



Dear families,

As the academic year draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the fantastic achievements and memorable moments that have made this term at King's College Guildford so special. From stellar performances to heartfelt celebrations, we've had an action-packed term that showcased the best of our school's talent and spirit.

First and foremost, a standing ovation is in order for everyone involved in our production of Matilda. The energy, talent, and dedication of our students brought the story to life in a way that left audiences spellbound. From the musical performances, to the dance routines and characterisation, it was a testament to the hard work and creativity of our students and staff. Bravo to all who made this production a resounding success.

Our intrepid Duke of Edinburgh participants have had quite the adventurous term. From navigating through challenging terrains to camping under the stars, our students demonstrated remarkable resilience and teamwork. Whether they were bronze, silver, or gold award hopefuls, their determination has been fantastic. As ever, we are indebted to the staff team that give up their time to enable these things to take place, and to their colleagues who support by covering lessons.

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys football team who deserve recognition for their phenomenal performance this term. They played their hearts out in the final against Howard of Effingham, narrowly missing out on victory. Despite the loss, their teamwork and sportsmanship were exemplary, and they have set a high standard for future teams!

We said a very sad farewell to our Year 11, culminating with a fabulous celebration evening at the University of Surrey. It was a night to remember, filled with laughter, a few stories of reminiscence, and a few tears as we looked at their hard-earned achievements. We wish them all the best as they embark on the next exciting chapter of their academic journeys.

They also had what has become a real tradition with a prom. The evening was filled with dazzling outfits, fantastic music, some impressive arrivals and joyous dancing. It was the perfect send-off for our leavers, and a wonderful way for students to celebrate their time at King's College Guildford. A special thank you to everyone who helped make the night magical.

Our whole school celebration evening was a true highlight of the term, with inspiring guest speakers Michele Miller, Jordan Els, and Simon Kerod from Harlequins. Their stories of the keys to success resonated with us all, reminding us of the power of determination and hard work. It was a joyous occasion that brought our school community together to celebrate the achievements of the year.

As is always the case, we say a fond farewell to a number of staff who head on to new opportunities. Miss Reeves leaves after 17 years at Kings. We will miss her immensely, both in the classroom and on the netball court. Mr Marshall ends his time here after 8 years, Mr Cushen after 4, Mr Chalmers and Miss Brown after 2, and Miss Du Toit and Miss Gall after a year with us. All have had a huge contribution on the school and also on our students and I'm sure families will join me in wishing them all every success going forward.

I'm very pleased to inform you that we are fully staffed for September with a really fantastic group of teaching and support staff and I know that the school will continue to go from strength to strength.

As we head into the summer break, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our parents, staff, and students for their unwavering support and enthusiasm. Enjoy a well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting term at Kings.

Have a wonderful summer!

Best wishes,
Mr McKenzie



Finding Our Futures – University of Surrey



As part of the Surrey Stars programme, some students in Year 9 visited the University at the end of April to take part in 'Schools, Skills and Beyond'. They learnt about future pathways and took on engineering challenges, such as bridge, shelter and raft building, whilst developing skills in teamwork, problem solving and resilience. Another group of Year 9s visited the Surrey Research Park with SATRO in June to hear from local STEM employers and to see some of the inspiring work taking place in our local community.



In July we had 20 Year 10 students completing their work experience placements across the University and Surrey Sports Park – they were immersed in the different work environments and developed important transferable skills, such as time-management, organisation and communication. It was fantastic to see so much Kings representation across campus!

Finally, congratulations to our Class of 2024! It was wonderful to officially recognise all our remarkable Year 11s for their hard work, effort and positive attitude during their time at Kings! In June we had a celebratory graduation event at the University of Surrey with students, families and staff. We wish them all the best with the rest of their educational journey!

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



We have had a successful year with Year 9, 10 and 11 students taking part in the Bronze, Silver and Gold award schemes with Year 11 receiving their certificates at the recent Graduation Evening. In school, it is great to see many students taking on Enrichment activities or roles to complete the Physical, Skill and Volunteering parts of their awards and to see others doing the same in the local community. Regarding Expeditions, our larger Year 9 Bronze intake meant we split the year and staged two successful local expeditions just after the Easter holiday. Our Year 10 Silver group enjoyed their recent practice expedition in the New Forest, readying themselves for the last week of term. This sees them take on our final DofE Expedition with a trip to Exmoor along with our Gold award students.



