



Kings Langley School News

Issue 26

A note from the Headteacher

Welcome back. I hope all of our community have had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Whilst it is only week 1 of the summer term it has been a very successful one for the school and our students. This week the under 15 girls progressed to the last 16 of the National Cup, the under 13 girls became District Champions remaining unbeaten throughout the tournament. The girls also won the District Plate in the netball on Wednesday evening at Ashlyns school. Finally our year 8 boys were crowned Country Cup Champions. I had the pleasure of attending many matches this year and witnessing these successes, it is the enjoyment, teamwork and character on display that is most pleasing to watch. The year 8 boys were 2/0 down at one point and had to really show, as one parent said to me “stickability” to turn it around to make it 2/2 and then to win it in extra time digging deep in some bitterly cold conditions. Well done to all involved, thanks go to our staff for giving up so much time and to those parents on the sidelines supporting. We look forward to continued success with many more matches to be played and we will keep a close eye on the progress of the under 15 girls in the National Cup, this would be some achievement!

School Events

**Sixth Form Community
Litter Picking Week**

Thursday 25th April

Sharepoint Parent Event-
6.30pm

Saturday 27th April

Friends of Kings Langley
School (FoKLS) Uniform Sale
9am-11am

Sunday 28th April

Y12 Norfolk Coast
Geography Field Trip
departs.

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We have been delighted to welcome our new catering provider Culinera to the school this week. If you have not had the opportunity to read the information provided at the end of last term regarding the new service please click the link to find out more

www.myculinera.co.uk/klss



Finally, thank you to the significant vast majority of parents in helping us start with a positive on students being school ready. We have 1100 students at our school and on our return we have only had to have 36 conversations about incorrect uniform issues such as trainers, bags, ties etc. If you are one of the 36 left, please work with us, to address these matters, we are always willing to help financially if needed to help your child be school ready, just reach out to your child's form tutor or head of year.

A plea for parents, to continue with sending in positive emails to staff about the simple things that matter. I have tasked staff to continue to send their weekly email or call to a parent on the value of positivity and I know from those that I have seen staff are sending these home to keep this cycle of positivity going within our community to promote a positive education.

Link

Please click on the link below to register for the Parents /Carers homework and digital devices support evening on Thursday 25th April.

<https://forms.office.com/e/mrspGc94EM>



Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 15th April

English	Jessica 11G
Magnificent independent learning efforts over Easter to prepare for the GCSEs. Well done!	
Food Technology	Casper 9G
Always enthusiastic about what he is doing and for always helping others.	
Politics	Samaira 13LIY
Regular revision attendance and following up on suggested independent revision tasks, for example completing timed essay practices.	
Graphics	Raman 13SCO
Super CAD development work.	
History	Miles 11D
Fantastic commitment to GCSE History revision during the Easter holidays.	
Library	Sophie 7A
Consistent positive attitude, empathy, and good manners.	
PHSE	Leticia 10P
Excellent participation in PSHE lessons. Well done!	
Physical Education	Ruby 8A and Molly 9P
On being selected to play for Hertfordshire U/14s against Suffolk.	
Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	Emily 8G
Sharing brilliant ideas with the class and always working to the best of her ability	
Science	Sienna 11G
Showing perseverance and positivity towards her revision.	
Textiles	Abigail 9A
Quality of design paintings on her bunting.	

Year 7 Head of Year	Alice 7G
The highest number of points on Bedrock voluntarily completed during the Easter holidays.	
Year 11 Head of Year	Tia'Rnan 11A
Great Half Term of revision after school.	

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

SPORTS NEWS



Football

Congratulations to Ruby 8A and Molly 9P who were selected to represent Hertfordshire Schools FA U/14s against Suffolk last weekend. Both girls played really well and contributed to a 6-2 victory.

100% Attendance - Spring Term

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 100% attendance last term.

Year 7

7A	Matilda Polly	Megan Freddie	Imogen	Niamh	
7C	Roman Clarke	Noah Teagan	Senna	Archie	
7D	Connor	Freddie			
7G	Alice	Amelia			
7J	Beth	Mia			
7P	James Jack	Jonny Beau	James	Jaden	Sophia

Year 8

8A	Phoebe	Emily	Sastika	Madeline	
8C	Lesley	Isaac	Gracie	Diva	Daisy
8D	Joshua				
8G	Sara	Summer	Sanvi		
8J	Will	Matthew	Jasmine	Eleanor	Joseph
8P	Abi	Nathan	Connor	Chloe	
8T	Holly	Hayden	Freya		



Year 9

9A	Jack	Rosie						
9C	Daisy	Harry	Annabelle					
9D	Zach	Sophie	Bobby	Taylor	Freddie	Molly	Max	
9G	Samin	Jake	Jack	Max	Sophia	Abbie		
9J	Beau	Sadie	Evie					
9P	Archie	Joshua	Bethany	Kyryl	Adam	Ethan		

Year 10

10A	Harry	Sheryl	Arthur	Elijah	Bethany			
10C	Dylan	Olivia	Kian	Maxim				
10D	Lucy	Scarlett	Oliver	Ignas	Ruby			
10G	Heidi	Thomas	Rosie	Luke	Aidan			
10J	Ellie	Archie	Stefan	William				
10P	Pooja	Adam	Ethan					

Year 11

11A	Harry	Jensen						
11C	Mia	Jaydyn						
11D	Luca							
11G	Edward	Benjamin	Carter					
11J	Ella	Niamh	Billy	Siya	Oliver			
11P	Joshua	Lucas						

Artwork of the Week



Katy has produced this original and creative portrait artwork after exploring the work of surf artist Ben Brown.

