



### A note from the Headteacher

It gives me great pleasure in sharing with you the report of our Section 8 inspection by Ofsted that took place on 12 and 13 March 2024, Kings Langley School continues to be a good school.

Ofsted reports are word limited and heavily quality assured, but despite this, our report manages to convey the richness of the school and how impressed the team were with us.

I wanted to draw your attention to the following feedback we received:

- Pupils enjoy attending school. Staff know pupils well. Pupils benefit from warm and positive relationships. This supports them to be confident to share how they feel and seek support when they need it. Pupils know that staff are there to help them. This helps pupils to feel happy and safe.
- All pupils, including students in the sixth form learn about what good character is. They do this through the school's effective character development programme. This teaches pupils about how to make positive choices. As a result, pupils independently behave in a calm and civilised way.

### School Events

#### Monday 13th May

Drama rehearsal 3.15pm - 5pm.

#### Thursday 16th May

Drama rehearsal 3.15pm - 5pm

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- Reading is a real strength of the school. Those pupils at the earlier stages of reading get precisely targeted support to help them catch up. All pupils are encouraged to read widely. Teachers carefully consider how the texts they use further develop pupils' comprehension. As a result, pupils become confident and fluent readers.
- Pupils enjoy a wealth of personal development opportunities. This includes activities week at the end of the school year. This brings everyone together. Every child has a meaningful opportunity to be a leader. Leadership roles include wildlife, sports, diversity and inclusion, music and the school council. There is something for everyone to be involved with.
- Pupils receive effective careers guidance, across the school to help them make the best choices to support their next steps. For example, sixth form students who wish to apply for prestigious apprenticeships or universities get highly useful additional support. As a result, many students are successful in achieving places.
- The school has carefully thought through and planned the knowledge pupils should learn in each subject. The school has ensured that its curriculum planning is ambitious and builds the complexity of what pupils learn over time. For example, in mathematics when pupils join the school, they revisit their understanding of numbers. This ensures they have the foundations needed to study algebra. By sixth form, students have the skills to understand more complex mathematical concepts.

The full report will be accessible via the school website from today and published on the official Ofsted report website, within eight working days.

<https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/home/about-us/statutory-information/>

The OFSTED report is undoubtedly positive. The most important focus for me though, is that we maintain our unwavering commitment to the highest quality of education, care and opportunity for every child at Kings Langley School.

I would like to thank you all for your on-going support of the school and what we do here to provide a learning environment that is as enjoyable and powerful as it can be.

Your children were outstanding ambassadors for young people throughout the inspection, as they are always, and it is a real privilege for us as staff to work with them.

I hope you enjoy reading the report and can celebrate it with those around you, and that it gives you a sense of pride in being part of the wonderful community at Kings Langley School.



# Recognition

*Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something*

## Students of the Week w/c 6th May

<b>Drama</b>	Grace 7D
For excellent group work and commitment and focus in the preparation for the practical assessment.	
<b>English</b>	Jaden 7P
Jaden always helps with handing out folders and worksheets, He is always very helpful!	
<b>Politics</b>	Samaira 13LIY
Continued commitment to afterschool Politics revision and completing practice questions.	
<b>History</b>	Phoebe 10C
Outstanding additional research on the Berlin Crisis.	
<b>Library</b>	Jayden 8T
Exercising empathy on our visit to St Laura's care home.	
<b>Mathematics</b>	Grace 7D
For determination and effort in every lesson. Grace has shown great character in her maths lessons.	
<b>Music</b>	Thomas 8C
Fantastic attainment in music these past few weeks. Playing two hands to Satie's Gymnopedie.	
<b>PSHE</b>	Jessica MOY
Excellent contribution in PSHE lessons, always willing to share her views with others.	
<b>Physical Education</b>	Esme 7J
Outstanding contributions to school sport over the last few weeks.	
<b>Psychology</b>	Terri 12MOY
For continuing to work <a href="#">really well</a> through some difficult circumstances.	
<b>Philosophy, Religion, Ethics</b>	Cerys 7G
Excellent contributions to discussions and written work. Always showing reflection and aspiration in class.	
<b>Sociology</b>	Megan13LIY
For maintaining a very consistent approach to her work and setting high standards for herself.	
<b>Textiles</b>	Woody 13ELL
Completion of coursework and effort with revision.	

