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# Kings Langley School News

Issue 25

## A note from the Deputy Headteacher - Mrs Sudbury

In my previous newsletter article in December, I shared information about the Year 11 and 13 trial exams and a suggested revision model that students might find helpful in structuring their revision, consisting of **Prioritise Consolidate Memorise Apply**.

This week, we are turning our focus to arrangements for the exam period with some additional resources that students may find helpful in their revision and exam preparation.

- The Summer 2025 GCSE and A-level exam timetables can be accessed on the school website as follows:

**GCSE exams began on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025:**

<https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/assets/GCSE-exam-timetable-Summer-2025.pdf>

**A-level exams begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025:**

<https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/assets/A-level-exam-timetable-Summer-2025.pdf>

## School Events

### Monday 12th May

Y11 & 13 Study leave begins

Y12 Gold DofE Practice Expedition returns

FoKLS meeting - Dining Room 5.30pm - 6.30pm

### Tuesday 13th May

Y12 National Gallery Art Trip

### Wednesday 14th May

Y9 DofE Bronze training 3.30pm—4.30pm

### Thursday 15th May

Y10 DofE Bronze Training 3.30pm—4.30pm

Y12 Geography Field Trip departs

### Saturday 17th May

Y12 Geography Field Trip Returns



- There are two contingency dates, on the afternoon of **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025** and all day on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025**. These are in place to allow for any sustained national or local disruption that may arise during the exam period, and it is important that all Year 11 and 13 students are available on these dates in case any exams need to be rescheduled.
- Information about study leave, and other important dates, is being shared with Year 11 and 13 parents and students in a separate letter being emailed this week.
- We know that social media is a big part of many students' lives but it is very important that they understand what is allowed/what is not allowed when using social media in their revision and exam preparation. To support this, the *Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ)* has produced an infographic which can be accessed by clicking on the image below or using this link: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/JCQ-Social-Media-Infographic-v6.pdf>.

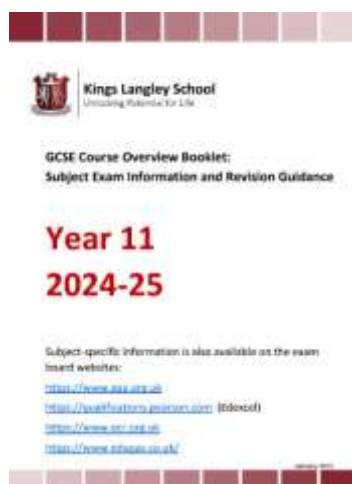
Students must not use social media to:

- **buy/ask for/share exam or assessment content on rumours of what's in exams or assessments;**
- **share their work; or with others so that their exam or assessment is not their own independent work.**

Doing any of these activities could result in a written warning; loss of marks; being disqualified from a part of, or all of, their qualifications; or being banned from taking exams and assessments for a number of years.