This is a remarkable piece of work showing commitment and impressive creativity.

Katy—12DLK



Weekly Character News

Thought for the week:

The only person you are destined to become is the person **you** decide to be.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Character values: Self-Regulation and Reflection

We are asking students to ask themselves the question “Who am I?” and “What do I believe about myself? Most people like to think of themselves as a good person, and they will have certain character traits that they value, hold dear and will consider they have i.e. honesty, compassion or friendliness. We asked students to think of what their most valued traits are, and the ones they believe they have. As you are reading this, you may want to do the same yourself?

Taking the top value from the list, we asked students to consider whether they always stood by this value. So, for example, if you believe being kind and compassionate as the most important value, the question posed was “Is this always true regardless of the scenario?” Looking deeper at this example, what happens if you are in a situation where someone is unkind to you – which is more important retaliation or holding true to your own beliefs in yourself as a kind and compassionate person?

Teenagers often chose friendships above most other character traits; this is partly to do with the wiring of a teenage brain and changes they are going through. This will mean that often they will put friendships above honesty and lie to protect their friends. However, the question we then asked students to consider was if friendliness and friendships are the most important character traits to you, why would some students make the following choices: deciding to be late to a lesson by taking the longest route, instead of just taking themselves the shortest way, encouraging their friend to go with them. If their friends are that important to them, regardless of what they might choose to do, surely, they would not want friends getting into trouble and not achieving the best they can? If they value their friends, would they want to be encouraging their friends to do the right thing?



Taking time to reflect on who we believe we are and what we hold dear is important to do regularly, but what is more challenging is to then stand by these values regardless of the situation we find ourselves in. It is taking time to think through our decisions before acting on them, to ensure that who we believe we are, matches our actions. This will not always mean that choices and decisions will be easy at whatever age we are, but if we do not do this, do we end up with people not being who they believe they are? A worrying thought maybe?

We are encouraging all students to reflect several times over the week at registration and set themselves small, achievable targets to help deliver this concept. You may want to discuss this with your child or even look in their planner and see what targets they have written for themselves.



Extra Curricular Summer Term 2024



Clubs with charge is for the term

Day	Lunch time	After School
Monday	Ukulele Club/Music department/£5	Formula 24 Kit Car Y13/G201-G202/Mr Housego/£40 Debating Society/F107/Mr Mcguigan/£16 Studio time GCSE Art/F204/Miss Arnold Cooking Club Y7/G205/Miss Scanlan/£45 A Level History Revision/G108/Miss Hardingham A Level Politics Revision/G108/Miss Hardingham
Tuesday	Homework club/F305/Miss Reeve Flute Choir/Music department/£5	Laptop Club/G304/Miss Reeve
Wednesday	Homework club/F305/Miss Reeve Summit Youth Club/G105/Mr Moyo Pride Club/S302/Miss Hill/£5	Creative Writing Club/F104/Mr Trenoweth/£10 Choir/Music department/£5 GCSE History Revision/G108/Miss Hardingham Jewellery Club Y7-9/G304/Miss Keane/£36
Thursday	Homework club /F305/Miss Reeve Guitar Group/Music department/£30 Diversity & Equality/G105/Mrs Ashraf	Lego Club/S103/Mrs Bloomfield/£10 History Club Y7-10/G108/Miss Hardingham/£5 Knitting Club/Library/Miss Hill/£10
Friday	MFL Club Y7-9/F302&F303/Mr Burgin Jig-Geog/G102/Ms Chabrel	

Extra Curricular Summer 2024 PE Department



Day	Lunch time 12:55pm-13:30pm	After School 3:15pm-4:30pm
Monday	GCSE PE Badminton/Mr Annett	Year 7&8 Tennis Club/Mr Annett Year 7-10 Cricket Nets/Mr Higgins
Tuesday	GCSE PE Table Tennis/Mr Annett	GCSE PE Trampolining/Mr Benson Year 9&10 Tennis Club/Mr Raine
Wednesday		A Level PE Revision/Mr Benson Y7-9 Girls Football/Mr Annett Y7-10 Rounders/Miss Mole/Mr Higgins
Thursday	Y7&8 Basketball/Mr Choudhury	A Level PE Revision/Mr Benson Y7-10 Athletics/Mr Annett/Mr Choudhury
Friday	PlayStation Club/F202/Mr Annett	Y7-9 Netball/Mr Bilton/£10

CLUB BOOKING SYSTEM

<https://www.socscms.com/login/>

Once you have signed up to the clubs, our finance team will send you information on how much to pay on SCOPAY for the term if there are charges for the sessions you choose.



