Kingsbury School

NEWSLETTER

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April 2024

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COMING SOON:

- **Year 9 Progress Evening**
  Thursday 2nd May
  (4.00-7.00pm)
- **Year 9 Curriculum Evening**
  Thursday 16th May
- **Bank Holiday Monday**
  Monday 6th May
  (school closed)
- **Half Term**
  Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May
- **Open Morning**
  Tuesday 4th June at 9am
- **Staff Training Days**
  Friday 28th June and Monday 1st July
  (school closed to students)
- **Year 11 Prom**
  Friday 5th July
- **Year 6 Intake Evening**
  Tuesday 9th July
- **Year 6 Intake Day**
  Wednesday 10th July

A Note from the Headteacher

Thank you for reading our April newsletter; our fourth newsletter of the school year. I hope you are finding our newsletters a useful way to keep up to date with activities and events that are going on in school. In this edition, we have a lot to share!

Year 11

With only two weeks to go until the start of the GCSE examinations, we have been working hard with our Year 11 students to ensure that they are ready for success. You can find out more about specific activities that have been going on later in this newsletter. The written examinations start with Drama on Thursday 9th May and Science (Biology) on Friday 10th May 2024. We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck!

Parent Survey

We launched our new parent/carer survey last term; thank you to everyone who has taken part; so far, we have had 160 responses. We aim to use your feedback to make further improvements and aim to distribute our survey every term. If you would like to contribute to the spring term survey, we have opened it again until Tuesday 7th May—you can access the survey using this link: Parent/Carer Survey

School Staff

This term we welcome Miss Hodkinson (Science), Ms Taylor (Deputy Leader of Science), Ms Belsey (Associate Assistant Headteacher/English), Miss Wellstead (Administration/Reception) and Mr Day (Physical Education and Sport).



FRIDAY 15 MARCH

Red Nose Day

Our Student Council Representatives came up with some great ways to raise money for this years Red Nose Day:

- Students to donate £1 to wear a red item and have a crazy hair style on the 15th March
- Staff Vs Pupils dodgeball games during lunch time from the 11th-15th March
- Cake sale during break time on the 15th March

A huge thank you for all of the students and staff who helped organise and run the events. And thank you for everyone who donated.

Open Morning

We are holding our next Open Morning on Tuesday 4th June 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.



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

When pupils 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 pupil's academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom where everyone is settled and pupils 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. The school have procedures in place for persistently late pupils which include detentions at lunchtime and parental meetings. However, we want to work together with you to understand and improve your child's punctuality to school. Good attendance and punctuality underpin good education. It is vital because:

- If you're not at school or miss parts of lessons, you cannot successfully access the curriculum
- Establishing good time-keeping habits early is good preparation for adult life when we are increasingly responsible for our own time-keeping

Punctuality is an important part of self-discipline and is essential to good time management.
We understand that some of our students travel to Kingsbury from a variety of distances which mean that there will unfortunately be disruption to travel from time to time that is unavoidable. We ask that you build extra time into your travel time to allow for this to ensure that your child arrives on time.
We would therefore appreciate your support in this matter by discussing with your child the importance of good punctuality and ensuring that your child arrives in school before the start of the school day which is at 8.35am. Should you have any concerns you wish to raise then please contact the school.

Our Attendance Expectations:

- ALL Students have 96% or above on attendance
- Arrive on time for school, students are expected to arrive at 08:35am
- Parents to call school each day of absence by 08:30am
- Appointments to be taken outside of school time where possible
- Medical evidence provided for any appointment

Parents do not have any entitlement to take their children on holiday during term time.
Any application for leave must establish that there are exceptional circumstances and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting.
For any further information, please see our website for the Attendance Policy.

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

100%	Exceptional	
98%	Very good	
96%	Good	Target average for the school
94%	Needs improvement	Below average for the school
90%	Unacceptable	
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 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
Ms Belsey

Attendance Officer
Mrs Dawn Smith

Student Welfare Officer
Mrs J Bagley

Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs H Hurley

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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 and 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
Miss Hodkinson 8HOD
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

Alfie takes to the airwaves



We are very proud to inform you that our very own Alfie Albrow in Year 11 has launched his new radio station on Central Hits Radio!