Students packing the minibuses ready for the trip



Improvised setup to watch the Euros

Rewards

Whilst reflecting on students' accomplishments and celebrating achievements at the end of the year, it is also important to recognise how hard our students have worked all year round.

We have had a total of 41,936 rewards issued this year, each point signifying where a student has either worked hard, been kind, supported the community or displayed excellence. These numbers are amazing and reflect an average of around 220 student rewards received each day this year.

Our house system has given students the opportunity to compete for the House Award. Our house points are currently standing at:

1st Place - Orb House

2nd Place - Mantle House

3rd Place - Sceptre House

4th Place - Crown House

Finally, a huge **congratulations** to **Leo Nichols** from 8 Sceptre for being the student to receive the most reward points this year. Well Done!



Challenge - To reach 50000 house points



Changes to Statutory Guidance for School Attendance

You will be aware that improving school attendance is a national priority as research shows that excellent attendance ensures that children are successful not only in their education but have good wellbeing and life chances. To support this, the government has published statutory guidance that all schools must adopt from 19th August 2024 and Surrey Local Authority requests that all schools share the following information with parents.

There are new regulations coming into effect from **19th August 2024** which impact on penalty notices issued for an unauthorised leave of absence.

Penalty notices can and should be issued for 10 sessions (a session is a half day) of unauthorised absence. Please note schools are not able to authorise absences except in exceptional circumstances.

1. If a parent/carer has not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against the parent/carer in the Magistrates Court.
2. If a parent/carer has incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court.
3. If a parent/carer has incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then the parent/carer will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

We are aware that this update may concern some families but we committed to working in partnership and hold the belief that expecting excellent attendance for every child should also be our school priority as accepting anything less means letting children and families down. In September we will share our school attendance strategy and updated policies. They will reflect the changes to statutory guidance as well as focusing on how we will support children and celebrate when they achieve excellent attendance.

Attendance Update 2023-24

Congratulations to all of our students who have achieved **100%** attendance this year. They have been at school every day for 190 days – that's a fantastic effort!



Our attendance highlights this year are as follows:

Year Group with Highest Attendance

1st place: Year 7

2nd place: Year 8

3rd place: Year 10

Tutor Group with Highest Attendance

1st place: 7-Sceptre

2nd place: 10-Mantle

3rd place: 9-Sceptre

House with Highest Attendance

1st place: Sceptre

2nd place: Crown

3rd place: Mantle



Celebration Evening

We had a wonderful time on Thursday 11th July when we welcomed around 100 families to attend our annual celebration of academic achievements. Alongside formally recognising our award winners for every subject, we were lucky to hear from Michele Miller about what she's learned from working with Olympic and Paralympic athletes and from Harlequin players Simon Kerrod and Jordan Els about the importance of the right mentality for success.

The annual outstanding year group awards were awarded to:

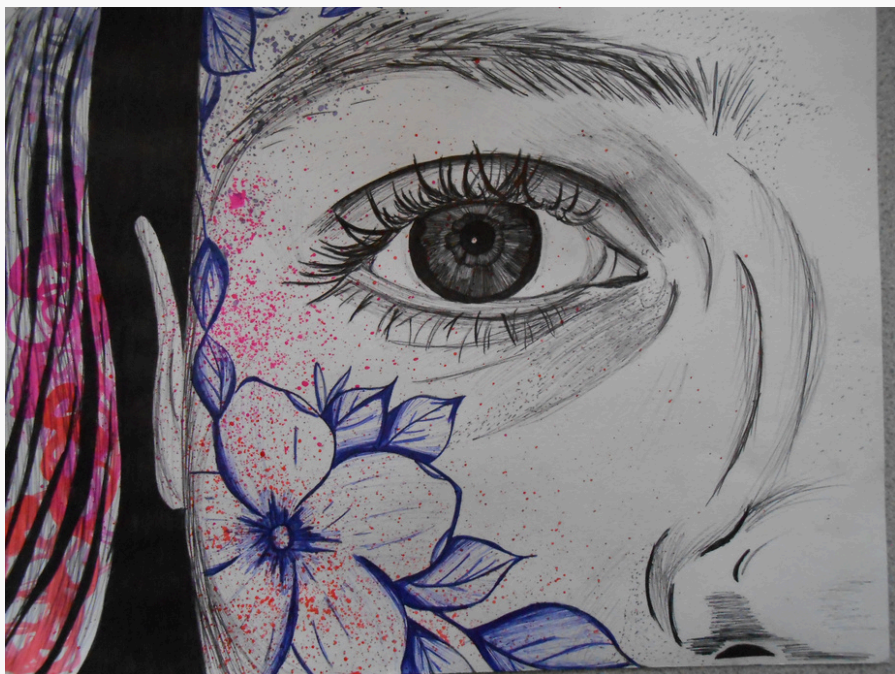
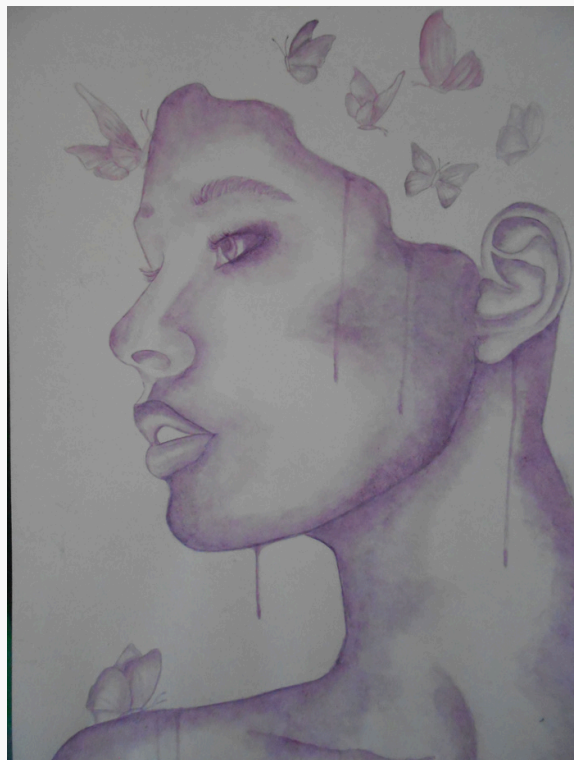
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Gracie Beight Year 9
Ellie Darby Year 10
Caitlin Martin Year 11

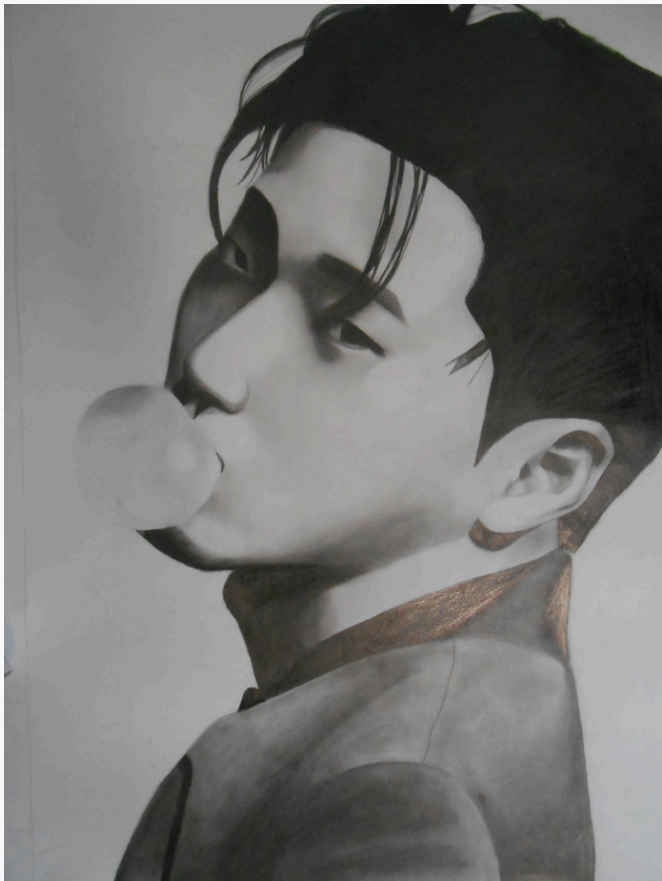
Congratulations to this year's winners and we look forward to the achievements over the next academic year and seeing who will win the 2025 awards.

