

WEEK ENDING 10TH JANUARY 2025

# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS BENDALL AND MRS TAYLOR

Dear Parents and Carers

First, we would like to wish you a Happy New Year. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into school this week and to have assemblies with all of them. We have been talking about behaviour, kindness and respect in school and the expectations of everyone. We have also reminded students of how important it is to be on time to school. Students who are regularly late to school miss out on important information from their tutors and from their YPL in assembly. We also have an important Reading Programme that takes place in tutor time, exploring literature that increases the cultural capital of students, increases the breadth of their vocabulary and comprehension of different texts. Reading is very important at all ages and is proven to improve students ability to access their subjects.

During our two break times we have been trialling our new arrangements. With a preference for a key stage in each lunch we are now serving students their lunch in approx 5-7 minutes! The alternative key stage then has access to the servery and the students are navigating this new system really well. We have lots of food available in the snack shack and students have been taking part in a lot of sports activities in the sports hall and 3G.

We had our Year 10 parents evening on Thursday of this week and we have Year 9 GCSE options on Thursday evening next week between 5-7pm. The Options Booklet is being shared with parents this week and will be available on the website. We constantly review the subjects we offer and we are reintroducing/offering the following new vocational courses: IT; Performing Arts, Health and Social Care and Princes Trust (now the Kings Trust!). We are looking forward to talking all about them with our Year 9 students and parents next week.

We hope that everyone in the KAB community has a lovely weekend and thank you for continued support into the Spring Term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bendall and Mrs Taylor  
Vice Principals

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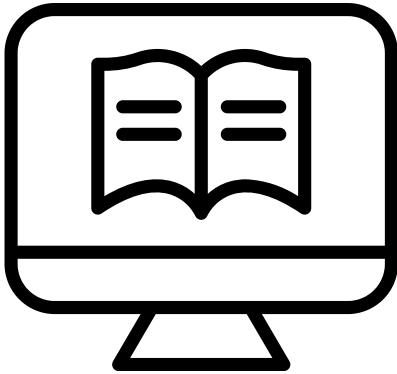
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# KAB UPDATES

## KS3 SPARX READER ACHIEVEMENTS



We are so proud of the incredible effort our KS3 pupils have put into their reading so far this academic year. Since September, students have read 1,699 books on Sparx Reader, and have spent 5,303 hours carefully reading.

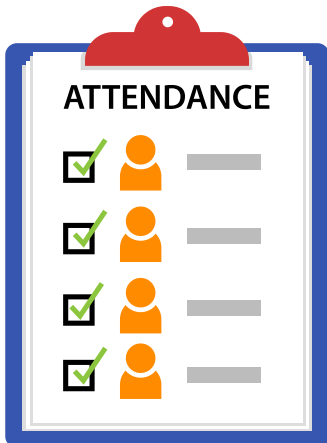
Many students have gone above and beyond with their reading, and our top six students across KS3 have read for a total of 353 hours between them - a truly remarkable achievement! A huge congratulations to Adona, Sophia T, Jessica F, Emily F, Marmar, and Musab for being our Sparx Reader leaders so far. All six students received a Waterstones voucher as a reward for their hard work, with the hope that they can discover a new favourite book.

Well done to all our students - we hope to see some new names on the leaderboard this term!

Miss Wareham

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## EXCITING NEWS ABOUT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Bracknell Forest Council is creating a new attendance strategy and plan to help make sure that everyone can come to school on time and every day! We know that when children come to school regularly, they do better and have more fun learning.

We want to hear from you about this new plan. The Council has already said "yes" to asking everyone what they think, so now it's your turn. This plan will make sure we all work together to follow the best advice from the Department for Education to improve school attendance.

The strategy focuses on four important areas:

- Making sure everyone knows what they need to do to help.
- Making sure we all share the same ideas and work together to make school great.
- Helping students who need extra support.
- Making sure we meet the needs of all the schools and families in our community.

We'd love to hear your thoughts, so please share them with us by completing the following survey. [School Attendance Strategy Survey](#)

The consultation is open from 7th January 2025 to 17 January 2025.

