Kingsbury School

NEWSLETTER

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COMING SOON:

- **Teacher Training Day**
  Friday 9th February
- **February Half Term**
  Monday 12th-Friday 16th
- **Year 11 Progress Evening**
  Thursday 29th February
  (4.00-7.00pm)
- **Open Morning**
  Monday 4th March 2024 at 9am
- **World Book Day**
  Thursday 7th March
- **School Production-Mary Poppins**
  Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd March
- **Easter Holidays**
  Monday 25th March-Friday 5th April
- **Year 11 Intervention Day**
  Monday 8th April
- **Year 10 Progress Evening**
  Thursday 25th April
  (4.00-7.00pm)

A Note from the Headteacher

Thank you for taking the time to read our third newsletter of the school year. As detailed in our December edition, we welcomed five new teaching staff (Mrs Plenty, Technology; Mrs Jones, Art; Mr Guirguis, French; Mr Llewellyn, Humanities; Mr Dutton, English). All of them have had a fantastic start and have been made to feel very welcome by our stakeholders. I am pleased to inform you that we have also appointed the following staff:

- Miss Hodkinson, Science (starting April 2024)
- Miss Peters, Behaviour Lead, Year 9 (started January 2024)
- Miss Phillips, Science Technician (starting February 2024)

In the autumn term, we also held our first Christmas Fayre. We had a great turnout and raised over £1,500 for our school fund. Thank you to everyone who supported this event—we hope to hold our next Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December 2024. Please let us know if you would be interested in purchasing a table to sell merchandise or craft items. Money raised for our school fund will be utilised on projects decided by our Student Leadership Team and School Council.

Open Morning: Our planned Open Morning on Tuesday 27th February 2024 has been moved to Monday 4th March 2024 at 9:00am. Our Open Mornings are for current parents/carers, and provide an opportunity to meet the Leadership Team and have a tour of the school. If you would like to take part, please contact Miss Biddle at felicity.biddle@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk.

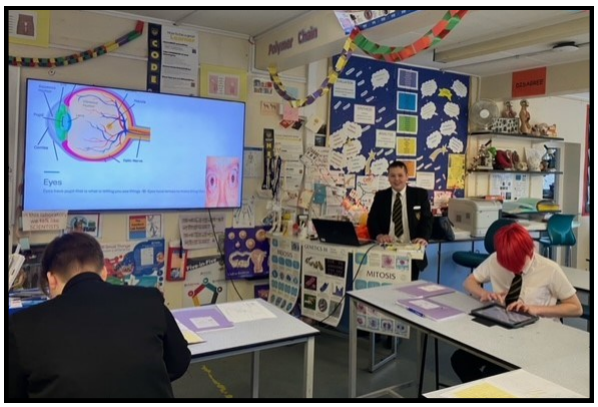
Year 11 Examinations Information

Exam boards used in Summer 2024

The following exam boards are being used for this summer's examinations:

AQA: English Language, English Literature, Citizenship, French, Psychology
Edexcel: Astronomy, Maths, Drama, Geography, History
OCR: Sciences , Music
OCR Cambridge Nationals: Child Development, Creative iMedia and Sport Science
Eduqas (part of WJEC): Art, Art Textiles
WJEC: Hospitality and Catering

Please note that for French, Maths and the Sciences, students will be entered at either Foundation tier or Higher tier. If you need any further information, please contact your child's subject teacher.



Science In Action

Mrs Waters' lesson Lab 18 students turning into teachers and teaching their peers about the anatomical structure of the eye and its similarity to a camera.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance Matters!
Kingsbury School is continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality. We will always encourage pupils to strive for 100% attendance; however, we do understand that this is not always possible and have therefore set a school attendance target of 96% for the academic year 2023/24. There is a link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Punctuality Matters!
Good punctuality to both lesson and to school leads to higher levels of achievement. When students arrive late at school, they miss out on essential teaching and learning at the beginning of the school day. This can reduce achievement, regardless of a student's academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom where everyone is settled and students arriving late can disrupt the entire class. Being 10 minutes late every day equates to over 30 hours, (approximately 6 days) of learning lost each year. Tutor Time/Assembly starts from 9.30am and all students are expected to be in their form rooms at this time. Students arriving after this time will be marked as late with a L code. Students arriving after 9.00am will be recorded as a U, as registers have closed. Please support your child by ensuring they are arriving on time to school.

Rewarding Good Attendance!
We recently wrote to you to say there will be a prize draw for each year group to say thank you to parents/carers for your ongoing support for attendance. Students with 96% and above attendance from Monday 15th January 2024 to Friday 22nd March 2024 will be entered into our £50 ASDA prize draw (one per year group)!

Current whole school attendance is 88.3%
We need to work together to improve this.

100%	Exceptional	
98%	Very good	
96%	Good	
94%	Needs improvement	Target average for the school
90%	Unacceptable	Below average for the school
80%	Real cause for concern	

Students are **required** to attend school for **188 days** each year. The **target** attendance at Kingsbury School is at least **96%**

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE YEAR	EQUALS DAYS ABSENT	WHICH MEANS THIS NUMBER OF LESSONS MISSED
96%	8 DAYS	40 LESSONS
90%	19 DAYS	95 LESSONS
80%	38 DAYS	190 LESSONS
LESS THAN 75%	48 DAYS	MORE THAN 240 LESSONS

How does **your** attendance compare?
You can find out your child's attendance via Arbor.
Students who **miss** a lot of school, **achieve less**

SCHOOL SITE

Parents/carers are respectfully reminded to avoid driving onto the school site at the following times (unless by prior arrangement with the school):

- **Morning:** 8:00-8:35
- **Afternoon:** 2:45-3:15

This is to ensure the safety of our students and your children.



