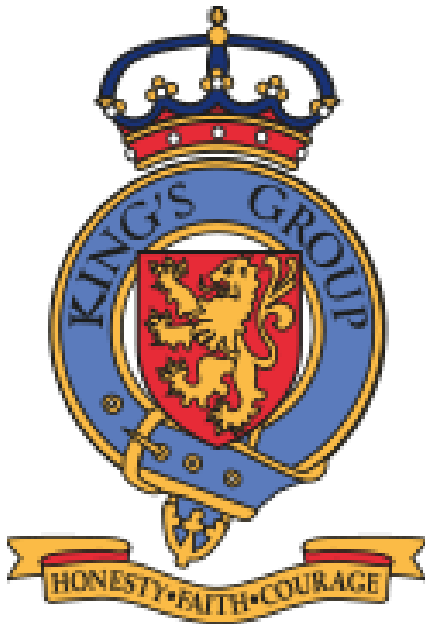


KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

[Link to dates for the diary](#)



MESSAGE FROM MRS BENDALL AND MRS TAYLOR

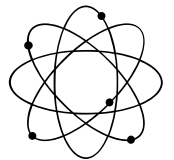
Dear Parents and Carers,



On Monday all staff had a training session on the Tutor Reading Programme. We really value reading in tutor time and we had a masterclass on how to lead this.

We know that some of our students either don't have access to a book at home, or choose not to read due to the lure of technology. Ensuring that all students are reading regularly is very important, it increases their breadth of subject vocabulary and their comprehension skills. These are vital skills to be able to access the curriculum and GCSE courses. Please encourage your children to read at home, or even to listen to books, via apps like Audible.

On Tuesday most of the year 7 students visited the Winchester Science Centre. They spent time investigating the centre's hands-on exhibits including a space exploration area.



They participated in remarkable rocket building where teams designed and launched rockets. Everyone had the opportunity to explore our solar system in the fantastic planetarium. The students were a credit to the school showing a fantastic enthusiasm for science. Through some quick planning all students were able to take part in the centre's school exclusive activities even though a small group were delayed on the bus. Great fun was had and the students engaged in everything and had a fantastic opportunity to explore the science KS3 curriculum in a unique way. A big thank you to all the staff who attended and ensured the students could have this opportunity.

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KAB UPDATES



On Thursday evening Year 12 had their parents evening. They have recently taken PPE examinations and therefore there was lots of feedback to give parents about what went well and where more work is required.

All Y12 students will be on site all day from Monday, where as well as attending lessons, supervised study and enrichment activities, they can use the quiet study facilities and work collaboratively with peers. This is in line with other sixth forms in the area and continues our aim to ensure students at KAB have every opportunity to be remarkable. Some are already turning their attention to what next Post 18 and engaging with the workshops being offered on UCAS and Russell Group University Applications. The world is their oyster and we are keen to support them in whatever they want to achieve!



We hope that you all have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Bendall and Mrs Taylor
Vice Principals



Please remember our staff are here to help you, please be kind and courteous when contacting the school.

KAB UPDATES

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS ACCESSING ONLINE?



As a parent, having information on the latest technology is important in keeping your child safe. This week (if you haven't already) we would recommend that you watch the Channel 4 documentary, *Swiped: The School that Banned Smartphones*, by Emma and Matt Willis. It makes for a very interesting watch. What they could access online shocked them. We have included a link below.

<https://www.channel4.com/press/news/channel-4-orders-two-part-special-swiped-school-banned-smartphones-boldprint-studios>

BOX CLEVER PERFORMANCE – YEAR 11

Before Christmas, Year 11 students were given the opportunity to engage with a theatrical adaptation of one of their GCSE texts: *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. As a Victorian novella, which is often quite wordy, students enjoyed the chance to see the events of the text come to life in front of them.

The production placed an emphasis on key quotations and contextual information – both things that students need to know to be successful in their exams. These were presented in both an engaging and comedic way, promoting student enthusiasm for the performance. Students were invited to participate as part of the show, and there was a workshop exploring theatrical decisions at the end.

This was a great opportunity for our Year 11 students. Year 10 has a similar opportunity in the coming weeks with a production of *Macbeth* taking place. Parents of Year 10 – please check for the letter and ensure the payment has been made on School Comms.

Mrs Jackson

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Friday 7th February	Year 9 options deadline
Monday 10th February	English (Macbeth Year 10) - 9.10am - 10.50am and 1.30pm - 3pm
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February	February Half Term
Monday 24th February	Term starts
Thursday 27th February	GCSE English/Drama Trip Poetry Live London
Thursday 13th March	Year 8 trip to Kew Gardens
Monday 17th March to Thursday 20th March	Year 10 Geography trips to Reading
Thursday 20th March	Year 13 History trip to Pangbourne College

**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.

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- Winkfield
- Owlsmoor

Daytime and evening sessions are available.

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Neurodiversity



Please find information around neurodiversity, including autism, ADHD, local support for parents, carers, young people and families along with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) resources: [Neurodiversity :: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)



Did you know...?



You can access **free** online courses to support both your child's emotional wellbeing and development. Please visit: [Local support for parents, carers, young people and families :: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)



Winter Healthier Together Highlights



To support you best through this Winter, **Frimley Healthier Together** can provide you and your child with information and advice. Below are some key highlights.

Asthma



Useful videos if you suspect your child is asthmatic or you need help to better manage asthma symptoms. [Asthma resources for parents/carers :: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)



Mental Health



If you would like information on how to support your or your child's mental health and emotional wellbeing: [Mental Health :: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)



Should my Child go to School today?



Our guidance below will help you to make that choice based on NHS advice. [Should my child go to school/nursery today? :: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)

