



# Kingshill Newsletter



4 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was wonderful to see our students in their summer uniform this week and although a little nippy in the mornings, the sun has been out in full force all week. We had the privilege of seeing the whole school gather together at the end of lunch on Tuesday for our Fire Drill. As always, the students were exemplary and to reward them for the responsibility taken, we have decided to hold a non-uniform day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – more details below.

The sunshine has also helped our attendance further this week – we have reached 92% year-to-date and on one day this week, we hit 93%!

This week's Fast Track Friday went to our brilliant Y11 students who secured the best behaviours this week. Next week, it's over to the year group completing the most homework on time!

From Y7D performing in the assembly, Sports Leaders supporting at the primary school, Saturn lifting the Geoguesser trophy with Ethan B in Y10, Y9s out at Woodchester Mansions, careers talks and our Y11s enjoying a final 'Hurrah' in their own Sports Day, it has been a jam-packed week. Amidst this, the Y11 students have also been completing their practical exams in Fine Art and the rest of the school have been actively engaged in their learning. Visitors to the school have commented on the outstanding learning behaviours they have seen in lessons and the pride our students have for their work.

## **Cohort 2025**

We may have already celebrated the success of our Year 11 students in their mock interviews in our newsletter last week, but we thought you may like to get a sense of how smart they looked in the year group photograph below!



In addition to this, we were also delighted to have received such positive feedback from local employers which you may have seen over social media in recent days!

# Y11 Mock Interview Feedback



## 7D Assembly

Monday saw 7D take their turn at leading the Year group assembly and they did a fine job in both narrating and acting out the story of Prometheus and how he angered Zeus by stealing fire for man. Zeus punished him severely by chaining him to a rock and sent an Eagle each day to peck and eat at Prometheus.

The moral of how we must use our given wisdom and technology for good to build a better world for generations to come was not lost on the audience and staff who enjoyed the performance enormously. Well done 7D!



## Joe Wicks

We were delighted to receive a personalised video message from the legendary body coach and television personality, Joe Wicks, last week! His contact with us was orchestrated through some typically proactive work by Bella, one of our Head Students, and in sharing his message through tutor times over recent days, students have been encouraged to reflect on Joe's advice around connections and motivations, linking his overall philosophy to our STEPs, some of which he even manages to name in his video! See how many you can spot?!



Mr J Morland  
Assistant Headteacher, Character Development



### How Marketing & Fundraising Drive Charity Impact – Careers Talk

On Monday morning, students gathered in the library for an insightful career talk about working for a charity. The speaker shared valuable information about the rewarding opportunities in the charity sector and the qualifications needed to pursue this career path, such as qualifications in Marketing, Business, Accounting, and Charity Management.

Key skills for success in this field include strong planning and budgeting abilities, teamwork, and an understanding of cultural differences. The speaker emphasised that working in the charity sector is not just about a job, but about "wanting to be part of something much bigger" and contributing to a cause that inspires and makes a difference.

It was a fantastic session that helped students understand how they can combine their interests and skills to pursue a meaningful career in this inspiring sector.



### Drum Hang

On Thursday 10th April Lunchtime 1.20pm  
Introducing our first: "DrumHang"

Giving all Drummers, wanna-be drummers and those who love beats and Music the chance to come and watch some drum performances from our Kingshill Drummers, this is not a "SCHOOL of ROCK" style session. Come check out the beats of "Central Cee, Dave, Royal Blood" and more at lunchtime Thursday 10th April!

Ollie  
The Alternative Drum School

### Lunchtime Concert

A massive well done and thank you to our amazing performers in this term's Lunchtime Concert! Matthew, Anabelle, and Kacper have performed in every concert so far—it shows great **Pride**, **Ambition**, and **Resilience** to keep coming back (we think they secretly enjoy it!).

Well done to Isla, who showed great **Resilience** in her first performance. A big well done to Poppy for demonstrating **Kindness** and supporting her nervous friend.



Helen and Maisy arrived suited and booted—thank you for dressing up for the occasion! (One of the perks of having the concert on Interview Day.)

The next concert is set for May 23rd, just two days before Mr. Ashby's birthday, and he would love nothing more than to see even more incredible performances from our talented students.

