

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our students in Years 11 and 13 who have completed their GCSE and A Level exams, we are very proud of their determination to do well and the respectful and professional way they conducted themselves throughout the whole exam series. Both year groups were able to celebrate the end of this stage in their journey with the most amazing Proms I think we have ever had. We wish all our students the very best in the next steps of their adventure and thank all the staff for their incredible teaching and support, both inside and outside of the classroom, that has got them to this point.



This year has seen the full return of enrichment activities and educational visits and, as you will see this newsletter is packed with reports on those that have taken place this half term, including the numerous Arts Showcases and performances, students voice, curriculum activities and residential visits. A particular highlight was the recent end of year Annual Awards, where we were able to celebrate the exceptional effort and achievements of many of our students. This event really brought our school value of 'flourish' to life.

Today saw us say goodbye to Miss Jhall, Miss Ho, Mr Ahmedi, Mr Todd, Miss Frost & Mr Piotrowski, on behalf of our KNGS school community, we wish them all the very best!

As we finish for the summer holiday, can I point you in the direction of new safeguarding and wellbeing guidance we have uploaded onto our website <https://www.kngs.co.uk/school-life/safeguarding/> for ease we have created a list of key topics which, when you click on them, take you to the guidance. In particular please do have a look at the online safety/e-safety guidance and parents guide <https://www.kngs.co.uk/parents/e-safety/> and Parents Safety Net information that has been shared with us by Birmingham city council.

At the end of this busy year, I would like to thank you for all your ongoing support of the school. I hope you all have a fantastic summer break.

Nicola Raggett - Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

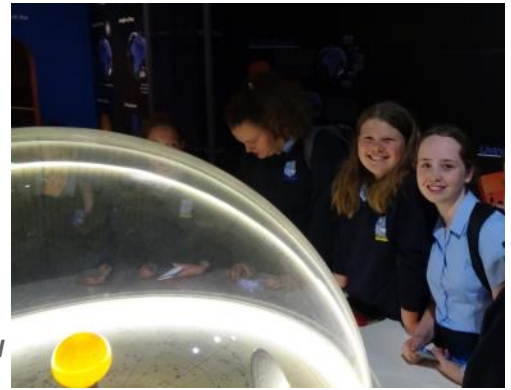
- ◆ **Wednesday 26th July– Friday 1st September** - Summer Break
- ◆ **Thursday 17th August** - A Level Results Day www.kngs.co.uk/about-us/examinations/
- ◆ **Thursday 24th August** - GCSE Results Day www.kngs.co.uk/about-us/examinations/
- ◆ **Thursday 24th August** - Sixth Form Enrolment - www.kngs.co.uk/sixth-form/enrolment-24th-august-2023/
- ◆ **Monday 4th - Tuesday 5th September** - Teacher Training Days **SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS**
- ◆ **Wednesday 6th September** - Students Return to School
- ◆ **Monday 18th September** - Year 12 Parents as Partners (Online), 5pm – 5.45pm
- ◆ **Monday 25th September** - Whole School Open Evening, 5pm - 8pm
- ◆ **Tuesday 26th September** - Whole School Open Morning, 9am - 11am (last tour 10.30am) **BOOKING REQUIRED**
- ◆ **Thursday 28th September** - Year 10 Parents as Partners (Online)
- ◆ **Thursday 5th October**- Whole School Open Morning, 9am - 11am (last tour 10.30am) **BOOKING REQUIRED**
- ◆ **Monday 9th October** - Year 7 Parents as Partners
- ◆ **Friday 27th October** - Last Day of Term
- ◆ **Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November** - Half Term Break

EVENTS, TRIPS & CLUBS

YEAR 7 SPACE CENTRE TRIP

The Science Department took Year 7 to the National Space Centre in Leicester on June 30th. As well as a visit to the Sir Patrick Moore planetarium, the students took part in a workshop looking at the science behind rockets and visited the many new exhibitions and installations on show. This was our largest ever trip there, with the vast majority of students in Year 7 taking part. This made for a busy visit, as two other schools were in attendance, but our students' behaviour was excellent.

