



Kings Langley School News

Issue 7

A note from the Headteacher - Mr Fisher

As you are undoubtedly aware, there are numerous conflicts around the world that impact our community in distressing ways, one of them being the very serious situation that has escalated in the Middle East. I would like to make you aware that we are supporting students in the following ways:

- We have provided information from a variety of sources which range from “The Day” and reviewing slides and presentations from “Solutions Not Sides” which is an impartial organisation.
- Our Equality and Diversity Group lead by Mrs Ashraf, provides a safe space for students to air and discuss their thoughts and feelings at this time.
- We will be raising money next half term which will be donated to support relief efforts for all those affected. After half term our School Leadership Team will continue to discuss these events and how we can continue to support our community.

Our role is to support all students and to not adopt allegiance to one perspective or group over any other. I have written to all staff to remind them of these facts and the advice of ASCL on the importance of support and impartiality.

School Events

**Monday 30th / Tuesday
31st October**

Y7-Y10 Flu Vaccinations

Friday 3rd November

KS5 - DENS Sleep Out to
Help Out - pm / all night

Saturday 4th November

KS5 British Film Festival in
Sixth Form Centre PM / Eve



Any student who wishes to talk about these events is more than welcome to speak to me directly, Mrs Ashraf, Mrs Sharp or one of their trusted adults in the first instance.

I have also been advised about some misleading videos and posts on social media sites that present an unchecked and often unbalanced narrative around what is going on. From an e-safety perspective I would advise all parents to keep a look out for this. Likewise, I would advise all students to refrain from engaging with posts about these recent events on any social media sites.

I would like to once again signpost parents to the Tooled-Up resources shared by Dr Kathy Weston. If parents have not already signed up to these resources, I would highly recommend it. <https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/home/wellbeing/tooled-up/>

I hope this clarifies the school position and response to these devastating events and a reminder that as an organisation we will continue to support our students and families in any way we can around all forms of conflict.

Progress continues well with our second of three developments to enhance the facilities. A huge thank you to the Deakin family for their generous contribution to the school, the Jacoby family and those who have contributed anonymously. We are now at 2% off our target figure raised so a long way to go! If you would like help the school by ensuring the project is completed to the standard we want please do so via our just giving page - [Kings Langley School 3G Football Pitch - JustGiving](#) every donation will help us achieve our goals of ensuring young people in our community have access to the best facilities.





Donation

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Deakin who donated £250 to the school.

Mr Deakin purchased a new minibus and as part of the commitment to the local community, he has been given £250 to put towards a charity or organisation he has nominated Kings Langley School. This is a very generous donation.





As parents, we have to be ready for anything as we watch our children grow and develop. Pandemics can occur, war can break-out and unexpected challenges can sadly occur in family life. In such situations, we need to 'dig deep' and seek ways to support children and young people optimally. How do we do that?

Making Sense of the World Webinar

Watch this conversation, featuring child psychiatrist, Dr Dennis Ougrin and neuroscientist, Anna Tarasenko as they share 'tried and tested' strategies on how to talk to children about traumatic events. If you don't have time to watch, please read our essential **tips list**.

<https://members.tooledupeducation.com/resource/webinar/making-sense-of-the-world-webinar-with-dr-dennis-ougrin-and-anna-tarasenko>

Or have a look at the top tips here <https://members.tooledupeducation.com/resource/tips-to-try/talking-to-children-about-traumatic-events-in-the-world-10-things-to-remember>

My Coping Menu

When we feel strong emotions, such as sadness, anger, fear or anxiety, it's useful to have a toolkit of ideas that we know can help elevate our mood and help us cope better. Use our 'coping menu' as a springboard for family conversation and share what works for you. Encourage your children to reflect on activities and ideas that they can use to cope better in all aspects of their lives.

Making Sense of the Menopause: a Live Q&A

It is *World Menopause Day* today so tune into this informative webinar with Dr Barton, The Menopause Medic, who talks us through how the menopause affects women and the wider family! She answers questions, separates fact from fiction and talks listeners through available treatment options.

