

Kings Langley School News

Issue 28

A note from the Principal Assistant Headteacher - Mrs Butt

The Importance of Culture Capital

"Learning by doing theory is nice, but nothing replaces actual experience." Tony Hsieh

Whilst the term 'cultural capital' may be a recent one in schools, the concept certainly is not and has been the bedrock of most schools for many years now. Ofsted added the term 'cultural capital' to its 'School inspection handbook' in 2019, which describes "... the essential knowledge. that pupils need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement."

In 2019, former HMCI Amanda Spielman explained that in practice, "... we simply mean the essential knowledge, those standard reference points, that we want all children to have. So, for example, it's about being able to learn about and name things that are for many outside their daily experience".

Cultural capital is important because it equips young people with the knowledge, skills, and behaviours needed to succeed in various aspects of life, including education, social interactions, and career advancement. **School Events**

Wednesday 11th June

Y9 DofE Bronze Training -

Hall, 3.30pm—4.30pm

Thursday 12th June

Y10 DofE Bronze Training

Hall, 3.30pm—4.30pm

New Intake Evening (Hall)

-7pm

Friday 13th June

Y9 Bronze DofE Expedition - Departs

Sunday 14th June

Y9 Bronze DofE Expedition - Returns.



It also fosters a broader understanding of the world and encourages engagement with diverse cultures, promoting holistic development and social awareness. Improving cultural capital and providing various opportunities for our young people is at the core of our provision at Kings Langley school and Activities Week has a crucial role in this. One of our aspirations is to reduce and eventually eradicate inequalities. Understanding and valuing cultural capital is essential for creating inclusive and equitable educational environments. This is important to enable our young people, as well as the adults who work with and for them, to flourish, and improve outcomes for



all. To ensure our young people can benefit from as many opportunities as possible, we try and keep costs as low as possible and provide help and support for those who need it. We host a range of various activities, some in school and some out of school so all our young people can benefit from a range of skills.



Every September, a plan of possible overnight and day trips are sent out to Key Stage 3 students and parents/ carers who are encouraged to sign up for as many as they wish. These trips require payment, however our aim is to involve all students, so costs are kept to a minimum and support is found for those students where cost could be a limiting factor. In the summer, when students are not out of school on a trip or on their one-day work shadowing, a programme of activities is in place which either builds or broadens on curriculum content or gives students the opportunity to be creative or try/see something new and different. These are planned as non-chargeable activities and in

general are run by the staff based around different expertise such as orienteering, origami, circus skills etc. At the end of each Activities week, students are asked to complete an evaluation form about their experiences and to nominate a student and a teacher that impressed them. These nominations, with explanations, are then returned to the named student or teacher as an act of recognition and kindness which feeds into our rewards and recognition system.

Activities Week is a school event where students engage in a variety of extracurricular activities, often including day trips and residential trips, to broaden their experiences and develop skills outside the classroom. It is a way to provide enrichment opportunities, foster new skills, and promote character development.

Various theatre trips and in Art, Drama and Music events enhance our students' learning and academic success as they can enhance a young person's engagement with subjects like literature, history, music, and art, making learning more meaningful and enriching.

The overseas trips and residential trips improve the social and emotional development of our young people by exposing them to various cultural experiences and knowledge, which nurtures social, emotional, and cultural awareness, contributing to their overall wellbeing.

The different craft opportunities and teamwork events help our young people improve their critical thinking and creativity fostering a broader understanding of the world. These have ranged from baking, artistic endeavours and outdoor sports-based activities.

If you have any further questions about Activities week, please do not hesitate to contact the following in school.

Mrs Butt- Principal Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Jennings- Deputy Headteacher

Mr Higgins- School Experience Co-ordinator



Headteacher's Commendations



Congratulations to the following students for their excellent contribution and success in the girls' football.

U13A Team

Nefeli 7P, Teagan 8C, Ilaria 8C, Saffy 8D, Willow 8C, Maddie 8D, Marnie 8C, Isabella 8P, Esme 8J, Frankie 8J, and Elle 8J



U13B Team

Grace 8D, Freya 7J, Bella 7D, Willow 7P, Tilly 7A, Maddison 7A, Jessica 7D, Maisie 7G, Ruby 7C, Florence 7C, Melissa 7C, Tabatha 7C, Sofia 7C and Zara 7A.