Mr Todd

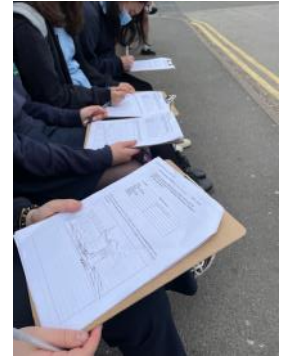


YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIPS



This term is a busy one for our Year 10 GCSE Geography students who have 2 fieldtrips to conduct and practice fieldwork techniques in order to support their Geography Paper 2 GCSE Exam.

On 23rd May, their first fieldtrip focused on investigating 'how quality of life changes across an urban area'. We visited 3 contrasting wards across Birmingham to carry out our fieldwork; Bournville, Selly Oak and Highgate, catching the train between all three. We gathered data on the environmental quality, traffic levels, services and interviewed local people to



find out what it is like to live in their area. Using this data and their secondary research from class and homework, the students were able to both describe and explain the changes across their city. Data was collected to a very high standard and the students were a credit to the school. Their respect and approach to their fieldwork was exemplary, a successful and enjoyable day was had by all.

Year 10 GCSE Geography students then carried out their final piece of field-work on Tuesday 11th July for their Paper 2 exam. 68 Year 10 students went to Carding Mill Valley in Shropshire to study the changing river characteristics and flood risk along Ashbrook stream. Sadly, we were not blessed with good weather all day but we did have bouts of sunshine, and importantly the students did not let the weather affect their spirits; wellies on and waterproofs zipped up, the students collected their data superbly. They carefully measured width, depth and speed and produced some lovely field sketches. One group made



it to the source of the stream to ensure we had a wealth of data from upstream to downstream, for our efforts we enjoyed the beautiful view and a sense of achievement. Despite a long delay on our journey back due to a crash on the M6, the students remained positive. Overall, the students showed great focus and resilience and came away with an excellent understanding of river changes and flood risk. We also now have valuable data for further analysis.

The students were a credit to the school, well done Year 10 Geographers!



The Geography Team

HEARING IMPAIRED WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 11th July, the morning began with students from Selly Park Girls', and another student from another school meeting the pupils from KNKS. All the students have a hearing impairment and the idea was to get the pupils to socialise with each other. Some of the students had met last year, so there were some familiar faces.

We were also joined by the teacher for the Deaf, Davina who spoke about how they could share experiences, and introduced the day's speakers. They listened to a college student guest speaker called Hannah who spoke about her experiences and how she is managing really well despite her hearing difficulties. They loved listening to her as she was warm and funny and inspiring.

Next, Olivia Parmar from our Sixth Form, spoke about finding out in Year 7 about her hearing loss and how she's managed in school and was very encouraging to them all, and they could see how having a hearing impairment won't get in the way of studying and playing sport, as Liv is very involved in football.

Finally a deaf lady told them her life experiences and then taught them the signing alphabet and several words which the pupils all wanted to do, joined in with and enjoyed. Next year they want to do all day!

Mrs Holbeche



SOUTH AREA NETWORK ART EXHIBITION

The Art and Photography departments were delighted to showcase the work of Year 13 students at the South Area Network Exhibition, Birmingham School of Art, Margaret Street. The private view on Monday July 3rd, was extremely well attended by students and their families from all of the schools across the Network.

We are enormously proud of the dedication and enthusiasm of our students whose work was on show.



They represent the whole school community in the way they have seized creative opportunities and challenges, leading to highly personal and original outcomes.

A large number of our students are going on to pursue degrees and careers in the Arts, we wish them every success. Look out for future Game designers, Photographers, Digital Animators, Textile designers, Fashion designers and Fine Artists of the future.

Mrs Everson



YEAR 12 RELIGIOUS STUDIES PRESENTATION

Year 12 A Level Religious Studies students were treated to a presentation from Miss Banner about her visits to Lourdes, France, as part of their learning about religious experiences. She gave very valuable insights into Bernadette Soubirous's visions of Mary and the importance Lourdes has for Catholics all over the world. The students were enthralled throughout, asked excellent questions and took away much from Miss Banner's inspiring presentation! Thank you Miss Banner!

Mr Ahmedi



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VISIT FROM STEVE McCABE MP

On Friday the 16th of June, just after sitting my last politics A Level exam I heard Steve McCabe the Labour MP for our area was in school. I immediately knew I wanted to speak with him as he is someone who can represent our student and young peoples voices. As our MP he has the power to influence and change our student experience.

