



Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year; it has been a fantastic start and this newsletter is packed with events and successes from across the school. We are incredibly proud of all our students, their contribution to the school community, involvement in leadership and enrichment activities and their engagement in learning.

At the start of term, I sent you information about our new Behaviour Policy. This is now working really well and our relational approach has made a great difference. Students are clear about expectations and the levels system has built in clarity and opportunities for reflection. There is more detail about our approach on page 2 of this newsletter.

We have also previously shared with you a range of information about the importance of attendance. I am really pleased that the majority of students have kept their attendance at, or above 98.5% to date this academic year, this is fantastic - thank you for your support. Individual attendance reports will be sent home this week, please take the time to talk these through with your child, highlighting the importance of attendance, praising excellent attendance and supporting where needed. More information can be found on our website too, as well as how we can support you. <https://www.kngs.co.uk/school-life/attendance/>

As we know good attendance links directly to students wellbeing and attainment. This was very clear when we analysed this years GCSE and A Level results. We are now able to share that our GCSE results this year were well above average for all schools nationally and placed us in the top 16% of all schools, the highest published Department for Education category.

Our GCSE Progress 8 Score (0.68) shows that students were achieving two thirds of a grade higher across their subjects at KNGS compared to nationally, irrespective of their learning needs or prior attainment. The gap in progress for students for who the school receive Pupil Premium funding closed almost completely, their progress was incredible and well above that of all students nationally, ensuring we really have opened a world of opportunities for all of our students to flourish now and in their next steps.

A Level results won't have a 'value added' score this year, however students achieved an average grade of a B, an exceptional achievement, a third were graded at A*-A.

Enjoy reading our newsletter, the half term break and please look out for our **Parent/Carer Survey** being emailed home shortly.

Nicola Raggett - Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November** - Half Term Break
- ◆ **Monday 6th November** - Start of Term
- ◆ **Thursday 16th November** - Year 11 Parents Evening (**Online**), 3.30pm - 6pm
- ◆ **Tuesday 21st November** - Meet the Sixth Form Event, 4pm – 5.30pm
- ◆ **Thursday 30th November** - Sixth Form Parents Evening (**Online**), 3.30pm - 6pm
- ◆ **Friday 1st December** - Teacher Training Day, **SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS**
- ◆ **Monday 27th November - Friday 8th December** - Year 11 & Year 13 Internal Exams
- ◆ **Monday 11th - Friday 15th December** - Year 12 Internal Exams
- ◆ **Tuesday 19th December** - Christmas Concert (Evening Performance) - Timings TBC
- ◆ **Friday 22nd December** - End of Term
- ◆ **Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January** - Christmas Break
- ◆ **Monday 8th January** - Start of Spring Term

EVENTS, TRIPS & CLUBS



MEET THE SIXTH FORM

TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2023

4pm - 5.30pm

Your chance to come along and talk to our Sixth Form students directly about each of the A Level subjects on offer at Kings Norton Sixth Form

KNGS NORMS & ROUTINES

Our norms and routines create our culture which allows everyone to flourish. Our behaviour policy helps us all to understand why they are important to us all.

 Respect, Courage, Flourish

 Enjoy, respect, extra curricular

 Quiet and calm, Keep to the left

 Right place, right time

 Before school: uniform, books, homework, phone off

 Lessons: try, instructions, focus



At KNGS...

During this year, **all students** no matter their starting points and backgrounds develop the necessary skills, opportunity to **develop respect and courage** and receive the required support to **achieve their best outcomes**; academically, personally and socially to be **happy, healthy, safe and flourishing** citizens both within the **KNGS community** and **beyond**.

Our norms and routines are **for everyone**. They help make sure we all know when and how to show **respect**. They make it normal to use our **courage**. Our norms and routines help us all to **flourish**. They open our doors of opportunity.



The policy applies a level system to ensure that we can prevent escalation and reshape understanding whilst retaining positive student and staff relationships. On the occasions that students do not follow expectations, in the first instance an informal discussion can take place (Level 1). The next time, a more formal discussion and warning takes place (Level 2). Neither of these levels carry any Behaviour Points.

