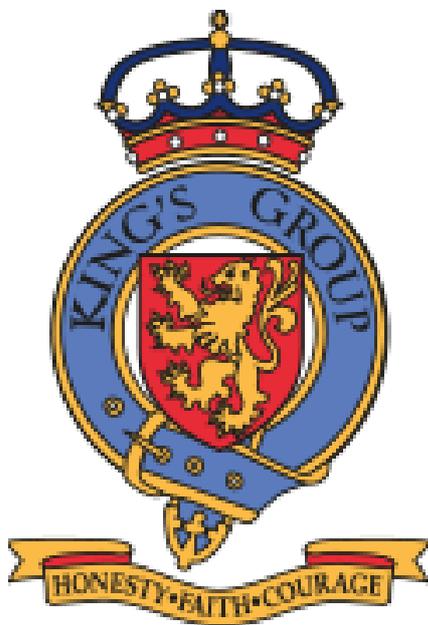


WEEK ENDING 24TH FEBRUARY 2023

# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful half term break. We were pleased to welcome students back to school this week refreshed and ready for learning.

### Year 11 exams

Year 11 have made a great start to their second set of Pre-Public Exams (PPEs), revising hard and following appropriate exam routines as they practice for their GCSEs at the end of the year. As I have said to year 11 students, PPEs are a chance for us to practice procedures as well as rehearse exam techniques and test our knowledge. We are using the PPEs to fine tune our practice in the exam period so that everything runs smoothly in the summer. Keep up the good work Year 11, well done so far.

### Year 9 Options

Options interviews are taking place for Year 9 students and their parents and carers this week and next. Students will shortly receive details about how to log into SIMS Online via an email to their school account and parents and carers will receive a letter with these details. Students will log in during a tutor session so we can support them using the system and they will make their final choices. The deadline for options choices is 24 March 2023. Please let your child's tutor know if you have any queries. We look forward to further discussions at Year 9 parents evening.

### Strike Day 2 - 2/3/23

Next week, on 2 March 2023, the second day of industrial action in education will take place. As with the previous strike day, we do not yet know how many members of staff will be on strike. Though the numbers of staff taking strike action may be similar, this will not necessarily be the same members of staff and so the timetable will be affected differently. Year 11 PPEs will still go ahead and so the school will be open to all Year 11 students. However, though other year groups will be open, I cannot yet confirm which years will be able to attend. Staff are not required to inform school if they intend to strike, but many staff will do so to support arrangements. I will let you know further information about the strike day as soon as possible. Please make relevant arrangements now in case your child's class or year group is closed on 2 March 2023.

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Dare To Be Remarkable



Attendance is beginning to improve again. Thank you to everyone for everything being done to support all our students to attend every day so that they can make the best progress possible and continue to DARE to be Remarkable!

Finally, I enjoyed a great history lesson this week with Year 5 at King's Academy Oakwood. Students were beginning to study the Tudors and I participated in their lively debate about which of the Tudor monarchs they thought was the most effective. I was really impressed with some of the excellent arguments students came up with and the energy with which they grappled with this complex question. Thank you year 5 for a most enjoyable debate!

Best wishes  
Mrs Moore



## HELP IMPROVE PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN BRACKNELL

The Bracknell Forest Council public health team are working hard to improve physical activities on offer to children and young people across the borough.

In order to do so, they have launched a survey to help capture the current activities levels in Bracknell Forest among 5 – 15 year olds and 16 – 18 year olds, and understand what activities they would like to take part in.

If you have children between these ages, please complete the survey and share it with your family and friends.

The survey is easy to complete online.

[Young people's physical activity survey \(5-15 years\)](#)

[Young people's physical activity survey \(16-18 years\)](#)

For further information, or if you would like support to complete the survey, contact: [public.health@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:public.health@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

## ADHD AND AUTISM SUPPORT SESSION

Please see the information on **page 5** for details of a session being hosted the Sikh Neurodiversity Network and GEMS (Autism & ADHD Support Services) (East Berkshire) for families who have recently received a diagnosis of Autism or ADHD for their child.



# PRIMARY & SECONDARY UPDATES

## SCARLET'S ACROBATIC SUCCESS!

Huge congratulations to Scarlett P in Year 2 at KAB who recently had an acrobatics exam. She not only passed the exam, but she was awarded a distinction along with a medal.



## OLIVIA PLAYS AN ACE!

Well done to Olivia from Year 2 at KAO, who played in her first tennis tournament last weekend.. She played in the 8 and under category (despite being only 6!) and won 3 of her matches!



