

Kings Langley Sixth Form

Head of Sixth Form Fortnightly Bulletin: Week 27 - 2023/24

This bulletin, written by the Head of Sixth Form, provides a brief summary of updates, upcoming events, and useful information for students and their home. Further information can be found on our website www.kls.herts.sch.uk and clarification of policy can be found in the sixth form handbook.



Introduction

Since the last bulletin the school and Sixth Form have received an Ofsted inspection which provided an opportunity for us to show the progress the Sixth Form has made since our last inspection. There have been many changes over the last two years and we continue to further develop the Sixth Form to meet needs of our students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sixth Form students for displaying their maturity throughout the inspection and the role models that they continue to be across the wider school community. We look forward to having the inspection report published in the coming weeks.

Head Student Results

Although the results are slightly delayed from the original timescale, following campaign week 2024, we are pleased and excited to announce the results of the recent Head Student recruitment process. We would like to also take this opportunity to thank all students who were candidates for these positions as well as the wider student and staff body for their engagement in the process. This includes our current Head Students, Ariana and Samaira who participated in the Head Student interviews.

Our newly recruited Head Students and Student Leadership Team, who will take position at the start of the Summer term are...

Head Students:

Adaya and Oliver

Deputy Head Students:

Jessica and Sereena

Assistant Head Students:

Syed and Edward

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, and parents who have contacted me with regards to this process and how we can further develop the process. It is conversations with our stakeholders that allows us to refine and improve all aspects of our Sixth Form provision. In 2025 we will be publishing a recruitment pack which provides detailed information about the selection process, the rationale and advice to those considering applying for this important role.

Student Leadership Committees & Responsibilities

Following the results of this years Head Student & Student Leadership Team, I will be working with the newly recruited student leadership team to organise and distribute specific responsibilities. These will include representation of students, alignment to the schools Senior Leadership Team (SLT), division of responsibilities associated to advocating and representation of the school in the wider community, as well as the association to specific committees.

Students from the Sixth Form body are invited to join these committees to have an active role in helping shape the Sixth Form and to further assist their own personal development. These committees will be led by the newly recruited Sixth Form Student Leadership Team and they will be promoting these committees in the new term.

It has been great to receive letters from Yr12 students in particular who have expressed an interest in contributing the development of the Sixth Form by leading on areas of interest. The newly recruited student leadership will be meeting with these students in the coming weeks and will develop the committees and groups.

With A-Level exams coming up and do you want to learn how to create the perfect revision timetable?



Come along to our FREE Revision Masterclass with Liverpool John Moores University on the 26 March from 6:30-7:30pm and take part in an interactive revision workshop to learn all the best revision tips!

Sign-up using the link below:

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=f7f02d4da4&e=d794553266>

Upcoming events and diary dates:

14th March—Parent & Home Engagement Forum, 5-6pm

26th March—Community Iftar event, 5.30-7.30pm

28th March—End of term, Sixth Form closes at 12.55pm

29th March—Bank holiday

End of term—please see the intervention schedule below, for Yr13 students for events taking place during the two week holiday.



We want to ensure that we provide the best student experience possible at Kings Langley Sixth Form. We would love to hear from you about what events, activities and experiences we can organise and put on for our students. Please speak to a member of the Sixth Form with your ideas.

STEM & Student Recognition

STEM is an important and well valued area of the wider school curriculum. Miss Scanlan who leads this area is hugely committed and passionate about raising STEM's profile and works extremely hard to ensure our students have exposure, experiences and opportunities to witness and understand STEM.

STEM in Action this term focused on charity collections for Action Aid, which seeks to improve the living conditions of women and girls across the globe. ActionAid is an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty. Our

dedicated local staff are changing the world with women and girls. We are ending violence and fighting poverty so that all women and girls, everywhere, can create the future they want.

We understand the deep-rooted problems facing women and girls and work alongside whole communities to find solutions. We make sure women and girls are safe from harm, able to earn a living and to claim their rights, and we prioritise their rights and leadership during times of crisis.

