



KINGS NORTON
GIRLS' SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM



Newsletter

July 2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have completed their exams, their behaviour and attitude towards the exams was exemplary. We look forward to welcoming many of our Year 11's back in September, and we wish all those moving on to exciting new adventures every success in the future. We know our students have the talent and courage to achieve incredible things - please do stay in touch!

This academic year has been exceptionally successful. Our recent OFSTED visit confirmed that we remain "Outstanding" in all areas. We also became a founding member of the West Midlands Academy Trust in January and have already seen the benefits of this valuable partnership.

Students have been actively involved in a wide range of enrichment activities and educational visits, including opportunities within school such as theatre company performances. This term's newsletter reflects the huge number of enriching experiences students have enjoyed, including: Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, Biology and Geography fieldwork in Yorkshire, South area Network Exhibition, Music Summer Concert, Art Showcase, Sports Day & the Summer Festival.

All of these events were incredibly successful, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff who planned and led them. Your dedication continues to help our students flourish.

This term, we also bid farewell and good luck to several members of staff: Mr Lawton, Mr Perry and Miss Osman as they move on to new roles. We send them our warmest wishes. We also wish Mr Swift all the best as he begins his adoption leave.

Attendance Update Thank you! School attendance has improved by nearly 2% this year, and persistent absence has dropped by almost 6% - a fantastic achievement. While we're still working towards our target of 96%, your support continues to make a real difference.

Please keep talking to your child about the importance of regular attendance and punctuality - even if their record is already strong. If you anticipate any barriers to attendance, don't hesitate to reach out. Our reception will be open on 1st and 2nd September if you need support ahead of the new term.

I'd like to wish you all a restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming **all students** back on **Wednesday 3rd September**, arriving by 8:25 am.

Have wonderful Summer break.

Nicola Raggett - Headteacher



Dates for your Diaries

- ◆ **Monday 21st July– Friday 29th August** - Summer Break
- ◆ **Thursday 14th August** - A Level Results Day www.kngs.co.uk/about-us/examinations/
- ◆ **Thursday 21st August** - GCSE Results Day www.kngs.co.uk/about-us/examinations/
- ◆ **Thursday 21st August** - Sixth Form Enrolment - <https://www.kngs.co.uk/sixth-form/enrolment-21st-august-2025/>
- ◆ **Monday 1st - Tuesday 2nd September** - Teacher Training Days **SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS**
- ◆ **Wednesday 3rd September** - Students Return to School
- ◆ **Monday 15th September** - Year 12 Parents as Partners (Online), 5pm – 5.45pm
- ◆ **Thursday 25th September** - Whole School Open Evening, 5pm - 8pm
- ◆ **Friday 26th September** - Whole School Open Morning, 9am - 11am (last tour 10.30am) **BOOKING REQUIRED**
- ◆ **Thursday 2nd October** - Whole School Open Morning, 9am - 11am (last tour 10.30am) **BOOKING REQUIRED**
- ◆ **Monday 6th October** - Year 7 Parents as Partners & Year 9 Parents as Partners Drop In
- ◆ **Monday 20th October** - Year 11 Parents as Partners
- ◆ **Friday 24th October** - Teacher Training Day **SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS**
- ◆ **Monday 27th - Friday 31st October** - Half Term Break



Uniform Expectations

As we prepare for the new school year, we'd like to remind all students and families of our uniform expectations. Wearing the correct uniform helps promote a sense of pride, belonging and equality across our school community.

The full uniform policy can be found on our website Policies – [Uniform – Kings Norton Girls' School](#) - please note that bracelets are no longer part of our school uniform.

Attendance Matters

Excellent attendance is key to academic success and personal development. As we begin the new term in September, we ask all families to prioritise punctuality and full attendance.

Key reminders:

- Students should arrive by **8:15am and no later than 8:25am**
- Absences must be reported by **8:20am** on the day, with a clear reason.
- Holidays during term time will not be authorised.
- Medical appointments should be made outside school hours where possible.

We aim for every student to achieve **100% attendance**. Let's work together to ensure a strong start to the new academic year!

Mrs Mugridge - Deputy Headteacher, Students

Events, Trips & Clubs

YEAR 7 SPACE DAY



Year 7 had the opportunity to explore various ideas relating to space on Tuesday 24th June at the inaugural Science department space day.

Students rotated around 5 space themed stations including: An inflatable planetarium show by Wonderdome, a series of fire and ice demonstrations with liquid nitrogen, a rockets workshop, a problem-solving escape room, and designing aliens adapted for life in different parts of the solar system. Students had a great time and learnt a lot.

The Science department are looking forward to running the day again next year!



Dr Harvie - Science Department

SOUTH AREA NETWORK ART EXHIBITION

On Monday 7th July, the Birmingham School of Art at BCU came alive with colour, creativity, and inspiration as it hosted the South Area Network Art Exhibition.

The event showcased the exceptional talent of our A Level art and photography students, whose work captivated guests with its originality and depth. It was a fantastic evening filled with pride, passion, and artistic brilliance; a true celebration of the next generation of visionary creators.

Mrs Everson



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GCSE DRAMA THEATRE VISIT - WAR HORSE

On Thursday 10th July, our GCSE Drama students attended a performance of *War Horse* at The Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham.

This was a powerful and visually stunning production, based on Michael Morpurgo's novel. The visit offered a unique opportunity for students to experience live theatre as part of their GCSE studies. The visit will undoubtedly enhance their understanding of performance techniques, staging, and characterisation, all of which are essential components of the course. The students were captivated by such a moving and memorable piece of theatre.

One audience member commented:

"The production of *War Horse* was just amazing. The life-sized horse puppets were so realistic and told the story in such a powerful way.