# Sixth Form Applications

## September 2024 Entry

With the arrival of a brand new building and relaunched Sixth Form at Kings Langley we are excited to report that applications for September 2024 are at a record high with over 250 applications submitted this year.

We are excited to see the development of our Sixth Form and are already enjoying the journey towards becoming Hertfordshire's number one Sixth Form provider. With a diverse A-Level subject offer alongside an engaging curriculum that firmly promotes equality and belonging we look forward to students enrolling with us on results day this summer.

We prioritise our own Yr11 students in the application process as well as offering places to a growing number of external applicants. Students will be receiving offer letters this week outlining the status of their application.

### Internal students:

#### **Conditional offer + priority subject offer**

Students who have indicated that Kings Langley Sixth Form is their 1st choice provider will receive this letter and will receive priority subject access on GCSE results day. Students will have priority enrolment up to 3pm on GCSE results day for their subject choice.

#### **Conditional offer**

Students will receive this letter if they have applied for Kings Langley Sixth Form but where we are not their first choice provider. Students can enrol for their subject choice from 3pm on GCSE results day.

#### **Application pending**

Students may receive this letter if their predicted grades indicate that they will not meet the entry criteria for the Sixth Form or for the subject combinations applied for.

### External students:

#### **Conditional offer**

Students who have indicated Kings Langley Sixth Form as their first choice provider and who meet our admissions policy will receive a conditional offer. Students will be able to enrol with us from GCSE results day.

#### **Application pending**

Students who have applied for Kings Langley Sixth Form but who have not indicated if we are their first choice provider will receive this letter. Students who have applied for subjects which are oversubscribed may also receive this letter. Students will be able to enrol at Kings Langley Sixth Form from 3pm-5pm on GCSE results day.

### Clearing:

Students who have not applied for Kings Langley Sixth Form but who subsequently change their mind and wish to enrol at Kings Langley Sixth Form after our enrolment, can check subject availability on our website in our clearing section.

**The Sixth Form at Kings Langley School would like to wish all our Yr11 students and external applicants, the very best in their upcoming exam preparation and revision.**



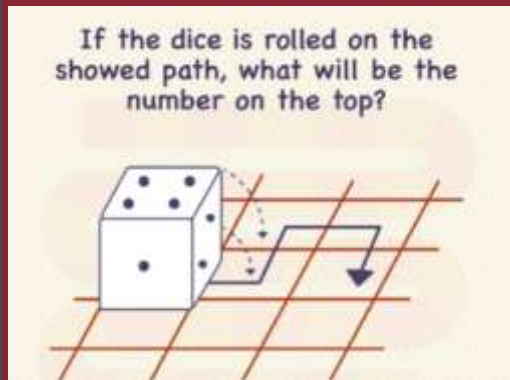
# STEM Challenge

This weeks challenge:

What building has the most stories?

Answer next week.

Last weeks answer:



Answer

In the first box 5 will be on top. In the second box 1, third box will be 3 and fourth box will be 5



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The following jackpot winning number for this week is:

**741782**

Our supporter won £29.10 in the draw!

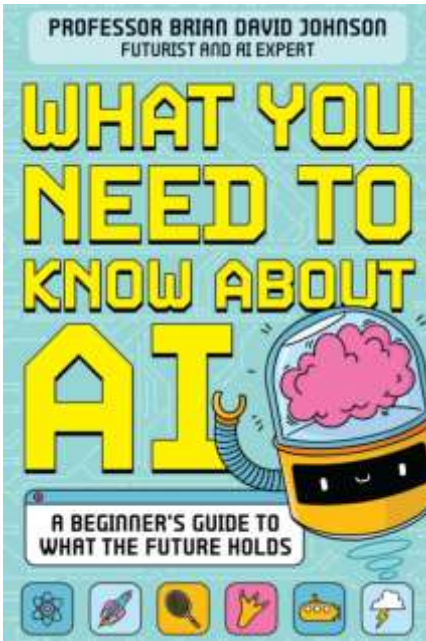
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# The Library

