



# Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

2016 has got off to an excellent start and no area of the school more so than our Learning Hub. The challenge and buzz of excitement which is becoming so much of a feature, culminated on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February with Emily Sandford in Year 10 winning the Poetry by Heart regional finals held at Birmingham Library; next stop the nationals! THIS GIRL absolutely CAN! You will read much more news from the Hub in this edition.

Our sports women also feature large with winning teams entered for Birmingham Schools Basketball, football successes and two of our students selected to represent England in the European Karate Championships in Germany in June.

We now have our date (16<sup>th</sup> May) to receive our Duke of Edinburgh Award at Buckingham Palace and we are very proud and excited about this – more in the next issue.

Mock results came out shortly after our return in January and our congratulations must go to our Year 11 girls who did so well; English results hit an all-time high. Congratulations also to our Year 13 for whom offers from their chosen universities are pouring in together with opportunities for gap years and apprenticeships. We all know the next few months are going to present their fair share of challenge but with your invaluable support, your daughters will get the best results possible.

Every best wish for an enjoyable half term break.

**Gill Fox - Headteacher**



## Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Monday 22nd February** - Girlguide Uniforms allowed to be worn to school (part of national Founder's Day Celebrations)
- ◆ **Tuesday 23rd – Monday 29th February** - Year 11 German Exchange Trip
- ◆ **Thursday 25th February** - Year 9 Parents as Partners Evening from 6pm - 8pm
- ◆ **Friday 26th February** - Book Character Fancy Dress Day
- ◆ **Monday 29th February** - Great Book Bake Off
- ◆ **Wednesday 2nd March** - Careers Fair (Yrs 10-13) from 12.30pm - 4pm
- ◆ **Thursday 3rd March** - Year 9 Parents Evening from 3.30pm - 6.00pm
- ◆ **Friday 4th - Friday 11th March** - Year 8 Ski Trip
- ◆ **Monday 21st March** - Year 8 Parents Evening from 3.30pm - 6.00pm
- ◆ **Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th March** - Sixth Form RS Rome Trip
- ◆ **Wednesday 23rd March** - Year 12 & Year 13 Reports Issued
- ◆ **Wednesday 23rd March** - Last Day of Spring Term

## EVENTS, TRIPS & CLUBS

### YEAR 7 ENJOY A GRAND DAY OUT

#### Year 7 RE Students Explore Religious Buildings in Birmingham

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 50 girls from Year 7 embarked on a visit to three places of worship as part of their 'Sacred Buildings' project. We set out on a mission to understand what makes a space 'sacred', what features are essential to worship and what else happens in these buildings apart from worship.

First stop was the Shree Geeta Bhawan Mandir in Handsworth, for many girls their first taste of worship in Hinduism. The girls were awe-struck by the colourful surroundings and enjoyed wandering around the different shrines for themselves. Two friendly guides answered all their questions and then everyone stopped for the 11am arti ceremony. This ceremony, which involves singing, percussion and fire offerings, is carried out twice a day. Our girls stood respectfully as all around them people praised the gods and accepted the blessings of the priest. For many girls this was the highlight of the day – 'it was great to see real life worship right in front of us' came up on several evaluation forms.



*Y7 girls investigating the Shrine at the Mandir*



*At the Gurudwara*



*Listening to the hymn at the Gurudwara*

Next stop was the Bebe Nanki Ji Gurudwara in Handsworth – dedicated to Guru Nanak's sister and inspired by Sikh principles of universal respect for women. The girls enjoyed donning headscarves as a mark of respect for the Guru and were highly impressed by the beautiful décor inside the main worship hall. After a fascinating talk on the history of Sikhism the girls asked lots of questions, got to hear a hymn sung from the Guru Granth Sahib and then enjoyed the hospitality in the langar (the traditional free kitchen found in every gurudwara). Filled with samosas and a little too much Coca-Cola we headed back to the coach for our final stop.

Finally we visited the Darul Barakaat Mosque and were briefed on Islam by our friendly guide Aisha and the Imam from the mosque. This was a great opportunity for our Muslim students to find out something of the diversity

of their faith, and for everyone to hear first-hand about the meaning and practice of Islam.

The students genuinely did Kings Norton Girls' School proud, with each of our hosts praising their behaviour and their insightful questions. Myself, Miss Vaughan and Mrs Currie were blown away by the depth of questioning, the deep interest shown in understanding religions and the keen eye for detail so many of the girls demonstrated. We are looking forward to the follow-up work, and to taking the same trip later in the year with the final rotation of 7Up RE classes. Well done Year 7 RE Students!

