George's Park entrance, please note this parking is for primary parents only. The secondary parents should use the Wood Lane car park, or the Forest Road drop off car park only.

On February 8th it is Safer Internet Day which we will be supporting in school. We are aware that a number of our young people have received new devices including virtual reality and gaming consoles over the Christmas break, so felt this would be a good opportunity to bring online safety back to the forefront of your attention. Online safety is a fundamental part of our Personal Development Curriculum as well as being part of our Computing lessons and it is vital that these messages are followed up at home. I would like to draw your attention to the following links which can support parents with ways to keep children and young people safe online.

**[Talking to your child about building healthy relationships online](#)**

**[Fortnite - A guide for parents](#)**

**[Child Safety in the Metaverse](#)**

Best Wishes

Mrs Phillips

Vice Principal

## BRACKNELL FOREST – SEN WEBSITE

Please see the information on **page 5** regarding a consultation Bracknell Forest Council are running for their SEN website..

# SECONDARY UPDATES

## WINTER SPORTS TRIP

We have 2 places available on the Winter Sports Trip. If your son or daughter is interested in going, please contact [admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk](mailto:admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk) or [scott.blake@kingsacademies.uk](mailto:scott.blake@kingsacademies.uk).



## KAB6 UPDATE

KAB6 interviews are well underway for entry in September 2023. We can still accept internal applications as the external application window remains open until the end of March.

We are launching a second round of KS5 taster sessions during tutor times from Monday 16th January until Friday 3rd February.

These taster sessions are best suited for

1. Those students who have applied to KAB6 and didn't attend the first round of taster sessions
2. Those students who are going elsewhere but would like to experience/ better understand the courses they are choosing to study.
3. Those students who applied to KAB6 but are still unsure about their choices
4. Any students who meet the entry requirements for KAB6 and have not yet applied.
5. Students choosing sciences/ geography & psychology - it is a good idea for them to attend core maths.

Students can sign up for the taster sessions via their form tutor.

## MFL BAKE OFF!

The Modern Foreign Language department would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, Bonne année, Feliz año nuevo!

Last term, KAB students were invited to enter our MFL Christmas Bake-Off Competition by re-designing a Christmas cake or dessert from around the world. They were also asked to include a Christmas message in the native language of their traditional Christmas cake. We were delighted to receive all kinds of delicious cake photos. It has been lovely to see the baking skills displayed by our students in the traditional French Bûches de Noël and Belgian gingerbreads but also in a very original Turkish mosaic cake, a Japanese Matcha cake, a world-cup inspired vanilla cake, an Austrian Chocolate Torte, appetising Hungarian Beigli Christmas rolls and many more.

The MFL team and our newly-appointed KS3 Language Ambassadors worked as a panel to judge the most creative entries. It was a very hard choice but we are delighted to announce the following winners:

- 3rd place goes to Rahel K for her Japanese Christmas biscuits
- 2nd place goes to William G. for his traditional French Buche de Noel
- 1st place goes to Teagan I. for her traditional Austrian Gughulpf Cake.

Well done to everyone and congratulations to all who participated!

The MFL Team





# SECONDARY UPDATES

## ROYAL ACADEMY ART COMPETITION

The Young Artist Competition run by The Royal Academy of Arts is back again this year. Please see the information on **page 5** for details of how to enter and the deadline. Last year we had success in this competition, and it would be great if we could achieve similar this year!

## UNIFORM SHOP – TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Please see the information on **page 5** for an update about the temporary closure of the uniform shop branch in Reading.

## 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.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 26th January	Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8th February	End of half term - normal finish time
Thursday 9th February	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Friday 10th February	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Monday 20th February	Start of new half term (all students in school)

# Young Artists' Summer Show

A fantastic opportunity has come round again and that is a chance to exhibit your own artwork in the world famous London Gallery; **The Royal Academy of Arts.**

You can produce any type of work you wish on any media you wish.

The only thing the RA wants is, if the work is on paper, then it needs to be framed to protect it.

I will also need parental permission to submit this as we do this through the school.

Please hand in work to Miss Heron so it can be photographed and registered!

**GOOD LUCK!**

**Deadline is 22nd March 2023.**

## SEND Local Offer



**Are you a parent/carer of a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?**

**Have your say! Help us shape the new SEND Local Offer website.**

**Join our consultation and feedback session on Friday 20th, January at the Open Learning Centre, Bracknell, RG12 7GR, 10.30am – 12noon.**

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided. Participants will be entered into a draw with a chance to win prizes of £30, £20 and £10 Amazon vouchers.

Contact FIS on 01344 353 133 or email: [fis@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:fis@bracknell-forest.gov.uk) to book a place.



## TEMPORARY STORE CLOSURE

Unfortunately, we have had to temporarily close our Reading Branch due to flooding.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused to our customers whilst we carry out these necessary repairs.

We plan to reopen the refreshed Reading Branch in March 2023. In the meantime, please continue to order online for home delivery via our website [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk)

We kindly assure all our customers that any existing orders will continue to be processed as usual.

For our customers who would prefer to collect their items directly, we will be operating a Click and Collect service Monday & Wednesday 10-4pm.

If you would like to contact the store directly, please email us at [readingbranch@stevensons.co.uk](mailto:readingbranch@stevensons.co.uk)

Thank you for your patience at this time.

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# DARE Values



**D**

## Determination

- Not giving up.
- Starting tasks straight away.
- Completing all work set
- Independently finding solutions to problems.

**A**

## Aspiration

- Challenging yourself.
- Always trying your best.
- Trying a difficult task.
- Being prepared for all learning with the correct kit/equipment.

**R**

## Respect

- Respecting each other and their ideas by listening.
- Forming positive relationships with others.
- Behaving in an orderly and self-controlled way around school.
- Wearing the correct uniform at all times.

**E**

## Enthusiasm

- Showing an interest in your learning.
- Responding eagerly.
- Being willing to have a go and get involved.
- Taking learning beyond the classroom.