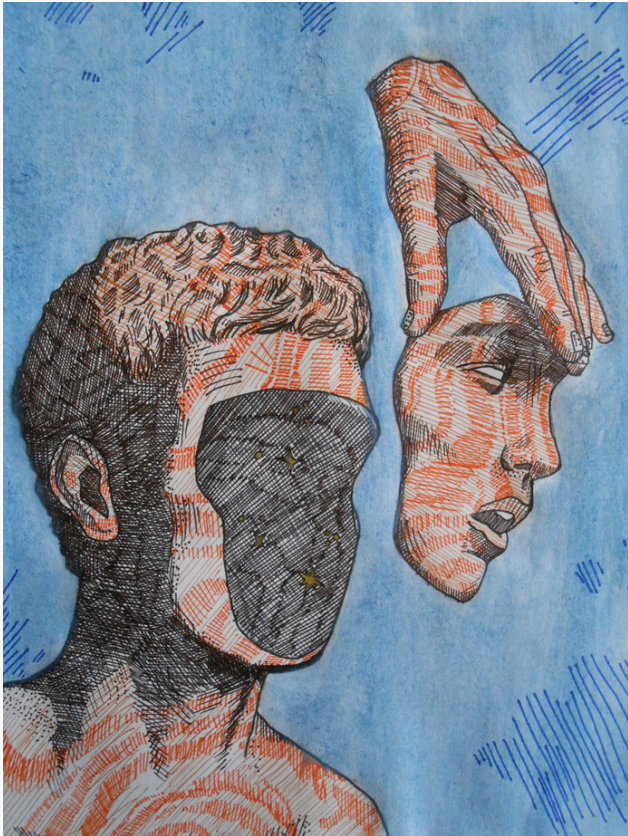


Artwork 2024

We are very proud of the achievements of the outgoing Year 11 and current Year 10 Art GCSE students. Art remains a very popular and highly successful subject at Kings as it has provided a unique opportunity to actively encourage taking creative risks, developing skills and understanding visual literacy. Lower school have been busy exploring a wider range of topics from colour theory, Pop Art, caricatures, architecture and clay work. We want to share a few of the impressive outcomes this year.







Netball

Netball has had a super season with some amazing results.

The netballers have shown their true dedication by wanting to train to the end of the academic year.

Special highlights for the year below:

- Our talented year 7's making the final of the County tournament - such achievement for their first tournament as a squad.
- Our Year 11's remaining undefeated throughout their time at Kings developing their skills along the way.
- Our super teachers, who still remain our school CHAMPIONS

We also have had some amazing achievements out in the netball world:

- Jess Stratford making Regional u19s
- Harry Spraggs making Surrey Hurricanes mixed/men's training and development programme
- Jake Chapman-Burn who had made the Surrey Hurricanes mixed/men's training programme but has since made the EMNA(England Men's Netball Association) U19s trailblazers squad and has now been selected for national finals with Surrey Hurricanes

We are so proud of these achievements and wish them all the best in their netball pathway.

Thank you to all the netballers at Kings. It's an absolute pleasure to train and take to the court with you all.

Enjoy the summer break

Keep netballing 😊

Ms Reeves



Football

Our Year 7 football team deserve a special mention for their impressive achievement in reaching the final of the Guildford and District Schools Tournament.

The season began with victories versus Glebelands school (4-3), Woolmer Hill (3-2) and Christs College (5-1).

The Autumn Term ended with Kings attending a five team, six a side tournament held at Rodborough School. Kings won all of their matches, scoring 13 goals in the process and conceding only one.

The semi-final of the Guildford and District Schools Tournament was held at Kings College with County School visiting in a local derby. Kings were 3-0 at the end of the first half. County pulled one back at the start of the second half and continued pressure on Kings' defence suggested that a comeback might be possible. However, resolute defending, particularly from Oliver, Jacob, Callum and King saw Kings College turn things around before eventually winning 8-2. Tyree was the obvious man of the match, scoring seven of Kings' eight goals!

