



KINGS NORTON
GIRLS' SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM



Newsletter

April 2025

Opening a World of Opportunities
Demonstrating RESPECT and COURAGE in order to FLOURISH



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have supported the school this term. Since February there have been so many positives, many of which can be found within this newsletter. Thank you to all the staff who have spent a huge amount of their professional and personal time to make these incredible experiences possible including the Ski Trip, Arts and MFL visit to Barcelona, Young Enterprise, Alton Towers reward trips and theatre visits.

Our recent **OFSTED** report is now published [50271389 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50271389) (ofsted.gov.uk). I am very proud of the schools achievements, and have pulled out a few quotes to share with you:



"Pupils thrive at Kings Norton Girls' School"	"this school feels like a community"
"pupils feeling happy and enriched by the opportunities which the school provides for them"	"The expectations for pupils' learning are consistently high across the school"
"Pupils typically behave with high levels of maturity and empathy"	"They focus in lessons, and there is no time lost to disengagement"
"The school's curriculum is well embedded and understood by teachers."	"Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities have their needs identified with precision"
"Pupils' attendance is typically high"	"Leaders have a meticulous understanding of their school"

All three schools in the **West Midlands Academy Trust** have now had an OFSTED inspection in the past year, a review of these reports can be found here: [Ofsted Success Across WMAT Schools – West Midlands Academy Trust \(wmatrust.co.uk\)](https://www.wmatrust.co.uk/)

Staffing Changes from Easter:

- **Mr Charlett** will be leaving us, we will miss his excellent leadership of our Pastoral Team and safeguarding but we wish him all the very best in his new role.
- **Ms Lewis and Miss Wattison** are leaving us to begin their maternity leave – we give them our very best wishes.
- **Mrs Mugridge** will be joining us as Deputy Headteacher (Students).
- **Miss Gregory** has gained promotion to Associate Assistant Headteacher and will oversee safeguarding as our DSL.
- **Miss Quinn** will become Head of Year 10 to cover Miss Wattison's absence.

Have wonderful Easter break.

Nicola Raggett - Headteacher

Dates for your Diaries



- ♦ **Friday 11th April** - Last day of Term
- ♦ **Monday 14th - Friday 25th April** - Easter Break
- ♦ **Monday 28th April** - Start of Summer Term
- ♦ **Monday 28th April - Friday 2nd May** - Year 12 Exams
- ♦ **Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED for ALL**
- ♦ **Thursday 22nd May** - Last day of Half Term for Students
- ♦ **Friday 23rd May** - Staff Training Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED to ALL STUDENTS**
- ♦ **Monday 26th - Friday 30th May** - Half Term Break
- ♦ **Monday 2nd June** - Start of Half Term
- ♦ **Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th June** - Year 7 & 8 Teacher Assessments
- ♦ **Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th June** - Whole School Open Morning Tours, **Booking Required via website**
- ♦ **Wednesday 2nd July** - Year 10 Reports Issued - [via EduLink One App](#)
- ♦ **Wednesday 9th July** - Year 7, 8 & 9 Reports Issued - [via EduLink One App](#)
- ♦ **Monday 14th - Friday 18th July** - Year 10 Work Experience
- ♦ **Friday 18th July** - End of Term, **Students will be dismissed at 12.10pm**

EduLink One App

We know that many parents and carers value app-based communication with school and we currently do this using the SIMS Parent App.

From Monday 2nd June 2025, we are changing our parent app to Edulink One.

After Easter, we will share more details with you including a letter and email with full details along with your new login code.



Event, Trips & Clubs

YEAR 8 SKI VISIT

It was an early start on Saturday 8th March, for the 32 KNKS Year 8 students and 28 students from Swanshurst School. Flying from Heathrow we arrived in the mountain resort of Pinzolo, Italy with our luggage!!

It was a fantastic week. Most students had never skied before and their progress was impressive. There were a few days where heavy snowfall lowered the visibility but that brought some lovely ski conditions.

Students have commented on how much they enjoyed the week including "I loved learning how to ski, being challenged, going beyond my comfort zone and being proud I did it". Another wrote "I loved the independence, the adventure and making new friends!!".



Skiing can be a tough sport to learn, you have to pick yourself up lots of times. Thankfully our students showed determination and pushed through the first few days with the reward of traveling much further up the mountain by the end of the week.