PROGRESS EVENING DATES 2023-2024

* **Year 11 Progress Evening**
  Thursday 29th February
* **Year 10 Progress Evening**
  Thursday 25th April
* **Year 9 Progress Evening**
  Thursday 2nd May

LINES OF COMMUNICATION

We aim to reply to parents within 48 hours

If you do not receive a reply within this timeframe, please contact the Headteacher's PA at:

felicity.biddle@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Contact the Phoenix Suite at:

kngpastoralhub@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

Deputy Headteacher, Behaviour and Welfare
Mrs K Williams

Assistant Headteacher
Mrs H Hurley

Associate Assistant Headteacher (SEND and Inclusion)
Mrs K Moores

Associate Assistant Headteacher
Mr A Coniff

Attendance Officer
Mrs Dawn Smith

Student Welfare Officer
Mrs J Bagley

Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs H Hurley

FACULTY LEADERS

Mrs McKeown, *English*
rachael.mckeown@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

Mrs Atkins, *Mathematics/Associate Assistant Headteacher*
Coral.atkins@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

Mr Stubley, *Science*
edward.stubley@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

Mrs Carey, *The Arts and Sport*
rachel.carey@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

Mrs Plenty, Technology and Art
charlotte.plenty@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

Mr Llewellyn, Acting Head of *Humanities*
james.llewellyn@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Headteacher
Mr M Clarke

Deputy Headteacher
Mrs M Carrick

Deputy Headteacher
Mrs K Williams

Assistant Headteacher
Mr C Collis

Assistant Headteacher
Mrs H Hurley

Assistant Headteacher
Mrs L Newman

LINES OF COMMUNICATION

Contact the Phoenix Suite at:

kngpastoralhub@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

Key Stage 4 Leader
Miss McDonnell

Year 11
Pastoral Leader
Mrs Bancroft

Tutors
Miss Davie 11DAI
Mr Mace 11MAC
Mrs McKeown 11MCK
Mr Patrick 11PAT
Mr Stubley 11STU
Miss Taylor 11TAY

Year 10
Pastoral Leader
Mrs Beirne & Mrs Dagnall

Tutors
Mr Crane 10CAE
Mrs Carey 10CAR
Mr Dutton 10DUT
Mrs Judd 10JUD
Miss Young 10YOU

Key Stage 3 Leader
Ms Franks

Year 9
Pastoral Leader
Miss Peters

Tutors
Mr Carey 9CAY
Mr Crane 9CRN
Mrs Evans 9EVN
Mr Guirguis 9GUI
Miss Roe 9ROE

Year 8
Behaviour Mentor
Miss Wilson

Tutors
Mr Cameron 8CAM
Mr Court 8COU
Mr Daire 8DAR
Miss O'Hagan 8HAN
Mrs Jones 8JOE

Year 7
Pastoral Leader
Mrs Job

Tutors
Mr Bryan 7BRY
Mrs Foster 7FOS
Miss Knight 7KNI
Mrs Mason 7MSN
Mr Young 7NG

GCSE Certificate Collection

Certificates are available to collect from school reception, for students who took their examinations in **Summer 2023**.

Students need to bring photo identification when they come to collect them.

Please note that if a student cannot collect their certificates in person, they need to contact the examinations officer by email **chris.linster@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk** to make other arrangements, for instance, nominating someone else to collect the certificates. Data protection regulations mean that we cannot give out certificates to parents or siblings, unless we have received consent from the student.

The examination boards advise us that we should securely destroy any uncollected certificates one year after receiving them, although we usually keep them for longer. We still have a lot of unclaimed certificates from previous years, especially 2021 and 2022. Even if students don't need their certificates now, it is likely that they will be asked to produce them for future courses or employment. The examination boards will issue certified copies of certificates, but they charge a fee for this, which is typically around £50 per examination board.

School Library

Before Christmas, a number of our students participated in the first ever **Kingsbury School Bookish Bake-off.** Students were tasked with creating a book themed bake of their choosing to submit for judging by the student librarians. The competition was tough, but we are delighted to announce our winners:

1st - Kelsey Owen Y7
2nd - Lily-May Wood Y8
3rd - Laurel Cartmell Y7







Open Morning

We are holding an Open Morning on Monday 4th March 2024. The event is an opportunity for our current parents to visit our school and see our students in action. The Senior Leadership Team will provide guided tours and update parents about the developments that are taking place. Tours will take place following a welcome meeting at 9:00am. If you would like to book a place at the Open Morning, please contact Miss Biddle (PA to the Headteacher) on felicity.biddle@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk or 01827 872316.



Careers News





Careers Fair

On Tuesday 23rd January 2024, we invited a number of visitors into school to showcase all of the fabulous opportunities available to young people. These included Training Providers, Further and Higher Education, Creative Industries and Pathways, Voluntary Services, Emergency and Uniformed Services.

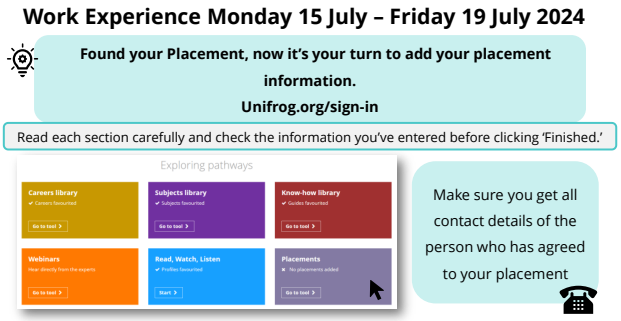
The event was fantastic and well attended by students from all Year groups and parents/ carers.







Year 10 Work Experience

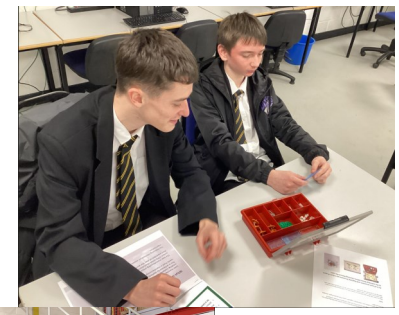


All Year 10's are busy securing work placements for their Work Experience in July 2024. Many are inputting their details onto Unifrog. Keep going! If students need any help or support, please see Miss Hill in Careers. Miss McDonnell recently sent out a Form to indicate whether students had obtained a placement. A link to the form can be found here: **https://forms.office.com/e/kHyWfgC3K0.** Please complete the form at your earliest convenience. If your child has sourced a placement since completing the form, please resubmit.