On the rare occasion that students do not follow expectations once again, or this is a more serious behaviour incident, a Level 3 break detention will be given with time for a reflection or to catch up on work missed. This is limited to 20 minutes in order to ensure that students can still collect water or go to the toilet. The more serious detention is Level 4 and this takes place after school in an ICT room to allow homework to be completed at the same time. Both of these consequences happen the next day so that parents and carers can be informed.

There have been some parents/carers who call school in order to ask that their child does not receive a sanction. If you feel that the behaviour policy has been incorrectly applied please do let us know. However, we believe that if we let children off, we are letting them down. We have high expectations of all students and know that every single student in Kings Norton Girls' School and Sixth Form has the potential to achieve and flourish following the norms and routines. We therefore really value your support in applying our behaviour policy, which includes awarding praise where students follow the norms and routines. We use discussion first and then apply a proportionate sanction in order to reshape learning where a student does not follow these carefully considered norms and routines. We wholeheartedly believe in our mission to open the doors of opportunity for each and every student and will not let them down.

The full behaviour policy is available on the website at <https://www.kngs.co.uk/about-us/policies/>

Opening a World of Opportunities

WELLBEING AMBASSADORS LAUNCH 2023



| 8-1 | 8-2 | 8-3 | 8-4 | 8-5 | 8-6 |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Madiah Nehar Isabel Parker Esther Kord Nataniah Mwambazi Poppy-Jo Harrison | Freya Dempsey Ellen Costello Oskar Jensen Jo Reali Nabihah Nehar | Sophie Reeves Roopinder Bains Emma Gardiner Olivia Parmar Nadia Parker | Tom Lane Amia Beschi Amy Carnall Anaia Sheldon Harry Turrall | Gabby Jones Hala El-Baltagi Leah Watkin-Adams Isabelle Thompson Sian Harris | Emma Allchin Harry Andrews Daisy Deeley George Widdicombe Izzy Melling |

On Monday 25th September, 30 Year 13 students spent the day training with Mrs Merrell, Sixth Form Pastoral Support, to become KNGS's first Wellbeing Ambassadors Group. The Sixth Formers spent the day immersed in a range of written and physical activities; individual, pair and group-work.



This programme is in collaboration with the 'Worth It' organisation and encourages young people to take charge of their own wellbeing and offer support and encouragement to their peers.

What is this Programme?

Wellbeing Ambassadors are a group of Sixth Form Students who are passionate about improving the mental health and wellbeing at KNGS. We hope to create an environment which empowers young people to take control of their own mental health.

We have decided to launch this programme with Year 8 during form time on Wednesdays. Initially, a small group of Sixth Formers will come into each form and talk to the students in small groups. Some students may also be spoken to individually. The hope is that Year 8 will learn ways to improve their own wellbeing and strategies that help reduce stress in school and at home.

Alongside this, the newly-qualified Ambassadors will further develop their own skills by working with staff to support students in the Renewal room in the Pastoral base and promoting the need to talk about our mental health throughout the school.

This is a fantastic opportunity and Mrs Merrell was thoroughly impressed with the way in which the Sixth Formers engaged with this programme.



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Mrs Merrell

EX-STUDENT RETURNS TO KNKS FOR INSPIRATIONAL TALK



On Thursday 21st September we were delighted to welcome back one of our former students into school to talk to and inspire our high achieving students in Years 11, 12 and 13.

Mae Busby left KNKS Sixth Form in 2022 to go to Cambridge University and study law. She spoke with great eloquence, wisdom and insight about her first year at Cambridge and the application process. Her talk was really well attended and we are delighted to hear how well she is doing.

Mrs Mistry

YEAR 8 PIONEER VISIT

In July 2023, our then Year 8's enjoyed 3 days of outdoor adventure at the Pioneer Centre just the other side of Kidderminster. It was so good to see students smiling and laughing so much. It was also encouraging to hear chants and comments of support between students, many being encouraged to go beyond their comfort zone resulting in expressions of pride and joy.

