



Cirencester Kingshill School

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Year 11 - You're Hired!



On Wednesday 7th February 2018, the dining room and drama studio were transformed into a corporate setting, as 34 local employers generously donated their time to conduct mock interviews.

- Year 11 pupils overcame their initial nerves and looked
- incredibly smart and professional. Having already
- completed CVs and being asked to research the
- companies they had been selected to meet, they
- impressively rose to the challenge of being interviewed. The
- overall feedback was excellent. One employer said "I was
- so inspired by this event. Your pupils were superb". Very well
- done Year 11. I do hope this will aid you in securing a job in
- the future. Be proud of yourselves!

Mrs P. Hicks Careers Co-ordinator





THE HEAD writes...

Dear Parents



As the end of term approaches I would like to wish you all a happy Easter holiday. Year 11 pupils are now under pressure with preparations for GCSE examinations. I hope that the Easter break gives them a chance to start their revision. I am aware that many Year 11 pupils will be attending the two revision days in school on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th April 2018. I hope these prove to be useful to the pupils. I know that, as parents, you will give them encouragement and help at this stressful time. I would like to wish all Year 11 pupils good luck with their forthcoming GCSE examinations.

Thank you for the continued support you give to the school as parents. The very strong home/school links we have certainly adds to the success of Kingshill School.

This term we say goodbye to Mr D. Lloyd, Science Teacher, who is moving to Beaufort School. Mr Lloyd has been at Kingshill School for just over 10 years. We wish him good luck in his new post.

Congratulations to Miss R. Waller who is currently on maternity leave and has had a baby boy. Ms V. Mudway will also be taking maternity leave from Easter and we wish her well on the birth of her baby. We look forward to welcoming both members of staff back to Kingshill School.

This term we have welcomed Miss H. Dixon, Textiles Teacher, Mrs H. Fairgrieve, Office Manager, Mr D. Evans, Site Assistant and Miss E. Kelly, Library, Careers and Resources Assistant. Miss A. Hartland, Humanities Teacher, will also be joining us after Easter. We would like to welcome these staff to Kingshill School and hope that they enjoy their time with us. Also, welcome back to Miss L. McConnachie, Design and Technology Teacher who has returned from maternity leave.

Please remember that the summer term for pupils begins on Monday 16th April 2018, when summer uniform can be worn.

Miss Christine S. Oates, Headteacher

Change of Inset day 2018

The official celebrations marking the Centenary of the Royal Air Force are to be held at the RAF Base Fairford on Friday 13th July 2018. We have been advised that there may be considerable disruption to the area on this day. We therefore feel that it would be best for all concerned to move the INSET day that was scheduled for Wednesday 25th July 2018 to **Friday 13th July 2018.**

News from the Chair of Governors

Since the last Newsletter, Governors have met on the following occasions:

- Full Governing Body – 7th December 2017 and 11th January 2018
- Curriculum and Pastoral Committee – 10th January 2018
- Finance Committee – 1st February 2018
- Buildings and Health and Safety – 7th February 2018
- Staffing Committee – 17th January 2018

Full Governing Body

Two presentations were made to the meeting in December:

- Miss V. Richards explained the provisions being made for Gifted and Talented pupils.
- Mr A. Thomas explained how pupil progress targets have been incorporated into staff performance management.

The meeting in January received the Annual Report and approved the Accounts.

Curriculum and Pastoral Committee

Governors received and approved the Annual Safeguarding Audit Report.

Policies reviewed annually included:

- Equality Statement and Objectives
- Pupil Exclusion
- Collective Worship
- Community Cohesion
- International Schools
- Pupil Premium
- Substance Misuse
- Teaching and Learning Policy

The meeting also received reports on Pupil Premium, Safeguarding and from governors linked to the Design and Technology, English, Expressive Arts, Humanities, Modern Foreign Languages, Physical Education/Games, Science, Special Educational Needs faculties and the Pastoral System. Consideration was given to Key Stage 3 Option choices and to non-GCSE courses at Key Stage 4.

Finance Committee

The committee reviewed the monthly outturn vs budget statements and any

savings made. The committee approved the Support Staff Pay Award, reviewed the Cleaning Contract and discussed proposed bids for Capital Expenditure grants.