Recognition Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 2nd June

Business Studies Harry 10D Always working hard and answering questions with thought. Computer Science George 8P Excellent work and a brilliant assessment. Drama Lucy 9C For her fantastic dedication to her work in drama. Eleanor 7P Wonderful contributions in class during our reading lessons. Well done! Economics Jayden 12LIY Excellent attitude in and outside of lesson work. Geography Merryn 10J Taking such pride in her work in each and every lesson. Clear use of keywords in response to exam questions about our Distinctive Landscapes and excellent geographical sketches too. History Hartley 8P Exceptionally high standards of classwork maintained throughout the year. Mathematics Adam 10P Continued hard work in all lessons, always looking to improve his understanding and progress in Maths. MFL Olivia 7J Olivia embodies the character of this school and is a delight to teach. Politics Joel 12ANE A proactive approach to feedback on his End of Year 12 Exams. Library Mariia 7G Writing two more excellent book reviews on AccessIt. Music Emily 9A For leading on the composition of her group's song-writing task.	anocking potential for the	
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Philosophy, Religion, Ethics Joseph 8G Thoughtful writing in the recent assessment about the beliefs of different religions and philosophies within the 'Life After Death' topic. Science Sasha 10C Well done for your consistently positive attitude and strong performance in chemistry this year. Callum 7D Year 7 Head of Year Excellent record of Recognition Points. Aishani 8G Year 8 Head of Year Settled into the year group fantastically. Lucy 9C Year 9 Head of Year Showing excellent character through her empathy and support of her peers. Holly 10D Year 10 Head of Year Continued fantastic effort with Year 10 studies. Jaz 12ANE **KS5** Head of Year

Well done to all of our students who have

Outstanding end of year Y12 exam results.



Artwork of the Week

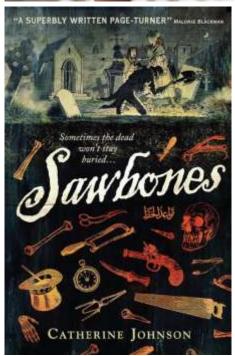


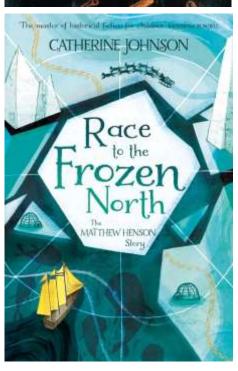
Year 7 Clay Heads

The year 7 students have been making clay heads based on drawings of themselves and their expressions. Here is a selection from 7D and 7C. As part of this task students learn about pinch pots and coiling. The results - so far - look excellent. Well done Year 7.









Catherine Johnson Author Visit

Preorder a book and get it signed!

On Friday June 20th, acclaimed children's and Young Adult author Catherine Johnson will be visiting Kings Langley School. This will be our first author visit since 2019, so we are very excited!

Catherine will be giving a talk to Year 7 and Year 8 students in an extended assembly, then delivering creative writing workshops with select groups of students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9.

We have partnered with Our Bookshop In Tring, a local independent bookshop, to give Kings Langley students the opportunity to purchase one of Catherine Johnson's books at a discounted price. These will then be delivered to school in time for her to sign them for students at a meet and greet session on the day of her visit.

The two titles available for pre-order are:

Sawbones - Click here to purchase for £7.94

A thrilling crime adventure, based on the 18th Century London's seedy medical world. Surgeon's apprentice Ezra gets caught up in a strange and disturbing series of events that involves grave robbing, body switching ... and murder.

Race to the Frozen North - Click to purchase for £7.39

A dyslexia-friendly title, telling a fictionalised account of the life of Matthew Henson, the first African-American man to travel to the North Pole. Henson was a navigator, craftsman, translator, and right-hand man on a treacherous journey to the North Pole. Defying the odds and the many prejudices that faced him to become a true pioneer.