He delivers an excellent show with great tunes—definitely worth a listen!

To listen, say *'Alexa, enable central hits radio skill'* on Alexa or visit https://www.centralhitsradio.com/



SCHOOL PRODUCTION - MARY POPPINS

We are sorry to inform you that we have had to postpone our school production. This is to support the pupils in the cast who are in Year 11, and to accommodate their Year 11 examinationss. The new show dates are as follows:

- **Tuesday 25th June**
- **Wednesday 26th June**
- **Thursday 27th June**

Tickets will be going on sale after the Easter holidays. Please see the school website and 'X' page for details.

REMINDER!

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





Careers and Aspirations News

Volunteer Assembly

On Monday 26th February 2024 an inspiring assembly was delivered to Year 11 students by Ellen Alcock, from Community and Voluntary Action (CAVA) ain Warwickshire and Solihull. This highlighted all the opportunities available in volunteering and



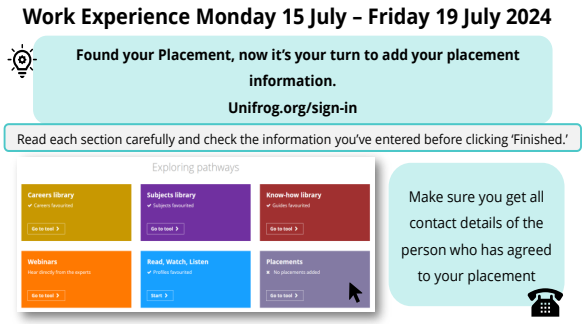


What Next? Live at the NEC

On Friday 1st March 2024 Year 10 students attended What Next? Live at the NEC. This provided students with an opportunity to meet employers, Universities and training providers from a range of different industries. Students also enjoyed keynote speakers discussing topics such as 'CV and Cover Letter Writing' as well as 'Being Positive about Post 16'. A range of careers experts were also on hand in the 'Student Advice Theatre'.

Work Experience

All Year 10's are busy securing work placements for their work experience in July 2024. Many are inputting their details on to Unifrog. Keep going! If students need any help or support, please contact Miss Hill.



National Careers Week

National Careers Week takes place from 4th—9th March 2024 and during this week there is a particular focus on "everything careers". Every year group have had assemblies during National Careers Week giving them information about how to start thinking about careers, where to look, researching different careers using Unifrog.

Please check out our Parents Guide to National Careers Week on our school website where lots of useful information can be found:

The-Parents-Guide-to-NCW-2024.pdf (kingsburyschool.co.uk)





Work Experience Reminder

15-19 July 2024

Careers and Aspirations Support

Miss Hill is our very own Aspirations and Careers Coordinator here at Kingsbury School. Miss Hill works three days a week and is available to answer questions about Careers, as well as support our students right from the start of Year 7, opening their eyes to the opportunities and careers that are available after school.

Contact:

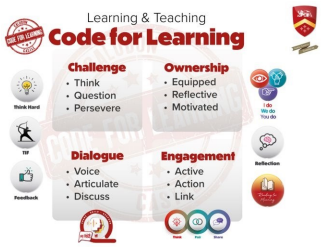
You can contact Miss Hill, our Careers and Aspirations Coordinator in school by email at:

Lisa.hill@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

Mr C Collis

Learning and Teaching







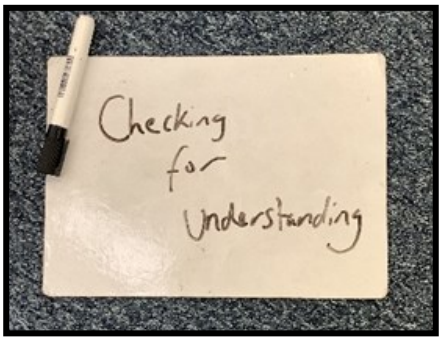
Professional Development

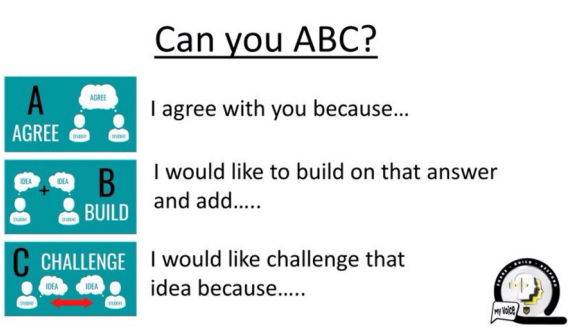
At Kingsbury, we acknowledge that our teachers are continually learning and offer an extensive and personalised programme of Continued Professional Development and Learning. All of our teachers participate in coaching to support each other in their reflection and development. **Learning really is at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