Evening activities included ice skating, Gelato (Ice-cream parlour), cinema and a meal at a restaurant on the

mountain. It was great to see students enjoying the walk back through the forest trail holding flaming torches to light the way – not something you get to do in Birmingham.

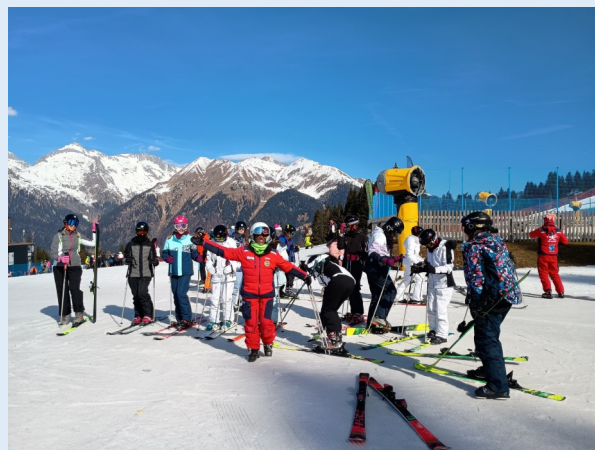
I was very proud to hear the hotel owner do a speech to the staff and students – complementing them on how



well behaved they were and stated that it was the best group they've had at the hotel! Well done Year 8's!

Thank you to Miss Cawthorn, Mr Yeomans & Miss Steele for investing their time to help the trip run so smoothly.

Year 7's – look out for the opportunity to join the 2026 Ski Trip coming soon!



Mr Steele

WORLD BOOK DAY AUTHOR VISIT

To celebrate World Book Day, as well as International Women's Day, all Year 7 students attended a virtual author event with one of Britain's most well-known historical novelists, Philippa Gregory, who talked about her book *Normal Women*, which maps an alternative account of Britain's past through the eyes of guild widows, highwaywomen and other pivotal female figures.



We were invited to attend the event as we are currently running a 'Read for Good' Reathathon. Philippa was also joined by two special guests, Emma Carroll who is the author of several books including *Letters from the Lighthouse*, and Geri Halliwell-Horner, better known as Ginger Spice from the record-breaking girl group the Spice Girls, who is also the successful author of the *Ugenia Lavender* book series and continues to work with the Royal Commonwealth to promote prospects through literacy to Commonwealth citizens.

All the pupils seemed to enjoy the experience and hopefully it kick-started their reading for the Readathon, which finishes on Friday 2 May 2025.

Mrs Edwards

AN INSPECTOR CALLS

Year 10 experienced the magic of Priestley's *An Inspector Calls* when the K.22 theatre company visited KNKS. The students saw the GCSE text they studied earlier this year brought to life by 3 actors. They were reminded of the key plot points, events and structure of the play. After the performance, Year 10 students had a chance to ask the actors questions about the play. They used this opportunity to ask some very insightful questions and received detailed answers, lots of the ideas discussed will be useful for their exams!

Mr Houston

GCSE DRAMA THEATRE VISIT

On Thursday 13th March our Year 10 and 11 GCSE drama group visited the Birmingham Hippodrome to see the smash-hit musical 'SIX'.



'Six' is a high-energy musical that reimagines the lives of the six wives of Henry VIII as a musical extravaganza. As each wife steps into the spotlight to tell her story in a thoroughly engaging and empowering way, with catchy songs, clever lyrics, and a fierce, all-female cast. The musical blends history with modern pop culture, delivering a fun and fresh take on a well-known story.

Here are just a few comments students shared on the production.

Ms Cartin

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I definitely enjoyed it and it was probably one of the best musicals I've seen. I would really recommend seeing it for your interested in history or just musicals all together.

Chloe (Year 10)

I absolutely loved going to see six! The vocals and dancing were incredible and it was such a good show. I really love the variation of the songs in the show and how they all give the audience an insight into the lives of the six wives aside from their husband. The whole show was amazing but I particularly loved "All you wanna do" as the actress had an incredible voice and the way she portrayed Katherine Howard was so good and quite emotional as well. I also really loved "Heart of Stone" as it's such an emotional and powerful song which was sung incredibly well.

Amelie (Year 11)

I loved it because I love musicals and it was so fun to go with my drama group.

Grace (Year 11)

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SPRING RECITAL

Thank you and well done to all those involved in the Spring Recital on Tuesday 18th March. It was a lovely event that was well attended by a very appreciative group of parents.