All pre-orders will be delivered to school, and available to collect from the library either on the day of Catherine's visit, or afterwards. The deadline for orders is June 18th.

KLS Colour Awards

Flourishing through opportunities and personal development

Do you play for a team (inside or outside of school), learn musical instruments, volunteer, do charity work, belong to the School Council, are you an avid reader...check your planner today to see what awards you can achieve.

Get recognition for the things you do inside and outside of school













Diamond

Platinum

Click here to read more info and to claim your awards

Gold

Silver

Bronze

Maths News

The Invention of the Calculator: A Journey Through Time

Are you school ready; do you have your Calculator? Do you just see your calculator as a box of tricks, which you sometimes forget to bring to school? It is time to explore the history of these fantastic time saving devices.

Imagine solving math problems without a calculator. It would be tough, right? Today, calculators help us with everything from simple sums to complex equations. But how did these amazing devices come to be? Let's explore the history of the calculator.

Early Beginnings: The Abacus

The story starts with the abacus, a simple counting device made of beads and rods used by ancient civilisations like the Sumerians, Egyptians, and Chinese. The abacus allowed people to perform basic arithmetic operations and was revolutionary for its time.

The Mechanical Era: Pascal's Calculator

In the 17th century, French mathematician Blaise Pascal invented the first mechanical calculator, the Pascaline, which could perform addition and subtraction using gears and wheels. Although not widely adopted, it laid the groundwork for future mechanical calculators.

Advancements in Mechanical Calculators

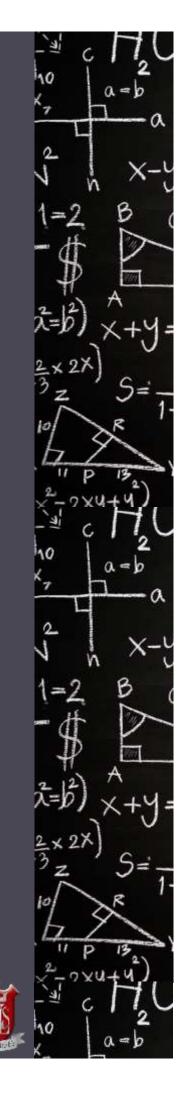
In the 19th century, Charles Xavier Thomas de Colmar created the Arithmometer, the first commercially successful mechanical calculator. It was widely used in offices and businesses. Charles Babbage also designed the Analytical Engine, a precursor to modern computers, capable of complex calculations.

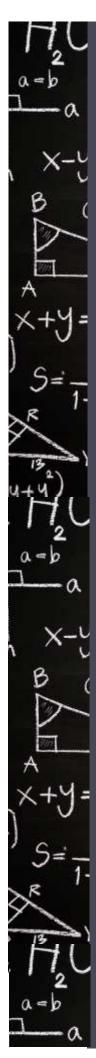
The Electronic Revolution: The First Electronic Calculators

The 20th century saw the advent of electronic calculators. In the 1960s, devices like the ANITA Mk VII used transistors to perform calculations faster than mechanical ones. This marked a major shift in calculator technology.

The Rise of Pocket Calculators

As technology advanced, calculators became smaller and more powerful. In 1970, Canon introduced the Pocketronic, one of the first pocket-sized calculators. Hewlett-Packard's HP-35, released in 1972, was the first scientific calculator.





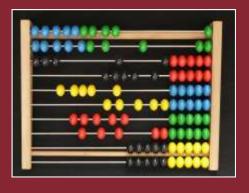
Modern Calculators: From Basic to Advanced

Today, calculators range from basic models for simple arithmetic to advanced scientific and graphing calculators used in education and professional fields. They are incredibly powerful, capable of solving complex equations and performing statistical analysis.

Conclusion

The invention of the calculator has made mathematical calculations faster, easier, and more accurate. From the ancient abacus to today's sophisticated devices, calculators have come a long way. As technology advances, the future of these indispensable tools looks bright.

Now check your school bag to see if you have yours!













