

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted the start of term has been very positive, school continues to be calm, purposeful and professional with excellent learning taking place.

A huge thank you to all students, parents and carers in supporting our attendance drive, although there has been a small drop in attendance in the past couple of weeks, on the 1st October our attendance % for the whole school stood at 96.04%, placing KNKS 12 out of 84 for local secondary schools. Overall attendance has improved since this time last year, which is excellent news and a trend that we need to work to continue. Particular congratulations to Year 7 and Year 12 whose attendance is currently at 98%.

As a reminder when attendance is excellent:

- Most students will establish and retain strong friendship groups;
- Most students are happy and enjoy school;
- Students' personal development improves and they flourish socially;
- Students flourish academically enabling them to progress to a high-quality college or sixth form, university or apprenticeship place of their choice.

How we need you to help:

- Please talk to your child about the importance of attendance and punctuality, even if their attendance is already very good;
- Talk to us if you feel there are barriers or concerns to your child attending school as soon as possible, even if their attendance is still good;
- Unless your child is really unwell or infectious, encourage them to come into school. If they are really unwell in school, we will contact you straight away.

Our **examination results** at GCSE and A Level were excellent again this year, for a second year in a row our GCSE progress 8 figure will be significantly above national average, placing us in the top 16% of all school nationally. Our A Level results were also again well above national average with students achieving an average grade of a B. Congratulations to all our students and thanks to the staff in supporting them to achieve these.

I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter, you will see it showcases a huge range of enrichment activities, please share with your child and do encourage them to get involved if they haven't already done so.

Have a restful half term break.

Nicola Raggett - Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ◆ Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half term Break
- ◆ Monday 4th November - Start of Term
- ◆ Thursday 14th November - Year 11 Parents Evening (**Online**), 3.30pm - 6pm
- ◆ Tuesday 19th November - Meet the Sixth Form Event, 4pm – 5.30pm
- ◆ Thursday 28th November - Sixth Form Parents Evening (**Online**), 3.30pm - 6pm
- ◆ Friday 29th November - Teacher Training Day, **SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS**
- ◆ Monday 2nd December - Friday 6th December - Year 11 & Year 13 Internal Exams
- ◆ Monday 9th - Friday 13th December - Year 12 Internal Exams
- ◆ Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Concert (Evening Performance) - Timings TBC
- ◆ Friday 20th December - End of Term
- ◆ Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January - Christmas Break
- ◆ Monday 6th January - Start of Spring Term

EVENTS, TRIPS & CLUBS



MEET THE SIXTH FORM

TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2024

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

OUR PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN PARENT/CARERS AND KINGS NORTON GIRLS' SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

We very much value our partnerships with you as parents and carers but understand the pressures of work and home life in balancing your attendance at the school. Each year group has at least one in-school event for parents and carers based on the need of that year group, workshops or support events. Along with this, we use SchoolCloud for online parents' evenings as this has allowed an increased number of parents and carers to attend these meetings.

Dates and the focus of the Parents as Partners events will be confirmed and invitations sent to you nearer the time of the event.

Parents as Partners Events

Year 7	Monday 7th October 2024	Year 11	Tuesday 11th March 2025
Year 8	TBC during Autumn term 2024	Year 12	Monday 16th September 2024 and Monday 19th May 2025
Year 9	Tuesday 11th March 2025	Year 13	Tuesday 25th March 2025
Year 10	Monday 18th November 2024		

Mrs Shakespeare - Deputy Headteacher

GEOGRAPHY & BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP

In July, fifteen Year 12 biologists and 19 geographers travelled to fabulous North Yorkshire for a 4-day residential field course. The geographers developed a wide range of skills and collected much of the data needed to complete their non-exam assessment in Scarborough ('Scar-bados' to the locals), while the biologists built upon their knowledge of biodiversity and ecosystems by carrying out a wide range of fantastic real-life ecology investigations. Between the two groups they visited an intensive pig farm, woodland, river and coastal ecosystems, urban areas and a stunning chalkland meadow.