Buildings and Health & Safety Committee

The committee reviewed the progress on the roof repairs. Reports were considered on a number of items including the condition of the perimeter road, the school's heating system, cleaning and grounds maintenance.

Staffing Committee

Policies reviewed annually included those for:

- Maternity, Paternity and Adoption, and the arrangements for the associated leave
- Shared Parental leave
- Probation period procedures for Support Staff
- Whistle-Blowing procedure
- Capability procedures

Mr A. Johnson, Chair of Governors.

New Staff

Welcome to our new members of staff this term. We wish you the best for a happy time at Kingshill School.



Name: **Miss Hayley Dixon**
 Role: **Teacher of Textiles**
 Last book read: **The White Road-Edmund de Waal**
 Best film: **My Neighbor Totoro-Hayao Miyazaki**
 Claim to fame: **Having work exhibited in the Design Centre in London**
 Three words to describe you: **Creative, Kind, Loyal**



Name: **Mr David Evans**
 Role: **Site Assistant**
 Last book read: **Arthas: Rise of the Lich King**
 Best film: **Star Wars Ep 5: Empire Strikes Back**
 Claim to fame: **I once cooked for Ed Miliband**
 Three words to describe you: **Charismatic, Kind and Approachable**



Name: **Mrs Hannah Fairgrieve**
 Role: **Office Manager/Assistant to the Head's PA**
 Last book read: **Me Before You**
 Best film: **Lion**
 Claim to fame: **I once met Mark from Westlife**
 Three words to describe you: **Honest, Thoughtful and Generous**



Thank you from the Friends of Kingshill

On Tuesday 12th December 2017, the Friends attended the Christmas Concert at Watermoor Church. It was a fantastic evening with pupils and parents and we were delighted to raise over £400.00. Thank you to everyone who purchased refreshments or raffle tickets on the night.

We are just about to hand over a cheque for £1500.00 which will be spent by the school to fund Year 11 GCSE revision packs for Mathematics and English and a contribution towards the leavers book – your children will soon be benefitting from funds raised by the Friends!

We are also just about to purchase two outdoor permanent table tennis tables for use by the pupils during lunch and break times. These tables have been the focus of our fundraising in the past year, so we are delighted that we are now in a position to be able to purchase them. The tables will be installed after the Easter break and pupils will be able to borrow bats and balls from Mr Hill. A big thank you to everyone who has supported all the various events over the past year helping us achieve what we believe will be a great addition for the pupils.

Our attention now turns to the Easter Raffle, which we hope will be one of the biggest fundraising opportunities of 2018. This year we have a top prize of an ASUS Vivobook E12 E203NA laptop (worth over £200.00), second prize is a £50.00 Amazon gift voucher together with numerous other fabulous prizes including an Easter chocolate hamper, champagne and many other kindly donated prizes. Books of tickets (priced at £1.00 per ticket – 5 tickets per book) are being sent out to each family from the beginning of March, with the draw taking place at the Easter Concert

on Wednesday 28th March 2018. Your support in selling the tickets to as many of your friends and family will be much appreciated. If you require any more books, please do let us know via email and we will ensure you receive more. Full details will be in the envelopes being sent out to families.

Our next main meeting will be Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7.00p.m. in the meeting room at school. All parents are welcome and if you wish to receive updates and copies of the minutes please do contact us and we will be pleased to add you to our distribution list.

We have recently launched our own Facebook page, which will give updates on our fundraising, details of meetings and other information on the Friends of Kingshill School. We would welcome as many parents as possible to 'like' our page to receive updates. You can find our page at www.facebook.com/fkscirencester or you can search on Facebook using @FKSCirencester. All of our future meeting dates and planned fundraising activities are also shown on the 'Parents' tab of the school website.

We can be contacted via e-mail fksc@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk or via our Facebook page.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Friends of Kingshill School (PTA)

Lost Property

Please can you ensure that all clothing and equipment coming in to school is clearly named to include the pupils name and tutor group. This will allow us to ensure lost property is returned in a timely manner to the correct pupil.

Collection of pupils during the school day

If you require a pupil to be collected by someone during the school day who is not on the school's list of approved contacts, please can you ensure you include the following in the information provided to the school:

(i) who will be collecting them and

(ii) on which date this is relevant for.

