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Dear Parent/Carer,

This last week, in terms of the calendar, was supposedly a quieter week here at Kingshill. As you read through our newsletter, you will see that we have still enjoyed a purposeful and busy week. My highlight was being sat in a meeting with Mrs Christopher only to hear a huge rumpus from outside during lesson time. As we stepped out to find out the cause, we were greeted by medal clad grinning Y9 boys having just defeated Deer Park 3-1 in the District Finals. To then discover the Y10 boys had also won their final was simply fantastic – that's the kind of disturbance you don't mind in a school!

STEPS

During their weekly STEPs time with their tutors, our students have been busy developing some exciting plans for improving our school environment, ready for presenting at the end of this term and at the start of Term 6. Some of their imagination shown by the students has shown real **ambition** and we are very keen to see their ideas develop so that we can all feel increasingly **proud** of our school.

Jeremy Morland
Senior Assistant Headteacher | Head of Key Stage 4

Y10 student leaders

This week saw the launch of the application process for our Student Leaders for 2024-25. Our current Y11 Student Leaders, including our Head Students and their Deputies have established a superb starting point for student leadership but with their exams now underway, it is time for the baton to be passed to our Y10 students to build on the legacy that has already been established.

In their assembly earlier this week and in the subsequent letter that has been sent home to parents, I have outlined the rationale of creating a team of Student Leaders and the application process which students can also access via Show My Homework. Mrs Lindley and I really look forward to reading their applications, listening to their **ambitions** and working more closely with them in developing their **responsibilities** and overall impact on the school community.

Jeremy Morland
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Assemblies this week

Mrs Christopher and I have led assemblies for each year group this week with an explicit focus on the importance of **self-regulation**. Whilst the vast majority of students conduct themselves sensibly and **responsibly** throughout the school day, we have been keen to reinforce the idea of social norms in terms of reducing levels of physical contact during social times and ensuring that their movement around, what is essentially, quite a small school site is calm and composed.

Alongside this, students have been asked to take increased **responsibility** for ensuring that they make use of break and lunch times for using the toilet and filling their water bottles rather than needing to ask

to leave lessons to do so. As a reminder (and with warmer weather surely due to arrive at some stage!), could we please ask that you ensure your child is equipped with a water bottle each day.

Jeremy Morland
Senior Assistant Headteacher | Head of Key Stage 4

GRFU Girls Carousel Day

Y8-11 Girls are invited to take part in a rugby taster session on **Saturday 27th April**. The afternoon will be an opportunity to try out new skill and make new friends!

The training session is at no cost to the individual and food will be provided after the training.

GRFU welcomes all new players, irrespective of experience; rugby is a game for all!

The coaches will be on hand to answer any questions you may have on the day.

If you wish to attend can you complete [this form](#).

Sports Department

Kingshill Reads

This week, alongside the Head's letter, you will receive the first edition of our new termly reading newsletter, KINGSHILL READS. As we continue to develop our reading culture at Kingshill, this will provide our students with further suggestions of what to read next and will ensure they are never stuck for a book! Please take the time to share this with your children and help us to grow our reading community.

Mr Smith
Head of English

Y7/Y8 Junior Mathematics Challenge

On Thursday 25th April, approximately 120 Y7/8 students will take part in the Junior Mathematics Challenge. This is a UK run competition, consisting of a 60 minute, 25 multiple choice challenge. The problems on the challenge encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make the students think. The top students will then receive a **bronze**, **silver** or **gold** certificate.

Use this link to have a go at a past paper!

[Competition Papers - UKMT](#)

Good luck to all of those taking part. We look forward to seeing how you have done.

Mathematics Faculty

Y9 District Football Champions

On Tuesday afternoon Year 9 played against Deer Park in the Boys Football District final. The team were chasing their 3rd consecutive District title and despite having a hiccup in the group stage, were full of confidence. The team started the game well and were 1-0 within the first 10 minutes as Max drove the ball into the bottom corner. We doubled our lead soon after as Olly bent the ball into the top corner and were 3-0 up at half time, this time from a penalty that Olly placed into the bottom corner.

Our half time team talk revolved around continuing to show *pride* in our performance and knowing we would need to show *resilience* if Deer Park pushed players forward chasing a result. We were defensively superb for the entirety of the second half and despite conceding late, were crowned District Champions for the **3rd time!**

The team will now move into the County Cup Quarter finals and will play a team from the Forest of Dean in the next round.

Mr S Thomas



Y10 District Football Champions

A huge congratulations to all boys involved in the Y10 Football Final against Marling on Tuesday 16th April. I have been so impressed with their resilience and ambition this year. Last year, they made the final but lost to Rednock 6-1. This year, they faced Rednock in the semi final and managed a 4-2 win which is a reflection on how far they have developed as players in just one year.

The final got off to a perfect start with a well placed goal from Jonah going in half time at 1-0. We then scored a great goal, early in the second half to go into a confident lead of 2-0. Unfortunately, Marling

really bounced back and scored two goals in fairly quick concession. This resulted in the final score being 2-2, with no extra time which meant only one thing, penalties.

Calm heads, and total control under pressure was required and it was great to see so many people happy to step forward and take on responsibility. Some great goalkeeping work from Luke, and superb penalty taking from Dylan, Sam, Seb and finally Finn secured a much deserved victory. Thank you to all pupils and parents who came along to support, and a huge well done to the players involved.

Mr Ryder



Closing Remarks

Over this weekend, I wish Y11s *responsibility* and *resilience* as you continue to revise and our Y10s *ambition* as you consider your student leader applications. For our Y7, Y8 and Y9 students, thank you for reflecting on the messaging this week around self-regulation. We are a kinder community when we are self-aware and self-reflective of our actions.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Jo Lindley
Headteacher

Upcoming events

Friday 19 th April	Y9 Options form deadline
Monday 22 nd April	EXTEND Summer Programme starts
Wednesday 23 rd April	Y7 Rugrats & Halfpints 18:30-20:00
Thursday 25 th April	UK Junior Maths Challenge – select students
	Y7 Health & Wellbeing Day 9:00-14:30 – select students
Wednesday 1 st May	Y7 Whitemoor Parents' Information Evening 18:00
Friday 10 th May	Y9 Imperial War Museum 8:30-17:30 – select students
Monday 13 th May	Y10 Lea Woods, Fairford 9:10-15:00 – select students
Thursday 16 th May	Y7/8/9 Author visit / workshop 9:30-15:00
Friday 17 th May	Y9 DTP/MenACWY vaccinations
27th May – 31st May	Term Break

Community Activities / Events



The poster features a black background with a string of warm white lights at the top. On the left, there are colorful musical notes and a treble clef. On the right, there is a green silhouette of a person skateboarding. The text is centered and reads: **Cricklade YOUTH FESTIVAL** in white and red. Below this, a red banner contains the date **SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024**. Underneath, it says **at Cricklade Leisure Centre** and **10.00am - 4.00pm**. A teal banner at the bottom says **JOIN US FOR FREE SPORTS, ARTS, MUSIC AND FUN!**. At the very bottom, there are three logos: the Cricklade Leisure Centre crest, the Cricklade Leisure Centre logo, and the Wiltshire Council logo.

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SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024

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Just £10
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Mondays from 14:15-14:45

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13th & 20th May



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Spring view 4th March - Go Live 11th March
Summer view 17th June - Go Live 1st July
Winter view 18th Nov - Go Live 2nd Dec

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