Students dealt with the sometimes challenging weather conditions with great humour, and made the most of every opportunity. Arriving back to 3-course evening meals, hot chocolates and games of tennis and volleyball at the Cranedale Centre may have helped. It really was a pleasure to take such a curious, resilient and cohesive group of students, who can now carry their new-found knowledge into Year 13.

Ms Mitchell & Ms Caswell

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SPANISH STUDENTS VISIT KNGS

At the beginning of this academic year, we welcomed three Spanish students from Andalusia who shadowed us for the day, learning more about school in the UK. It was really interesting to talk to them about traditional Andalusian culture and to help them with their speaking skills, as well as having the opportunity to speak to them in Spanish too. It was a great day, and we all learnt lots!

Lois Tromans - Year 13



TEXTILES CLUB

Textiles Christmas Applique and Hand Embroidered Decorations Enrichment Club.



I know it seems ages away but we all know that Christmas will be with us before we know it! Twenty KS3 and KS4 students have signed up to create a range of festive decorations ready to adorn their homes over the festive period. We began earlier in the term and students really got into the spirit of it, they have begun to create everything from snowmen, Santas, reindeers and Ginger bread characters. They have learned how to cut their fabrics using templates and dies and how to applique and hand embroider. We look forward to seeing how their creations develop over the next few weeks.



Mrs Garcia

VISITING LECTURER FROM UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

The MFL team at KNGS were lucky enough to welcome Dr Craig Blunt, Senior Lecturer in French from the University of Birmingham, on 7th October to do a talk to Year 10 pupils about studying languages at A Level and beyond. He will return to speak to the Sixth Form and Year 11 in the coming weeks. It was an opportunity for pupils to ask questions about what studying languages might look like and what would be the value in the continued study of languages.



Miss Cawley

LAUNCH PAD - ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE DAY JULY 2024

At the end of the summer term, all Year 12 students took part in the Young Enterprise Launch Pad Workshop. This day was designed to help students develop eight key employability skills and provide evidence of their competencies, which are vital for success in job applications, degree programs, and apprenticeships.



Throughout the event, students collaborated in teams to tackle various challenges, including developing business plans, creating marketing materials, and delivering presentations. Awards were given in several categories: Innovation, Marketing, Teamwork, The Elevator Pitch, and New Business of the Year.

The visitors praised the KNGS Sixth Formers for their confidence, adaptability, and enthusiasm. *Mrs Neale*

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WELLBEING AMBASSADORS - WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Thursday 10th October: 'Nibble and Natter'! Let's get KNGS talking about our Mental Health!

On Thursday 10th October, some of the Year 13 Wellbeing Ambassadors were in the hall promoting World Mental Health Day 2024. This year's theme set by the World Federation of Mental Health is **workplace mental health**. The theme highlights the importance of addressing mental health and wellbeing in the workplace (school), for the benefit of people, organisations and communities.

Students from across the whole school were invited to 'Nibble and Natter' to encourage discussions about our mental health and ways in which to improve it. The free squash and biscuits provided were definitely a hit with the students! The Wellbeing Ambassadors also handed out green ribbon stickers and there were numerous resources available such as word searches, quizzes and tips for improving our mental health.

Thank you to the Wellbeing Ambassadors: [Ava](#), [Sophie](#), [Nabila](#), [Evie](#), [Izzy](#), [Phoebe](#), [Wise](#) and [Roshan](#) for their help and to everyone who came along.

Next year we will definitely need more biscuits...!



- *Every year, 1 in 4 of us will experience a mental health problem.*
- *Over 2 million people are currently waiting for NHS mental health services.*
- *Since 2017 the number of young people struggling with their mental health has nearly doubled.*
- *The Guardian (August 2024) reports that 3 children and young people in the UK are referred to CAMHS every minute, or almost 4000 a week, for anxiety-related mental health problems.*

Mrs Merrell

READING WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Supporting your child with reading - You said, we listened!

We are planning a series of webinars for parents/carers throughout 2024-25, focusing on how to support your child with reading.

