



Kings Langley School News

Issue 23

A note from the Headteacher

The celebration of our student's character, through their values and virtues is one of the most rewarding part of any school leader's role. We celebrate our students at various intervals throughout the term but during the last week of each term I am always delighted to personally meet with students who have achieved their recognition certificates, or to celebrate with the students for their sporting or personal academic successes. Another element I have introduced at the school is the rewards breakfast and this week attending the year 7 breakfast it was great to hear the stories from our students, on their many successes and achievements and in some cases being very jealous of their holiday plans over Easter.

I am sure you can see from the photos that there have been many smiles this week!



School Events

Monday 17th April -

Term Starts

Tuesday 18th April -

Iftaar Party - 7-9pm Hall
(Ticketed Event)

Wednesday 19th April -

Matilda Theatre Trip 6.30 -
11pm

Thursday 20th April -

Y12 Trip to Norfolk - departs
1pm

The Play that Goes Wrong
theatre trip 5 -11pm

Saturday 22nd April -

Y12 Trip to Norfolk returns.

We are making good progress now with our sixth form centre and 3G pitch and we are confident that we will have the keys for the Sixth Form centre in July to ensure the fit out internally is completed for our cohorts for September 2023. This will enable us to have a great sense of space in the school building for other year groups at social times and also enable our young adults in Key Stage 5 to have their own building and space including coffee shop to create their own culture and experience from September. This will enable us to have a great sense of space in the school building for other year groups at social times and also enable our young adults in Key Stage 5 to have their own building and space including coffee shop to create their own culture and experience from September.



As confirmed in the local press our 3G pitch planning application was approved on the 14th March 2023 and now is with the Football Foundation to ensure works can start over the summer holidays, we are hopeful we will be able to open this facility in January 2024 for our students.

[Kings Langley School's FA funded 3G pitch approved | Watford Observer](#)

As parents know from previous newsletters, I have been determined that our entire community have the best possible facilities for sport and education and as such by January 2024 we will have buildings and infrastructure that enables our community to unlock their potential and develop their character further.

We would really like your support with the pitch to ensure all the facilities in place are to the highest standards and as such please could I ask parents to support our just giving page: [Kings Langley School 3G Football Pitch - JustGiving](#)

Sadly we have a small group of teaching staff leaving us at the end of this term to move closer to home, trying something new or take promotion in the profession. We would like to thank those staff leaving us for their wonderful music concerts, design technology competitions, leadership on equality and diversity or development of girls sport.

We welcome a group of excellent new members of staff, joining as Head of Music, Mrs Warren from Verulam School, Ms Shannon joining as Head of Year 11 bringing her experience from senior leadership across a large Trust into the role and finally Miss Rowan in Technology from the Chiltern Learning Trust.

I hope you and our community have a great Easter break.

Unlocking potential for life

Headteacher Commendations



William was recognised by his swimming club this month. He received the following awards: 16 gold medals, under 14 boys' club champion, overall club champion, coaches' award for most improved and committed swimmer.

In addition he won silver for swimming the 200 metre individual medley at the county championships.

Congratulations to the Y10 netball team for winning the league.

The team consisted of: Amelia, Lydia, Amber, Jessica, Freya, Siya, Sienna, Daisy and Esme.



Congratulations to Fatima Y11 on achieving her bronze STEM colour award, she is the first student in School to achieve this.



Headteacher Commendations



Tom, Michael and Max recently attended the novice national trampoline final.

The team were runners up which is an outstanding achievement and Ms Donovan and Mr Fisher awarded them with their certificates and trophy.

Rotary Design and Technology Tournament at Ashlyns school

We took an intermediate team made up of four year 10 students (Reece, Jacob, Lois and Areeb) and an advanced team consisting of four year 12 students (Grace, Eva, Louis and Ruby) to the design and technology tournament.

The challenge was to build a mobile hoist to transport a train carriage carrying hazardous chemicals that had been derailed. The fact that hardly any of the 31 teams completed the task in its entirety illustrates how hard the challenge was.

The students were outstanding on the day and it was great to see the support and collaboration shown between the two teams. I am please to report that the year 12 team came third in the advanced competition.



Headteacher Commendations



Photo by Sam 13MCK

Sam 13MCK won the senior category prize in the Berkhamsted Rotary Young Photographer 2023 competition and Ethan 9C received a commendation in the intermediate category and has been entered in the Rotary Young Photographer District competition.



Mr Fisher and Mr Bilton presented Emily in Year 7 with her diamond certificate this morning. Emily is the first student this year to achieve this outstanding result for gaining 150 recognition points.



Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to the following students who have gained their platinum award for achieving 120 recognition points.



Sadie Y8, Zaria Y9, Lucy Y7,
Sammy Y7, Phoebe Y7, Diva Y7,
Chloe Y8, George Y7, Abbie Y8,
Emily Y7, and James Y9.



Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to the following students Y7 who have achieved gold awards for 90 recognition points.



7A

Olivia, Lachie, Jake, Isaac, Joshua, Phoebe, and Jack.



7C

Lesley, Olly, Lexie, Lucy, Clara, Diva, Tom, Issac, Daisy, Alexander, and Henry.



7D

Bella, Tom, and Lewis.



Headteacher Commendations



7G

Manase , Barney, Jess, Sammy, Sam, George, Emily, Millie, Ava, and Summer.

7P

Abi and Amelia



7T

Maddie & Freya

Gold Certificate Award Winners

8A Joseph, 8C Leo, 8D Aya, Max and Hannah. 8G Jake, Phoebe, George, Poppy-Lucia, Beth and Abbie. 8J Sadie, Ruby, Chloe, Charlotte, Elina, and Evie. 8P Jack, Millie and Izzy.

9C Dylan, Zaria and Eleanor, 9D Harriet, Rylie and Gerard. 9G Tymon and James.

10D Samuel and 10G Abbie.





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 27th March

Drama	8J- Chloe, Ruby, Macey, Lacey and Kaci
For creating a brilliant physical theatre piece.	
English	Josuha 7A
For writing a great answer to a practise exam question.	
Food Technology	William 10A
Consistent applied effort in food throughout this term, with some pleasing practical results. Well done.	
Politics	Todd 12SHH
Most progress made in recent essay; excellent structure and developed evaluations.	
Graphics	Lola 8G
Super research homework.	
History	Ellie 12ELL
Most progress made in recent essay; thoroughly supported argument and consistent comparative structure.	
Physical Education	Evie 8J
Effort, determination and success within her PE lesson and helping another student complete the class task.	
Product Design	Chloe 8J
Excellent prototype work.	
Psychology	Jack 13HOU
For personal investment in leading some revision with students in the 6th form area during a study period.	

Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	George 13HOU
Significant improvement when writing essays. Well done!	
Sociology	Carli 13HOU
For applied focus throughout the course, a very consistent effort reflected in her grades.	
Textiles	Gracie 7C
Always helping others in class as well as producing her own excellent work.	
Year 10 Head of Year	Jay 10C
Consistently trying their best and ensuring they exceed school expectations.	
Key Stage 5 Head of Year	Nathan 12SHH
Supporting the wider community by assisting at lunch time serving students.	

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

Best at Bedrock! Week 25

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 (212 points)
- Poppy-Lucia- 8G (118 points)
- Tymofii- 9A (78 points)
- Billy- 10J (69 points)
- Katie- 11G (45 points)

Highest progress made in each year group

- Adam- 7D (191%)
- Connor- 8A (304%)
- Harry- 9P (356%)
- **Edward- 10G (708%)**
- Harrison- 11C (485%)



Artwork of the Week



Erin & Rose 8A

The year 8's have been looking at still life work and combining a range of materials including paint, inks and coloured pencils. Although these pieces aren't quite complete as we need another lesson, both students have done a fantastic job at drawing and recording from the objects. Well done to both Rose left hand side, and Erin, on the right in 8A.



Drama News



Current and aspiring A Level Drama students were treated to a riotous evening at the Lyric Hammersmith watching the modern adaptation of the classic "Accidental Death of an Anarchist." The play, which is an exam text at A Level, aims to raise questions and confront inadequacies in the establishment, namely the police force. This modern take on the 1970s play saw references to modern day issues and police cases that regularly hit the news. Despite this hard hitting subtext, the play is a farce and the hilarious upbeat performance of the lead character by Daniel Rigby was well worth a late Tuesday night!

It was a pleasure to accompany our young people and theatre makers of the future on this trip.

Ms Carr and Miss Abbott.



Drama News

STEM Drama Winners!

In celebration of all things STEM we ran a competition in drama to challenge students to create either a poster, set or costume designs for the school show. We had many wonderful entries with some incredible design ideas. We are pleased to announce our 3 winners and runners up for each category.