In the final, Kings faced a team from Howard of Effingham School. The boys put in an incredibly courageous performance against strong opposition. Having gone 3-1 down at the start of the second half, Kings fought back to make it 3-2 but were unable to find an equaliser. There was a sense that ultimately their only defeat of the season came against a school with much greater numerical resources to draw upon.

Although disappointed at the final result, the boys deserve a lot of praise and should take pride in their achievements in ultimately reaching the final. As they progressed they were able to claim victory against many of our local rivals, not only raising the profile of the school but also bringing a sense of excitement as their run unfolded.

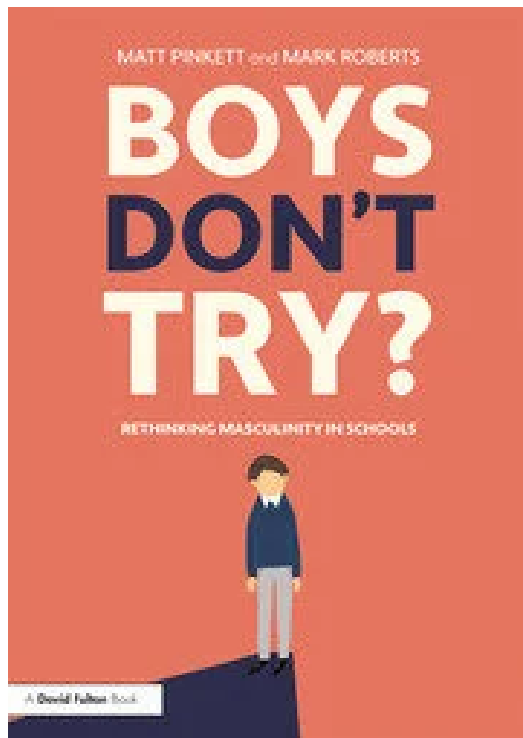


Diversity Equality and Inclusion Update

This term Kings welcomed a guest speaker to talk to years 7-10 about the importance of gender equality and the negative effects of toxic masculinity.

Former Kings' Head of English, Matth Pinkett, returned to the school as a published author and expert on discussing the difficult topics of misogyny, and mental health. Matt is the author of "Boys Don't Try?: Rethinking Masculinity in Schools" and has been a guest speaker on the topic for various podcasts, Ted Talks and national news outlets.

Matt talked to students about the impact that gender stereotypes and assumptions can have on young women and men. Through engaging conversation and real life examples students were able to see how they can challenge behaviour that goes against our British Values of tolerance and mutual respect, in a safe and proactive way. Students felt that the presentation was useful as they learned how to "call in" their friends rather than pointing a finger of blame. This talk is another part of Kings' wider curriculum which prepares students to deal with tricky and uncomfortable situations and topics, and to stand up for their core values in a respectful and kind way. We felt very lucky to have Matt return to visit us, and know that students have really benefitted from his perspective and expertise.



Transition

We were delighted to invite our new Year 7's in for two days to give them some secondary school experience and prepare them for September. We completed a mixture of lessons throughout the two days including Geography, Maths, wellbeing, World of Books and trampolining to help them gauge what lessons at Kings will be like.

Transition days allow all of our new students a chance to have a taste of the different subjects at secondary school to reduce any worries for September and support their wellbeing.

Key staff delivered the lessons so that students are familiar with them prior to September, with the objective of reducing concerns they may have.

Transition days are a great opportunity to start the process of embedding a new school culture and highlight the positive, well-disciplined ethos in our school, ready for them to start their journey at Kings. We enjoyed spending time with them.



House System

The house system has been truly embedded into our culture of the school this year. This started with the name changing of tutor groups, to include the houses. Since this point we have had house captains promoting their house in all competitions. We have held tutor competitions as well as afternoon competitions. Our two events this half term have been sports day and the afternoon fair.

I have also emailed you all and asked for any outside achievements, that we can add to our new house boards. Thank you to all of you who have responded but we would still like more. Please send pictures and a brief description of your child's achievement to me at j.hamilton@kingscollegeguildford.com.