The quality of the music making was excellent with a wide range of ensembles and musical styles on show.

Thank you to those who made contributions to the music stand replacement fund.

Mrs Huxtable

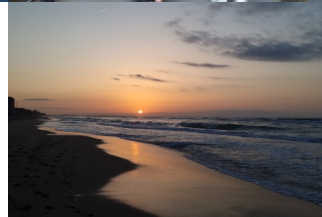


BARCELONA VISIT

On March 3rd, Year 10 arrived to school at 3am to catch a plane to Barcelona. For the next 3 days, we bonded over tapas, made some Spanish friends from the high-school Sagrat Cor, and took so many beautiful pictures of beach sunrises and alleys bursting with colour.

This trip made the Spanish students love the language even more and inspired all the artists and photographers for their topic 'Places'.

We are all so grateful for Ms Cawley, Mrs Garcia, Mrs Everson, Mr Ableson and Mr Swift as without them this trip wouldn't have happened.



Written by Zelia Dussol - Year 10

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day 2025 was a full day of celebrating reading at KNGS. During every period of the school day, teachers read a section of a short story to their class, which had been split into sections, so that the story was complete by the end of the day. Pupils were keen to find out what would happen next and how the story would end.



In addition, ten 'Where's Wally' characters were hidden around the school and pupils were able to exchange these for a book and a treat. At lunchtime, there was a spectacular World Book Day celebration event in the Learning Hub. Activities included; Turning a Potato into a Book Character and the Design a National Book Token Competition.



In addition, the judging of the Book Themed Cake Decorating Competition took place and slices of the cakes were sold for a donation towards the 'Read for Good' Readathon.

Mrs Edwards

BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE CLUB'S VALENTINE FAIR

Building upon the success of the Business & Enterprise Club's Christmas lunchtime fair, members were tasked with developing a new product or rebranding their existing product with a Valentine's Day theme. Students dedicated the first few weeks of the spring term to refining their products and designing limited-edition promotions.

The Valentine Fair took place over three lunchtimes. Year 9 students played a crucial role in designing the stall layout and efficiently allocating spaces to each stall. Additionally, Year 10 Business Ambassadors provided guidance on pricing strategies and marketing techniques, to help stallholders maximise their potential sales.

The stalls were decorated with hearts, flowers, and a colour scheme dominated by shades of red and pink. A range of products were available for purchase, including jewellery, knitted toys, stationery, badges, cakes, cookies, and sweets. The candy floss stall, in particular, experienced exceptional demand, selling out each day of the event!

The fair was a huge success and attracted the largest number of customers to date. The Business & Enterprise Club is now eagerly preparing for their next sales event in the Summer term. The Business & Enterprise Club meet in Room 1, Monday lunchtimes. New members are always welcome.



Mrs Neale

HOUSES OF PARILMENT VISIT

On the 1st of April, our Year 13 politics class had the incredible opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament and UK Supreme Court. Despite the early start, we arrived in London and headed straight to Westminster where we had a guided tour of both the House of Commons and House of Lords, as well as the voting lobbies.

It was fascinating to see where our MPs debate and pass legislation, as well as where appointed peers sit and scrutinise government bills. We also explored the history of UK parliament, including the role of previous monarchs and key political figures. Afterwards, we crossed parliament square to the Supreme Court, where we looked around their exhibition on the formation and evolution of the UK judiciary.

It was an amazing trip, and we have all come away with a better knowledge of UK democracy and government which will be invaluable for our exams!

Written by Lois Tromans - Year 13



SEND PUPIL VOICE AMBASSADORS' KINDNESS RAFFLE

The Learning Hub was filled with fun and excitement this term for the Dyslexia Pupil Voice Group's Kindness Raffle. The group did a fantastic job of organising and running a fun, free event for 100's of students. Visitors shared their own experiences and thoughts about kindness. These became their free raffle tickets. Students could find out a little more about dyslexia too. Teachers and



support staff kindly pitched in and donated stacks of fabulous goodies, prizes and crafts. There were over 30 happy winners from all year groups. The Pupil Voice Group have also created a display of their own 'Dyslexia Stories' in school to tell their peers more about dyslexia and how it affects their daily life. A big 'well done!' to all involved.