School Holiday Planner

If anyone has a school break coming up or simply needs help thinking about how to spend time with one's children, enjoy our template that can help you navigate best use of time!

Interested in neurodiversity?

We have fresh webinars in the library and live events coming up. In recognition of dyspraxia awareness week last week, we have added a new **webinar** to our platform.

If you are interested in learning from the world's experts on ADHD, don't forget to register for our day-long, online **event** on the 10th November.



Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 16th October

Art	Louis 13SCO
A superb acrylic painting that is in the style of, and influenced by an artist who depicts mental health in his work.	
Drama	Kane 7G
For showing great determination and stickability in lessons.	
English	Jay 11C
Outstanding work on creative writing.	
Food Technology	Henry 7P
For always showing empathy towards his peers in lesson.	
Geography	Stefan 10J
Excellent start to GCSE geography and amazing score on mid-topic test, well done.	
Politics	Evie 13OHA
Excellent essay on core ideologies. Keep it up!	
Graphics	Raman 13SCO
Detailed and creative design ideas.	
History	Mahi 8G
Excellent effort and engagement in history lessons – thank you for your enthusiasm!	
Library	Rebecca 8J
Working well independently at the library desk.	
Music	Gerry 10D
For his positive and enthusiastic attitude towards music and music theory and for the support and empathy he is showing towards other students in the class.	
PHSE	Raiyah 7C
Excellent contributions in resilience lessons.	

Physical Education	Keeden 7D
Showing an excellent willingness to learn new skills in rugby. Consequently, Keeden has made very good progress this half term.	
Product Design	Mateo 7G
For hard work in class and a great outcome	
Psychology	Emma 13ELL
For an excellent grade on a Biopsychology topic test.	
Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	Ellie 10J
Excellent work on your evaluation 12-mark essay. Keep it up!	
Sociology	Joseph 13LIY
For excellent verbal communication and accurate answers to questioning.	
Textiles	Kaci 9J
Excellent practical work and completed bunting.	
Year 7 Head of Year	Beau 7P
Outstanding work representing the school at Open Evening.	
Year 10 Head of Year	Rylie 10D
Stickability and Self-Regulation: Rylie has had a great start to year 10. He is focused and driven and sets a good example amongst his peer group.	
Year 11 Head of Year	Marcus 11C
Great contribution to the weekly assembly.	
Key Stage 5 Head of Year	Katy 12DLK
An outstanding painting of the corpse bride on her pumpkin for the sixth form pumpkin festival.	

Well done to all of our students who have achieved 'student of the week'.

Best at Bedrock! Week 7

All of these names have been placed into a prize draw which will be drawn at the end of the term.

Highest points earned in each year group

- Sophie - 7D (185 points)
- Sastika—8A (163 points)
- **Adam—9P (205 points)**
- Aimee - 10J (95 points)
- Samuel—11D (51 Points)

Highest progress made in each year group

- Mia - 7D (109%)
- Freya - 8T (582%)
- Milo - 9D (555%)
- **Riley - 10P (1267%)**
- Freddie - 11D (226%)



Artwork of the Week



Louis has produced this superb acrylic painting of another Yr13 student in the style of, and influenced by the artist Bryan Charmley. The artist explores the depiction of mental health and Louis has been exploring this in his own creative work.

Louis—13SCO



Photography of the Month



Todd took this photograph after being introduced to the project theme of identity. This photograph captures a single, abandoned piece of footwear which prompts us to consider the topic of consumerism within objects that we own and how this changes when we abandon them.

Todd—13SCO



STEM Challenge



You have two ropes that each take an hour to burn, but burn at inconsistent rates. How can you measure 45 minutes? (You can light one or both ropes at one or both ends at the same time.)

Answer next term

Last week's answer:

Four cars come to a four-way stop, all coming from a different direction. They can't decide who got there first, so they all go forward at the same time. They do not crash into each other, but all four cars go. How is this possible?

