



# Kings Langley School News

Issue 35

## A note from the Headteacher

It has been another busy week of events and activities as normal at Kings Langley School. This week we welcomed our new cohort into school to support with their transition from primary into secondary. It was lovely to see students full of excitement and obviously nerves. However, I must commend our student leaders who supported on the day caring and supporting these young people throughout the day to ensure their first day at Kings Langley School was a real success. Praise must also go to Mr Bilton and Mrs Sharp who have managed the transition process incredibly well this year ensuring students and parents feel well supported so they can be successful from the very first day.

We have also had the rites of passage of the saying goodbye to our exam cohorts over the last few weeks. It has been lovely to welcome parents and students into school for the annual Governor drinks receptions, speeches and then off to their proms! The students were as always, a credit to themselves and the school. The lovely dresses, and amazing cars were obviously on show, but more importantly the students were able to have a memorable evening sharing it with fellow students and staff.

## School Events

### Sunday 16th July

KS3 Opal Coast Trip departs

### Monday 17th July

Valencia trip departs

### Thursday 20th July

Valencia trip returns

KS3 Opal Coast Trip Returns

Y12 Report 2 home.

### Friday 21st July

School closes at 12.50pm



A huge well done to the Year 13 student prom committee and the Sixth Form team for last Friday and huge credit to Mrs Connor and Mrs Shannon who led an amazing evening for year 11. We look forward to seeing all our students on results days and know that many of them will be returning in September to join our Sixth Form and we hope those going off to university stay in touch as part of our alumni.

We held our annual summer show towards the end of last week and I had the pleasure of attending with my own children. The show was a 1980s take on A Midsummer Night's Dream. As stated in my speech on the night, thank you to so many families and friends for attending the event and for supporting the Arts at Kings Langley School. It was an amazing performance and credit must firstly go to the students for tackling a difficult text with such



confidence in their lines and execution of their acting. Credit must also go to Ms Carr and Miss Abbott who led on this event, the fun this event brought to young people was clearly on show during the performance but most importantly at the end with their celebrations! Those there on the night will know what I mean!

As parents will also know we held our termly celebration events this week for all year groups in school. We were amazed by the response from staff to these with over 2000 certificates being given out over the week for numerous prizes and achievements. Mr Tubb and pastoral leaders ensured students left these assemblies with huge smiles on their faces and I know in speaking with Year 10 in particular some of the speech Mr Langton made really touched them as a year group.

We held our walk to school week this week and I wanted to thank the vast majority of parents for supporting us with this healthy lifestyle's initiative. In discussions with my Deputies who are on the gate each morning we wanted to thank families for the significant number of parents and students who supported our walk to school week and in particular Mr Annett for his leadership of the project. There have been very few cars coming onto site dropping students off every morning and more bikes than ever in the bike storage area. Please continue to push this with your child about the importance of a healthy lifestyle we want for young people and please continue when possible to support your child to walk or cycle to school.



Finally, as parents you will know we aim to ensure all students attend a theatre trip throughout their time at the school and all attend a trip or opportunity each year. As always, the team try hard to offer a wide variety of theatre visits and this week it included Wicked, the students were a real credit to the school as always and staff who attended had a great evening with the students. We also held our annual Geography trips for year 10 as part of their GCSE preparations, the weather was perfect during the days and as was the student's engagement and conduct throughout. A huge thank you to all the staff involved in all the events shared above.

### **A note from Mrs Harris, Assistant Headteacher (The music lady!)**

A few of you may have noticed me in school on Monday after a period of absence over the past few months. I have been awaiting surgery and luckily this was completed early in the summer term. It was lovely to see you all on Monday as Mr Fisher accompanied me around the school. The new Sixth Form Centre looks incredible; we are so lucky to have this facility for the summer results days this year.

I know you're looking forward to the amazing activities week during the last week of term. I have really missed the school community, especially Year 7. I will be returning in September full time and will be recruiting for musicians/singers to join our music ensembles next term!

I would like to wish Year 11/13 the very best of luck in their results and future endeavours.

Please come back and say hello when I return in September.

Please enjoy a restful and much needed summer holiday.