The staff team were amazing in getting stuck in and in some cases prepared to make a fool of themselves for the entertainment of students – especially at the camp fire session.



I'm considering bribes not to publish photos of their banana speed eating competition!!

A great time was had by all. Thanks Year 8's (now Year 9's).



Mr Steele

MUSIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE & DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!

It has been fantastic to welcome back to our returning students and a offer a warm welcome to our new Year 7 students. I hope they are all settling in well. This term in Music we are running a variety of ensembles for students to take part in. These are:

- Orchestra (Thursday after school 3.15 - 4.00pm)
- Choir (Thursday Breaktime)
- Brass Ensemble (Thursday Lunchtime)
- Flute Ensemble (Wednesday Form Time)
- Year 11 Ensemble (Monday Lunchtime)
- Year 7 & 8 Ensemble (Wednesday Lunchtime)

If students not already involved would like to join any of these groups, please do come and find me!



School Musical Production - Save the Date!

Preparations are also underway for our Musical Production. This year we are producing **Sister Act The Musical** and there will be performances on the evenings of **12th, 13th, 14th and 15th March, 2024**. Make sure to check in with our social media for updates! The cast has been chosen and rehearsals have started, weekly after school on Friday.

Mr Gell

TEXTILES MANNEQUIN HOUSE CHALLENGE COMPETITION OCTOBER 2023



1st Place - Anna (Neso)



2nd Place - Erin (Kari)



3rd Place - Sophie (Ganymede)

Earlier this month, students across all of the Key Stages participated in an Upcycled Mannequin House Challenge. Students were required to submit a design for a garment inspired by the theme of 'Ceremonies and Celebrations' using only recycled and upcycled materials.

There were some beautifully creative and imaginative entries but the final three winning students for each of the Houses were: **Anna (Year 7), Erin (Year 7) and Sophie (Year 8)**. After winning the design element of the competition, their next challenge was to actually create their garments on the mannequins using their recycled and upcycled materials.

They gathered their own design team and were assisted by some of the very talented **A Level Textiles students; Katie, Alina and Isabel**.

Audience participation was really supportive and lots of House points were awarded as well as chocolate prizes!

Well done for everyone who participated!

Mrs Garcia



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KNGS ALUMNI ROLL BACK THE YEARS - CHANGED VS REMAINED?

On Tuesday 17th October, four Kings Norton Girls' School Alumni returned to their former secondary school, 60 years since they first joined, and five lucky SLG representatives got a chance to speak to them. We met over tea and cakes, listening, giggling, and reminiscing. So, what has changed about KNGS and what has remained?

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We began by asking what O Level's they picked, to get things started.

"Well," Sue began, while helping herself to a bakewell tart, "we of course had to do Maths, English Literature and Language, but only one Science, in those days. Me, personally, I took Biology."

Lesley commented, "Some of the smart ones did *all three* Sciences!"

"Oh, and –" Sue continued, "we had the option of German or Latin. However, if we wanted to go to university, we were urged to take Latin."

"Latin!" we responded, utterly surprised.

"And that's not all, we also did PE, that was my favourite. Perhaps it was the rugby in the snow? Or the swimming in Rowheath's cold lido? Irrespective of the weather, the teachers had no sympathy!" Jane resumed, chuckling.

"There is this video of the swimming gala results, and there is a man sat down smoking a cigarette! Too funny! I think you can search for it on YouTube." Jane went on.

"THE CANTEEN!" Lesley interrupted, this was something that must have been simmering in the depths of her pit for some time!

"Don't remind me of that ghastly baked fish!" replied Jackie, the food seemed to have bugged Jackie also!

Sue cried, "You mustn't forget the overcooked cabbage!"

"And those dreadful spam fritters!" they remarked, sniggering.

"What was the seating like, was it very much the same as the canteen is now?" pondered Chloe.

"It was all alphabetical, really" Jane shared.

"And that's how we came to meet, after Jackie poured the salt in the water jug!" mentioned Sue, looking left to right at her school friends, smiling mischievously.

