

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS BENDALL AND MRS TAYLOR

Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, we want to send our best wishes and say goodbye to our Executive Principal Mrs Moore. She has taken the decision to step down from her role with us and we are aware that some parents and students would like to send her a message. If this is the case then please email this to the school office for the attention of Miss Hetherington and she will collate these and we will ensure they are passed onto her. In the meantime, we have the support of Mr Littlemore, who is an experienced headteacher from one of our neighbouring trust schools.

The safety of students, and indeed all those on site, is of paramount importance to us. We routinely run fire drills and review procedures for possible intruders and other events which may put people at risk. We have recently updated our Emergency Procedures and will be carrying out "dynamic" lockdown practice involving the whole school at some point. It is important we practice this every year and we will be reminding the students what they need to do. In a real lockdown, we would update parents via text, email and or social media or the website as frequently as possible, subject to contrary advice from the authorities. In the case of a practice though, we won't do this. We wanted you to be aware in case your child comes home and discusses this with you.

Our Year 11 students are receiving their PPE results on Thursday. Similar to the real results days in the summer, they will receive their PPE grades in sealed envelopes and understand what will happen on the 'real' day. There will be an assembly about how to use these results and plan positively for the summer exams and support available for anyone that may require it. There will then be a parents evening next week, for families and students to talk with the teaching team.

On Friday we have an INSET day so the school will be closed to students.

We hope students enjoy their extended weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bendall and Mrs Taylor
Vice Principals



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MESSAGES TO MRS MOORE



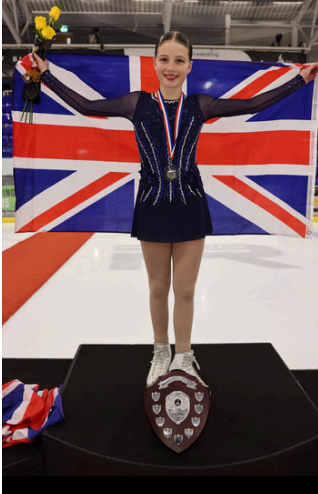
Following the sad news that Mrs Moore will be stepping down as our Executive Principal, we will be putting together a message book to hand over to her to read at her leisure.

Should you wish to write a personal message to Mrs Moore, to be included in the message book, please email FAO Miss Hetherington to admin.bi@kingsacademies.uk by Tuesday 17th December.

DOUBLE SPORTING SUCCESS IN YEAR 9

I am delighted to be able to celebrate with Leni and Tai as a result of their recent sporting achievements. Congratulations to them both - from Mrs Theobalds

NATIONAL ICE SKATING



You may remember that on the back of her success in earlier competitions, Leni was due to go to the 2024 British Ice Skating Championships. Well, not only did she compete but she won her category (Basic Novice) demonstrating that she is one of Britain's rising skaters. I am sure we will see more success in the future and perhaps this great result will make her very early mornings on the ice more bearable.

COUNTY FOOTBALL



We had a number of students making it into the Berkshire Football County Trials and I am delighted to say that Tai has been successful in joining the team. In his first match, Berkshire had a fantastic win against Shaftsbury who were a strong team. A 2-0 win for their first game together with no training was a fantastic result. Tai played exceptionally well and did not look out of place in the team in which many of them are academy players.

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CELEBRATING EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES: A CREATIVE PROCESS

At the start of term, the MFL department led the school in celebrating the European Day of Languages, a special occasion dedicated to highlighting the rich diversity of languages across Europe and inspiring everyone to embrace learning a new language.

We are immensely proud of our multilingual students—many of whom are bilingual or even trilingual—and we're equally delighted by the enthusiasm of our students who are learning a second language at school. Developing language skills is not only rewarding but also opens doors to new cultures and opportunities, and we encourage everyone to continue their language-learning journeys.

CELEBRATING EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 2024 PHOTO COMPETITION

This year, our European Day of Languages Photo Competition was a tremendous success! With nearly 70 incredible entries showcasing landscapes, iconic landmarks, and delightful animals, the competition was a true celebration of culture and creativity.

After much deliberation, the Modern Foreign Languages department selected the top submissions. Here are the winners:



JOINT 3RD PLACE



Freddie (Year 7): Freddie captured a unique angle of the Eiffel Tower during his trip to France to watch the Olympics last August.



Kayla (Year 8): Last year's winner impressed us once again with her creative entry featuring animals "introducing" themselves in various languages—even their own!

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2ND PLACE



Sophie (Year 7): Sophie's stunning photo, taken just outside her home with help from her dad, warmed our hearts. A true family effort!



1ST PLACE



Fatema (Year 10): Congratulations to Fatema for her outstanding composition titled Round the Globe, featuring her collection of souvenirs from around the world.

A huge congratulations to all our participants for their remarkable creativity and passion for languages. Your entries made the judging process both challenging and inspiring, showcasing the immense talent within our school.

As we conclude this year's competition, we're already looking forward to next year's European Day of Languages celebration. Whether it's capturing a beautiful moment or telling a story through photography, your unique perspective could be a winner so keep your cameras ready!

Sonia Bassou Raso
Lead teacher in French

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CHRISTMAS DINNER



Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 19th December. Chartwells have put together a bespoke menu that will be available to purchase. This will need to be pre booked, you will be charged through the regular Chartwells account for your child.

We have extended the lunch break by 15 minutes to allow students to make the most of the festive specials and in anticipation of a larger number of students wishing to join in.