The use of lighting, sound, and movement created such a moving experience. An unforgettable performance!"

Ms Cartin



ANNUAL AWARDS

On Tuesday 8th July we held our Annual KNGS Award Ceremony. It was great to see over 200 parents in attendance and we were delighted to receive lots of positive comments about the event - there was a lot to celebrate!

Thank you to **Poppy Bodell** (Year 7) for her Flute Solo, to **Ruby Marlew-Murray** (Year 9) for her poetry reading and to our Year 9 Quartet; **Reina Chong, Yu-Zhen Wang, Yasmin Ahmed & Summer Kwock** for their performance.

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



YEAR 12 VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY

Year 12 Physics students were recently given an amazing trip to the nuclear physics facilities at Birmingham University and the QE Hospital.

The group had the chance to see a range of university facilities including particle accelerators that they have learnt about in lessons. These accelerators are used for research in many different areas, whether it is medical physics, or understanding how to mix paint efficiently! We were also shown the university's new 'Neutron Therapy' machine, which has been designed as a new type of radiotherapy. This machine is the first of its kind in the UK and will be used in Birmingham for research which will help improve cancer treatment here in the future.



Students were then taken on a tour of facilities in the QE Hospital where they were able to see other particle accelerators being used in real life applications, treating patients with cancer. This included a visit to the Cyber Knife suite - one of only a handful of such machines in the UK, which provide life-saving treatment to many patients.

Patients using this machine need to have a special mask made for them, so that they can be held in exactly the same place for each treatment, and some lucky students were able to have their own mask made for them so we could really understand the process!

A huge amount of work was put into organising this by Dr Heyes of the Radiotherapy Physics Department at the QE Hospital, so many thanks go to him for arranging such a unique visit.

Mrs Crompton

WMAT STEM COMPETITION SUCCESS

On Thursday 27th June, twelve of our Year 9 and 10 students proudly represented our school at the WMAT STEM Competition, hosted by Swanshurst School. The event brought together budding young scientists, engineers, and mathematicians from across the WMAT to take part in a fun-filled and challenging day of activities.



Our students tackled everything from a high-energy science relay race to a rollercoaster-building engineering challenge, finishing the day with a fiercely contested maths quiz.

We're thrilled to announce that our team came out on top! Huge congratulations to **Abby Tranter**, **Kacen McCarthy**, **Heidi Gloag**, and **Sophie Lam** for their outstanding teamwork and problem-solving skills that secured the win. A fantastic achievement - well done to all who took part!

Miss Sikander

DRAYTON MANOR

Year 7, 8 and 9 had their rewards trips to Drayton Manor this term. On the 16th, 17th and 18th June pupils with excellent attendance and behaviour were rewarded by having a day out at Drayton Manor. The trips were a huge success with over 100 pupils attending on each of the days. The pupils had a wonderful time and their behaviour on the trip was exemplary, following all instructions and being excellent ambassadors for the school. The staff accompanying the trips remarked on what outstanding days they were.



Miss Cawley

SUMMER READING/WRITING BINGO CHALLENGE

During the summer holidays we would like to challenge all pupils, but particularly those in Years 7, 8 and 9 to complete all the Summer Reading/Writing Bingo Challenges. To complete the challenge the activities must be completed individually and should take a least 20 minutes. Once achieved parents and carers are asked to sign off each challenge. Pupils will then need to bring in the sheet and all the completed tasks to Mrs Edwards/Ms Lyons in the Learning Hub in September.

Rewards will be given as follows:-

- One line = 1 praise point
- Two lines = 1 praise points and entry into the Summer Challenge Raffle to win prizes.
- Full House = 5 praise points and entry into the Summer Challenge Raffle to win prizes.

Mrs Edwards

Read under a tree Signed..... Date achieved.....	Read before bed 3 nights a week for six weeks. Signed..... Date achieved.....	Research and write down 5 facts about a place you have been during the holidays. DID YOU KNOW? Signed..... Date achieved.....	Write a book review Signed..... Date achieved.....
Read a magazine or graphic novel Signed..... Date achieved.....	Read a whole book Signed..... Date achieved.....	Read three poems outloud Signed..... Date achieved.....	Read an online article Signed..... Date achieved.....
Watch a film that is based on a book Signed..... Date achieved.....	Read in the dark with a torch Signed..... Date achieved.....	Read to a family member Signed..... Date achieved.....	Write an acrostic poem using the word 'summer' ACROSTIC Date achieved.....
Draw a picture of your dream island and label it. Signed..... Date achieved.....	Go for a walk and write a description of what you see. Signed..... Date achieved.....	Read a whole book Signed..... Date achieved.....	Make a bookmark out of recycled materials Signed..... Date achieved.....

READING WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Thank you to all of you who joined our reading webinars this academic year.

Our Final webinar looked at 'Top Tips to Get Your Children Interested in Reading'. As the summer holidays are about to start now is the perfect time to help your child(ren) get interested in reading. It is time to relax and forget about school and more formal learning, and time to gently help your child(ren) discover for themselves how much pleasure and relaxation reading can actually bring!

We've come up with 5 simple and fun tips which can be used in the holidays, and all through the year, to help your child(ren) develop a love of reading this summer and beyond. Please find the [resources here](#). to the webinar along with all the other webinars from this year.

