



Kings Langley School News

Issue 2

A Note from the Headteacher

Our first full cycle of the timetable has been completed and I would like to congratulate our community on their return, the school looks and feels great with real purpose this year and with no distractions for the first time in recent years whether that be mass testing or Covid disruptions.

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest serving Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth. We have and will continue to pay tribute to her unwavering commitment to the people she served so faithfully for so many years. **Parents will be aware that Monday 19th**

September is now a Bank Holiday and as such the school will be closed as per Government guidelines and will reopen on Tuesday 20th September to all students.

School events next week

Monday 19th September
Bank Holiday.

Wednesday 21st September
Y12 / 13, The Crucible
Theatre Trip.

Friday 23rd September
Y11 Bronze DofE Expedition.



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Over the summer we celebrated wonderful results and I wanted to congratulate the students, staff and parents on their many achievements.

We have a large cohort of A Level students with straight A*/A grades going to some of the best universities or a real alternative and the average grade this year over our cohort was a B grade, this average allows our students to have access to their first choice whether that be; university, apprenticeship, travel or the world of work.

The A Level cohort had been significantly affected by the pandemic with A Levels exams their first real exams since primary school. It is a testament to their character and especially their resilience that has resulted in such great results for them. Well done to all, whether you improved from a mock result, got into your first choice university, or a real alternative or achieved straight A*s, we are so proud of you all! GCSEs were extremely pleasing with record breaking results across the board. Once again, well done to the students in our GCSE cohort for achieving amazing results and I am pleased to see so many joining our Sixth Form this year and this cohort will be the first to enter our new Sixth Form building. Mr Tubb has been tasked this year of growing our Alumni so please stay in touch with us and if we can help in anyway just contact the school.

As Headteacher of Kings Langley School I want a school full of celebration and praise, where we celebrate the successes and many talents of our students and praise them throughout their time here. I am also a realist that we need boundaries and expectations for young people and reviewing the data at least 97% of each year group had more positive points than negative last year. Let's aim for 100% this year! It has been a joy this week to celebrate with a number of our Year 7 cohort on their Bedrock successes over the holidays, handing out colour awards.



Headteacher commendations this week. Congratulations to the students below for their achievements. Parents please email in any achievements outside of the school so we can support and praise your child.



George - 13HOU
Continued Commitment to
KLS speaker programme



Sienna—8J
Winning gold and being selected for
Young Stars in Sheffield.



Colour Awards:

Oliver 11P Gold Sports Award, Grace 11G Silver & Gold sports Awards, Jack 8G Bronze Sports Award, Jessica 11A Silver Sports Award and Sophie 11A Silver Sports Award



Bedrock Top Ten Y7 Awards: George 7J, Manase 7G, Emily 7G, William 7A, Jack 7A, Summa-Louise 7C, Lesley 7C, Amy 7A and Daisy 7C



Jack 8G Bronze Sports Award

Finally, thank you to all those parents who joined us at our start of term events, whether that be our Bedrock, Microsoft TEAMS or Year 7 and 12 information evenings. These events are a way for us to share information and support you help your son/daughter unlock their potential. Please review the school calendar online for upcoming events like the one on the 28th September with Mrs Inskipp—Managing the Transition to secondary school.



Invitation to a Parents Evening

Managing the Transition to

Secondary School



Kings Langley School provide a range of parent support services including a range of events that we encourage parents to attend. One key aspect are the parent information evenings that we run on a wide range of different themes.

We would like to invite all of our new Year 7 parents to a key evening on the theme of Managing the Transition to Secondary School.

Starting secondary school is a significant milestone in a child's life. It marks a passage into adolescence and brings about several significant changes including having to take more responsibility. It is often a more stressful time for parents than it is for your child who is mostly keen and excited about the transition. For parents it can be a difficult time with the feeling of losing contact and understanding about what your child may be doing and how you can help them.

We would like to invite parents to this informal information evening on **Wednesday 28th September** which will start at **6.30pm** and finish no later than 8pm. During the evening you will have the opportunity to meet other parents, discuss your concerns and worries, share the worries and concerns of your child and learn some useful tips and techniques that will help you have a positive start to this new journey in you and your child's life. In particular we will cover the following:

- **Managing the transition from Primary to Secondary school**
- **How to boost confidence, self esteem and develop responsibility**
- **Understanding pre-teen and teenage development**
- **Helping to develop your child's resilience and character**
- **Keeping communication open with your child—talking and listening**
- **Understanding Secondary school, communication and the support it can offer**

This is not an evening about Kings Langley School's processes and staff, it is about you as parents and how you can support your child in this transition. We welcome all of our year 7 parents to attend and if you would like to book a place please email familyservices@kls.herts.sch.uk or contact the main school office on 01923 264504.



