

Kingstone High School Newsletter

Spring Term 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

As we have come to the end of the spring term, we say farewell to some members of staff. Mr Taylor leaves Kingstone for pastures new at another local school following his successful appointment as an Assistant Headteacher. We also say farewell to Miss Godwin. Mr Bufton will be leaving us just after the Easter break to take up a new post. We wish them all the very best for their futures. Mrs C Wood started her maternity leave just before the end of term and we have welcomed Miss L Finch to the PE department as her replacement. We are pleased to have made two successful appointments to the Maths department who will be taking up post in September.



At the start of the summer term we are welcoming the following members of staff into school.

- Mrs S Griffiths, who is a teacher of science and will also be the lead for STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Maths).
- Miss L Harrison, as a Pastoral Lead. Miss Harrison joins us from another local school and brings with her a wealth of experience in this role.
- Mrs K Hirons, HLTA. Mrs Hirons also joins us from a local school with experience of supporting students with additional needs.
- Mrs K Carwood, SEND TA, with experience of supporting students with specific additional needs.

We would also like to say congratulations to Mrs R Williams who has been successful in securing a head of year role as a result of Mr Taylor's departure.

Mrs Williams will take over as Head of Year 9 on a short term basis until the May half term.



This newsletter gives a brief flavour of some of the events we have had happening this term, from sports to SPHERE, and a trip to Lambing Live. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy Easter break; I hope you enjoy the sunshine and look forward to seeing you in the new term.
Mr L Butler



Lambing Live

Dates for your Diary

Monday 17 April	Term starts
Friday 21 April	Yr9 Catch Up Vaccinations Dip Tet, Polio, Meningitis
Wednesday 26 April	Year 7,8 Junior maths challenge
Thursday 27 April	Year 10 Parents' Evening (excluding English)
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 May	Year 7 Parents' Evening (K, I & N)
Thursday 4 May	Year 7 Parents' Evening (G, S)
Monday 8 May	King's Coronation Bank Holiday
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June - Half term	
Wednesday 14 June	Drop down day
Tuesday 4 July	Year 10 Three College Open Morning
Thursday 6 July	Year 6 Transition Day
Term ends	Wednesday 19 July @ 12.30pm
INSET school closed	Thursday 20 July and Friday 21 July

More events will be added to the calendar—please check our website for updates
Sports fixtures are on our sports portal <https://sport.kingstone-high.hereford.sch.uk/>

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"I wanted to write to you specifically about the Girls' Champions you brought on the day – they were outstanding and we received so many compliments about them. I've written a letter which I would be really grateful if you could share with each student and their family. Please also feel free to



share this with SLT. They were an absolute credit to you and Kingstone and I wouldn't hesitate to have them as Girls' Champions again." Managing Director—**Here Girls Can Festival.** Tilly, Jess, Ruby W, Ruby C, Lois, Bel

School Values Games

The Year 10 Young Leaders went off to the School Values Games in pouring rain, comments were

"Please can you pass on my thanks to Miss Jones Sarah and the young leaders for their sterling efforts yesterday. Conditions were atrocious at the beginning and then improved slightly. However, whatever the conditions were like, the YLs were positive, cheerful and a tremendous advert for Kingstone High School." Jess G, Bella F, Tilly T, Ruby C, Lucy M, Izzy W, Isobel

M, Ruby W, Archie L, Callum M, Conrad H, Aaron P, Mattie G, Olly Q.

Although in schools rugby is traditionally played during the winter term and finishes at Christmas, we are lucky that there is a separate version of the game that is played in warmer weather. This year we took our year 7 and year 11 teams to the county rugby 7's tournament held at The Bishop of Herefords Bluecoat school. For the year 7 pupils this was a completely new experience and adaptation of the game compared to what they have previously participated in. This year there have been few opportunities for the year 7 pupils to play any form of rugby. For some of the pupils this was only their third time playing in a competitive scenario. They played against schools such as Hereford Cathedral School, Bishops, St. Mary's, Hereford academy and White cross. The pupils who took part demonstrated a fantastic attitude and level of sportsmanship. There were victories and a handful of narrow losses all of which were within two scores. This team has a lot of potential and they will no doubt be successful in rugby 7's and 15's in their years to come.