Harriet 7J - 1st prize for poster design

Max 8D - 1st prize for set design

Casper 7J - runner up for set design

Kiera 7J - runner up for poster design

Aya 8D - winner for costume design

Ruby 7A - runner up for costume design



Harriet 7J



Kiera 7J



Ruby 7A



Aya 8D



Max 8D



Casper 7J





NAVROZ MUBARAK

Every year on the 21st of March, some Muslims, Iranians and Persians from across the world come together to celebrate Navroz (Nowruz), which means 'New Day' in Persian. The festival's origin traces back to ancient Persia and hence marks the beginning of the new year and the first day of spring in the Muslim calendar. It gives those who celebrate it a time to reflect on the past and set intentions for the future. It commemorates a time of spiritual renewal and physical rejuvenation, as well as a spirit of gratitude for blessings. To celebrate Navroz, homes are cleaned and decorated, and a Haft Seen table is set up. This is a traditional table setting for Navroz and is decorated with seven symbolic items, each beginning with the letter 'S' in the Persian language. Some common items include garlic, apples and a sweet pudding made from wheat germ. Each item symbolises different things such as good health, rebirth and good fortune. Furthermore, Muslims attend mosque to listen to devotional poetry and dried fruit, nuts and grains are also distributed amongst everyone, symbolising blessings of abundance and a source of nourishment. Muslims, Iranians and Persians celebrate this festival with happiness and joy, and wish each other a 'Navroz Mubarak!' or 'Happy Parsi New Year!'

Click the link below for videos explaining more about Navroz and a more in depth explanation of the Haft Seen table:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=on9KQ5UTq4U>

Ariana (12LIY), Head Student



Rotary Young Photographer Competition 2023

We are very pleased to announce that Sam (13MCK) has been announced as winner of the Senior Category of the Rotary Young Photographer Competition 2023.

Sam is a Yr13 A-Level Photography student who submitted a stunning black and white photograph of the exoskeletal, Lloyds of London building, winning £100 and a beautiful silver plate to commemorate this fantastic achievement.

Dr Champion the Chief Judge (on behalf of the Judges) writes *"when I started my career as a photographer, this was one of the buildings that captured my eye too. I've always been fascinated by the pipes, lines, tubes, that seem to dance and climb up the building. I love monochrome and I think your decision to shoot this in black and white has really highlighted the exoskeleton of the building. Excellent."*

Sam's photograph has now been entered into the Rotary Young Photographer District Heat where it will be judged against entries from Beds, Bucks and Herts. If Sam wins this heat then their photograph will be entered into the National Final!

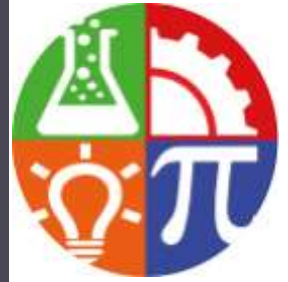
Sam's photograph will be exhibited at Open Door, Berkhamsted High Street between 15th and 30th May.



KINGS LANGLEY SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM
READY FOR YOUR FUTURE



STEM Challenge



Crack the code using the clues



Enter code

2 9 1

ONE DIGIT IS RIGHT
AND IS IN ITS PLACE

2 4 5

ONE DIGIT IS RIGHT BUT
IS IN THE WRONG PLACE

4 6 3

TWO DIGITS ARE RIGHT BUT
BOTH ARE IN WRONG PLACE

5 7 8

NO DIGIT IS CORRECT

5 6 9

ONE DIGIT IS RIGHT BUT
IN THE WRONG PLACE

Answer next term

Last week's answer:

If 6 men take around 4 hours to dig 4 holes, how long will it take for three men to dig half a hole?

There is no such thing as half a hole, so it cannot be dug!



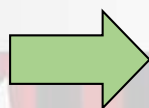
Attendance Ladder

MORE TIME IN SCHOOL =
MORE TIME TO LEARN!

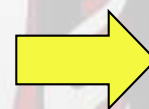
4 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