Best at Bedrock! Week 2

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

- Daisy- 7C (169 points)
- Adam- 8P (220 points)
- Gracie- 9 (142 points)
- Harley- 10 (67 points)
- Emily- 11 (35 points)

Highest progress made in each year group

- Evan- 7P (208%)
- Lucas- 8C (347%)
- Amy- 9 (147%)
- Alfie- 10 (277%)
- Emily- 11 (525%)



Confident voices, strong literacy





Recognition

Students of the Week w/c 12th Sept

Art	Isaac 7C
For producing an outstanding observational drawing of an orange slice with excellent attention to details and use of tone to produce a three-dimensional effect.	
Drama	Rylie 9D
For contributing so productively in his first drama lesson of Year 9.	
English	Luke 11A
For a committed and determined start to the year, demonstrating a fantastic work ethic.	
Geography	Poppy-Lucia 8G
Excellent river research and clear presentation.	
Politics	Todd 12SHH
A fantastic start to A Level Politics, completing the bridging work well in advance of the deadline.	
Graphics	Ruby 8J
Great start to year 8 Graphics.	
History	Cameron 9P
For making an outstanding effort to contribute during his first few History lessons.	
Mathematics	Thomas 9P
Excellent contribution in Maths lessons.	
Modern Foreign Languages	Thomas 11A
Excellent effort on Sprachenunterricht over the first week of term.	

Photography	Sam, 12MCK
Very creative and imaginative illusion photography created independently.	
Physical Education	Holly 8D
Demonstrating extraordinary resilience in PE.	
Product Design	Chloe 13MCK
Outstanding folder organisation.	
Psychology	Maria 13C
For demonstrating excellent oracy and memory in general when questioned on links between Year 12 and Year 13 content at the start of the course.	
Year 10 Head of Year	Olivia 11C
High level of application to all subject areas.	
Key Stage 5 Head of Year	Hasnain-Ali, 12ELL
Fully committed start to Yr12 with impeccable dress and dedication to success.	

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

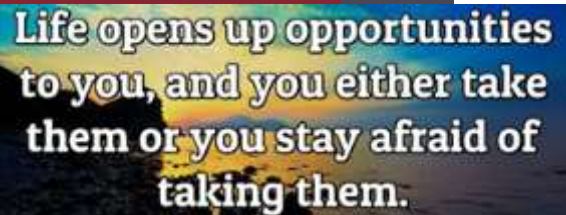
Character of the Week

Character Theme For Next Week: Making Great Choices and Developing Your Skills

After a focus of “New beginnings” and “Making great choices” over the last two weeks, we are extending these ideas into “Developing your skills”. We have visiting speakers and staff talking in assemblies about work experience opportunities, volunteering programmes and the activities that will be on offer during the Key Stage 3 activities week at the end of the school year. As well as all of this information for students to consider, there is also the launch of our extra-curricular programme with a variety of lunch time and after school clubs for students to join.

As adults will be aware of, many of these opportunities do not happen again later in life and therefore it is very important that we try to encourage students to engage with as many different and diverse activities as they can whilst they are on offer. Not only does it allow them to try out new skills and hobbies, it allows them to develop in these areas and find potential interests for life.

With many of these activities they will build into great curriculum vitae potential showing future educators or employers, that our students are well- rounded, willing to develop new skills and take risks, as well as caring and selfless people who engage with volunteering or charity work.



Life opens up opportunities
to you, and you either take
them or you stay afraid of
taking them.

- Jim Carrey

Thought For The Week:

The future belongs to those who learn more skills and combine them
in creative ways.

Robert Greene.



Characters of the Week: Neil Armstrong, the first person to set foot on the Moon.



Neil Armstrong was the eldest of three children born to Viola Louise Engel and Stephen Koenig Armstrong, a state auditor. Neil's passion for aviation and flight was kindled when he took his first aeroplane ride at age 6. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He became a licensed pilot on his 16th birthday and a naval air cadet in 1947. His studies in aeronautical engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, were interrupted in 1950 by his service in the Korean War, during which he was shot down once and was awarded three Air Medals. He completed his degree in 1955 and immediately became a civilian research pilot for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), later the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He flew

more than 1,100 hours, testing various supersonic fighters as well as the rocket X-plane. In 1962 Armstrong joined the space programme with its second group of astronauts. On March 16, 1966, Armstrong, as command pilot of Gemini 8, and David R. Scott rendezvoused with an unmanned Agena rocket and completed the first manual space docking manoeuvre.