Mrs O'Connor

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*Investigating key features at the Mosque*

## YEAR 7 SYMPHONY HALL VISIT



### CBSO School Concert

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 123 Year 7 students attended a concert put together especially for KS3 students by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. The concert was conducted by Michael Seal and contained a wide variety of musical styles and genres. Some of the highlights included Bernstein's 'Mambo' from West Side Story, Vaughan Williams – The Lark Ascending, and Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the thrill of experiencing a world class orchestra in the flesh as you can see from some of the comments below:



*"The trip we went on was inspiring, the musicians were fantastic, the best I've ever heard!"*

Olivia Dent (7A)

*"Amazing, educational, exciting! The music was upbeat and fun, It was engaging and a brilliant experience."*

Scarlett Rea (7A)

*"It was interesting and fun, and I learnt new facts about music that I didn't know before"*

Faye Nugent (7A)



## ENGLISH THEATRE VISITS

### A-Level Students Enjoy Live Performances

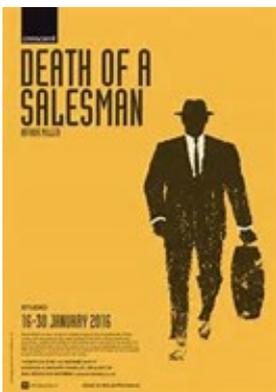
When studying a play, it is always beneficial to see the play in performance as it allows the students to consider the significance of the stagecraft and the effect of the writers' language choices on an audience.



With this in mind, during January, the English Department organised two theatre visits for our A' Level students.

Year 12 students enjoyed a visit to Birmingham's Crescent Theatre to watch Arthur Miller's 'Death of a Salesman'; one of our set texts in the tragedy module for the new English Literature A' Level. Whilst Year 13 English Literature and drama students travelled to The National Theatre in London to see a performance of Shakespeare's 'As You Like It', the comedy being a set text within the pastoral module.

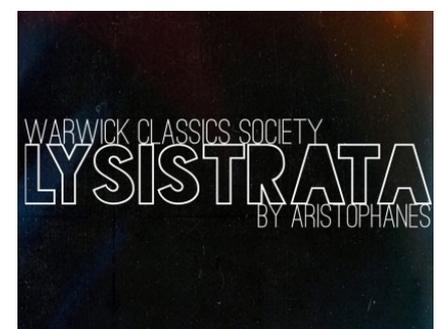
Both productions stimulated enthusiastic critical discussion amongst the students: (particularly the 'flock of sheep' in 'As You Like It') they certainly enhanced the students' knowledge and understanding of the plays as well as being enjoyable theatre visits.



## DRAMA UPDATE

### Performance Galore!

The Drama Department have had a busy term so far. Year 13 have had two theatre visits. Firstly we went to see *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes at Warwick Arts Centre and then we were fortunate enough to take part in the English Departments visit to the National Theatre to see *As You Like it* by William Shakespeare. Both visits were very engaging and beneficial. They will aid the Year 13's in their preparations for their summer exam.



After half term the Year 10 Drama Group will watch the RPA production 'Equality Street'. This will then be analysed as part of their controlled assessment for GCSE drama. RPA have been performing for our GCSE exam groups for several years now and always produce a high quality performance.

Year 11 have now started their preparations for the practical exam. The exam will take place sometime in April/May and will be based around the theme of 'Consequences'. We have a very enthusiastic Year 11 group and we can't wait to see their rehearsal process and of course the final performances.

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# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP



### Membership Now Complete!

The Student Leadership Group is now complete and we are thrilled by our new members. Over the next term members will be helped to fit in to their role by more established members and we will be working out what our new Key Stage 3,4 and 5 House Captains will be responsible for. Thank you for all who applied!

