



Kings Langley School News

Issue 27

A note from the Headteacher

This week it has been a pleasure to be invited to the Families First Awards for 2023 in recognition of our work and contribution outside of our school community to families, young people and schools. I am delighted to report that Kings Langley School were given a special award for “Partnership School of the Year”. Apart from being Headteacher of Kings Langley School I also hold a number of volunteer roles leading the Local Schools Partnership of SEND and family support workers for this area, I also lead DSPL 8 supporting the delivery of specialist provision in our local areas and finally the Partnership of Dacorum Schools. These organisations support families, young people and schools when they are most in need and whilst the work is additional to my current role the impact on young people, families and schools who are supported by these services is huge and for that reason I offer my time willingly.



School Events

Monday 15th May

Y13 - Optional study leave begins

Y11 - Study leave begins

FoKLS meeting - 5pm Dining Room



If you want to read more about LSPs/DSPL/PoDs the links are below.

[Student and Family Support Services - Kings Langley \(kls.herts.sch.uk\)](https://kls.herts.sch.uk)

[DSPL | Delivering Special Provision Locally \(dacorumdspl.org.uk\)](https://dacorumdspl.org.uk)



This week was also an extremely busy week in school with A Level and GCSE exams starting in Spanish, French and Art. The feedback from the MFL and Art teams has been extremely positive on the students' application towards their exams and their effort. Well done to all those involved this week who showed strong character in their application to their studies. We also had the vaccination team in and once again the students were a credit to us and their families with the team complimenting the students on their conduct. On Wednesday evening there was a theatre trip to The Lion King and even though it was a very late night for all those involved, speaking with students and staff it was a great evening for all. A huge thank you to Miss Butt for her work on leading this trip and those staff who supported her with this great experience.

Finally, the end of the week has been an end for those students in Year 11 and 13 and as a rite of passage we were able to celebrate through our formal photos on Thursday and finally the party celebrations on Friday with a BBQ, shirt signing and thanking those who have supported these young people. We wish both cohorts the best of luck in their exams and studies which start on mass on Monday 15th May and I am sure they will do us proud. More photos and update on these events next week.





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 8th May

Art	Emily 11G
For superb commitment and dedication to her work.	
Drama	Archie 9G
His continued hard work in the lesson and commitment to his learning.	
English	Abigail 8A
Excellent work on Gothic writing.	
Food Technology	Charlotte 9P
Excellent work creating jam tarts! Keep up the fantastic work.	
Politics	Nathan 12SHH
Continued improvement in his essay technique by acting on feedback; highest grade achieved to date!	
History	Dexter 10P
Continued hard work in history lessons throughout this year, including in cover lessons, where cover staff have repeatedly singled Dexter out for his engagement and hard work [completing all tasks and challenge tasks!] consistently every lesson.	
Library	Scarlett 13MCK
An outstanding career as a library leader, setting a great example to the lower years.	
Religious Education	Alex 7C
Recognition for his commitment to PRE, working hard to promote the subject in his role as a subject leader.	
Textiles	Lillian 10C
Excellent skirt project.	
Year 10 Head of Year	Oscar 10D
Consistently showing great character traits within school.	
Key Stage 5 Head of Year	Todd 12SHH
For commitment to fitness by being the first student to complete the sixth form HIIT class last Thursday.	

Best at Bedrock! Week 30

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

- **Freya- 7T (170 points)**
- Ava- 8D (84 points)
- Tymofii- 9A (82 points)
- Babara- 10C (112 points)
- Max- 11J (67 points)

Highest progress made in each year group

- Sammy- 7G (303%)
- Daisy- 8P (525%)
- Alexandra- 9D (500%)
- **Edward- 10G (1340%)**
- Max- 11J (300%)



Confident voices, strong literacy



Headteacher's Commendations



Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their bronze Duke of Edinburgh certificates and badges by Miss Donovan and Mr Fisher:

12LIY - Jasmin, 11A - Jessica, 11J – Jamie, Sereena and Farrah,
11P – Ollie and Edward.



Congratulations to Raquelle 10C for winning the U16 tennis tournament.



Artwork of the Week



Kitty Y10

For completing this accomplished study of a red pepper in her independent study time.

Sixth Form Fitness Sessions Todd (Yr12)

Challenging, motivating and rewarding. This is exactly how my first sixth form fitness sessions felt.