Unfortunately, without this written permission we will not be able to allow the pupil to leave school. This is part of our required safeguarding arrangements. If you require someone to be added to the approved list of contacts for a pupil on an ongoing basis, please email the school so that the information can be updated.

Cirencester Kingshill School, Annual Christmas Concert 2017



■ Cirencester Kingshill Annual Carol Concert, Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor Tuesday 12th December 2017

On Tuesday 12th December 2017, Watermoor Church hosted the annual Carol Concert. It was well supported and a really successful evening that brought together the different music department ensembles and GCSE performers. Groups included the Ukulele Band, Choir, Kingshill Band, Guitar and Flute ensemble. The repertoire was a huge variety of modern carols, more traditional carols and popular music.

It was a real community event and a real kick start to Christmas in preparation for all the festivities remaining that week and over the holidays. The event saw around 180 in the audience and around 100 performers singing, which saw the church being full to the rafters and created a really intimate atmosphere. This was further enhanced at the beginning when members of the ukulele group walked around the church during the hymn 'Silent Night' with candles. The pupils involved were a credit to the school as well as to their parents.

The next big event is Voice in a Million on Thursday 15th March 2018 with the choir performing at Wembley Arena. I look forward to seeing you all at the Easter concert on Wednesday 28th March 2018 at the school.

Mr J. Driver, Head of Music



■ Pupils L-R: Ben Steel, 7A, Joe Pauling, 8G, Tom Oram, 8B, Oliver Fry, 7C, Tariro Mutizwa, 7F, Heidi Ford, 7G

Fitness Tracker Competition Winners...

At the start of term, between Tuesday 9th and Monday 15th January 2018, the team from Ed's Kitchen ran an exciting competition in the dining hall for all the pupils to take part in. If a pupil found an Ed's Kitchen sticker on the bottom of their plate, they instantly won a free hot snack and they were also entered into a prize draw to win an Activity Tracker bracelet. There were six lucky winners (pictured) in total and they were presented with their activity trackers by the kitchen team.

Mrs H. Fairgrieve, Office Manager

Charity Open Mic Evening 2018

On Thursday 1st February 2018, the annual Kingshill Open Mic Night took place! Every year it is organised and hosted by two Year 10 GCSE Music pupils and this year myself and Elli Jones took on the task. This involved; sorting out the performers, creating the programme, organising the structure of the evening and preparing our own pieces of music.

Pupils from every year group performed on a variety of instruments (including voice, cello, piano, drums and others), the evening ran smoothly and was a celebration of how much talent in Expressive Arts we have at Kingshill School.

Amelia Calvert, 10A



Mosaic Workshop

At the end of last term, Year 9 pupils worked with local Mosaic artist Debbie Stirling to produce 3 mosaic panels which will be displayed in the Abbey Grounds in Cirencester to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Abbey.

All of Year 9 were set the task to come up with a design for a mosaic, based on Cirencester, its heritage and surroundings.

We were very impressed with the range of original and creative designs that the pupils produced and Miss Richards and I had the very difficult task of narrowing down our choice to just 3 designs.

We ended up selecting 15 designs and managed to incorporate elements from a few into the final 3. We chose the pupils who had designed the final best 15 images to work with Ms Stirling creating the panels.

The pupils had a lovely day off timetable working alongside Ms Stirling

and her assistants, learning how to safely and carefully cut the delicate "tesserae" into suitable size and shaped pieces. They also used mirror and glass beads which were stuck onto an MDF board with PVA glue.

Everyone worked very hard all day and the pupils managed to complete all 3 panels by the end of the day. Ms Stirling then took the finished panels away with

her to grout them and to ensure that they are water and frost proof ready to be put in their permanent home alongside mosaics produced by other local schools in the Abbey grounds. They should all be ready and on display in the early summer and we look forward to their unveiling!

Mrs R. Vine, Head of Art



Kingshill Pupils Outstanding in Eco-Schools National Debate

As the school with the longest running Green Flag accreditation in the South West, we were invited to participate in the first ever Eco-Schools national debate. Five Year 10 pupils were selected to represent the school in this prestigious event to showcase their knowledge of global environmental issues.