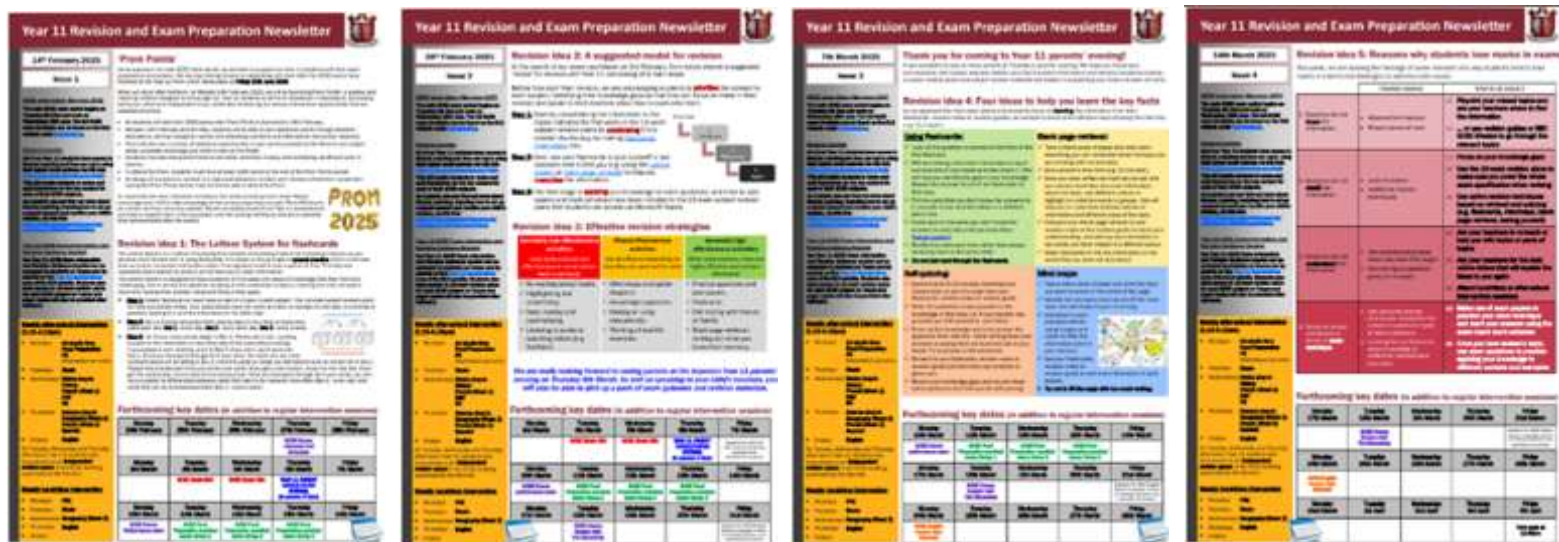


- Year 11 students have been provided with a paper copy of our **GCSE Subject Exam Information and Revision Guidance booklet** and this can also be accessed on the school website: <https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/assets/Year-11-Exam-Information-and-Revision-Guidance-Booklet-2024-25.pdf>. The aim of this booklet is to ensure that students are confident about the dates and formats of the exams in each subject and to provide them with links to useful revision websites and other resources that they might find helpful to support their revision.



- Year 11 students also have access to 13-week revision plans in every subject that breakdown the GCSE course into weekly chunks with the aim of giving students confidence that, if they tick off each section, they will have revised the whole course by the time their exams begin. Students can access electronic versions of these, which include links to relevant revision sites and past exam papers/mark schemes, on MS Teams using their usual school log-in: [13-Week Subject Revision Plans 2025](#)
- To provide parents and students with additional guidance, we are producing a weekly **Year 11 Revision and Exam Preparation newsletter** which is emailed to parents on a Friday afternoon. This contains information about weekly lunchtime and after-school intervention sessions, forthcoming key dates and revision ideas. We hope that you find it helpful. Past issues of the newsletter can also be found on the school website using this link or by clicking on the images below: [https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/home/parents/examinations/year-11-examinations/SearchForm/?Search=Weekly+revision+newsletter&action\\_results=](https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/home/parents/examinations/year-11-examinations/SearchForm/?Search=Weekly+revision+newsletter&action_results=)





We wish our Year 11 and 13 students all the best in their exams this year and we are here if you need any support or information. If you have any questions or concerns about this year's exams, please do not hesitate to contact me on [sudberyl@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sudberyl@kls.herts.sch.uk).



King Langley Secondary School are proud to support local charities.

Electric Umbrella have made it to the final in the Britain's Got Talent competition this Saturday 10th May.

To find out more about their fantastic work please [click here](#).



## Headteacher's Commendations



Congratulations to Neya 7G who recently entered her first national one competition, she was placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of 25 entrants.

She was awarded her bronze sports colour award and a Headteacher commendation for this outstanding achievement.





## Bedrock Awards



Congratulations to Mariia (7G), Mia (8D), Elsie (9A) and Rebeca (10G) for achieving the most Bedrock points last month.

## Colour Awards

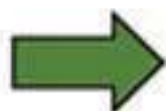


Dylan 11C was presented this week with his gold and platinum colour awards. Congratulations to him on his outstanding achievement.