On July 16, 1969, Armstrong, along with Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., and Michael Collins, blasted off in the Apollo 11 vehicle toward the Moon. Four days later, the *Eagle* lunar landing module, guided manually by Armstrong, touched down on a plain near the south western edge of the Sea of Tranquility.



Sports News

Football

Congratulations to Charlie (11G) who has been selected to represent the Hertfordshire U/16 Boys' Football Squad for the 22-23 season. Over 130 boys attended the various trials, with Charlie continuing his inclusion from last season.

Congratulations to Daisy (8C) who has been selected to represent the Hertfordshire U/14 Girls' Football Squad for the 22-23 season. Daisy also signed for Arsenal Academy U13's. She has played in a couple of tournaments with them, prior to the start of the season, where she gained a winner's medal from the Oakham tournament. Through the Arsenal Academy she has been selected to appear in a UNICEF World Children's Day video. The video will also feature UNICEF ambassadors David Beckham, Sergio Ramos, Lionel Messi and Robert Lewandowski as part of a "Hero" section.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Dacorum for this season's football campaign.

Year 8

Brendan (8G)

Year 9

Rylie (9D)

Logan (9A)

Year 10

Zac (10P)

Bobby (10D)

Josh (10J)



Photography of the Week



As part of our students' current investigations into illusions and trickery within photographic imagery, Sam has produced a creative photograph that uses a reflective surface to create a captivating mirror image that both connects and disconnects with the viewer.

Sam, 13MCK



Drama News

We are so looking forward to the year ahead and all the fantastic work our students will be doing. To give you a little taste of what is going on in the department, here are a few highlights from the start of the term.

Year 9 are exploring a range of texts in preparation for their assessment towards the end of the term. They have started with a GCSE play called The Great Wave. This is the first of 3 different plays they will look at. If you are interested in reading more of the play, it is available to borrow from the school library.



Year 12 and 13 are off to see Arther Miller's play "The Crucible" at the National Theatre on the 21st September. The play focuses on the Salem witch trials and was written by Miller during the McCarthy trials during the 1950's. As such it appeals to those interested in drama. English, Politics, History and Psychology. The run is almost sold out so we are very lucky to have been given reduced price tickets! click here for the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1XoQXK7oEQ>



Teaser Trailer: The Crucible at the National Theatre with Erin Doherty and Brendan Cowell

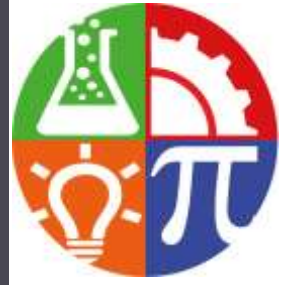
Speak of the devil and he appears. A witch hunt is beginning in Salem. Watch our teaser for The Crucible, which plays from 14 Sep - 5 Nov 2022 in the Olivier theatre: https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/the-crucible?utm_source=youtube&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=thecrucible The play is being broadcast to cinemas with National Theatre ...

www.youtube.com

And finally, Drama clubs will be back next week! This year there will be a senior and lower school club. Look out for notices about dates and times. For more information, please see Miss. Abbott or Mrs. Carr. We are sure that the clubs will produce some fabulous. hilarious, thought provoking and engaging work! Watch this space!



STEM Challenge



This week's challenge:

There is a blue single-storey house and, everything is blue, the doors are blue, the windows are blue, and the TV is blue. What colour are the stairs?



Answer next week.

Last weeks Answer:

A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?

The lake was frozen.



Welcome to the Sixth Form Evening

Wednesday 7th September

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming our new Yr12 students to Kings Langley Sixth Form where everything we do is designed to provide students with the very best opportunity to achieve their goals and aspirations, preparing them not only for a professional world but as an individual with a sense of character and purpose.

I am proud to be the Head of Sixth Form at Kings Langley School where we fully embrace inclusiveness; central to our ethos is ensuring that all young people can succeed and thrive whilst being in a safe and supportive environment.

We know that education doesn't stop when a student leaves the classroom, therefore we value parental/carer involvement and genuinely put relationships at the heart of everything we do. Meetings with parents and carers are welcomed and input into the development of the Sixth Form is encouraged.

We believe that every student and parent/carer is entitled to expect the Sixth Form that they have chosen, to provide a first-rate education, and at Kings Langley School Sixth Form, we shoulder this responsibility profoundly, with pride and determination. In choosing Kings Langley School Sixth Form you will be selecting a Sixth Form that offers its students a bright and exciting future, a Sixth Form that understands that every student is unique and a Sixth Form that will not just prepare our students for their next steps but stay with them for life.



