

Kings Langley School News

Sixth Form Open Evening 2023



On Wednesday 22nd November we held our annual Kings Langley Sixth Form Open Evening. This year we saw a record number of attendees and within minutes of the evening closing, we received a large number of applications both from our own Yr11 students as well as a large number of applications from external students. Following the long weekend, we returned on Monday with 73 applications from our own Yr11 students and 52 from external students. The rapid response and amount of applications being received is a sign that Kings Langley Sixth Form is clearly becoming the first choice for post-16 education for young people from not only Kings Langley, but much further afield.

So what is it that interests our prospective students? Feedback from visitors to our open evening highlight how young people and their families were able to feel the mature and welcoming culture we have in our Sixth Form, alongside how we prioritise education excellence whilst developing the whole student. Students visiting us from selective and grammar schools commented on the exciting and diverse provision we have and how this can not be matched by other Sixth Forms or colleges.

Applications for September 2024 are now open with our initial deadline of Friday 15th December. To ensure we can construct our subject blocks that meet as many preferences as possible, we advise our students to submit their application by this deadline. Please visit <u>www.kls.herts.sch.uk/sixth-form/</u> for our online application form.

With such a strong interest in gaining a place at our Sixth Form, our advice to students is to focus on obtaining the best possible grades and to put themselves into the position where as many of our A-Level subjects will be available to them, come September 2024.

Please see some of our current student testimonials on the next few pages of this newsletter.

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School Events

Saturday 2nd December Kings Langley Lights switch on. In the village.

Monday 4th December FoKLS Christmas Market -6pm—8.30pm

Sunday 10th December -School Production Rehearsal all day hall.

Mr Tubb, Principal Assistant Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form



Student Perspectives

The start of my sixth form journey has been challenging. I have faced academic burnout in a new environment with more responsibilities and none of my old friends from secondary school, alongside mental health issues such as dyslexia, autism, anxiety and depression. However, although it has been difficult, the sixth form team at Kings Langley Sixth Form have supported me throughout.

I have been able to adjust to the new changes and daily challenges with the help of the Sixth Form pastoral support team, which have created a safe space for me and many other students, it's not just the bean bags, live plants and stress balls, but the teachers, Mrs Battaglia, Mr Tubb, Mr Scott, and Miss Allan who have that made me feel comfortable and understood.

I have been welcomed and supported as an adult and in a non-judgmental way. They are there to talk about everything from academic life, to complicated home life relationships and navigate tricky waters with a variety of options and alternative pathways and options available to overcome those issues.

I have been empowered by this sixth form in a way I can take control of my life currently with study techniques and mental health management, but also my life after sixth form with future careers advice, decision making and even basic life skills like how to wash your clothes - thank you Mr Tubb! The Sixth Form has allowed me to flourish as a person although I have had to face a lot of challenges so far.

Whilst the decision of what I wanted to do after receiving my GCSE results was a difficult one to make, I'm glad that I settled on staying at Kings Langley Sixth Form. Every aspect of applying and starting was made easy, accessible, and reassuring, ensuring a smooth transition whether you joined from a different school or stayed on from the lower school.

The new Sixth Form building that opened this year is a real highlight of KLSix; it provides a dedicated working and social space for all students, and allows for a sense of independence from the lower school. Whether it's assemblies, lessons, or study sessions, the new building has been a key element in the move into Sixth Form, and with the building came a highly dedicated Sixth Form team. Each member of staff involved in the Sixth Form is friendly and approachable, and easy to talk to about any issues you may have, educational or otherwise.

One of the main reasons I wanted to go to KLS Sixth Form was because of the teachers. Every teacher is committed and passionate about their subject, and passes this on to each of their students. I was quickly assured that my decision to stay had been the right one from their enthusiasm in lessons.

Grace, Yr12 (Nov. 2023)



@klsixthform

Terri, Yr12 (Nov. 2023)







Student Perspectives

I was not sure whether Sixth Form was for me as I knew it would be hard and didn't know what to expect. Since I've joined Kings Langley Sixth Form, I have enjoyed many aspects of Sixth Form life from the subjects I've chosen to the vast events that have been put in place for us.

