

# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS BENDALL AND MRS TAYLOR

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome our remarkable students back into school this week after the half term break.

We want to say how impressed we have been with our Year 11 students who started 2 weeks of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) on Monday. They have exams most mornings and afternoons, depending on their GCSE option choices, and most have clearly been revising over the half term break. They are demonstrating remarkable behaviours, are calm and purposeful and we want to wish them good luck for the rest of the exams next week.

We also want to say well done to our Year 11 students who have been taking Functional Skills exams and to our Sixth Form students who have been completing Maths and English GCSE resits as well this week.

Next week is just as busy, please see [page 2](#) for more details.

We hope you all have a remarkable weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bendall and Mrs Taylor  
Vice Principals

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# KAB UPDATES

## REMEMBRANCE DAY – MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER



On Monday 11th November we will be observing 2 minutes of silence in school and will talk about Remembrance Ceremonies and what they represent.

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## ODD SOCKS DAY – TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

To recognise Anti-Bullying Week students and staff will be encouraged to wear Odd Socks!

The campaign will also be highlighted in tutor activities and assemblies.



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## CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER



To recognise Children in Need and to raise money, students and staff will be encouraged to donate £1 and 'choose their shoes'.

Students will not be permitted to wear high heels, but other than that anything goes!

Parents will be able to make donations via their online accounts. We will not be collecting money on the day.

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## MARTIAL ARTS SUCCESS FOR JACOB



Congratulations to Jacob (9WI) for achieving the rank of 1st Dan recently. He has been practicing martial arts since he was 5 years old!

Jacob has also been working towards becoming a junior instructor. This led to him graduating last month when he was awarded the privileged title of 'Kohai' a Japanese term for a junior or protege.

The photo on the left shows Jacob receiving his 1st Dan award, along with a new black belt and exclusive uniform, reserved only for 1st Dan black belt holders.

Great work, Jacob!

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## EARLY LIBRARY ACCESS FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Students in Year 7 will now be able to access the library on Friday mornings, from 8:15am until tutor time. During this time, they will be able to read or study quietly, and can borrow books to take home.

Students can borrow up to 2 books, for 3 weeks at a time. Please ensure that if your child does borrow a book, that they treat it carefully as you will be asked to replace the book if it is lost or seriously damaged.

To borrow and return books, students need to speak to Miss Wareham in the library so that they can be processed.

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 and supporting them on their journey to being remarkable readers.



# KAB6 UPDATES

## SIXTH FORM FRENCH STUDENTS ATTEND LA HAINE SCREENING



On 23rd of October, our Sixth Form French students had the unique opportunity to attend a special screening of *La Haine* at South Hill Park. The film was first released in 1995 and has since become a landmark in the portrayal of social issues in France. Watching it on the big screen, as it was originally intended, was a great experience for our students, all of whom are studying this influential film as part of their A-Level French syllabus.

*La Haine* is a powerful and gritty film that captures the tension and unrest in the suburbs of Paris through the eyes of three young men. Its themes of class, race, and identity are just as relevant today as they were nearly 30 years ago, making it a truly timeless work.

We were incredibly fortunate to have University of Reading Professor Julia Waters with us to introduce the film. Professor Waters, an expert in French and Francophone Studies, provided valuable context, discussing the film's social and political background, as well as its lasting cultural significance. Her introduction helped deepen our understanding of the issues *La Haine* explores, making the screening a lesson in film analysis and contemporary French history.

I'm delighted that every student attended this event and took full advantage of this unique learning opportunity. Hopefully, the insights gained from both the screening and Professor Waters' introduction will not only aid them in their studies but will also foster a deeper appreciation for French cinema and its role in reflecting and shaping society.

This outing was a fantastic complement to our A-Level syllabus, and I'm confident that the experience will add real value to the students' exam preparation and their overall grasp of *La Haine*. I hope this marks the beginning of many more enriching opportunities for our students as they continue their studies.

Madame Bassou Raso – Lead Teacher in French

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## KAB6 OPEN EVENING

With just 6 days to go! We are looking forward to inviting Year 11 families to our KAB6 Open Evening.

Welcome Talk 1 | 5:30pm

Welcome Talk 2 | 6:15

To book your seat at one of our welcome talks please click the link below.

[KAB6 Open Evening Welcome Talk Booking](#)



**ONE  
WEEK  
TO GO**

King's Academy Binfield  
Sixth Form Open Evening  
Thursday 14th November  
5pm - 7.30pm

*Be Remarkable* **KAB6**

# PE UPDATES

**THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER – WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER**



## **RUGBY**

The Year 7 rugby team played their tournament at Brakenhale School, against 5 other local teams. The standard of rugby was brilliant to watch as seeing the progress from their first tournament to this one has been exceptional.

The team played amazingly well throughout the tournament, winning 4 games and drawing 1, which meant that they won the tournament. The commitment, dedication, work rate and team spirit of all the players was remarkable. Well done to all the players involved!



## **FOOTBALL**

The Year 8 football team played their second round ESFA match against Reading School. This was a very hard fought match with two very good teams trying to advance to round three of the national competition.

KAB Went down to an early goal from Reading School, but pulled the game back with some outstanding technical play. KAB eventually won the game 3:2 with an injury time winner. The commitment, dedication, work rate and team spirit of all the players was quite remarkable.

The squad now advance to the third round and we look forward to the next game.

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

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<b>Thursday 14th November</b>	KAB6 Open Evening 5pm - 7.30pm
<b>Tuesday 19th November</b>	Stratford-upon-Avon trip
<b>Wednesday 20th November</b>	Year 12 ASPIRE Army teambuilding and skills workshop - 1.30pm - 3.30pm
<b>Wednesday 20th November</b>	A Level English trip
<b>Thursday 21st November</b>	GCSE Year 10 and Year 11 Drama trip to Wellington College 6pm - 10pm
<b>Monday 2nd December</b>	Secondary flu immunisation
<b>Thursday 5th December</b>	KAB6 Performing Arts trip to Sadler's Wells Theatre
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	INSET Day
<b>Thursday 19th December</b>	Christmas dinner
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	End of term. Finish at 12.45pm
<b>Monday 6th January 2025</b>	Back to school. Start of new term

**Attachments and  
promotional posters to follow**



# INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2025

16th June 2025 to 4th July 2025



At Xavier Teach SouthEast, we are proud to offer an internship programme which provides those interested in teaching with the ideal opportunity to explore life in the classroom.

## NON-FUNDED AND FUNDED PROGRAMMES

- **Funded internship** for **secondary chemistry, computing, languages, maths and physics undergraduates** (£425pw)
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- **Aim:** to help undergraduates in all subjects, as well as those considering a career change, to explore how rewarding a career in teaching can be.

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- Be given an opportunity to accelerate your interview process for our SCITT



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Intern 2023



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# Life is expensive. We can help.

## First Days Mobile Support Hub



Please come along to one of our Mobile Support Hubs. Our van carries seasonal items and you can meet our Family Support Team who will be able to talk through how we can help you with other essentials.

## November 2024

### **Wednesday 6th:**

Woodley Precinct	10.00-12.00
Wargrave Highfield Park	12.30-13.15
Twyford Pennfields	13.30-14.00

### **Monday 11th:**

Shinfield Community Church	12:30-13:30
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### **Wednesday 20th:**

Kerith Centre Bracknell	11:30-12:30
Great Hollands Community Centre	12:45-14:00
Meadow Vale School	15:00-16:00

**After this date, we are going  
to be taking a break until  
mid January.**

**See you in the New Year!**



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