



# Kings Langley School News

Issue 1

## A note from the Headteacher - Mr Fisher

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer with family and friends.

### **RAAC:**

I am sure you will have seen the recent news' stories about RAAC, or Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete, in school buildings. I am pleased to reassure our community that our school buildings are not affected by this issue as the main school building was rebuilt in 2016 and the Sixth Form Centre has just recently opened in September 2023.

### **Bus Services**

'We are acutely aware that there have been issues with late buses this week due to what appears to be a significant number of road works along the bus routes. Please be aware that the buses are commercial services and not run by the school, if you wish to speak to someone about the issues with the bus services please contact the bus companies directly. We can control many aspects of our operations but unfortunately this is beyond our control.'

## School Events

### **Thursday 14th September:**

Y9-13 Matilda production auditions

3.23pm—5.15pm

### **Friday 15th September:**

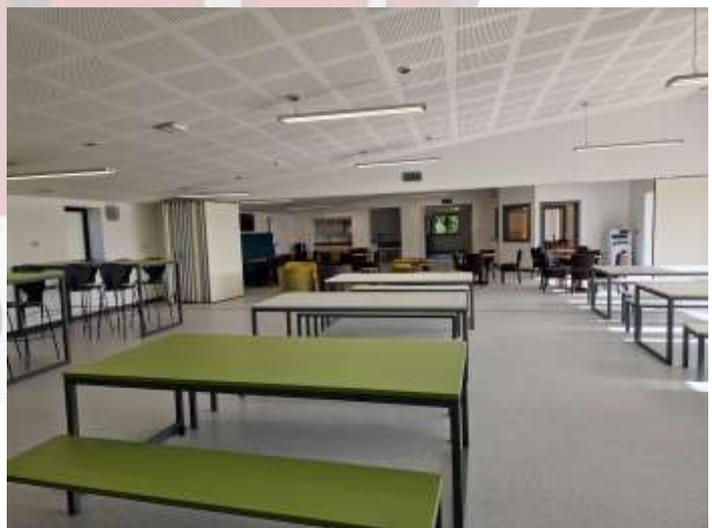
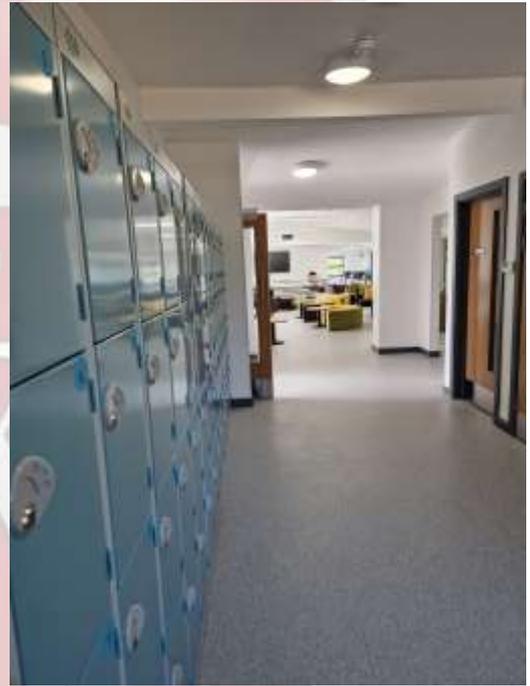
Community Walk.



## Site and facilities update:

KLSix – Sixth Form building:

Parents dropping off each morning will note the completion of our new purpose built Sixth Form Centre. This building will give our Sixth Form students the environment they have been crying out for and I was delighted this morning to welcome our new cohorts and see how already the building and facilities will help us unlock our students' potential.



## All weather pitch.



I am now pleased to confirm that we have a date for contractors to start work on our full-size all-weather pitch. Contractors will start work on site from the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and our team are confident that this facility will open in early March. Whilst these building works are taking place, we will carefully explain our expectations to students to ensure we have a safe and secure site.

There are many other enhancements that we have made to the school facilities in areas such as music, technology, computer science, and pastoral and I am hopeful your child will talk about them with you as you discuss their learning experience.

## Class Charts

Until now, we have used the SIMS Parent App to provide you with live updates on your child. However, after receiving feedback from many of you, we are not content with the quality of this platform. We are therefore moving to Class Charts as we believe this will present you with better quality information on your child and the app is more modern with a more intuitive interface. Mr Searle will shortly be sending you a letter with more information on this application and how you can engage with it.

## Expectations:

We want to ensure the school day starts on a positive note and as such please ensure your child attends by no later than 8.35, with all the correct equipment, full school uniform including PE kit or ingredients for food technology. This ensures we can recognise the positives from the moment the school day starts. With the pandemic years behind us we are setting our expectations, aspirations, routines and standards very high this year and we know our parent community will support this.

As always thank you for your continued support of the school.



