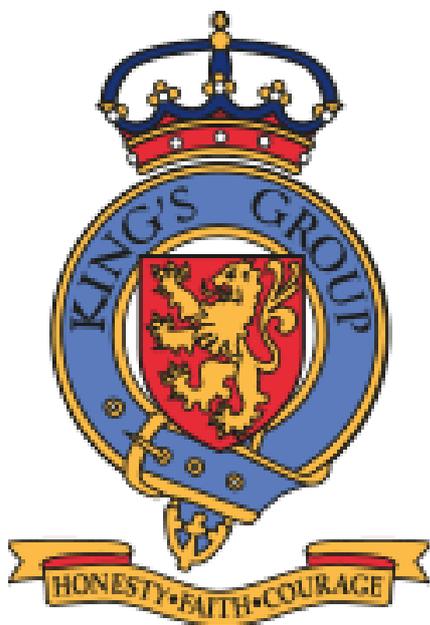


WEEK ENDING 19TH JANUARY 2024

# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all managed to stay warm during the extremely cold weather. Despite the cold we have had another busy week with a sports leaders event on Monday, two Year 4 trips to Baylab, the Young Voices Primary Choir at the O2 and a Year 10 Parents evening.

Next week, Year 8 students begin the second week of their formal assessments. Mrs Theobalds has been pleased with how students have approached their first set of formal exams so far. We wish them luck in the second week.

Tickets for the Addams Family show are now on sale. Instructions for purchasing tickets were sent in a letter, a copy of which is included at the end of this newsletter.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind secondary parents/carers to use the Wood Lane car park to collect students or arrange to meet them away from the school site.

Primary parents should not arrive until the school gate opening time of 3.15pm.

If we all work to keep to these guidelines then we can ensure a smoother pick up in a safer environment for our students and show consideration for our resident neighbours as well.

Thank you to all our staff and students for your hard work this week.

Kind regards  
Mrs Moore

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## UNIFORM REMINDER

**Coats** - as a reminder, we do not permit hoodies, or sports tops in place of coats. Students wearing hoodies or sports tops to school will have them confiscated.

**Jewellery** - students are only permitted to have one small spherical round stud in each ear, any other jewellery will be confiscated and will only be returned to the students at the end of the half term.

**PE kit** - students are to wear navy blue joggers or navy blue shorts. Leggings of any sort are not permitted, this includes under shorts.

**False nails and lashes** - these are not permitted in school, students who are wearing these, will be asked to remove them, and until this is done, will lose their social time.

Our uniform policy has always been shared, and is something we are clear and transparent about. Please support us with this by ensuring that your child adheres to this fully.



## ILLNESS REMINDER

Children must stay off for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhea and must be kept off school if they are running a temperature.



## COMMUNITY SAFETY

We have received reports of students playing on the areas of water around the school that have frozen over in the cold weather. This is extremely dangerous. Please reinforce this message with your young person at home.



## VAPING INFO FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Bracknell Forest Council has produced a leaflet for parents and carers about the use of vapes, especially by young people.

There is information at the end of this newsletter about what you should know, what you can do and local support details.

# KABKAO UPDATES

## MFL CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF COMPETITION 2023

I am thrilled to finally unveil the long-awaited results of the MFL Christmas Bake-Off competition 2023 that took us on a delightful journey around the world. The anticipation has been palpable, and I want to extend our gratitude to all participants who patiently awaited the results of the competition. Your enthusiasm and dedication have made this event even more special.

The submissions I received were nothing short of spectacular – nearly 30 pictures of mouth-watering international homemade baked goods, each a testament to the creativity and talent within our students. From biscuits to bûches, and intricate and colourful cakes, the diversity of entries was truly inspiring!

After careful consideration, I am delighted to announce the top three winners of the MFL Bake Off competition 2023:

### 3rd Place – Fatema’s Begijn Buns



Fatema, your Begijn Buns captured the essence of tradition earning you a well-deserved third place. Bravo!

### 2nd Place – Erica’s Beautiful Cake with Christmas Wishes in Chinese



Erica, your creation showcased both your baking and linguistics skills. Well done on securing the second spot!

### 1st Place – Hayden’s Estonian Crinkle



Hayden, your Estonian Crinkle looked both beautiful and delicious, earning you the prestigious first place. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement!

Congratulations to our winners and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated. May your kitchens continue to be filled with the warmth and joy that baking brings.

Wishing you all a sweet and successful year ahead!

Madame Bassou Raso – Lead teacher in French

# KABKAO UPDATES

## MEDIC SOCIETY VISIT FOR KAB6

Five KAB6 students visited St Mary's School in Ascot for the first joint Medic's Society meeting of the year. The aim of the Society is to support our students to achieve an offer for Medical School by this time next year.

The students met the five international boarding students, had tea, toured the school, received information about entry requirements to UK Medical Schools and found out about each other's work experience.

Our students were blown away by the different journey's of the St Marys girls on their path to success in the medical field. Thanks to Mrs Rivers at St Mary's for hosting us and we look forward to coming back next week when the students will be considering current issues in the NHS.



## CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY WEBINAR

Bookings are free and can be made via the [Events](#) page on the Careers Portal now.