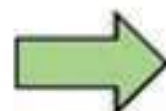


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MORE TIME TO LEARN!**

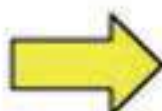
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OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



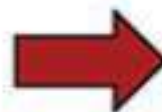
9 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



11 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



19 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



2 MONTHS  
OFF EACH YEAR



Nationally, only 35% of  
students who miss between  
10% - 20% of school go on to  
achieve 5 GCSEs at grade 9 to 4  
(A\* - C)





# Recognition

*Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something*

## Students of the Week w/c 5th May

<b>Art</b>	Joseph 8G
For continuously showing the highest level of artistic application and effort every single lesson.	
<b>Business Studies</b>	Dylan 10J
Hard working and always willing to answer questions.	
<b>Computer Science</b>	Hartley 8P
Always trying hard, showing a really high level of skill each lesson.	
<b>English</b>	Polly 8A
An outstanding piece of writing in her recent year 8 assessment.	
<b>Geography</b>	Matas 9P
Excellent geography work recently both in terms of written and verbal contributions.	
<b>History</b>	Aidan 11G
Continued focus on exam questions as part of his ongoing independent revision, for both the trial and final exams.	
<b>Maths</b>	Alex 10D
Great participation and focus in lessons and getting work done consistently.	
<b>MFL</b>	Sienna 10P
Sienna has impressed Ms. Bowen with her tremendous progress this year in Spanish.	
<b>Music</b>	Daniel 8P
For incredible stickability in his approach to his practical music assessment leading to a fantastic result.	
<b>Politics</b>	Lydia 12BRY
Showing such initiative in revision, focusing on exam practice and specifically asking for 'harsh' marking, and always wanting to improve!	
<b>Graphics</b>	Freya 9T
Excellent shop prototype.	
<b>Library</b>	Tom 9C
Showing great character to take part in the VE Day radio recording session despite not feeling 100%.	
<b>Photography</b>	All Yr13 photography students
For putting on a fabulous photography exhibition and showing determination for perfection.	



<b>Product Design</b>	Stanley 12HAD
Highest exam result.	
<b>Psychology</b>	Isabella 13MOY
For continued application and work ethic.	
<b>Philosophy, Religion, Ethics</b>	Toby 9P
Absolutely outstanding performance as the debate leader, a natural born philosophy teacher. Well done!!!	
<b>Sociology</b>	Nicole 13 WES
For a very serious and dedicated approach to final examinations.	
<b>Year 7 Head of Year</b>	Thomas 7A
The 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest number of recognition points achieved across the cohort of students.	
<b>KS5 Head of Year</b>	All Sixth Formers
For Year 12s for completing their end of year exams and to Y13s who are coming to the end of their time at Kings Langley and will be starting their study leave on Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Good luck in your exams Y13.	

**Well done to all of our students who have achieved ‘student of the week’.**

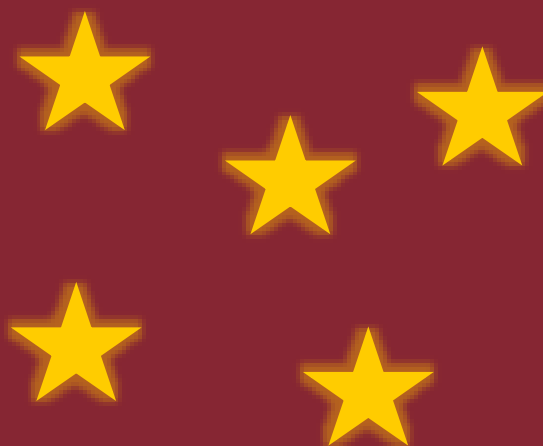


## Sports News—PE Stars



Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our PE Stars for the Spring Term for their outstanding effort and achievement.

Ben 8A, Connor 8A, Rylie 11D, Summer 11C, Dylan 11C, Zain 10D, Nefeli 7P, Elise 8C, Teagan 8C, Eliana 9J, Daisy 10P, Sophie 10D, Freya 9T, Millie 9D, Faith 8P, Mia 8J, Amelia 9P, Lucy 9C, Lewis 9D, Hudson 9D, Alex 9C, Jake 7A, Tommy 7J, Jonah 8P, Cooper 9G, Sophia 10G, George 10A, Archie 8D, Frankie 8D, Fletcher 8D, Fletcher 8D, Joseph 8G, Kyle 8G, Jess 7A, Ollie 9C, Jack 9A, Tilly 7A, Quinn 12BRY and Zac 12BRY





## Football



On Sunday 4th May Evergreen U15 Tigers clinched the Division 3 West Herts Youth League Title. With four games of the season left, Kings Langley had played all their games and were points ahead. After drawing their first game, Evergreen won 3 games in a week, beating Harpenden 5-2, Berkhamsted 6-4 and finally Everett Rovers 4-0.

