



Dear families,

It seems incredible that we're already at the end of term as so much has been packed into a short space of time. For year 11s, it's been a highly focused five and a half weeks as they prepare for the opportunity to show off the fruits of their hard work over the last few years in their GCSE exams. I am extremely grateful to all of the staff who have offered additional support, guidance, enthusiasm and expertise in sessions before school, during lunchtimes and after school - as well as those offering further support during the holidays. We are fortunate to have an incredibly committed staff body who are justly proud of their school and the students that they work with. Mrs Ward has done an excellent job of guiding, encouraging and motivating our students and they can gain great confidence from the continued hard work and efforts they are demonstrating.



Even as we think about the Year 11s and their next steps, we have one eye on the new group of students joining us in September, with our transition programme starting apace in the upcoming term. I am delighted to report that Kings continues to be oversubscribed for September 2024.

In her novel, *The Secret Garden*, Frances Burnett describes the coming of spring as "the sun shining on the rain". This feels rather apt as the skies have deluged us with water for what seems forever. Thankfully, our new roofing project has held firm and is approaching the completion of phase one on the main, three story building. This will continue over the coming months down the DT corridor. You'll also see a development of our solar panels, as we try to embrace greener technology and save on our electricity costs in the coming years.

Over Easter we will be installing new fencing and controlled gates around the rear car park, as part of our estates strategy to improve our facilities and ensure the safety of our students. Hopefully this will not inconvenience families, as I know people are now used to collecting and dropping off students off site.

We have now completed all of the work on the RAAC in the school sports halls, and as a result they are fully operational again. Our thanks go to Surrey Sports Park for their support in ensuring students continued to access great facilities for their PE lessons during this time and to the PE team at Kings for their adaptability with the curriculum. As ever, we are ambitious to develop our sporting facilities still further and hope to announce a major new project in the next half term.

Outside of the classroom we've worked with colleagues and students at Surrey University as our partnership continues, including Year 7s and 8s learning some veterinary skills and Year 10s engaging in Saturday workshops on all things from law to engineering. Performing Arts students have had a go at developing their experience behind the scenes at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, whilst some of our female students have tried their hands at engineering at a STEM event at Guildford College. We've even had a go at bush tucker trials for Comic Relief, raising over £300 for charity by eating unpleasant things. Last week we embarked on another international trip to Normandy to develop as linguists and historians. I think we're all due a rest!

Whatever your plans are for the next few weeks, we hope you enjoy the school break and look forward to seeing students on Monday the 15th of April.

Attendance Update Spring Term 2023-24

Congratulations to all of our students who have achieved **100%** attendance this term.

Our attendance highlights this year are as follows:

Year Group with Highest Attendance

1st place: Year 11

2nd place: Year 8

3rd place: Year 7



House with Highest Attendance

1st place: Sceptre

2nd place: Mantle

3rd place: Crown

Tutor Group with Highest Attendance

1st place: 11PIN

2nd place: 10-Mantle

3rd place: 7-Sceptre & 11GIC

Academic Class with Highest Attendance

1st place: Year 10 French

2nd place: Year 710 Spanish

3rd place: Year 11 Geography

Attendance Housekeeping

Where possible, appointments should be made outside of the school day to maximise the time spent learning. If this is not possible, please ensure you advise us in advance and provide evidence, such as, an appointment, card, text or letter confirmation. These should be emailed to office@kingscollegeguildford.com.



Studybugs app: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>. Over 93% of parents already use the app, but please download it if you are yet to do so.

A reminder to parents and carers that if you take your children out of school, without permission from the Principal, for five or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently, the amount payable, under a penalty notice, is £60 per parent/carer, per child, if paid within 21 days. Thereafter, the amount increases to £120, if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

House update

We are thrilled to share the latest progress update of our students. Please take a look below for the current standings of each award point and a fantastic graphic that highlights the race to the top. The entire school has made remarkable progress with over 29,849 points earned and counting!

Please see Module 4 standings below.



Challenge - To reach 50000 house points



Comic Relief

A great big thank you to everyone who made donations towards the Bush Tucker Challenge.



In total the school managed to raise £379

Thank you for all of your support!
Mrs Sneddon



Languages and History Trip to Normandy, France

Last week 33 Year 9 and 3 Year 11 students enjoyed an action packed Languages and History four-day educational trip to Normandy, visiting a wide range of cultural attractions and sites of great historical significance.