As someone who has been wanting to get fitter for a while now, I knew when I heard about the sixth form sessions that it would be something I'd want to try. Looking back on the session I am excited to see the progress that I will make through attending these sessions heading into the future. As someone who frequently bikes and exercises I was intrigued to see what the sixth form team was offering and I was thoroughly impressed.

Although the workout was hard and at times testing, thanks to the company and companionship it was made achievable and enjoyable. After the workout I felt a sense of self pride and happiness, as well as relief from stresses which I initially felt before going to the session. Looking back on the evening, I am excited to see the progress that I will make through attending these sessions heading into the future.

The Sixth Form fitness sessions take place every Thursday, 3.30-4.30pm. See the advert in this newsletter for further information on how to sign up.



Dance Poem

Harry, 10C

I recently competed in a dance competition in Aylesbury. I came 1st in character and 3rd in tap. I was also awarded most promising intermediate in this category.

Dance to me is everything from when I wake up in the morning until I close my eyes and sleep. I am so grateful for all the opportunities I have to be able to dance and learn new things. Dance can mean a lot of things and my definition is passion and love and that is how I feel when I dance.

Dance is the key to happiness!

I don't dance for someone else,
I don't dance because I am told to,
I don't dance for nothing,
I dance to learn something new.

I dance dance for myself,
I dance for more opportunities,
I dance to communicate,
With people who are just like me.

I want to dance to perform,
I want to dance all my life,
I want to dance to feel warm,
I dance for everything I do.

I keep dancing to show others what I can do,
I keep dancing because I want to,
I keep dancing to prove the bullies wrong,
To show them that they can laugh but it's only them that's making a fool of themselves.

"I am brave, I am bruised
I am who I'm meant to be, this is me"

Harry

**A huge congratulations to
harry on this amazing
achievement**



Work Experience

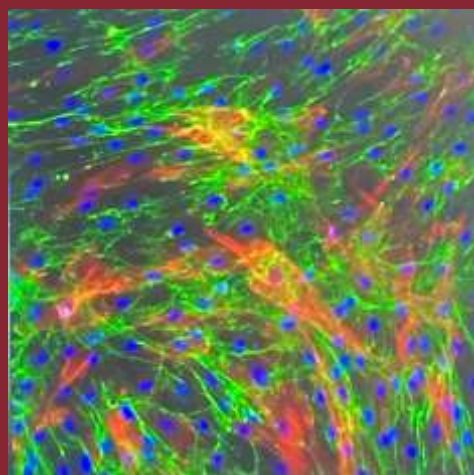
By Talya 13MCG

I was very lucky to have the opportunity to shadow a PHD student called Madeleine at the Respiratory Division of Medicine at the UCL studying idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). This disease is a serious condition of the lungs where tissue becomes scarred causing lung inefficiency, but with no specific known cause.

I spent a day every fortnight observing and experiencing ongoing research in the laboratories. My most memorable day was being given my own white lab coat enabling me entry into the tissue culture lab to look at human lung fibroblasts from a patient with IPF. While there, I helped Madeleine change the protein rich solution that helps nourish the fibroblasts. I also observed organoids under a microscope that Madeleine had grown, and by my last visit they had grown so much they were visible to the naked eye.

On another visit I was allowed to attend a lab meeting about interstitial lung disease in post-COVID patients. It was really interesting to hear such an important and current topic being highlighted in research. I also got the chance to visit an imaging suite where we analysed cell nuclei, collagen and alpha smooth muscle actin using various fluorescent signals. They produced incredibly colourful and vivid images as we layered the three components together into one.

My time at UCL was a truly special experience that has enhanced my enthusiasm for university where I plan to study Medical Physiology & Therapeutics.



STEM Challenge



You are escaping a labyrinth and there are three exits. Exit A leads to an inferno. Exit B leads to an assassin. Exit C leads to a lion that hasn't eaten in 3 years. Which exit do you pick?

Answer next week

Last weeks answer:

Turn me on my side and I am everything. Cut me in half and I am nothing. What am I?

