# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER

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#### MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome back all our students following the holiday. At KAO, Year 6 have quickly settled back into routine and are working really hard as they move ever closer towards their KS2 SATS. Many Year 11 students were in school for revision sessions over the holiday and are fully focussed on achieving success as they embark on the vital last few weeks before the start of GCSEs. Well done for all the hard work so far Year 6 and Year 11.



This week Year 10 have been involved in careers activities to prepare them for the wold of work through completing CVs, participating in interviews with employers and undertaking work experience. More info on <u>Page 5</u>.

Mr Baldwin (Director of Science and Careers Leader) has done a fantastic job of organising our first ever work experience. Many thanks to him and all parents and carers who have supported the arrangement or placements for students.



In the primary phase students are getting ready for Rock Star day next week when we all focus on times tables and all things numerical. I heard the singing assembly at KAO today where students were practicing a rock song ready for the occasion.

Parents/carers would recognise the KAO rendition of 'Sweet Child O' Mine' which was at least as good as Guns and Roses! I look forward to the final version next Friday.





The inaugural meeting of KAB/KAO Parent Forum took place on Thursday. My thanks to all the parents who have volunteered their time to support this initiative. There is still time to volunteer if you would like to be part of this forum which I hope will grow to enable the voices of parents/carers to be heard in the running of the school. If you would like to be involved please email your interest to <a href="mailto:admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk">admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk</a>.

## REMARKABLE ROUTINES

We will launch the KAB secondary 'Remarkable Routines' on Monday 22/4/24. Students have had assemblies and tutor activities this week and on Tuesday there was an online event for parents/carers about the 'Remarkable Routines' which were well received.

When we are immersed in routine, we think less about what we are having to decide on, freeing mental capacity for students to learn and teachers to teach. Routine tasks don't need to be thought about, they just happen as habits because this is simply what we do at KAB, in and between every lesson, every day. KAB Primary and KAO will start their Remarkable Routines shortly after the secondary students. There is more information about the Remarkable Routines on <u>Page 3</u>.

I look forward to a successful term. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards Mrs Moore

#### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Parent's and careers are invited to stand for election as a parent local governing body member of the board which governs both King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood. An email was sent out to parents and carers on April 15th 2024.

The deadline to apply is Monday 22nd April 2024.

Please email <u>admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk</u> with any queries.

### KABKAO UPDATES

#### REMARKABLE ROUTINES LAUNCH - MONDAY 22ND APRIL



This week we have been preparing for the launch of our 'Remarkable Routines'. This has involved all students attending an assembly for their year group, complete tutor times activities with the opportunity to ask questions and the parent/carer online information event.

The 'Remarkable Routines' will set out expectations around seven areas of Academy life:

- Travelling to and from school
- Arrival at school and entry into school remarkable reception
- Moving around school
- During lessons
- Leaving the classroom
- Social times
- Ending the day positively

These routines have been designed using student and staff feedback to help us to build our remarkable community in order that all of our students have the opportunity to develop their kindness, happiness and receive the best possible education for future success.

Students, staff, parents/carers and the community all play a vital part in the culture of our Academy, it is therefore really important that we are all clear on our approach and expectations.

All of the 'Remarkable Routines' can be found on the Academy's website under the ethos section (<a href="https://www.kgabinfield.uk/page/?title=Academy+Ethos&pid=20">https://www.kgabinfield.uk/page/?title=Academy+Ethos&pid=20</a>).

### KABKAO UPDATES

#### REMARKABLE UNIFORM







Remarkable uniform forms part of our 'Remarkable Routines' so we expect all our students to achieve this showing respect and pride.

- Students must ensure that they have appropriate, black, polishable school shoes. Trainers are not acceptable and students who arrive at school wearing them will be expected to wear a pair of the spare school shoes that we keep a stock of.
- Earrings should only be one pair of small round, plain silver or gold studs; students will be asked to remove any other earrings and these will be held in Reception for parental collection only. No other jewellery is permitted. Students will be expected to fully remove any other piercings, plastic retainers are not permitted.
- Skirts should be knee length or below with no exceptions.
- Blazers and ties must be worn.
- Socks should be plain black, either knee length or ankle length. Trainer socks or decorative (frilly/fluffy) ankle socks are not permitted.
- False eyelashes are not permitted students will be expected to remove them
- False nails are not permitted students will be expected to remove them
- Handbags are not permitted students must use a backpack

Any students who do not comply with these expectations will be working in internal suspension until the uniform issue is resolved, if a student chooses to reinstate their uniform issue after resolving it, they will be in internal suspension for the rest of the day.

Please support us by ensuring that your child is wearing their uniform correctly, if they have lost any items, please let us know a resolution date so that we can support them.

