

Kings International College welcomes prospective students and parents to Open Evening 2017



September and October have seen an unprecedented number of prospective parents and students visiting the College on 'School in Action' tours. This culminated on October 12th when Kings opened its doors for its annual open evening. Students and staff gathered to welcome guests to our college, inviting them to spend time in our departments to experience life at Kings. There were two presentations from Mrs Langley who was accompanied by Mrs Luhman who will join the College in January as Headteacher. There were also contributions from our Head Boy and Head Girl, Robert Brucal and Courtney Hodge, and their deputies Hayden Bowen and Leila Aziz, as well as their predecessors, Frank Crossley and Georgia Ludlow. There was an array of activities on offer around the site, the atmosphere was incredibly positive, and many prospective students left with smiles on their faces. Once again the College proved that this is an environment where students are able to thrive, exceed expectations and demonstrate considerable academic success whilst contributing to the wider community.

"Having talked to as many staff members as I could and some of the children, I came away this evening thinking there is something very special about this school."

Year 6 parent

We look forward to seeing many of these students returning for our transition days in the Summer Term!



Macmillan Cake Sale



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. People all over the UK host their own Coffee Mornings and donations on the day are made to Macmillan. And once again Miss Digby arranged a cake sale for this brilliant cause. Students, parents and staff all produced cakes to be sold at brunch and lunch times. As always the cakes were quickly devoured and we are pleased to announce that we raised a grand total of **£326.25**.

GCSE Results show how brightly our students can shine!

Results day was its usual mixture of anxiety and elation, tears and cheers, for students, staff and parents alike. However, once again Kings students produced some quite dazzling results across a wide range of subjects.

The overall performance reflects significant progress for our students with the more able students achieving outstanding results this year. This is against a background of a changed and more challenging examination system.

The Year 11 cohort for 2016-17 is the last of our small year groups and the average point score on entry was below the national average.

5% of our students, each achieved at least 10 A*/A or equivalent.

16% of our students each achieved at least 5 GCSEs at A*/A or equivalent.

In the core subjects:

72% of students achieved the equivalent of Grade C or above in English, with

18% achieving the equivalent of Grade A*/A in English, including students with **exceptional performance at the new Grade 9.**

67% of students achieved the equivalent of Grade C in Maths, with

19% of students achieving the equivalent Grade A*/A in Maths, including students with **exceptional performance at the new Grade 9.**

100% pass A*-C in Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Over 70% of students gained A* to C in the following subjects: English and English Literature, Statistics, French, German, History, Dance, Drama, Food Technology, Music, and RS.

66% students achieved at least 5 A* - C.

57% students achieved at least 5 A* - C, including the equivalent in English and Maths.

We celebrate all our students' achievement and are also proud that our pass rate was **100%**. All students left Kings demonstrating achievement at GCSE. Congratulations to our hard working students and to their inspirational and dedicated staff.



Year 6 Boldly Go Where No Man Has Gone Before



October 4th and 5th saw Kings welcome pupils and staff from Frimley C of E, South Camberley Primary, Cranford Park and Hawley Primary to take A Journey through Space and Time. They explored the universe through Maths, Dance, Art and the Humanities. The Kings Learning Ambassadors assisted the staff in presenting a fascinating day.



Later, parents arrived to watch a spectacular display of dance, music and creative writing, as well as some special dance performances by Kings students. The impressive showcase highlighted the wide variety of skills that were gained during the day. We were delighted to have such wonderfully enthusiastic pupils joining us for the day, and hope to welcome them to Kings again soon!



In their dance lesson they created a motif with one of our dance teachers, Mrs Batley. They had to make their dance big and bold, filling the space with their movements. They used jumps and large actions in their phrases. They also learnt that eye line is key and can make actions appear greater to the audience. After that, Mrs Batley got them to perform their motif in a smaller space. This made them think about spatial awareness and avoiding their classmates. One half of the class made a ring around the rest whilst they performed their dance. Then a bit later, the teachers got involved and made the four corners of a square for them to dance in. The children worked very well but were worn out at the end.

In Art, Mr Cooke challenged them to paint supernovas and nebulas. To create the effect of the gases and stardust, the pupils used sponges to dab on the paint. However, before they got painting they cut out images of astronauts and space shuttles to be the main focus of the picture. Mr Cooke taught them that, when painting, you must apply lighter colours first because they can be over powered by the dark blues, purples, reds and blacks. Lastly, once they had finished sponging on the paint, they flicked splatters of white onto their art to resemble stars. The children said that they enjoyed their art lesson. The finished work was extremely creative and hopefully they enjoyed getting a bit messy!