Our trip commenced with a visit to the Canadian Parachute Regiment Memorial in Varville in Normandy, commemorating the vital role of the paratroopers in World War II on June 6, 1944, when soldiers of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion parachuted into Normandy and overwhelmed German defences. We then visited Merville Battery, a key site attacked by the 9th Battalion of The Parachute Regiment as part of D-Day.



The following day students visited Pegasus Bridge, the site of the first building and family in France to be liberated from the Nazi occupation. We then visited Ranville British and Commonwealth War Cemetery, where we learnt and reflected on the stories of three British airborne casualties and a military para dog buried with Pte Corteil, which helped to give students a much more personal and human historical perspective, amongst the 2562 burials.



We then visited the Catholic Church next to the cemetery which has a special corner, dedicated to the British and Canadian liberation of Ranville, the first village to be liberated. On the same day we visited the German and American War Cemetery to experience the cultural contrast in the way in which different countries remember and honour their war dead.

In the afternoon we visited a traditional Cider Farm, where the local farmer explained the whole process of making apple juice from the harvesting of 15,000 apple trees to the annual production of 50,000 bottles of apple juice. Students then enjoyed apple juice tasting. The farmer also explained the fermentation process involved in the production of cider and calvados. Finally, we visited Omaha and Gold Beaches, where thousands of Allied troops landed during World War II.



On the third day of our trip Kings students very much enjoyed a visit to Noémie's goat farm in Firfol. They stroked and fed the goats and then the farmer invited them to taste some of the goats cheese. Many then used their French language skills to buy some of the cheese. We then travelled to Arromanches-les-Bains, a coastal town. We walked around the town, with students using their French language skills in shops and cafes, where they enjoyed a drink and snack.

In the afternoon we visited Arromanches beach and students created a human Mulberry Harbour wall, to recreate the actual wall constructed by British forces in the sea as part of their liberation strategy. This was followed by a visit to the circular 360 cinema to watch archive footage filmed by war correspondents in 1944, and then we travelled on to Gold Beach, the landing beach of the British 50th Northumbrian Division. We then visited Juno beach and a French supermarket to practise language skills.



Our Year 11's laid a wreath and Grace read the poem 'Normandy' by Cyril Crain at the British & Commonwealth War Memorial which was built in 2019 to commemorate 75 years since the British & Commonwealth contributions to the liberation of Normandy.



On the final day of our trip before the road trip to Calais Ferry Port we visited the picturesque small town of Bayeux where students saw the world-famous Bayeux tapestry, an embroidered cloth nearly 70 metres long. It depicts the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. Students also had the opportunity to see the impressive Bayeux Cathedral and enjoyed a walk around this beautiful town.



Finding Our Futures – University of Surrey

We have had a busy module with lots of careers and aspiration activities taking place across the school! In January, we were visited by the Smallpeice Trust who ran a STEM day for some of our Year 9s where they worked in teams to design, solder, glue, build and market sustainable water pumps. It was great to see so many future engineers!



In February, some of our Year 8s attended two days at the University of Surrey learning about higher education, taking part in exciting subject tasters and working with current students to learn more about university life. On the third day, they celebrated with a graduation ceremony at school with parents and carers.



Our Year 10 Performing Arts students had a fantastic morning at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre earlier this month learning from the director, marketing team and sound/lighting technicians. They also heard from graduates from GSA (Guildford School of Acting) about routes into Drama School. It was really interesting to learn about all the creative careers within the theatre industry. We have a few Y10 students returning to the theatre for work experience in July, which is a great opportunity to further their understanding of different roles.

To make links between subjects and future jobs, we were visited by four Economics students who worked with Year 10 in Maths lessons to teach them about future pathways into Economics and how the subject links to many day to day aspects of life, including inflation, the cost of living and budgeting.



Some of our female scientists in Years 7 and 8 visited Guildford College last week to take part in four interactive STEM workshops – they built wind turbines with SATRO, tried their hand at civil engineering, learnt about game design and music technology with ACM, and heard about the future of the automotive industry with Lexus. A great day with lots of learning and problem solving skills!

