

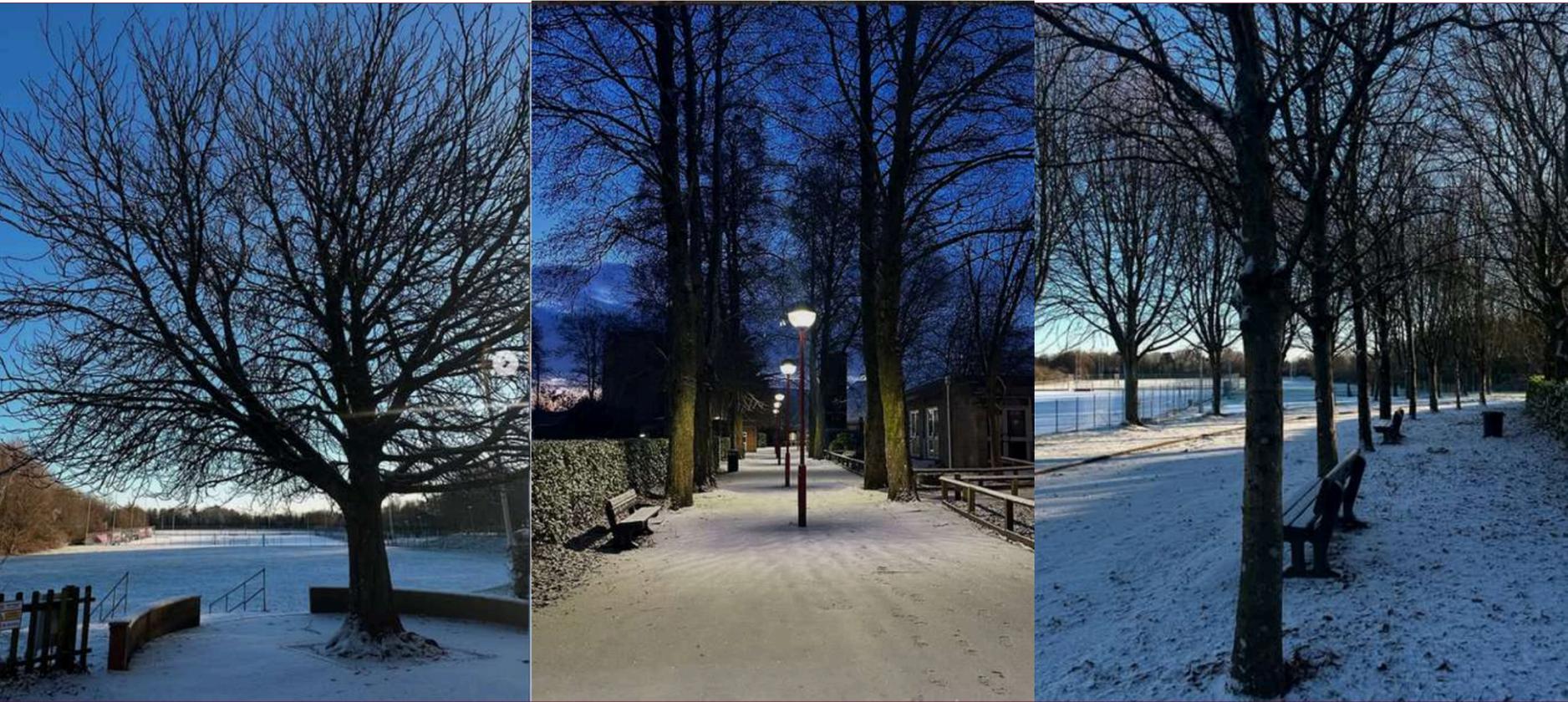
SPRING TERM 2026

CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we approach Easter, with sunny days and the school campus turning greener by the day, this term really has felt like a term of two halves - the wet January and February have been replaced by warmth and a sense of being refreshed.

I would like to thank all our pupils and staff for all of their hard work and dedication during the Spring Term. It typically feels 'busy' with so much happening and this year has been no exception. Year 11 have been incredibly focused and mature during their final full term of studies. Their mock exam results indicate that they will achieve very well in the GCSEs, reflecting their dedication and desire to achieve their individual ambitions.