Sports Day 2024

Wednesday 10th of July saw the school's sports day finally arrive. After much preparation and planning, the threat of weather spoiling the day was very real. However, it was an unnecessary worry. The day started overcast and the threat of rain hung around. Although the weather was perfect to get the longer events out the way with, the only glitch being that the long jump pit was out of action due to the amount of rain the previous night. The field events are always a firm favourite for a number of pupils, with a number of pupils putting in some amazing times for the 1500m and 800m, and great distances in the throws. Year 10 boys saw Martim Costa win the high jump with a jump of 1.60m as a highlight to the morning events. The afternoon saw the whole school come down and sit with each other in their houses. Cheering and chanting and encouragement for the runners deafened the starters gun more often than not. Alfie Murrells ran an incredible 400m, to add to his victories in the 800m and 200m events. Lyla Rawlings was another standout performer who won multiple events throughout the day. A close fought battle for top year 10 female took place between a number of girls, with Maddie Keeling coming out on top. The top year 7 girl was Grace Wood who again showed her blistering pace throughout the afternoon winning her events and bringing her house team home in the relay.

All in all, a brilliant day was had by the students and staff. A massive congratulation goes out to the pupils who put in some amazing achievements and efforts and the staff who helped manage, run and motivate all pupils. Well done!



Wimbledon Trip

On 11th July, eight Year 9 boys from Kings College Guildford had an exciting school trip to Wimbledon, their first time at the famous tennis tournament. Mr. Cushen organised the trip with support from Miss Reeves. The boys were thrilled to be there and looked forward to learning outside the classroom.

At Wimbledon, they saw live matches, including the men's doubles semi-finals, mixed doubles, and Great Britain's top-seeded men's wheelchair doubles match. They were amazed by the skill and determination of the players, which inspired them to appreciate the effort it takes to excel in sports.

The boys were especially captivated by the fast-paced action and strategic moves in the matches. They cheered loudly for their favourites and discussed the games excitedly. The experience left a big impression on them, sparking their interest in sports and teamwork.

Overall, the trip was not just fun but also educational, teaching the boys about sportsmanship and the thrill of competition. It was a day they will remember, with some even feeling inspired to pursue their own athletic goals in the future.



Thorpe park trip

On the 28th June, our Year 10's went on a day trip to experience the maths, science and geography of Thorpe Park, as well as enjoy a rollercoaster or two. Leading up to the trip, students explored how these subjects apply to this real-life setting. In Science, students experimented with the physics behind rollercoasters by designing and building their own track. In Maths, students focused on the business side of theme parks by designing their own park, setting ticket prices and creating marketing plans with the goal of optimising their profit. Finally, in Geography, students explored the effect Thorpe Park has on tourism, exploring a case study of the location. Students were very enthusiastic about the whole experience and it was a wonderful chance to see them connect their learning to real life.

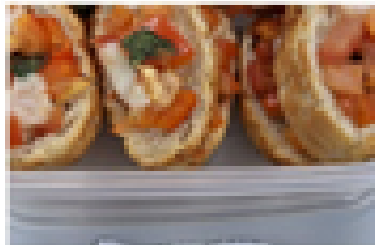


Food Tech

Year 7 students have been introduced to the foundational skills necessary for success in the kitchen. They have learned about kitchen safety, hygiene, and the importance of organisation. Students have practiced essential cooking techniques such as chopping, mixing, and measuring. These skills were put to the test as they prepared simple dishes like vegetable stir-fry, fruit salads, pizza and by far the most favourite cinnamon rolls.

Year 8 students have been building on the skills they acquired last year. They have tackled more complex recipes and techniques, focusing on precision and creativity in their cooking. They were able to put some of these skills into practice when we made lasagna which some students were reluctant to make at first but tried it and loved it. Students have expressed great enthusiasm for the hands-on learning experiences in Food Technology. Many have discovered a passion for cooking and are eager to continue exploring this field next year.

Some of the students have expanded their skills further within afterschool cooking club where we have made bread, iced and piped cakes, and produced some great savoury products.