A reminder to ensure their uniform and PE kit are labelled so that we can return any lost items easily.







#### **WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK FOR YEAR 10s**

This week we started our work related learning experiences with some of our Year 10. We are hugely grateful to our volunteers who came in and gave up their time to carry out 'Mock Interviews' with some of our Year 10 students, the students found this a hugely beneficial. We will be carrying these out for the rest of Year 10 later in the academic year.

We have also had a large proportion of our students go out on Work Experience this week, this is the first time we have been able to facilitate this and it has been wonderful to see the range of placements our students have secured. We are excited to hear about how they have got on with their reviews next week. Students who remained at school have either been completing work related learning experiences at CARE UK with follow up tasks in school or online virtual work experience hosted through Springpod. All in all a fantastic work related experience for all of our Year 10 students.

#### SEN PARENT'S EVENING



The virtual secondary SEND parents evening has been rescheduled due to the fact that many parents have recently been offered appointments at face-to-face parents evenings.

Secondary parents with young people on the SEN register will be invited to a short meeting later on in the term.

If you have any concerns about your young person, please contact the tutor or pastoral team in the first instance, who will pass on to the SEND team should additional support be needed.

### KABKAO UPDATES

#### ONLINE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Online mental emotional wellbeing community Kooth is hosting several free student facing webinars about staying safe online and tips for managing exam stress. There are also free virtual sessions for parents about supporting children through upcoming exams. More information can be found <a href="https://example.com/here.com/h

#### **CAREERS CONSTRUCTION WEBINAR**



What qualifications do I need for different careers in Construction? What would a future in this industry look like? If you would like the answers to these questions and more, sign up for this webinar to see if a career in Construction might work for you.

> Presented by Rachel Groves Social Value Adviser Infrastructure – Highways Morgan Sindall

Tuesday 23rd April 2024 6 - 7pm

Please book via the Adviza Portal under '<u>Events</u>' Cost: FREE | Suitable for all ages

For more information please email careersguidance@adviza.org.uk



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Please contact <u>careers.bi@kingsacademies.uk</u> if you have any questions.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April	Year 9 assessment window
Tuesday 23rd April	Year 1 KAB Milestone visit
Friday 26th April	Primary Rockstar Day
Friday 26th April	Year 5 swimming
Friday 26th April	KAO Year 4 parents to enrichment
Saturday 27th April	DoFE day walk
Tuesday 30th April	Moonstone assembly - 2.45pm
Wednesday 1st May	Year 12 Hampton Court History trip
Wednesday 1st May	Opal assembly - 2.45pm
Wednesday 1st May	Ash assembly - 2.45pm
Thursday 2nd May	Year 10 parents evening
Friday 3rd May	Year 5 swimming
Friday 3rd May	KAO Year 5 to enrichment
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Year 7 assessment window
Wednesday 8th May	Emerald class assembly
Friday 10th May	Year 5 swimming
Friday 10th May	KAO Year 6 to enrichment

# Attachments and promotional posters to follow



NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE
Monday 29th April 2024

# Kings Academy PTA

# WE NEED

Calling all parents

& teachers

PTA meeting

\*\*All welcome to attend\*\*

Or email any ideas/ suggestions to; (I pta@kingsacademies

WEDNESDAY IST MAY 2024

at KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD (primary) at 6pm





**Bracknell Forest** 

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Volunteer to help** 

change a child's future

Learn new transferable skills Gain experience & confidence Feel a sense of fulfilment

Discover personal growth

Make a difference



**Starts June** 2024



Join us

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## Bracknell Chess Club Junior Chess Tournament 10 am – 1 pm Saturday 20th April 2024.







For all aspiring year six and below junior chess players. To be held at St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School, Pembroke, Hanworth Bracknell Berks RG12 7RD. £5 to enter. Medals and trophy given. Contact infobracknellchessclub@btinternet.com for further information and registration.



#### Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young people

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the coming weeks your child may mention they have been made aware of a service called Kooth. At Kooth, we provide a safe, secure means of accessing online emotional health support from a professional team of qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners.

Kooth offers wellbeing support 365 days a year via a range of self-help materials and peer to peer support which young people are able to contribute to. Everything is premoderated and age appropriate, in order to safeguard our users, so you know that what your child is accessing is safe.

Kooth work alongside schools and colleges across the UK and are running student facing webinars through April and May on topics like 'Staying safe online' and 'Tips for managing exam stress'.

Kooth is also offering free virtual sessions for parents on the 22nd & 25th April that provide tips on how you can support your child manage anxiety about their upcoming exams - please use this link to sign up.

There's also resources designed especially for parents available or including advice on how to talk to your teen about their feelings: P	
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If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.comemail us on parents@kooth.com.	ı can offer you can
Kind Regards	
Kooth Engagement Team	