After that, there was a moment of laughter between the two parties.

"What about the peggy purses?" added Jane.

"Of course! So, girls, at the beginning of the we had to pay five shillings for our five dinner passes for that week. We kept the passes in a peggy purse that had straps, and we would wear them, slung across our bodies. The lucky ones had *leather* purses, we were always jealous of those girls who had leather ones!" Sue exclaimed, "Didn't you have a leather one, Jackie?"

"No, mine was an *ugly green fabric* one because my sister went to a school whose colour was green. Mother sewed the school badge onto it, but I was so ashamed that I covered it with my school blazer!" Jackie announced, grimacing at the thought of her green peggy purse.

"Oh, but the uniform. That was *something*. I was always quite proud of our uniform! After Easter, everyone wore their summer dresses – even if it was still chilly - it was this pretty blue colour." Jane recollected.

Lesley mentioned, "But then...when the uniform changed, the school had their own bespoke colour made. Goodness knows how much that cost!"

"They called it *Norton blue*, and when they showed it to us in assembly we all went 'oooh' in disgust! We got told off awfully for that!" Jackie laughed.



Lesley Hall, Sue Swanston, Jane Stevens & Lesley Hull talk with members of the Student Leadership Group

"Sometimes we went on school residential trips." they cried, simultaneously, excitement shining in their eyes.

"I joined all the clubs – just for the trips!" Jackie said.

"We were taken on School Educational Cruises run by 'The British India' and we were taught lessons on board of the cruises ship! We got to visit Spain: Malaga, Lisbon and even Morocco! Jane and I went together on one in '67, what fun!" exclaimed Sue, "And, I was meant to go to Wimbledon in the Sixth Form, but I had an exam on that day, so I couldn't go. Instead, *my mother* took my place!"

"I bet she would've loved that!" Jackie presumed.

"Our headteacher, Ms Carey – she was rather lovely, being very socially minded, and also a Justice of the Peace, so she was determined that her students would 'see the world'." Jane commented.

"And don't forget the Tenbury Wells school trip we went on, and the trip to Kew Gardens!" they chorused.

"Some trips were so long that they went into the weekend - and parents could come and visit us during the weekend." Jackie gasped!

"Of course, there was no health and safety back then!" Sue described.

"And we had lots of extracurricular activities such as chess club, school magazine club, science club, Scottish dancing club, drama club, school council-which were all very popular!" explained Sue.

"We had summer sport days at Cadbury's and sung in the Birmingham School Choir! I loved the sports days, and the sashes." Jane continued.

Lesley replied "The sashes! If you had a yellow sash – like I did – it meant you were on the hockey team. The yellow sashes were much better than the blue ones, that the netball team had. Everyone was jealous of my yellow sash."

"Do you have any advice for students at KNGS?" Amelie asked.

"Yes, well... I would say follow your dreams, do not be afraid to dream big and do what you enjoy doing, it's worth it in the end and everything else will take care of itself." Sue added.

"Finally, what did you miss after graduating at KNGS?" Grace inquired.

"KNGS prepared us so well for work, and I didn't realise it until I started working. We had such a good grounding education here but I would say that we all miss our friends and teachers the most." Jackie said.

In conclusion, this chat left us grateful to be able to come to Kings Norton Girls' School, after seeing what an impact it had on these lovely ladies.

Written by Amelie Zarifeh & Grace Orr on behalf of the Student Leadership Group



YEAR 13 VISIT TO IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

On the 21st Sept, Year 13 History students travelled to London to visit the Imperial War Museum - Holocaust Exhibition. The students participated in a workshop about the causes of the Holocaust which involved looking at primary sources and historians' reflections. The students then independently visited the exhibition and spent over an hour researching about the effects of anti-Semitism.

The students commented that the exhibition was useful for their coursework knowledge but, even more so, was very moving and emotional as well. It really showed the damaging effects of anti-Semitism both during WW2 but also its effects on people's lives after. The students were amazing ambassadors for the school and the museum guide commented on their mature and knowledgeable responses to his question and on their reflective attitude whilst visiting the exhibition itself. The whole day was really worthwhile and was definitely worth the train trip!