# KAB UPDATES

## STUDENT VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

### **NHS career challenge**

Tuesday 14th January at 4.30pm (virtual session hosted on MS Teams)

Student year groups 7-9

A 45-minute briefing with the NHS team

Complete the career challenge at their own pace

Certification awarded on completion

[Students register now!](#)



### **NHS career challenge - NEXT STEP**

Wednesday 15th January at 5pm (virtual session hosted on MS Teams)

Student year groups 10-13

After a sudden bump and fall, should they visit A&E or is first aid enough for all?

A 45-minute briefing with the NHS team

Complete the career challenge at their own pace

Certification awarded on completion

[Students register now!](#)

Should any students be interested in the Virtual Work Experience Events, please [contact Mr Baldwin.](#)

More virtual events coming up in February for [National Apprenticeship Week!](#)

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## YEAR 11 ENGLISH: REVISION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

### **Year 11 English: Revision Trip Opportunity**



#### **Poetry Live: London**

27/02/2024

Poets from their anthologies will be discussing the purpose of their poems and then the exam board give details how to achieve the best mark in their poetry exam.

Payments need to be made on Schoolcomms by **January 19th.**

Speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

# PE UPDATES

**THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY - WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER**



## **YEAR 11 FOOTBALL**

The Year 11 Boys Football team played their first round in the Berkshire Cup on Wednesday against Park House, Newbury. Despite the winter cold and snow, the boys played a great game winning 4-2. Goals from Alfie H, Rudy, Alfie Platt and Ethan rounded a complete performance and great start to their final school football season.

With more games to come in the next couple of weeks and the potential of an intertrust match in the next round of the cup, we are very excited for the season ahead.



## **ATHLETICS NEWS**

Some of our athletes continue to be remarkable with their outstanding achievements!

Izzy in Year 10 has qualified for the South of England Championships for the 60m sprint and hurdles. Izzy has also qualified for the National Championships in Sheffield for the 60m sprint event and the hurdles. Izzy has also recently broken the records for Bracknell Athletics in the sprint and hurdle events.

Imogen in Year 9 has qualified for the 300m event at the South of England Indoor Championships this weekend.

Madi in Year 9 recently qualified for the National Indoor Championships in the 60m sprint event and this will take place in Sheffield in early February. Madi has also qualified for the South of England Indoor Championships this coming weekend

Dylan in Year 9 has qualified for the South of England Indoor Championships this coming weekend.

Some very remarkable achievements from all Athletes and we wish them all the best in forthcoming events and look forward to hearing about their development.

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| <b>Thursday 16th January</b>                       | Year 9 options evening - 5pm - 7pm                               |
| <b>Monday 27th January</b>                         | Sixth Form trip to the Old Bailey                                |
| <b>Tuesday 28th January</b>                        | Year 7 trip to Winchester                                        |
| <b>Monday 10th February</b>                        | English (Macbeth Year 10) - 9.10am - 10.50am<br>and 1.30pm - 3pm |
| <b>Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February</b> | February Half Term                                               |

**Attachments and  
promotional posters to follow**

**Berkshire**  
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THE **CAREERS &  
ENTERPRISE**  
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**Berkshire**  
Opportunities

## APPRENTICESHIPS?

Calling all parents and carers of students as well as students themselves who may be interested in Apprenticeships.

Join us for an informational evening with Varsha Menon, Apprenticeship Adviser at ASK, to start your post education decisions!

DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES



EXPLORE CAREER PATHS

ASK QUESTIONS GET ANSWERS



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED



**FRI 24 JAN, 3.30-5PM**

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## What's it about?

Join us for a 12-week journey of discovery where you'll:

- Uncover the magic within yourself
- Boost your confidence
- Make small, meaningful changes for your busy life



## Programme options

### ONLINE (via Teams):

**Dates:** Thursdays, from 09/01/25 to 03/04/25

**Time:** 7:00–9:30 PM

### IN-PERSON:

**Dates:** Tuesdays, from 14/01/25 to 08/04/25

**Time:** 10:30–1:00 PM

**Location:** The Oaks & Hollies Childrens Centre, Wordsworth, RG12 8QN



## BOOK NOW

**Online sessions:** <https://shorturl.at/qgQcT>

**In person sessions:** <https://shorturl.at/YthVW>



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