Learning at Kingsbury School

#Learningandteaching...It's as easy as ABC

As you will all be aware, we continue to showcase the lovely learning that is taking place across Kingsbury through our X account. By using the #learningandteaching, our staff and learners are contributing to the World Wide community exploring the ranging pedagogical approaches and seeing the wonderful impact they are having on learners. Currently, at Kingsbury we are pushing our ABC's, encouraging our learners to ADD or justify why they AGREE with ideas, BUILD on ideas others give or constructively CHALLENGE. By using this approach we aim increase Challenge, Ownership, Dialogue and Engagement of our learners.

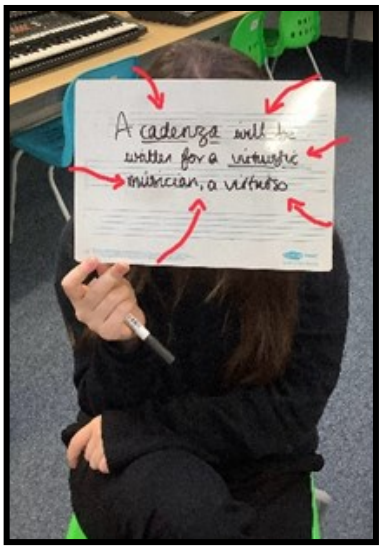




Our learners are becoming experts at using their mini whiteboards. For teachers, these are great tool for checking understanding and subsequently, we are able to be more adaptive to the needs of our learners. Again, mini whiteboards are a great way of increasing a learner's ownership of their learning.







Year 11



Year 11 Intervention

Additional Intervention Sessions are taking place every day during tutor time. Year 11 students are using this additional time with key teachers to re-visit content and revise.

On Monday 8th April, our Year 11 Intervention Day was used to deliver bespoke, targeted and focussed intervention in Mathematics, English and Science. Students also took part in a Revision Skills workshop/session.

Afterschool revision and intervention continues to take place during the week. Students are aware of the sessions that are on offer and are encouraged to attend as often as possible.

Year 11 students recently completed their third set of trial examinations; these trials have been really important for identifying and plugging gaps in knowledge and skills.

Examination Season

The GCSE written examinations start on **Thursday 9th May** with Drama. Students will be expected to stay in school beyond the May half term, taking part in lessons as normal. Students, parents and carers will receive a revision and intervention timetable before half term; this will provide details of the lessons and revision sessions that will be running and when students are expected to attend school. Details of our leavers assembly will also be distributed alongside this timetable.

Faculty News Pages

Science

Head of Faculty:
Mr E Stubley

World Book Day 2024

Team science did an amazing job portraying the characters from The Wizard of Oz.



British Science Week

This year, the theme for science week is **TIME**. We are celebrating this with a week of assemblies centred around **time**, followed by a **time** themed science competition. Students will be tasked with who can design and build a device that can accurately measure 30 seconds of time. Cool science prizes will be given to pupils for the top five inventions based on accuracy and innovation.





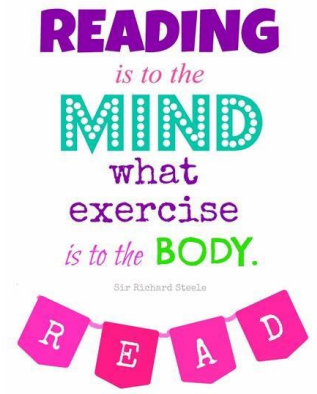
Science Booster Sessions

Year 11 science booster sessions have now moved to Tuesday nights. We had an excellent turnout this week with around 60 pupils attending to boost their GCSE science grade. A big shout out to these pupils, and to team science for volunteering their time to run these sessions for Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy.

