

INTRODUCING THE NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



Alex —Head Boy



Lucy —Head Girl



Miguel — Deputy Head Boy and Amelia —Deputy Head Girl



**Lucy — Head of Mercia, Charlie —Head of Windsor,
Chloe —Head of Lancaster**

UP FOR THE CHALLENGE

On Thursday 1st February, eighteen Year 9 students and twelve Year 10 students took part in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge. Thousands of students from schools across the country take part each year and the top 40% of students nationally receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate. We are thrilled to report that Tola, Daisy and Summer of Year 9, together with Miguel, Thomas and Shivesh of Year 10 all received a Bronze Certificate; Lizzie and Tamanna of Year 9, together with Eduard, Charlie and Alex O of Year 10 received a Silver certificate. Huge congratulations goes to Ellie (Year 9) who was awarded a Gold certificate!

Ellie and Lizzie did so well that they were invited to compete in the next round, the Kangaroo Challenge, in March. Whilst they didn't achieve a merit, both scored impressive results in this very difficult competition.

On Tuesday 22nd March, Kings hosted the latest SHAPE Interschools Maths Competition. Teams from Collingwood and Tomlinscote joined us for an afternoon of mind bending puzzles and Maths games. The Year 7 and Year 8 Tomlinscote Teams came first but we are extremely pleased to report that Tola, Lizzie and Summer came first in Year 9.

A staggering 52 students from Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge on 26th April:

Gold Awards to Karl and Kamran from Year 8. Karl has done so well he has been selected for the next, highly prestigious round.

Year 7 Silver Awards: Jason, Gerald, Kian, Samuel, and Maia.

Year 8 Silver Awards: Jazib, Casey, Matthew, Noushad, Kye, Noah, Arlo, Stan, Edward, and Joslyn.

Year 7 Bronze Awards: Logan, Rebecca, and Mikayla.

Year 8 Bronze Awards: Taylor, Subkhan, Oliver, Ryley, Manny, and Ben.

TAKING FURTHER MATHS

On Friday the 20th April, students from top/second set Maths in year 10 had the opportunity to go to Wellington College to participate in Taking Maths Further. The event included Cryptography, the involvement of Maths in the aftermaths of disasters and a talk with the famous scientist Emily Grossman. My personal favourite from these events was definitely the Cryptography. I learnt how to read/write in pigpen and Caesar ciphers, as well as some of the history of codes. It was my favourite because I find codes interesting and the man hosting it was enthusiastic and interactive with the students. During the natural disaster part, we learnt how Maths is involved and how important it is. You can work out the amount of resources needed as well as the distances and times needed to get them from emergency help centres to the area affected. The talk with Emily Grossman was



about the importance of Maths in Careers and how you can use it any career/path you take. She looked on how newspaper reports can be misleading if we don't know our Maths. Overall, I enjoyed my visit to Wellington College, I would recommend you go if you ever get the opportunity.

By Alice W – Year 10

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

After a 3 round gruelling process we are delighted to announce the new Student Leadership Team who are full of ideas on taking Kings forward. Well done to everybody who applied and congratulations to George, Lucy B, Miguel, Lucy C, Chloe, Charlie, Thomas H, Thomas D, Millie, Eduard, Alex, L, Amelia, Alex O, Megan, Yasmin and Jack .

Well done!



SCIENCE TRIP—WOMEN INTO STEM

Ten Year 9 girls were invited to the University of Surrey for a day to enjoy an Engineering workshop that gave them the chance to develop their creative problem-solving skills and hear from women in STEM careers.

The main speaker, a Computer Scientist and App Designer, inspired our girls to look beyond their current skillset and have the confidence to work towards gaining those skills that inspire and motivate them.

Our girls were fantastic ambassadors for our school and worked hard to build bridges, rafts and towers that could carry heavy loads without sinking or toppling. A delicious lunch was provided by the University canteen and the girls also got a tour of the campus, spoke with current University students and learned about what student life might be like for them at University.



IDAHOBIT DAY



IDAHOBIT day was created back in 2004 to highlight the violence, discrimination and repression experienced by LGBTQ people all over the world. Designed to get the attention of politicians, world leaders, the media and public to get our voices and stories heard. It's celebrated in over 130 countries, including 37 where same-sex acts are illegal.

The Day represents an annual landmark to draw the attention of the public to the alarming situation faced by lesbian, gay, bisexuals, transgender and intersex people and all those who do not conform to majority sexual and gender norms.

May 17 is now celebrated in more than 130 countries, including 37 where same-sex acts are illegal, with 1600 events reported from 1280 organizations in 2014. These mobilisations unite millions of people in support of the recognition of human rights for all, irrespective of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. The International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is not one centralised campaign; rather it is a moment that everyone can take advantage of to take action.