To pre order the lunch please complete the form [here](#). Lunch must be pre ordered by the end of day Friday 13th December.

There will only be a limited amount of grab and go food available from the snack shack on this day, so please make other arrangements to bring in food from home, if your child will not be joining in with the Christmas meal.

If you sign up to say your child will be having a Christmas lunch this will be deducted from their account as the food is pre ordered. No refunds will be issued for any students who do not have the lunch for any reason.

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER



This year our Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Thursday 19th December, the same day as our Christmas Dinner Day! On this day the children can come to school dressed in their uniform but with a festive jumper rather than the academy jumper or blazer.

We will be raising money for Winston's Wish, a childhood bereavement charity that provides support to students withing our school community. Donations can be made online and we encourage everyone to contribute generously to this worthy cause. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful Christmas jumpers and thank you in advance for your support

KAB WINTER SHOWCASE

A green poster for 'THE WINTER SHOWCASE'. At the top center is a crest with a crown and a shield. Below the crest, the word 'THE' is written in a small, white, serif font. Below that, 'WINTER' is written in a large, white, serif font. Below 'WINTER', 'SHOWCASE' is written in a very large, white, serif font. At the bottom, the date 'MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER' is written in a white, serif font, followed by '6.30PM' and 'MAIN HALL' in a smaller white, serif font. The poster is decorated with white and gold snowflakes and a border of small, colorful Christmas lights at the bottom. At the very bottom, there are two lines of text: 'TICKETS ADULTS- £5 CONCESSIONS-£3' on the left and 'REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 6PM.' on the right.

The Performing Arts Winter Showcase will take place on Monday 16th December 2024 at 6:30pm and will feature performances from Music, Dance and Drama.

Tickets for the event cost £5 for adults and £3 for concessions and will be available to purchase on Schoolcomms from Monday 2nd December 2024.

There will be an opportunity to buy refreshments before the Showcase begins between 6:00pm and 6:30pm. Students have been working incredibly hard in preparation for the event, and are looking forward to sharing their work with you all.

Make sure you get your tickets!!

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ASPIRE LAUNCHES FOR YEAR 12

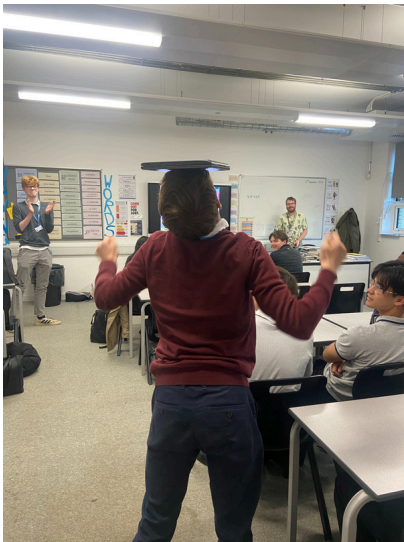
This half-term has seen the launch of our 2nd year of the ASPIRE extra-curricular programme in the sixth form.

At the beginning of term, sixth form students applied for the chance to take part in the programme, with an aim of getting themselves 'future-ready' - whether that be for university, apprenticeships, or the world of work.

Students have taken part in three sessions so far this half term, with a focus on self-understanding and skill development. Students welcomed a speaker from the University of Reading who ran a workshop on time-management and study skills, as well as welcoming a group from the army who led a session on careers in the army alongside team-building skills. Students got involved in the bitter cold to navigate 'minefields', carry 'toxic waste', and navigate the 'jungle'.

The ASPIRE students have participated brilliantly in all activities so far and have given all guests a KAB-welcome.

Students still have visitors from Cambridge and business to look forward to this term, before embarking on their independent research in the new year.



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THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER



BASKETBALL

This week the Year 7 basketball squad played in the second Bracknell Forest Schools competition. It was an excellent competition with all the secondary schools fielding two teams and the overall standard of play was very high.

Both KAB teams were outstanding in their commitment and technical performance. The KAB teams finished first and second again for the second week running. This is a remarkable achievement and demonstrates the amazing team spirit and togetherness of the squad.

Congratulations to all members of the squad!



UNDER 15 GIRLS FOOTBALL

This week the U15 girls football squad played in their first 6 a-side football competition. The competition involved all secondary schools in the borough. It was an extremely high standard competition with some outstanding games. The KAB squad were outstanding in their dedication and conducted themselves in an exemplary manner.

Their level of skill, conduct and demonstration of the DARE values bodes well for the season ahead that starts fully in January.

Congratulations to all on their performance.



YEAR 8 NETBALL

The Year 8 netball B squad played in their first competition this week at Edgbarrow School. The competition included all secondary schools in the borough and the overall standard was extremely high. The netball squad performed to a high level in all games against some strong teams.

The KAB students demonstrated excellent commitment and their team spirit was remarkable. Congratulations to all players on their performance.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Friday 6th December	INSET Day
Thursday 12th December	Year 11 Parents Evening - 4pm - 7pm
Thursday 12th December	Year 11 Jekyll and Hyde performance
Monday 16th December	Winter Showcase - 6pm - 10pm
Thursday 19th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Friday 20th December	End of term. Finish at 12.45pm
Monday 6th January 2025	Back to school. Start of new term

Last Day of Term – Friday 20th December

On the last day of term, the secondary phase will close at 12:45pm. Food will be available at break time only on this day. Students will return to school on Monday 6th January 2025 at normal time.