English

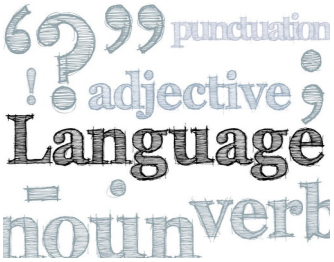
Head of Faculty:
Mrs R McKeown











Faculty News Pages

On Thursday 7th March, the Kingsbury School **World Book Day** celebrations began with a bang. A number of our staff dressed up as their favourite literary characters and lessons were ran by Peter Pan, Tin Man, Mary Poppins and Cruella de Vil just to name a few. Students were tasked with guessing each staff member's outfit in order to win positive points and prizes.



But the fun didn't stop there! Every student took part in the Big Fat World Book Day Quiz 2024 during tutor time and answered several bookish questions in teams. The competition was fierce as students competed to guess the book based on the emojis, name the book based on very literal plot descriptions and decipher book titles during a missing vowel round. During lesson time, students who had participated in library competitions throughout the year were invited to complete the 'Escape the Library' escape room. Students had to complete puzzles and hunt for keys within the pages of books in order to crack the final code and escape.









Lunch time saw our library competition entrants rewarded with a pizza party in the library to round out another fantastic year of World Book Day celebrations.

Faculty News Pages

Humanities

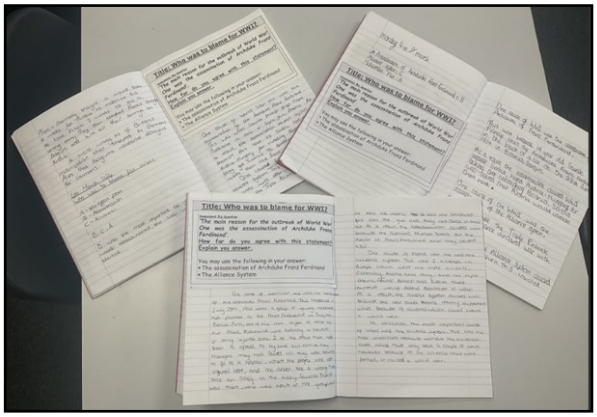
Head of Faculty: Ms K Taylor

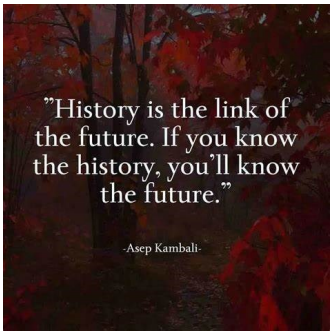


In Geography, Year 8 have been looking at rainforests and deserts this half term. After learning about the different layers, 8R and 8E produced these wonderful, colourful posters for Mr Young's display board.



Year 8 historians have been examining the causes of World War One. Mr Bryan's class have produced some excellent work explaining and analysing the main reason for war starting in 1914.



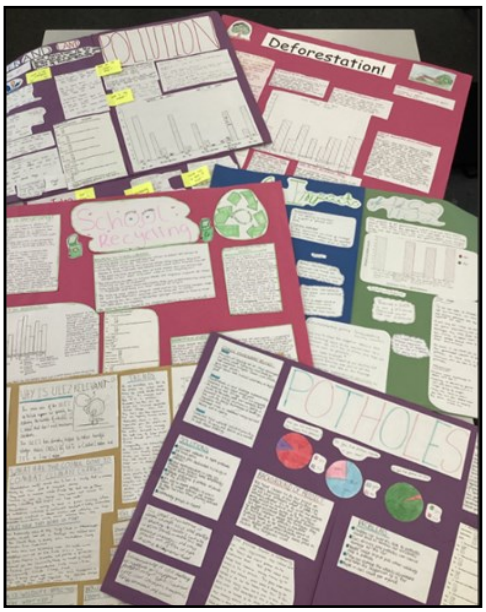




Year 9 Citizenship have been learning about how elections work in their 'Politics and Participation' unit. This week they have been reading manifestos and choosing which party to vote for in class elections. The results so far have been mixed, and the students are waiting eagerly to see what the whole year 9 result will be. Here's Archie placing his vote.