Form groups across the school were set the challenge to get involved in raising money for this charity through organising and running fund raising activities and donating what money they could afford to give. Students were told of what items could be purchased by the charity from the donations that they received; ranging from school materials right through to piglets, goats and bee keeping kits. Following Miss Scanlan's thought-provoking assembly, Mrs Battaglia had her heart set on the Sixth Form raising enough money to purchase a whole litter of piglets.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise and celebrate the work of Edward in Yr12 who held a bake sale which raised over £70 which he has selected to put towards buying a goat and water for a family in desperate need.

Thank you Edward for your efforts and compassion by running this event. Miss Scanlan commented 'Edward has shown true empathy and leadership on this and I just wanted to personally thank him.'



Sixth Form Catering Update

We are very excited to announce that when we return in the Summer term, our new catering contract will have commenced and there will be immediate changes to the Sixth Form catering provision. The Sixth Form will have a fully staffed restaurant facility in the Sixth Form building for both break and lunch, with a dedicated executive chef and catering staff providing a more diverse offering including increased dietary coverage and healthier options. The prices of the items will reflect the standard of the food whilst offering all levels of affordability across a wide selection of items.

Further changes will take place for September 2024 where an all day service will be provided, offering students will opportunities to purchase food and beverages throughout the day.

A group of students from the Sixth Form met with Mrs Bell, School Business Manager, to discuss their preferences in offerings and to learn about what students want from this improved service. We look forward to working with our new catering providers as they look to develop their partnership working with members of our Sixth Form community.

Student Recognition

The scholarship awards will be drawn this week and students will receive letters and certificates related to this.

A reminder that students with 100% attendance or significantly improved attendance are automatically entered into the scholarship award draw each half term. Students who have also been nominated for a scholarship award are also entered into this draw.

As a Sixth Form, we are really pleased when we are notified by students or people from home, of achievements and successes. This provides us with the opportunity to celebrate with the students and gain further understanding of what our students do outside of the Sixth Form.

Study Leave—Yr13 (Reminder)

Following careful consideration of the study leave policy, we can now advise students and parents that official study leave commences from **Monday 13th May (inclusive)**. This is to provide students with the ability to utilise the maximum amount of the day to prepare and revise for examinations, in an environment that they feel is best suited to these preparations. Students will be invited to an end of Sixth Form event on Friday 10th May at Kings Langley Cricket Club (information to be sent out in the near future), following which, students will be able to start their study leave.

Students who would prefer to study in Sixth Form will be able to utilise the Sixth Form building but will need to check in with the Sixth Form office as per safety and emergency evacuation requirements and for safeguarding reasons.

Prior to students commencing study leave, they will be required to get a study leave conformation sheet signed by all of their subject teachers to ensure that resources such as textbooks and other bits of equipment, as well all NEA work submitted and final examination documentation confirmed.

Special Educational Needs

I recently met with the manager of DSPL8 ('Delivering Special Provision Locally' for Dacorum), about further developing our SEND provision and ensuring that we ensure that students who have SEND needs, receive the highest quality of education and experience at our Sixth Form. The meeting was a very productive and honest one whereby Kings Langley Sixth Form will take a leading role in developing this area of Post-16 education. We have a very outward facing approach whereby we believe in putting the students needs and interests first and as such, we will be offering our Sixth Form as a central location for future meetings, training and focus groups. I am very keen to work with parents of student with SEND needs so that we have a multifaceted approach. Please contact me directly if this is of interest to you.

A-Level Examination Dates—Yr13

Students and home are reminded of the A-Level examination dates for Yr13. Please see the following link for the timetable: [Student Information - Kings Langley Secondary School - Unlocking Potential for Life \(kls.herts.sch.uk\)](https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/student-information)

We will be preparing our Yr12 students for their end of Yr12 examinations and will be publishing the exam timetable, revision resources and support in the next HoSF Bulletin.