Amelia Calvert and Maisie Tweed take up the story ...

Last term, Tom Griffin 10C, Charlotte Butler 10C, Joe Wiles 10C, Maisie Tweed 10A and Amelia Calvert 10A (joined by Miss Thomas and Mr Evans) set off to London to take part in the National Eco-Schools Debate which was held in 'Kidzania', a vast kids' activity centre.

Before the event we were told the subjects we would be debating, but not which side we would be arguing for... we were told 15 minutes before the first debate! The rules were very strict which was challenging for us, for example we had to fill exactly 5 minutes to speak and lost marks if we were 10 seconds under or over. The first debate we participated in was arguing against the question: "Is Fair Trade a Successful Social Movement?". The other debate topics were: "Deforestation has only Negative Effects", "Energy Security is More Important than Food Security" and "Global Demands for Water are Rising, this will Lead to Conflict". We

believe we had to argue the more difficult side for each of them!

There were 19 other schools participating from around the country and it was scary as we didn't know how prepared they were going to be...but also reassuring as we didn't have to worry about embarrassing ourselves too much!

Our first debate didn't go as well as we hoped as we read too fast, not filling up the five minutes. After, we were told by the judges our arguments were far superior but we gained less marks because we were under time. We learnt from this mistake and for the next three debates we perfectly filled the time. After our final and most challenging debate, we were allowed to take part in the activities available at Kidzania. It was a fun way to relax after hours of intense debating.

Overall we all thoroughly enjoyed our day, and believe it has helped us. The geography knowledge will be useful for our GCSEs and the confidence we built will help us in the future. We hope that the school will participate in this event again so other year groups can experience this brilliant day.