Careers encounter day at Tamworth College

On Wednesday 24th January 2024 a group of Year 10 students attended Tamworth College for a Career Encounters visit. Students experienced a day in college life, starting with a tour of the campus, a presentation about South Staffordshire College and apprenticeships. Finally, students took part in a taster session of their choice including Electrical Installation, Engineering, Health and Social Care, Early Years and Business.





Contact:

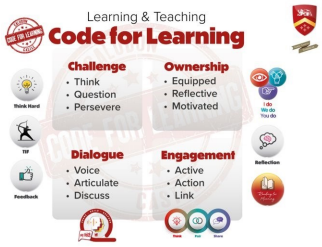
You can contact Miss Hill, our Careers and Aspirations Coordinator in school by email at:

Lisa.hill@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

Mr C Collis

Learning and Teaching





Professional Development

At Kingsbury, we acknowledge that our teachers are continually learning and offer an extensive and personalised programme of Continued Professional Development and Learning. All of our teachers participate in coaching to support each other in their reflection and development. **Learning really is at the heart of all we do.**

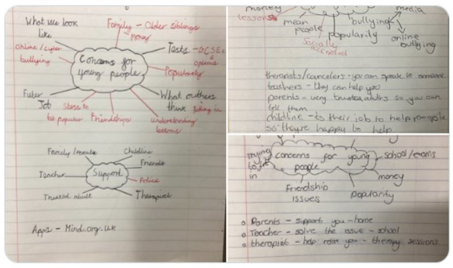
Learning at Kingsbury School

Kingsbury continues to take X by storm, joining in the worldwide contributions to Learning and Teaching. If you haven't had chance please search for Kingsbury School on X, you will see learning and teaching across the school on a weekly basis:

#KNGSchoolB78

Kingsbury School @KNGSchoolB78 · Jan 12

Students in Year 8 are focusing on and discussing concerns around young people's mental health, and the factors that can impact it. With maturity and openness, it has allowed others to speak and share strategies and avenues for support. #LearningandTeaching



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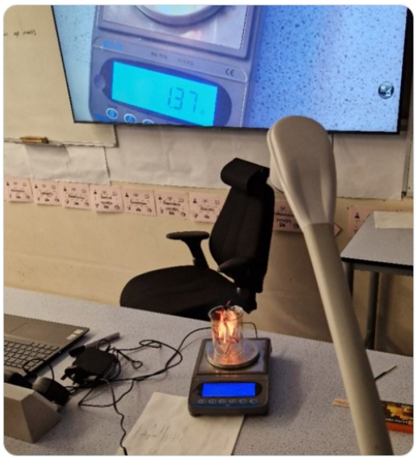
Kingsbury School @KNGSchoolB78 · Jan 12

KS3 take part in Accelerated Reader, reading an amazing 476 books for pleasure since October! This week we celebrated our first millionaire reader: an incredible achievement for one of our Year 8s who has read 21 books– a total of 1085780 words! Fantastic! #learningandteaching

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Kingsbury School @KNGSchoolB78 · Jan 11

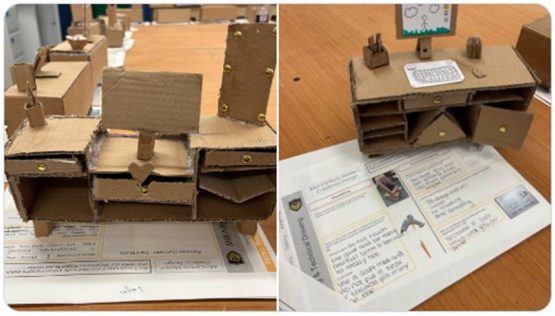
In Science, pupils have been learning about conservation of mass and w fire gets lighter as it burns. #learningandteaching #science



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Kingsbury School @KNGSchoolB78 · Nov 22, 2023

Key Stage 3 pupils have shown their creativity in Design Technology through their work on 3D models and created furniture with separate drawers. They then reflected on their design to evaluate effectiveness. #Learningandteaching

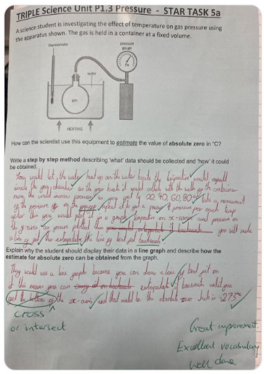


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Kingsbury School @KNGSchoolB78 · Dec 12, 2023

Year 10 have been completing STAR tasks in order to turn an area of weakness into a strength. It's working!

#science #Learningandteaching



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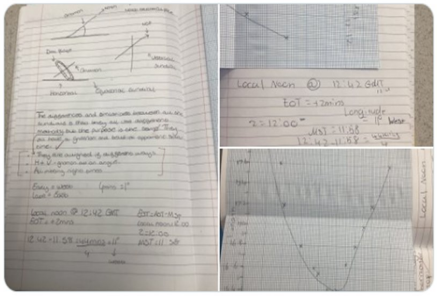
Kingsbury School @KNGSchoolB78 · Dec 22, 2023

This term in maths, Year 10 have been working with right angled triangles. Ask your child to explain what the term hypotenuse means and how to identify it. #Learningandteaching

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Kingsbury School @KNGSchoolB78 · Dec 20, 2023

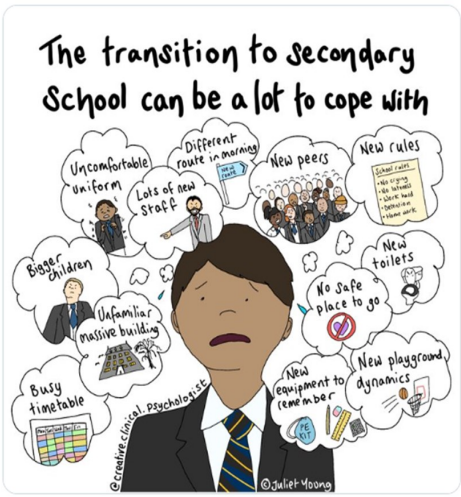
Year 10 Astronomy students have been using data from shadows ticks to find their longitude in class today. Practicing for their unaided observations over Christmas. #Learningandteaching



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Kingsbury School @KNGSchoolB78 · Dec 15, 2023

Year 7 have shown amazing effort and resilience with their transition into life at secondary school, whilst it is a lot to deal with, PD Lessons have been covering how students approach the changes and challenges! Great effort by all and Mr Coniff! #LearningandTeaching



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#Learningandteaching: X marks the spot

Faculty News Pages

Science

Head of Faculty: Mr E Stubley

Year 11 January Trial Exams

The next set of trial exams are due to start the week beginning 29th January. These will be used to assess pupils' understanding of the concepts taught during Year 11 so far, and will help inform our judgement for final tiers or entry and predicted grades for college applications. Pupils need to revise units B4, B5 and B6 for Biology; C4, C5 and C6 for Chemistry and P4, P5 and P6 for Physics (up to P8 for triple Physics).