We have continued our extensive and inclusive co-curricular offer this term, with so many pupils taking part in House activities, clubs and trips. The term is finishing with our Red Mile run last week, raising money for Comic Relief, and our Spring Concert this week. Both were great events, enjoyed by all. Amazingly, this term five pupils, Violet, Zoe, Lara, Nat and Bertie, have achieved representative honours for England / GB at Hockey and Nirajkrishna representing England at Cross Country - all absolutely fantastic achievements!

This term we have also seen rehearsals start for *We Will Rock You*, the musical. As part of our 40th anniversary celebrations, this will be performed at the Theatre Royal, so do keep an eye out for tickets next half term!

I hope you have a fantastic break over Easter and look forward to a great Summer Term ahead.

Best wishes,
Dr James Adams



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



Year 9's welcomed Taylor from OddBalls Foundation to deliver an awareness assembly all around Testicular Cancer. The pupils engaged really well and gained an understanding of the wider impact of Testicular Cancers across



society. The Year 9 Culture Ambassadors have been busy working on a Spring Term fundraising project to raise funds towards the Oddballs foundation.

The ever popular snowball discos took place this term for our Year 7 and Year 8 party goers. This fun packed event is led by our Year 11 pupils to help them raise money for their Prom later this summer. Thank you to all those that supported the event and to our Years 7 and 8 for joining in to socialise and celebrate together!





House Update

Another activity packed term for House Competition events. Given the expectant weather, we scheduled the first half term on classroom based challenges, testing a diverse array of skills, including teams from across the Year Groups demonstrating their gaming talents on the much loved Mario Kart Competition.



Congratulations to Duncan (Yr 10) of Norman House for winning the prestigious 'gold' controller. We returned to sport in the latter part of the term with both football and basketball tournaments.



The House Competition is where pupils can enlighten their passions and talents in whole mix of events from general knowledge and subject expertise, creativity and innovation, to other extra curricular clubs and sports. It is a fantastic event for pupils to meet new people that share their interests from across the years and show some outstanding team-work along the way. The competition culminates on our school sports day in the summer with every member of every house competing for those final house points.



As part of the Child Development Course, pupils are given a scenario that their coursework is based on, for this year it is based in a Forest School. We got in touch with a local Forest School, My Little Explorers at Farley Mount, to organise a visit to give our pupils real life experience in a Forest School so that they could apply this to their learning at Kings'. The pupils had a fantastic visit and enjoyed getting stuck in working with the pre-school age children - making mud pies, sitting around the campfire and playing games. Thank you so much to My Little Explorers for hosting us, it is a truly magical setting!



Some of our pianist pupils participated in a Piano Masterclass Workshop at Peter Symonds College, where they engaged in a highly informative and inspiring day of musical enrichment. During the visit, pupils were given a detailed demonstration of how a Steinway piano is constructed and were introduced to the innovative Spirio self-playing piano, representing the latest advancement in Steinway's performance technology.



A particular highlight was the opportunity for one of our GCSE Year 10 pupils, Kyle, to take part in a masterclass with internationally renowned pianist Charles Owen. Kyle performed the first movement of Beethoven's Sonata No. 8 in C minor, "Pathétique" and received expert feedback in front of pupils from six different schools across the Winchester area.

Our thanks to Peter Symonds College for the invitation and hosting the event.



With GCSEs fast approaching we are on full steam support mode offering as many techniques and guidance tools that we have in our 'bank' to our Year 11s as they prepare for the exams. Miss Wood, Head of Year, has initiated a weekly newsletter to keep an all informed net on the key dates and information, as well as offer these helpful tips on study skills and pupil wellbeing.

Every weekday, teachers are running break & after school sessions for various



needs across subjects, whether it be to catch up, reach for the next grade or complete coursework. We have also run special sessions for specific individual needs, such as exam anxiety or study skills workshops. Supported by expert guest speakers, these aim to help pupils develop a range of skills and techniques to ease the exam process, and enable every individual to reach their full potential.