## A note from the Deputy Head - Mrs Bell

### School Site Health and Safety

As I am sure you will appreciate managing a site with intense short periods of high volume activity relating to pedestrians and vehicles needs to be managed carefully for safety reasons. We ask that you observe the school's requests and assist us in managing the safety of your children when they arrive and leave school each day.

- Parents are welcome to use the **parent drop off area** only at the beginning and end of the day. When collecting at the end of the day if you arrive early please switch off your engine to help reduce the air pollution within the locality.
- Please observe the 10mph speed limit whilst on site.
- Please **do not use the bus turning area** as it delays the buses being able to quickly set down their passengers, as well as causing a safety hazard for pedestrians if they are moving between vehicles in this area.

Please also note that unless you are dropping off a student with a disability or they are temporarily using crutches, please do not drive up to the front of the school. If you are a parent with a disability and you are visiting the school this area is where you are able to park. **It is also not appropriate for students to be dropped off at the back of the building in the staff car parking area.**

Thank you in advance for your support in observing our site management health and safety practices

### Collecting Students During the School Day

If you need to collect your child from school during the day to attend for example a medical, orthodontist appointment etc. Please can you provide your child with a note to state what the reason for leaving school is and the time they need to leave, so they can excuse themselves from the lesson they are in by showing the relevant Teacher the note. Please can we remind parents that we require you to come into school to sign your child out.



## **Lost/Left Property**

Prior to the summer holidays, we notified parents that students needed to clear their lockers as they were being cleaned and reallocated in readiness for the new academic year.

On undertaking the cleaning task there were several lockers that had belongings left in them. All of these belongings have been given to form tutors for your child to collect.

The below is our Policy relating to Lost/Left Property for your reference.

## **Named Property**

If an item of lost property is found and the item is named every effort will be made to return it to the student. Where the owner is known and the item remains uncollected after four weeks then the school will acquire ownership and dispose of the item accordingly.

## **Unnamed Property**

If the owner is not known and after 'reasonable inquiry' it is impossible to identify and notify them, the school acquires ownership of the lost property four weeks after it is handed in. Thereafter, the item/s will be disposed of by the school.

If property is left knowingly around the school site for example bags, coats etc. this does not constitute lost property. This property will be collected on a regular basis and if named returned to the student or if it is unidentifiable the items will be disposed of. Please note where items are perishable or would involve 'unreasonable excuse or inconvenience' to look after, these will be disposed of right away.

## **Communication**

The beginning of term is a very busy time as everyone in our community settles back into their routines. Please be advised that if you contact the school we will respond to you as stated in our communication policy within 3 working days, if we are unable to respond to you within this time frame, we will provide you with a full explanation as to why a response may take longer. The full communication policy can be found on the school web site.





# Recognition

*Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something*

## Students of the Week w/c 4th September

<b>English</b>	Babara 11C
For displaying an excellent attitude and contributions in his first English lesson of the year.	
<b>Politics</b>	Dominic 12ARN
A proactive attitude and bringing all bridging work completed.	
<b>History</b>	Ollie 11A
Showing initiative and exceptional aspiration.	
<b>Library</b>	Chase 7C
Excellent attitude to (and enthusiasm for) reading and the library.	
<b>Modern Foreign Languages</b>	Jack 9P
Jack showed incredible resilience while on our trip to Valencia before the summer holiday.	
<b>Psychology</b>	Aidan 13OHA
For aspirational communication in answer to questions in class. Great start to the year!	
<b>Sociology</b>	Joseph 13LIY
For excellent communication demonstrating a sound knowledge of the content. Great start to the year!	
<b>Year 11 Head of Year</b>	David 11C
Outstanding resilience and brilliant stickability.	