Answer: They all made right-hand turns



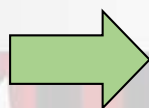
Attendance Ladder

MORE TIME IN SCHOOL =
MORE TIME TO LEARN!

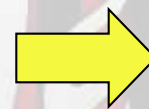
4 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



9 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



11 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



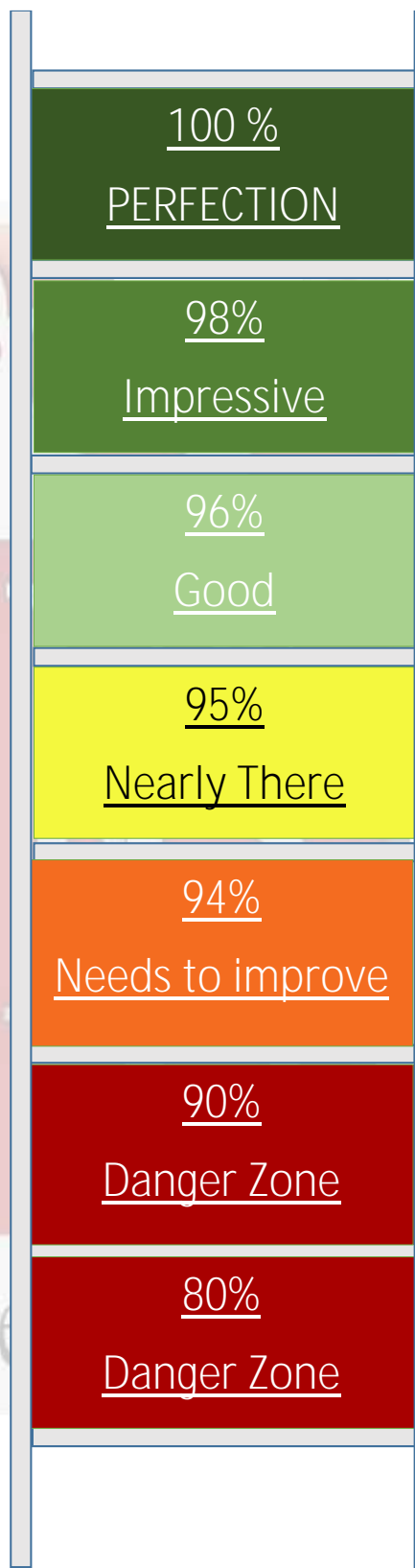
19 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



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)



Upcoming Sixth Form events and diary dates:

19th October—Yr12 ATL grade reports published

3rd November—'Sleep Out to Help Out' charity event

9th November—Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening

14th November—Men's Mental Health Awareness event

21st November—British Film Festival

22nd November—6th Form Open Evening (prospective new students)



Who to contact in sixth form:

Attendance & Punctuality—Mrs Battaglia (KS5 Pastoral Leader)

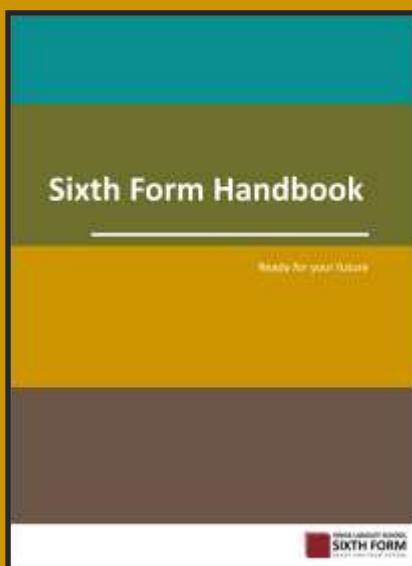
Academic and Curriculum—Mr Scott (KS5 Curriculum Leader)

General Enquiries—Miss Allan (KS5 Administrator)

Wellbeing—Mrs Battaglia (KS5 Pastoral Leader)

Leadership and management—Mr Tubb (Principal Assistant Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form)