Mr T. Lee, Head of English, Amelia Calvert, 10A, Maisie Tweed, 10A



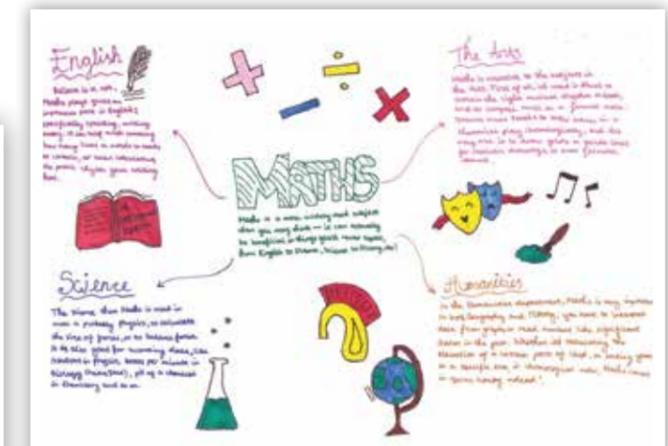
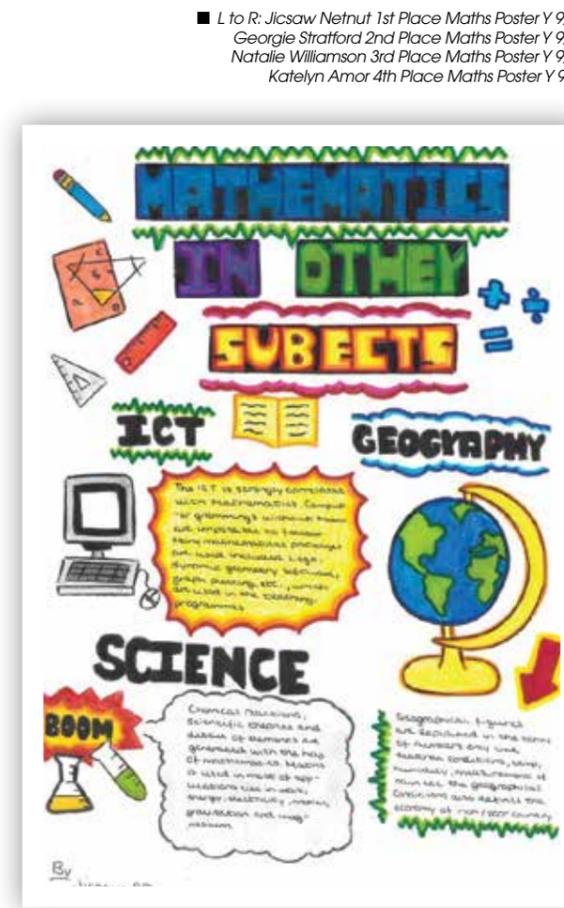
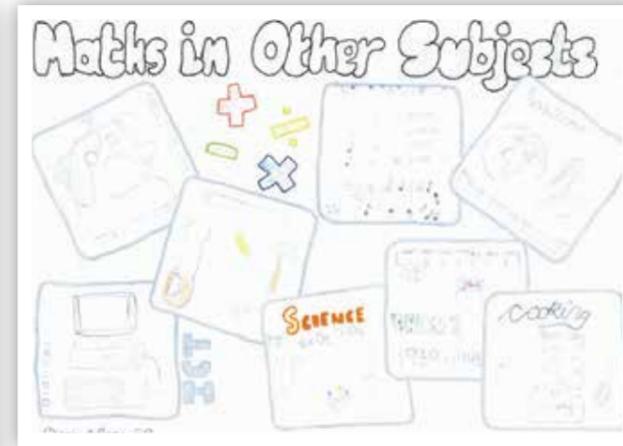
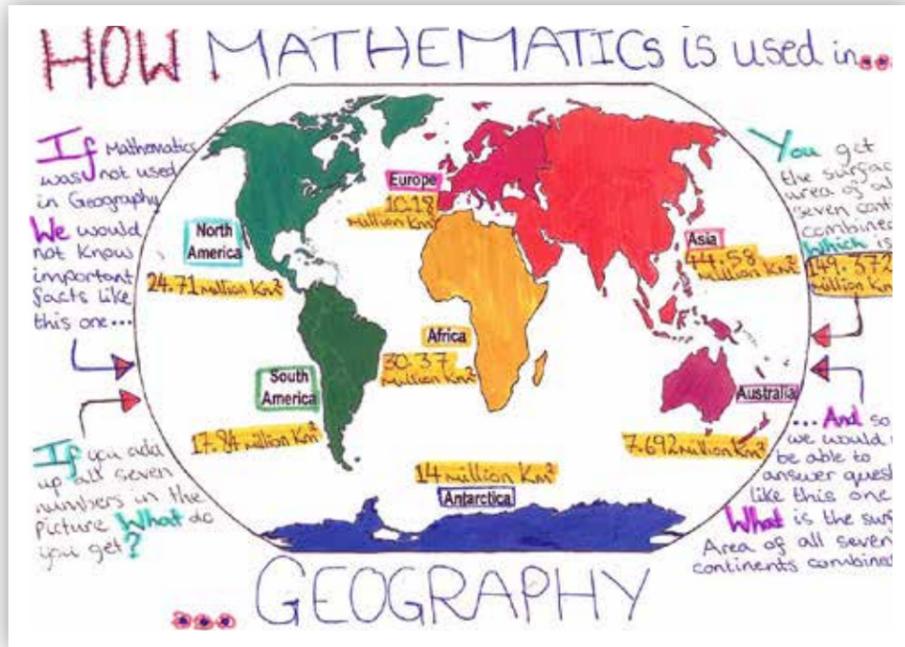
Max Barnfield raises money for Scope

For the past 18 months Max Barnfield 11G, has been volunteering in the Scope charity shop in Cirencester on a weekly basis. He works in the shop on a Saturday and a Sunday and also gives up his free time to work there during school holidays. Max thoroughly enjoys working in the shop and in particular meeting the many new people who come in to the shop each day.