Whilst studying politics A Level, we looked at reasons why political engagement varies between different demographic groups. We found older people are more engaged with politics whereas young people from the ages 18-24 have low voter turnouts. So I posed a question to Mr McCabe around political engagement in young people and why he thought the low rates occurred and what he feels can be done about it? He responded with an array of ideas, some of which were Labour plans generally. These were

- to ensure policies considered young people and a bill may be passed making it compulsory to consider its impact on the future generations
- More enrichment plans in schools to help build and shape our young minds.
- Building upon previous 'pizza and politics' which has been held for young people to interact with politics. He did mention he was surprised about the mountainous turnouts to these small events.

He also appreciated the pressure of GCSE's and A Levels are huge and an issue that needed some consideration if Labour were to win the next election.

To sum up, it was very intriguing to hear his thoughts and plans for the future. As a Politics A Level student I am fascinated by the world of politics in which he resides! I was very grateful he was able to answer my questions and I look forward to pursuing a career in politics much like Steve McCabe!

Evie Roe - Year 13



YEAR 12 PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP TO COVENTRY UNIVERSITY DEGREE SHOW

At the end of June, the Year 12 Photography students accepted an invitation to visit Coventry University BA Photography students' degree show at Stryx in Digbeth.

As well as being a fine opportunity to see some fascinating work, there were also a series of artists' talks by the university students which enabled our students to understand first-hand the creative journey the artists had been on. Our students also asked some good questions which help develop their understanding further. We agreed that it was definitely a worthwhile experience and some students have already been inspired to include some ideas in their coursework.

Mr Abelson



KNGS COLLABORATIVE MINDFUL QUILTING PROJECT

During Lockdown and Post Covid all of KS3 students had the opportunity to create a textile fabric panel related to the sea-life theme. This provided an ideal way for students to stay connected during some difficult and often challenging and lonely times. We were able to focus on some positive mindful stitching adding applique and developing a range of hand embroidery stitches with the knowledge that each panel would form part of a much bigger picture.

There were over 250 incredibly creative and unique panels created and this term our fabulous Textile Ambassadors have finally had the opportunity to stitch the huge panel all together. The panel had its first public viewing during the Summer Arts Showcase in June and will now be displayed within school for our KNGS community to enjoy for many years.

Our fantastically creative Textile Ambassadors; Aimon **Parveen**, **Lydia Morse-Brown**, **Navneet Wilkhu**, **Bess Thompson**, **Chloe Lam** and **Eleanor Hodson**, have worked incredibly hard to help to stitch the whole panel together.

Mrs Garcia



EPQ MARKETPLACE

The very first EPQ marketplace took place this year during the week 12-16 June 2023. The marketplace allowed our amazing Year 12 students to present all the wonderfully varied and interesting projects that they have been completing during the year. The choice of project is entirely down to the student and reflects their interests and aspirations. Our projects included the layout of the orchestra, whether parents should be able to modify their child's genes and safety features in formula 1.



The marketplace was visited by teachers and Year 10 students and the feedback was amazing.

Mrs Mistry

A LEVEL BIOLOGY & GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP

In July, twenty-five Year 12 biologists and geographers travelled to glorious North Yorkshire for a 4-day residential field course. The geographers developed a wide range of physical and human fieldwork skills enjoying the opportunity to collect the primary data needed to complete their NEA (non-exam assessment) in both Scarborough and Hornsea, while the biologists built upon their knowledge of biodiversity and ecosystems by carrying out a wide range of fantastic real-life ecology investigations. They visited urban areas, intensive and free-range farms, woodland and coastal ecosystems and a beautiful chalkland meadow.



Students coped brilliantly with all the weather the east coast could throw at them, made the most of every opportunity and came through smiling! It was a pleasure to take such a curious, motivated, resilient and good-humoured group of students and we know they will benefit enormously from their new-found knowledge in Year 13. We hope they aren't missing the 3-course evening meals, hot chocolates and cooked breakfasts too much.

Ms Mitchell & Ms Caswell

YEAR 8 DUDLEY ZOO TRIP

Year 8 students had a fantastic day at Dudley Zoo. The animals put on a real show; the tiger was on the prowl, an orangutan was aggressively fending off onlooker to protect its baby, the lorikeets loved perching on our heads, and the sea lions were posing like they were on the red carpet.