# Books of the Month

## Key Stage 3



### *What You Need to Know About AI* by Brian D. Johnson

What actually is AI? Will it take over the world? And one day, will it tidy your bedroom...? In this beginner's guide, learn everything you need to know about AI, from how it helps us discover epic stuff up in space or under the sea to whether it might help you build your own dinosaur. With AI expert and futurist Brian David Johnson, discover what AI is, where it came from, the incredible ways it's being used today and how it might shape and reimagine your future.

## Key Stage 4

### *Influential* by Amara Sage

Almond was forced into the spotlight when she was just a perfectly filtered bump: her mum has been documenting their family through social media since before she was born. Her family enjoy all the rewards that come from that level of influence.

Only, it's not the life Almond would have chosen for herself, and being on a platform all the time has made her anxious and insecure. When the darkest side of the internet begins to haunt her, Almond feels like she's going to lose everything... If only she could see that she has a real-life, too, full of friends and family who love her, and that it could save her.



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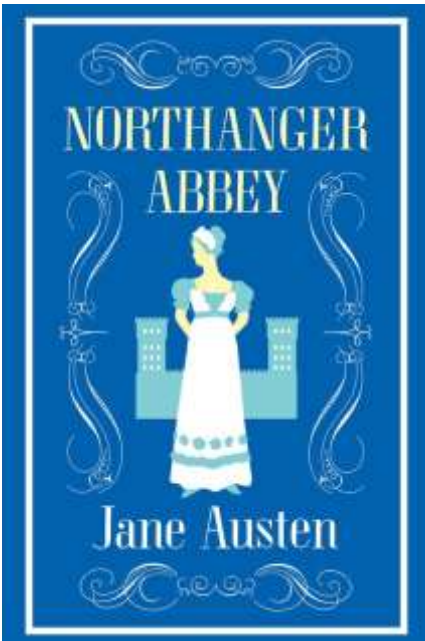
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### Sixth Form Fiction

***Northanger Abbey*** by Jane Austen

Ideal as a reader's 'First Austen'! Obsessed with Gothic fiction, seventeen-year-old Catherine Morland is wintering in Bath when she encounters dashing gentleman Henry Tilney and the charismatic Thorpe siblings. Swept up by the high society she has found herself in, Catherine and her overactive imagination lead her into numerous comical misunderstandings with the Tilney family.

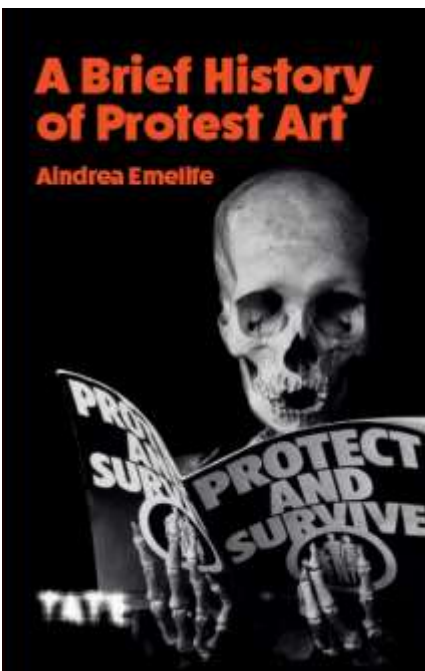


### Sixth Form Non-Fiction

***A Brief History of Protest Art*** by Aindrea Emelife

This short but powerful book showcases the work of a range of artists from the last eighty years who have challenged traditional boundaries, spoken up for the powerless and against those who seek to deny people their human rights.

Exploring deeply political and critical art which uses irony, satire, subversion and provocation, it features responses to war, violence, oppression, gender and racial inequalities, the AIDS epidemic, LGBTQ+ rights, the Black Lives Matter movement and the climate crisis, in a variety of media.



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