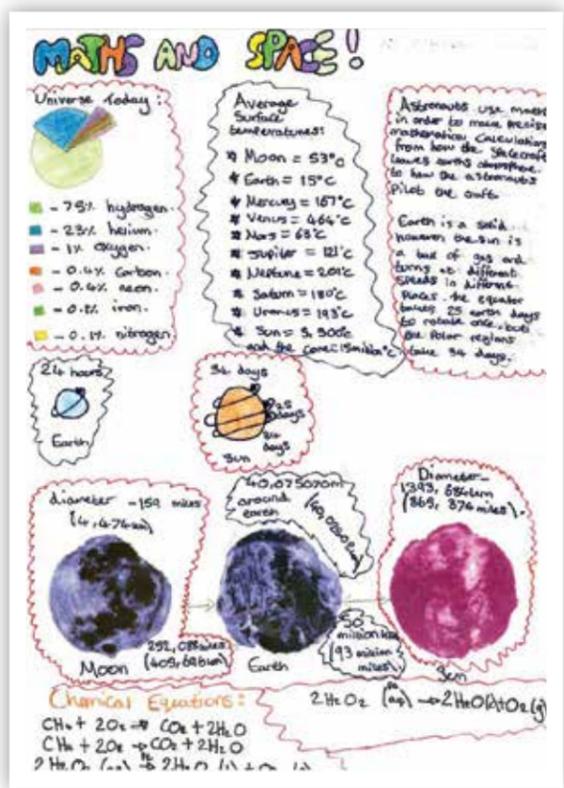
In addition to this fantastic volunteering work, Max has started to fundraise for Scope and so far he has organised two bake sales which took place in October 2017. Both sales were a huge success and Max raised £217.00 for Scope which is a superb achievement. Max was also interviewed by Radio Gloucestershire on Saturday 2nd December 2017, to celebrate the reopening of the shop, so he is really making his mark in the local community.

We are very proud of everything Max is achieving and we look forward to hearing more about his work at Scope in the future.

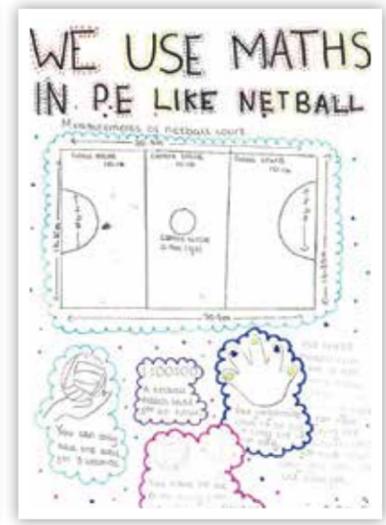
Mr L. Ryder, Head of Year 11



■ L to R: Maria Smith 1st Place Maths Poster Y 7, Gloria Kabu 2nd Place Maths Poster Y 7, Kimberley Ryan 3rd Place Maths Poster Y 7, Bella Price 4th Place Maths Poster Y 7.



■ L to R: Ellie Swadling 1st Place Maths Poster Y 8, Chloe A'Bear 2nd Place Maths Poster Y 8, Alice Aldridge 3rd Place Maths Poster Y 8, Holly Loveridge 4th Place Maths Poster Y 8



Mathematics in other subjects - Poster Competition Winners

During November 2017, the Mathematics Faculty held its annual poster competition for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. This year the challenge was to design a poster showing how Mathematics is used in other subjects. The competition was a huge success with over 300 entries, so choosing a winner was very difficult. A big well done to all the participants and here are some of the winning entries.
- Mr S. Edwards, Teacher of Mathematics



From Feathers to Plate

This term GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition pupils experienced an economical cookery week by learning how to portion a whole fresh chicken and serving up a restaurant-class dish of chicken breast stuffed with spinach and ricotta cheese wrapped in bacon. This was served with ratatouille, potato rosti and parmesan crisps. Learning where our food comes from is fundamental to really understanding the process that food products go through and how many dishes you can make from 1 small chicken.

The Year 11's have nearly completed their GCSE Food practical examination and the food they have turned out has been of a high standard. They all worked very well and did themselves proud. We have had food from all corners of the world and I have had a great time tasting them all!

Mrs L. De-Gay, Teacher of Design and Technology (Food)



Pastoral News

Terms 3 and 4 have seen the Pastoral Team focusing on Internet safety combined with its link to mental health and well-being.

During the week beginning Monday 29th January 2018, PC Davis of Gloucestershire Constabulary delivered assemblies to all our year groups focusing on the topic of Sextortion. The results from the pupil questionnaire demonstrate the value of this. Prior to the assemblies many of our pupils, especially at Key Stage 3, had little understanding of this crime thus leaving them vulnerable whilst on line. Following the assemblies all pupils recognised greater understanding of the crime and the risk to themselves.