Mrs Vaughan

SEND COFFEE MORNING - POST 16 OPTIONS

On Thursday 20th March we hosted a coffee morning to share information on post 16 options for students with additional needs. In addition to having a representative from Kings Norton Sixth Form, we also welcomed guest speakers from local colleges.

If you were unable to attend the event but would like further guidance on post 16 options, please follow the link below to the Birmingham Career services website which has useful information on Local College and Sixth Form Open Days.

[Open Days – Birmingham Careers Service](#)

Ms Cartin

READING WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Thank you to all of you who joined our first three reading webinars in December, January & March. Please find a link to the [resources here](#).

Please do join us for the next sessions on 15th May which will focus on 'Accessible reading - things to consider to make reading more accessible'. A TEAM's link will be sent out closer to the event.

Details on future events to support reading are listed below. The sessions will run from 4pm 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.

Thursday 15th May 2025 @ 4pm - Accessible reading- things to consider to make reading more accessible

Thursday 3rd July 2025 @ 4pm - Tips on getting your child(ren) interested in reading. Fitting 'reading together' into your daily routine. Advice on how to bring a story to life when reading together.

Ms Cartin - Assistant Headteacher, SENCO

YEAR 9 FORWARD THINKING TRIP

On the 11th March four Year 9 students enjoyed another experience day as part of their on-going Forward Thinking Programme, giving valuable insights into student life at university. The day was designed to show what the social and non-academic life of an undergraduate involves. They were treated to an entertaining drama about the benefits of studying at university. They were also given a voucher for lunch in one of the many campus cafes (the burritos proved popular). After lunch, they visited the Sports Centre and had a go at squash. They learnt juggling and plate spinning. They all agreed that there were many different facets to life as a student.

Next year these students will benefit from mentoring sessions in school with a second-year student from the University of Birmingham.

Mr Abelson



Language Ambassadors

YEAR 7 FRENCH SPELLING BEE

Some of the KS4 and KS5 ambassadors coordinated a French Spelling Bee for Year 7 pupils earlier this month. Well done to the following pupils who took part: **Ebony John, Maddison Bennett, Layla Gerrard, Poppy Boodell, Macie Yates, Lola Vidot and Mia Elliott**. It was great to see other pupils who came along to support their peers.

We hope to organise a similar competition for Year 8 pupils next term.

HOUSE LANGUAGES QUIZ

Thank you to the following Year 12 ambassadors who designed the Languages Quiz for the latest house competition: **Emma O'Neill, Vermilion Gloag, Ellie Thompson and Dora Dickason**. They did an excellent job of coordinating the competition and demonstrated excellent leadership.

Miss Burke

Student Leadership Update

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

On Wednesday, 5th March, we came together at KNKS to celebrate International Women's Day, embracing this year's theme: Accelerate Action. The theme encouraged all of us to take meaningful steps toward gender equality and our school community did just that. To show our support for women's rights globally, everyone participated by wearing at one item of purple clothing - symbolising justice and dignity.

During lunch there was a bake sale where handmade bracelets and bows were also sold, which added a personal touch to the event and helped raise further funds.

We are thrilled to announce that the total amount raised from the day was an impressive £250. This generous sum has been donated to Womankind Worldwide, an organization dedicated to empowering women and promoting gender equality across the globe.

Thank you to all who participated and supported this cause, and for helping us make a difference in the lives of women around the world! Together, we can continue to create positive change and support the advancement of women everywhere.



Thank you for your kind donation of £250.00 to Womankind Worldwide.





Your gift moves us closer towards a world where every woman and girl can live free from violence and discrimination, have a say in the decisions affecting her life, and be free to know and claim her rights.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Christmas Decorating Competition Winners Announced!

This year's Christmas decorating competition was a huge success, with form rooms throughout the school transforming into festive wonderlands! Each room showcased creativity, holiday spirit and impressive teamwork. After much anticipation, we are excited to reveal the winners:

Congratulations to these winning form rooms for their outstanding decorations! Their efforts truly captured the magic of the season. Keep an eye out for more festive fun as we continue to celebrate the holiday season!

7-5 - Room 14	8-6 - Room 25	9-3 - Room 8	10-1 - Art 1
			

CHARITY BAKE SALE

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent Bake Sale, held on April 4th, which was organised by SLG and History Ambassadors, with the support of Miss Sikander, Miss Lordan, and Mr. Steele.

The event was a tremendous success, thanks to all of you who participated, donated and baked delicious treats!

