

KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS BENDALL AND MRS TAYLOR

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is Child's Mental Health week and students have had an assembly with their YPL to remind them about the importance of mental health and how they can promote their own and others mental health. Students and staff have been reminded of the ways in which they can seek support both inside and outside of school. Our new 'Worried@' student reporting portal went live this week. Students can access this via their homepage to let a member of staff know if they are worried about anything and would prefer to seek help in this way so that we can get the right support in place for them.

Today is Year 9 Options Deadline. Please can we remind all Year 9 parents and students that if you haven't chosen your GCSE preferences and filled in the online form then you need to do this now!

On Monday Year 9 have a Careers Day, there is an amazing timetable that Mr Baldwin has put together with external employers. Please ensure that all Year 9 students bring their chromebooks and some plug in headphones on Monday.

Also on Monday Year 10 have a Theatre Company coming into school to perform MacBeth, the Shakespearean Text they are studying in English Literature for their GCSE. This helps students to visualise the text they are studying and we are looking forward to hearing more about it next week.

Finally we want to say a huge well done to our Year 11 students this week, who have been doing their PPE exams. They have one more week to go and have been taking these very seriously. There are very strict rules for the entry to and exit of the exam and we have been practising these with them. We are also having excellent attendance at our after school intervention sessions. Next week we will send out information about the February Half Term homework being set by each subject.

We want to wish all of the KAB community a lovely and relaxing weekend and we will see you next week for the last week of this half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bendall and Mrs Taylor
Vice Principals

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KAB UPDATES

YEAR 12 SPANISH STUDENTS TEST THEIR COOKING SKILLS



The Year 12 Spanish students have been learning about the Holy Week in Spain and all of its regional variations.

The topic ended with the girls having the opportunity to make a traditional Spanish dessert, called a "Torrija" which is made and enjoyed during this week.

After a couple of failed attempts, and some rather soggy bread, the girls did not give up and continued to persevere!

Their determination and ability to work as a group were truly commendable; they ended up feeling very pleased with their final product and thoroughly enjoyed eating them!

Thank you to Mrs Digby for trusting us with the food tech room and well done for your extraordinary cooking skills!

Ms Bermejo

ONLINE SAFETY - BRECK'S LAST GAME



Unfortunately we hear all too often about young people who have been groomed online, with tragic consequences. We are trying to share the information we have with parents, so everyone is informed and together we can keep our school community safe.

This week, we are sharing information on a young man, Breck Bednar.

Over the course of a year, Breck (who was 14 years of age) was groomed online by an 18-year-old man who ran the internet gaming server that Breck and his school friends used every day. The groomer used lies, manipulation and false promises to gain Breck's trust. Despite many attempts by Breck's parents to stop Breck's communication with the groomer, he ignored the safety advice he had been given by friends and family and was lured to the groomer's flat. On February 17, 2014, Breck was murdered by his online groomer.

We have included a [YouTube video](#) about this tragic case and a link to the [Breck Foundation](#), set up in his memory. There are also various documentaries that you can find, which provide a more detailed picture if you search online.

We hope that you find this information informative and useful. Following your review of the content, it might be something you share with your child and have a conversation about who they are talking to online?

PE UPDATES

THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY – WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY



NEW AGE KURLING

King's Academy Binfield recently hosted the Bracknell Forest Primary Schools New Ag Kurling event. This involved the vast majority of the Primary schools sending a team to compete in the festival.

The event was supported by the Year 12 and Year 10 Sports Leaders who were scoring the games and supporting the students throughout the event. The Sports Leaders were remarkable and were a credit to the school. Their conduct and overall support for the younger students was outstanding.



YEAR 10 FOOTBALL vs ST BERNARD'S

The Year 10 football team had a home game cup match against St Bernard's School on the 3G at KAB. The boys played really well in the first half to get on top of the game, leading to 2-1 at Half time. There were a couple of changes throughout the game as the other team started to get on top, however, the boys dug in to keep it to 2-2 at Full Time. This meant it went to extra time. Unfortunately at the end of the Extra Time St Bernard's scored with three minutes to go.

The team was fantastic throughout the game and the spirit of the team was fantastic to see. The standout performances had to go to James G for two superb goals and Chayley for stepping into the team to play in goal. Well done to the boys and this is a good basis to build on.



YEAR 7 FOOTBALL vs DEDWORTH SCHOOL

The Year 7 football team had a home game cup match against Dedworth School on the 3G at KAB. The boys played really well in the first half to get on top of the game, leading to 4-0 half time score. There were a couple of halftime changes, however, the boys that came on managed to keep the momentum going. They eventually ran out 7-0 winners and will go through to the next round of the cup.

The team was fantastic throughout the game and the spirit of the team was fantastic to see. The standout performances had to go to Blaise W and Teddy G for a great effort throughout the game and good teamwork. Well done boys and onto the next round of the cup!



ATHLETICS

Last weekend we had some of our remarkable athletes competing at the National Athletics Championships in Sheffield.

Izzy R recorded two personal best times in the 60m sprint event and the 60m hurdle event.
Madi J recorded two personal best times in the 60m sprint event and the 200m sprint event.

Again outstanding performances from our athletes who continue to amaze us with their remarkable achievements.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Monday 10th February	English (Macbeth Year 10) - 9.10am - 10.50am and 1.30pm - 3pm
Thursday 13th February	Year 8 Parents' Evening
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
Thursday 20th March	Year 11 Parents' Evening

**Attachments and
promotional posters to follow**

Upcoming Dates!



Youth Volunteering

A Range of Opportunities, Times and Commitments Available

Our Award winning Youth Volunteer Programme creates the opportunity for Young People aged 14yrs+ to get involved and learn and apply skills to support others.

Each volunteer has the opportunity to complete

training, go on trips and receive

recognition and awards.

Our Upcoming Training opportunities include:



Date:	What's Happening:
Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th February 2025	Volunteer Workshop: Leadership Training (ASDAN Award) & Day Out
Saturday 22nd February 2025	First Aid Training
Saturday 24th May 2025	Volunteer Workshop
Friday 25th—Sunday 27th July 2025	Volunteer Residential
Saturday 26th October 2025	Volunteer Workshop

For Young People aged 14+

Address: The Wayz Youth Centre, Calfridus Way, Bracknell, RG12 9ET

Tel No: 01344 483596 / 07923 954741

Email: admin@thewayzyouth.co.uk

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Youth Volunteering



Why Volunteer?

- For a personal challenge
- For self development
- Support Healthy Lifestyle
- Meet new people/friends
- Build into an attractive CV
- To be part of a team
- To gain transferable skills
- To gain experience
- To help others
- HAVE FUN!



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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)
- Non-funded internship for non-undergraduates and **all other secondary subjects and primary** teaching.
- **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.

As part of the programme, you will:

- Get involved in all aspects of school life
- Receive bespoke training
- Work closely with a Mentor to observe and teach lessons
- Meet regularly with fellow Interns, ECTs and SCITT trainees
- Be given an opportunity to accelerate your interview process for our SCITT



"The internship was a brilliant hands-on experience that gave me a wealth of knowledge about life as a primary school teacher. The programme gave me the best opportunity to gain first-hand experience teaching, observing and helping to plan lessons."

Intern 2023



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