	 Keller	 Nightingale	 Goodall	 Sharman
KS3	Amber Williams K1 Natalia Page K2 Gurnoor Puri K4 Adele Savage K4 Georgia Knowles K8 Keren Mambonzo K5	Eve Connor N2 Priscilla Joseph N2 Mercie Manzi N7 Brooke Clarke N6 Clarissa Lemon N2 Mia Gray N8	Annie Dhinsa-Craven G7 Fatima Kendawi G7 Isobel Westwood G2 Isabella Ivory G8 Olivia Cheslin G5	Isabelle Blewer S1 Kyra McCallion S3 Serena Shaan S4 Erin Harte S3
KS4	Charlotte Bice K4 Ciara Hay K3 Rebecca Lane K4 Iman Mohammad K3 Bareerah Qureshi K8	Israel Beckford-Armstrong N3 Josie Drapkin N4 Lucy Wilkes N2 Emily Sandford N5 Pooja Kaur N2	India Hallworth G5 Katie Bayliss G5	Emily Humphreys S3 Malika Saivado S5
Sixth Form	Amber Fantham-Jones K6-2 Talie Colbourne K6.1 Stacy Hitchman K6.2	Katie Chapman N6.2 Damilola Ola N6.2	Tanzina Islam G6-1 Frankie Kang G6.1	Emily Gray S6.1 Maya Jackson-Hobbs S6.2 Gabriella Joseph S6.1

## SSAT ACCREDITATION

### Subject Ambassadors, SLG & Prefects

All students who are involved in Leadership, whether as a Prefect, Student Leader or a Subject Ambassador are being encouraged to compile a portfolio to show their skills and gain accreditation from the Specialist Schools and Academy Trust. Most students have now been briefed on what to expect and what needs to be done. Students can find details on StudentShare at Subjects\Subject Ambassadors – this includes a timeline, the criteria and sample portfolios. Please encourage your daughter to compile a portfolio so we can recognise her contributions both within and outside school.



## TIDE GLOBAL LEARNING

### Madrid Visit & Kenya Study Trip



As a result of our work with TIDE Global Learning, and as a follow up to the 'Young People on the Global Stage' conference, we are enjoying opportunities to develop a broader and more in-depth understanding of issues of development and sustainability. As part of this, Mrs O'Connor will be off on a field study visit to Kenya over half term to work in schools and with Non-Governmental Organisations which have a focus on sustainable development and gender issues.

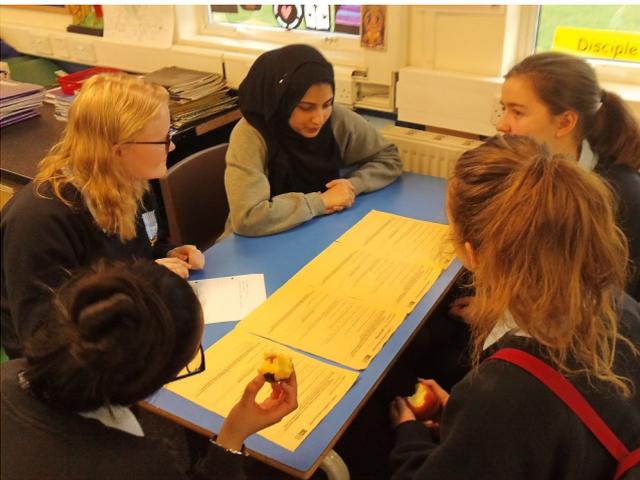


To prepare for this week, Mrs O'Connor recently spent a hectic weekend in Madrid, meeting with the study group, feeding back on the work of the team to our Spanish colleagues and action planning for Kenya. Whilst there, she is hopeful that she can film some footage to be integrated into the Year 10 girls workshop on Gender and Sustainability. The workshop itself is likely to form part of the resource

pack that will be produced for teachers in the UK, Germany, Spain, Kenya and the Gambia as a result of the project.

## IMPACT WEEK - 18TH-25TH JANUARY

### Discussion Topic: The Environment



Last year's IMPACT Weeks highlighted the work our Student Leaders carried out in order make a difference both within and outside our school community. IMPACT weeks will continue to take place this year with the focus on the Student Leadership Group meeting with staff members and leading tutor group discussions on whole school issues such as community relations, mentoring and the transition to vertical tutoring. We will also be looking for a major charity event to support.

Our most recent IMPACT week was from the 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January and the Student Leadership Group led tutor group discussions on the environment and how we can improve it. All year groups were involved and student views were collated. The Student Leadership Group will soon meet with Mrs Wright our Director of Resources and a member of the Senior Leadership Team to present their findings on behalf of the student body.

The outcomes of this meeting will be shared with all students during termly Student Leadership Group assemblies.



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## SUCCESSSES

### A-LEVEL CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

#### Year 13 Class of 2015

Friday 18th December saw the return of many of our **Year 13 - Class of 2015**, for a celebratory event where the girls were individually presented with A-Level certificates. In addition to words of congratulations, inspiration as well as advice for the future from Ms Fox and David Green, our Chair of Governors, we also enjoyed a musical performance from Emily Howard-Seal and Isobella Rosier.