Ethos, Vision & Culture

- **Ethos** – Unlocking Potential for Life
- **Vision** – To be the first choice for students of all backgrounds, with whom have a variety of aspirations, the opportunity to unlock their full potential through developing as an individual and as a well-rounded adult, ready for tomorrow and beyond.
- **Culture** – An inclusive community which provides all students a safe and enjoyable environment, where they thrive and succeed as individuals; developing as respectful young adults who take responsibility and ownership of their aspirations and opportunities.

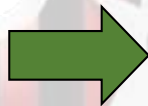
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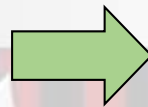
Attendance Ladder

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

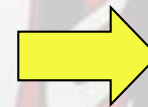
4 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



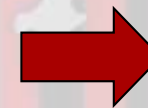
9 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



11 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



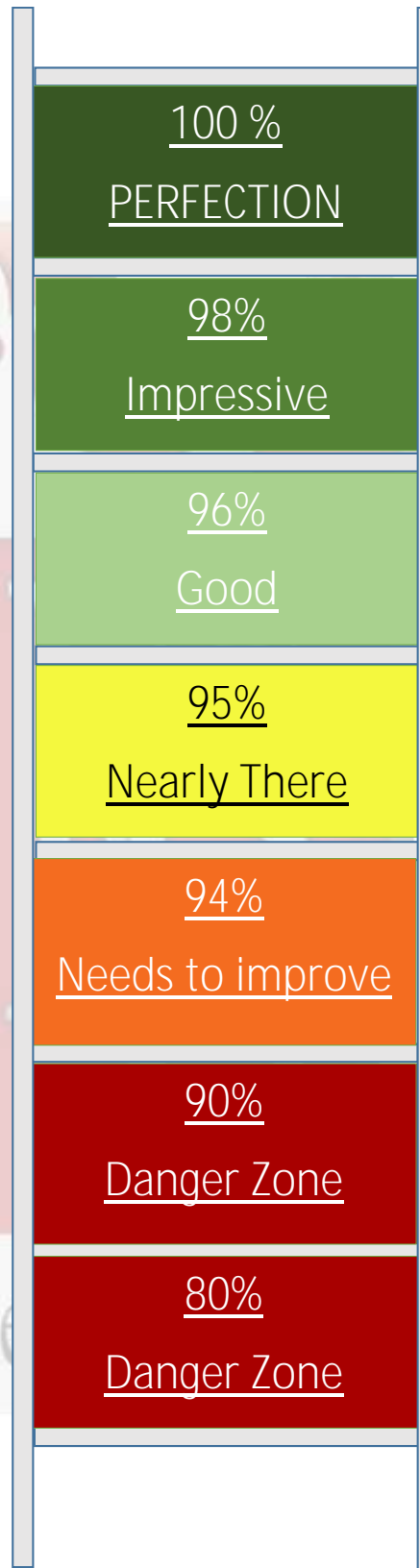
19 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



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)





Student Leadership

Leadership development is self-development

Applications now open

YR 7 FORM CAPTAINS

Applications to become a Form Captain are sought from students in Yr7. Each form will select a form captain to represent the form and to assist the form tutor in the smooth running and leadership of the form.

Examples of duties of the form captain include:

- Be a representative and student voice for the form group
- Promote house competitions and events to other form members
- Assist the form tutor in the collection of notices and contents of the form pigeon hole
- Assist the form tutor in submitting competition entries
- Assist the form tutor in updating the form board
- Be a point of student contact for the head of year
- Assist a cover form tutor in the absence of the form tutor

**Applications to be handed in to your form tutor
by Friday 23rd September (in registration)**



KLS Colours Awards

Developing yourself and your character



New year, new challenge?

Work towards your Colour Awards and get recognition for your achievements, personal development and contribution to the school community

Check the school website section 'Rewards & Consequences' under 'Student Wellbeing' for the full criteria or collect a sheet from the library

BRONZE



SILVER



GOLD



PLATINUM



DIAMOND





Advertisements & Opportunities

Please contact admin@kls.herts.sch.uk to advertise here

Football Players Wanted

U16s (Year 11) Boys for Season 2022/23

Chorleywood Common Youth Football Club

CCYFC Eagles & Hawks play in Divisions 2 & 3 of the
West Herts Youth League (total 50 teams across 5 divisions)

Home matches played in Chorleywood, opposition includes Watford, St Albans,
Hemel Hempstead, Abbots Langley & Wheathampstead
Training is 20:00 Thursday evening at St Clement Danes School, Chorleywood

Goalkeepers particularly welcome!

Contact Neil Thomson on 07419 986 869