Please visit the Science area on Firefly for revision resources and continue to use the GCSEpod and Cognito websites.

Science Booster Sessions

Last term, we continued to have an excellent turnout to the after-school Year 11 support sessions. Biology sessions have also now started and are running alongside physics on Monday nights. Chemistry is still running on Wednesdays. Although these sessions are primarily invite only, we welcome any keen scientist that hasn't been targeted by other subjects on the same night. Please contact the science team for more information.



Child Development

This year, team Science are excited to take over the Child Development course with Mrs Waters leading as Head of Child Development. If you have any specific questions regarding the Child Development course, please contact Mrs Waters, who will be happy to help.

Last term, Year 11 had a special guest visit from a mum who had recently given birth by C-Section to a healthy baby girl. In this session they learnt about child delivery and looking after a newborn child. This then gave pupils an opportunity to see the application of their learning in the real world.



Microscopy in GCSE Biology



English

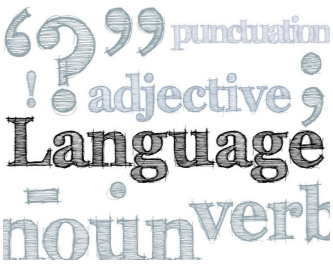
Head of Faculty: Mrs R McKeown

Last half term Year 7 and 8 students started the **Accelerated Reader** to encourage reading for pleasure. We are thrilled that so many of our students have got involved in the Read to Learn lessons and challenged themselves to read more widely and independently both in curriculum time and at home.

So far this year a whopping **476 books** have been read by our Year 7 and 8 students - what a fantastic achievement! We have also had our first millionaire reader in Year 8, who has read a total of 1,085,780 words. We are so proud of the super start students have made and the enthusiasm they are now showing for reading.

Stay tuned for an exciting announcement next half term in relation to our Top 40 reader rewards!



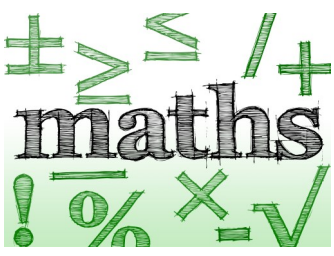


Mathematics

Head of Faculty:
Mrs C Atkins







Faculty News Pages

Rewards Breaktime

This half term has seen the Maths department invite 92 students to a rewards breaktime in celebration of their dedication to their Sparx Homework. These 92 students had 100% completion on Sparx from September to December.

Students who have 100% completion each half term receive a certificate, and for more than 2 consecutive half terms at 100%, the rewards get bigger and better. Our next lot of rewards for Sparx will be given out at Easter, to give students the best chance to ensure they are up to date. We are looking forward to a bigger and better celebration for 4 consecutive half terms.

Will **you** be invited?

If any parents have any questions about Sparx homework, please contact Mr Patrick or your child's maths teacher.

Sparx XP Award for highest XP in each year group :

Year 7–Sophie Stinton **Year 8**–Warren Illsley **Year 9**–Xavier Howell
Year 10–Stanley Behan **Year 11**–Lucas Humphries

These students were rewarded with a certificate and a queue jump pass.

Sparx 100% completion for 1 half term:

Jack McFarland Samuel Ouston Joshua Clarke Liam Trailor
Joseph Griffiths Finlay Cook Fiana Castle Ava Kirk
Mason Pinson Delacey Alexander Rene Brown Ben Hall
Nancy McDermott Gracie Sears Mason Thomas Cody Smith
Ben Walker Hollie Oomer Olivia Peckover

Sparx 100% completion for 2 half terms:

Harriet Hart Marco Hau Deacon Pringle Oscar Wood
Stanley Behan Lexi Foster Isabelle Gordon Alexandra Simon-Zemanova
Evie Woodhall Amelia Baker Connie Ellis Brooke Freer
Coel Garbett Grace Evans Emelia Fox Dylan Kortina-Smith
Summer Harper Finlay Magee Joe Noakes Amber Pollock
Holly Ruff Alfie Albrow Kian Ankritt Charlotte Howard
Molly Abbott Jacob Ash Noah Taylor Myah Riley-Delaney
Amelia Coningsby Mia Harding Ella Rees Brogan Mousley
Sophie Smith Laurel Cartmell Holly Guest Riley Atherton-Smith
Angel Maddox Ricky Wang Sam Woodhall Kiera Allcock
Lilia Allman Tegan Carlin Cerise Hassett Eden Hassett
Reuben Kirtley Alfie McReynolds Alexi-Grace Sheldon Hannah Williams
Eden Kaminski Jack Webley Grace Howard Amelia Pavey
Sophie Payne Sophie Stinton Faith Woolford Tegan Gibbins
Zak Gkiousesoi Hudson Pringle Mason Thomas Lilli Wardle
Jacob Harris Henry Poar George Rutherford Vivien Simon-Zemanova
Evan Howell Warren Illsley Libby-May Mullaley Megan O'Donnell
Eydee Purton Zoe Salt Libby-Jade Turner Sally Weetman Lucero
Xavier Howell Freddie Pearson Maggie Milton-Harris Courtney Freestone-Deeming
Amelia Eldred Kaitlyn Irvine Jack Williams Ruby Easthope
Louie Kaminski Nancy Shepherd Temilolu Adelayi Katie Blackwell Joyner
Santa Boitmane Lola Burden Talia Carey Morgan Carlin
Jamie Cunningham Elizabeth Evans Lucie Goode Alexandra Hughes
Lia Jones William Upton

The students above were rewarded with a certificate and a personalised invite to Rewards Break Time to enjoy a hot chocolate and a pastry



Faculty News Pages

Mathematics

Head of Faculty: Mrs C Atkins

Year 11 Update

In Maths, Year 11 are gearing up for their upcoming Trial Exams and for their real GCSEs by fine tuning their exam practice in their Past Paper Booklets.
These were given to every Year 11 student just before Christmas, and contain enough resources for each Year 11 student to complete **one paper a week**. This is hugely beneficial for students as it means they get more familiar with the GCSE paper styles, and it gives them an opportunity to practice and revise.
Solutions are posted weekly onto Firefly and the QR code below can be used to access these:

Scan for solutions

Look out for solutions on Higher Tier from Mrs C Atkins and Foundation Tier from Mr D Patrick.