MFL News

Gardening in a gale
When I was a boy, at secondary school,
I learned a subject, that was really cool.
The subject was Spanish and also was French,
It made my brain mighty, it made my brain 'hench'.

Later I tried teaching, my tutor told me a tale, "Teaching kids French, is like gardening in a gale." So now I'm the tutor, and every week without fail, I see my students learning and gardening in a gale.

We offer up trips to France and to Spain,
The truth is it's exciting and sometimes a pain,
But seeing them learning, more than once in a while,
Makes this old teacher break into a smile.

When I started teaching, my tutor told me a tale, "Teaching kids Spanish, is like gardening in a gale." So now I'm the tutor, and every week without fail, I see my students learning, And gardening in a gale.

I invested in tech, to engage all the kids, They like it, they love it, it's worth every quid. We link the data and achievement as well, So the kids can continue to feel special.

When I carried on teaching, my tutor told me a tale, "Teaching kids English, is like gardening in a gale". So now I'm the tutor, and every week without fail, I see my students learning, and gardening in a gale.

Now I'm middle aged, and my friends are amazed, 'When did you learn that?' They ask without rage. 'I wish I could do that' they say in admiration. You get what you give from a state education.

Now I'm the tutor, and I tell you a tale, "Teaching kids language, is like gardening in a gale', Yes, I'm the tutor, and every week without fail, I see my students learning, gardening in a gale.











To explain the analogy to those who don't know, Language is a flower that is difficult to grow, You stand in the gust of your own native tongue, It takes time to grow a flower that is sturdy and strong.

But are we successful? Who does it enable? Do we even need languages for the school league table?

Well, if learning anything is boiled down to data, can't we just Google and forget it 'til later?

Or is there something deeper to ask? If you were in Spain, could you order tapas?

Would you use public transport or just pay through the nose? Could you meet a new lover and a place to propose?

Could you build a new life? Would you risk it, to fail?

Learning to speak a language is like gardening in a gale.













MUSIC NEWS

Drum Lessons:

The music department has recently been able to offer a series of free of charge drum taster lessons with our new peripatetic teacher Justin. It would be brilliant to have some more drum students at school.

I'm a year seven student and have been learning drums since I joined KLS last September. For those of you considering trying something new or are re-joining the programme, here are some of the benefits of learning how to play.

- -Playing drums helps to de-stress you (Perfect for any upcoming exams! G.C.S.E. vibes...)
- -Good cardio exercise and improves co-ordination, getting those hands, legs and arms moving!
- -Like all forms of music, it can be a way of emotionally expressing someone/something.
- Drumming can also give you a sense of community, you can join a club, band, orchestra or just connect with others over your favourite tracks.

So, what is stopping you from giving it a go?

All you need to start is a practice pad and a stick. If you decide you want to continue, but don't want to invest in your own expensive kit, you can take advantage of the HMS (Hertfordshire Music Service) instrument hire scheme.

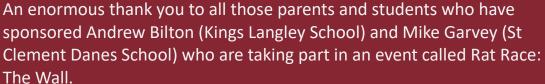
Thank you for reading this article and taking the time to consider, if you have any questions or want to sign up, please contact Mrs Warren on warrene@kls.herts.sch.uk

Sebastian 7G



Update on Sponsorship





This is a famous 26-hour endurance cross country running race from Carlisle to Newcastle, across 70 miles of Hadrian's Wall.



The race starts at 7am on Saturday 14 June - all the preparation training is now done, the two new kilts that they are wearing have been purchased, and both members of staff can be spotted around school looking pale at the thought of the daunting physical challenge ahead!

Members of staff will be present at sections of the course in Northumbria, to offer them tea, encouragement and pain relief.

They are raising money for two amazing charitable causes:

- Breast Cancer an awful disease, which has affected many people.
- Trikes for Felix and his friends: these are local children with very severe disabilities, all of whom attend a specialist school in Bushey. Felix is 6 years old but has the cognitive ability of 18 months. He is unable to walk, or talk, and needs permanent care round the clock. The trikes are specialist mobile 'bikes' which help the children straighten and strengthen the muscles in their lower limbs, as well as bringing them huge joy. We are hoping to be able to purchase two trikes for the school. Felix's mother Emma was a music teacher at SCD for many years and now teaches at KLS.