Ms Thatcher

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LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS

The Language Ambassadors are a group of Year 10's to 13's who meet on a Tuesday lunchtime to run language drop-ins and cultural events.

Language Drop-Ins

French, Spanish and German support!

language-learning support for French, Spanish and German homework, grammar, pronunciation or anything you wish. Feel welcome to join the Language ambassador team at Tuesday Lunchtimes in ICT3. Praise points available! Feel free to bring a friend!

When: Tuesday Lunchtime
Where: ICT3
What: Language-learning guidance in writing, speaking, reading and grammar
Languages: French, Spanish & German

Open Evening

On Monday 25th September, we had the privilege to meet some of our younger future linguists and prospective language A Level students. We ran a language trivia about European Day of Languages and used one of the MFL computing rooms to allow people to try interactive language-based games!

European Day of Languages

On Tuesday 26th September, it was European Day of Languages, and the Ambassadors prepared a language-based trivia quiz for form groups and a treasure hunt, in which students had to figure out which teacher fits the description on the sheet.

Did you know that:

- Mrs Garcia lived in Australia for a year and in Chile for 3 months?
- Mrs Edwards lived in Poland between the age of 5 and 10 years? -
- Mrs Caswell lived in Malaysia for 18 months and she speaks Spanish fluently?
- Ms Wright lived in Japan for a year?
- Mrs Skinner studied at the IUT of Valenciennes in France for her year abroad?
- And that Mrs Crompton and Mrs Garcia are learning Dutch?

Here are the results from the competitions:

Forms:

Forms: 1st : 13-2, 9-3, 12-4 2nd : 11-3 3rd : 10-5

Houses: 1st : **Neso** (14 forms) 2nd : **Kari** (1 form) 3rd : **Ganymede** (1 form)

Congratulations to the winning forms and well done to Neso for having the highest number of entries!

Year 9 National Language Competition

Year 9 will have the opportunity to enter a national language competition run by one of the three UK intelligence Agencies (GCHQ). The competition will run from 06/11/2023 to 10/11/2023. In teams of up to four students. Year 9's will compete against others nationwide for the NLC 2023 trophy - awarded to the winning team at the GCHQ headquarters in Cheltenham! Their task will be to solve the NLC's language based puzzles to score as many points as possible over the week. Good luck Year 9's.

*Written by **Chloe Lam** & **Carrie Law** - Year 10, on behalf of the Language Ambassadors Team*

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP

The Student Leadership Group are back again, with some new members and some returning ones.

The Head Students have set up their project ideas for the coming term. They will be running a book-swap fair and a series of winter competitions to get the school in a festive mood.

Some of the Student Leadership were invited to meet and interview some visiting Alumni - make sure you read their article on the visit - which they thoroughly enjoyed!

Mr Houston





SPOTLIGHT ON ...EXTRA CURRICULAR & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT KNCS

FOOTBALL CLUB (YEARS 7-9)

With numbers increasing, students in the football club would love to encourage more students to join them. The club is very relaxed and students can join to come along for a kick about, make new friends and socialise with other year groups. If we manage to increase numbers we could also look to into playing some friendly matches too!

Football club runs after school every Tuesday from 3.15pm - 4pm, for more information or have a chat about joining students can pop along to see Mrs Cadman in the PE Office.



SPORTS UPDATE

CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

The West Midlands Schools Cross Country County Trials, took place at Himley Hall, in Dudley on the 15th October. Well done to Year 10 students **Alba Smith-Pena** (5th place) and **Imogen Baker** (17th place). Alba will now go forward to represent West Midlands Schools at the Inter County fixture in Rugby on the 18th November. Good luck!