Please contact Mr Baldwin if you would like further information: **Mr Baldwin** - [career.bi@kingsacadmies.uk](mailto:career.bi@kingsacadmies.uk)



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## Industry Webinar: Civil Engineering

Civil engineers require a diverse set of skills to effectively plan, design, and oversee the construction and maintenance of infrastructure and construction projects.

Presented by Kathryn Denham-Maccioni  
The Institution of Civil Engineering

**Tuesday 30th January 2024**  
**6 - 7pm**

Please book via the Adviza Portal under '[Events](#)'  
Cost: FREE | Suitable for all ages

For more information please email  
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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>Monday 22nd January</b>	Year 8 Assessment Window
<b>Thursday 25th January</b>	Year 9 Parent's Evening
<b>Monday 29th January</b>	Year 7 Assessment Window
<b>Monday 29th January</b>	SATs Parent Information Evening
<b>Tuesday 30th January</b>	KAO Year 3 to Pizza Express
<b>Wednesday 31st January</b>	KAO Open Afternoon for current parents
<b>Thursday 1st February</b>	The Addams Family show 7pm
<b>Friday 2nd February</b>	The Addams Family show 7pm
<b>Saturday 2nd February</b>	The Addams Family show 1pm and 7pm



# JUNIOR WINTER TRAINING

## U9s - Year 3 & 4

 St Crispins Sports Centre, Wokingham

 2nd February - 22nd March 2024

 18:15 - 19:00

### £40

8 SESSIONS

**SIGN UP HERE**

Open to boys and girls with no cricket experience necessary

[juniors@binfieldcricketclub.co.uk](mailto:juniors@binfieldcricketclub.co.uk)  
[www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk)

## CELEBRITY CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

### SANDHURST TOWN FC

Sunday 28th Jan 2024

Doors open 1:00pm | Kick Off 3:00pm



BOOK TICKETS NOW [WWW.SELLEBRITYSOCCER.ORG.UK](http://WWW.SELLEBRITYSOCCER.ORG.UK)

Mitch Taylor, Dan Osborne, Man Like Haks, Jeremy Lynch, Shane Cole, Billy Brown, Zac Ashford, Josh Brocklebank,  
 Ricky Groves, Jamie O'Hara, Scott van-der-Sluis, Dean Gaffney, Max Mills, Ouzy See, Flintz, Matt Lapinskas,  
 The Wealdstone Raider, Bleu Landau, Arthur Poremba, Stevi Ritchie, Dwayne Chambers, Josh Ryan, Arthur Poremba,  
 George Berthonneau, Shaq, Matt Pilmoor, Woody, Singing Dentist, Paul Cooper, Charlie Wernham and many more...  
 Celebrity Players Subject to work commitments



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KING'S ACADEMY BINFIELD PRESENTS...



**Tickets**  
  
Adult-£8  
Concession- £5

# The Addams Family

SCHOOL EDITION



**Performances-**  
**Thursday 1st February -7pm**  
**Friday 2nd February - 7pm**  
**Saturday 3rd February**  
**Matinee - 1pm**  
**Saturday 3rd February- 7Pm**



THE ADDAMS FAMILY School Edition  
A NEW MUSICAL

Book by MARSHALL BRICKMAN and RICK ELICE  
Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA  
Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams

Originally produced on Broadway by Stuart Oken, Roy Furman, Michael Leavitt, Five Cent Productions, Stephen Schuler, Decca Theatricals, Scott M. Delman, Stuart Ditsky, Terry Allen Kramer, Stephanie P. McClelland, James L. Nederlander, Eva Price, Jam Theatricals/Mary LuRoffe, Pittsburgh CLO/Gutterman-Swinsky, Vivek Tiwary/Gary Kaplan, The Weinstein Company/Clarence, LLC, Adam Zotovich/Tribe Theatricals

By Special Arrangement with  
Elephant Eye Theatrical

"THE ADDAMS FAMILY School Edition" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW),



[www.theatricalrights.co.uk](http://www.theatricalrights.co.uk)





King's Academy Binfield

Dare to be Remarkable

8th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that tickets are now on sale for our secondary production of 'The Addams Family'.

We will be running the production at the following times:

Thursday 1st February: 7.00pm - 9.30pm  
Friday 2nd February: 7.00pm - 9.30pm  
Saturday 3rd February (Matinee): 1.00pm - 3.30pm  
Saturday 3rd February: 7.00pm - 9.30pm

There is a 2-step process for securing your tickets.

#### STEP 1

Please complete the Google Form for the date you wish to attend the performance and then press submit.

[THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY @ 7PM](#)

[FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY @ 7PM](#)

[SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY @ 1PM](#)

[SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY @ 7PM](#)

#### STEP 2

Please pay for the tickets you have selected through the Schoolcomms app, when purchasing your tickets please ensure that the ticket is for the correct date as you will not be permitted entrance should you attend the incorrect show. Please confirm your ticket requirements in the comments field on the payment screen. Ticket prices as follows:

*Adult ticket £8 each.  
Student/concession £5.*

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Executive Principal: Mrs K. Moore

It is important that the above steps are completed at the same time as failure to do so will result in tickets requested being released unless payment has been made.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on [lianne.roberts@kingsacademies.uk](mailto:lianne.roberts@kingsacademies.uk) if you have any questions regarding the performance. If you have specific questions regarding tickets please contact [admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk](mailto:admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk)

Kind regards,

Mrs Lianne Roberts  
Head of Faculty for Performing Arts

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# Information for parents and carers about vapes

January 2024

This leaflet contains guidance and information around the use of vapes, especially by young people. We know that the use of vapes is on the rise. Marketing makes vaping attractive to younger people, enticing them to use vapes, particularly disposable vapes which are offered in a variety of colours and flavours.



## What should you know as a parent or carer?

- There is clear advice that vapes should not be used by children and young people.
- Vaping products should not be sold or given to anyone under the age of 18. The Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 prohibits vapes and e-cigarettes to be sold or given to anyone under the age of 18.
- The use of any type of vape can increase young people's exposure to harmful chemicals. Reported side effects of using any vape include:
  - vomiting
  - nausea
  - coughing
  - shortness of breath
  - mouth irritation
- asthma
- Defective products may catch fire or explode, leading to burns and injuries.
- Nicotine can be found in most vapes. Nicotine is a highly addictive chemical and it can affect brain development in young people. This may impact their learning, memory, concentration, and mood, causing anxiety and depression. It can also lead to addiction and physical dependence. Children and young people may become dependent on nicotine quicker than adults.

The long-term effects of vapes are still unknown. Therefore, it is difficult to know the outcomes and risks of using vapes over the long term.

## What you can do as a parent or carer

If you know or suspect your child is using a vape, talk to them about the risks and that they are not designed for general use, only as a tool to quit smoking or as a less harmful alternative to smoking for adults.

If your child is using the vape as a way of managing their anxiety or stress, there are other ways they can destress without relying on vapes, such as physical and creative activities, relaxation techniques and talking therapies. There are many local services to support young people (listed at the end of this leaflet).

## What are the risks of illegal vapes?

Illegal vapes can contain a number of harmful chemicals that are controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act (1971), including tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

THC is a psychoactive compound in cannabis and can make people feel a range of effects.

These may include:

- Paranoia
- Nausea
- Hyperactivity
- Hallucinations
- Panic attacks
- Impaired mobility
- Elevated heart rate
- Cough or shortness of breath
- Chest pains

The quantity and strength of THC found in these illegal vape products varies greatly. Any product containing THC is illegal in the UK.

It is important to note that THC is different to cannabidiol (CBD), which is the non-psychoactive chemical compound and does not have the same effect.

If a young person is known to have used a vape containing THC or another illegal substance, monitor for these symptoms. Seek immediate medical attention if you have concerns about their health: use **111 online** or call **999** in an emergency.

There are several options available if you find a vape which you suspect contains an illegal substance or if a retailer is selling vapes to young people under the age of 18:

contact **trading standards**

visit [www.stop-illegal-tobacco.co.uk/  
share-information](http://www.stop-illegal-tobacco.co.uk/share-information)

call **0300 999 6999**

## Local support and information

### **Bracknell Forest Thrive!**

This website provides information and guidance on children and young people's health and wellbeing.

### **Youthline Bracknell Forest**

Free, confidential and client-centred counselling for young people attending secondary school and adults who care for and support young people in Bracknell Forest. Youthline offers in person, online and telephone counselling. Phone: **01344 311200**.

### **Kooth**

Free digital emotional wellbeing and counselling service available to young people aged 10 to 25 across east Berkshire.

### **Smoke Free Teen**

Useful advice on vaping for young people including tips to deal with cravings, understanding triggers and managing anxiety, stress and the cost of vaping.

### **New Hope**

A substance misuse service for young people and adults. They can support young people to understand the risks and harm of taking drugs or drinking alcohol. They also offer advice and information to parents and carers and hold a family and friends group which young people can access.

Email: [new.hope@bracknell-forest.co.uk](mailto:new.hope@bracknell-forest.co.uk)

Phone: **01344 312360**.

### **ChatHealth**

Free and confidential text messaging service for parents and young people, putting you in contact with a local school nurse for advice and information.

- If you are a parent or carer of a five to 19 year old and need advice, you can text a school nurse: **07312 263194**.

- If you are aged 11 to 19 and need advice, you can text a school nurse: **07312 263266**.

### **The Bracknell Forest Youth Service**

Provides preventative teaching and support to enhance and compliment substance misuse curriculum already delivered in schools.

## General information and support

Information about drugs on the Talk to Frank website:

- **vapes:** [www.talktofrank.com/drug/vapes](http://www.talktofrank.com/drug/vapes)
- **cannabis:** [www.talktofrank.com/drug/cannabis](http://www.talktofrank.com/drug/cannabis)
- **synthetic cannabinoids:** [www.talktofrank.com/drug/synthetic-cannabinoids](http://www.talktofrank.com/drug/synthetic-cannabinoids)
- **general overview:** [www.talktofrank.com/news/cannabisvapes](http://www.talktofrank.com/news/cannabisvapes)

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