Dudley zoo offers an excellent opportunity to assess biodiversity, conservation, as well as animal behaviours and adaptations. Every single KNGS student was absolutely superb on the trip, they were enthusiastic, polite, respectful and were excellent ambassadors for KNGS. Well done to all of the students and thank you to everyone that made this trip possible.



Photo Credit: Anwen Evans

KNGS Science Dept.

YEAR 10 VISIT KARL BLOSSFELDT AT THE MAC

The Year 10 GCSE Photography students visited an inspiring collection of photographs by the famous botanical photographer Karl Blossfeldt. This was a valuable opportunity for the students to see so many of the artist's work in one place and we all agreed that the quality of the images was amazing considering that they are about 100 years old.

The students came away suitably inspired with ideas for their own GCSE coursework. Thanks to Ms Caswell for assisting on the trip and driving the second minibus.

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Midlands Arts Centre

Mr Abelson

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YEAR 10 & 12 COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIP

Year 10 & 12 Computer Science students, got a taste of codebreaking and history of past computing this term with our first ever visit to the world famous Bletchley Park - home of the codebreakers.

We left school early, full of excitement, keen to learn some history and get hands on experience of computers from the past.

First, students got the chance to explore Bletchley Park, gaining an understanding of it's deep history and impact on government intelligence. They got a great insight into the roles of different people (particularly women) within the war effort - many of which were not know until the 1990's when details of the impressive work became public knowledge.

Students then had a guided tour around the site by our wonderful guide Harold - who broke into character via costumes and accents at every stop - very entertaining!

Students then took part in a workshop that linked to their studies on encryption - past, present and future. This also gave them a chance to use a real, working German Enigma machine - with only 300 left in the world and worth over £300,000 it was a really rare chance and one we are sure they'll never forget.

From there it was a stop via the National Computing Museum - a wealth of working historic machines, including the worlds only working examples of The Bombe, Tunny and Colossus - along with some really interesting talks from the very people who have refurbished and maintained them. Well worth a visit!

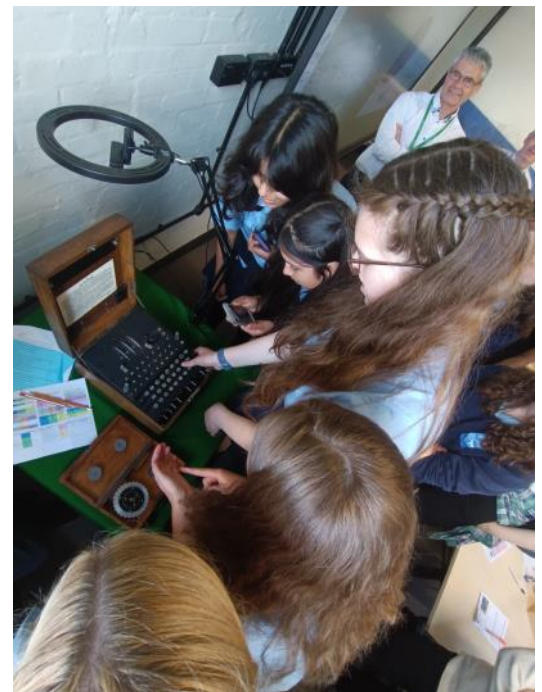
Students found examples of technology that they didn't know existed and got to grips with technology they had seen - but didn't know how to use - such as rotary dial phones, PDAs, floppy disk drives and even PacMan!

Students left with knowledge and inspiration of our computing past, our present and looking forward to our Quantum Computing future.

A big thanks must also go out to Mr Steele and Miss Welch for supporting the running of the trip.



Mr Willis & Mr Goddard



PUPIL VOICE NEWS

Pupils from the Dyslexia Pupil Voice group had a lot of fun taking part in a photoshoot for updated booklets about 'Working with Dyslexia' at KNGS. We are grateful to them (and some staff) for giving up time after school. We'll be able to share these with new parents at Open Evening as well as with any pupils who receive a dyslexia identification.

We would like to thank **Amelie (Year 10)**, one of our new Pupil Voice Ambassadors, for starting up and leading a TechShare group for students using assistive technology to support their learning. She has arranged two very useful meetings this term to present ideas about best ways to use laptops, organise work and files online and set up templates. This has also allowed students to share tips and websites that help them work, revise and stay organised. Well done Amelie!