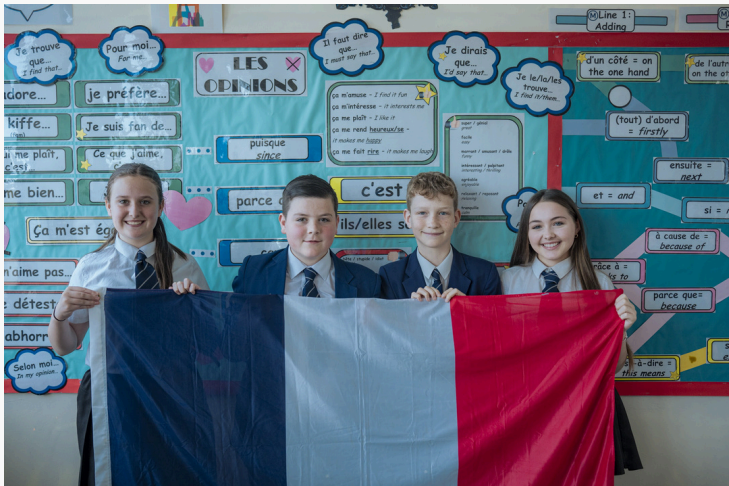
Languages

What a great academic year it's been in Languages. We have seen students of all abilities in all years continue to make excellent progress and further develop their skills and love of languages through engaging offline and online learning activities, in and outside of the classroom.

Year 7 have continued to be supported by Latin Club, which with its strong links to French and Spanish, has enabled them to be more successful. Several Year 10 and 11 students also took GCSE's in their home languages, supported by our team.

In June, Year 10 Language students attended Woking College's History and Languages Challenge Day. Students took part in translation and interpretation activities, learning from A Level French and Spanish tutors. This was an ideal opportunity to work with experts and see what studying a language at college could be like.

Our Languages trips have also been organised with a cross-curricular focus, highlighting the added value of Languages when combined with other subjects. In the Spring term, Kings Languages students enjoyed an action-packed Languages and History educational trip to Normandy. Following on from the success of this trip, Languages and Art have organised an educational trip to Barcelona in March 2025.





On June 26th and 27th June the school hall was taken over by “Revolting Children” who were making a stand against the draconian teaching style of Miss Trunchbull. 1-5 detentions seem tame against being thrown in the Trunchbull's “Chokey”.

The cast’s portrayal of Roald Dahl’s Matilda the Musical was outstanding. The life, energy and fun that filled the stage was infectious, so much so some audience members from night one came back for the second performance. The months of rehearsals paid off, and all the students were a delight to work with. The Performing Arts team are looking forward to starting work on the next production. Auditions will take place in October so watch this space for further announcements.



Latin Club

Latin club had its final session of the year. Very appropriately, the Y7s were learning about Elections in Rome. We found out that there used to be 2 consuls (prime ministers) - so that one did not become too powerful. We learnt that the word 'candidate' means 'bright white' (candidates in Rome used to wear bright white togas) and that 'eligo' means 'I choose' or 'I elect'. We rounded off the session with some healthy team competition. Finally, we presented our tutors Mr Bush and Mr Callaghan with a giant Thank You card, courtesy of Kathryn Hannah, and gifts. The students all wrote in the card about the things they had found interesting such as 'learning about Pompeii', mythology of the 'naughty' Gods, and that the word 'vaccination' comes from the word 'vacca' meaning 'cow'. There were chocs and sweets for students to celebrate a great year of Latin...until next term!



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Online Safety Webinars for Parents

Surrey Police have shared webinars which are available over the summer holidays to support with Online Safety. They cover essential knowledge to protect your children from online threats so they can grow into the digital age with confidence and safety. The presentation is delivered by their passionate Cyber Protect Officers and not needlessly technical. It will cover immediate threats as well as topics you can discuss with your children.

[Online Safety for Parents by Police - South East Cyber | Eventbrite](#)



Young Carers at Kings

We have worked hard this year to improve our support offer for Young Carers at Kings. The Young Carer community is steadily progressing, and we have enjoyed watching it thrive and grow. There is regular attendance at both the Monday Young Carer's Club ran by Guildford Shakespeare Company and the Wednesday drop-in Young Carer Club, ran by Holly and Kate. There have also been trips and assemblies taking place, which have been both fun and enlightening.

We look forward to welcoming even more students in September, and hopefully planning some more exciting and inclusive events in the near future!



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Free taster session for under 18s by Guildford Table Tennis Association

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