Year 11 citizenship students have been working hard on their investigations on the local environment in order to present them to our North Warwickshire MP Craig Tracy on Monday 11th of March. As part of their Active Citizenship unit, they need to produce an investigation into a local or global issue and advocate their idea to an MP or senior figure. They have been busy asking the local community their opinions and researching the local council's policies. Being on the cusp of finishing their course, the students are very excited about their presentations.





Performing Arts and Sport

Head of Faculty: Mrs R Carey



FACULTY NEWS PAGES

GCSE drama students from Years 10 & 11 attended the brilliant yet 'thrilling' production of 'The Woman in Black' at the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham on the 8th February. It is a gripping ghost story and the students need to write about it for their forthcoming exam.

Both Mrs Carey and Mr Collis enjoyed watching and listening to the occasional screams and jumping out of seats from quite a lot of our students (not naming any names!)



SPORTS SHOUTOUTS



Halle Kenna - Accepted for girls England trials

Laura Carruthers - Training for BMX championships in Verona

Oliver Bourne - Accepted for Villa girls football academy

Well Done for these fantastic achievements.



Personal Development

For Personal Development, our current Key Stage 3 students focus is on relationship education around the ideas of respect and tolerance - building on lessons earlier in the year where we looked at discrimination and protected groups.

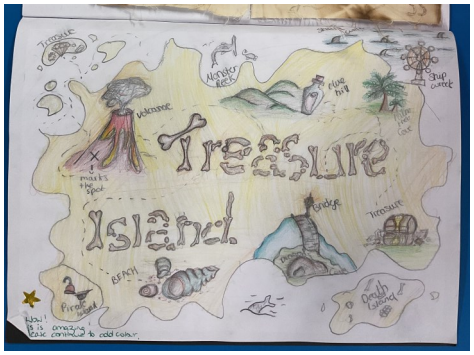
Building on this further, we are now looking at respect through the lens of racism, what it is and how we can support an environment in which this is challenged, so that all feel welcomed and protected.

Recently, Year 9 students had a Health and Wellbeing Day in which students were off timetable and participated in a range of sessions that looked at the benefits of how we build our mental health up and what we can do to protect it. Students were brilliant all day and engaged well with the external facilitators.

Faculty News Pages

Technology and Art

Head of Faculty: Mrs C Plenty

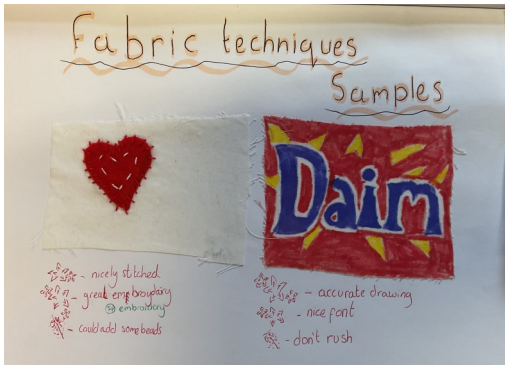


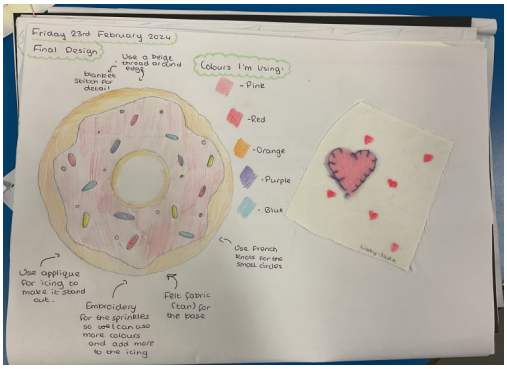
Year 7

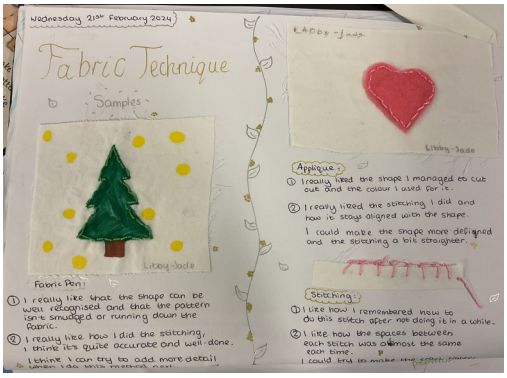
Students have been busy creating their treasure map designs using a mixture of tie & dye, together with fabric pens, appliqué and embroidery. Fabulous practical skills on show!