To date, we have all managed to raise over £2300 pounds, which is incredible! A large group of students are also doing their own sponsored event (car wash, walk, cake bake, film event etc) over the weekend of the 14 July, each aiming to raise £20 for the final pot tally. Pictures of these individual events will be collated for a special mention in the school newsletter after the event. Any students wishing to join them should see either member of staff.



We know money is tight for people, but if anyone could spare a few pounds to add to these great causes, all of us at both Kings Langley and St Clement Danes would be very grateful. The donating link is below, and pictures from their ordeal with be uploaded shortly after the race!



https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andrew-bilton-1

Thank you

Lucy 9C (School Council, Year 9, Kings Langley School)



Friends of Kings Langley School (FoKLS)

On Thursday 12th June we will be holding a pre-loved unform sale from 5:30pm in the dining hall, this is ahead of the new intake evening in the hall at 7pm. You are very welcome to come along to the shop and buy useful supplies for the year ahead. To support our stocks for this and future uniform sales, please could you donate out-grown school uniform and PE kit in good condition to us c/o of the school reception.

By the way, if you have any uniform that isn't good enough for re-sale, we can still benefit through the use of the textile bank by the school gates.

On Saturday 21st June we will be running a re-gifting tombola at the Kings Langley Carnival, please donate gifts for this tombola to us c/o the school reception. The school choir will be performing from the stage, so do come along and support us by being part of the audience too.

Advance notice that on Monday 21st July we are hosting a Staff v Students Cricket match at the Kings Langley Cricket Club, 4 - 7pm. There will be a buffet after the match. Tickets will be on sale shortly. This is the inaugural match for what we hope will be an annual fundraising and social fixture, as the two teams compete for 'The Shephard Shield'.

Ms Chabrel



Sports News

Trampolining

Congratulations to Alex (11P) and his partner Aiden who added another Gold in synchro at English Qualifier 2 on Saturday in Telford. Alex also came 4th in his individual category. He will travel to the English Championships in Coventry in early July just before he will fly out to Portugal to represent England at the Scallabis Cup.





Crochet News

Aishani in 8G has continued to expand her crochet hobby and has recently made a beautiful coat and boots for Mrs Murphy's 7-week-old baby boy Ludo.

The coat and boots were taken by Mr Bilton up to Scotland over half term and presented to the family as a present from the English Department.









Friends of Kings Langley School Second Hand Uniform & PE Kit



Thursday 12th June from 5.30pm - 6.30pm

In the hall.

TOOLED UP®

The natural environment is precious to us all - being outdoors gives us an escape from the busy world of work and education, and offers our children new opportunities for learning and pleasure.

An increasing amount of **research confirms** what many parents and educators know intuitively: **spending time in natural spaces** and **exploring** the **outdoors** can **bring** real and lasting **benefits to wellbeing, self-esteem** and **social skills** development.

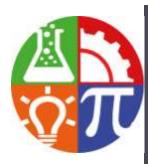
These Tooled Up resources will help children to explore, have fun and learn in natural spaces.

Our list of <u>75 Things to Do Outside</u> is packed with suggestions for primary-aged children who need a little encouragement to step into the outside world! Why not set a challenge for your child to see how many they can complete?

This downloadable guide to <u>Beach Science for Teens</u> offers enriching, challenging activities and concepts that are perfect for older children visiting the coast.

We all want our children to have an enjoyable, but safe time in the sun. Sun safety is an essential skill for all children to learn, especially when they're growing into independence. This resource on Keeping Children and Teens Safe in the Sun was created by a Consultant Dermatologist and will help you ensure your family are protected on scorching summer days.





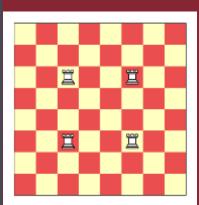
STEM Challenge

This week's challenge:

What coat goes on wet?