The focus and dates for sessions are listed below. The sessions will run from 4pm online via TEAMS and will last approximately 20-30 minutes. Resources from each session will be shared with parents/carers via the newsletter and website after each event.

The planned sessions will include...

- **Suggestions and guidance on how to get hold of books they might enjoy**
Thursday 5th December 2024 @ 4pm
- **Suggestions on how to support reading for understanding (comprehension)**
Thursday 23rd January 2025 @ 4pm
- **Help with your own reading skills**
Thursday 13th March 2025 @ 4pm
- **Accessible reading- things to consider to make reading more accessible**
Thursday 15th May 2025 @ 4pm
- **Tips on getting your child(ren) interested in reading.** This will include ideas for fitting 'reading together' into your daily routine and advice on how to bring a story to life when reading together
Thursday 3rd July 2025 @ 4pm

Invitations to join the webinar will be sent out via Microsoft TEAMS closer to each event.

Ms Cartin

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK 2024

SEND Coffee Morning – Dyslexia Provision at KNGS

Thank you to all the families who came in to our SEND Coffee Morning in advance of Dyslexia Awareness Week this half term. It was lovely to meet so many of you and have the chance to talk about the support on offer. We are always keen to hear what is most helpful and what more we can do to develop our provision.

Pupil Voice Group

It was also lovely to meet our existing Dyslexia Pupil Voice Group this week. We will be focusing on the British Dyslexia Association (BDA) theme of 'My Dyslexia Story' this term. We were delighted to see our group's fundraising efforts featured in the Dyslexia Awareness issue of the BDA's magazine.

Upcoming dates for the group this term are:

Wednesday 20 November, Form Time - Pupil Voice Group Years 7-11 (including new students in Year 7 and newly identified students). Focus: Welcome, 'My Story' – building an experience library.

Wednesday 4th December, Form Time - Pupil Voice Group Years 7-10. Focus: 'My Story' – display.

Dates for a new Sixth Form group to follow.

There is further information about all aspects of supporting a student working with dyslexia, including managing school work at home, at the links below:

[Dyslexia - British Dyslexia Association \(bdadyslexia.org.uk\)](https://bdadyslexia.org.uk)

[Working with Dyslexia at KNGS – Kings Norton Girls' School](#)

Dyspraxia Pupil Support Group 2024 -25

We are looking forward to re-starting our Pupil Support Group for students working with Dyspraxia. Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Holbeche look forward to reconvening and chatting to the group after half term. This group will meet termly:

Wednesday 6th November, Form Time – Dyspraxia Support Group Years 7-13.

Mrs Vaughan



YEAR 11 TRIP TO HARDWICK HALL

Earlier this term Year 11 historians had a great experience walking through Bess of Hardwick's beautifully designed home. They engaged wonderfully with the knowledgeable guides around the house and they climbed to the top of the Old Hall, whilst gathering lots of detailed notes to help them with their Elizabeth GCSE topic.

There was of course time for some great photo opportunities too!

Miss Lordan



EUROVISION CLUB

Eurovision Club has started again for the academic year 2024-2025!

After Nemo's win in Malmö this year, our club looks forward to the 2025 season's offerings as we gear up to the Grand Final in Basel, Switzerland next May.



We talk all things national selections, we catch up on news and gossip from different countries, we learn about the host country and find out a little more about the competition itself as it enters its 69th year.

Do come and join the fun on **Wednesday lunchtimes** in Rm 30 with Miss Banner!

All year groups are very welcome!

Miss Banner

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP

We are excited to introduce our new Head Students for this school year: **Iman, Manasse** and **Emily**! These three outstanding students have been chosen for their leadership, dedication and commitment to making our school a better place for everyone.

Iman, Manasse, and Emily will be working closely with students and staff to ensure everyone's voice is heard, organising events and leading initiatives to improve student life. Please join us in congratulating Iman, Manasse and Emily on their new roles. We're confident they'll inspire us all and make a lasting impact on our school!



