

27th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

In our last newsletter of the term, I wanted to thank all parents and carers for your support during our first very long term together. Normally by the end of such a long term, it is easy to feel tired and exhausted. However, there remains a real sense of positive energy amongst the Kingshill team; students are still motivated and determined to be the best versions of themselves and this is palpable across the school. Maybe some of this is due to our unwavering commitment to the STEPs, the sporting successes, the prospect of the KS4 residential to Munich, or maybe just maybe it is the fact that we have been gearing up all term for the pinnacle of 'Everyone is Talking about Jamie'. As I write this, I am still to witness the performance for myself, but each member of the team who has attended the performances has provided glowing reviews – I know I am in for a real treat on Friday evening and I hope everyone who has attended and for those who will attend with me, truly appreciates the resilience, ambition and pride our students have demonstrated – I cannot wait to report back next term.

Year 11 Student Leaders

During the past week, we have interviewed 9 of our Year 11 Student Leaders who put themselves forward for the role of Head Student. A key part of this stage of the process was each of them submitting a short video to explain 'Why Me...?' in which they were asked to articulate their vision in being a Head Student.

Mrs Lindley and I watched all of these videos and completed our interviews during this past week and were in awe of the quality of the films and the clarity of ideas which the students expressed. Above all else, they each demonstrated a wonderful willingness to support the development of the school and promote the ethos and culture outlined in our STEPs. Such brilliance did lead to some very difficult decisions, as in truth, all would be capable of leading and making powerful contributions to the school.

After much debate and discussion, we are proud to announce that our two Head Students are Oliver Horne and Lily Aldridge with Olivia Power and Thomas Haden appointed as Deputy Head Students. Within the wider team of Student Leaders, there are still significant roles to fill in leading initiatives such as peer mentoring, charity work and fundraising and we are confident that this exceptional Year 11 team will create a lasting impression on Kingshill

Mr J Morland
Senior Deputy Head

Mobile Phone

Thank you for supporting our recent communication regarding mobile phones. To clarify, the reason for not requesting phones to be switched on until 3.20pm is due to the fact that staff cannot adequately supervise with the business at the end of the school day. A reminder to those attending after school clubs and fixtures, phones are to remain at the bottom of their bag. This change is to accommodate those students who are waiting for the later buses.

Mr D Stillman
Assistant Head



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Extend Curriculum

We are very excited to be able to increase our extra-curricular offer at Kingshill and have been heartened to see how many students are taking advantage of our lunchtime and after-school clubs and events. The term 2 offer has over 50 Extend opportunities, the link to which can be found [here](#) and students will be going through these with tutors after half term. Please do take time to discuss the Extend offer with your child and also complete the short questionnaire that we would be grateful if you could complete. The questionnaire can be found [here](#). This will help us tailor our provision to match the interest in our student body.

Thank you for your support.

Mr S Pritchard
Deputy Headteacher

School Catering and Student Council Meeting

On Monday this week I had a business meeting with Mr Howell, the Regional Operations Manager from Innovate Catering Services. Last week he met our Student Council to get student feedback and comments on the morning break and lunch service. Mr Howell spoke very highly of our students and asked me to pass on "his thanks to the students who attended the meeting and also for their professionalism in the way they conducted themselves at the meeting with some very constructive comments and some very complementary feedback which has already been passed onto the team".

Mrs S Gardiner
School Business Manager

Sporting Update

- Year 11 Rugby v Deer Park (48-7 Win)
- Year 10 Rugby v Deer Park (Loss)
- Years 7-11 Netball v SWR. Close results for all teams with Year 9 securing an 11-8 win. The following players were awarded Player of the Match by SWR: Year 7 Lola T, Year 8 Ellie A, Year 9 Sophie H-O, Year 10 Emilia C, Year 11 Khaya S
- District Cross Country Trials at Archway: 12 runners competed in wet and muddy conditions on a very hilly and challenging course. The following students have qualified for the Gloucestershire School County Cross Country event in Newent on Sunday 3rd December: Joey B (Year 7), Joseph S (Year 8), Robbie S (Year 8), Oliver E (Year 9), Harry B (Year 9), Isabella S (Year 10)
- Year 8 Rugby v Deer Park (15-35 Loss)
- Year 9 Rugby v Deer Park (35-21 Win)
- Year 7 Rugby v Deer Park (Competitive Friendly)



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So, we say goodbye to one another for a well-deserved week of rest, but we all look forward to returning on Monday 6th November showing pride in our uniform and ready for another term of ambitious learning and resilience to take on new activities through the Extend curriculum. Stay kind to one another over the half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Lindley
Headteacher

Upcoming events

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November

Half Term

Monday 6th November

Return to school