The year 11 team after good success last year turned up with a high level of expectation. We had a few last minute injuries but fortunately, we were able to still arrive with a full squad. The weather was very poor which meant that the style of play needed to be adapted and limited some creativity. The players started with a tight and successful game against St. Marys with tries being scored throughout both halves. The heavens opened mid-way through the first game and stayed that way for the remainder of the afternoon. Matches followed against White cross and Bishops with a victory against White cross and sadly a loss against a very well organised and experienced Bishops side. There were a number of year 10 pupils in the side so again we look forward to next year's competitions. Mr T. Watkins



Kingstone High School Students mark Holocaust Memorial Day

Key Stage 3 students at Kingstone High School marked Holocaust Memorial Day on Friday 27th January with a 'Drop Down Day' where students had a series of special lessons to find out more and reflect on the events of the Holocaust. This included a lower school assembly and work looking at the roles played by Perpetrators, Collaborators, Bystanders and Resisters. Students also looked at art-work portraying the Holocaust and learnt about the Jewish practise of using stones as memorials. The day culminated with students finding the name of a Holocaust victim and decorating a stone in their memory. The stones were then used to create a cairn in the school grounds to remember the day and the events of the Holocaust. Mr Booy, the school's SPHERE Coordinator, said 'Each year we like to come together as a school to raise awareness and focus on a particular event or theme. This year we chose the Holocaust as it is important that students do not forget and can actually speak out against actions of genocide that unfortunately continue around the world to this day.'



Sports Round – Up

This season has been a monumental one for Kingstone, with improvements being made by all year groups in comparison to previous years. Our Year 7 team are hoping to qualify for the knockout stages (awaiting other results) after winning 3 of their 4 matches. With Cal Luke and George Measor putting in strong performances which saw them represent the Year 8 team in their final game last week.

The Year 8 team will wait to see if they are through or not as well, following a set back defeat against Whitecross the boys bounced back and recorded wins over Bishops, Academy and Fairfield. Archie Gwillim, Freddie Morris and Tyler Davies all getting the nod to step up and help out the Year 9 team as well. Year 9 continues to go from strength to strength, they have an im-



portant fixture remaining vs Fairfield when they return. A win will seal a place in the knockout stages of the league, but also a place in the final of the Rural Cup, where Weobley waits. A number of boys have stepped in and helped the A&B teams in Year 10 including Dom Zawadzki, Oliver Bradley, Mason Turner, Harry Rees, Harry Briggs and Davyd Antonuik.



Year 10 have seen the biggest improvement, who last season finished bottom of their group, this season they have won it and progressed to the knockouts. Having faced tough competition in Bishops (2-2), wins against Academy and Fairfield but them in a strong position, but the best result of their season came from a 4-1 victory over last season's champions St Mary's. Callum Maddy, Theo Middleton, Theo Walmsley, Oliver Quinsey and Freddy Ferneyhough again proving the strength in depth representing the Year 11 team.

The season has seen the emergence of our first Year 10 B team, and what a great success! Winning 3 out of 4 matches, they have proved that they are waiting in the wings and ready to step up for the A team if needed, to which some have done with great effect, in the



form of Riley Lamb, Leon Scotford and had it not been for a cancellation Archie Langford. Last but by no means least, the Year 11 team. With a victory over a Fairfield, put the first points on the board for Kingstone in since pre covid for the boys. Tough defeats against strong opposition in John Kyrle and John Masefield means that the boys won't be progressing out of the group, but they still have one remaining fixture after the Easter break as they welcome Academy to Kingstone to face off in the Marcus Powell trophy, with the boy's hopeful of retaining the trophy they won last season. They know it will be a tough task having only beaten their opponents on penalties last time out.