On Friday 18th October, our school joined thousands across the country in marking 'Show Racism the Red Card Day'. This important event uses the power of sports and education to tackle racism and promote kindness, equality and respect. All students and staff were encouraged to wear something red to help raise awareness and money for this cause. Throughout the day, discussions amongst staff and students were about the importance of standing up against racism and ways in which we can create an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone. A total of £113.13 was also raised for the charity.

The agenda for other activity this academic year includes a Halloween Movie Night for KS5, a Winter Ball for KS4 and many more ideas.

Miss Sikander

SPORTS UPDATE

HOCKEY

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to play county hockey for Worcestershire:

- **Esther Battye** in Year 8 selected to play for the under 13's
- **Flora Astbury** in Year 11 selected to play for the under 16's

Well done to you both on this fantastic achievement!

NETBALL

Huge congratulations to the U19 netball team for winning the Birmingham County Schools Netball Tournament and qualifying for Regional Schools in January!



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Thirteen Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Cross Country Championships at Shenley Academy on Wednesday 25th September. For the Year 7's it was their very first time representing KNGS in an inter-school fixture. The rain was pouring down in true Cross Country weather style, but this did not put our pupils off who showed great courage and determination to complete the 1600m lap (Year 7) / 2400m lap and a half (Year 8).

Smiles on faces were seen as they ran in the rain. They have all been invited to attend the next round of the competition to represent South Birmingham Schools, and also to have a free taster training session at BRAT: Birmingham running, athletics and triathlon club, which we hope

many of them will take the opportunity to do.

Well done to all, super proud of you all for your efforts!

Mrs Currie

KNGS EXTRA CURRICULAR PE CLUBS

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

Remember all clubs are free, you just need to turn up with your PE kit! Go on.....get involved!

PE Department

SUCCESSSES

KNGS STUDENT TAKES GOLD MEDALS & BRITISH CHAMPION TITLE



A champion sized well done to Sixth Form student, **Alicia Field (Year 12)**, who took part in the Welsh Open Tumbling Championships on Sunday 8th September in Cardiff. Alicia came first in the 15/16 age category earning her a **GOLD** medal and trophy!

Alicia then went on to compete at the British Tumbling Championships in early October and came away again with a **GOLD** medal winning the 15/16 age category, making her the **British Champion** for her age group.

Congratulations Alicia your determination, hard work and continued success are a huge inspiration to all of us!



A MESSAGE FROM MS HALE - HEAD OF YEAR 7

On September 4th we welcomed the newest members of the KNGS community – Year 7. We are so proud of the courage they have shown, and it has been a privilege to see them all begin to explore and engage in KNGS life.

I would like to extend my thanks to all parents and carers for the support at home; with organisation, homework, punctuality and attendance. This support had enabled our Year 7 to make a smooth transition to becoming more independent and embrace the challenge of secondary school.

On the 7th October, we opened our doors for our 'Parents as Partners' event, with a huge turnout our hall was packed and there was a real buzz around school. Students had the opportunity to show their families around school and their classrooms, then parents/carers met with Form Tutors and myself as Head of Year with the aim to build a sense of belonging at KNGS and to bridge communication between home and school. It was a fantastic event and a pleasure to meet so many of you.

Ms Hale - Head of Year 7

HOUSE NEWS

The year started off with students being informed of their vote results for the new house names. Thankfully there was a clear winner with over half the students choosing the names **Kingfisher – Nightingale – Goldfinch**. We are currently developing a logo for each of the new house names.

During September's Induction days all students took part in some house team building activities, it was great to see students collaborating well together as they discussed and executed their tactics to solve the puzzles and tasks presented to them.

This term has seen the launch of the 'Inktober' competition again and there has been a super response, especially from our younger students. Single word prompts are given each day to inspire artistic drawings that relate to the theme. Not only are the number of entries higher this year, the quality of entries is really impressive too. Thank you to **Mrs Everson** for running this house competition.