Humanities

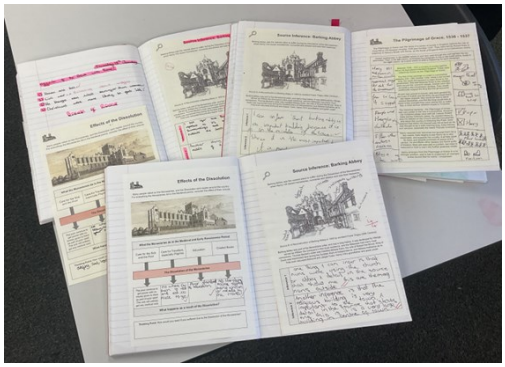
Head of Faculty: Ms K Taylor



Mr Bryan has led a series of assemblies to coincide with Holocaust Memorial Day. Mr Bryan explored the Holocaust as well as what Holocaust Memorial Day is and why we should mark it. Students learnt about how people around the world have been affected by genocide and what we can do to stop these events happening again.



Students in Mrs Judd's history classes have produced some fantastic work about the dissolution of the monasteries. They worked extremely hard to explain the impact of the dissolution on the people of England whilst making inferences from contemporary source material.



In Geography, Year 8 students have been conducting fieldwork around the school site as part of their Spring 1 unit on 'Weather and Climate'. The students have been conducting a 6 stage investigation into the question "Does Kingsbury School have a microclimate?". To collect their data students have been measuring temperatures, wind speed and weather conditions at various locations around the school site to see if they can identify any differences. They will then be presenting and analysing their findings to answer the initial enquiry question as part of their Mid-Unit assessment.



Faculty News Pages

Performing Arts and Sport

Head of Faculty: Mrs R Carey

School Production

Rehearsals are seriously underway for the forthcoming production of **Mary Poppins**. Pupils from all year groups are involved, working very hard and it is starting to take shape on stage.

Tickets will be available to purchase after half term.









Please keep an eye on social media posts as we are looking for help with props and costumes and as always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Music Lessons

January has seen the start of our link with **Warwickshire Music Services;** an opportunity for our pupils to attend private peripatetic music lessons in either guitar, drums or vocal coaching. We now have over 20 pupils partaking in this offer. If your child in interested in having lessons, please contact Ms Louise Franks on **louise.franks@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk**

Sports Clubs

Girls football club has started every Monday after school till 4.10pm. Boys (Year 7) football will now be on Wednesdays after school, as well as continuing during Monday and Tuesday lunchtime.

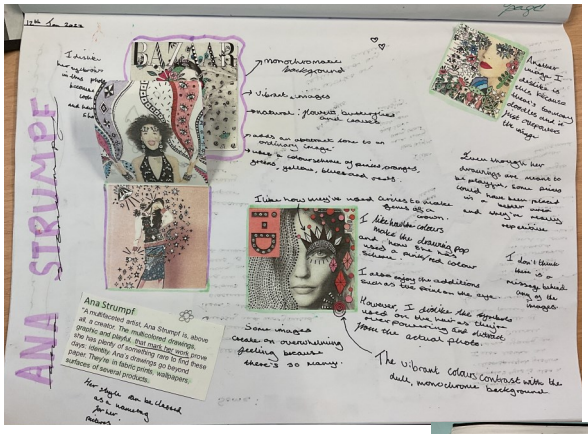
If there are any clubs you would like to see being held, during lunchtime or after school, please email Mrs Foster - **raynor.foster@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk**

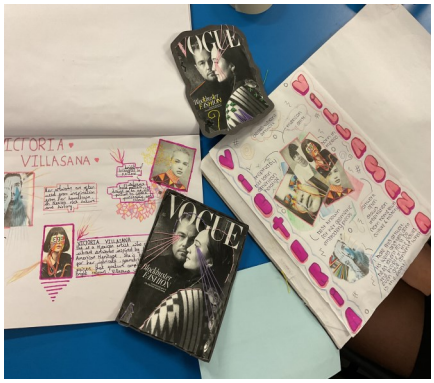




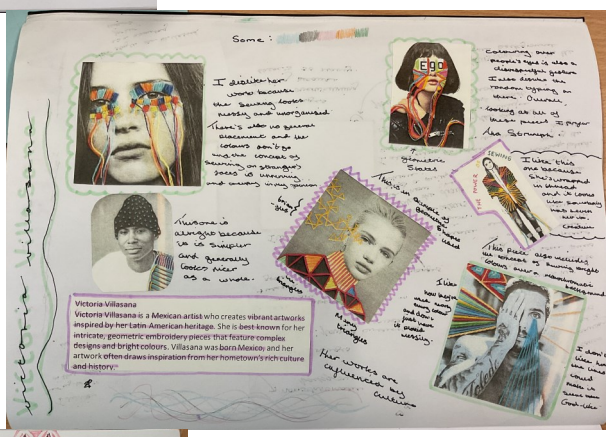
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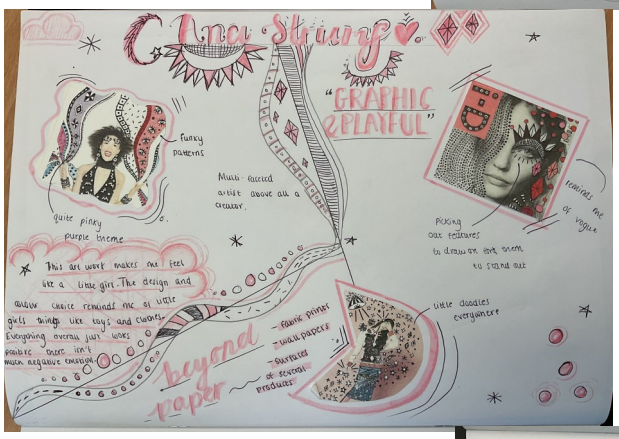
Year 9 textile artists have been busy researching and analysing the work of contemporary textile artists, Victoria Villasana and Anna Stumpf. They have then begun to explore their own creative response in the style of Villasana or Stumpf.
Well done Year 9, what an awesome start!