The option to revise and work on the subject we want during our private study periods in the study hall or library, is great. This gives me the chance to widen my knowledge of the subjects that I am studying. It's a sense of freedom you don't get anywhere else. The new purpose built sixth form building is simply lovely.

During wellbeing week, we planted house plants to have permanently within our building, which has been a great addition and my personal, favourite activity. Being part of the whole school charity walk and used at check points gave us more responsibility and a welcome break from the workload, allowing us to have fun.

Taking part in the wider community and being an active member of the Sixth Form has allowed me to be awarded £100 scholarship awards towards my education and I won a breakfast for my whole form and form tutor for my contribution to World Mental Health Day—including making a film which I uploaded to YouTube.

One thing I think that the sixth form has over others is that it allows you to show a bit of personality and expression, whereas other sixth forms do not provide as much personal development or activities beyond academic study. I believe that the sixth form leadership team is a massive reason it's so enjoyable. I couldn't ask for a better leadership team they are great. In conclusion sixth form is very enjoyable wouldn't want to be anywhere else. I'm chuffed to bits. **Ben, Yr12 (Nov. 2023)**

There are many reasons to why Kings Langley Sixth Form was my top choice. There are simple basic reasons such as geographical reasons; however, there was a lot more to it. Going into a Sixth Form it was completely terrifying; but the staff here are so lovely and welcoming making it so easy to be myself.

This Sixth Form has given me so much support always ensuring that I was comfortable and the transition could come with the least amount of stress. My experience at my old school was not great so the students here being so loving and open has been a pleasant refresher.

So far, I am really enjoying coming to Sixth Form and going to classes as the teachers are wonderful and always open to helping you if you need support, and the people here are so great. I'm so grateful that I chose Kings Langley Sixth Form as I could not have asked for a better start to my A-Levels.

Mischa, External Student—Yr12 (Nov. 2023)



SIXTH FORM



Kings Langley Sixth Form

Applications now open



Apply online: www.kls.herts.sch.uk/ sixth-form/ Application deadline: Friday 15th December





Headteacher Commendations



Congratulations to Jack 8A for winning the poppy competition.





Congratulations to Grace 10D who won the South East British Shooting school Championship (intermediate section) last month. This qualifies her for the third year running for the national championships, which takes place on 6th February. Her brother Robert 7J, also competed and came fifth in the region narrowly missing out in national qualification.



Headteacher Commendations

Year 7 - Breakfast



Congratulations to the following students:

Lucy - 7J

Highly commended in Dove the competition and taking part in an external dance show.

Rob - 7J Participation in the British Shooting Schools Championship- he came 4th.

Sofija - 7A Her entry won the KLS Black <u>History Month competition.</u>

Megan - 7A and Violet - 7A Weekly participation in Debate Club

Music department nominations:

- \cdot Amelia 7G participation in choir
- \cdot Elise 7C $\,$ participation in choir
- · Max 7G excellence in lessons
- · Daniel 7P excellence in lessons



Best at Bedrock! Week 12

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

- Mia- 7D (209 points)
- Elsie- 8A (113 points)
- Adam- 9P (222 points)
- Daniel- 10C (71 points)
- Edward- 11G (56 points)

Highest progress made in each year group

- Aron- 7A (132%)
- Manase- 8G (700%)
- Shaf- 9P (106%)
- Daniel- 10C (244%)
- Edward- 11G (1900%)