Mrs Vaughan

BUSINESS GAMES CLUB CRAFT FAIR

This term, members of the Business Games Club from Years 7 and 8 set up their own mini businesses. They have worked in groups to plan their own business and produce items to sell. On the 27th June they had the opportunity to set up their own stalls and sell their products at a lunch time craft fair. In total, six mini businesses were set up producing and selling a range of products including, book marks, hair scrunchies and jewellery. The craft fair was well attended and gave the students valuable experience in customer service and running their own enterprise.

Members of the club commented:



Mrs Neale

“It taught me how to have good leadership skills and how to manage a team.”

“I have met more friends and learnt a lot about how to run a business, not to mention, I had lots of fun!”

FINANCIAL AWARENESS COURSE

Over the last half term, the Business Department have planned and delivered a four-week course designed to increase the financial awareness of students in Years 7-9.

The sessions have covered the cost of living crisis, interest rates, inflation, bank accounts, credit cards, tax, insurance and fraud.

The sessions have been really well received and students comments included:

“I have learnt so much about the UK's problems and it makes me feel like I know what's going on.”



Mrs Neale

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ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE

On the 29th June we held our Arts Faculty Summer Showcase, where students from all years across the Music, Art, Drama, Photography & Textiles Departments came together to showcase the results of the hard work they had been putting in throughout the year. We had some excellent performances from the choir, the orchestra, flute ensemble, clarinet ensemble, guitar ensemble, brass ensemble, Year 10 ensemble, Year 7 ensemble as well as Year 7 dance troupe and a number of soloists and duets. There was also a display by the Art, Photography & Textile Departments showcasing our students amazingly creative work across a range of disciplines.

This term has been an especially busy one for the Music Department, with lots of music making both in school and in the wider community. This month, many of our students also took part in the Youth Proms at Symphony Hall which was a series of concerts organised by Services for Education involving students from schools across Birmingham. I know many of you as parents were able to attend and had the pleasure of seeing your children performing on such an impressive stage!



We also took our Year 10 and Year 7 ensembles to Bournville Village Primary on 14th July to perform a selection of popular songs and to talk about life as a student at Kings Norton Girls' School. It was a great performance opportunity for these students and many of them were thrilled to be back visiting their old primary school!

As the end of the academic year draws near, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the support and encouragement that you show for your child's musical education. May you all have a restful and well-deserved summer holiday!

Mr Gell



PRAISE

ANNUAL AWARDS

On Friday 12th July we held our Annual KNGS Award Ceremony. It was great to see so many parents in attendance and we were delighted to receive lots of positive comments about the event - there was a lot to celebrate!

Thank you to **Amy Field, Caitlin Sims, Faith Abraham, Gabby Balderson, Marianne de Wildt, Izzy Davies & Abi Heyes** - our Year 10 Ensemble for their performance of 'There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back' by Shawn Mendes. In addition thank you to **Rosie Stone & Nea Stenfelt-Cox, Year 9** for their performance of 'Safe and Sound' by Taylor Swift and to **Oscar Hateley, Year 12**, for his poetry reading of 'The Road Not Taken' by Robert Frost.

With almost 150 awards presented a very big well done to each recipient; we know that these accolades are achieved through hard work and determination.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP

The Head Student applications and interviews are over. The votes have been counted. I would like to congratulate **Amia, Azka** and **Harry** on becoming the new KNGS Head Students! I am certain they will do a wonderful job. As is tradition, their first task will be judging the talent show at the Fete.

The rest of the SLG have been working hard to organise an excellent talent show. We have had a record number of students sign up, with a range of talents on display. The Student Leadership Group have also planned a staff vs sixth form challenge, which will remain a closely guarded secret until the day. Last year, the sixth formers came out on top, so the KNGS staff have it all to prove.

Mr Houston



FINAL 2023 UPDATE

2023 has been a fantastic year for the Duke of Edinburgh Award at KNGS! Below are a few updates and photos that will be of interest.

2023 Expeditions and Awards

This years cohort have just finished their final assessment weekend at Blackwell. The entire group passed their assessment and were a testament to KNGS with the campsite staff commenting, "this is one of the nicest schools I've ever had to pleasure of working with" and all the staff who supported the groups were so impressed by the students resilience and determination to succeed.

There have been many highlights across this expedition year, not least the evening campfires, toasting marshmallows and much more!

Activities that have been undertaken as part of the awards volunteering section included helping in charity shops, working with the elderly, support people in the local community with disabilities, supporting after school groups and coaching children in a leadership role.

