

8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another fabulous week has just flashed past, there is much to report!

Tuesday morning we welcomed Alan Bissett to talk with our Y9 and Y10 boys. Alongside being an accomplished author, Alan has worked with Scottish Police on their advertising campaign 'Don't be that guy'. Our boys listened attentively as he helped them to navigate consent and respectful relationships through humour and a relatable language to all. After the event, Alan Bissett said, *"Thank you so much for such a lovely visit to Kingshill yesterday. The young people were a real credit to you all the staff were all very welcoming."* Feedback from our students and staff include that the talk was relevant, informative, engaging, and accessible. Thank you to Mr Macaulay and Mrs Hughes for organising such an important opportunity for our boys,

We walked 123 students to the Barn Theatre on Wednesday to see Treasure Island. The students and staff had a fantastic experience. Thank you Ms Stone for organising yet another super opportunity for our students.

Our Y11 art, design and textile students have been busy completing their mock exams this week. I had the pleasure of visiting the textiles class at the end of the day and the atmosphere and quality rivalled any fine haute couture house. Equally, the 3D designers produced some stunning pieces in their mock exams. The ambition and resilience the students were demonstrating was simply breathtaking.

Our Y9 students took over Rugsrats and Half-pints on Wednesday evening and had a brilliant time bonding as a year group and letting off some steam! Thank you Mrs Biggs and your team for enabling this trip.

### **Sports Awards Evening**

On Tuesday we held our annual Sports Awards Evening attended by 140 students and an audience of their friends and family members. Mrs Lindley spoke about our Kingshill STEPs and how integral they are to participation and success in sport. Mr Pritchard shared his personal sporting journey and the benefits of participating in a variety of sporting activities. We were joined by Olympic Sports Commentator Rob Walker who treated us to an inspiring and entertaining speech about the role sport has played in his own life and the journey he has taken to achieve his personal goals. Kingshill GCSE PE student Freya B (Year 10) confidently delivered an extremely thought-provoking speech to the audience about the role of Women in Sport.

The PE faculty then presented awards for Outstanding Achievement, Exceptional Spirit and High Achiever across a wide variety of sports to our students. The evening culminated in the presentation of Key Stage 3 Awards for Matt D and Charlotte M, Key Stage 4 Awards for Sam K and Alana C, Team of the Year for the Year 8 Footballers, Leadership Cup for Eliza T and Sports College Plate for Dan S. Another fantastic year of sport for Kingshill PE.

*Mr Hamblin, Head of PE*

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

The school looked and sounded incredibly festive on Thursday as we wore our Christmas jumpers to raise money for Save the Children. We all enjoyed singing along to the Christmas songs in the dining hall; it certainly helped lift

our spirits. Thank you to everyone who took part in our Christmas Jumper day. We raised an amazing £760.52 for Save the Children. These days are so important – thank you to all who supported this.

### **Parent Forum**

We are very excited to announce the launch of our “Parent Forum”.

Our first meeting will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 9.10am until 10.30am, meeting in the Dining Room. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend. If you wish to come along, and to help us plan for the meeting, please book a place via [head@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.ch.uk](mailto:head@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.ch.uk) by 3pm on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

The agenda for the Parent Forum will be:

1. Terms of Reference Review - [CKS Parent Forum Terms of Reference](#)
2. Cirencester Kingshill School Strategy and Vision
3. Tour of the School
4. Kingshill Next Steps
5. Agree the Agenda for the next Parent Forum

*Mrs Jo Lindley, Headteacher*

### **Understanding ‘Educake’ for Parents**

As you are aware, Science and Humanities use an online package called Educake for setting homework. It is a really good system for checking understanding, retrieval practice and also encourages pupils to take responsibility for their learning outside of the classroom. Educake have created the following short video for Parents/Carers to explain how it works and to also show you how students can use it when revising. Do feel free to take a look and discuss this with your child. [Educake for Parents](#).

*Mrs Sharron Pearson, Head of Science    Mr Paul Rowe, Head of Humanities*

### **Christmas Concert**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are moving next week's Christmas Concert from St John's Church back to the school. The concert will now be held during the school day and recorded so that parents can watch the performances at home. A link to the recording will be sent out before the end of term. In the new year, we will contact you again to advertise our next set of exciting student performances, including information on the summer production. We hope that you will join us at one or more of these events celebrating our fantastic singers, musicians and actors.

*Mr Lee, Assistant Headteacher*

### **Sports Update**

On Wednesday our Year 7 netballers attended the District tournament at Farmor’s School. They demonstrated many of our Kingshill STEPs in very cold conditions, winning games against SWR and Westonbirt, drawing with Farmor’s Flyers. The following players received commendations from the other teams for their skill and gameplay: Lola T, Mollie G, and Seraphina W.

Coming up next week:

- Year 7 Christmas Inter-Tutor Dodgeball organised by our Kingshill Sports Leaders: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday lunchtimes
- Year 11 District Cup Rugby v Marling (Home)

*Mr Paul Hamblin, Head of PE*

Kindest regards,

Mrs Jo Lindley  
Headteacher

**Upcoming Events**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 7 – 11 Nasal Flu Programme (until Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> ) Foodbank Appeal Closes
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 visit to the Christmas Lectures, Cheltenham
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Parents' Evening (in school) 4.00pm -7.00pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Years 8 & 9 Christmas Lunch
	Years 10 & 11 Christmas Lunch
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 10 and 11 visit to Cribbs Causeway 12.20pm - School Ends for Christmas Break (All school busses have been booked to undertake their normal service at this earlier time)