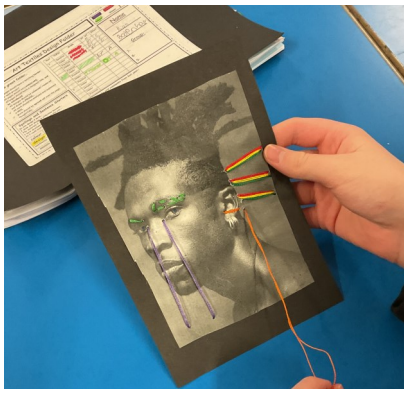


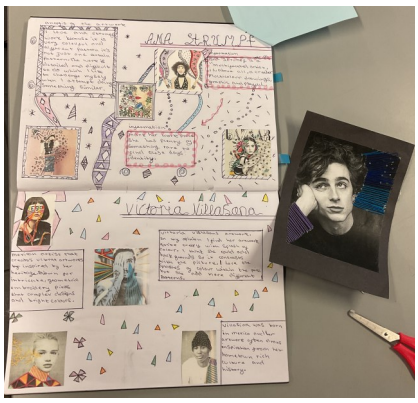


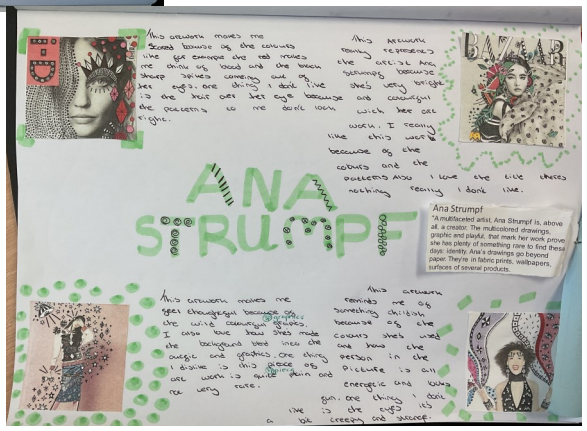






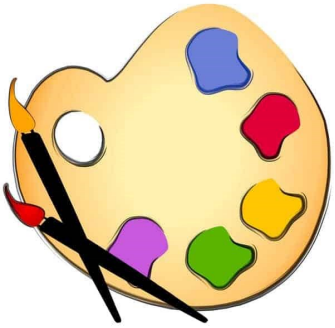






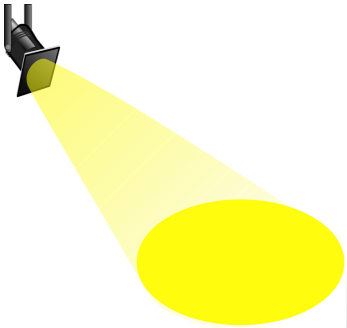
Technology and Art

Head of Faculty: Mrs C Plenty



Snow Closure Procedure

In the event of school closure due to snow, parents will be notified as early as possible via the school website, Arbor and 'X'.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Student Spotlight

This newsletter we focus on a Year 8 student - **Jack Leese.**



Jack started to ride a bike at the tender age of 4 and he has grown from strength to strength ever since. He loves to compete and has numerous achievements already.

In February he is competing in front of his home crowd at Resorts World Birmingham. This is part of an Arena cross live event.

These are the race achievements Jack acquired in 2022/23:

- Holeshot (first to first corner and in turn lead the race) at every race meeting
- Top 10 at every race (up to 40 on the line)
- Picked for 2 team events (top 5 riders are picked)
- Became the British Masterkids UK Champion for a 2nd Year
- Earned a qualified place in the UK British championship (unfortunately could not compete due to breaking his collarbone)
- Selected to be part of a team where British championship costs and kit costs are covered (Only 1 rider per group is selected)

I am sure you will agree that this is an incredible achievement and proof of what you can do when you are driven and motivated. A clear champion in the making. We are really proud of you Jack.



We like to celebrate the achievements of our students! If you have any news of outside of school achievements, please let us know so that we can celebrate via our website and newsletter. Please send any news items/photographs to Ms Franks at

louise.franks@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

UNIFORM

Please can parents ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform at school. Plain black V-neck jumpers can now be worn underneath blazers until March. For further uniform guidance please see our school website for full details.

Key Stage updates

KS3 Update

As always, Key Stage 3 have been busy being brilliant. We had our usual reward assemblies at the end of last term and students were given vouchers, selection boxes and certificates to recognise their achievements.

Year 8 have been doing some wonderful work in textiles and are currently designing 'sweet things'. Ms Franks watched students doing 'applique' last week. The concentration on faces was wonderful and the Year 8's will be showcasing the finished product in the next newsletter.

In English Year 8 have been working on persuasive writing. Ms Franks visited a class and left drooling after listening to reasons as to why burgers and brownies were the best food ever!

This academic year we have been conducting a 'Lexonik Leap' programme with some of our students. This Literacy programme coaches students to develop their reading and oracy skills, to help them gain confidence and independence in developing their language and vocabulary.

Congratulations to the Year 8 students who have completed this programme:

- **Ethan Chandler**
- **Jacob Harris**



We have now started on the next cohort of students and look forward to them improving their reading skills.

KS4 Update

At the end of last term, our Hospitality and Catering students enjoyed a trip to the BBC Good Food Show. Here they watched live cooking demonstrations from celebrity chefs and sampled an array of good food.

Year 11 have been preparing for their next trial examination period (**29th January – 8th February**). Miss McDonnell presented an assembly on SMART goals and Mrs Carrick delivered information about the trial examinations and the progress that they are currently making.