Answer: The number 8



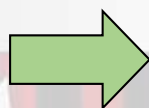
Attendance Ladder

*MORE TIME IN SCHOOL =
MORE TIME TO LEARN!*

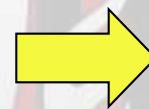
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OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



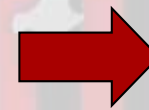
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OFF EACH YEAR



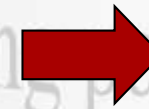
11 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



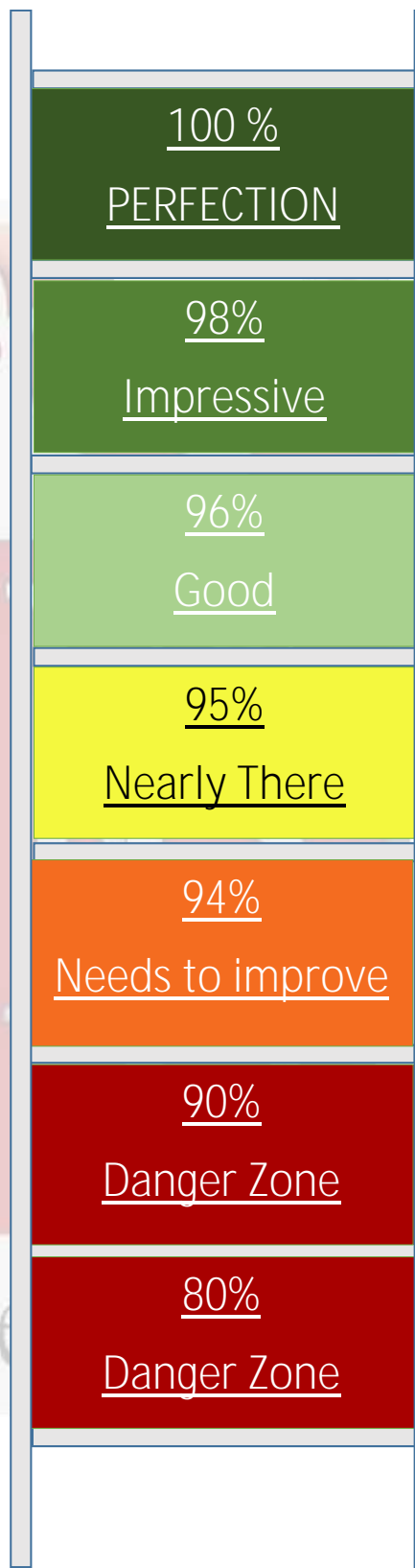
19 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



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)





KLSix

Proposed South-West Elevation

BUY A BRICK

We are inviting you to help us to take our new sixth form building project to the next level by sponsoring one or more bricks and help create a legacy for the school and wider community.

Each brick sponsored will improve the facilities within our exciting new build project making the space the best around.

Individual bricks can be purchased for £5 (multiple bricks can be sponsored).

Corporate bricks can also be sponsored a minimum donation of £50 (no upper limit).

Each brick will form a permanent feature artwork wall with your name or company name engraved on a brick. Leave your mark and legacy on this exciting build.



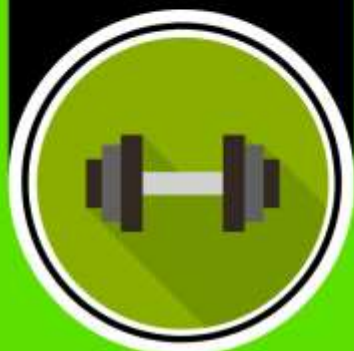
Scan the QR code to make a donation to our 'Buy a Brick Project' or contact Mr Tubb (Principal Assistant Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form) for further information and to ask how to get involved. [Kings Langley School Sixth Form Centre - Buy a Brick Project - JustGiving](https://www.justgiving.com/charity/Kings-Langley-School-Sixth-Form-Centre-Buy-a-Brick-Project)

Charity Registration No. 1003270



**FIRST
SESSION
FREE**

Only £15 per half term
Pay on ScoPay



SIXTH FORM FITNESS SESSIONS

EVERY THURSDAY
3.30 - 4.30 PM

Led by Mr Newman, Qualified Personal Trainer
Supported by Mr Tubb



INCREASED FITNESS

- Increase stamina
- Build strength
- Burn body fat
- Improve fitness levels



IMPROVED HEALTH

- Healthy heart
- Burns calories
- Helps brain health
- Reduces stress
- Receive advice about nutrition



IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Improves mental health
- Supports positive wellbeing
- Encourages positivity
- Provides motivation
- Increase happiness
- Make friends



SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP



**FIRST SESSION
THURSDAY 4TH MAY**



YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY

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

This week's results are in!

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

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This week's jackpot winning number is

059448

One of our supporters won £31.50 in the draw!

**WIN A
META QUEST 2
VR HEADSET**