Julian S, 7-6, Goldfinch



Isabelle, D, 8-5, Goldfinch



Talina K, 9-1, Kingfisher



Erin G, 10-3, Nightingale



Alice M, 11-3, Nightingale



Miss Rickard, 11-6, Goldfinch



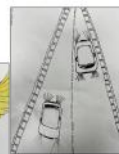
Laya Gerrard, 7-5, Goldfinch



Amya Atkin Chew, 8-6, Goldfinch



Neve Warrifores, 9-5, Goldfinch



Lorna C, 7-1, Kingfisher



Raina N, 8-5, Goldfinch



Lacey G, 9-6, Goldfinch



Karen McCarthy, 10-3, Nightingale



Chloe Lam, 11-1, Kingfisher



Miss Rickard, 11-6, Goldfinch



Erin Mac, 10-4, Nightingale



Cornie L, 11-6, Goldfinch



Miss Rickard, 11-6, Goldfinch



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

MUSIC

The Music Department has been really busy so far this term with the many extra-curricular ensembles that it runs. I thought I would take this opportunity to let you know all the details of what The Music Department provides for students at Kings Norton Girls' School & Sixth Form. There really is something for everyone!

On Monday lunchtime in the main Music Room we have the **Year 10 Ensemble**. This is run by Mrs Huxtable and is for all Year 10 students who can play an instrument and read music. The Year 10 Ensemble rehearses and performs a range of musical styles.

On Tuesday lunchtime in the main Music Room we have the **Key Stage 3 Ensemble**. This is run by Mrs Huxtable and is for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who play an instrument or sing. The Key Stage 3 group rehearses and performs a variety of pop songs.

On Tuesday after school there is a **brand new ensemble**. It is so new it doesn't have an official name yet! It is in the main Music Room after school on Tuesday and is for all year groups and students who can play an instrument or who want to start learning one. Singers are also welcome. There is no need to be able to read music as we learn to play songs by ear and perform a range of genres and compose our own arrangements.

On Wednesday during form time in the main Music Room there is **Flute Ensemble**. This is run by the visiting flute teacher under the supervision of Mr Gell. Anyone who plays the flute is welcome to attend. This year the flute ensemble will be taking part in concerts at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and Symphony Hall!

On Wednesday at breaktime in the main Music Room there is **Guitar Ensemble**. This is run by the visiting guitar teacher under the supervision of Mr Gell. Anyone who plays guitar (electric or acoustic) is welcome to join. You don't need to be able to read music but you do need to be motivated to practise your part in-between rehearsals.

On Thursday at breaktime in the main Music Room there is **Choir**. This is run by Mr Gell and anyone is welcome to attend. You don't need to be able to read music and you don't need to be having singing lessons. You just need to enjoy singing as part of a group. At the moment we are learning songs by Robbie Williams and Stevie Wonder.

On Friday after school in the canteen there is **Orchestra**. This is run by Mr Gell and anyone who plays an instrument is welcome to attend. The only instrument we don't have in orchestra is the guitar because it is too quiet for this ensemble. We play a range of music from pop, film music, classical and Christmas Music. We are currently working towards our Christmas Concert performance.

All of our ensembles perform in school concerts and parents are always welcome to attend these to support the students. Our **Christmas Concert this year will be on Tuesday 17th December**.

The students at Kings Norton Girls' School are very enthusiastic about the extra-curricular music groups as you will see from their comments below:

Being in orchestra gives me the opportunity to spend time with my friends making music. *Erin, Year 10*

Being in the Year 10 Ensemble means I get to perform in school concerts and showcase the music we have been working on. *Emma, Year 10*

I really enjoy orchestral rehearsals because we get to learn lots of new music. *Ada, Year 10*

We have been part of the Flute Ensemble for a number of years and it has given us the opportunity to perform in some world-class concert venues like The Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and Symphony Hall. *Carys & Millicent, Year 12*

Choir is fun because I get to meet new friends who like the same music as me. *Poppy, Year 9*

We really like Guitar Ensemble because we get to play a wide range of pop and rock music. *Summer & Emily, Year 9*

We created a brand new ensemble because we wanted to try arranging and conducting music for ourselves *Reina & Summer, Year 9*

If any parents have any questions about any of our ensembles, please feel free to enquire, either by email cgell@kngs.co.uk or lhuxtable@kngs.co.uk

Mr Gell

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Sixth Form Admissions

144 students have successfully enrolled into Year 12 this year. As well as welcoming back many students from our Year 11 cohort we have a substantial number of students joining us from other schools across the city; a testament to the reputation and success of our Sixth Form.