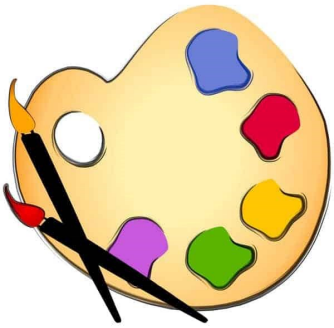
Year 8

The students have been busy trialling and testing techniques in preparation for making their own soft sculpture. The quality of development samples together with creative presentation is outstanding. Well done Year 8, amazing work!



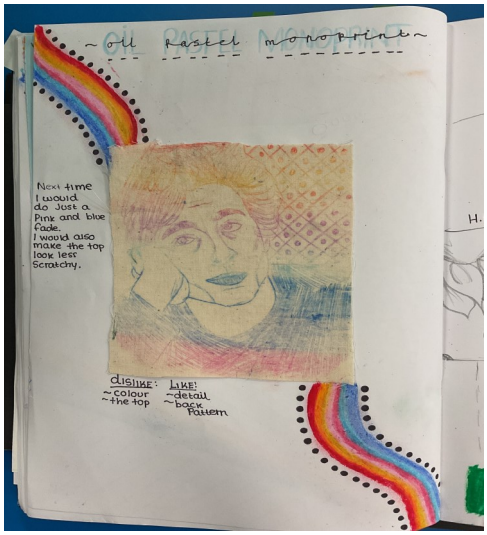






Year 9

Students have continued their exploration of textile techniques focusing on paper weave portraits, mono printing and contemporary embroidery. We could not be more proud of the quality of their work and the high standard of presentation. Well done Year 9!



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

Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9)

Lots has been going on in Key Stage 3 over the past term including preparation for the school show 'Mary Poppins' to the library launch, science week and not forgetting World Book Day.
Competitions have taken place for students to engage in their love and passion for reading and lots of students were successful in gaining a prize. Mr Stubley launched a new competition for students to think of a new way to measure time, with some awesome prizes on offer.

Ms Franks has been calling into lots of tutor time activities and has been able to see some of the wonderful tasks our students are engaging in to ensure they are developing vital communication and oracy skills, as well as thinking about the Kingsbury values that we desire for all of our students. Year 8 were discussing what would the 'perfect' curriculum look like, and what subjects would you love to see on the curriculum; there were some interesting ideas ranging from 'hairdressing' to 'driving lessons'!

Positive points

Since January Key Stage 3 have gained nearly 30,000 positive points. Well done!

Year 7 - 12, 642
Year 8 - 7,479
Year 9 - 9, 768

This is really impressive and a credit to all of the hard work from our wonderful students.

Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and 11)

Festival of Apprenticeships

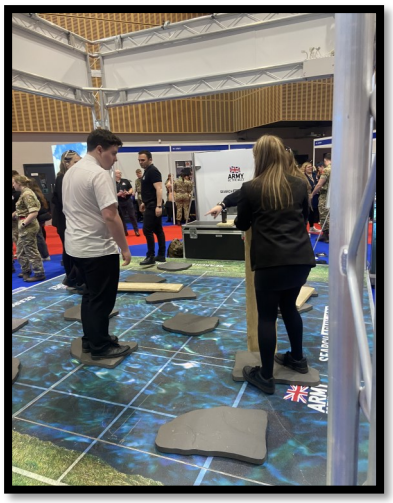
A group of Year 11 students headed to the Festival of Apprenticeships at Millenium Point, Birmingham on Thursday 7th March. The students enjoyed meeting apprentices from a vast variety of industries including Lloyds Bank, Virgin Media and Rolls Royce. Keynote presenters informed the Year 11's about how and when to apply for apprenticeships, alongside tips for stand out applications.

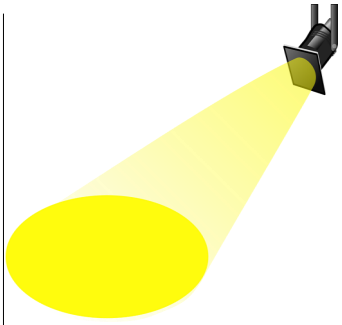


National Apprenticeship Show

On Wednesday 13th March, over 70 Year 10 students travelled to Milton Keynes to attend the National Apprenticeship Show. Students experienced challenge activities from the British Army, discussed life on the road with Mercedes Benz lorries and learnt about travel and tourism careers with TUI.