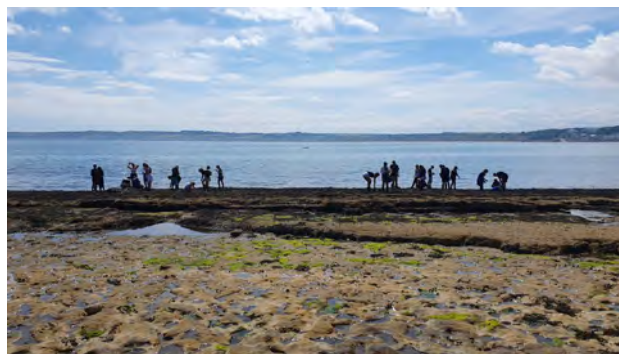
Ms Cartin - Assistant Headteacher, SENCO

BIOLOGY & GEOGRAPHY YEAR 12 FIELD TRIP

In July, 26 year 12 biologists and 21 geographers completed a glorious (but hot!) 4-day residential field course in beautiful North Yorkshire. The geographers developed a wide range of skills and collected much of the data needed to complete their non-exam assessment, while the biologists consolidated their knowledge of biodiversity and ecosystems by carrying out a wide range of real-life ecology investigations. Between the two groups they visited an intensive pig farm, free-range cattle farm, woodland,



river and coastal ecosystems, areas of urban regeneration and a stunning chalkland meadow.



Many also chose to join us on a 'bat walk' where we used specialised equipment to convert the sonar emissions used for echolocation into audible sounds and identify the species present in nearby woodlands.

It was a real pleasure to take such a curious, fun and positive group of students, who now carry their new-found knowledge into Year 13.

Ms Caswell & Mr Lawton

YEAR 12 ENJOY A LITTLE TASTE OF SPANISH CULTURE

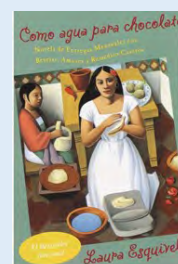
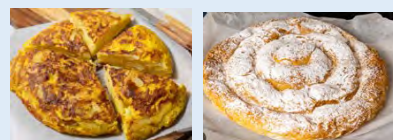
Along with the Mediterranean weather and glorious sunshine we had last week, our Year 12 Spanish students had a chance to try some of the typical dishes served in Spanish restaurants.

For the occasion we had some 'Tortilla de patatas', which is a potato omelette. We tried some chorizo slices and three different types of cured cheeses, cut in triangles as it is tradition. To accompany these, we had crackers with sunflower



seeds, called 'pipas', also a must try when in Spain. For the sweet tooth, we had a typical chocolate milk called 'Cacaolat' from Barcelona and some 'ensaimadas', some pastry rolls which are well known for their spiral shape and fluffy texture. These pastries are normally found on the island of Mallorca.

What great way to introduce our A Level study book, 'Como Agua Para Chocolate' by Laura Esquivel, which combines Mexican culinary recipes to love story.



Miss Reyes

ARTS FACULTY SUMMER SHOWCASE

On one of the hottest evenings of the year, our Arts Faculty Summer Showcase on Monday 30th June brought together the incredible talents of our students for a wonderful evening of music, drama and art.

The concert featured performances from a variety of ensembles and soloists, showcasing the hard work and dedication our students have put in throughout the year. We were also treated to moving monologues from two of our Year 11 drama students, adding a powerful theatrical moment to the evening. Parents enjoyed exploring the fantastic displays prepared by our Art, Photography, and D&T Departments as they entered the hall, creating a vibrant atmosphere before the concert began. It was a wonderful evening of celebration, and we are so proud of everyone who took part.



Mr Gell

FLUTE ENSEMBLE PLAY AT SYMPHONY HALL

On Monday 14th July, our Flute Ensemble had the incredible opportunity to perform at the world-renowned Symphony Hall as part of a massed ensemble event organised by Services for Education. Joining forces with instrumental groups from schools across the city, our students took to the stage to deliver a stunning final performance in one of the finest concert halls in the country.

This was a fantastic experience for our young musicians, and we are so proud of their commitment, teamwork, and the confidence they showed on such a prestigious stage. It was a day they will remember for a long time!

Mr Gell

Services For Education



ADHD BAKE SALE

This term we had a bake sale for ADHD Pupil Voice Group. The students volunteered to bake and/or sell the goods to staff and students. They also handed out a printout that was made by a student to raise awareness of ADHD. It was a great success well supported by all raising nearly £100. The pupil voice group will choose how they want to spend the money on items that will support their needs in school.

Mrs Dobson



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

Please note a link to the booking system for our **Early Help & Support Session** will follow in the Autumn term.