Mrs Harris

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# Headteacher Commendations



Congratulations to the top performers in LanguageNut for June:  
Jack 7A, Lucy 7C, Nuha 7D, Emily 7G, Irrum 7J, Abi 7P and Skye 7T.  
Harry 8A, Seb 8C, Aya 8D, Jake 8G, Sadie 8J, and Daniel 8P.  
Monique 9A, Oliver 9C, Harriet 9D, Connie 9G, Riley 9J, Ethan 9P.  
10Fr Charlie 10A, 10Spc Niamh 10J, and 10Spc Gabriella 10P.



Congratulations to Ruby 7A who has recently signed a contract with Oxford United for the football season '23-24.



Congratulations to Lyra 7T for her progress in English this term.



# Headteacher Commendations



Congratulations to this year's STEM winners who received their certificates on Monday:

**Overall STEM Evening Winner**

Harry and Joseph 8A

**Recycling challenge winner**

Zaria 9C

**STEM invention challenge winner**

George 7G, Joshua 7A and Adam 7D

**Lego Challenge winner**

Max 8D

**Cake challenge winner**

Harry and Joseph 8A





# Recognition

*Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something*

## Students of the Week w/c 10th July

<b>English</b>	Naabil 10J
For demonstrating perseverance and tenacity in his spoken English examination. Well done!	
<b>Food Technology</b>	Joseph 7J
Amazing teamwork to create a healthy eating poster!	
<b>Politics</b>	Todd 12SHH
Todd is so committed to long-term revision that he attends Politics revision sessions <i>after</i> his mock exams are finished! That's commitment!	
<b>History</b>	Jannah 10D
Thorough commitment to mock exam revision, not only of content but also revising how to approach and answer each question. Every question was completed in extensive depth.	
<b>Library</b>	Sophie 8D
Displaying real empathy, kindness and community by inviting an elderly gentleman at St Laura's Care Home to join our reading group when he passed the room we were using. It was his first day in residential care, and Sophie went out of her way to make him feel seen and welcomed.	
<b>Mathematics</b>	Eleanor 7J
Consistent hard work, effort, and participation	
<b>Physical Education</b>	Evie 8J
For outstanding commitment and participation in Cricket this term.	
<b>Philosophy, Religion, Ethics</b>	Sahar 12LIY
For being polite, hard-working and showing high levels of engagement.	
<b>Textiles</b>	Woody 12ELL
For making great progress over the year in textiles	
<b>Year 10 Head of Year</b>	Aliyah 10J
Settled into the year group with great character and attitude.	
<b>Key Stage 5 Head of Year</b>	Megan 12LIY
For commitment to supporting the wider community.	

# Best at Bedrock! Week 38

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

- **Bella- 7D (188 points)**
- Sophie- 8D (78 points)
- Aimee- 9J (76 points)
- Jaz- 10P (51 points)

## Highest progress made in each year group

- Joseph- 7G (250%)
- **Rosie- 8A (655%)**
- Lui- 9G (103%)
- Dhillan- 10D (156%)



## KLS EnvComm at Hertfordshire County Council's Youth COP Environment Conference.

Members of the school's Environment Committee from Years 8 and 12 were delighted to attend the Hertfordshire's second annual school conference about environmental issues and climate change in particular. Taking its name from the United Nations 'Conference of the Parties' that are held annually on tackling climate change, this conference used a role-play approach for the students to negotiate climate policy from different points of view. Each table had 3 or 4 schools represented at it, so the students had to work together on the challenges presented to them and negotiate across different representative groups too. There was a particular sense of success when the morning session closed with commitments that, according to the climate change simulator will limit global warming to 1.8°C. In the afternoon the students were split across four groups – Adaptation, Carbon Neutral, Clean Air and Enhance Nature, with now a local focus, our school site. We then gathered together as a school group to share our ideas from these workshops and distil a list of priorities.

Ms Chabrel

Subject Leader of Geography

Climate change simulator: <https://en-roads.climateinteractive.org/scenario.html?v=23.6.1&p50=0.6>

Climate change debate was facilitated by En-Roads: <https://www.climateinteractive.org/the-en-roads-climate-workshop/>





# Community Walk

## Community Walk

As part of Kings Langley School's focus on character and community cohesion, a biennial Community Walk is organised to help raise money for a worthy cause. This year it is due to take place on Friday 15th September 2023 with the added element of a community litter pick of our outstanding environment.