## SECONDARY PHASE – WORLD BOOK DAY: BOOK AMNESTY

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, World Book Day is fast approaching and there are lots of activities planned for the week of the 27th February to aid us in celebrating the more than 25 years of World Book Day in the UK.

As part of our celebrations, we would like to return our library to its former glory - many books have disappeared over the past few years and we would love to have these returned. Therefore, during the week listed above, there will be a box placed in reception for students to return any books they may have borrowed over the years and have forgotten to return. No questions will be asked and no sanction will be given.

We would also welcome any other donations of books that are no longer read at home; the more the merrier. Thank you for your support in this. If you have any questions, please do let us know.

Kind regards,  
Ms C Jackson – Assistant Subject Lead – English

## SECONDARY PHASE – MFL COMPETITION

The MFL department are running a French and Spanish writing competition for students. Please see details on **page 4**.

## SECONDARY PHASE – WELLINGTON COLLEGE EASTER REVISION COURSE 2023

Wellington College will be running their annual Easter Revision Course during the Easter holidays from Sunday 2nd April to Thursday 6th April. Year 11 students can choose to attend as a day student or a residential student and choose up to two GCSE subjects to immerse themselves in over the course of five full days.

Class sizes are small with no more than 10 students in a lesson, students will receive 5-6 hours of tutored revision per day to review the selected core areas of their subject, covering the areas specifically requested by the students themselves. There will also be set-work, exam preparation including work on past papers, a study skills workshop and at the end a personal report highlighting areas of progression, improvement and what to focus on next.

The cost for the residential option is £1195 and the cost to attend as a day student is £850. There is also the option for GCSE students only where they can choose one GCSE subject and attend as a day student at a cost of £500.

Please refer to the link for more information Wellington College Easter Revision Course 2023 ([eventsforce.net](https://eventsforce.net))





# FRENCH AND SPANISH WRITING COMPETITION

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: £100**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> prize: £25**

You are invited to send us a *\*very\** short story - **no more than 100 words** - written in French or Spanish to be in with a chance of winning up to £100.

Details to be found on Google Classroom, class code: **3db7m7a** or come and see Madame Bassou Raso.

**The deadline for submitting your entry is 12 noon on 31 March 2023.**

[\\*https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/mml\\_apps/community/public/en/form?id=french-flash-fiction-2023-1](https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/mml_apps/community/public/en/form?id=french-flash-fiction-2023-1)

Bonne chance! Buena suerte!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 27th February	Year 9 Parents Evening (rescheduled date)
Thursday 2nd March	Year 9 Parents Evening
Friday 3rd March	KAO Year 4 Enrichment Session (details on last Primary newsletter)
Friday 10th March	KAO Year 3 Enrichment Session (details on last Primary Newsletter)
Monday 13th March	Year 7 Parents Evening (rescheduled date)
Monday 13th March	Year 9 Immunisations & MMR Catch Up
Friday 24th March	KAO Year 2 Enrichment Session (details on last Primary Newsletter)



# ADHD & AUTISM PARENT AND CARER SUPPORT GROUP SESSION

Do you require support around a recent diagnosis, understanding your child's needs or navigating all aspects surrounding ADHD and Autism? If so, please join the Sikh Neurodiversity Networks FREE parent and carer support group session at **Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Slough** on **Friday the 24th of February 2023** from **13:30 to 14:30**.

This session is being coordinated by both the Sikh Neurodiversity Network and GEMS (Autism & ADHD Support Services) (East Berkshire).

## Who's GEMS for?

GEMS offers information and support to parents and carers of children with, or likely to be autistic and/or have ADHD within East Berkshire. On offer are workshops and courses for parents and carers and social activities for children aged 5 years and above.

GEMS is being delivered by Solutions 4 Health and is commissioned by NHS Frimley.

Solutions 4 Health is a CQC registered organisation who are proud to be working with the NHS, hospitals, clinical commissioning groups, health boards and local authorities across the UK.

## GEMS Mission

Solutions 4 Health is passionate about transforming services for children, young people and adults who have been diagnosed with, or who may be autistic and/or have ADHD. We want to help people navigate their way through a range of information and make sense of this reflecting their personal needs and preferences.

Our goal is to help people who use our GEMS service to be able to improve communication with, and the well-being of, people who are autistic and/or have ADHD, their families, parents, and carers.

**If you would like to meet and discuss further with a member of the GEMS team or you simply want to find out a little bit more then please join us at GSGSS Slough on the following date:**

**Date:** 24 February 2023 (Friday)

**Time:** 13:30 - 14:30

**Address:** Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Slough, Bhai Mani Singh Learning Centre (New Classroom), Sheehy Way, Berkshire, Slough, SL2 5SS