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

**Congratulations to the following students for their  
100% attendance in the summer term.**

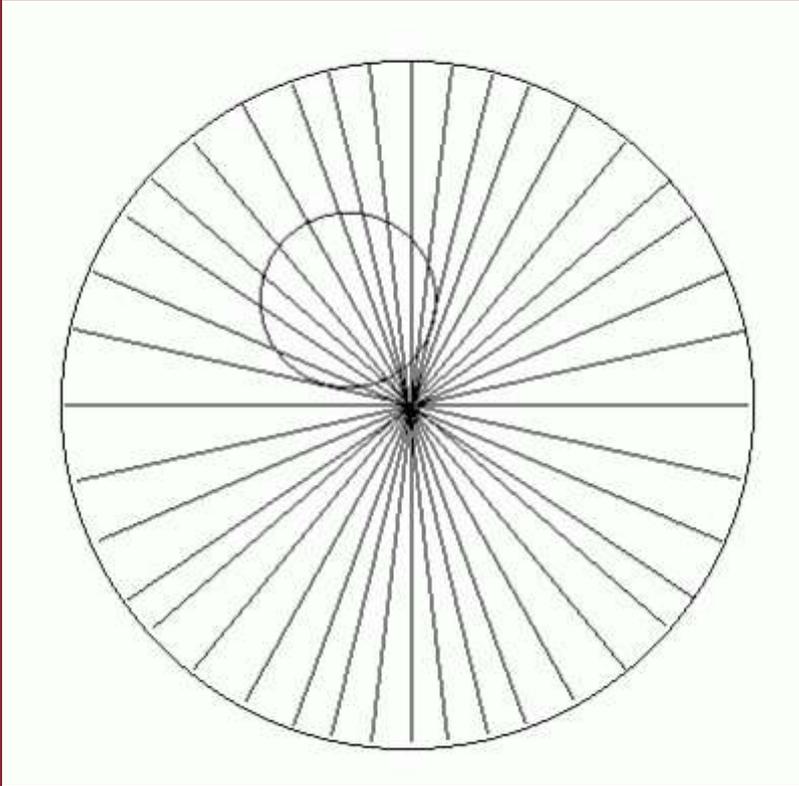
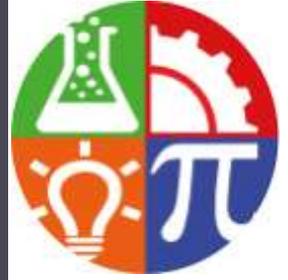
7A	Isaac	Emily	Madeline	Lois	
7C	Lesley	Lucy	Daisy		
7D	Phoebe	Jessica	Olivia		
7G	Manase Summer	Cooper	Tessa	Ryan	
7J	Will Eleanor	Matthew Joseph	Max	Holly	
7P	Connor Amelia	Katie Chloe	Nathan	Maisie	
7T	Taylor Brian	Hayden Sam	Maddie	Maisy	
8A	Rosie				
8C	Archie	Abigail	Seb	Annabelle	
8D	Zach Mia	Milo Max	Bobby	Hannah	Tara
8G	Samim Jack	Jake Phoebe	Oscar	Alice	Jamie
8J	Kaden	Evie			
8P	Bethany	Adam			
9A	Harry	Arthur	Riley		
9C	Maxim	Myles			
9D	Leila Millie	Lucy Emily	Alexandra Ruby	Ignas Henry	
9G	Tymon Rosie	Zente Lui	Heidi Luke	Amelie Aidan	
9J	Jason Roman	Jake	Stefan	Jessica	
9P	Benjamin				



10A	Ethan Sophie	Harry	Charlie	Jensen	
10C	Rhea	Jaydyn			
10D	Oscar	Freddie	Samuel		
10G	Ollie Alan	Reece Benjamin	Edward Alfie	Ryan Daisy	Jai
10J	Joel Billy	Ella Ethan	Arda	Niamh	
10P	Dexter	Santi	Lily		



# STEM Challenge



Is the inner circle a true circle?

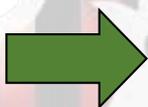
Answer next week



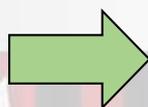
# Attendance Ladder

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

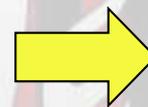
4 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



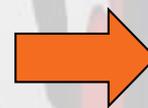
7 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



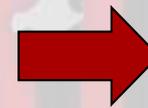
9 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



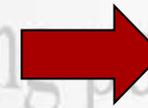
11 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



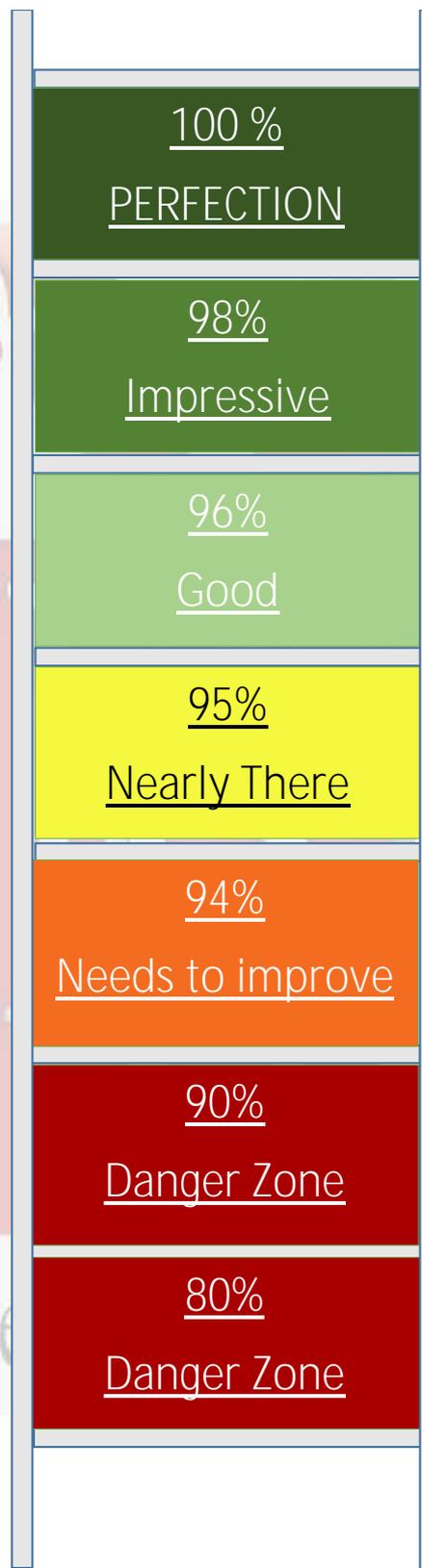
19 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