The Eikon Charity are taking on a lead role in supporting young people who identify with the LGBTQ community. We are here to represent and support all LGBTQ young people in Surrey Heath. At Eikon we are driven and passionate, in the work we do. We are motivated to make a difference for all our young people. These projects will support LGBTQ young people, parents, schools and be beneficial to raising LGBT+ awareness in our communities.

Our Youth groups give LGBT young people the opportunity to make new friends, have a safe, confidential space to be themselves, to gain guidance and support and to raise LGBT awareness in our community. Our parent support group allows parents to meet other parents. This is a great form of support and can be really beneficial

As a group at Kings we asked if we could have a day to celebrate and inform other students about what is experienced in the world for other LGBTQ+ people.

The response was amazing.

We wanted to thank all involved with baking, spending and emotional support.

We raised £204.00 for Eikon. This money will be used to help students and families in our area.



Let's fight bigotry year round by challenging discrimination and inequality where it arises. Everyone deserves the right to feel proud of who they are.

BANKING ON THE FUTURE

Bank of America Merrill Lynch

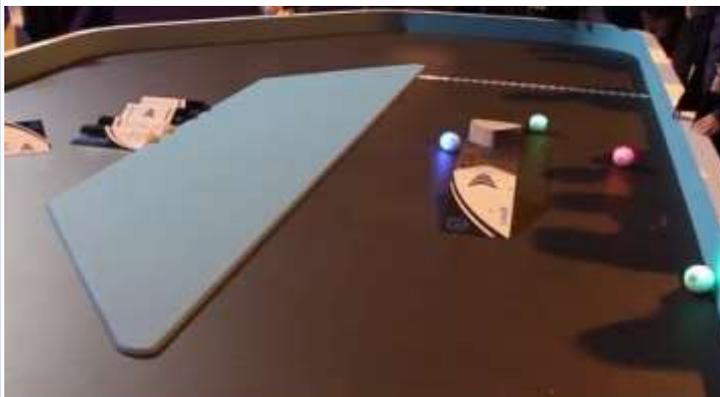


On 3rd May this year 26 students from Kings International College were given the opportunity to visit Bank of America Merrill Lynch. It was a chance for students to see how computers are used in the banking industry with particular emphasis being put on Cyber Security.

The whole day was given a Star Wars theme with students being split into groups to do various activities throughout the day. Students had the opportunity to win tokens by asking good questions and these were traded at the end of the day for prizes.

Activities included the Escape room where students had to crack several codes to find the key to get out of the room. Guiding a Sphero robot through a maze, hacking into and taking control of a robot using python. End to end encryption and controlling a robot arm.

Prize winners with the most tokens were Alex B and Alex O. Eduard was fastest through the Sphero Maze.



Some comments from the students about the day

I really enjoyed the sphero racing and it was fun coding it to do my will. Thomas.

The best part of the day was Escape the Room which allowed me to solve extremely enigmatic messages using cryptography and collaborate with my teammates. Rashed

I learnt a lot about how you test your security and how internet terrorists / thieves try to break into your data. Alexander

I loved my day at the Bank, it was interesting, informative and very well organized. Alex.

TRIP TO THE MAIDENHEAD MOSQUE

On Wednesday 14th March, twenty three students, accompanied by Miss Beattie and Mr Davies went to visit the Mosque at Maidenhead. Arriving at 9.45 , the group went on a guided tour. They were first taken to the Prayer Hall, where the everyday workings of the Mosque were explained by the Imam. The students were also taught about the fundamentals of the Muslim faith, including the Five Pillars of Islam.

They were also told about the origins of the mosque and how it had been built by the Muslim community in the 1980s. After this they were taken to the upstairs area which included an exhibition of the Muslim faith and their views on specific events. It also included extracts from the Qu'ran and explanations of their meaning for the faithful.

We would like to thank the Mosque for allowing the trip which proved to be a valuable learning experience.



By Ashley

UNDERWATER HOCKEY



In recent issues we have highlighted the sporting activities of a number of our students outside of school and we would like to spotlight another: Katie in 10WDA.

Katie has always been a proficient swimmer, having raced at County and Regional championships. She now competes for Guildford Underwater Hockey Club.

Underwater Hockey is a game played at the bottom of a pool, two metres down. Teams of six compete to score with a weighted puck. Although not widely known there are around 60 clubs in the UK and the game is played worldwide. The world junior championships, held every two years will next be held in Sheffield in 2019.

Despite her age, Katie is trialling for Team GB under 19 squad and attended her second training camp in Leeds over the Easter Holidays. The team manager was very positive :

“We were very impressed with Katie. She is incredibly strong and shows she can win tackles and beat the opposition 1:1. She is fast and determined and can swim to goal—no one will stop her if she breaks away.”

Congratulations to Katie for her achievements in a very difficult sport.