GCSEPod is an online independent learning resource available to students in Year 10 and 11. High usage is likely to improve the chances of students achieving their target grades

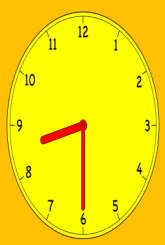


ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

IF YOU MOVE HOUSE OR CHANGE YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR DETAILS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

REMINDER!

Lessons start at 8:35am. Please ensure that your child is at school for 8:30am.



Our School Values











Meet our student leadership team

Head Students



Name: Lucas Humphrey
Favourite Subjects: History, Citizenship and Drama
Career Aspirations: Criminal defence solicitor
Priorities for the school: I would like the Young Leadership Team to become more involved in the school and in the local community, especially in local charities and organisations



Name: Amber Pollock
Favourite Subjects: History, Psychology and English
Career Aspirations: I'm veering towards something in humanities or politics, but I am very interested in pursuing Psychology at A level
Priorities for the school: Ensuring the comfort of students continues to be paramount to the school

Deputy Head Students



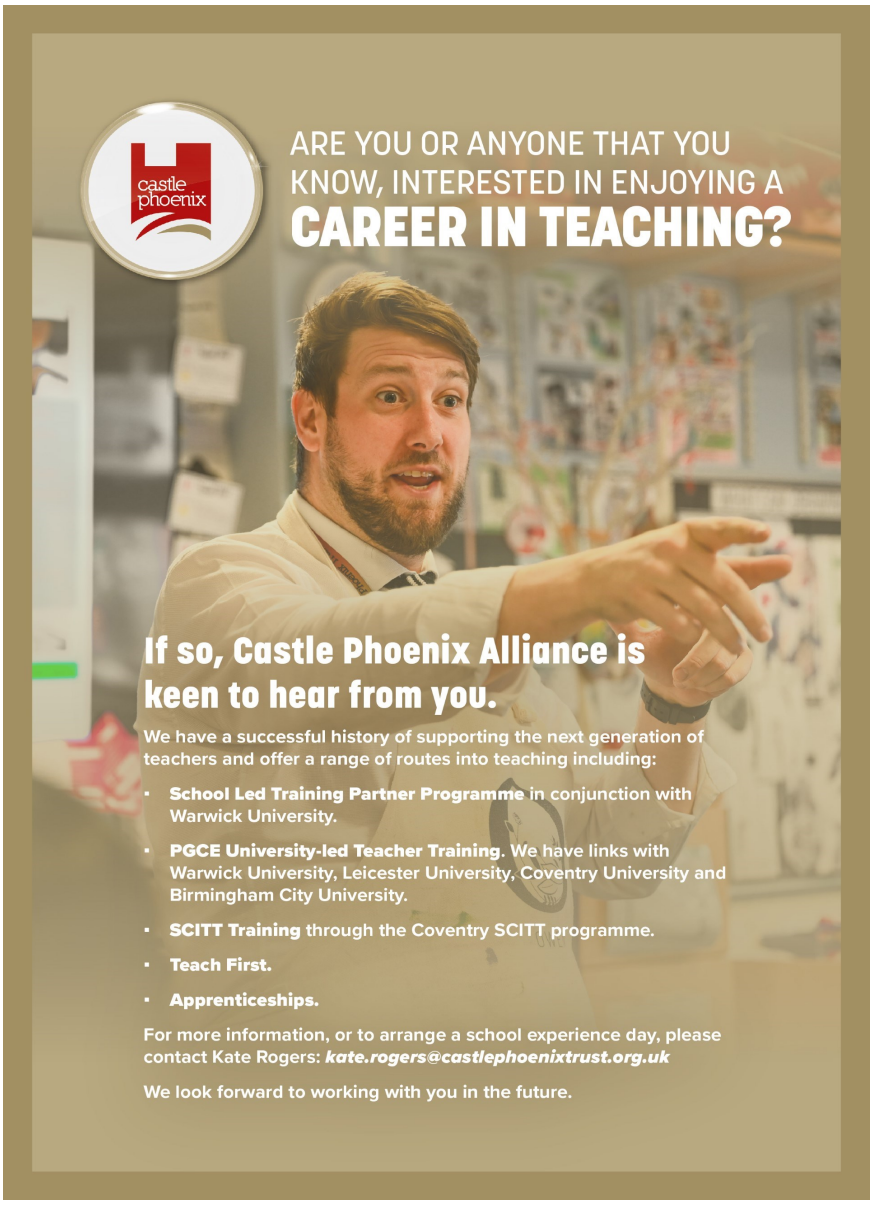
Name: Alfie Albrow
Favourite Subjects: English, Media and Geography
Career Aspirations: To be successful within Radio and Media
Priorities for the school: Making the environment at Kingsbury School versatile and adaptable to meet every pupil's needs



Name: Mia Braddow
Favourite Subjects: History and Art
Career Aspirations: Criminologist
Priorities for the school: I believe that health and mentality of the students is the main priority, and I aspire to help as many pupils as I can

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Monday 29th January to Thursday 8th February 2024	Year 11 Trial Examinations (Series 2)
Tuesday 27th February 2024 (9:30am)	Open Morning for current parents/carers
Thursday 29th February 2024 (4:00-7:00pm)	Year 11 Progress Evening 2 *(opportunity to meet your child's teachers)*
Tuesday 3rd March 2024	Parent/Carer Survey 3
Wednesday 20th March to Friday 22nd March 2023	School Production
Monday 8th April 2024	Year 11 Intervention Day *(only Year 11 attend school on this day)*
Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April 2023	Year 11 Trial Examinations (Series 3; English and Maths only)
Thursday 25th April 2024 (4:00-7:00pm)	Year 10 Progress Evening *(opportunity to meet your child's teachers)*
Thursday 2nd May 2024 (4:00-7:00pm)	Year 9 Progress Evening *(opportunity to meet your child's teachers)*
Monday 13th May 2024	GCSE Examinations Start
Thursday 16th May 2024	Year 9 Curriculum/Options Evening
Tuesday 4th June 2024 (9:30am)	Open Morning for current parents/carers
Tuesday 11th June 2024	Parent/Carer Survey 4
Monday 17th June 2024	Year 10 Trial Examinations
Tuesday 2nd July to Friday 5th July 2024	Years 7 to 9 Trial Examinations (English and Mathematics)
Friday 5th July 2024	Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 9th July 2024	Year 6 Intake Parents/Carers Evening



SAFEGUARDING

We take SAFEGUARDING seriously. If you are concerned about a student, please contact Mrs H Hurley on 01827 872316 or helen.hurley@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

SHARPS

Our School Help Advice Reporting Page System (SHARPS) is another way for our students and parents to ask for help or support with any problems, in or out of school. SHARPS also contains information on hate crime, gangs, bullying and health. You can access SHARPS via our website or using this link:

The SHARP System

INTERNET SAFETY

The Internet is a wonderful tool, but are you using it safely?

