

WEEK ENDING 21ST OCTOBER 2022

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of the first half term and I would like to express my thanks to all the students, staff and parents/carers here at King's Academy Binfield and Kings Academy Oakwood for the wonderful welcome I have received. This first half term has gone very quickly and has been a wonderful start to the academic year.

As you know, at King's Academy Binfield, and King's Academy Oakwood, we all 'DARE to be Remarkable'. I have certainly seen this vision in action during my first half term.

Determination - of all the staff to teach the very best lessons in every lesson, every day. Their dedication to each and every one of the students at KAB/KAO is humbling.

Aspiration - of students in year 11 whom I was lucky enough to be able to interview for senior prefect roles. The standard of interview was incredibly high and these students are all now developing leadership responsibilities across the school.

Respect - I have been delighted to work with students in Years 8 and 9 who have been acting as guides for parents/carers of year 6 students at open mornings. Their dedication, confidence and insightful knowledge of the school and what it stands for resulted in high praise from visitors who all said how polite the students were, how knowledgeable and professional. On returning from their tours, visitors were unable to think of any further questions, the guides having been so effective and thorough in their explanations.

Enthusiasm - I have had the pleasure of spending time on some Friday afternoons with students at Oakwood as they engage in enrichment activities. Their unbounded enthusiasm to share what they were doing with me drew me in to try some things I have never tried before. For example, contributing to the creation of an octopus using loom bands, clapping rhythms and playing the glockenspiel and watching a member of staff being beaten at chess by one of the students!

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Dare To Be Remarkable



I have been so pleased to be able to meet with so many parents and carers at parents evenings at KAB and KAO and at the six 'Meet the Executive Principal' evenings that ended on Wednesday this week. Your dedication to all the children in this unique community and to the school as a whole is amazing. So many of you offered help and support in many different ways and contributed some great ideas to help inform me so that I can better move the school on in the next stage of our journey. Your questions will be brought together into a set of FAQs that I will issue shortly after half term.

There have been a range of enrichment activities this term, as well as open evenings for the school and for KAB6, all of which you will be able to read about in this newsletter.

Thank you all for enabling me to make such a positive start to the year here at King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood where we all 'DARE to be Remarkable'!

Mrs Moore

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Monday 31st October	Staff & students return to school
Wednesday 2nd November	Year 1 trip to Mileston
Thursday 3rd November	Parents Coffee Morning (Kings Academy Oakwood)
Thursday 3rd November	Year 5 Tag Rugby Festival
Tuesday 8th November	Kings Academy Binfield Primary Open Event - 6:00-8:00pm
Thursday 10th November	Kings Academy Oakwood Open Event - 6:00-8:00pm
Thursday 17th November	GCSE Drama Trip - The Woman In Black
Friday 18th November	Kings Academy Binfield Primary PTA Disco - 3:30-5:30pm
w/c Monday 21st November	Year 10 Assessment Window (2 weeks)
Friday 25th November	Kings Academy Oakwood Primary PTA Disco - 3:30-5:30pm

PRIMARY UPDATES

MESSAGE FOR PRIMARY PARENTS

Class teachers are available to speak to on the door at drop off and pick up should you have a quick message to pass along. If you require a longer conversation, please email the class teacher to arrange a time to meet.

HARVEST FOODBANK DONATIONS

A huge thank you to our primary phase parents who donated items for the food bank during our learning about Harvest.

The items were taken to the food bank at Kerith Community Church and the staff were so thankful for our support.



RECEPTION DIWALI VISITOR

This week, the Reception children at King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood were very lucky to have a visit from one of our wonderful learning support assistants, Mrs Aggarwal, to help them learn more about the Diwali. Mrs Aggarwal wore some of her beautiful sparkly clothes and shared with the children how her family celebrate Diwali.

The children were fascinated to see her collection of gorgeous Diya lights and they inspired them when they were painting their own later in the day! Mrs Aggarwal also shared the story of Rama and Sita with the children and taught them a fun Diwali dance.

A huge thank you to Mrs Aggarwal and Happy Diwali to all of those who will be celebrating it during the half term.



PE UPDATE

It's been a very busy few weeks in the Primary PE calendar for both Oakwood and Binfield. It all started with our year 3/4 students of both schools taking part in the 3/4 Cricket Skills event. Apart from the huge downpour of rain, the children really enjoyed themselves and learnt some new cricketing skills. I can certainly see a great team for the future!

Last week, our Year 5/6 Oakwood girls took part in their first ever Netball tournament (which took place at Kings Academy Binfield Secondary School). It's fair to say the girls were really nervous, some not having played before, but they really took their opportunity to give it their all and play some lovely netball. We finished 3rd in our group out of 6 schools. The girls were beaming with pride and loved every minute of the day.

This week was even busier! On Monday we had our first year 3/4 competitive football fixture against St Pauls Schools. Though we were on the losing end of a 3-1 scoreline, the children played some great football. Including a wonder goal by Paris!

2 days later we took Year 3/4 from both schools year to a Tag Rugby Mega-Fest skills event. For lots of the children, it was their first time playing tag rugby and this event was an opportunity for the children to represent the school, enjoy a new game and hopefully learn some new skills. By the end of the event, the children were shattered! They did so much running and learned different ways of passing and moving. It was a joy to watch and some of them want to play more tag rugby!