Unlocking potential for life Students of the Week w/c 27th Nov

Business Studies	Frankie 10C	
Much improved performance in class recently. Well	done!	
Drama	Sastika 8A	
Excellent work on Naturalism in drama with a lovely	performance of A Doll's House.	
English	Amy 8C	
Fantastic stickabilty and reading aloud from An Inspe	ector Calls. Very well done indeed.	
Food Technology	Lila 8J	
Excellent shapes when making her bread rolls. Well of	done!	
Geography	Giovanna 11C	
Consistently showing amazing effort and excellent pr target grades.	reparation for assessments, therefore exceeding	
Politics	Todd 13SCO	
Supporting the Politics department at the into 6th size passionately with students and parents/carers about		
Graphics	Joel 11D	
Excellent card development work.		
History	Ethan 7D	
Nways trying his hardest and supporting his peers. Well done.		
Library	Sophie 7A	
Making a great start as a new member of the Library Leader team.		
Mathematics	Henry 7P	
Phenomenal work ethic and results from Maths Pape	er (non-calc).	
Modern Foreign Languages	George 7P	
George is currently the highest performing student in November.	n the school on LanguageNut for the month of	

Music	George 8G	
Great attitude and stickability in music this term. Well done!		
PHSE	Tom 8C	
Excellent contributions in lessons. Keep it up!		
Product Design	Deniz 11D	
For hard work and good outcome in class.		
Psychology	Mischa 12ARN	
Excellent work ethic in class and diligence in complet	ing assignments and extending herself to do more.	
Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	Lily 11C	
Excellent work in lessons. Keep it up!		
Science	Harry 11A	
Excellent work ethic and phenomenal achievement in	n trial exams.	
Sociology	ie 12MOY	
Excellent work ethic in class and diligence in complet	ing assignments and extending herself to do more.	
Textiles	Greta 10A	
Excellent enthusiasm and progress in lessons		
Year 7 Head of Year	Lucy 7J	
76 recognition points to date, a winner in the KLS Dordance competition.	ve Competition, and for taking part in an external	
Year 11 Head of Year	Harry 11C	
Showing resilience and fantastic self-regulation.		
Key Stage 5 Head of Year	Henry 12DLK	
Being an active member of the school community.		

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

Oxford Bar Mock Trial

By Aaliyah - 13 SCO

Throughout my experience of participating in the Bar Mock Trial, this one was an experience to remember. As this was my last Mock Trial with the school, it had to be one worthy of my final trial. As a coherent team, we collectively gathered weekly to assemble our arguments and practise our roles within the criminal trial. Closer to the deadline, we had been meeting daily – all buzzed for the final day. On Saturday the 18th of November, we all arrived at school promptly in order to begin our trip to Oxford Crown Court. Although the journey took a long time, it was worth it to admire the views of the ancient streets in Oxford. We had arrived at the Oxford Crown Court, something that not a lot of students get to experience. We had met with many of the other schools and students prior to the competition and had even established similar interests. Throughout the competition, we all had fun getting to know the legal system, as well as receiving advice from actual High Court Judges. Even though we may not have won first place, we did win a valuable wealth of knowledge surrounding the legal system, ways on how to become a barrister or solicitor, as well as enjoying ourselves.





Sahar 13LIY, Kalilah 13LIY, Aaliyah 13 SCO, Alana 13 ELL, Jesse 13 SCO, Todd 13 SCOJ, Jeffrey 12 ARN, Dominic 12 ARN, Syed 12 DLK, Shreya 12DLK, Jessica 12MOY, Sienna 12DLK, Terri 12MOY, Miriam 12 DLK, Isla 12 DLK, Georgia 12 DLK, and Mack 12MOY

Weekly Character News

Quote:

"The highest test of the civilisation of any race is in its willingness to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate."

Booker T. Washington

Focused Character Traits and Reflection Questions:

•	Community-awareness	What role do you play in your local community? Do you know who needs help in your local area?
•	Altruism	What are you prepared to do for others despite the cost to yourself? Is it the well-being of others that drive your choices and actions?

Themes for the Week:

- Charitable causes
- Altruism

Opportunities and Activities:

Mrs Sudbury will be leading on assemblies next week looking at altruism. It is that time of year when we are drawn in by adverts for Christmas - all shiny and full of glitter. But there are also the ones that bring us uncomfortably to the edge of our seats and often to tears – the requests for donations for the homeless, the lonely pensioner, hungry or abused children, so many that we can not possibly help them all. Though sometimes it is the small things that we can do for the people around us, dropping in on a neighbour or supporting them with their shopping or a small task; a phone call just to say "Hi!"; a surprise treat slipped through the letterbox. Christmas is a time for joy and celebrations with friends and families, yes but it is a time to show compassion and have an awareness that not everyone in our community has the same experiences at Christmas. I would ask us all to reflect and consider what small action we could take this Christmas to help someone (or many people) in our local communities.