NETBALL

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|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Seniors vs KECHG (A) (Home) | 27th Sept | Won 38-7 | Year 9 vs Colmers (Home) | 27th Sept | Lost 11-15 |
| Seniors vs EHS (Home) | 5th Oct | Won 30-13 | Year 8 vs KECHG (Home) | 27th Sept | Won 13-3 |
| Seniors vs KEFW (Home) | 10th Oct | Won 30-9 | Year 8 vs KEFW (Home) | 10th Oct | Won 20-13 |
| Seniors vs KECHG (B) (Away) | 25th Oct | Won 40-5 | Year 8 vs Colmers (Home) | 11th Oct | Won 18-3 |
| Year 9 vs KECHG (Home) | 27th Sept | Lost 11-13 | Year 7 vs KECHG (Away) | 25th Oct | Won 8-4 |
| Year 9 vs EHS (Home) | 5th Oct | Won 19-12 | | | |

Congratulations to the following netballers for their recent selections:

- **Megan Abbott (Year 12)** - U19 Central Warriors Netball Performance League.
- **Olivia Brown (Year 11)** - Severn Stars U17 Netball Performance League.
- **Kara Wray (Year 11)** - Severn Stars U18 Player Development Programme.
- **Charlotte Greasley (Year 8)** - Birmingham County Performance Squad, Severn Stars and Loughborough Performance Pathways.
- **Nevaeh Brown (Year 8)** and **Lola Mooney (Year 8)** - Birmingham Country Performance Squad.
- **Lily Morton Field (Year 8)** - Birmingham Country Performance Squad and Severn Stars Performance Pathway.
- **Lois Marsden (Year 8)** - Birmingham Country Performance Squad and Loughborough Performance Pathway.
- **Rhian Fielder (Year 8)** - Turves Green Netball Club.

Well done - good luck this season!



Mrs Cadman

KNCS EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

It has been lovely to see so many students attending PE extra curricular clubs this half term, the numbers at netball have been particularly impressive! Remember all clubs are free, you just need to turn up with your PE kit! Go on.....get involved!

The timetable can be found on the PE noticeboard, school website and the plasma screens around school.

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PE Department

SUCCESSSES

KNGS STUDENT REPRESENTS ENGLAND FOR THIRD TIME AT DANCE WORLD CUP

A huge congratulations to Year 8 student, **Evie Hughes (Year 8)**, picked to represent Team England in June at the Dance World Cup 2023 in Braga, Portugal.

Competing with 4 dances, Evie returned home with a **4th place finish, two BRONZE medals and a GOLD medal making her a world champion.**

This is the 3rd time Evie has been picked to represent England, previously winning 2 gold medals in Barcelona 2018, before COVID led to Rome 2020 being cancelled.

Well done Evie - we are super proud of your incredible achievements and success at the Dance World Cup!



KNGS STUDENT TAKES SILVER MEDAL IN PARIS



A massive well done to **Year 11** student, **Alicia Field**, who attended the attend the Tumbling French Cup held in Paris in September. Despite it being a very tough competition it gave Alicia an insight what the competition will be like at the World Tumbling Championships in November.

Alicia qualified in 2nd place (out of 45 girls aged 15/16 years), taking 1st place in Final 1 (top 8) and 2nd place in Final 2 (top 4). This secured Alicia a **SILVER MEDAL**.

Alicia has now been selected for the World Tumbling Championship in mid November which is being held in her home city of Birmingham, at the Utilita Arena!

Congratulations Alicia your determination, hard work and continued success are a huge inspiration!

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Sixth Form Admissions

141 students have successfully enrolled into Year 12 this year.

We have over 50 external students, who have come from a range of secondary schools, including Kings Norton Boys', University of Birmingham School and Queensbridge. All of our students are settling in very well, and are making the smooth transition from GCSE to A Level that we would have hoped.

Former Year 13 Students

Our 2022-2023 cohort of Year 13's have successfully moved on to a number of universities all over the country, and also to apprenticeships and Gap years. Nearly 100 of them gained places in their first choice university, with many placed at Russell Group universities. They are studying a wide range of courses such as Medicine, Law, Biochemistry, International Business, English Literature, Engineering and Film Production. We would like to wish them every success for their futures.