STEM Challenge

This weeks challenge:

What has six faces, but does not wear makeup, has twenty-one eyes, but cannot see?

Answer next week.

Last terms answer:

How many Easter eggs can you put in an empty basket?

Answer: Only one—after that, it's not empty anymore.



**YOUR
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LOTTERY**

The following jackpot winners over the Easter break are:

742539, 459373 & 340666

Our supporters each won £29.40 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 - [https://
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-
school](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-school)





KEEP CALM AND AUDITION

For a 1940s inspired production of
"Much Ado About
Nothing"

*A play about love and lovers who pretend to hate each other,
and a brother who gets up to bad tricks and ruins a wedding,
and a totally useless police force!*

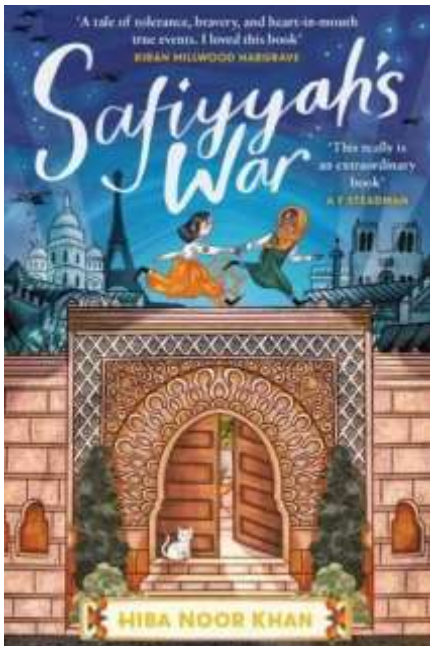
Everyone welcome – performance on Thursday 4th July

Audition: Monday 22nd April in F306
Actors and dancers (no singing this time!)
Nothing to prepare – just come and join in!

For more information, see Mrs Carr or Miss Abbott

The Library

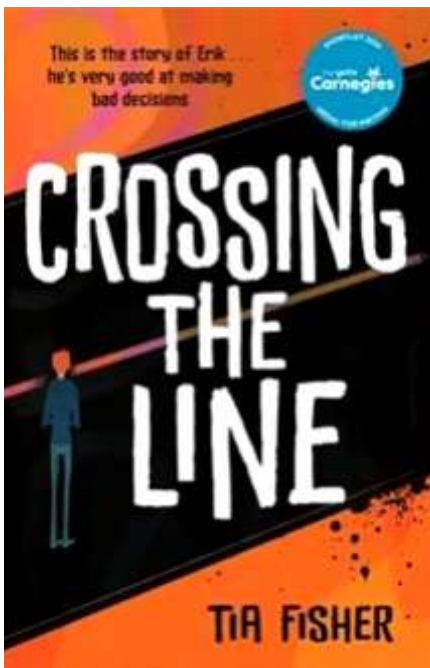
Books of the Month



Key Stage 3

Safiyyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan

War comes to the streets of Paris and Safiyyah's life changes for ever. Her best friend's family have fled, and the bombing makes her afraid to leave the mosque where she lives. But when her father is arrested by the Nazis for his secret Resistance work, it falls to Safiyyah to run the dangerous errands around the city. It's not long before hundreds of persecuted Jews seek sanctuary at the mosque. Can Safiyyah find the courage to enter the treacherous catacombs under Paris and lead the Jews to safety?



Key Stage 4

Crossing the Line by Tia Fisher

Erik's life has been falling apart ever since his dad died. Homework and being good at school stop feeling important when you're the new man of the house. When Erik's bad behaviour attracts the wrong crowd, he's sucked into a terrifying new world of drug dealing, trap houses and violence.

Making money feels good but Erik soon learns that a small favour can become a huge debt. When his sisters' lives are threatened, Erik will have to cross one more line to save them. Written in stunning verse, this is a poignant story about seeking safety and asking for help in times of crisis.

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Books of the Month

Sixth Form Fiction



Breakfast of Champions by Kurt Vonnegut

In a frolic of cartoon and comic outbursts against rule and reason, a miraculous weaving of science fiction, memoir, parable, fairy tale and farce, Kurt Vonnegut attacks the whole spectrum of American society, releasing some of his best-loved literary creations on the scene.

Sixth Form Non-Fiction



How Westminster Works... and Why It Doesn't by Ian Dunt

Why do some prime ministers manage to get things done, while others miserably fail? What is a 'special adviser' and how did they take over British political life? Why is the House of Lords more functional than most people think?

Our political and financial institutions are cloaked in secrecy, archaic terminology, ancient custom and impenetrable jargon. Now, from Downing Street to Whitehall, the Commons to the Lords, this book is an indispensable guide to our political system - and how we might begin to fix it.

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Booking Link:

<https://stormbasketball.net/weekly-skills-academy>

For more information: juniorcoaching@stormbasketball.net