It was a wonderful event and lovely to see the girls come back together to celebrate their individual successes.



### WEST MIDLANDS SCHOOLS XC CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Well Done to Mary Glasby & Caitlin Harte

A big well done to two of our Keller girls - Mary Glasby, Year 7 (K7) & Caitlin Harte, Year 8 (K4) who both competed for South Birmingham in the West Midlands Schools XC Championships at Warley Woods on Saturday 23rd January.

Both girls turned in excellent performances and did KNGS proud - well done!



### SISTERS TO REPRESENT ENGLAND!

#### Best of Luck to Ashleigh & Kayleigh Avery

Congratulations to Ashleigh (Year 13) and Kayleigh Avery (Year 11) who have been selected to represent England in Karate (Wado Ryu) at The European Championships in Germany in June. Good luck girls!

### WMSGA Individual Championships 2016

#### Congratulations to Erin Harte

Congratulations to Erin Harte from S-8, who competed at the West Midlands Schools Gymnastics Association Individual Championships 2016 on 30th January, representing Kings Norton Girls' School.

Erin had a successful event and won bronze in the girls under 14's individual competition. Well done Erin!



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## BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL GAMES

### Fantastic Performance by KNKS!

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, KNKS girls from Years 8 and 9 went to the Doug Ellis Sports Centre to compete in the Birmingham Basketball School Games. Despite the girls having never played a basketball match together, they returned undefeated with gold medals.

The squad was made up of: Felicity Ivory, Isabella Ivory, Isabel Ledgister, Eloise Bates, Gabrielle Dickson, Jade Channer, Ya-awa Touray, Megan Smith.

The girls did us proud with an impressive set of scores:

**Match 1:** KNKS vs Heartlands Academy 15 - 2

**Match 2:** KNKS vs Hodge Hill 12 - 0

**Match 3:** KNKS vs St Thomas Aquinas 8 - 0

**Semi-final:** KNKS vs Bishop Challenor 10 - 0

**Final:** KNKS vs Heartlands Academy 8 - 2



### SPECIAL MENTIONS

Well done to **Felicity Ivory** who got the Girls Basketball Award for Passion!

#### Special thanks to...

Mr Brace - our fantastic coach and Mrs Cadman and Mr Abelson for transport.



In addition, KNKS also had a team taking part in the Birmingham School Winter Games at the Futsal Arena. The team put in fantastic performance coming 4th for football in the competition.

The Team was made up of:

- ◆ Nicola Thomas
- ◆ Sophie Hatton
- ◆ Poppy Ellis
- ◆ Keren Mambonzo
- ◆ Katie Wilson
- ◆ Laura Phelps
- ◆ Aiyana Mulrain-Gobbinsingh
- ◆ Xena Meksem

Well done girls!



## OUR LEARNING HUB

### CHRISTMAS STORYTELLING

#### Bournville Infants School



As a Christmas treat, two Year 8 students, Jessica Bice and Laura Moore, went to Bournville Infants School to read Christmas stories to a group of Year 2 students. Jessica Bice read 'My Name is Bob' and Laura Moore read 'The Snowman and the Snowdog'. The children were all very good and the teacher at Bournville praised the girls for their initial email, which they thought was very professional, and for the preparation they had obviously put in preparing for the event.



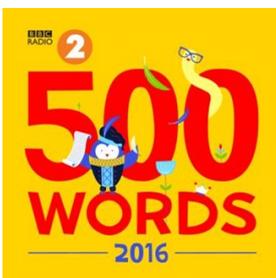
### LITERACY & READING INITIATIVES IN THE LEARNING HUB

#### A Hive of Activity

In order to encourage students to enjoy reading for pleasure and to enhance their literacy skills across all areas of the curriculum, the Learning Hub constantly seeks to engage students through a variety of initiatives and competitions.

At the beginning of term students were invited to take up the **16 Book Challenge** to read 16 books during the year 2016. As well as reading at least 16 books this year, they were being asked to challenge themselves to read books by authors that they may not usually read and from different genres.

Numerous girls have also entered the **Readers Digest 100 Word Story Competition**, where the winner will win a Samsung Galaxy Tab S2 and a Samsung Gear S Watch plus £150 for their school. They are also entering the **BBC2 500 Words Competition** where they can win Chris Evans's height in books! Mrs Edwards in the Learning Hub is also hoping to become a judge for this competition.