Talking of bright and sparkly, on Saturday we have the Christmas light switch on in Kings Langley with some of our students and staff supporting by running stalls or playing music whilst the rest of us get to wander around the stalls, making purchases, playing games or joining in with the activities. Then to continue this festive mood, we also have our Christmas Fair on Monday, with lots of stalls with goodies for you to peruse. We look forward to seeing many of you at these events.



Character: Olivia Strong; Founder of "Run for Heros" Millions of healthcare workers lost their lives fighting the Covid-19 pandemic. A resident of the United Kingdom, Olivia Strong, decided to help the healthcare workers by raising a fund of 5,000 Euros through a campaign named 'Run for Heroes,' but little did she know that she would end up raising the



fund over £5 million. According to the then lockdown rules of the U.K government, people were allowed to leave their homes only for the essential work and for one daily exercise. Strong thought of utilising this liberty of one form as exercise through her campaign. She said, *"If we combine our one form of exercise a day that we're currently getting because everyone's out running anyway, then maybe we can make a difference."*

The tagline of her campaign 'Run for Heroes' was 'run, donate, nominate.' In this campaign, the participant had to run, walk, or cycle 5 km, and donate 5 Euros, and then they had to nominate five more people to repeat this act. Nearly eight hundred thousand people participated in this campaign and the raised 5 million Euros was donated to 'NHS Charities Together' for the U.K healthcare workers fighting against the Covid-19.

Sport News

Trampolining

It was great to see so many KLS students compete in last weekend's BSGA Regional Trampoline Championships held at Hitchin Boys School. The maturity and dedication shown by our students was amazing to see and there were a number of notable performances, with Alex (10P) and Tom (12JNN) both winning their categories and earning places at the Zonal Championships. Max (10D) was 4th, Dylan (10C) 6th, Eva (13SCO) 9th, and Siya (11J) 11th in their respective categories.



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Understanding Girls with Dr Tara Porter

The recent webinar on Understanding Girls with Dr Tara Porter was one of the most popular online events we've ever held at Tooled Up. Many of you have been asking when the recording and notes will be available. The wait is over! You can delve into this session <u>here</u>.

What is the Metaverse?

If you follow any of the latest trends in technology, you've probably heard of the metaverse by now, but you might not be quite so sure what it is or what it does. Our helpful <u>explainer for parents</u> from Dr Lisa Sugiura is a great starting point.

Gaming?

Gaming is a key leisure activity for many young people, a social experience, a multi-billion dollar industry and a point of contention in many households. These <u>top tips</u> from expert Andy Robertson will help you set healthy boundaries and keep gaming enjoyable and safe.

Upcoming online events

<u>December 6, 2023 – 19:000 GMT: Raising A Resilient Teen Boy</u> In this online talk, Dr Kathy Weston will take parents on a journey through the evidence relating to boys' resilience and mental health.



Equality and Diversity

This week representatives from our three Equality and Diversity student leadership groups have been delivering assemblies on the importance of celebrating diversity in our community, what is meant by Protected Characteristics and the difference between banter and bullying.





As November was Anti-bullying month, the students took the opportunity to remind their peers to not be a silent bystander if they see anything or unkind, hurtful or jokes being made about any protected characteristics.

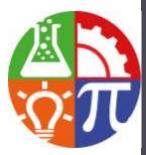
> In our school, we commit to promoting respect and equality for all.

We should treat each other with kindness and embrace our unique qualities, making our school a welcoming place for everyone.