The Library

Books of the Month

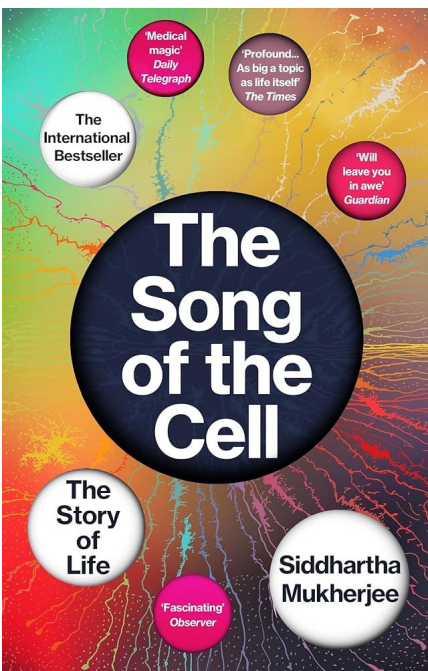


Sixth Form Fiction

Mort by Terry Pratchett

Death is the Grim Reaper of the Discworld, a black-robed skeleton carrying a scythe. He is also fond of cats and endlessly baffled by humanity. Soon Death is yearning to experience what humanity really has to offer, but to do that, he'll need to hire some help.

It's an offer Mort can't refuse. As Death's apprentice he'll have free board, use of the company horse - and being dead isn't compulsory. It's a dream job - until Mort falls in love with Death's daughter, Ysabell, and discovers that your



Sixth Form Non-Fiction

The Song of the Cell by Siddhartha Mukherjee



From the dawn of life itself, every being that has ever lived owes its existence to the cell. The discovery of this vital form led to a transformation in medicine but also in our understanding of ourselves - not as bodies or machines but as ecosystems. It has also given us the power to treat a vast array of mortal maladies... and even to create new kinds of human altogether.

Rich with stories of scientists, doctors and the patients whose lives may be saved by their work, *The Song of the Cell* is a stunning ode to the building blocks of life and the

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The purpose of this forum is to increase the opportunity for parents and carers to be part of the consultation and development of sixth form policies, as well as identify how parents and carers may want to contribute to the sixth form provision. It will also offer an additional form of communication between the sixth form team and home.

These informal forum meetings are chaired by Mr Tubb, Head of Sixth Form, and parents and carers are invited to attend as frequently as they wish; membership is not required, and contributions are entirely discretionary. Each forum has a focus and enables the sixth form to inform parents about our approach and rationale behind policies and procedures. Parents and carers can also identify areas that they wish the sixth form to consider or explore.

**The next meeting will be held on:
Tuesday 23rd April, 5-6pm, in the Sixth Form building**

Next meeting agenda—Assessment, Examination Preparation, Independence & Thirst for Learning

For more information or to express an interest in attending or for agenda items, please contact Mr Tubb directly on tubbj@kls.herts.sch.uk

Free webinar on Dyslexia revision skills at A-Level

Unlock the secrets to successful revision with the British Dyslexia Association's exclusive webinar. An enlightening hour where effective revision techniques tailored for teenagers facing exams are explored. Our expert-led session will focus on comprehensive planning, addressing mental health considerations, and fostering a positive mindset during the crucial exam period.

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH, 7-8pm (link below to register)

[Free Webinar - Revisions Skills for GCSE's & A-Levels - British Dyslexia Association \(bdadyslexia.org.uk\)](https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk)

Action on Bullying & Anti-Social Behaviours

We have an outstanding community of staff and sixth formers at Kings Langley Sixth Form where everyone can expect to study, work, and enjoy an environment where they are safe, happy and respect one another. Bullying and peer-on-peer abuse is never ok, and Kings Langley Sixth Form does not tolerate it.



Need support with your wellbeing?

At Kings Langley Sixth Form we believe strongly that positive emotional wellbeing and mental wellness are not only crucial in enabling students to feel happy and fulfilled within themselves as individuals, but also in enabling them to thrive and flourish during their time with us here at school. Students who enjoy positive mental health and wellbeing are better able to cope with the normal stresses of life, work productively and fruitfully, fulfil their own potential and make a contribution to their wider community.



Safeguarding

If you or someone you know is at risk of harm (emotionally, physically, mentally or sexually) to themselves or to others, please ensure that you report this to a member of staff immediately. If outside of sixth form or school, you can report concerns to the police by dialling 999.

FRANK
0800 77 66 00 talktofrank.com
Friendly, confidential drugs advice

Switchboard
LGBT+ helpline
0800 0119 100

Gamblers Anonymous
Phone: 0330 094 0322

Feeling low?
Anxious?
Struggling to cope?