In Maths our intrepid visitors went on a voyage of discovery to locate the major planets of the Universe. Using mathematical clues they journeyed round the site in order to find six of the planets. Along the way they had to do calculations about angles and shapes in order to locate their targets. It was a thrilling race that mixed calculation, exploration and orienteering.

In Humanities they had to create an argument about who won the space race. Miss Guess taught them about the first launches of rockets into space, the first men in space, and the landing on the moon. They were then split up into groups, to write why they thought America or Russia won the space race. They all made brilliant arguments.



Sports Day 2017

Wednesday 19th July saw an exciting day of track and field athletics as the annual sports day took place. Competitors from all the Houses strove to live up to the Olympic motto—to run faster, jump higher and prove themselves stronger than their rivals. A new track layout, new activities and podium presentations provided for an exceptional day of competition with new school records achieved and the usual display of fancy dress and House colours to the fore.



And as we can see from Mr Eaton's joyous response, the winners were:

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HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION

On Thursday 5th October both Mercia and Windsor performed their entries for this year's House Drama competition in front of a live audience and the judges consisting of Mrs Langley, Mr Eaton, Ms Blessett and Mrs Catchpole. The competition started last year when all Year 8 students were set a homework task for Drama asking them to write their own script or play based on a variety of stimuli. Each piece was then read and assessed by their class teacher and each member of staff had to put forward their winning piece. The winning writers then had to meet with their group to rehearse and direct their own group in a performance of their work. Students could have access to lighting, sound, set and costume but were left to their own devices when it came to directing the performance.

The two entries that were performed were by Daisy Maidment (9ABR) and Izzy Purusram (9NJO). Daisy's piece was a comedy, based on a script called 'Bag Ladies' and consisted of three older ladies deciding to enjoy a sleepover in John Lewis. The cast consisted of Olivia Light, Jasmine Forbes, Daisy Maidment and Sophie Kenton. Izzy's group was based around a girl called Gracie played by Natasha Tapster whose sister Dani played by Kacey Lidlow had died. However Gracie still sees her as a vision in order to guide her through life's difficulties. The rest of the cast was played by Izzy and Natalie Dalrymple.

The judges found it extremely difficult to choose a winner, but felt that one piece had taken a very difficult topic and displayed an enormous and mature performance that touched the audience. The winner was Izzy Purusram who received an Amazon Fire HD and a trophy which was presented by Mrs Langley. Mrs Goddard really hopes that this will be a firm favourite in the House Competition calendar this year and hopes that more students will come along to support the hard work and effort put in by the writers, directors and actors.



Windsor Wiff-Waff Win!

This year saw the first Kings International Table Tennis tournament. Organised by Mr Guyett, the competition was a frenzy of topspin, back spin, chop blocks and floated forehands. However it was soon clear that only one house new the difference between their long pimples and their sandwich rubber! Windsor House won, flicking and smashing their way to victory in the Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 competitions. Hopefully this will find a regular place on the sporting calendar.



Celebration of Achievement





Dates for your diary

October Half Term
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

SHAPE Maths Challenge
Wednesday 8th November

Year 11 Mock Examinations
Monday 20th November - Friday 1st December

Year 7 Citizenship Day
Wednesday 22nd November

Science Christmas Lectures
Thursday 7th December

Production for Year 8 'Hidden'
Wednesday 13th December

College closes at 1:05pm for the Christmas Holidays
Friday 15th December

Christmas Holidays
Monday 18th December—Tuesday 2nd January 2018

College reopens for the Spring Term
Wednesday 3rd January



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The 1st September Staff INSET seems a long time ago. It was an opportunity for us to review how best we help children learn. In particular, we appreciate that at KS4, there is a considerable body of knowledge that our students need to know and retain. We explored ways of returning to previously taught material. Students need to keep re-learning and remembering past topics. Staff will therefore interleave old modules, often through quizzes, with the new topics. The younger years will be taught similarly. If you are able to listen to your child as they teach you what they have learnt it would be so helpful for them.

Mr Burns in the first of our assemblies explained the techniques we would be using to help them learn. Teaching someone at home was one of them. Mr Guyett, in his assembly, reminded the children of having their own high aspirations. Taking every opportunity to challenge themselves whilst appreciating that they may have to get it wrong several times before getting it right. He and I reminded our children that it is often through failure that we learn.

Mr Inns reminded them of setting high standards in all that they do; attendance, behaviour and the uniform, and of the values we espouse at Kings, notably respect.

I spoke of the importance of sleep. There is much new research that quite clearly explains that sleep deprivation significantly reduces the ability to learn new information. So sleep well!

Wishing you an enjoyable half-term,

Judith Langley



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

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