Our specialist EAL coordinator, Mrs Abyzovahe, this term introduced the Young Interpreters Scheme. This peer-buddying pupils' leadership program was established to support children and young people from diverse backgrounds, fostering empathy, understanding, and promoting an inclusive and supportive school community. This pupils' leadership scheme has been offered to Year 10 Prefects, as an opportunity to develop their confidence, communication, and leadership skills.



Congratulations to all those in Year 10 selected for the prestigious position as a School Prefect. We were impressed with the maturity and leadership shown throughout the selection process and there was a real buzz and celebratory atmosphere when they were announced during one of their group assemblies.



We were incredibly fortunate to procure the services of an outside First Aid course provider for our Year 11 GCSE Health and Social Care and Child Development pupils. Pupils had a great time learning how to put each other in recovery positions, practiced CPR and used bandages and slings to treat a wide variety of ailments. This RQF Level 2 Student course not only supports their learning about creating a safe environment but gives them a valued qualification, which will hopefully go on to support their futures in these fields and will look great on their CV!



It was wonderful to see so many pupils attending with their parents and carers at the Year 9 Options event earlier this term, and engaging so positively with staff presentations about the option subjects available. This was an in-person event which allowed pupils and parents to visit a carousel of different subjects and ask questions to help make decisions between specific subject areas as they prepare for Key Stage 4 and the start of their GCSE learning years. There was a real buzz around the school, and we are extremely proud of the breadth of options we are able to offer to support pupils in achieving academic excellence.





LUNCHTIMES



Great food for a great school, although fish and chip Wednesday seems to win the pupil vote!



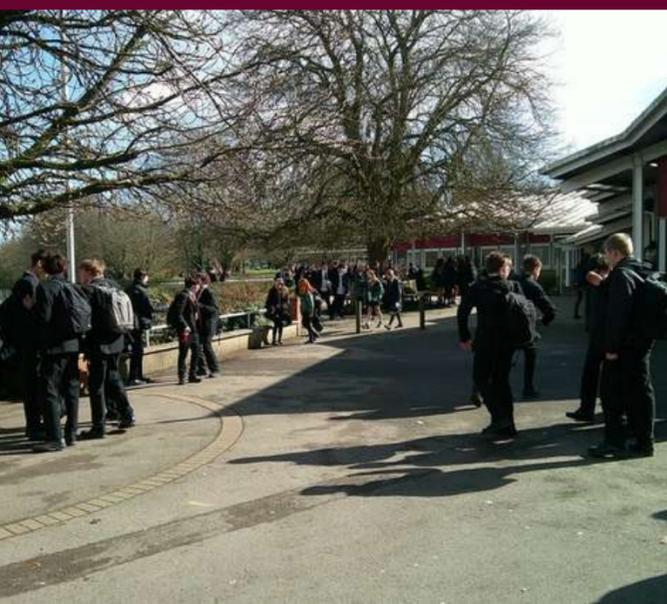
Then its on to clubs and activities, practice or rehearsal,



a bit of sport and recreation



or, just catching up with friends!



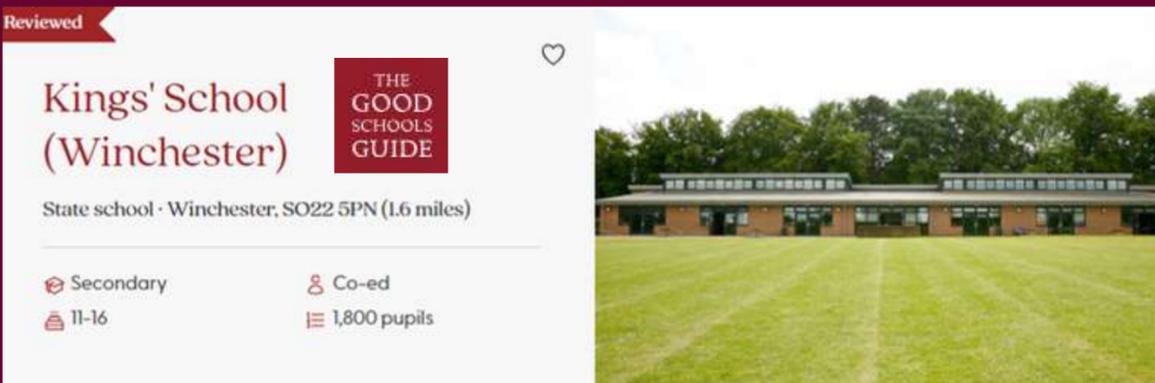


In February, with National Apprenticeship and Children Mental Health Awareness occurring in the same week, we ran two independent campaigns.