Quiz Night

On Friday 27th April, teams assembled in the Cyber Café for the Parents Association Quiz Night. Polishing IQs that would outshine Eggheads or contestants on University Challenge, competitors rallied themselves for the intellectual challenge ahead. Once again Mr Davies was playing the role of Jeremy Paxman, with just the same levels of sarcasm and disbelief! As well as General Knowledge questions, there were also rounds testing knowledge of Musical Intros. There was a wonderful fish supper for the participants who were raising money for a variety of projects around the college. It was a hugely successful evening and if you missed out, there are five questions from the night. Although there are no prizes for getting these right, they might inspire you to take part next time. A huge thank you to all those who participated.

1. In the Beatrix Potter books, what animal is Timmy Tiptoes?
2. Edward I came from which royal family tree?
3. Name the two colours that form the flag of Albania
4. In 1911, Marie Curie became the first woman to win which award?
5. What is the name of the second largest planet in the solar system, first observed by Galileo in 1610?

1. Squirrel
2. Plantagenets
3. Red and Black
4. Nobel Prize for Chemistry
5. Saturn

COPING WITH EXAMS



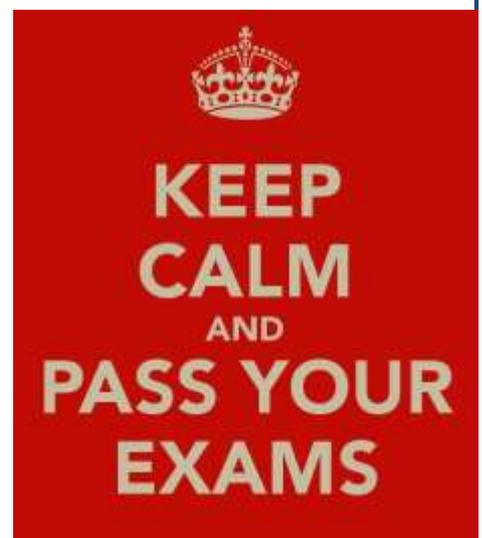
Mental Health Awareness Week was 14th-20 May. Many of our students are now coping with the stress of GCSE examinations and although it might be too late to talk about revision here are 5 simple tips for coping just that little bit better:

1. Eat Right
2. Take Regular Breaks
3. Do Some Exercise
4. Keep Hydrated
5. Sleep Right

GOOD LUCK!!

Avoid comparing your abilities with your mates—We're all different!

Stay clear of any 'post mortems' - It's too late to change anything!



Dates for your diary

Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June

Year 10 exams

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd June

'Posh Togs' Year 11

Monday 25th June

Year 6 Inductions Days

Tuesday 3rd—Wednesday 4th July

Sports Day

Thursday 5th July

INSET

Friday 6th July

Performing Arts Colours Evening

Tuesday 10th July

Kings Got Talent Final

Wednesday 11th July—P5 & 6

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 11th July

Celebration of Achievement

Friday 20th July

College closes at 1.05pm for the
Summer Holidays

Friday 20th July

Dates for 2018/19 Academic Year

Autumn Term

4th September—19th December

*School opens at 8.40am for Year 7 and
9.30am for all other year groups on 4th
September*

Half Term *22nd—26th October*

Spring Term

3rd January—5th April 2019

Half Term *18th—22nd February*

Summer Term

23rd April—24th July

Bank Holiday - *6th May*

Half Term *27th—31st May*

INSET Days

12th October 2018

26th November 2018

3rd and 4th January 2019

23rd April 2019

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted that we can bring you our Kings News filled with articles of what has been happening in the last half term. As our Year 11 students are now in the middle of their GCSE examinations I would like to thank all parents for their support in ensuring that our personalised study leave and immersion timetable has really benefitted students in the last few days. This is a new initiative and any feedback on how we can improve it would be greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank our outgoing prefect team of Robert, Courtney, Hayden, Leila, Valentina, Nisha, Ellie, Aaron, Grace, Ryley, Holly, Harvey and Eire for their work in representing the school during the past year.

It was an absolute pleasure to be able to select our first Student Leadership team from current Year 10 students on the last day of the Spring term. Students were selected after a rigorous process of a letter of application, presentation to their peer group, interview and a round table discussion task. Students have already started working on reviewing our Kings values and vision, rewards system and behaviour.

We have been extremely fortunate to start a partnership with Bank of America Merrill Lynch this term and had the first of what we hope to be many activities for our young people. Bank of America provided a free experience day for all our Year 10 and Year 9 future computing students at the start of May. We are always looking for opportunities for students to experience different professions and if any parents have contacts that could facilitate this please get in contact with our new Careers advisor Mrs L Bowman.

We now look forward to the final half term of the academic year where we will say goodbye to Year 11 at Posh Togs and the Prom and hello to the 150 Year 6 students starting with us in September. The pace of the term doesn't slow down as we head towards the summer with exams for Year 10, Sports day, Year 5 taster day and our trip to Iceland still to come.

I hope you have a restful half term and that the sun shines.

With best wishes

Jo Luhman

If you are interested in becoming part of our growing and enthusiastic Parents' Association, please contact Mrs Welmers:

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