Safeguarding—Mr Tubb (Principal Assistant Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form)



Sixth Form Handbook:

Please refer to the sixth form handbook for our policies and procedures (scan the QR code). If you still have questions, please contact the sixth form office on 6form@kls.herts.sch.uk or 01923 264504



Into the Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 22nd November, 6pm-8pm



- ◆ Find out about the courses we offer
- ◆ Learn about A-Level subjects and recommended subject combinations
- ◆ Speak to subject specialists
- ◆ View and experience our brand new, purpose built sixth form building
- ◆ Speak to our SENCO
- ◆ Find out about bursary information
- ◆ Speak to current students of the sixth form
- ◆ Hear about the successes and destinations of past students of the sixth form
- ◆ Find out why KLS Sixth Form can further unlock your potential and take you towards your career aspirations

The Head of Sixth Form talk will start at 7pm.

If you would like any information about the evening or about sixth form, please email 6form@kls.herts.sch.uk or speak to Mr Tubb, Principal Assistant Head & Head of Sixth Form.

Sixth Form Social & Community Events:

Creative Pumpkin Festival 2023 started on Monday 16th October where students were invited to either bring in a decorated pumpkin from home or join in with a creativity session during the day. We have been impressed by some of the entries but also impressed with the participation of students in this activity which supports our drive on creativity and wellbeing activities. See below for some of the creations.



Sleep Out to Help Out

Friday 3rd Nov. 7pm-7am

Dear neighbours and residents of Kings Langley Sixth Form,

I am writing to you to let you know about a charitable event taking place at Kings Langley Sixth Form on the above date.

Our amazing and empathetic students are raising money and collecting urgent-need items for a Dacorum based charity, DENS who work to support young homeless people in Dacorum. But more importantly, they are raising awareness and are going to get an insight into the reality of homeless by sleeping out with just a sheet of cardboard and sleeping bags, outside the school building (supervised by several members of staff).

We appreciate that for our close neighbours, this may concern you but please be assured that staff will be ensuring that there is no noise or disturbance to our neighbours and that the site will be secure at all times. We will be ensuring that by 10pm, all small activities cease.

We do of course, invite our lovely local residents to support us by visiting the school gates between 7-8.30pm to donate any high need items (please see the list on the next page). Our risk assessment outlines that no donations can be taken at the actual event however, if you would like to support us financially, please do drop an envelope into the school marked 'Sleep Out to Help Out'.

It was reported that 502 people were homeless in Dacorum on any given night in 2022 – including 205 children. This was equivalent to one in every 309 people in the area. (National Office of Statistics, 2023)





HARVEST HIGH NEEDS

FOOD

- Long life milk
- Tinned fruit
- Rice
- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Long life milk
- Long life juice/squash
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned fish
- Coffee (small jars)
- Teabags (80 pack)
- Biscuits
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned chickpeas
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Cereal bars
- Tinned rice pudding

KITCHEN/HYGIENE

- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder (small packs only)
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Washing up liquid (small)
- Deodorants
- Toilet rolls
- Carrier bags

Please note:

- We do not accept furniture
- We are currently not accepting clothes, shoes, accessories, bedding or crockery





YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

This weeks jackpot winning numbers are:

450936

One of your supporters won £32.40 in the draw!

This week's results are in!

Remember to check your email to see if you've won!

**If you haven't signed up yet visit our lottery here - [https://
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-
secondary-school](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-school)**

Have a great weekend everyone!

**Kings Langley School just has a generous donation of £32.40
from a lucky winner!**

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Half Term Football Camp

Hi,

With the season now in full swing, our half term camp is a perfect opportunity to accelerate your development. Our half term camp will focus on position specific development aimed at enhancing your performance in key areas. Click her to find out more -> <https://www.watfordladiesfc.com/camps>



Location: Queens' School, Aldenham Rd, Bushey WD23 2TY

Date: Tue 24th to Thur 28th Oct

Arrival Time: 9.15am for a 9.30am start

Finish Time: 3.30pm



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