Even though we have raised over £5000 this year for various charities we want to do more for our community. As such this year we are hoping to conduct a sponsored walk and litter pick of our local area to both support our local community and educate young people of the impacts on the beautiful environment the school is situated within. We also want to raise funds for the construction of a community artificial grass facility.

Each student is asked to try and raise a minimum of £20 in sponsorship for the event. All this money will be collected on Monday 18th September by their Form Tutor. Students have been provided with a Sponsor Sheet by their Form Tutor.

Mr Annett

Learning Area Leader for Physical Education and Sport.



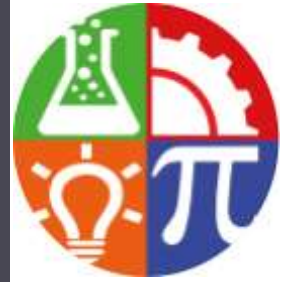
## Sports News



Congratulations to David 7D & Ronnie 7J who represented London Escolla Futsal Club in the Bahia de Cadiz Futsal Cup Tournament, held in Cadiz, Spain last week. They represented the U13 squad, and they were the only club from England in the competition. This is an annual international competition, gathering clubs from different countries, including a club from Ukraine this year. They played matches over 4 days against strong competition, and performed very well.



# STEM Challenge



## THE BALL

How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't bounce off anything? There is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it back to you.



**Answer next term**

**Last weeks answer:**

Susan and Lisa decided to play tennis against each other. They bet £1 on each game they played. Susan won three bets and Lisa won £5. How many games did they play?

**Answer:** Eleven. Because Lisa lost three games to Susan, she had lost £3 (£1 per game). So, she had to win back that £3 with three more games, then win another five games to win £5.



# From the Sixth Form Team: Congratulations Yr11 on completing your GCSE exams



Before you go and enjoy the summer...

...we want to give you quick update on our sixth form for September 2023 and a few reminders about your application for Kings Langley Sixth Form.



We are on track to open our brand-new, purpose-built sixth form building ready for September. Our building will have amazing facilities including dedicated study area, lounge, café facilities with a premium hot drink vending machine, wellbeing/meeting room, sixth form study garden and outside spaces. Alongside this we have been preparing for a relaunch of the sixth form where we place educational excellence and student experience at the forefront of our provision. We have reviewed all policies and procedures to ensure that we provide young people with the best post-16 provision in the area where they are treated like young adults who will be fully prepared for all their future aspirations.



In addition, we recognise the need to respond to the socio-cultural changes that our students face, and with the new challenges that come with transitioning into adulthood. This is why we have developed a series of charters and guidance that ensure our young people feel safe, happy and able to express themselves. Actions are more important than documents so therefore, students joining us in September will notice how inclusive and supportive our sixth form community is.

# Sixth Form Applications

## September 2023

### GCSE Results Day

We recognise that GCSE results day is a day of celebration and a time for rewarding yourself for all of the hard work you will have put into your GCSEs. Therefore, on results day you will find an envelope from KLS Sixth Form which will contain guidance on the next stage of your application, alongside your personalised application summary based on your actual GCSE results. Your personalised application summary will provide you with traffic light guidance on which subjects you are eligible to pre-enrol on based on subject entry criteria\*.

We hope that you get the GCSE results you want however, if your results are unfortunately not what you expected, then you can either speak to us on GCSE results day, or request a personalised call-back where one of our team will be more than happy to discuss your application to KLS Sixth Form. We recommend celebrating your GCSE results first, then opening the envelope when you are ready.

If you are in the position where you haven't previously made an application to KLS Sixth Form but you have either, achieved better results than expected, or have changed your mind, don't worry, you will still be able to pre-enrol using the links provided on GCSE results day.

### Online Pre-enrolment

This year we have received a record number of applications from students both at KLS and from external applicants so we have also introduced online pre-enrolment to begin the process of securing your place at KLS sixth form. All you will need to do is to visit the pre-enrolment link or scan the QR code given to you on results day and complete the required details. Physical attendance on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 11.30am-12.30pm** for our enrolment day is required. If you are not going to be present on results day and wish to pre-enrol, please let us know by emailing us, [6form@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:6form@kls.herts.sch.uk) so that we are aware of your intentions.