On Monday 19th February 2018 the whole of Year 9 attended a production of 'Is it worth it?' This is a combined venture by Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Board and Gloucestershire Constabulary. Pupils experienced an interactive roadshow that delivered a very credible message around E-safety, the dangers of sexting and the effects on mental health. It encouraged the pupils to think carefully about the consequences of what they post on-line.

As a school we are keen to ensure that every opportunity is taken to educate the young people in our care, in order that they, in turn, can safeguard themselves. Helping them to develop digital resilience is vital. As parents you are also key in nurturing resilience online.

Below are links to just a few of the many web sites out there to support parents:

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents
- www.parenting.digital
- www.getsafeonline.org
- www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

Mrs D. Christopher, Senior Assistant Head/Head of Key Stage 3

Year 11 Study Skills

On Thursday 25th January 2018, we were delighted to welcome an audience of well over 150 Year 11 pupils –and their parents – for a Study Skills event, designed to promote effective revision strategies in the run-up to the crucial examinations that are now just a few weeks away.

During the evening, Mr Morland and Mr Ryder gave pupils the opportunity to maximise different approaches to revision and time-management through a series of activities and self-reflections. One of the real highlights of the evening was hearing from 3 ex-pupils, Robbie Jackson, Beth Horton and Kane Parker who each left school with a fine set of GCSE results last summer. They spoke with great honesty and passion about how they got themselves organised and revising in ways that worked best for them and in the words of one current Year 11 pupil, 'really made me want to make sure I do as well as they did.'

It was interesting to note that each of these ex-pupils had different approaches to revision and a key feature of the event was in supporting pupils in understanding how to identify what worked best for them – alongside the importance of carefully organised planning!

We would like to express our thanks for the support of all parents during the evening – as we said throughout the session, the sense of pupils, parents and staff working together really is the key to success! As ever, we wish all of our Year 11 pupils, the very best of luck in these next few crucial weeks.

Mr J. Morland, Senior Assistant Head/Head of Key Stage 4



Snowy Skiing in Bulgaria!



What a fantastic trip! A team of staff took 47 Kingshill School pupils to the Bulgarian Ski Resort, Bansko. The pupils had a fantastic time on the slopes attempting blue, red and black runs. All pupils progressed within their skiing and the majority of the group made it to the very top peak. Off piste skiing with their instructors was a particular highlight!

Our hotel was in the centre of Bansko where the pupils were able to use the facilities such as play table tennis and swim in the pool. Each evening the teachers put on different après ski activities, such as; a quiz night, film night, shopping in the old town and a trip to a Bowling alley. The amount of fresh snow each day and the variety of slopes were the perfect combination and we were able to spend a lot of time enjoying the incredible skiing conditions! We were exceedingly proud of all our pupils as they represented the school so well. We cannot wait to take another group to the same resort next year! Bring on 2019!

Miss R. Steel, Physical Education Teacher



Sport News



Cross Country

The pupils competing in the various cross country competitions over the past terms have done an amazing job in some rather adverse conditions. Mrs See, Athletics, Endurance Coach has been there supporting Team Kingshill and here are some of her highlights.



Schools County Cross Country Championships at Newent, Saturday 2nd December 2017

Congratulations to the pupils who competed:

- Jack Andrews (Yr7) - 3rd**
- Millie Newell (Yr7) - 7th**
- Ryan Outram - (Yr8) - 2nd**
- Alfie Staynings - (Yr8) - 15th**
- Henry Dyson - (Yr9) - 22nd**

Mrs C. See, Athletics Coach



Schools South West Cross Country, Newton Abbot, Devon, Saturday 3rd February 2018

On a sunny, windy, hilly, and very, very muddy cross country two pupils made the long journey to compete in the Schools South West Cross Country. Both exceeded themselves and have gone through to Nationals in March.

- Jack Andrews (Yr7) - 18th**
- Ryan Outram - (Yr8) - 36th**

Mrs C. See, Athletics Coach



Equestrian

Show jumping success for Heidi Ford

Congratulations to Heidi Ford, 7G for achieving 1st place in the NSEA Show jumping competition at Wickstead Horseplay in December 2017.

Heidi was competing on her horse, Squire of Cranstoun, in the 90cm group against 72 other riders and was the fastest rider to complete the course over the two day competition.