Last week we had a brilliantly engaging and practical workshop with Animal Aspirations, a group of Veterinary Medicine students from the University who aim to promote diversity within the vet profession. Some of our Year 7s and 8s prepared for surgery putting on gloves and gowns, used microscopes to diagnose potential illness and bandaged model dogs.



We are also proud of our Year 9s who took part in Family Futures, an extra-curricular programme run by the University across three months, where they have been exploring their future pathways and options with parents/carers at home. Well done also to the Year 10 students who have been taking part in Realise Your Potential, a Saturday programme where students visit the University campus to try subject tasters from law to engineering and everything in between! It was wonderful to hear your final presentations and watch you formally graduate a few weeks ago.



To find out more about our partnership with the University of Surrey and the Surrey Stars programme please visit: <https://outreach.surrey.ac.uk/>

Netball

We've had some amazing performances across the year groups, with some fantastic wins with our Year 7 and 8 netballers finishing off the season against Broadwater.

All the students have demonstrated a resilient approach and have continued to develop their skills and confidence.

A huge thank you to all our amazing netballers who have all worked tirelessly this season.

It would be lovely to see them get themselves involved in a local club.

Please ask me for details if you'd like any help with this.

Happy Easter and keep netballing.

Ms Reeves





We strongly advise all families to download and use the ClassCharts app to see real time updates of rewards and any upcoming detentions.



Schoolgateway

School Gateway is our school messaging system, whereby you can send quick messages to the school office. The office can also send messages to you on the app. The app can also be used to update your contact details on our system. Your child's school report can also be found here.



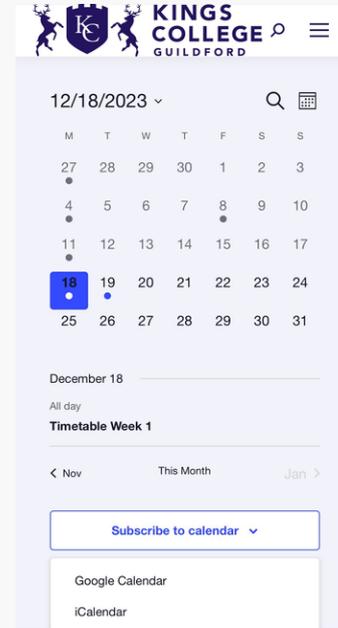
Dates for the diary

- 29th March - 12th April** - Easter Holidays
- 15th April** - Students return to school
- 26th & 27th April** - Y9 Bronze D of E expedition (group 1)
- 2nd May** - Year 11 Parent Information Evening
- 3rd & 4th May** - Y9 Bronze D of E expedition (group 2)
- 6th May** - Bank holiday - School closed
- 27th May - 31st May** - Half term
- 3rd June** - Students back to school
- 26th & 27th June** - Potential dates for School Production
- 28th June** - Year 11 Prom
- 10th July** - Sports Day
- 11th July** - Celebration Evening
- 13th July** - Silver & Gold D of E
- 19th July** - Last day of term

School website calendar

Subscribe to our school website calendar to keep up to date with events happening in school by visiting:

<https://www.kingscollegeguildford.com/calendar/> here you will find a 'Subscribe to calendar' button - for Iphones - click iCalendar, for Android - click Google Calendar



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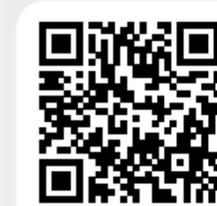


Did you know that Kings College has a Facebook page?

Follow our page to see updates from our school events such as trips, sports matches, assemblies, discos and lots more!

<https://www.facebook.com/kingscollegeguildfordschool/>

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

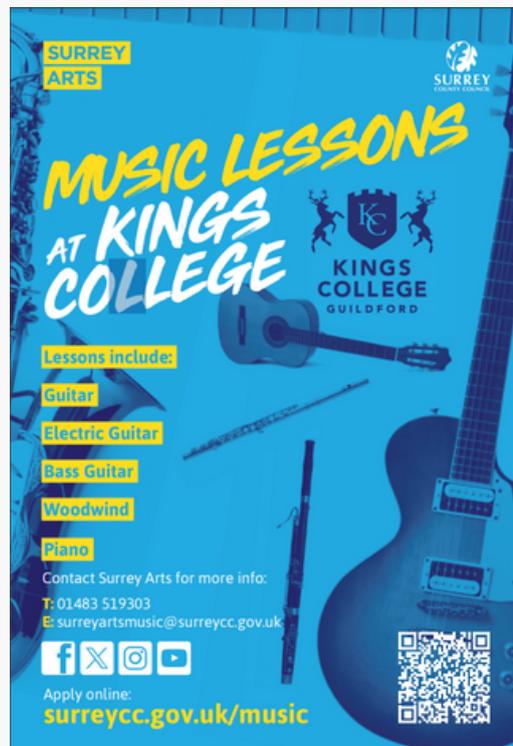
Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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Music lessons