SECONDARY UPDATES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Across the month of October, King's Academy has used Black History as a springboard to highlight our diverse History curriculum and share stories across the school. Powerful assemblies were run by Ms Davis supported by Isaac O, Rachel C, Zia D, Sam O, Hannah T, Ella K, Rachel K, Rahel K, Nandak D & Ruby H. Alongside this, tutor groups have engaged with a person of the week, discussing the stories of Lilian Bader, Paul Stephenson and Mary Seacole. Ask your children about what they learnt from their stories!

Finally, our [Black History Month](#) competition is running until the 4th November. Details are on History google classrooms in KS3 and RW classrooms in KS4.

STUDENT SUCCESS

We are delighted to share that Zachary C in Year 7 had a phenomenal result recently at a national swimming competition. Not only did he win his event, but he beat a record that had been held by Olympic swimmer Tom Dean since 2011! You can read more about Zachary's amazing result on the [Bracknell News](#) website. Congratulations to Zachary on such an amazing achievement from everyone at Kings Academy!

RESTART A HEART DAY

Friday 10th October was Restart a Heart Day and our Year 9 students took part in Emergency CPR training with volunteers from South Central Ambulance. Students were taught cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and gained the confidence to be able to help someone having a Heart attack or Cardiac arrest.

Students demonstrated their new skills by showing how to place someone into the recovery position and practising CPR on our Call Push training mannequins.

If you would like further information on CPR please click [here](#).



KAB6 UPDATES

KAB6 Open Evening

On Tuesday 4th October we held our first open evening for KAB6. We were delighted to welcome so many of our current year 11 students and external applicants to the event.

An information talk was given to all students and families about what life at KAB6 will look like. Students and parents had the opportunity to speak with subject specialist staff and find out more about our key stage 5 subject offer. All information from our open evening including the recording of the talk given by Mrs Moore and Mrs Richards is available on the [KAB6 website](#).

KAB6 Applications

KAB6 applications are now open for all current year 11 students. An electronic copy of the application form can be found on the [KAB6 website](#). A paper copy can also be found in the prospectus handed out at the open evening.

KAB6 Prospectus

The KAB6 online prospectus is now live. To access please follow the [link](#).

If you would like a hard copy of our prospectus or application form please email Mrs Richards, Director of Sixth Form on: jess.richards@kingsacademies.uk

PERFORMING ARTS – JERSEY BOYS THEATRE TRIP

On Thursday 29th September we took 45 students from years 8-11 to see Jersey Boys at the New Victoria Theatre in Woking. The trip was a huge success and provided our Year 10 & 11 GCSE Drama students with plenty to write about for their written paper. Josh in year 11 said " It was incredible, the best piece of theatre I've ever seen".

SECONDARY UPDATES

MFL UPDATE

Last month, the MFL department and the whole school celebrated the European Day of languages. This day was established to show the diversity of languages spoken within Europe and encourage more people to learn an additional language.



We're proud that so many of our students are bilingual - some even trilingual! - and we would like to encourage all our students to keep on learning and being passionate about languages. There are many ways to learn about different cultures and languages, but one of our favourites has to be through foreign cuisine. Our canteen chef and team did a fabulous job at designing a special Italian, Greek, German and Spanish menu for our students to enjoy.

The Glee club joined in by learning and singing the Spanish song 'La Bamba'. In MFL, our KS3 classes were taught about European landmarks, words that don't exist in English (like the Swedish word "lagom" which means not too little, not too much but just enough!) and quirky traditions across Europe (such as the Wife Carrying World Championship in Finland).

The English department looked at the challenges met with translating the Harry Potter series and Primary revisited some of their favourite children's books in different languages.

The European Day of Languages celebration was also the perfect opportunity to appoint our new KS4 Language Leaders. Congratulations to Hannah, Wiseborn, Sophia, Holi, Natalia, Luis Amelie, Jessica and Eminioluwa who we know will be inspiring language ambassadors to our school community.

Last but not least, we're pleased to have received over 70 entries to our MFL Photo competition! The winners will be announced shortly.

KEW GARDENS VISIT

Across the final week of term, Y8 Geographers have visited Kew Gardens to build on their curriculum learning about fragile environments. Alongside studying different adaptations, students were given a session on sustainability and uses of the rainforest. They had a fantastic time and represented the school brilliantly. Well done Y8!

At Kew Gardens, I loved the Desert room! I also enjoyed the talk we received about the impacts and issues with humans interacting with the rainforests. - Elen R



At Kew Gardens, I really enjoyed the Palm house and the Mexico exhibition. 'Did you ever know that the Giant Bamboo is actually a grass and the purple parts under a banana bunch can be eaten' - Nandak



SPORTS NEWS

Year 9 & 10 Netball Ambassadors: Last Thursday, 15 fantastic leaders helped run the Primary School Netball Tournament. at King's Academy Binfield. The leaders from year 9 and 10 had a mixture of roles, from umpiring, to taking students to the toilet and being the coach.

The tournament was a huge success, so well done. We also had King's Academy Oakwood enter for the first time and they were brilliant.



Year 7 Rugby: The Year 7 boys team got on brilliantly at their first rugby tournament at Edgbarrow School. They won 2 matches and lost one. However, it was a superb effort from all the boys included as, some had not played the sport before.