During the week, Tutors shared a number of short videos to celebrate and promote the wonderful world of apprenticeships, and to spark insight and curiosity into apprenticeship options that can inspire and shape their futures. This year's campaign focused on thinking about what interests and passions they have now, and how these might translate into real jobs through an apprenticeship.

The theme this year for Children's Mental Health Week was 'This is My Place', which is based around belonging and how we can feel a sense of belonging and help others feel like they belong. Pupils were encouraged to take time out, listen to yourself, be kind to yourself and be kind to others, and we encouraged everyone to talk to someone new in the week.



Earlier in the term we hosted a visit by the Good Schools Guide to do a review on the school. Unlike other websites, schools cannot pay to be included in The Good Schools Guide. This means their review of this school is independent, critical and fair, and written with parents' best interests at heart.

We are really pleased how the visit went and want to thank all those that took part, especially the pupils who shared their views in the formal engagement sessions and ad-hoc as the visitors toured around the school. The review is now published, you must subscribe to view, however not a bad opening line:

Kings' School (Winchester) has it all – great results and extracurricular, superb facilities and it is as inclusive as schools can get. No wonder so many families move to the area specifically for this 'private school without the fees', as it has become known – and they don't regret it!



We are delighted to share and offer our congratulations to seven former Kings' pupils, who have been successful in gaining a place at either Oxford or Cambridge University. Cecily Wilson, Isla Crooks, Kayleigh Green, Thomas Hampson, Amelie Gill, and a deferred position for Jubilee Eyesan, were amongst 57 Oxbridge

offers to students studying for A Levels at Peter Symonds College, with the seventh studying at Barton Peveril Sixth Form College.

This is an incredible achievement and demonstrates how having unlimited ambition, dedication and hard work earns success in achieving your goals.



INSPIRING FUTURES



We are pleased to announce we have again been awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard accreditation. It is a fantastic achievement which highlights many areas of strength in the post 16 education and careers

support and provision. Led by our extremely experienced careers leader, Mrs Turner, pupils are offered a wide range of opportunities and activities to broaden horizons and prepare them for the next phase of their learning or employment journey.

The Quality in Careers Standard is a nationally recognised framework that ensures high-quality careers education and guidance in schools and colleges, aligning with the Gatsby Benchmarks for effective career guidance. It is designed to accredit and recognise best practices and aims to ensure career programmes meet statutory requirements.



Our Enterprise Club have been hard at it again, running their pop-up shops for both Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. A lot of hard work went into hand crafting lots of goodies, from cards, to jewellery and flower bouquets for pupils and staff to purchase.



A huge welcome to all those Primary School families offered a place to start at Kings' this September and joining our community. Our Transition team have kicked into action to support your transition, both children and parents, from now, to when you start and beyond. We would like to draw your attention to the Transition section on our website: [Transition to Kings' | Kings' School Winchester](https://kings-hants.com/transition-to-kings/) which details a multitude of events our team will be running over the next six months to ease that transition.

— SUPPORT WITH TRANSITION

There are several ways we offer support to the families of pupils before you transition from Year 6.

- Outreach workshops with our feeder schools
- Parent coffee events
- Dedicated email address
- SEN Transition evening
- Primary School visits (where more than 5 children are joining Kings)
- Year 6 Induction Day
- New Year 6 Parent Information Evening
- On site uniform event
- Year 6 Summer School
- Year 7 only first day

— DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Notification Day: Monday 2 March 2026
- Transition packs dispatched: Friday 27 March 2026
- Coffee Events: Wednesday 25 March (pm) and Friday 24 April (am) 2026
- Year 6 SEN Parent briefing: Tuesday 19 May 2026
- Year 6 Additional Induction Day (Invitation only): Tuesday 16 June 2026
- Year 6 Induction Days (Your child will attend 1 of these dates):
Monday 22/Tuesday 23 June, Wednesday 1/Thursday 2 July 2026
8.45am – 3pm
- Year 6 Parents Information Evening: Thursday 2 July 2026
- Year 6 on site uniform pop up shop: Saturday 11 July 2026
- Year 6 Summer School: Thursday 23/Friday 24 July, Wednesday 26/Thursday 27 August 2026 8.30am – 3.15pm
- First day of term: Wednesday 2 September 2026 8.40am – 3.15pm