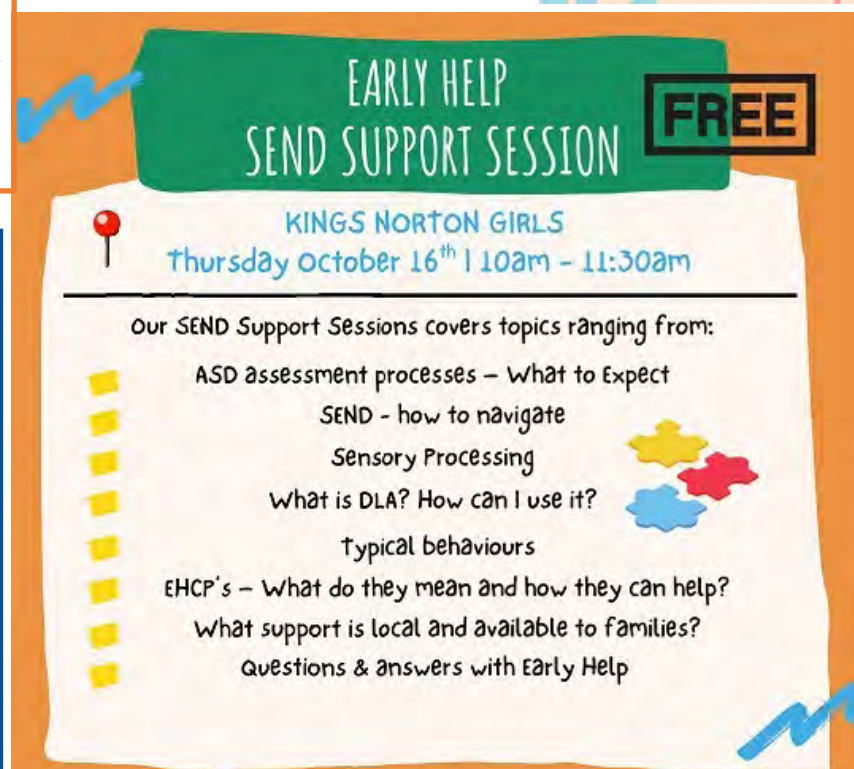
DYSLEXIA PUPIL VOICE CREATIVES

We were delighted to welcome Helen Hobson, one of our lunchtime supervisors, to run Friday lunchtime workshops learning 'decoupage' skills in the Textiles Room.

The students (with some friends) loved taking part, picked up the techniques quickly and demonstrated huge creativity. I was amazed at what they were able to create in the time and know they will value the keepsakes they took home for a long time to come. I'm sure you will agree they have produced fabulous work! (pictured right)

A very big thank you to Mrs Hobson for giving up her time again to support the group. Look out for further creative projects from the group next year.

Mrs Vaughan



VOICES OF WINDRUSH PRODUCTION

The whole of Year 8 watched a professional production by Sudden Productions 'Songs of Windrush' on July 27th. The production was on at the MAC and then toured round a few schools in Birmingham.

It was a fantastic 40 minutes introducing the students to important themes of identity and migration which they will study more in Year 9. The actors had all the students up on their feet dancing, clapping and joining in.

Ms Thatcher



YEAR 8 TRIP TO DUDLEY CASTLE & ZOO

In June, our Year 8 science students enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Dudley Zoo and Castle, and what a fantastic day it was!

From the moment we arrived, the students were exceptional ambassadors for our school. Their curiosity, enthusiasm, and respectful behaviour made the trip a real pleasure for all involved.



The day began with a walk through the zoo, where we had the rare opportunity to witness some majestic endangered species. The elusive snow leopard lounged gracefully, we got up close to a Sumatran tiger as it pierced us with its watchful gaze, and a playful baby orangutan had us all smiling as it played on its climbing structures.

The students ventured up to Dudley Castle's historic tower, where students took on the steep climb with energy and excitement. The views from the top were well worth the effort - a stunning panorama of the zoo and surrounding area.

Most students spent lunch in the sunshine watching Birds of Prey Show before carrying on exploring the zoo.

The trip was both educational and inspiring, giving everyone a deeper appreciation for wildlife conservation and local history. A huge well done to Year 8 - your behaviour and spirit made it a truly special day!

Mr McClelland

Language Ambassadors

ANTHEA BELL AWARD

Congratulations to the following pupils who entered the Anthea Bell translation prize this year:

Eleanor Hodson (Year 10) - Spanish

Jessica Priest (Year 10) - Spanish

Zélia Dussol (Year 10) - Spanish

Georgie Newton (Year 10) - French and German

Vermilion Gloag (Year 12) - French

A special congratulations to **Zélia** who received a commendation for her entry. An impressive achievement given there were over 22,000 entries this year!

The Year 10 Language Ambassadors are hoping to send some postcards to the French care homes we wrote to at Christmas and we will give you more information when we return in September.

Miss Burke

Student Leadership Update

HEAD STUDENT FAREWELL & WELCOME

As we mark the end of a school year and look ahead to a new chapter, we want to take a moment to show our deepest appreciation to our incredible outgoing head students: **Iman, Manasse** and **Emily**.

Your leadership, dedication and energy have left a real mark on our school community. Whether it was representing the student voice, supporting events or leading by example: you've done it all with grace, passion and professionalism. Thank you for setting such a high standard and for all the effort you've put in behind the scenes. You'll be missed, but your legacy will absolutely carry on.

At the same time, we're very excited to welcome our new head students: **Umar Shiraz, Kara Wray** and **Millie White**. Congratulations on your appointments! We know you'll bring fresh ideas, strong leadership and the same commitment to making this school the best it can be. We're excited to see what you achieve together and how you build on the strong foundations already in place.

Here's to a new academic year, new leadership and continued student success, thank you and congratulations.



KNGS HOSTS FIRST EVER SUMMER FESTIVAL: FETE X CULTURE DAY



This July marked a milestone at KNGS as we held our first ever Summer Festival, an exciting fusion of Culture Day and Fete. With the theme "Bridges Not Borders," the festival celebrated the power of unity, diversity, and creative expression, and what a day it was!

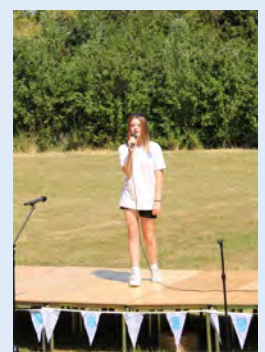
The event brought together students and staff to honour cultures from around the world through music, dance, fashion and food, while also showcasing the incredible talent that lives within our school community. It was a joyful, high-energy day filled with colour, connection and celebration.

The Talent Show segment was a standout moment, with students from all year groups stepping up to perform and share their passions. After a series of unforgettable acts, the results were:

3rd Place – **Ivy Mallard**, with a stunning and heartfelt performance OF Back to Black by Amy Winehouse

2nd Place – **Ellie R**, who wowed the crowd with her vocals and stage presence singing the cup song by Anna Kendrick

1st Place – **Summer and Co**, who performed a beautiful acoustic version of "2002" by Anne-Marie, complete with live vocals and guitar, earning thunderous applause and a well-deserved win



The festival's success is a testament to the spirit of KNGS, a community that thrives on inclusion, celebration and student voice. A huge thank you to all staff, performers, organisers, SLG, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Ambassadors and supporters who helped bring this day to life. This year's theme, Bridges Not Borders, was truly reflected in every performance, every outfit, every cheer and every shared moment.