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

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.

Term Dates 2024-2025

Please find below our term dates for the academic year 2024-2025 so that parents/carers can plan holidays and events in advance and out of term time. Although unlikely, the summer term training days may be subject to change.

September 2024

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Kingsbury School

- Designated training day (closed to students)
- Year 7 Induction Day (only Year 7 attend)
- Year 11 Intervention Day (only Year 11 attend)
- School holiday (closed to students)
- Public holiday (closed to students)
- Year 6 Induction Day

Trips and Excursions

We are working on launching a greater number of trips and excursions for our students. This year, we have provided nine trips, including an international trip to America and a Year 7 residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes. Recently, we have launched international trips to Paris, Lille (France) and Iceland, all of which are planned to take place next year.

Our plan is to provide parents with a five year map/schedule of trips so that you can plan which opportunities you might like your child to experience. This will include a variety of trips including international, residential, activity, cultural and day trips.

Our School Values







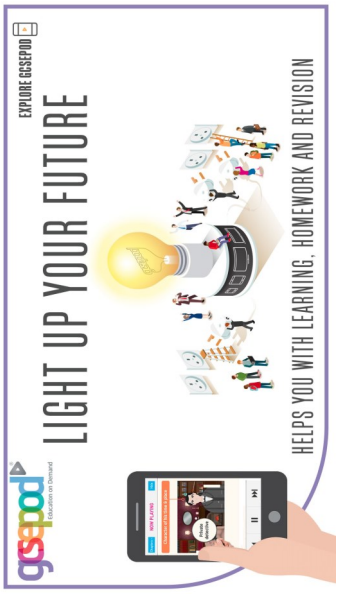




GCSEPod is an online independent learning resource available to students in Year 10 and 11. High usage is likely to improve the chances of students achieving their target grades

74% of Year 11 are using GCSEPod

67% of Year 10 are using GCSEPod



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GCSEPod is at Kingsbury

GCSEPod is available for all Year 10 and Year 11 students at Kingsbury School! We have subscribed to the award-winning service to give your child access to thousands of hours of professionally produced, audio-visual content which will benefit them throughout their GCSE courses.

GCSEPod has over 4,000 teacher-written, audio-visual pods which have been produced specifically for learning, homework and revision. The Pods contain all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success. They will not need to use GCSEPod for long to see the impact; in fact, consistent use of just 10 minute chunks is proven to support achievement whatever your child's target grade is.

The GCSEPod website can be viewed on mobiles, tablets and PCs and the Pods can be downloaded for offline viewing. The Pods are mapped to the curriculum and students can access pre-set exam playlists which collate all the Pods relevant to a specific exam into a neatly organised list.

All students have already been registered with GCSEPod and simply need to activate their account and choose a username and password. To access GCSEPod for the first time, students should follow these simple steps:

1. Go to www.gcsepod.com and click **"Login"** in the top right hand corner
2. Click **"New here? Get started."**
3. Select **"Student"**
4. **Enter your child's name, date of birth and type in the name of their school.** Your school should appear in a dropdown list. Click on the school in this list to confirm it.
5. Select a **username, password**, and a **password hint** to help you remember the password.

Once logged in, students can search for Pods by keyword, a specific exam or subject area.
For more ways you can help support your child using GCSEPod, visit www.gcsepod.com/parents where you will find lots more information and resources.



Visit us on 'X' to see a larger version of this 'Managing Exam Stress' graphic.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
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)*
Thursday 9th May 2024	GCSE Examinations Start
Thursday 16th May 2024	Year 9 Curriculum/Options Evening
Tuesday 4th June 2024 (9:00am)	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
Wenesday 10th July 2024	Year 6 Intake Day

Kingsbury Aquarius S.C.



Is your child interested in trying Competitive swimming? Are they aged between 8 and 18 and can swim 50m or have passed stage 5?