In addition, girls in Year 7 & 8 have also received letters inviting them to log all the books they are reading onto the '**Read For My School**' **Competition** website. They have been challenged to log at least 3 books each and your encouragement would be greatly appreciated, as they are able to log books on their computers at home ([www.readformyschool.co.uk](http://www.readformyschool.co.uk)).

The girls enthusiasm for these competitions is evident in Katie Falk's entry for the 100 Word Competition, which incorporates both competitions as she has written about the 16 Book Challenge:



#### My Book Challenge by Katie Falk

I have to read sixteen books this year. Why? You might ask. Well it's a challenge, and it's because I hate reading.

Anyway lets pick the first book. HMMM. How about Esio Trot, by my favourite author Roald Dahl.

I mean even if you don't like reading, I guess you could still have a favourite author.

So I am halfway through the book now and I think I'm getting the hang of it.

Next thing you know I'm on my sixth book, then by eighth, now my fiftieth.

Hang on I've just realised it is still January. WHOOPS! I LOVE READING.

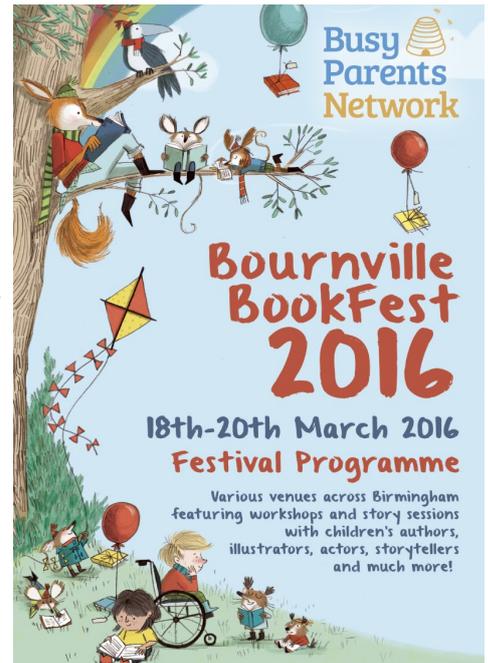
## BOURNVILLE BOOKFEST

Saturday 19th March 2016

Kings Norton Girls' School are supporting this years' Bournville BookFest playing host to the teenagers and young adults events. More than 80 events will take place in 13 different venues across the city, from Bournville to Library of Birmingham, Longbridge, Yardley Wood and Shard End.

Authors, poets, illustrators, storytellers, actors, journalists, cartoonists, historians, dancers and performers will be inspiring young people to read, write and get passionate about stories. **New for 2016: events for teenagers and young adults** - the sessions available are:-

11.00am–4.00pm – Play-writing Masterclass (age 12-18) - £5.00
11.00am–12noon – So you want to be a Journalist? (age 11-18) - Free
11.00am–12.30pm – Dr Who Script-writing Masterclass (age 8-12) - £3.50
12noon–1.00pm – Creative Writing with Adele Gras (age 11-18) - £3.50
1.00pm–3.00pm – Crime writing with Sophie Hannah (age 11+) - £3.50
3.00pm–4.00pm – So you want to be a writer? (age 11+) - £3.50



For further information and to book tickets visit: [www.bournvillebookfest.com](http://www.bournvillebookfest.com)

## POETRY BY HEART

Emily Sandford - Through to the National Finals!

POETRY BY  
HEART



Poetry By Heart is a national competition designed to encourage students aged 14-18 at school and college in England to learn and to recite poems by heart. Not in an arm-waving, props-supported thespian extravaganza, but as the outward and audible manifestation of an inwardly-understood and enjoyed poem.

Auditions were held in school during November for students wishing to take part and workshops were held after school to help students choose suitable poems for the competition. In January the Kings Norton Girls' School competition was held and the winner was Emily Sandford who learnt and recited 'Originally' by Carol Ann Duffy and 'Envy' by Adelaide Anne Proctor.