A huge thank you goes out to every single student who walked the runway, took to the stage, and showed their creativity, confidence and courage. Whether you were modelling cultural dress, singing, dancing, or performing, you lit up the festival with your energy and passion. We're especially proud of those who committed their time each week to rehearsals, showing dedication, teamwork, and true KNGS spirit. It takes guts to get up in front of a crowd, and every one of you should be incredibly proud of what you achieved. You made the day unforgettable. Thank you!

Here's to making this a new tradition at KNGS - and to even bigger celebrations in the years ahead!

Ms Sikander

Successes

KNGS CHEF MANAGER SCOOPS NATIONAL AWARD

KNGS Chef Manager, Andre Alto from Kings Norton Girls School (OCS Group Ltd) has been crowned the winner of the Grab 'N' Go Challenge, which is sponsored by SchoolGrid, following a live cook-off against two other school chefs at the Main Event.

The competition challenged school chefs to design, cook and serve a nutritious food item that can be eaten 'on-the-go' by youngsters. Chefs were tasked to cook four portions of a grab & go meal or breaktime savoury snack with a total cost per head of 80p (to include food costs and serving item- box, cone, paper wrapping) in just 40 minutes. Andre's winning dish was a longganisa rice burger.

Congratulations Andre, we are delighted for you!



YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHERS - SUSTAINABLE WATER PROJECT

"For our project, we come up with an idea to help save and recycle water. Our group created a simple and affordable method that could work in countries that don't have access to expensive technology like desalination plants. We believe our idea could be a great new way to recycle water in developing and poorer countries.

Our method is called *Pasteurised Sieving*. Here's how it works:

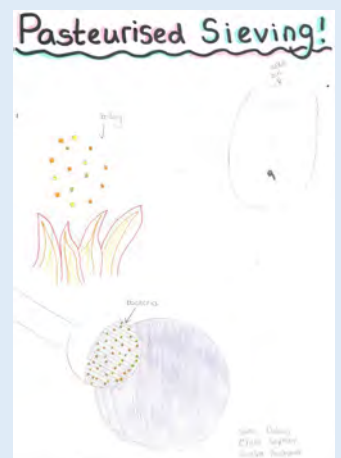
First, we collect rainwater in large water tanks. This is smart because rainwater doesn't have salt in it - salt is too heavy to evaporate - so it's already cleaner than seawater. This makes it easier and cheaper to clean, which is helpful for countries with fewer resources.

Once the rainwater is collected, we boil it in a large pan with a lid. The lid keeps the steam from escaping, which helps save water. Boiling the water kills most of the bacteria and germs. Then, we boil it again at a higher temperature to make sure any leftover bacteria are destroyed.

After boiling, we filter the water using a super fine sieve with tiny holes. These holes are so small that bacteria (even dead ones) can't get through, making the water safe to use.

Even in places where there isn't much rain, we think countries could work together and share this kind of system to help each other and protect the planet. Our idea is just the beginning, but we hope it can make a big difference."

A huge well done to **Seren Delaney**, **Scarlett Bashford**, and **Chloe Seymour** for their exceptional dedication and hard work in developing their sustainable water project. Their commitment to sustainability and innovation is truly impressive.



Miss Kaur

KNGS SIXTH FORMER COMPETES INTERNATIONALLY

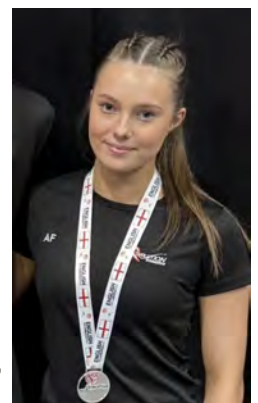
It's been a busy few months for Sixth Form student **Alicia Field**, as she competed in a number of Tumbling Championships, successfully bringing home a number a medal and some new personal bests - congratulations Alicia!

On Sunday 1st June, Alicia took part in the English Tumbling Championships held in Telford. In her first competition as a senior, Alicia got two personal bests and brought home a Silver Medal!



Alicia then went on to compete in her first International competition as a senior, competing in the World Cup in Coimbra, Portugal on 6th July. After 2 qualification rounds, Alicia made it into the top 8 to compete as the youngest competitor out of 33 senior ladies in the Final. Alicia performed so well and finished joint 6th, putting her as top girl representing Great Britain and also securing a personal best in her final run!

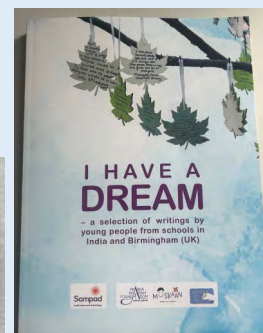
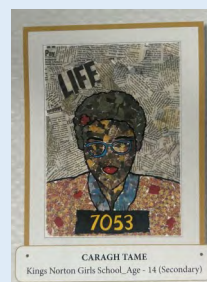
Well Done Alicia - we can't wait to hear how you get on in your next competition in November!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH PUBLICITAION

Following the Black History Month 'I have a Dream' Competition run by Sampad last year, the judges selected several of our students' work - poems and artwork - for publication. Congratulations again to:

- Shorouq Al Saffar
- Anushka Handa
- Adelina Chan
- Liz Allen
- Jessica Ensor
- Summer Kwok
- Eleanor Hodson
- Caragh Tame
- Zoe Jones
- Florence Harris
- Hannah Jones
- Cerina Li



Recently, the pupils attended a book launch at St Paul's School and were presented by the judges with a copy of the book and certificates for their published work. The pupils listened to some of the entries from other schools and a couple of them read out their entries. It was lovely to see their inspirational work in print.