Physical activities undertaken were equally as wide ranging including ballet, fitness, trampolining, cycling and swimming. The final element prior to the expedition was skills based with our students showing a wide range of skills including learning to play an instrument, cooking, photography, finance courses and more.

Students will now just finish off any last remaining tasks before their awards are submitted for approval by D of E and they have another item they can boast about on college and Sixth Form applications!

A Message of Thanks

It goes without saying that this years awards would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of KNGS staff providing the opportunities for students to take part - I would like to personally extend my thanks to the following members of staff who helped me to run the expeditions as well as any other staff who helped support the students through clubs or activities for the three sections prior to the expedition.

Expedition staff: Mrs Caswell, Miss Rickard, Mr Goddard, Mr Page, Ms Wright, Mrs Crompton, Mr Ableson and Mr Piotrowski.

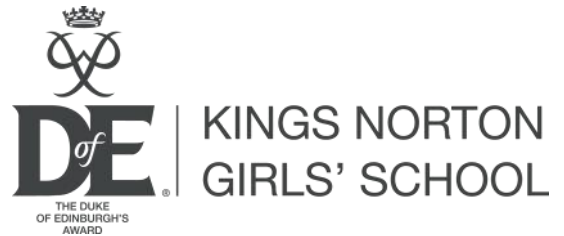
The selection for next year has already been confirmed and students will once again begin planning their awards before the summer break begins!

Have a restful and relaxing summer break.

Mr Willis



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LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS



Anthea Bell Prize Results

In March 2023, we submitted 25 entries to the national Anthea Bell prize competition for young translators. This competition is run by The Queen's College in Oxford and over 15,000 students engaged with creative translation this year.

We are delighted to announce that KNGS has a regional winner and a commendation. Congratulations to our students!

Regional - Carina Li 7-6 (Mandarin Level 3)

Commendation - Lois Troman 11-6 (French Level 3)

<https://www.queens.ox.ac.uk/anthea-bell-prize-2023-winners-and-commendees/#collapse10040>

New Language Ambassadors

Welcome to our new Language Ambassadors in Years 9 and 12!

Year 12: Megan Hopwood, Aine Lynch

Year 9: Flora Astbury, Evie Cann, Rose Eccles, Arrow Jackson, Carrie Law, Chloe Lam, Grace Orr, Elise Townson

We have recruited new Language Ambassadors to join our current Year 10's. We have had an initial meeting and it was lovely to see that they had wonderful new ideas to and create a fun language environment at KNGS. We will start implementing these new ideas from September.

Event

European Day of Languages will take place on:

Tuesday 26th September 2023.



Look out for fun activities on the day.

Summer Challenge

Finally, we would like to set students, parents/ carers and staff a summer challenge.

Could you find a way of developing your language skills this summer?

We would recommend using **Duolingo** (it's free) and spending time learning a new language. Could you achieve a 6-week streak? Another option would be to download a secret agent language app. <https://edl.ecml.at/Activities/Languagechallengeapp/tabid/3225/Default.aspx>

Have fun learning languages this summer!

Abi Heyes, Year 9 & Mrs Housley

EXAMINATION RESULTS DAYS

A Level on Thursday 17th August 2023 & GCSE on Thursday 24th August 2023

Students will be emailed their results, to their school email address, from 8am. All information regarding Post Results can be found here: <https://www.kngs.co.uk/about-us/examinations/>

Results Day Letters:

<https://www.kngs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/GCSE-Results-Day-Letter-August-2023.pdf>

<https://www.kngs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/A-Level-Results-Day-Letter-August-2023.pdf>

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact our Examinations Officer, Miss Chloe Welch at 0121 675 1305 or cwelch@kngs.co.uk.



Opening a World of Opportunities

SPORTS UPDATE

SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to all students who represented their new houses in sports day on Wednesday 28th June. There were some fantastic performances (including staff) and two new school records!! **Zelia Dussol** in the Year 8 200m race and **Kara Wray** in the Year 10 high jump competition - superb!

A big thank you to everyone at KNKS whether, you officiated, participated, organised or supported your house and peers. It was a fabulous afternoon!