On Friday 5th February, Emily competed in the Regional Finals at Birmingham Library against twelve other schools and we are ecstatic to announce that Emily was crowned the winner. Emily will now go on to compete in the national finals being held in Cambridge on the 19th March. **We wish Emily the very best of luck!**

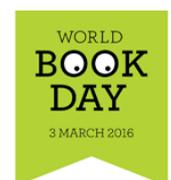
## WORLD BOOK WEEK

26th February - 3rd March 2016

This year Kings Norton Girls' School will be celebrating World Book Day in style with a week of activities. As well as handing out the World Book Day £1.00 vouchers the following activities will also be taking place:-

- ◆ **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February** - Whole school Book Character Fancy Dress Day.
- ◆ **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> February** – The Great Book Bake Off.
- ◆ **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March** – KNGS Literature Quiz for Years 9 and 10.
- ◆ **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Drop Everything and Read for KS3.
- ◆ **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Author talk and workshop by David Massey for Year 7 & 8 and local primary schools.

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### Beyond Kings Norton Sixth Form

Students from Kings Norton Sixth Form have made **76 applications** to Higher Education courses this year. With applications ranging from French to Forensic Science at institutions from Cambridge to Coventry we are sure that the offers that are coming in will be the impetus students will use to work towards achieving their success in the summer.

## GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITIES

### Project Trust



In addition to applying to Higher Education, some students are always interested in taking a gap year, with many of our Alumni taking up the opportunity offered to them by Project Trust. This year we welcomed Project Trust representatives into Sixth Form to offer the students an insight into the possibilities and benefits of completing a gap year abroad.

Project Trust offer 12 & 8 month volunteer placements in Africa, Asia and The Americas for 17-19 Year Olds. The session proved popular, with many students taking further information away with them. With recent Kings Norton Sixth Form students having worked in schools in Thailand, Japan and South America and the interest shown we are sure that more Sixth Form students will apply to take part.

**Further information on Project Trust can be found at:** [www.projecttrust.org.uk](http://www.projecttrust.org.uk) including information on the Parents Meeting being held in Birmingham on 12th March

## UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

### Consider the NCS Challenge this Summer



Every year representatives from NCS Challenge come in to speak with Year 12 to encourage them to take part in their summer activities.

NCS is a fantastic government initiative that encourage young people to challenge themselves, build confidence and make a contribution. Year 12 were very enthusiastic about the Challenge and completing the course in the summer. With the whole week, being offered at a discounted rate of £35, including food and accommodation, we think it is fantastic value for money. Furthermore, the students who have been involved in the past have found the whole experience incredible!

**Further Information can be found at:** [www.ncsthechallenge.org](http://www.ncsthechallenge.org) where you will also find a Parent/Guardian page.

## SEPTEMBER 2016 A-LEVEL OFFERS

### Year 11 Applications & Interviews

We have been extremely impressed with the number of internal Year 11 applications and the quality of the interviews for the September 2016 start in the Sixth Form.

We are delighted to have offered 124 of our current Year 11's a place from September and very much look forward to working with them during the Transition Week in June/July and supporting them in their A-Level studies.

We wish all the Year 11's the very best of luck with their GCSE's!

# HOUSE NEWS

## LAUNCH OF THE INTER-HOUSE CHALLENGE

### The Gauntlet Games

The Gauntlet Games have been launched!

Every Friday lunchtime, students from across the school have been taking part in competitive inter-house challenges in a bid to take top spot on the House Points Leader board.

Throughout the year each tutor group will take part in the challenges twice. The gauntlet challenges were set down by each of the Tutor Groups as part of the Whole School House day back in October. A range of challenges put forward by tutor groups including an acapella sing off, bake off and a trampoline challenge.

The girls have very much got into the spirit of the challenges and inter-house competition is certainly strong!

This half term the challenges have been:



### The Scavenger Hunt:



Well done to Form Group **G1** who won the challenge collecting the most number of items on the list - earning 20 points for **Goodall House!**

### Blow the Balloon:



Well done to Form Groups **S2 & G2** who jointly won the challenge blowing up the most number of balloons - earning points for **Sharman** and **Goodall Houses!**

### Who Gets Dressed Best?



**Nightingale** do!  
Well done to Form Group **N3** who won the dressing up relay challenge earning points for **Nightingale House!**



## UP FOR A CHALLENGE

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH

#### Year 10 Update



Well done to Year 10 students who are doing lots of really valuable work in the community as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award sections.

Students have been taking part in supporting charities, playgroups, dance classes as well as learning a range of new skills including photography, cooking, knitting and much more!

Their most recent achievement was completing their St John's "Young First Aider" award ready for their upcoming expeditions. All girls did KINGS proud and comments from the course leaders commended their mature and measured approach towards the important life skill of first aid.