All proceeds from the bake sale will go to support the amazing work of Save the Children and Hands at Work Africa in the Democratic Republic of Congo. These funds will help provide education, health services, and essential support to children and families who need it most.

With your help, we raised a significant amount of £370. A special thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers, Miss Sikander, Mr Steele, Miss Lordan, SLG and the History Ambassadors, whose efforts helped make this event possible. Without your time, energy and support, we couldn't have made this event such a success!

We're grateful to everyone who contributed in any way, whether by donating, baking, or simply showing up to support a worthy cause.

The winner of the best designed cake was **Jindan Sagu in 7-6**.

Thank you for helping us make a difference! Together, we've taken a step toward a brighter future for children in the DRC.



Miss Sikander

Successes

YEAR 9 ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

Well done to all of the Year 9 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who took part in training earlier in the year: **Hannah, Ruby, Emily, Rhian, Charlotte, Hope, Lucy, Eliza, Macayla & Ria**.

All students received a badge and certificate for their training and will be planning a social action project to raise awareness of how our school tackles bullying behaviour in the near future.

Well done to all of you!

Miss Gregory - Head of Year 9



A MAJOR SUCCESS FOR BOXY BOOTS!

The Young Enterprise group, has worked in collaboration with Solihull Moors Football Club to plan a successful fundraising event for their business, Boxy Boots. The marketing team at Boxy Boots worked hard to design boot collection boxes, a pull-up display board, promotional leaflets, and advertisements to raise awareness about their boot donation initiative at Solihull Moors FC.

During the Solihull Moors vs. Yeovil football match, students hosted a stand at the ground and organised a quiz competition for children. The quiz aimed to highlight the large number of football boots that end up in landfills and emphasise the importance of recycling and sustainability. Solihull Moors FC generously donated a pair of signed football boots as a prize for the competition. Additionally, the students delivered a presentation to guests in the hospitality lounge, sharing insights into their business model and future plans.

Their efforts resulted in the collection of 27 pairs of football boots and a total of £108.45 raised in donations. Boxy Boots will now upcycle the donated boots and distribute them back into the community. Some will be donated to local HAF (Holiday Activity & Food) programmes, while others will be auctioned or sold at a significantly reduced cost. The funds raised will enable the team to organise similar initiatives, further expanding their reach and supporting children across the West Midlands who may not have access to affordable football boots. This event was a great success, significantly raising the profile of Boxy Boots and its mission. The team is excited to continue growing their initiative and making a meaningful impact in the community. To follow their story of donate football boots, please visit www.boxyboots.com or follow them on Instagram @boxyboots



Mrs Neale



Intermediate Mathematical Challenge 2025

This term 32 Year 10 students participated in the UKMT Intermediate maths challenge. It is a 60-minute, 25 multiple choice challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. The problems on the Intermediate Maths Challenge are designed to make students think mathematically.

Example question with solution:

The triangle PQR is isosceles with $PQ = PR$. The point S lies on the extension of the line QR as shown.
 $\angle RPQ = x^\circ$ and $\angle SRP = y^\circ$, where x, y and $\frac{y}{x}$ are integers.

What is the largest possible value of $\frac{y}{x}$?

A 36 B 23 C 17 D 8 E 5

SOLUTION **B**

Because angles on a straight line add up to 180° , we have $\angle PRQ = (180 - y)^\circ$.

Because the triangle PQR is isosceles with $PQ = PR$, we can now deduce that $\angle PQR = \angle PRQ = (180 - y)^\circ$.

Therefore, because the angles in a triangle add up to 180° , it follows that

$$x + (180 - y) + (180 - y) = 180.$$

This last equation may be rearranged to give

$$2y = 180 + x,$$

and hence

$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{90}{x} + \frac{1}{2}.$$

For $\frac{y}{x}$ to be as large as possible, x must be as small as possible.

For $x = 1, 2$ and 3 , $\frac{90}{x}$ is an integer, and hence $\frac{y}{x}$ is not an integer. However, for $x = 4$,

$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{90}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{45}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 23.$$

Hence this is the largest possible value of $\frac{y}{x}$.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students:

Special award for **Phoebe** for being best in school!