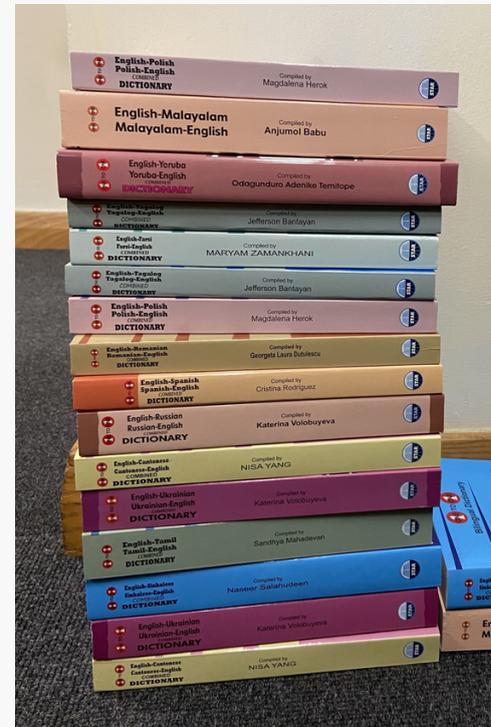
We are excited to announce that we have secured some music teachers from Surrey Arts to provide music lessons to our students who might be interested in learning an instrument.

For information on costs and further details please visit: www.surreycc.gov.uk/music

EAL Resources

The school has provided some bilingual dictionaries for our English as Additional Language (EAL) students. These dictionaries are a valuable resource to support their language learning journey.

Each student's English proficiency level has been assessed, and based on their level, they were entitled to have a dictionary. They were taught how to use them during the lessons and are encouraged to use them throughout the day.





NOW ENROLLING FOR OUR SUMMER TERM 2024 - BOOK A 2 WEEK TRIAL TODAY!

Dear Parent

As a parent of a child at a local school, MULTISPORTS GUILDFORD would like to offer you the opportunity of enrolling your child for our **SUMMER TERM starting in APRIL and our SUMMER WORKSHOP IN JULY**. All enrolments in our Summer Term include a two week trial.

Our sessions take place locally at **St Peter's School, Horseshoe Lane East, Merrow, GU1 2TN**. MULTISPORTS GUILDFORD is ideal for boys and girls aged from 4 to 16 of all abilities, all equipment is provided and no experience is necessary.

**Our 'Little Sporties' class is for 4 - 6 year olds SATURDAY MORNING CLASS TIMES 9.00am – 10.30am
10.45am – 12.15pm**

The 'Little Sporties' class is a **90 minute session run in 3 x 30 minute modules**. Each week our Little Sporties are coached in a team sport, an individual sport and fun & games. This is a great opportunity to introduce your child to multiple sports in a fun and relaxed way and classes are very popular. Little Sporties is great for improving your child's hand to eye coordination and ball tracking skills.

**Our 'Main School' class is for 6 - 16 year olds. SATURDAY MORNING CLASS TIME 9.30am - 12.30pm
(SPORTS LEADERS COURSES-CHILDREN AGED 12+)**

As one of our **Main School** students, each week your child will enjoy an hour of each of the following:

A team sport e.g. Netball, Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Basketball, Tchoukball, Handball

An individual sport e.g. Tambourelli, Tri-Golf, Athletics, Tennis, Martial Arts

A team building challenge e.g. Chinese Dodgeball, Escape and Evasion, Minefield.

In the first year alone your child will have the opportunity to enjoy 18 exciting sports & our team building challenges that help build confidence & develop communication & leadership skills. At MultiSports the children will get to play new & diverse sports as well as the traditional games. All activities are carried out under the expert tuition of our qualified and supportive coaches and your child will work in a small group of students of similar age.