"We are not saying that we can't joke with friends, but we are encouraging everyone to be mindful of how, sometimes, these jokes may not be received as they were intended. 'Banter' is not hurtful by its definition and if something being called 'banter' is hurting someone, it's no longer 'banter' but hurtful behaviour and potentially bullying."







STEM Challenge

This week's challenge:

There is a barrel with no lid and some juice in it. "This barrel of juice is more than half full," says the woman. "No, it's not," says the man. "It's less than half full." Without any measuring implements and without removing any juice from the barrel, how can they easily determine who is correct?

Last week's challenge:

Three men are lined up behind each other. The tallest man is in the back and can see the heads of the two in front of him; the middle man can see the one man in front of him; the man in front can't see anyone. They are blindfolded and hats are placed on their heads, picked from three black hats and two white hats. The extra two hats are hidden and the blindfolds removed. The tallest man is asked if he knows what colour hat he's wearing; he doesn't. The middle man is asked if he knows; he doesn't. But the man in front, who can't see anyone, says he knows. How does he know, and what colour hat is he wearing?

Answer:

Black. The man in front knew he and the middle man aren't both wearing white hats or the man in the back would have known he had a black hat (since there are only two white hats). The man in front also knows the middle man didn't see him with a white hat because if he did, based on the tallest man's answer, the middle man would have known he himself was wearing a black hat. So, the man in front knows his hat must be black.



Please find to below our annual Christmas lunch menu, the event will be taking place on Tuesday 19th December 2023. If your child would like a Christmas lunch please top up their online account with £2.53 and ask your child to buy a ticket at the servery by no later than Wednesday 13th December 2023. If your child is in receipt of free school meals a Christmas lunch ticket will automatically be allocated to them, please ask them to collect their ticket from the servery before Wednesday 13th December 2023.

Please be advised that on Tuesday 19th December there will be a very limited cold selection of snacks available at lunchtime but at break time there will be a normal service.

Kind regards

Chartwells & Kings Langley School



MAINS

Roast Turkey OR Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

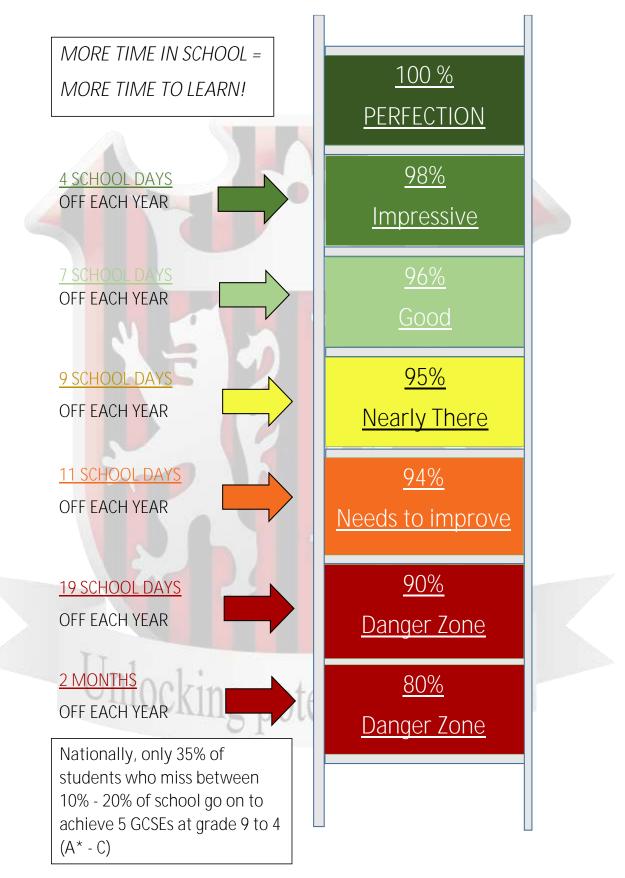
SIDES

Roast Potatoes Pigs in Blankets Stuffing & Gravy Carrots & Broccoli

DESSERT

Winter Berry Eton Mess Muffin OR Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard

Attendance Ladder





Competition:

Are you a STAR Baker. To enter please design and make a Christmas cake or set of cakes.