BRONZE AWARDS	
Morgan	Kacen
Florence	Nancy
Zelia	Georgina
Amelia	Lydia
Chloe	Aira
Betsy	Ellie
Carina	

SILVER AWARDS
Holly
Anushka
Andrea
Tamuda
Kitty
Isabelle

Ms Yeomans

STAR OF THE YEAR



We would like to congratulate Andre Alto, our amazing Chef Manager who is responsible for delivering the catering provision here at KNKS, on winning the prestigious OCS's 2024 Director's 'Star of the Year' award for Education.

After winning the Directors 'Star of the Month' for March in 2024 for Education, Andre was entered into the 'Star of the Year' Award for 2024 and won! On Friday 4th April, Andre was presented with a certificate, a bottle of champagne and a £1,000 lifestyle voucher by the Business Director of OCS Martyn Stockwin at KNKS, and was joined by other senior members of OCS, along with KNKS staff; Nicola Raggett, Clare Skinner and Joanne Taylor and last but not least, the whole kitchen team, who were also presented with flowers and a bottle for all their support and hard work in supporting Andre deliver the superb daily offering we enjoy at KNKS.

A HUGE well done Andre from everybody at KNKS, the award is very well deserved!



House News & Praise

PRAISE NEWS

Well done to all students who were presented Spring Term Awards in our end of term assemblies.

Well done also to the many students who received a bar of chocolate for our Zero & Zenith Praise. Zero & Zenith recognises No Behaviour Points (Zero) and High Attendance (Zenith) for the 1st half of this academic year. Zero & Zenith data refreshes for the 2nd half of the year so any students who may have had a small slip in standards in the 1st half, get a fresh start for the 2nd half.

Out of 815 Students from Year 7 to Year 11 there were:

- 442 with 97% or above attendance
- 137 with 100% attendance
- 605 with no behaviour points
- 308 with just a behaviour warning

These figures testify to how the majority of our students behave impeccably – well done again.

HEADTEACHERS AWARDS

Respect: [Blaise Hunt](#) (Year 7), [Ariana McBain](#) (Year 7), [Mavis Chan](#) (Year 8), [Valonia Kirupananthan](#) (Year 8), [Willow Ingre](#) (Year 9), [Adelina Chan](#) (Year 9), [Abby Tranter](#) (Year 10), [Chloe Renshaw Assiene](#) (Year 10), [Jane Harris](#) (Year 11) & [Navneet Wilkhu](#) (Year 11).

Courage: [Ava Carol](#) (Year 7), [Seren Delaney](#) (Year 7), [Maria Dunne](#) (Year 8), [Eekshita Nagandla](#) (Year 8), [Romilly Brooks](#) (Year 9), [Lily Green](#) (Year 9), [Nimotallahi Owolabi](#) (Year 10), [Aira Nyuhara](#) (Year 10), [Katie Rawlings](#) (Year 11), [Ryleigh Graham](#) (Year 11), & [Evie Gilman](#) (Year 12).

Flourish: [Sum Yee Law](#) (Year 7), [Charlie Stone](#) (Year 7), [Martha Newman](#) (Year 8), [Arianna Cheung](#) (Year 8), [Melis Uygun](#) (Year 9), [Adelina Chan](#) (Year 9), [Adele Suggi Soldevilla](#) (Year 10), [Asia Macartney](#) (Year 10), [Nea Stenfelt-Cox](#) (Year 11), [Carrie Law](#) (Year 11), [Manassee Mbambu](#) (Year 13), [Iman Aulaiwi](#) (Year 13) & [Emily Caves](#) (Year 13).

Total	Total	Total
Kingfisher	Nightingale	Goldfinch
142	139	140

HOUSE NEWS

A big thank you to our Languages Ambassadors [Ellie](#), [Vermilion](#), [Emma and Dora \(Year 12\)](#) for organising The Languages House Challenge. They produced a great quiz in the hall for 21 student teams and 3 staff teams. The international languages theme provided lots of interest with celebrity languages, odd one out and a music round to go with the general knowledge. Well done to all who made up the teams. The scores were very close...