Congratulations to Dexter (10J), Samim (10G) and Otis (10D) who were part of this success. In the final game against Everett, Dexter kept a clean sheet with Otis and Sam putting in excellent performances including a penalty for Sam.



A massive well done to Billy (9C), Hayden (9P) and Henry (9C) who have helped the Hertfordshire Schools' FA U/14s to reach the South East England Schools FA Inter-Counties Final.





# Drama News

## A Day in the life of an A Level Drama Student

28th April '25



At the start of the day it all looks calm, if a little messy. But everything is important - no prop goes unused!



A few last minute checks on lines, props and staging before a run through



The group decided to use lots of props all labelled with expensive prices to promote their message



Placards such as this one were created to develop the style of their piece

A Level drama students have a practical exam as well as a written exam. Last week they completed their practical and we wanted to share a little insight into their big day.





# The Government Inspector by Nikolai Gogol

28th April '25



Rehearsal was important to ensure everything went to plan and all the props were in the correct places



A simple costume allowed actors to multi-role, with gloves, bags and wigs all adding to the characters



The audience were made up of Year 9 students interested in drama, and the examiner of course!



And at the end, smiles all round!

Well done to our  
wonderful performers!  
We are so proud of the  
work you created.  
Miss Abbott & Mrs Carr

## Music News

The music department is pleased to be able to offer a series of free-of-charge drum taster lessons with our peripatetic teacher. Depending on uptake, this could be one, two or three sessions. If you would be interested in your child receiving a free session, please contact Mrs Warren on [warrene@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:warrene@kls.herts.sch.uk) Places will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

## Drama News

# DRAMA HOUSE COMPETITION



This summer production is a play called THE MIRACLE. The main character is a girl called Veronica (or Ron) who finds one day, after a flood, that she has "powers" to read people and tell them how to make themselves feel better. The community of the town have mixed feelings about this. Many want her help, but the adults especially are sceptical.

Once again we are running a competition to design a front cover for the programme to be used for the show. It needs to be A4 and portrait orientation and must include the following:

Kings Langley School Presents

The Miracle by Lin Coghlan

Thursday 10th July. 7pm. Main school hall.

Everything else about the design is up to you. It could be a drawing or painting. It could be a collage or computer designed. It could communicate the themes in the play (miracles, community, trust, family, new beginnings.) It could focus on the characters of Ron and her friend Zaine or more widely on the community they are part of. It could be naturalistic or abstract. The choice is yours! The library has a copy of the play to borrow if you want to read it to get some ideas!

All entries receive recognition points that go towards your House total. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Entries must be handed in (hard copies only) by Friday 23rd May to Mrs. Carr (G213)







PHOTOGRAPHY

## End of Year Exhibition '25

*Talent shines bright at a celebration of photographic creativity.*

The 2025 KLSix A-Level Photography End of Year Exhibition was a resounding success, drawing an exceptional turnout and garnering widespread praise for the calibre and originality of the student work on display.

Held in the school's purpose-built photography studio space, the event saw a vibrant mix of attendees, including proud friends and families, local art enthusiasts, gallery owners, staff and members of the governing body. The atmosphere was electric as visitors explored a wide-ranging exhibition featuring conceptual installation work, documentary photography, and experimental photographic works that tackled themes such as identity, climate anxiety, self-identity, and social pressures.

A major highlight of the evening was the presence of internationally renowned photographer **Vernon Dewhurst**, best known for his iconic work with surrealist and pop culture imagery. Dewhurst, who mingled with students and offered feedback on their portfolios, praised the exhibition for its "authentic voice and visual maturity well beyond the students' years."

"This kind of creative space is rare and important," Dewhurst remarked. "The confidence and craftsmanship shown by these young photographers is truly exciting. It speaks to the

strength of the teaching here and the students' courage to explore difficult and personal subjects."