For more information contact Mrs. Jenkins, Transition Co-ordinator on [01962 861161](tel:01962861161) or via email to Transitions@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk



A big thank you too to our Year 7 Ambassadors, who having recently made that journey are visiting Primary Schools to share their experiences of moving schools and answer any questions children from Years 5 & 6 and their parents/carers have. The Ambassadors are a real credit to Kings' and we hope the primary schools enjoy our visits.

At the other end of the school, Year 11 pupils have also been attending interviews with Peter Symonds College as part of their post-16 planning. These interviews mark an important step as pupils begin thinking about their next stage of education, and it was great to hear how confidently they have presented themselves.

Typical Calendar of Activities and Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Debating	Hockey	Basketball	Basketball	Hockey
Hockey	Puzzle Club	Brass Group	Trading Card	String
Choir	Chamber-	Chess-Club	Games-Club	Orchestra
Book Club	Choir	Graphic Novel	Hockey	Netball
Jazz Band	Steel Band	Club	EARA	Badminton
Enterprise	Eco Club	Programming Club	Art-Music	Swimming
Club	Netball	Robotics Club	Club	
English Café	Rugby	Knitwits	Science Club	
Steel band	Inclusive	Video Games Club	Computing	
Computing	Swimming	Football	Club	
club	Latin	Orchestra	Football	
Inclusive		German		
Sport		D&T Practical		
		Projects		



Extra curricular club lists can be found on our website here: <https://kings-hants.com/clubs-activities>





TRIPS & ACTIVITIES



Despite the wet weather, some of Year 11 experienced an amazing day of creativity and literature at the English Poetry Live event. We were able to take 100 pupils to The Anvil in Basingstoke for this whole day event, which gave pupils the opportunity to listen to the poets such as Carol Ann Duffy and John Agard (pictured) read



their poems and then ask questions relating to their work. These are just some of the poets who they have been studying in the poetry anthology element of their English Literature GCSE exam. They also attended a presentation from one of AQA's chief examiners, who advised on how to answer exam questions.

We were delighted to be able to offer our Year 10 GCSE Drama pupils the opportunity to see 'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell in February at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford. 'Blood Brothers' is the play they are studying for their GCSE written exam, and this live experience was extremely beneficial for pupils to see how the production is performed, staged and designed in a professional context.



The English Department also organised a trip for 155 Year 11 pupils to see a performance of 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare at The Winchester Theatre Royal. Experiencing the play live helped bring Shakespeare's work to life and deepen pupils' understanding of the characters and themes they have been studying in class.

These trips and activities are an excellent way to broaden a child's development and learning journey, sometimes offering experiences that will live with them for many years. At Kings', we are proud to offer a broad and balanced range of activities from which pupils can choose that provide the opportunity to work with staff and peers in an enriched, more relaxed and practical environment.



SPORT



It has been a fantastic term for sports, despite some very challenging weather in the first half. The PE department have run approximately 20 fixtures a week, evenly split between boys and girls teams and across the years in Badminton, Basketball, Indoor Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Table Tennis, Cross Country and Volleyball. Kings' has had strong representation in all the district, regional and national championships; a mere snapshot follows:



Our boys Year 9 and Year 11 basketball teams have made it through to the County Cup finals, which would be Year 11s 3rd consecutive year as champions!



There have been great successes on the rugby park too. At the annual Perins 7s tournament, the Year 8 boys won the Plate trophy and our U16 girls were the overall winners of their category. Our Year 9 and Year 10 boys had a fantastic season winning against some challenging competition, however they both narrowly lost their final game to be runners up in the Hampshire District Cup finals. Kings' have also made the finals in the District Table Tennis, Indoor Cricket, Volleyball and X-Country Championships and our girls U14 and U16 netball teams have also had a great season finishing second in their respective leagues.