A 50% discount is available for siblings in our Main School. We look forward to welcoming you to MultiSports Guildford.

**MULTISPORTS GUILDFORD SUMMER WORKSHOP 22 July – 27 July 2024- ST PETERS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
BOOK NOW for our popular Summer Workshop. Full days from 9am-4pm for 6-16 year olds and half days
from 9.30am-12.30pm for 4-6 year olds. Over 18 sports in a week! Ideal for Boys and Girls of all abilities.
Early Booking Discount available before March 31!**

**SUMMER TERM ENROLMENTS for APRIL ARE NOW OPEN – ALL NEW ENROLMENTS INCLUDE A 2 WEEK TRIAL!
A GREAT WAY TO TRY OUR CLASSES BEFORE COMMITTING FOR A WHOLE TERM.
ENROL ONLINE www.multiportsguildford.co.uk OR CALL INGRID ON 07973692062**

We are Ofsted registered and accept childcare vouchers.

Book online today at: www.multiportsguildford.co.uk

Ingrid Dillon – Principal Telephone 0844 8009096

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Rock-it-ball
Rounders
Short Tennis
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Softball

Speed Stacking
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Tambourelli
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Tri Golf
Unihoc
Volleyball

Who are we?



We are the Community Engagement Advisors in the Community Wellbeing Team at Guildford Borough Council!

We support people, groups and organisations to strengthen the communities that make Guildford a place where everybody is valued.

Our team provide a range of services aimed to encourage and empower the community to make changes, which positively impacts peoples' lives.



Want to find out more about our services and the team? Then look no further than this leaflet!

Contact us today!

The Community Wellbeing Team are based out of The Hive but cover all areas of the Borough

The Hive
Park Barn Drive
Guildford
GU2 8EN



By Bus: The Hive can be accessed by bus routes 1, 4, 5 & 17

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the team on the below:

☎ 01483 444150

✉ community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk

Follow us on social media!

 @GBCCCommunityWellbeing



Community Wellbeing Team!



Coffee, Cake and Chat:

Our team hosts drop in sessions for residents who have questions relating to health and wellbeing services and financial difficulties, we can also signpost you to relevant services!

If you pop in to our sessions at The Hive on Wednesdays between 10 - 12, you'll get a free slice of delicious cake if you buy a posh coffee!



Community Fridge:

Our Community Fridge is located in the coffee shop at The Hive. Our fridge is open to everyone and aims to tackle food waste, we collect from a range of supermarkets in the Guildford area.

We also have hygiene products provided by the Hygiene Bank and frozen meals from Food Wise available on request!



Intergenerational Activities:

Intergenerational activities are a great way to meet new people and strengthen communities! We like to host an array of different events to suit both the young and elderly from poetry projects to arts and crafts, all run by local community organisations!



Referral Support:



We can help individuals access support for financial and housing issues, health and wellbeing related problems, form filling and those experiencing loneliness.

Working alongside a Community Engagement Advisor, we will help individuals link in to services/agencies who can support their overall wellbeing.

Thrive at The Hive:

Thrive at The Hive is our pre-loved shop based at The Hive. We stock a variety of items such as clothing from newborn to seniors, footwear, bedding, kitchen and home items, books and toys!

All items are available on a 'pay-as-you-fee' basis meaning you can donate as little or as much as you like. We can also make up and deliver bundles for those who can't get to us, you will also find a 'pop-up' version of the shop at community groups and events!



Tenants' Group:

The Tenants' Group is made up of council tenants and leaseholders who volunteer their time to improve and develop council services.

We are looking for more people to join the group and expand their work. Talk to us for more detail on how to get involved.



Youth Engagement:



Playrangers is a FREE outdoor play session which promotes children to play actively and creatively.

All children are encouraged to come join in after school at one of our 6 sites around the Guildford borough!



Our Playzone is free to use and there are lots of exciting toys for your children to play with. They can let their imaginations run wild with the fancy-dress outfits available and there's no need to book!



Young people in school years 7 to 11 are welcome at our Park Barn Youth Café. The students have a steering group who work with us to shape the activities that they want. This offers them a space in our community to hang out and enjoy themselves every Thursday, 4 - 5.30 during term time!