### Enrolment Day

Enrolment day is where we officially welcome you to KLS Sixth Form, discuss your subject selection with subject leaders, and sign your contracts of learning. Our learning support team will also be available for students with specific learning needs, to ensure we can support you seamlessly, in transition into the sixth form. Enrolment day will also be the opportunity to explore our brand new sixth form building and find out what exciting events we have planned for your sixth form journey.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss your application, please do not hesitate to contact us on [6form@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:6form@kls.herts.sch.uk)

**Haven't applied for Kings Langley Sixth Form? You can still apply for a place at our sixth form by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/8fgevaLA3N>

Sixth Form Internal Application  
2023



KINGS LANGLEY SCHOOL  
**SIXTH FORM**  
READY FOR YOUR FUTURE

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](#)

Charity Registration No. 1003270

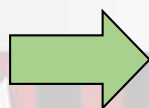
# Attendance Ladder

MORE TIME IN SCHOOL =  
MORE TIME TO LEARN!

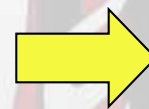
4 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



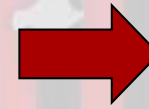
9 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



11 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



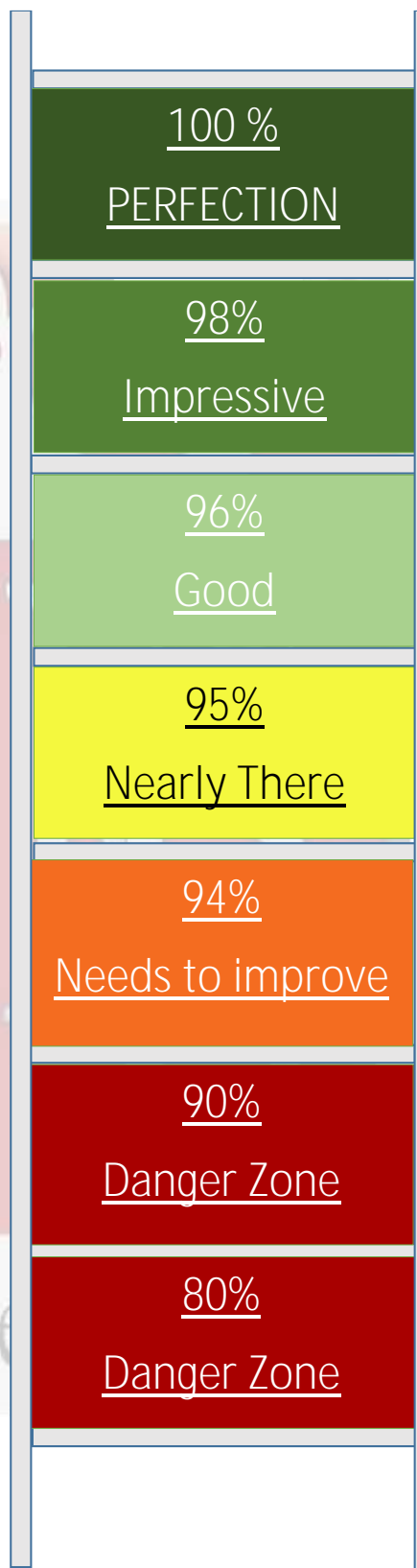
19 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



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)





# YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

**This weeks jackpot winning numbers are:**

**942995**

**One of your supporters won £33.90 in the draw!**

Your winning supporters

Mrs P won £33.90

Total finds raised

**£45.20**

Tickets in this weeks draw

**113**

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## Need sports shoes for the new school term?

We're a charity that collects preloved sports shoes and gives them out for **free** to people locally.

We're holding three Pop Up Stands in Grove Hill over the summer holidays. We have all sizes of trainers, rugby boots and astro boots available. We also have a limited supply of football boots.

### Dates and Times:

**Wed 19th July 11am-2pm**

**Tues 8th Aug - 2pm-6pm**

**Thurs 31st Aug 10am-2pm**

### Location

**The Active Hub, Redbourn Road, Hemel, HP2 7BA**

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