Positions Per Year Group			
	1ST	2ND	3RD
Y7	G	N	K
Y8	N	K	G
Y9	G	K	N
Y10	N&G	K	
Y11	K	G	N
Y12	K	N	G
Staff	N&G	K	

Sports Update



PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Summer Term 2025

DAY	CLUB	YEAR	TIME	VENUE	Staff
MONDAY	Cricket	7-10	3:10-4:00pm	Gym/ field	Coach/ JCA
	Volleyball	12-13	3:15-4:15pm	Field/ Gym	JCA
TUESDAY	Tennis	7-13	3.15-4.00pm	Tennis courts	JCA
	Rounders	7-13	3.15-4.00pm	Field	JCA/CJO/SKE
WEDNESDAY	Fitness	7-10	3.15-4.00pm	Fitness room	JCA
	Athletics	7-13	3.15-4.00pm	Field	CJO/SKE
FRIDAY	Games	12-13	LUNCHTIME	Gym	JCA

All students are welcome to the above clubs, they are all free and they just need to bring their PE kits!

NETBALL NEWS

Well done to all students involved in the recent end of season netball tournaments. A fantastic season, see you all in September!

- Year 7 - 2nd place
- Year 8 - 3rd place
- Year 9 - 1st place
- Seniors - 2nd place



PE Department

Careers

A Reminder to look at the information on the **Careers Pages** on our school website <https://www.kngs.co.uk/curriculum/careers/> We have also added some really informative links and details about **Labour Market Information** This highlights future employments demands and offers information about career opportunities. Definitely worth a look!

CAREERS GUIDANCE

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 have their work experience upcoming in the week beginning **14th July** and are now mostly placed. If your child requires support with sourcing a placement please contact Mr Ali (Sali@kngs.co.uk) who has a list of available placements.

Year 10 also have an upcoming careers advice and guidance day (**9th July**) during which they will learn more about colleges, T-levels, university, apprenticeships and Kings Norton Sixth Form.

All of our **Year 11** students have completed their 1:1 meeting with our careers adviser, Mrs Edwards and have been able to make key decisions about their Post 16 Options.

Our current **Year 13** students have had some excellent success with university applications. **126** KNGS Sixth Form Student have applied to university for 2025 and currently **111** have had all of their offers.

Careers website of the term:

Find out about all things apprenticeship related, including live vacancies at <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

Job of the term (provided by MyPath):



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3W8bf3qInA>

Sixth Form News

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

We recently held a Parents as Partners event on 25th March aimed at supporting both you and your child as they prepare for their upcoming A Level exams, here's a brief recap of what was covered.

- Managing A-Level Exams: Tips and Strategies for Parents and Partners
- Creating a Positive Study Environment: Parents were given practical tips on fostering an environment that enhances focus and productivity.
- Understanding Exam Stress: We discussed how to spot signs of stress in students and shared effective ways to offer support.
- Practical Study Techniques: We shared how families can help students develop a study plan and set realistic goals.
- Maintaining Wellbeing: We highlighted the importance of balancing study with rest, exercise, and healthy habits to ensure students stay both physically and mentally healthy.

It was a valuable opportunity for parents to connect with others and learn strategies that can make a difference during these crucial months.

The event was well attended we are grateful for the positive feedback. If you were unable to attend please find the link to the PowerPoint used here: [Ten top tips_Y13 PaP March 2025.pdf](#)

We were also very fortunate to have had Eilidh Shakespeare a recruitment Officer from Newman University to provide us with a Student Finance Talk for both students and their families. The session covered essential topics such as Student Finance Application Tips & Scholarships and Bursaries.

The talk was incredibly informative and provided some excellent knowledge and advice.



STUDENTS FINANCE 2015

As our students are starting to receive offers from universities and we emailed the following advice from the Student Loans Company (SLC) website to them. SLC is encouraging prospective students to start planning their student finance as Student Finance England (SFE) launches its mailing list. The full-time, undergraduate application service for the 25/26 academic year is expected to open in March 2025, and by signing up, students will be among the first to receive an email when the application service goes live.

SLC advises students to apply as early as possible for their student finance, even if they don't have a confirmed place on their course. This helps to ensure that their funding is in place at the start of term. Students in England can apply for Tuition Fee Loans to cover their fees and Maintenance Loans. <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>



INTERNAL & PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

With exam season approaching Year 12 are currently preparing for their internal assessment and Year 13 are preparing for their final exams.

Year 12 and 13 have also been going through revision techniques with their Form Tutor to help aid with preparation.

Kings Heath Parent Carer Support Group



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Light refreshments will be provided, and a member of Autism West Midlands will be present to offer support, advice and guidance.

Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

There will also be a focus each session, including the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and a focus upon wellbeing and embracing neurodiversity.

Thursdays 10am - 12pm

March 13th 2025

April 10th 2025

May 8th 2025

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