The Photography department shared their delight at the exhibition: "We are so proud of our students. Their dedication, technical skill, and willingness to push creative boundaries have really paid off. Seeing such a wonderful turnout and hearing the positive response from the community — and from someone of Vernon Dewhurst's stature — is incredibly affirming for everyone involved."

Highlights from the show are included on the following pages, as well as some comments left by visitors to the exhibition.



### Yr13 Photography Students

**Abigail,  
Mikeila,  
Oscar and  
Ryan.**

**Critics hail  
the exhibition  
'thought  
provoking' and  
'professional'**

### Yr12 Students

**Siya,  
Chris,  
Rhia,  
Summer,  
Jacob,  
Dhillan,  
Ethan, Jay,  
Kyla, and  
Eleanor.**









**PHOTOGRAPHY**

## **End of Year Exhibition '25**

***Beautiful, creative and thought provoking. Such a valuable experience for all. Thank you. Mrs Butt***

*Great work, everyone! You should be very proud! Ms Hill*

*Great Photos! Wonderful imagination. Keep shooting!*

***Very impressive body of work, congrats to all!***

**Amazing!!**

**An amazing selection of different styles and ideas!**

*Absolutely amazing pictures! Very thought provoking and we can really feel the emotions.*

*Amazing pictures. A very professional display.*

*Fantastic work -so impressive -thank you. Everyone should be extremely proud.*

### **Wonderful talent.**

*Such talent and commitment. You guys/gals will do well. Thank you.*

*Fantastic showcase with great creativity and thoughtfulness, and superb exhibition.*

*Super well done to all the students!*

**Fantastic to see the work the students have created. Love the live installation with multi-media.**

*Amazing creative vision and so much raw talent within the portfolios.*

**Fantastic exhibition — loved seeing the different styles and approaches. Good luck for amazing grades!**

**Lots of hard work has paid off. Beautiful exhibition, most inspiring. Well done to you all.**

***Lots of talented young photographers. It's amazing and I can't wait to see where they go.***

# Summer Art Competition

WIN ART MATERIALS

VISITING LOCAL  
EVENTS & GALLERIES

NATIONAL  
PORTRAIT  
GALLERY



Take a photo of where you have been  
this summer -

Galleries and local events

**THE MOST EVENTS VISITED WINS!**



Closing Date: Friday 19th September



# TOOLED UP<sup>®</sup>

BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

Following the overwhelming response to our recent webinar **Netflix's *Adolescence*: Suggested Reflections for Parents and Educators - Part One (Boys and Men)**, we warmly invite you to **register for part 2 of this series.**

## **Adolescence on Netflix: Reflections on the Series (Part 2): A Focus on Female Characterisation**



**10 June 2025, 19:00-20:30 BST**

In this second webinar **Dr Weston** will take a close **look at the depiction of the programme's female characters**, and **discuss useful insights that can help inform how we parent or support young women** in the modern age.

If you missed the first webinar, it's available to watch back on the Tooled Up platform here:

**Netflix's *Adolescence*: Suggested Reflections for Parents and Educators - Part One (Boys and Men)**





# STEM Challenge

## This week's challenge:

Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

**Answer next week.**

## Last Term's answer:

We have a 100 metre piece of ribbon. If it takes one second to cut it into a 1 metre strip, how long would it take to cut the entire ribbon into 1 metre strips?

**Answer:**

99 seconds or 1 minute and 39 seconds. When the 99th cut is made, the remaining metre does not have to be cut.



**YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**

**This week's jackpot winning number was:**

**730369**

**One of our supporters won £25.80 in the draw!**





# Family Lives Summer Term Programme 2025

## Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

**Thursday 15 May to 26 June 9.30am - 11.30am**

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

## Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

**Wednesday 4 June to 9 July 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm**

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Maybe you have an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support. Join our free 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

## Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

**Friday 6 June to 11 July, 9.30 am - 11.30 am**

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

## Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

**Tuesday 10 June to 15 July 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

## Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

**Tuesday 24 June 9.30am - 11.30am**

A workshop that helps parents understand ADHD and provides strategies to help support you and your child.

## Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

**Date TBC**

A workshop that explores different types of conflict between couples and families.

For more information, please contact Louise or Lesley on **0204 522 8700/8701**, or email **[services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk)**. Please scan our QR code for our referral form.





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