Please advise your children not to give out any personal information related to their family, friends or themselves like full names, addresses, telephone or mobile numbers, or those of their parents.

Advise your children to inform you or their teachers if they come across content on the Internet which makes them feel uncomfortable, or if someone on the Internet harasses them or threatens them.

Advise them to assess the information they have read on websites. Just because it's on the Internet does not mean that it's always truthful information, especially when it comes to health issues, or when they are doing research for homework.

Online Safety

We have been using our 'X' (formerly twitter) social media platform to share online safety advice from National Online Safety.





Visit
@KNGSchoolB78
to view these posts.

Home-School Engagement

We always strive to do better in relation to home-school communication and providing opportunities for parent/carer engagement. Below, is our Home-School Engagement Strategy detailing the initiatives that we will be launching during this academic year.

KINGSBURY SCHOOL
Home-School Engagement

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS
Parent information evenings take place once every term, providing information and activities, and an opportunity to meet key staff. Parent information evenings for 2023-2024 can be found on our website. In addition, a Curriculum Evening for Year 9 parents and carers takes place in the Spring term to support the options process.

PARENT SURVEYS
Parent surveys will take place twice a year and will provide an opportunity for parents to voice their views an suggest areas for improvement.

SEND COFFEE MORNINGS
Our SEND coffee mornings provide an opportunity for you to meet our Inclusion Team and find out more about SEND provision. Dates for our SEND Coffee mornings can be found on our website.

OPEN MORNINGS
Open Mornings provide an opportunity for current parents and carers to have a tour of our school, visit lessons and have a coffee with the leadership team. Dates for Open Mornings for 2023-2024 can be found on our website. To book a place, contact reception on 01827 872316

HOME SCHOOL

Our **Home-School Engagement Strategy** aims to ensure that parents and carers feel involved with their child's education. Through effective communication, we aim to work in partnership with parents and carers to provide timely and effective support, care and guidance for all of our students.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
Our newsletters will communicate key dates, useful information, and student celebrations and achievements.

PROGRESS EVENINGS
Our Progress Evenings provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet subject teachers to discuss their child's progress. See our website for dates.

formerly twitter
For daily updates, activities and achievement announcements
@KNGSchoolB78

SCHOOL WEBSITE
Our website contains useful links, resources and information for parents and carers. Information includes:
- Learning Journeys
- Knowledge Organisers
- Student Welfare
- Careers

WWW.KINGSBURYSCHOOL.CO.UK

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION
- **Pastoral Hub**
  Call 01827 872316 option 1, or email kngpastoralhub@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk
- **Absence**
  Email absence@kingsburyschool.co.uk or call 01827 872316 or text 01827 230015
- **General Enquiries**
  Call reception on 01827 872316
- **Safeguarding**
  helen.hurley@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
  juliette.bagley@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

ARBOR APP
- ✓ 24/7 access to today's information
- ✓ Attendance
- ✓ Real-time, subject-specific assessment information such as test results, examination results and current progress
- ✓ Real-time behaviour information
- ✓ Progress reports
- ✓ Access to your child's timetable
- ✓ School Activities and Events
- ✓ Examinations
- ✓ Parents' Evening Bookings
- ✓ Payments and School Shop

BULLYING
Our '*What about bullying?*' booklet provides useful information for parents and carers in relation to bullying.

Message from Warwickshire School Transport

For those who use our transport services, please be reminded that all students must have their bus pass with them and show it to the driver when they alight the service in order to travel. If students do not have their bus pass, they will not be allowed to travel.

We are sending this message because we have had an increased number of reports from operators of students not showing their bus passes, so feel that a general reminder to all students would be beneficial.

Warwickshire Education Transport 01926 412929 - Option 1

CORE PURPOSE

Enthuse I Aspire I Achieve

OUR VISION

- Ensuring that our students feel **safe**, **valued**, **cared for** and **happy**.
- Fostering **strong** and **positive relationships** by instilling a culture of **respect** and **kindness**.
- Promoting **equality** and **diversity** and preparing our students for life in modern Britain by supporting British values.
- Creating **aspirational learners** who are creative thinkers and embrace challenge.
- Developing **resilient** and **independent learners** who are prepared for life and learning after school.
- Committed to the pursuit of excellence, delivering **achievement for all** and celebrating individual successes through an ethos of encouragement and **praise**.
- Inspiring **confident** and **accomplished readers** and **communicators**.
- Extending the boundaries of learning by providing a rich, relevant, **engaging** and **innovative curriculum** that is **accessible to all**.
- Through **effective communication**, work in partnership with parents and carers to provide timely and effective support, care and guidance for all of our students.

General Timetable for Summer 2024 Exams

Please find the link below of a general timetable for the written exams taking place in the summer.

Some students will have additions to this (e.g. French speaking, Drama practical) and there will be coursework deadlines for students as well. Subject teachers will communicate these to students in the coming weeks.
Please note that as in the last few years, the exam boards have nominated two afternoons (Thursday 6th June and Thursday 13th June), and one full day (Wednesday 26th June) where students must be available to sit exams in the unlikely case that papers are re-scheduled at a national level.

Entries for final exams are being made in the coming weeks - students will be given an individual timetable once this process has been finished.

www.kingsburyschool.co.uk/exam-information

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REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Please use the following means of communication to advise of a students absence.

T: 01827 872316
E: absence@kingsburyschool.co.uk
SMS: 01827 230501

Please notify us of an absence by 8.30am on each day of absence.