Answer next week

Last term's answer:



How many squares of any size on this chessboard do not contain a rook?

Answer:

There are 93 squares without a rook.

Reasoning

There are 60 squares of size 1x1. There are 33 squares of size 2x2.

Giving a total of 60 + 33 = 93 squares.



This week's jackpot winning number was: 905568

One of our supporters won £27.30 in the draw!





WIN ART MATERIALS

VISITING LOCAL
EVENTS & GALLERIES





Take a photo of where you have been this summer -

Galleries and local events

THE MOST EVENTS VISITED WINS!



Family Lives Summer Term Programme 2025



Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 15 May to 26 June 9.30am - 11.30am

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4 June to 9 July 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Is your teen feeing anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Maybe you have an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support. Join our free 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Friday 6 June to 11 July, 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 10 June to 15 July 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Tuesday 24 June 9.30am - 11.30am

A workshop that helps parents understand ADHD and provides stategies to help support you and your child.

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Date TBC

A workshop that explores different types of conflict between couples and families.

For more information, please contact Louise or Lesley on **0204 522 8700/8701**, or email **services@familylives.org.uk.** Please scan our QR code for our referral form.





DOG SHOW ENTERTAINMENT FUNFAIR

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STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

- 12:30 Kings Langley School
- 12:55 Revelation Majorettes
- 13:20 Kings Langley Primary School
- 13:40 Electric Umbrella
- 14:10 Salsa Tropicana
- 14:40 Kings Langley Community
 Choir
- 15:05 The Dance Place
- 15:35 Skehill Academy
- 16:00 The Chevtones
- 16:45 Raffle Announcements

KEY EVENTS

- Dog show: registration from 12 noon, classes from 1pm
- Entertainment including Electric Umbrella (fresh from ITV's Britains Got Talent) & new performers Brilliant Theatre Arts
- 15 food outlets and a bar at the Cricket Club
- · Ice cream and slush
- 70+ stalls selling goods and promoting local groups
- Funfair

'Bring a Tin' for the All Saints Food Bank

RAFFLE PRIZES

Look out
for Dog Show
registration from
12 noon & classes
from 1pm
£2

FIRST PRIZE: A meal for 4 at The Glasshouse, The Grove

SECOND PRIZE: 5 course dining experience for 4 @ The Kitchen at Inspired.

THIRD PRIZE: Voucher from Taylors Tools

+ over 25 other prizes. Tickets £1 each



Kings Langley Carnival is trying to promote a green event again this summer. Local company Imagination Technologies are sponsoring our waste bins and we will have 'Recycling' and Non-Recyclable' waste so please take care when disposing of your rubbish. Even better still, take it home with you **Q**

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Thursday 26th June 2025

For Parent and Carers of Children with SEN or Disabilities

At the Warners End Community Centre Northridge Way, Hemel Hempstead HP1 3QG

Any questions email:dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk







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The Hemel Hempstead Swimming Club coaching team is led by Terry Davies, ex Olympic and Para Olympic coach. Terry leads a team of experienced coaches, providing a supportive environment to allow swimmers to reach their full potential. Coaches work on a voluntary basis, and are in general either parents of current swimmers or parents of ex swimmers. There are also those who swam for the club many years ago and have kindly come back to pass on their skills and knowledge to a younger generation.

We are always looking for new coaching support and if you are reading this, hope you can help. All you need is an interest in swimming and willingness to learn and volunteer time for the club. Hours can fit around your commitments. You may already coach another sport or did you once swim when you were younger? You might just want to understand your child's swimming journey in more depth? There is no better way to learn more, than training to be a coach!

Typically, you would be mentored alongside one of our existing coaches and help out poolside for a number of weeks to build experience and knowledge. Once you are ready, we would ask you to take the Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach Qualification. The course is a blended learning format and consists of theory, writing a lesson plan and practical assessment.

Full details can be found here

Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach

HHSC would refund the cost of the course on the provision that you commit to voluntary coaching for the club on a regular basis.



Coaching is a rewarding experience and we would love to welcome new faces to the team. Please get in touch if you would like to learn more.

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