You may choose any style and size of cake and any form of decoration.

Competition details:

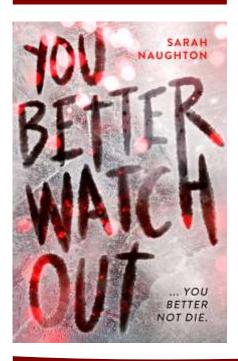
Students should bring in their completed cake(s) on Monday 4th December to Miss Scanlan in G205 food room by 8:30am. Your cake will need to have a label to go next to it with your name and form.

Several prizes are up for grabs as well as house points for entering. Cakes will be judged by Mrs Borrowdale and Miss Scanlan during the day (4th December) and then in the evening at the School Christmas Market the cakes will also be judged by those visiting the fair.

You will be able to take your cake home at 8pm on the evening of the 4th December from the Christmas Market.



The Library



Books of the Month

Key Stage 3

You Better Watch Out by Sarah Naughton

Every day in December, a gift is left for Eleri in the abandoned tower block opposite her flat. At first, she can't help but be flattered, hoping that her Secret Santa is enigmatic Ras - a boy she has history with. But with each day that passes, the gifts get darker and more dangerous. Is this a harmless bit of festive fun? Or does this have something to do with Nina's disappearance last year? If so ... will Eleri be next?



Key Stage 4 and 5

Daughter of the Pirate King by Tricia Levenseller

17-year-old Alosa, daughter of the feared Pirate King, is on a mission. She must retrieve an ancient hidden map, the key to a legendary treasure trove.

The catch? Alosa needs to conceal her considerable combat skills and allow herself to be captured by her enemies, giving her the perfect opportunity to search their ship. More than a match for the ruthless pirate crew, Alosa has only one thing standing between her and the map: her captor, the unexpectedly clever and unfairly attractive first mate, Riden. But luckily, she has a few tricks up her sleeve - and no lone pirate can stop the Daughter of the Pirate King.

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KINGS LANGLEY SCHOOL

Children welcome a festive event for all

> Invite you to join us at our forthcoming

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Monday 4th December 2023

6pm - 8.30pm

A variety of stalls offering everything from fashion accessories, candles, a wide range of jewellery, cosmetics, handmade cards, gifts, plants and home accessories, unique artwork, hand made bunting, refreshments, raffle and much more...

£1 entry, children under 10 free

If you would like to have a stall at the above event, we would like to hear from you. Tables are £25 per table PLEASE CONTACT: JAN WRIGHT wrightja@kls.herts.sch.uk

> Kings Langley School, Love Lane, Kings Langley, Herts, WD4 9HN



This weeks jackpot winning numbers are:

One of our supporters won £31.50 in the draw! Remember to check your email to see if you've won!

If you haven't signed up yet visit our lottery here - <u>https://</u> www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-

Win a £3,000 Christmas Cash Bonus!

In our festive Super Draw, one lucky person will win an amazing £3,000 Christmas Cash Bonus – you could hit the January sales in style, spread the joy by giving back to a cause that holds a special place in your heart, plan your dream holiday getaway, treat yourself to the latest tech and gadgets, spruce up your living space for the new year; the choice is yours!

Get your Super Draw tickets before Saturday 23rd December to be in with a chance to win!







Bedrock Young Authors Competition 2023 Take us on a journey with you...

<u>Theme:</u> Journeys <u>Entries close:</u> 12th January 2024 <u>Word Count:</u> 200 words <u>For ages:</u> 6-16



Winners will be announced 1st February 2024

You can enter as many times as you like in either category, fiction or non-fiction.

Please email your entries to Mrs Butt by 10th January 2024 with your name, age, form and story name.



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	Christians Against Poverty (CAP)		Public Health Nursing Service 0 - 5 years: Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust SEND team
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ISL	Integrated Services for Learning/ Graduated Response/ Ask Sali		Delivering Special Provision Locally (DSPL8)

This event is organised and funded by DSPL8 for Dacorum SEND Families.

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