*Mr Willis*

### KINGS NORTON GIRLS' SAY YES TO NCS

#### 2016 Opportunities

30 Year 11 and Year 12 Kings Norton Girls' students signed up to make their mark in their local community last summer and we are again offering this fantastic opportunity to our students in 2016.

Rebecca Martin, a spokesperson for NCS said; "Last summer, with NCS as their platform, Kings Norton Girls' students cumulatively completed over 300 hours of social action across Birmingham. They have also made new friends across Birmingham and gained new skills vital for their futures. We hope that even more girls from the school participate in 2016".

NCS is a government-funded initiative that supports young people wanting to gain social and life skills by supporting the community. The project is aimed at 15 to 17-year-olds across England and participants get the chance to transition into adulthood, meet new people and help others in their community. It is offered to all Kings Norton Girls' students: NCS representatives visited Year 12 in January, and will be visiting Year 11 throughout March and April.

To find out more about NCS, or to reserve a place on the programme NOW, visit [www.ncsthechallenge.org](http://www.ncsthechallenge.org) or call the NCS engagement team for South Birmingham on 0121 772 3567



KINGS Student Sophie Clifford, part of 'Team Jackman' on top of Birmingham Library (Summer 2015 programme)

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

### A WARM WELCOME

#### New Staff Join KNGS & Sixth Form

We offer a very warm to welcome to a number of new members of staff who have joined us recently:



**Emma Macaulay**  
Inclusion &  
Intervention Manager



**Vicki Walsh**  
Head of Food  
Technology



**Tony Coles**  
Maths Teacher  
(Maternity Cover for Mrs Lam)



**Christine Evans**  
Finance Officer



**Zoe Nelmes**  
6th Form  
Administrator



**Sarah Taylor**  
Head of Geography



**Chloe Welch**  
IT & Reprographics  
Technician



**Nahieda Bi**  
House Administrator

### GIRL GUIDING ASSOCIATION

#### Founder's Day - Monday 22nd February

**Monday 22nd February** is a special day for members of both the Girlguiding and The Scout Association, as they celebrate **Thinking day or Founder's Day** - a time for Guides and Scouts to think of one another and celebrate the work their organisations do in promoting friendship and connections around the world.

**To support this celebration we have agreed to allow members of the Girlguiding Association to wear their uniforms to school on this on this day**, as there are a number of KNGS students who are part of the 122nd Birmingham Guides, which is based at Selly Oak Methodist Church.

Please note that all other rules regarding uniform still apply.



# SCHOOL FETE - FRIDAY 15th JULY

## Parents - Interested in Hiring a Stall?

Exciting plans are underway for the KNGS Annual School Fete, being held on the afternoon on **Friday 15th July**.

The Fete always proves to be a popular event and this year will have the added dimension of having a House Focus - work is currently underway with the Heads of Houses who will work with students and their Form Tutors to come up with a range of creative and fun stalls, which will be created and managed by the girls.

There is also an **opportunity for parents to rent stalls, for a small donation of £5**. Please note there are only 8-10 stalls available and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you want to join in the fun and celebrations, please contact Andrea Law, Marketing & Communications Manager by emailing [alaw@kngs.co.uk](mailto:alaw@kngs.co.uk) to reserve your stall.



## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

### New Benches and Canopies

Profits made through the stalls at last years School Fete, were added to the School Fund, which is used to improve the educational experience for our students.



We have recently used the School Fund to purchase twelve new benches for the school grounds, together with new seating and a large canopy over one of our internal quads, providing shelter for students when the weather is inclement. During half term we have ordered a further canopy to be constructed.

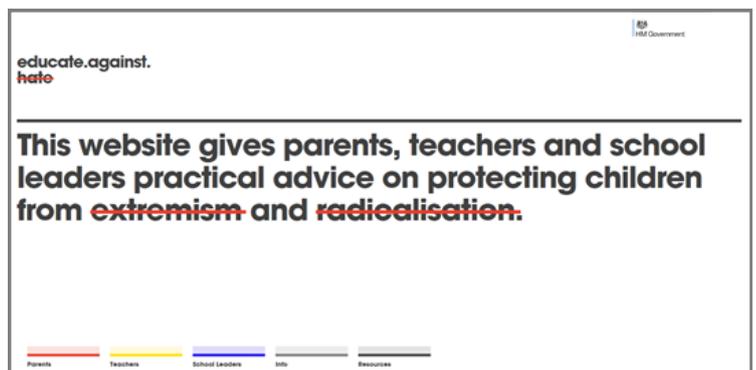


Please look out for a letter regarding the School Fund, being sent home with students this week.