Mrs Cadman

WINNERS

Year 7	Kari	Year 10	Kari
Year 8	Ganymede	Year 12	Neso
Year 9	Neso	Overall	Kari

ATHLETICS

10 Athletes; **Ariella D, Alba S-P, Imogen B, Isla C, Sara E, Georgie N, Zelia D, Eva N, Kara W, Poppy A** along with **Jessica L** as support videographer went to Birmingham University track for an Athletics open competition on the 25th May.

This was the first in a series of athletic events this summer where our pupil's were competing for selection for the next round. All achieved excellent performances with many setting personal best times and distances in their events. As a result, the following (listed right) were selected for the West Midlands Schools Championships.

Well done to all who have taken part in the Athletics season this year – we hope it has inspired you to continue to train and develop in your events. BRAT athletics club are always keen to welcome new members – see the PE department if you want information on how to get involved and go for a trial session. Well done!

Mrs Currie

Kings Norton Girls (KNG)
Kelly Currie
Zelia Dussol (JG 300m)
Arielle Dalmedo (JG 800m)
Alba Smith-Pena (JG 1500m)
Kara Wray (IG Jav)

CROSS COUNTRY

Following their performances on the 10th June at West Midlands Schools Track & Field Champs at the Commonwealth stadium two of our students: **Alba Smith-Pena (Year 9) & Isabelle Carruthers (Year 11)** were selected to represent West Midlands Schools in the Mason Trophy Inter County Track & Field fixture at Northwood Stadium, Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday 17th June.

A massive congratulations to both Alba Smith-Pena, who competed in the Junior Girls 1500m, ranking 16th and to Isabelle Carruthers, who competed in the Inter Girls 80M Hurdles ranking 13th. Well done both!

Mr Piotrofski

SUCCESSSES

MR ABELSON IN THE ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER SHOW

Mr Abelson's photograph of Barbara the Hen (owned by Mrs Everson) is one of about 1,500 artworks selected from an initial entry of 16,500 to be included in The Royal Academy Summer Show in London.

Mr Abelson is very pleased that the photo has been selected and the edition of 10 photos has already sold out!

Congratulations Mr Abelson!



KNGS STUDENT STRIKES GOLD AT DANCE WORLD CUP

A huge congratulations to Year 8 student, **Ava Parsons**, on her amazing success at the Dance World Cup.

At the end of June, Ava flew out to Portugal with her dance school Jordon School of Dance, based in Halesowen, to represent England in the Dance World Cup. Whilst competing Ava danced 5 dances resulting in her achieving a **GOLD**, a **SILVER** and two **BRONZE**!!

This was Ava's first time at the Dance World Cup and in addition to working hard at school, Ava has been attending her dance school 3 times a week and has rehearsing 20 plus hours a week in the run up to the competition.

Well done Ava - we are super proud of you and your achievement!



NAVNEET'S STORYBOARD SUCCESS

Many congratulations to **Navneet Wilkhu**, Year 9, whose creativity was recognised in a national RE competition. Navneet, who is also an RE Ambassador, was awarded a 'Highly Commended' certificate in '**A View of the World Competition**' organised by Culham St Gabriel's Trust as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Religious Education Council of England and Wales.



The competition invited students from all over the country to submit a storyboard for a film to capture the increasing diversity of their local area and hopes for a more inclusive and harmonious society in the future. Navneet's work was judged to be one of the best in the Key Stage 3 and 4 category. You can read about the winners including Navneet here:

<https://www.reonline.org.uk/2023/05/09/a-view-on-the-world-competition-winners/>

A fantastic achievement, Navneet - you've done us all proud!

Mr Ah-

SUCCESS AT NATIONAL NETBALL TOURNAMENT

A massive well done to Year 7 student, **Lily Field**, who in early July took part in the National SCI Sports Netball Tournament at Butlins Minehead. Lily and her team celebrated a huge success, winning all their games in the group stages, progressing to play for the cup, winning all games to secure a place in the semi finals and then winning all games in the final - winning Lily and the team as undefeated winners of the Under 12's cup!

Congratulations to Lily and her team - what a fantastic achievement, 12 games undefeated and winners of the cup!



PROMOTION TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE

Congratulations to a number of our KNKS Year 7 & 8 Students who play for Bournville Girls Under 13's FC, on recently winning the Central Warwickshire Girls Football League Championship. Not only were they promoted to the Premier League, they only lost one game all season.