This year, we have entered our girls team into the first round of leagues set up by the Herefordshire FA. This has had some teething issues with other schools and trying to accommodate the large number of fixtures we've had going about, but the demand from the students has made the fixtures all worth while. The Year 7&8 team look likely to advance to the next round of matches with a chance of reaching the finals at Edgar Street after some fabulous wins, put what is impressive is the amount of, or rather lack of, goals that the girls have conceded, with just 2 goals going in from 7 games! Years 9&10 have been unfortunate in their outings, being reduced in numbers due to travel restrictions and pitch sizes, this has hampered some of the football abilities, nonetheless the girls have continually battled well and played the games in the right spirit, digging in and showing some true grit. Had luck favoured them a little more, they could well be looking at the knockout stages as well.



I would just like to add what an amazing half term of football it's been. Quite often I have found myself completing 4 fixtures a week, and on the odd occasion even staying on a Friday to get the games played, seeing the smiles on the faces of the students has made it all worth while and it's been a pleasure to watch...even with some of the choice playlist Louis Crump has had on the

minibus away days! Finally, a HUGE thank you to Year 11 student James Wilson that has done a fantastic job at supporting the PE department with his refereeing skills all year long. He has conducted himself brilliantly and is a credit to his family and the school. Time after time, opposition staff are so complimentary of his performances, even to the stage where staff have requested that we bring James along to away fixtures. See you after the break for some Summer Sports, with Tennis, Rounders, Cricket and Athletics fixtures waiting in the wings, and of course the best day of the year, Sports Day! Mr Thomas

SPHERE whole school Drop Down Day.

On Tuesday 28th March students took part in a whole range of activities, both in school and out on visits. They will swap activity or visit on the next drop down day in June

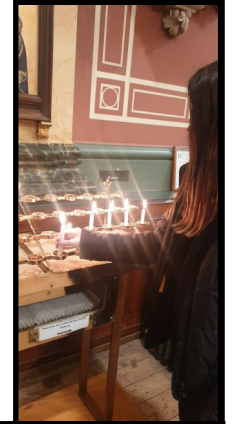
Year 7 were all in school either doing STEM challenges, making Marble runs, Spaghetti Bridges and Balloon powered cars, or an E-Safety workshop



Year 8 either did a First Aid course to obtain their Young Medic's First Aid Certificates, or visited Hereford Churches St Francis Xavier Church: ***'Just to let you know we had both your School groups over this morning. They were a credit to your School. Polite, attentive, well behaved and full of good questions! You will be welcome again anytime.'***



Hereford Cathedral: ***'We thoroughly enjoyed hosting you yesterday and all commented on how interested and engaged your students were.'***



Year 9 either went to Cardiff to visit a Mosque, Synagogue and go ice skating, or took part in a workshop on Body Positivity and Eating Disorders.



Year 10 either visited Hereford College of Arts or took part in a workshop on sexual health. Hereford College of Arts: ***'It was a pleasure to have the students in! They were a credit to the school! We are looking forward to welcoming the second group in June'***

Year 11 went on a trip to Alton towers as an opportunity to unwind before the final push towards their GCSE exams.





Friends of



Kingstone
ACADEMY TRUST



Would like to invite you to meet the team at
The Bullring, Kingstone
Thursday 20th April
From 7pm

Come and find out what we are about and join our merry
band of volunteers. Everyone welcome.



Friends of Kingstone Academy Trust
invite you to join in the celebration
of

King Charles II Coronation
at Kingstone High School

On Friday 5th May from 3.30pm

All Welcome

Free Entry

BBQ /Tea&Coffee/Cakes

Come and enjoy a street style celebration in the
grounds of Kingstone High School

The Friends of Kingstone High School has linked with Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School and KES to hold events together. The Summer Fete last July was the first event held since Covid and now having held a Christmas Fayre and the recent Easter Egg-stravaganza, we are going from strength to strength.

We raised a significant amount of money through these events and all the departments were invited to put in a bid for the funds and the vote went to the students. The students decided to buy goal posts for the PE department.

Our next events are: A Community Coronation Street Party at school on Friday 5th May after school and the Summer Fete on Saturday 8th July from 12.30pm - 3pm.

If you would like to help arrange these events or any events in the future, we are inviting parents, carers and extended family to a meet and greet in The Bull at 7pm on Thursday 20th April. Come and share your ideas! All Welcome.