KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope you have enjoyed the shorter week this week and that you are able to enjoy the bank holiday despite some rain.

Students have all worked hard this week, particularly those in year 11 who have started GCSEs with their language orals and students in KS1 in KAB and KAO who are getting ready for their KS1 SATS. The dedication, hard work and growth mindset students are showing will help them to achieve their very best.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind all parents/carers who drop students to school by car to try to drop off away from the school to reduce traffic and to take care when driving. I have had a meeting with local residents this week who have reported having seen some cars driving too fast in a residential area and certainly too fast for safety near the school. It is important we all take care and drive respectfully. Our children's safety is the priority for us all.

I hope you enjoy the Coronation weekend and any celebrations you may have planned.

Kind regards Mrs Moore

SCHOOL DINNER MONEY ACCOUNTS

Please can we ask that you regularly check and top up your child's school dinner money account via the School Gateway app? A guide for parents is on the school website under Parents' Info/Academy Catering. Students can check how much money is on their account BEFORE taking any food as we have a balance checker sited in the canteen.

If a student's account does not have sufficient funds, students will be directed to the admin office, who will call home to request the account is topped up, before food can be purchased. Alternatively, please provide your child with a packed lunch.





FSM students will have their allowance of £2.70 automatically loaded each day. This should be used for the 2 course set meal or food items equivalent to that value. If you wish your child to spend more than this daily limit, you will need to top up their dinner money account via the School Gateway app.

Any outstanding debts on a student's dinner money account must be cleared as soon as possible and students will not be able to purchase any food items until the account is in credit.

If you have any difficulties paying the amount owed on your account, please do get in contact with the school as we can discuss how the payment can be made in a way that is manageable for you.

GIRLS RUGBY TASTER SESSIONS

Please see **page 4** for details of a taster opportunity for girls in Secondary phase to try out rugby with Bracknell RFC.



DATES FOR THE DIARY	
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
Thursday 25th May	KAB Primary Phase Spring Disco
Friday 26th May	Jade Class (KAB) Enrichment Session - 2:30pm start
Friday 26th May	KAO Primary Phase Spring Disco

PRIMARY/SECONDARY UPDATES

PRIMARY PHASE SPRING DISCOS

Please see **page 4** for details of the Primary phase spring discos which are taking place at the end of May.

ZAYNA IS A LITTLE STAR!

Congratulations to Zayna in Emerald Class at KAB who won the Star of the Week award at her Gymnastic class for her amazing work on her circle downs and handstands. We are all so proud of you Zayna!



SAFIYA & NORAH'S GYM SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to Safiya in Year 3 and Norah from Year 1 at KAO who were recently 'spotted' in their beginners gymnastics class and moving up to intermediate. They then competed in the Gymfinity Kids Intermediate Competition they both placed Bronze for Vault!





YEAR 9 - IGNITING WRITING CREATIVE WRITING SESSION

This week, a group of 27 Year 9 students were fortunate enough to be selected for a creative writing taster session, run with an external visitor who leads a creative writing club at Wokingham Library.

Students were encouraged to think about the genre of fantasy and the different conventions of this text type, before embarking on their own journey as a sorcerer's apprentice on an epic quest within their own writing. They were also placed in various scenarios and asked to write about how their character would respond to various different challenges and obstacles. Students focused on elements of their writing such as sentencing, punctuation, and paragraphing, and came away with some truly fantastic pieces of writing.

YEAR 11 - CAREERS WEBINAR

Please see **page 4** for information on a free webinar that has been shared with use by Wellington College Student Alliance which is being run by InvestIn for students and parents in years 11–13.

Taking place on **Tuesday 16th May**, this webinar will focus on how to use the summer holidays wisely to upskill and research higher education and career options. Please note that all registered attendees will receive access to the recording after the event, even if they are unable to attend. Click here to register.



YEAR 10 - GCSE TEXTILES

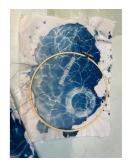
Year 10 GCSE Textiles have been working really hard with Hermione Thomson, textile artist. They have been attending workshops every week to create pieces promoting water safety. The opening night for their exhibition is on Tuesday 16thMay from 5pm. The exhibition is at South Hill Park and this evening will be an opening of all this seasons' new exhibitions. There is a Q&A talk at 7-7:30pm. It will be great if you can join us and the students too.



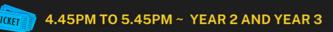












4.45PM TO 5.45PM ~ YEAR 3, YEAR 4 & YEAR 5

TICKETS: www.pta-events.co.uk/kingsacademy

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The summer holidays are a great chance for students to unwind but can also be a very useful time for them to upskill and prepare for their future careers.

Both parents and students can join us for an evening webinar as we provide advice and guidance on how to succeed over the summer holidays, including:

- What the job market looks like today and the key skills employers are looking
- Practical tips on what students can be doing over summer to get ahead in their career development
- How InvestIN can support students in their careers over the summer holidays

This event will take place via Zoom at 18:00 UK time on Tuesday 16th May. Recordings will be sent to all registrants, so interested parents and students should sign up even if they are unable to attend.

This event is free-of-charge and for both parents and students



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