Heidi has been riding since the age of 3 and her favourite competition is Eventing (Dressage, Show jumping and Cross Country). She also represents Kingshill School in the Kingshill Equestrian team.

Mrs S. Jones, Physical Education Assistant

Dance

An Evening of Dance

It was another outstanding year of performances at this year's Evening of Dance. The girls pushed themselves even further to try and beat their tough competition and really pushed their athletic and creative abilities. The audience was treated to a variety of performances including; contemporary, jazz, lyrical and even a 'creepy fairground' contemporary.

Congratulations to all those who took part and have gained points for their house.

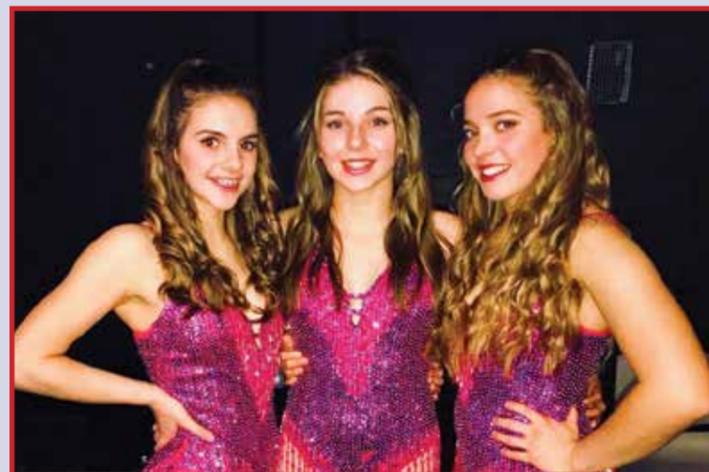
First place was awarded to Ella Court, 11D, Lily Wood, 11B and Bethany Rose, 11B for their amazing Jazz performance.

Runner up - Lucy Harvey, 9A for her beautiful contemporary piece.

Runner up - Sophie Gadd, 10D and Grace Conday, 10E for their energetic acrobatic routine.

Most Creative Chorography - Bethany Rose, 11B and Ella Court, 11D for their fairground inspired contemporary piece.

Mrs A. Hussey, Head of Girls Physical Education



■ Ella Court, 11D, Lily Wood, 11B and Bethany Rose, 11B Winners.



■ Left to right: Lucy Harvey, 9A, Sophie Gadd, 10D, Grace Conday, 10E runners up. Most creative choreography, Ella Court, 11D, and Bethany Rose, 11B.

Badminton



County Finals - Following their win at the district Badminton Competition, Ted Williams, 10C, Fred Hall, 10F, Pete Tipping, 10C, and Myles Ferris, 10F, competed in the County Badminton finals representing Kingshill School and the Cotswold District. They played some very tight matches which went down to the wire. They just missed out on a Bronze medal finally achieving 4th place.

Mrs H. Pauling, School Games Organiser

Sports Award Evening

Continued...

South African and Gloucester Rugby Union legend Mr Thinus Delpport presented the awards in front of an audience of over 400 pupils, parents and guests.

Mr Delpport spoke openly about his experiences that proved inspiring and entertaining. Miss Oates and Mr Hamblin were proud to present a summary of the various sporting events and achievements that have taken place over the last 12 months. Awards were also presented to pupils who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and responsibility as sports leaders within the school and the

community. Mr A. Thomas, Ella Court and Rhys Simmonds (Year 11 Pupils) spoke about the importance of taking part in physical activity and the power of sport to engage and inspire the audience.

Year 11 pupil Bethany Rose received the Leadership Cup and Abigail Evans was honoured with the Sports College Plate. Mr Ryder achieved the Sports Coach of the Year Shield for leading an outstanding Year 7 Football Team that also won the Team of the Year. The evening proved to be another successful event at Kingshill School.

Mr P. Hamblin, Head of Physical Education



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Sports Award Evening

On Thursday 23rd November 2017 Cirencester Kingshill School celebrated their annual Sports Awards Evening. Over 200 awards were presented for outstanding achievement and most improved performances in school sport. South African and Gloucester Rugby Union legend Mr Thinus Delpoort presented the awards.

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