SPORT



Huge congratulations too, to our football teams who have dominated the region for both boys and girls across the year groups.



Kings' Year 7 girls were crowned County Champions after a hard fought game with Perins where it was clear that both teams were eager to win. The U16 boys and girls teams are also through to their Cup finals in the last week of term. Particular successes though were with our U15 Girls football team who made it through to the the National Cup quarter finals, unfortunately losing to a very strong team, and current champions, from Surbiton. It was an amazing achievement to get so far in such a fiercely contested competition with some of the best teams from across the country.



The boys hockey have had an outstanding season, with the U12s coming a very respectful 3rd place in the County Tier 1 Championship. Our U16 and U14 boys hockey teams play in their respective National Championship Finals in the last week of term at Nottingham Hockey Centre, having qualified earlier in the season with successes at both Hampshire Cup and South Central Regional Champions! We wish them good luck.

Kings' hockey is a clear stand-out in sporting success, and we are delighted to share that two more of our pupils have been selected to play hockey for England. Over the last 12 months, that is a staggering seven Kings' pupils now playing for England - two former Year 11 from last year, the three girls playing this year we shared previously, and now Bertie B (the UK Lions U14 Captain) and Nat E in Year 10 have been selected for project 2011, which is essentially the England U15 squad. Both will be leaving the Kings' Netherlands hockey tour this Easter a day early to play in an international tournament, also in the Netherlands. Huge congratulation to both on their achievement



COMIC RELIEF RED MILE



As part of our effort to fundraise for Comic Relief, and "doing something funny for money", we invited pupils and staff to join in our "Comic Relief Red Mile" run after school on Thursday 19th March.

Over 350 took part, most bringing along a funny item of red clothing to wear and completed the 1 mile either walking, running, ambling, doing it sidestep, or skipping around the school cross-country course.





We recognise that regular fitness and exercise play an important role in supporting physical health and mental wellbeing and we are thrilled with the installation of our new fitness suite.

This new inclusive space is suitable for all levels of fitness and is available throughout the week for Staff use and timetabled lessons for our KS4 Pupils.

This is a fantastic new addition to our already exceptional facilities and we look forward to it being used and enjoyed by our Staff and older Pupils.

Kings' Fundraiser - Science Laboratory Refurbishment Project

With thanks to our supporters, our Crowdfunder page continues to grow towards our key strategic focus project this year. We are hoping to achieve a total target of £700,000 altogether from different funding streams and £100,000 via our Crowdfunder page.

If you or anyone you know feel that you might be able to support this project, please do consider visiting our sponsorship page [Crowdfunder - Science Lab Refurb](#) or contact us via email at engagement@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk. We have now been able to add our project page to the Benevity Causes Portal. If you feel your company or one that you work for may be able to help, please take a look here [Science Laboratory Update and Refurbishment Project | Benevity Causes](#). Together, we can build inspiring laboratories that spark imagination, ambition, and opportunity for every young person at Kings'.





SUPPORT VACANCIES

We currently have no staff vacancies. Any opportunities in the future will be advertised on our website [Support Vacancies | Kings School](#).

Recognising that across the Kings' community we have some 48 various first and or home spoken languages, and as part of our recent website upgrade (mostly technical), we have added an option to translate the pages into other languages. Unfortunately, we cannot do it for all languages and have prioritised six that we deemed supported most.

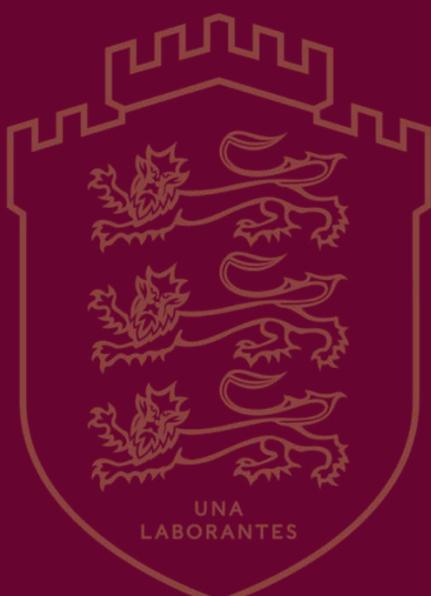
You will be aware that mobile phone use at Kings' is already prohibited during the school day (unless with medical exemption). However, in light of recent national attention, updated guidance from the Department of Education, and further emerging evidence, we believe it is right to review our current approach about mobile phones and smart devices at school.