All of our students are settling in very well, and are making the smooth transition from GCSE to A Level.

Former Year 13 Students

Our 2023-2024 cohort of Year 13s have successfully moved on to a number of universities all over the country, and also to apprenticeships and Gap years. Three of our students are now studying on courses at Oxbridge with 62% of the cohort placed at Russell Group universities. They are studying a wide range of courses such as Law, Biochemistry, International Business, English Literature, Engineering and Film Production. Five of our students have embarked on a range of apprenticeships including the Crown Prosecution Service We would like to wish all of them every success for their futures!

Applications to Sixth Form

Applications are now open for September 2025 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, we really are **fabulous!** With strong pastoral support, fantastic teaching and excellent results we have a lot to offer any student considering A Levels as their chosen pathway.

The **deadline for applications** is **Friday 29th November 2024 for internal applicants** and **Friday 17th January 2025 for non KNGS applicants**. Please join us at our **'Meet the Sixth Form' event on Tuesday 19th November**.

If you have any queries relating to applications please contact Rakshan Zafar, Sixth Form Administrator at rzafar@kngs.co.uk.

CAREERS

Careers website of the term:

<https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/open-days/> - Local college and sixth form open days

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/your-choices-at-16/help-with-choosing-your-post-16-options>

Job of the term (provided by MyPath): Museum Curator - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_mV5bma9Iq

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 Miss Ledwidge (sledwidge@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!

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PLEA FOR LEGO DONATIONS

As we continue to develop our provisions to support students it's important to provide a space where students feel safe and supported to have quiet time to regulate. We plan to offer Lego Interventions and for use in social times as part of Nurture Group.

If anyone has any Lego they no longer need and would like to donate, this would really help to bring this to reality. Thank you in advance for your support with this exciting new venture. Please can your donations be taken to reception and addressed to the SEN Hub.

The SEND Team



SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

Gillman & Soame took **Year 7, 9 & 11 portraits** at the start of term and a **Year 11 group photograph** which are available to purchase online. Please do this ASAP if you would like photographs in time for Christmas.

For both portrait photographs & the Year 11 group photograph you should have received a proof card with the individual login details giving access to view and order. If you have mislaid the proof card for either of the photographs, please check your emails as we will be sending details home on how you can submit an order.

Mrs Law

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

The latest copy of the Newsletter from **Selly Oak Families** can be found on our website at: <https://www.kngs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/HG-and-SO-October-Newsletter-2024.pdf>

Additional information about support available to families can be found at:

[Support for Parents – Kings Norton Girls' School \(kngs.co.uk\)](https://www.kngs.co.uk)

Swop Shop Opening Hours

UPDATED Tuesday 1-3pm
Wednesday 12-4 pm
Friday 9-10 am & 12-2.30 pm

In stock at The Hub on the Green

Primary Schools Bournville Primary Bournville Village Primary Cotteridge Primary Raddlebarn Primary St Francis Primary St Josephs RC Primary Stirchley Primary	Secondary Schools Bournville Secondary Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Kings Norton Boys School Kings Norton Girls School
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DONATE YOUR PRELOVED UNIFORM
shirts - trousers - blazers - jumpers - skirts - PE kit
bags coats - shoes - pumps - ties - wellies
If hub is closed leave in uniform bin outside

DROP OFF & PICK UP AT KNGS

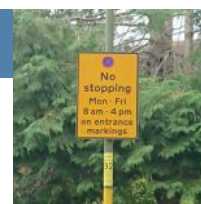
The majority of parents continue to support us in keeping KNGS students safe by driving and parking in a safe and responsible manner.

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,
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles,
- opposite another parked vehicle,
- 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.





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.