Thank you and see you soon!  
Kingshill Music Department

### Team Win to Qualify for County Finals

The U15 (Year 9/10) Indoor Cricket Team won their preliminary County Cup round of matches against Leckhampton High and Churchdown School, on Monday 31st March. In our first game against Churchdown, Kingshill scored an outstanding 96/4 from 5 overs and then fielded superbly bowling the opposition out for 26. Special mention goes to Harry K who bowled a three wicket maiden! In the final game Kingshill faced a competent Leckhampton team, who scored 37 runs from their 5 overs. Entering the innings with confidence following our previous batting performance, we dually started on the front foot and Josh P hit the winning runs in style with a 6. This took our total to 41-2 from 2.5 overs. Once again, the teams' **pride** and **responsibility** in the field shone through and we started the defence of our County Indoor Cricket title from last year in perfect style! Josh P and Callum L captained the team with poise and were helped throughout by our Head Boy Matt D who is their assistant coach this year.

The team have now qualified for the County Finals in a few weeks' time. With the U13s also winning their preliminary round of games last week, we once again have two Cricket teams in the County Indoor finals.

U15 Team: Matt D (Coach), Josh P (C), Olly R-S, Fraser L (WK), Harry K, Billy L, Wilf J and Callum L (C).

### Swimathon Student Success



We are delighted to share the inspiring achievement of Cameron, who recently took part in the Swimathon event at Cirencester Leisure Centre, pushing himself to complete an epic 5k swim—a staggering 200 lengths! In an incredible display of endurance, he even finished with a butterfly stroke after two hours of continuous swimming.

Cameron was the youngest participant in the 5k event and, in doing so, raised nearly £300 for Cancer Research UK and the Swimathon Foundation, which helps provide swimming lessons to children from all backgrounds.

When we spoke to Cameron to congratulate him, he remained as modest as ever, but his classmates were in awe of his achievement, and rightly so. Well done, Cameron—you have made us all incredibly **proud**!

### Next Friday

Last week, our students demonstrated outstanding **responsibility** and cooperation during our fire drill, which took place at the end of lunchtime. Despite the timing, they responded quickly, followed instructions, and showed great awareness of safety procedures.

As a well-earned reward, we're excited to announce a non-uniform day! This is just one of the fun activities we have planned for next week as we gear up for the Easter break. We can't wait to celebrate!



### Term Dates

We are pleased to confirm that our term dates for the 2025-2026 academic year have now been finalised. For full details, please see on our school website by clicking [here](#) or contact the school office if you have any questions.

### **Kingshill's Got Talent**

There are still a few tickets left for our upcoming Kingshill's Got Talent. Don't miss this unforgettable event!

**Date:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 7pm

**Tickets:** [Kingshill School event tickets from TicketSource](#)



See you there!

### **Closing Remarks**

With Y11 practical exams in full swing next week, learning will remain a key focus across all year groups until the final hour of the day on Friday. We are already looking forward to the whole school quiz with prizes and rewards galore in store!

Happy Weekend

Mrs Jo Lindley  
Headteacher

### **Returning Week: Week B**

Click [here](#) for Community Events

### **Upcoming Events**

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Parents Information Evening – Munich, Dining Hall, 5.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Y10 Lea Wood 9am
	<b>Parents Information Evening – Iceland Trip, Dining Hall, 5.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Y11 Targeted Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Non Uniform day!</b>
	FKS – Popcorn sale £1, break time
	Lunch-a-oke, Dining Hall, 1.20-2.15pm
	<b>Easter quiz and fun, P5</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Half Term – 2 weeks!</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y9 Girls STEM, P1-P2
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Y11 Textiles GCSE Practical
	Y9 Imperial War Museum, 7.30am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y11 3D Design GCSE Practical
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y10 DofE Training Day in school, 1pm
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y9 DTP/MenACWY Vaccinations
	<b>Y8/Y9 Parent's Info Evening – Paris Trip, Dining Hall, 5pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Y8 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Kingshill's Got Talent, Bingham Hall, 7pm
	Y7-Y10 Rounders vs Deer Park (A), 3.30pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y10 University of Oxford, 8.40am
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y7-Y10 Rounders vs Archway (A), 3.30pm
	<b>Y10 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y9/Y10 District Athletics at Kingshill, 4pm

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y10 Duke of Edinburgh, PRO, 9am
	Y7-Y9 Author Visit – Fleur Hitchcock, 10am
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y7-Y9 Rounders vs SWR (A), 3.30pm
	Y9/Y10 district Athletics at Kingshill, 4pm
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Parent's Info Evening, Whitemoor Lakes, 4.30pm</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Lunchtime concert, 1.20pm
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>HALF TERM BREAK!</b>

***\*Please note that for TRIPS, the time listed is the leave time. Please ensure your child is at school at least 15 minutes prior to the leave time.***