Applications to Sixth Form

Applications are now open for September 2024 and the application form and further details including entry requirements are available on our website. If you have a child in Year 11 thinking about A Levels next year, then we hope that you will encourage them to consider Kings Norton Sixth Form. With strong pastoral support, fantastic teaching and excellent results we have a lot to offer!

The **deadline for applications is Friday 1st December 2023 for internal applicants and Friday 19th January 2024 for external applicants.** If you have any queries relating to applications please contact Heather Harvey, Sixth Form Administrator at: hharvey@kngs.co.uk

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16-19 Bursary Fund

The Bursary Fund is designed to help support those young people who face the greatest barriers to continuing in education or training post 16. The level of support offered may vary during the academic year and is dependent on the amount of funds available. Students will need to complete an application form and supply evidence of need or eligibility as appropriate before assistance is provided. Application forms are available from the common room.

CAREERS

Careers website of the term:

<https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/open-days/>

Local college and sixth form open days



Job of the term (provided by MyPath): Writer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_RhE78jZKw

Events and visits:

Year 11 have just started their 1:1 meetings with our careers adviser, Mrs Edwards, and just completed their Careers lessons in PSHE. They have been looking at post-16 options and reviewing their work experience. A reminder that online applications for our own sixth form are now open.

All of our new Year 12 students now have a log-in for Unifrog, our excellent one-stop-shop for careers.



A number of Year 13's have now submitted their UCAS applications as they are applying for Oxbridge or medicine or dentistry. We wish them luck and the rest of Year 13 as they complete their UCAS applications for university places.

Year 10 and 12 have recently had their work experience launch assemblies. They are busy securing placements for later in the year. If you think you can help by offering a placement to the school please get in touch with Mr Ali (Sali@kngs.co.uk)

Coming up: The school careers page is being updated and will have a new look soon. This will make it easier for parents and carers to find information specifically for them. Here is the link to the 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). The next panel is Wednesday 22nd November between 11.20 and 13.20. Volunteers would only be needed for one hour and it is all done online!

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

DROP OFF & PICK UP AT KNGS

The majority of parents continue to support us in keeping KNGS students safe by driving and parking in a safe and responsible manner.

Unfortunately, there are some parents/carers/family members that continue to stop on the yellow lines (zig zag and single lines), block our neighbours' driveways and carry out dangerous turning manoeuvres in the road. All of this in spite of being asked politely by school staff not to do so. As a reminder the Highway Code, <https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/parking.html> section 243 states:



- **DO NOT** stop or park: near a school entrance,
- opposite another parked vehicle,
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles,
- in front of an entrance to a property.

We have also received complaints from our neighbours relating to idling engines. Whilst waiting for students please can you support local residents and school in protecting the environment by turning your engines off whilst waiting to collect students. Rule 123 of the Highway Code, states: "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road." Doing this can incur a £20 fixed-penalty fine under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2002, rising to £40 if unpaid within the required timeframe.

There are over a thousand students entering and leaving the site on a daily basis, please don't put them at risk just because you want to save a few seconds. Drive, stop and park responsibly.

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Mrs Skinner - Business Manager



HOW TO DEAL WITH A LOCKER ISSUE

LOCK IS BROKEN/DAMAGED

- Contact www.lockers.rentals
- They will allocate you a new locker within 48 hours and then attend school to repair the lock so it can be reallocated to someone else.



LOCKER DOOR IS DAMAGED OR BROKEN BUT THE LOCK IS FINE

- Contact www.lockers.rentals
- They will allocate you a new locker within 48 hours.
- Advise Mrs Maleady in the Pastoral Base, who will then report it to the Site Team for repairs during the school holidays.



YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR LOCKER CODE

- Contact www.lockers.rentals
- They will advise you of your code.



NO LOCKERS ARE AVAILABLE TO RENT IN MY YEAR GROUP



- Please select a locker from another area of the school, just use a different year group in the drop-down menu.
- The only difference is that your locker will be in another part of the school, this will not be a problem!

I CAN'T ACCESS MY BELONGINGS IN MY LOCKER

- Follow the instructions above and contact Mrs Maleady in the Pastoral Base to arrange access.