Ms Thatcher

BBC BITESIZE

My Year 10 Extra Maths class had a really exciting opportunity to work with the developers of BBC bitesize. The Maths Team at the BBC have been developing KS3 maths bitesize over the last couple of years and are now developing the KS4 bitesize section.

In groups of 4 they watched some videos that the Maths Team have been developing and they gave their feedback on the videos - what they liked and what they didn't like! One of the videos was an animated version and the other had a person on the screen and there were about lots of different types of maths. Once they had watched the videos the pupils had a survey to complete, which was about the maths part of the website and other parts of BBC bitesize, such as careers. The pupils enjoyed giving their feedback about what they liked and were very honest in their answers, they also had the opportunity to ask any questions they had about BBC bitesize.

Mrs Barron de Burgh



KNGS STUDENT COMPETES IN ROLLERCUP COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Nancy McDermott** (Year 10) who competed in the Great Britain Skate Artistic Summer Rollercup in Great Yarmouth on the 14th & 15th June.

Nancy achieved a personal best score of 10.61 points in the U16 category. Well done Nancy!

Miss Johnson

JUNIOR MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE 2025

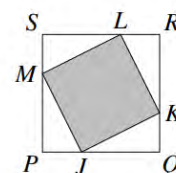


This term 32 year 8 students participated in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. It is a 60-minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge. A 60 minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. The problems on the Junior Maths Challenge are designed to make students think, most are accessible yet still challenge those with more experience.

Example question:

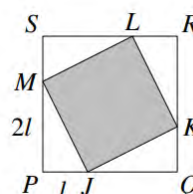
In the diagram, $PQRS$ and $JKLM$ are squares. Each corner of $JKLM$ is one third of the way along an edge of $PQRS$. What is the ratio of the area of $JKLM$ to the area of $PQRS$?

- A 1 : 2 B 5 : 9 C 3 : 5 D 4 : 7 E 3 : 4



Answer with working:

Let the side-length of square $PQRS$ be $3l$.
Then the lengths of MP and PJ are $2l$ and l respectively.
Therefore, by Pythagoras' Theorem,
 $MJ^2 = MP^2 + PJ^2 = (2l)^2 + l^2 = 4l^2 + l^2 = 5l^2$.
So the area of square $JKLM$ is $5l^2$.
Also, the area of square $PQRS$ is $(3l)^2 = 9l^2$.
Hence the required ratio is $5l^2 : 9l^2$, that is 5 : 9.



Congratulations to the following students:

Special award for **Elisse** for being best in school and achieving a **GOLD Certificate**.

Elisse also received a special invite to compete with 1200 students nationally in the Olympiad maths challenge due to her outstanding success at the Challenge.

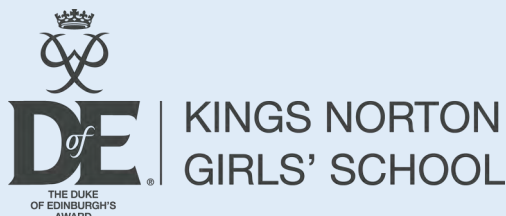
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BRONZE AWARDS

Hana	Kaidie
Amaya	Lily
Isla	Parmin
Niamh	Anna
Eloise	Connie
Mia	Shereen

SILVER AWARDS

Sophie
Joy
Bethan
Nina
Lynette
Polly
Yelin
Eekshita
Aman
Wren



Final 2025 Update:

2025 has been a fantastic year for the Duke of Edinburgh Award at KNGS! Below are a few updates and photos that will be of interest.

2025 Expeditions and Awards

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

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

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

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

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

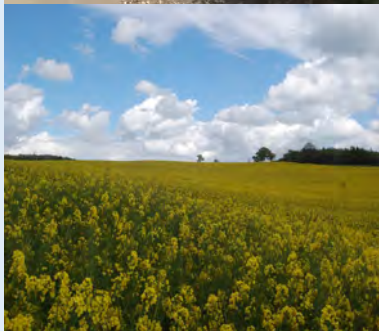
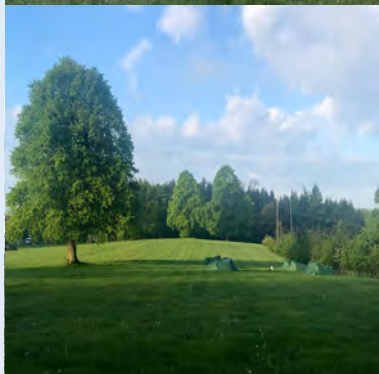
A message of thanks

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

Expedition staff: Ms Caswell, Mrs Mitchell, Miss Rickard, Miss Cawthorn, Ms Hale, Mr Goddard, Mr Lockett and Mrs Crompton.

Have a restful and relaxing summer break.

Mr Willis





Spotlight on... Extra Curricular & Personal Development at KNGS

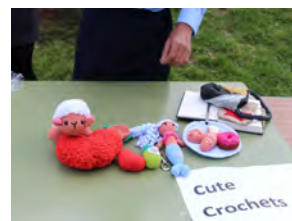
SUMMER B&E FAIR

Our Business & Enterprise club decided to have our sale outside for the Summer. There were 10 stalls in total, selling a range of products that we have made including, crochets, plastic ducks, cakes, slime and sweet treats. Our outdoor event attracted many people with all stalls attracting lots of customers and earning lots of profit! Some stalls even sold out!