A huge well done to **Romilly Brooks (Year 7)**, **Isla Cliff (Year 8)**, **Isabel Keil (Year 8)**, **Alesha Robinson (Year 8)**, **Maisie Taylor (Year 8)** & **Scarlette Ward (Year 8)** - a fantastic achievement and good luck next season!

LEARNING HUB - NEW SCIENCE SECTION



This term, Mrs Edwards teamed up with the Science Department to revitalise the science section of the Learning Hub, with over 30 fabulous new books to engage, inspire and expand the horizons of all year groups. The section now includes psychology and computer science, fiction and non-fiction, and classic and cutting-edge titles. Books were carefully selected by teachers and students with a love of science and literature.

This week your child will receive a flyer and information from their Science Teacher about a competition to launch the new science library. Reading will enhance your child's scientific vocabulary and allow them to make links to with the 'real world'; please encourage them to visit, explore and tell you about what they have discovered!



Mrs Caswell

SIXTH FORM NEWS

UCAS Update

The process of UCAS applications has now been launched with Year 12. With many Universities now hosting their open days it is important for Year 12 to begin exploring their options post-18.

Last month we took Year 12 to the annual UCAS exhibition at the NEC. Universities and Apprenticeship providers all attended to give advice and guidance to students on entry requirements, courses available to study, and general student life.

We hope that Year 12 found it to be a helpful and valuable experience, and we are certain that it will have helped them to begin to make informed decisions on their next steps post-18.

Year 12 Transition

The Year 12 transition event this year was a huge success and it was wonderful to welcome 200 Year 11 students with coffees and pastries. Students were able to participate in taster sessions and informative assemblies during Tuesday 4th July. We very much look forward to welcoming them again in September.

The summer homework for each subject can be found on our website and we ask that this be completed for each subject students enrol into, ready for the first lesson in September.

Enrolment – 24th August 2023

Enrolment packs were handed out at the transition day on 4th July, and have been posted to any applicants with offers who were unable to make it. We would ask all applicants to read the information provided carefully and make sure they bring their complete forms with them on enrolment day. All information is also available on our website: <https://www.kngs.co.uk/sixth-form/enrolment-24th-august-2023/>

Applicants should arrive in their allotted time slot as follows:

- KNGS applicants with offers 8.30-11.00
- KNBS applicants with offers 11.30-13.00
- All other applicants with offers 13.30 onwards

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our applicants lots of luck for results day!

Year 13 Leavers' Ball – Friday 7th July

The ball took place at The Tally Ho this year and was a fabulous event! It was lovely to see many of the Year 13 students in attendance, and it was great to celebrate with them. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them the very best of luck on A Level results day.

Demonstrating Respect & Courage in order to Flourish.

CAREERS

Careers website of the term:

<https://discoveruni.gov.uk/>

The official source of information about higher education.



Job of the term (provided by MyPath):

Environmental engineer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klUczLgr34M&t=40s>



Events and visits:

Year 10 are completing their work experience as I write this.

We have managed to place the whole year group and are very grateful to Mr Ali for all of his organisation. We have students at an impressive range of placements in areas such as healthcare, finance, education, engineering and technology, law, sports and fitness. Year 10 also had a Careers Day on Thursday 13th July. The day focussed on post-16 options including A-level tasters, college talks and former students who are just finishing apprenticeship programmes!

Year 7 and Year 8 have just completed their Careers lessons in PSHE. Year 7 were introduced to the competencies (or key skills) while Year 8 registered with Unifrog and started using it. Unifrog is a one-stop-shop Careers platform (not just about uni) which we subscribe to and can be accessed at home or school.



Coming up:

The school careers page is being updated and should have a new look by the end of September. This will make it easier for parents and carers to find information specifically for them. Here is the link to the current site: <https://www.kngs.co.uk/curriculum/careers/>

Remember!

If you feel able to support our careers programme by being a member of one of our careers forum panels please get in touch with Mr Charlett (tcharlett@kngs.co.uk).

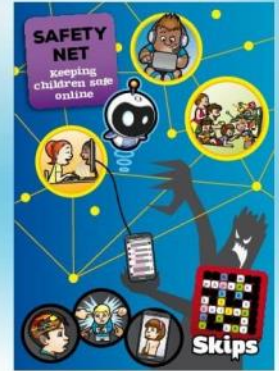
Mr Charlett (Careers Lead) and Mrs Edwards (Careers Adviser)



School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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