## EDUCATE AGAINST HATE

### Launch of New Government Website

The Government have recently launched the 'Educate Against Hate' website bringing together the best advice, support and resources available for parents, teachers and school leaders who want to learn how to protect young people from extremism and radicalisation, and is the result of successful collaboration between the Department for Education, the Home Office, the NSPCC, Internet Matters, Childnet, ParentZone, UK Internet Safety Centre, and the many other organisations who have contributed resources.



Information for parents can be found on the website by visiting: [www.educateagainsthate.com](http://www.educateagainsthate.com)

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Mrs Edwards, Head of Library & Research, has been working on the School Archives and so we thought we would share a little of the Kings Norton Girls' School heritage with you...

An article showing the first school trip abroad after WW2

### PARIS JUNE 1949

This was the first School trip abroad after the war.

"We" were 5 members of the UVith form, along with 25 other girls, and 3 members of Staff - Miss Cunningham, Miss Whitehead and Miss Burns.

We VI th formers were Audrey Russell, Heather Sanders, Mavis Price, Janet Smart and Molly Sanders.



The whole party outside Palais de Fontainebleau

### SCHOOL RULES.

A prefect suggests that if the school rules were written in such a way as to appeal more strongly to the mind of the young they might be more closely adhered to, and therefore offers these :—

When first you come in at the door,  
Remember th' important law,  
That you take off your shoes  
And your pumps you must use,  
Except when the rain's wet the floor !  
Your coat and your hat and your shoes  
And anything else that you use  
Must all bear your name,  
So that without blame  
You always may claim what you lose.  
When you go from your room to the Gym.,  
Or wherever to go 'tis your whim,  
On the left, single file,  
With no whisper or smile,  
You must walk so sedately and prim !  
Now whenever from school you're away,  
Be it only for half of a day,  
Remember to send  
A note by a friend  
To explain without any delay.  
And this rule you really should know—  
Long hair in your face must not blow,  
For unless you are bobbed,  
Or of long tresses robbed,  
Your locks must be tied back just so !

The School Rules - printed in the School Magazine in the Summer of 1928

### III.—What am I ?

There is something you open  
And shut every day,  
It will spell just the same  
If it's read either way.

G. LATHAM, II.L.

From the 'Puzzle Corner' - School Magazine, 1947

## SCHOOL DROP OFFS & PICK UPS

### Polite Request

Please can we ask that if you drop off or collect your daughter from school that you **don't stop or park/wait on the zig zag lines or pull on to the school drive - this is illegal**. We have received a number of complaints about this in recent weeks, from our neighbours and other road users.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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## PUZZLE FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Have a go at a Puzzle from the 1947 School Magazine

#### PUZZLE CORNER

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Clue 1.—Remove the drink but leave the food.  
BLREMEONAADDE.

Clue 2.—Remove the vegetable but leave the fruit.  
GBREEATPROEOT.

Clue 3.—Remove the lesson but leave the game.  
GREOOUGNRDAEPRHSY.

Clue 4.—Remove the boy but leave the girl.  
GJEAOFNFREETY.

Clue 5.—Remove the flower but leave the tree.  
RBEOSECEH.

D. SHAND, I.I.H.

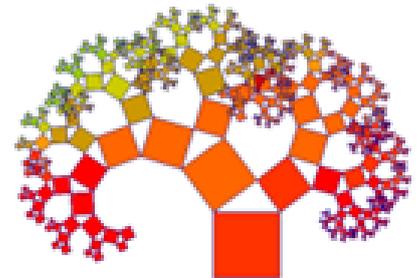
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#### MATHS PARENT'S PUZZLE

Cassie is going to arrive at the arrivals lounge of an airport between 11 and 12 o'clock. She could arrive at any time with equal probability in that window. She has arranged with her wife Laura to meet and collect her.

If Cassie has to wait more than ten minutes, she'll call a taxi and head home - she's quite impatient. Laura is a little more patient. She arrives between 11 and 11:50 - again with equal probability within that - and waits for 20 minutes. If Cassie doesn't show up, Laura will head home, probably a little frustrated.

What is the probability that Laura picks Cassie up successfully?



You can attempt these puzzles for pure pleasure or submit your solution to Mr Coglán for a chance to win a prize for your daughter.