“Here are some quotes from the members “We sold out on the first day and it was so fun to do with friends!” **AF (Year 8)**. “I have been a member of a club for 1 year and have taken part in three sales. Although I made more money in the Valentine’s day sale, I enjoyed this one more because I had a business partner and enjoyed being outside.” **AS (Year 8)**”

Written by Amber S (Year 8)

Mrs Neale



House News & Praise

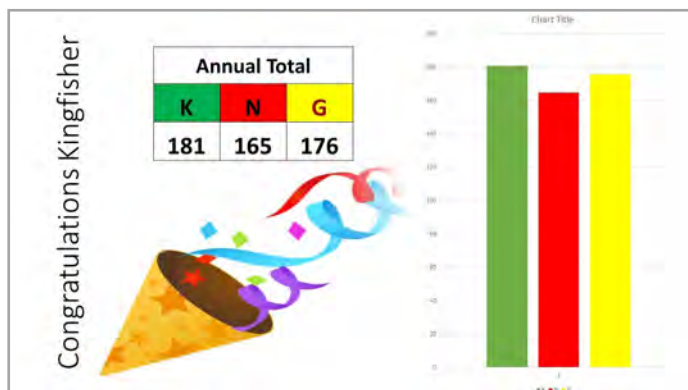
HOUSE NEWS

The Summer Term has seen lots of Inter-House activities with friendly competition and fun being had by all who took part, as well as by those that spectated and supported. We have seen Sports Day, Kin-Ball, and a new event Tug-of-War, which created lots of enthusiasm.

A huge thank you to our 3 House Captains: **Jessica Barnett, Neive McNally & Sophie Power**, along with their Deputies and Assistant House Captains, for all their hard work, support and enthusiasm this year!

Each House has seen a range of success across the activities that have taken place and a massive congratulations goes to **Kingfisher House** on being crowned this year's winning house!

Successes of each House		
Kingfisher Wins	Nightingale Wins	Goldfinch Wins
Conduct points: Autumn 2 Spring term & Summer 1 Benchball (joint win) Variety Show House Quiz Spring Tug-Of-War	House Quiz Autumn Kin-Ball Sports Day Conduct points Summer 2 Netball	Team building Inktober Spelling Bee Bench ball (joint win) Languages House Challenge Quiz



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Respect: **Daisy Barber** (Year 7), **Jess Walker** (Year 7), **Hasti Azizi** (Year 8), **Eden Lakin** (Year 8), **Megan Pearson** (Year 8), **Hannah Smith** (Year 9), **Angel Billingham** (Year 9), **Kitty Talbot** (Year 10), **Khedeeja Abdul Qadoos** (Year 10), & **Harry Charlton** (Year 12).

Courage: **Lily Knight** (Year 7), **Oriah Barr** (Year 7), **Charlie Harrison** (Year 8), **Eekshita Nagandla** (Year 8), **Patt Olechwierowicz** (Year 9), **Emily Baynton** (Year 9), **Keiko Fung** (Year 10), **Annabelle Seadon** (Year 10), **Emma O'Neill** (Year 11) & **Dora Dickinson** (Year 12).

Flourish: **Snigdha Rajeev** (Year 7), **Maia Perl** (Year 7), **Naomi Bieko-Ali** (Year 8), **Myla James** (Year 8), **Anaid Dehame-Hare** (Year 9), **Evie Hughes** (Year 9), **Grace Spiteri** (Year 10), **Mila Jankovic** (Year 10), **Joshua Walker** (Year 12), **Jess Barnett** (Year 12) & **Umar Shiraz** (Year 12).

Community: **Lorna Currie** (Year 7).

Sports Update

SPORT DAY SHOWDOWN

This year's annual Sports Day, featuring Years 7 through 10 and our Sixth Form, was a spectacular showcase of athleticism, teamwork and house spirit. The three proud houses, **Kingfisher**, **Nightingale**, and **Goldfinch**, battled fiercely across a full programme of field and track events, cheered on by peers and staff. School records were broken in a several events!

Our teachers and support staff raced in a light hearted yet hotly contested relay. Their energy and laughter only heightened the day's atmosphere, further uniting the school community.

After a day of spirited competition and unwavering support, **Nightingale** House emerged as the overall champions! A huge well done to all Nightingale competitors, and to Kingfisher and Goldfinch for fantastic performances and steadfast encouragement throughout the day.

It wasn't all about winning, this was a day for EVERYONE to shine. Whether competing, cheering, officiating, or simply showing support, every member of our school community contributed to the vibrancy of the day - thank you!!

Go **Nightingale**!



ATHELETICS

On Wednesday 21st May 2025, a group of students from Kings Norton Girls' School showcased their talent at the South Birmingham Athletics Championships Trials, held at the Birmingham University Athletics Track.

A massive well done to all the participants who competed across a variety of events and special congratulations go to those who earned selection to represent the South Birmingham region. Your selection reflects outstanding performance and commitment!



PE Department

Careers

Year 10 are completing their work experience as you read this. We have managed to place the whole year group and are very grateful to Mr Ali for all of his organisation. We have students at an impressive range of placements in areas such as healthcare, finance, education, engineering and technology, law, sports and fitness. Please remind your child that the Work Experience Booklets handed out on **Thursday 10 July**, should be completed and brought into school in September.



of opportunities available to them.

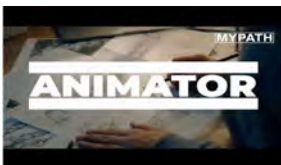
Year 7 and Year 8 have just completed their Careers lessons in PSHE. Year 7 were introduced to the competencies (or key skills) while Year 8 registered with Unifrog and started using it. Unifrog is a one-stop-shop Careers platform, providing a wealth of information about Post 16 and Post 18 options. Students from Year 8 have log ins and it really should be the first port of call when looking into careers and education.