9 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



11 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



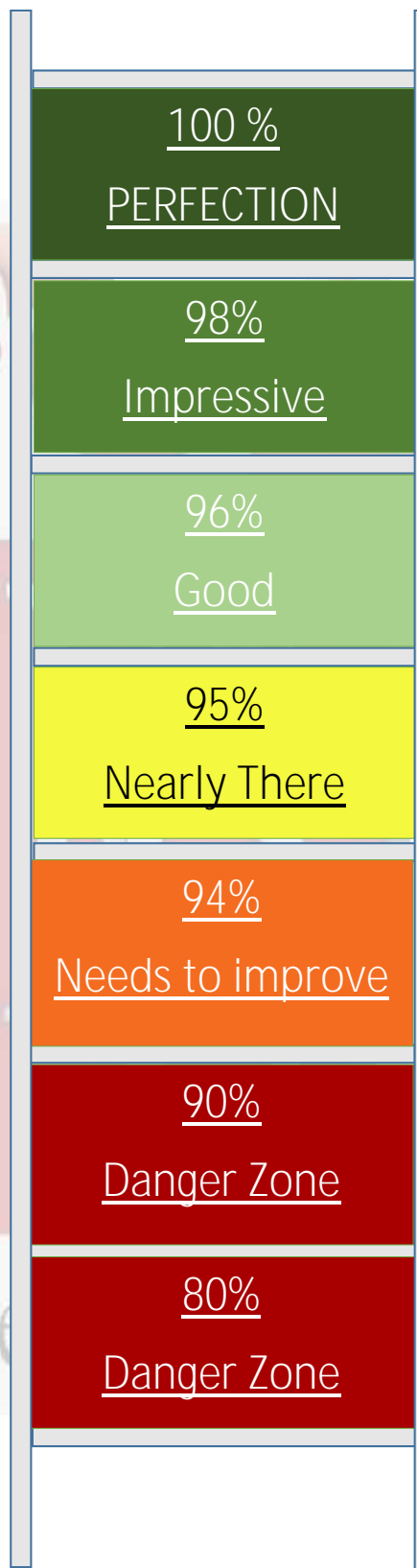
19 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



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 week's results are in!

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)

This week's jackpot winning number is

205144

One of our supporters won £31.50 in the draw!



Unlocking potential for life

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops (April– June 2023)

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursingservice-hertfordshire-33494371787>

Workshop	Date & Time
Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their own emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Thu 18 th May 18:00
Supporting Adolescents with Self-Esteem A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and what parents can do to support.	Thu 25 th May 18:00
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem.	Wed 19 th April 10:00 Wed 10 th May 18:00 Wed 14 th June 10:00
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and how parents/carers can help.	Tue 4 th April 12:00 Tue 6 th June 18:00
Supporting your Child's Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their resilience.	Wed 26 th April 10:00 Thu 8 th June 18:00
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Tue 18 th April 10:00 Tue 16 th May 18:00 Tue 20 th June 10:00
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and emotional regulation.	Tue 25 th April 10:00 Tue 23 rd May 18:00 Tue 27 th June 10:00
School Transitions A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing school transitions.	Thu 15 th June 18:00
Exam Stress A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing exam stress.	Tue 11 th April 10:00 Thu 27 th April 18:00 Tue 9 th May 18:00

To access the recorded Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar please visit: <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services-and-referral-information/our-services-a-z/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-service/>

EXAM STRESS WORKSHOP

THIS WORKSHOP IS AIMED AT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL BE TAKING THEIR SATS/MOCK EXAMS/GCSES/A-LEVELS THIS YEAR.

PARENTS/CARERS ARE ALSO WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP WITH THEIR CHILD

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

- *WHAT IS STRESS & ANXIETY?*
- *HOW THOUGHTS, FEELINGS & BEHAVIOURS IMPACT EACH OTHER*
- *STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE ANXIOUS THOUGHTS, FEELINGS & BEHAVIOURS*
- *GENERAL WELLBEING INCLUDING SLEEP & DIET*
- *PRACTICAL TIPS TO HELP DURING THE EXAM PERIOD*

DATES AND TIMES

WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH 2023 (6PM-8PM)

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023 (10AM-12PM)

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2023 (6PM-8PM)

TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2023 (6PM-8PM)

BOOK TICKETS NOW

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursing-service-hertfordshire-33494371787>

You will only need to request one ticket even if multiple people in your household will be attending the workshop

Hosted by HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners

Delivered virtually via Microsoft Teams



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Abbots Langley Youth Club

11-19
year olds

Tuesdays
7:00pm to 8:30pm
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Watford
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**Hertfordshire's
Holiday Activity Programme**
HAPPY

Happy Project!
**Easter 2023 Holiday Youth
Activities St Albans &
Abbots Langley**

This activity is only for young people on free school meals and is open for 11-16yrs old.
On the day will be:

- Wellbeing and Craft Activities
- Badminton
- Dodgeball
- Meet other young people enjoy a hot meal.

**St Albans: One YMCA Community
Gym St Albans, 59 Russet Dr, St
Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0DB**

Monday 3rd April - 11am-3pm
Tuesday 4th April - 10am-2pm
Wednesday 5th April - 10am-2pm
Thursday 6th April - 10am-2pm

**Abbots Langley: St Lawrence
Church Hall, High St, Abbots
Langley WDS OAS**

Tuesday 11th April - 10am-2pm
Wednesday 12th April - 10am-2pm
Thursday 13th April - 10am-2pm
Friday 14th April - 10am-2pm

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