Join Kingsbury Aquarius for a FREE OPEN TRIAL on Saturday 6th April from 9-9.30am at Kingsbury Leisure Centre

Registration is required, please email to register or for more information: membership@kingsburyswimming.org.uk

Swim England SwimMark

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.



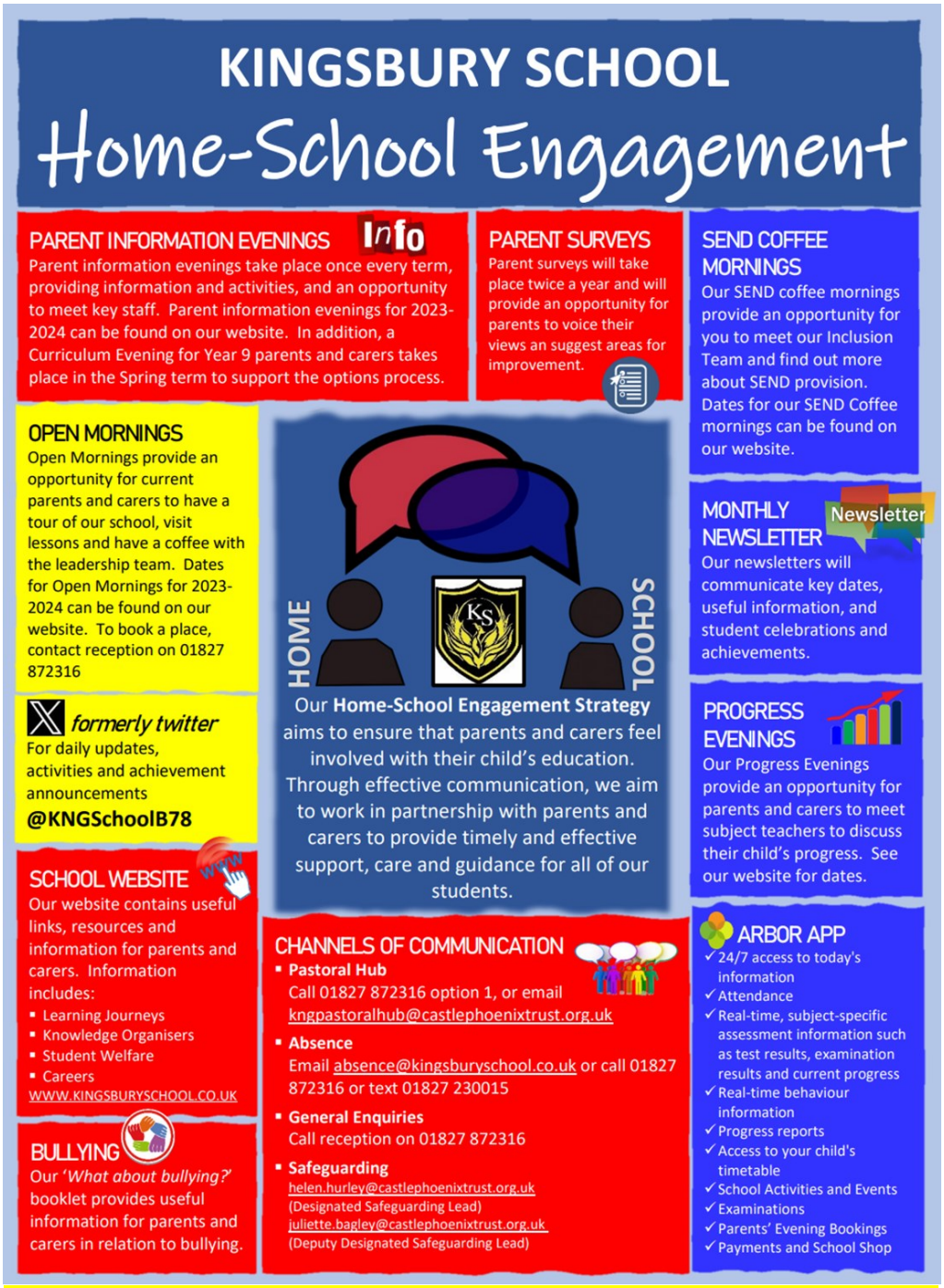




Visit
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to view these posts.

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.



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 have been made - Year 11 students have been given an individual timetable.

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.