Careers website of the term: <https://www.successatschool.org/>

A website with LOTS of information and an organisation that aims "to equip young people with the essential tools and knowledge they need to confidently shape their futures.

Whether it's advice on careers, employers, or education options, we're here to provide comprehensive guidance that supports their journey towards success."



Job of the term (provided by MyPath):

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #157 - ANIMATOR](#)

From September 2025 the new lead on Careers will be Mrs Emma Peach.

Remember! If you feel able to support our careers programme by being a member of one of our careers forum panels, or anything else, please get in touch with Mrs Peach epeach@kngs.co.uk

Sixth Form News

SUPPORTING POST-18 PATHWAYS & CELEBRATING MILESTONES

As part of our Sixth Form tutorial programme, we've launched our tutorial programme focused on exploring post-18 options and guiding our students towards exciting futures. From university visits to career discovery events, our students have embraced every opportunity with maturity, purpose and enthusiasm

EXPLORING THE FUTURE AT UNIVERSITY

Our Year 12 students recently visited Aston University for a dedicated tour exploring life after Sixth Form. They engaged superbly throughout the experience, showing exemplary focus as they toured the campus and attended informative sessions on higher education pathways.

UCAS DISCOVERY AT THE NEC

We also travelled to the UCAS Discovery event, where students interacted with universities, apprenticeship providers, and employers - all under one roof. Their curiosity and proactive approach made us incredibly proud, as they asked insightful questions and networked with confidence.

TRANSITION DAY

We welcomed over **170 prospective Year 12 students** to our Sixth Form on Transitions Day. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience our vibrant academic community, meet our passionate staff, and gain a deeper understanding of the A Level subjects we offer. The energy and excitement they brought was palpable!

A STYLISH SEND-OFF: SIXTH FORM LEAVERS BALL

At the end of June, we gave our brilliant Year 13 students the send-off they truly deserved with a memorable Leavers' Ball. It was an evening filled with elegance, laughter and some great dancing moments. It was an absolute pleasure to spend the evening with such a talented bunch!

YOUNG ENTERPRISE SUCCESS

We're thrilled to celebrate our incredible Year 12 Young Enterprise team, *Boxy Boots*, who proudly represented our school as **Regional Finalists** in this year's competition.

Their hard work, innovation, and commitment to eco-conscious business practices earned them the **Regional Award for Sustainability** — a fantastic achievement that reflects both their creativity and care for the planet.

Well done, Boxy Boots! You're an inspiration to us all.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Sixth Form Enrolment 14th August 2025 A Level Results 21st August 2025

Safeguarding Update

END OF YEAR MESSAGE

As we approach the end of another busy school year, we want to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support in keeping our pupils safe, both in school and beyond.

Safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do. While school may be closing for the summer holidays, our commitment to the safety and well-being of all our students continues. We encourage families to stay mindful of key safeguarding messages during the break.

Key Reminders for Summer Safety:

- **Online Safety:** Please continue to monitor your child's online activity. Talk to them about staying safe online and encourage open conversations. Helpful resources include ThinkUKnow and Internet Matters.
- **Out and About:** If your child is spending time with friends or exploring more independently over the summer, remind them about personal safety, staying in contact, and knowing who to turn to in an emergency.
- **Mental Health & Wellbeing:** The long summer break can be a difficult time for some young people. Encourage routines, social interaction, and open dialogue. Support is available through services like Childline (0800 1111) and YoungMinds. We will also be publishing a presentation with other key sources of support available over the summer holidays – this will be [accessible via our school website](#) and social media channels.
- **Family Connect:** This is a self-referral to an Early Help service offered by Birmingham Children's services if they feel they need additional support from external agencies during the holidays. Link: [Family Connect Form Self-Referral link for families who can complete forms whilst at home during the holidays](#).
- **Contacting Safeguarding Staff:**

Although the school office will be closed over the summer, safeguarding concerns can still be reported. If you are worried about a child, contact your local authority's children's services (Birmingham Children's Trust by calling 0121 303 1888) or dial 999 in an emergency.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and deputy DSLs will resume regular safeguarding responsibilities from the first day of the new school term.

We wish all our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break.

Miss Laura Gregory - Designated Safeguarding Lead



School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

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



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

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

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

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

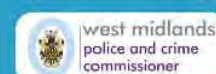
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HOW TO BOOK

**Bring
it on
Brum**

GET YOUR CODE

1

Get your BIOB code from your child's school.

If you haven't received your code, but believe you are eligible for the programme, please contact your child's school.

CHOOSE YOUR CLUBS

2

Go to bringitonbrum.co.uk and click

BOOK NOW

3

Enter your criteria E.g Location, participant age, date and click

SEARCH

To view the session details click

MORE INFORMATION

4

Once you've found a holiday club you like, click 'BOOK NOW' and choose a date and time that works for you.

5

Enter your child's details- you can add more than once child.

You may need to add 'Supplementary Information' Please write 'none' in any fields that do not apply.

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Repeat to add more sessions.

CREATE A LOG-IN

7

Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click

CHECKOUT

8

To complete your booking, you will need to create a log-in. You can then view/ edit and add any additional bookings at any time by logging in.

Create a Log-in

- ☒ Add your details
- ☒ Sign up for session reminders
- ☒ Enter your child/ children's details
- ☒ Sign up for the Bring it on Brum! newsletter

COMPLETE BOOKING

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Click

COMPLETE BOOKING

Why not take a photo of these instructions?



MORE INFORMATION:
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Thursday 16th October

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Online sessions for both Birmingham & Solihull

Tuesday 8th July

AM session 10.30- 12.30

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Tuesday 25th November

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