We have been exploring the possibility of moving towards a school environment where smartphones and similar smart devices are no longer permitted on site. Thank you to all those who have engaged with use, sharing your views by email and attending the listening event in the last week of term. This work will be guided by our shared values and our commitment to discovering brilliance in every pupil, supporting their wellbeing, and creating the conditions in which they can thrive. We will notify parents and carers on our findings and decision in due course.

As part of our 40th Year celebrations we have been busy tracking down as many of our Year 11 group photos from the last 40 years as possible. These are now proudly displayed along the corridor off the main foyer. The corridor has enhanced the sense of belonging at Kings' for many, and with that, a renewed sense of pride for both our pupils and staff.



It serves as a reminder about two celebratory events we are running - an Alumni Sports day on 25th April and a family Fun Day on 4th July - see the flyers - which we hope will attract many past and present members of our Kings' community.





KINGS'



SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026
KINGS' SCHOOL ROMSEY ROAD



- ✓ Hockey 9.30 - 11.00
- ✓ Netball 12.00 - 14.00
- ✓ 5-a-side Football 14.00 - 16.00
- ✓ 7s Rugby 10.00 - 12.00
- ✓ Cricket 13.30 - 15.00

ALUMNI SPORTS DAY



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF KINGS'

Join our Alumni Community gathering to play sports, meet old friends and build new networks. Drinks and light snacks available on the day. Please scan the QR code to register your interest, join a team or just come along. Evening Social: 19.30 - Onwards - Upstairs at the William Walker, Winchester.

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KINGS' SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

AT XXX

**SATURDAY
4TH JULY
2026**

**12 PM
TILL
4 PM**

**FREE
ENTRY**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**FOOD & DRINK VENDORS - RAFFLE
PRIZES & MANY MORE...**





NOTICES



Dates for the diary

- 13 Apr - First Day of the Summer Term
13-24 Apr - Year 10 Exams
- 20 Apr-1 May - MF Languages, Art, Textiles and Photography GCSE Exams
- 21 Apr - Year 11 Latin GCSE workshop at Winchester College
- 23 Apr - Years 7 & 8 STEM Workshop
- 25 Apr - Kings' Alumni Sports Day
- 25-26 Apr - Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
- 29 Apr-1 May - Resource Provision Calshot Residential
- 1-5 May - Year 10 Holocaust Trip
- 5 May - Year 8 Parents Evening
- 9-10 May - Bronze DofE Qualifying Expedition
- 18 May-24 Jun- Year 11 GCSE Exams
- 19-20 May - Year 10 Geography Field Trip
- 21 May - Sport Photographs
- 22-29 May - Year 10 Ardeche Adventure
- 25-29 May - Half Term
- 1-12 Jun - Year 7 Assessments
- 3 Jun - Year 10 Parents Evening
- 8 Jun - Silver DofE Information Evening
- 10-11 Jun - Year 10 Geography Field Trip
- 19 Jun - Whole School Sports Day
- 22 Jun - Year 10 Peter Symonds College Taster Day
- 25 Jun - INSET Day
- 26 Jun - Year 11 Prom
- 26-28 Jun - Silver DofE Practice Expedition
- 28 Jun - School Production Rehearsal
- 29 Jun-3 Jul - Year 7 1-Day Geography Field Trips
- 30 Jun - Year 9 STEM Day
- 4 Jul - Kings' Family Fun Day
- 5 Jul - School Production Rehearsal
- 7-9 Jul - School Production 'We Will Rock You'
- 8 Jul - Open Morning for Years 5 & 6
- 10-12 Jul Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition
- 13-22 Jul - Year 10 Work Experience
- 13 Jul - Year 8 Science fair
- 19 Jul-9 Aug - Year 11 Peru World Challenge Expedition
- 20-22 Jul - Years 7-9 Year Group Residentials
- 20-21 - Years 7-9 Activity Days
- 22 Jul - Last Day of Term (**Half Day**)