

13th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a bustling and busy week we have enjoyed, and we've managed to fit it all into 4 days!

Chelsea's Choice

On Monday morning Year 8 watched the performance of 'Chelsea's Choice' which, although covers the challenging theme of sexual exploitation, is a key aspect to our Personal Development curriculum. Students were supported by our School Beat Officer in subsequent lessons to discuss the powerful messages that they had seen and heard during the morning.

Young Minds Matter

We are delighted to share with you that Kingshill is now a Young Minds Matter School. This will allow us to access further emotional support for our young people and enhance learning and understanding for all via assemblies and small group sessions. The Mental Health Support Team will focus on students exhibiting mild to moderate mental health needs that tend to be out of the scope of the NHS provision. The hope is that such early intervention will prevent escalation and implement resilience. This is not designed to replace the fantastic existing support led by Mrs See and Mrs Jeffrey but to add another layer. We warmly welcome the organisation into our school.

Mrs Debbie Christopher
Senior Assistant Head

Careers Convention

Our Careers Convention was an enormous success on Tuesday evening. We welcomed over 2000 students and parents on site to meet and talk with over 75 exhibitors. The atmosphere was full of ambition with students from all year groups able to access the event as the exhibitors spanned from work experience, Post 16, Post 18 and some just opened our eyes to the huge array of employment opportunities available to us. Watch this space on the professional wing walking team; I have asked them to deliver an assembly for us in the near future. The event wouldn't have been possible without the enormous efforts of Mrs Hicks and Mrs Dyer, the site team, our fabulous Year 11 leaders and of course you, the parents and carers who supported your young person in attending.

Y11 Study Skills Evening

On Thursday evening we welcomed our Year 11 students and their parents and carers to a crucial study skills session in preparation for their penultimate mock examinations in November. They were reminded that our brains are actually designed to forget information and in fact, we have to train our brains to store knowledge into the long-term memory. For all of our students, it is important to remember that regular retrieval of knowledge supports a bigger long-term memory, this in turn allows you to apply knowledge in more complex scenarios. Completing homework is vital to support this retrieval practice.

Mr Jeremy Morland
Senior Assistant Head

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Another thank you to our Year 7 parents and tutors who attended the Year 7 information evening on Wednesday evening. Here, parents learned more about the strategic priorities for the school, had the opportunity to meet the tutor and heard all about the summer residential to Whitemoor Lakes. As we have High Ambition for All, we are aiming for 100% participation in this event, if you have any questions regarding the trip, do get in touch with Mr Ryder.

Mr Luke Ryder
Head of Year 7

Sporting Update

Summer Slade, in Year 10, has recently been selected to join the England U16 rugby development programme. Summer plays for Supermarine Rugby Girls, who are holding an Inner Warrior event tomorrow, Saturday 14th October 2023, from 10.00am to 12.00pm, for new potential players to have a go. Well done Summer!

Cross Country

The following students competed at KLB on Wednesday in the cross country and were amazing!

Year 7 Joseph A, Joey B, Hollie D
Year 8 Josie E, Rebecca W, Isabelle S
Year 9 Luzianna W, Harry B, Ollie E, Ruan D
Year 10 Ted D, Abigail C, Gracie D, Zoe M

We will share official placings once we have had confirmation. Thank you for taking part!

I hope you and your family have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jo Lindley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 17th October Year 10 Parents' Evening (on line) 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday 24th October - Friday 27th October

School production Everybody's Talking About Jamie @ Griffin Theatre 7.00pm

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November October Half Term

*Please note – **Year 11 Parents' Evening** was originally planned for Thursday 9th November. This has now been moved to Monday 18th December to discuss the outcomes of the mock exams. Further details to follow.*