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)





Dear Parents

Like all UK businesses, we are currently experiencing significant inflationary pressures. As has been widely reported in the media, these pressures have particularly impacted the price of food.

We have been working hard over recent months to absorb these costs through menu changes and negotiating with our suppliers.

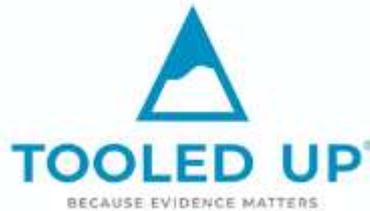
However, with inflation continuing to rise, we will be increasing the price of the provision served at your child's school. As a guide £2.53 will be the standard price for a meal of the day and a variety of other meal deals, please note if you purchase products outside of meal deals these have been increased individually, this is effective from 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

All menus will continue to provide children a choice of nutritious and delicious meals, while complying with the Government's nutritional guidelines, and catering for those with allergies.

We want to assure you that the decision to take this action was not taken lightly. We will always continue to do all that we can to provide you the best possible value for money.

Kind regards

Chartwells.



We aim to provide holistic support to everyone in our school community, across all areas of family life, which is why our school subscribes to a digital platform called: **Tooled Up Education**. This gives our families and our staff privileged access to a digital library, packed full of evidence-based tips, activities, educational webinars and enlightening podcasts, on all matters relating to mental health, aspiration, learning, digital life and family life. Tooled Up is curated by one of the UK's leading experts on parental engagement in children's lives and learning, [Dr Kathy Weston](#) and her experienced team.

At Tooled Up, they are passionate about bridging the gap between research and real-life parenting. They understand that loving parents want to do the 'right thing' and that parenting is full of joys, but also many challenges. Our children have a vast educational and life journey ahead of them. It is important that they are 'Tooled Up;' equipped psychologically with the resilience required to reach their destinations safely and successfully.



#### **As a 'Tooled Up' parent, you will:**

Feel extremely supported on your parenting journey.

Be able to ask questions about any aspect of your child's development and get evidence-based answers.

Be able to request resources, webinars, attend online talks, and feel part of a community of parents committed to doing what is optimal for their children.

Watch this [clip](#) to find out how the site works.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

13<sup>th</sup> September 8pm – The Benefits of being a Tooled Up Parent – [online webinar](#)

14<sup>th</sup> September 8pm – Starting School: Hitting the ground running – [online webinar](#)

20<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm - 7.30pm - [Kings Langley School Official Tooled Up Launch for parents](#)

See separate letter for more information.

#### **Register your account now:**

Click on the link below to set up your personal account by entering your email address and our unique **school PIN** number. We have sent you a registration email containing our unique school PIN. If you can't find it, please contact the school office.

[Create my Tooled Up Account](#)

Once you have created your account, you will have *immediate access* to the entire library of research-based resources, which will help you to support your child in their journey into early adulthood and beyond. You can view all the resources on your phone as well, using the 'Tooled Up on the Go' app. Scan the QR code or click [this link](#) if you are viewing this on your phone to access the site that way.



#### **Little Tooled Up Tip:**

When logged into Tooled Up, go to the **'My Profile' page** and check that you have ticked the box to let the Tooled Up team know you are happy to hear from them. They will send occasional notification of upcoming webinars or resource updates.

We are delighted to be working together with Tooled Up Education to provide this support to you and your family beyond our school gates.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office or Tooled Up directly on [office@tooledupeducation.com](mailto:office@tooledupeducation.com)



# YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

**This weeks jackpot winning numbers are:**

**103675**

**One of your supporters won £32.70 in the draw!**

**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)**

**Have a great weekend everyone!**

Unlocking potential for life

£5  
per ticket



Friends of  
Kings Langley School

# Family Quiz Night

Saturday 7th October  
7pm for 7:30pm start

Maximum of 8 people per team

Tickets available via SCOPAY  
BYO refreshments



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