Text SHOUT
to **85258**
for free, confidential support, 24/7

The Sandbox
Online mental health support for Children and Young People

fearless
part of Crimestoppers
0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.

Reporting Crimes inc.
County Lines

KS5 Letters and Important Communication

In order to reduce the volume of emails from the Sixth Form, we collate letters and important communication into this HoSF Bulletin. Please see below for letters and communication from staff across the Sixth Form and school.

Message from: Mrs Battaglia

FAO: Parents/Carers/Students

Date: 25.03.2024

Message:

Dear Parent/ Carers,

Earth Day 22nd April

On the 22nd April, the sixth form will be celebrating Earth Day, which is celebrated around the world in over 192 countries. The theme for 2024 is 'Planet vs Plastics', which calls to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics, UN treaty on plastic pollution and demand an end to fast fashion.

The sixth form students will be taking part in activities throughout the week, such as litter picking in the school grounds as well as in the local community, constructing a bug hotel which will incorporate wildflowers and increasing our awareness of our environment, both locally and nationally.

To be able to go off site to pick litter, we require your consent for your son/daughter to take part. Please refer to your SOCS login to give your consent - www.misocs.com.

This is not a fundraising event but more of an awareness and as such we would like our sixth formers to wear 'Earth' colours (blue, brown and green) on the Monday 22nd April and appropriate wear when going out to litter pick.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

Mrs V. Battaglia
KS5 Pastoral Leader

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Message from: Mrs Chabrel

FAO: Parents/Carers/Students

Date: 19.03.2024

Message:

Dear Year 12 Geographers, Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to let you know that when I contacted Sheringham Youth Hostel yesterday to confirm room bookings and menu options for us all, I was told that the booking had not been finalised and therefore we have lost the reservation. As far as I can piece together we hadn't been passed from the Group Reservation team to Sheringham Youth Hostel as no invoice had been raised for the school here to action.

Of course, you've all paid and the trip has been agreed, so I am relieved to let you know that we have replacement dates for the same length of time, involving two school days and a weekend day.

We will now be in Norfolk Sunday 28th April - Tuesday 30th April. We will leave school on Sunday 28th April in the minibus at 10am and return on Tuesday 30th April at 6pm. Mr Sylvester will continue to be on the staff team with me.

I realise that this is a complete inconvenience for work shifts, sporting fixtures and for family arrangements too. I hope that with a month's notice you will be able to re-arrange any pre-existing diary commitments and you are able to still be part of this field work. Please let me know if you require any documentation on school headed paper to release you from a work shift.

Many, many apologies for this, I have run this trip since the spring of 2018 and have worked very successfully with the Youth Hostel administration in previous years, so what happened this time I am not sure.

Thank you for the OV7s already received, and I will continue to process the risk assessments and create the fieldwork booklet in readiness for our trip.

with kind regards,

Ms Chabrel

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Message from: Mr Scott

FAO: Parents/Carers/Students

Date: 19.03.2024

Message:

Year 13 Exam Preparation: Revision Sessions

As part of the ongoing preparations for Year 13 examinations, we would like to make you aware of the revision sessions that are already underway or are planned for the Easter break.

These sessions are being held in addition to examination preparation that will be taking place in timetabled lessons, which continue as normal until study leave begins on Monday, 13th May.

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch		Music (F213)			
After school	Politics (G106)	Biology (S105)	Maths (S206)	Spanish and French (F302)	Music (F213)
	Psychology (G108)	Chemistry (S105)	Business/Economics (G307)	Product Design (G201)	
	Spanish and French (F302)	Physics (S105)	Religious Studies (F109)		

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch		Music (F213)			
After school	History (G106 or G108)	Biology (S105)	Maths (S206)	Sociology (F305)	Music (F213)
	Spanish and French (F302)	Chemistry (S105)	Religious Studies (F109)	Spanish and French (F302)	
		Physics (S105)		Product Design (G201)	

Easter holiday

Sociology – Wednesday, 3rd April (09:00-11:30)

Economics – Tuesday, 9th April

Psychology – Tuesday, 9th April (10:00-14:00)

If you have any questions about these sessions, please contact the relevant teacher of subject leader.

Revision booklet

A reminder that the Kings Langley Sixth Form A-Level Revision Booklet can be found [here](#)