



Cirencester Kingshill School

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A message from the Head

Dear Parent/ Carer,

A highlight of this term was the GCSE Awards Evening, where we were able to welcome back the 2022 leavers and celebrate their achievements and exceptional examination results. It was a pleasure to hold the event back in the school, the first time we have been able to do this in three years.

The Sports Awards Evening, Open Mornings and Parent's Evenings have also been back in school. It has been lovely to welcome prospective pupils and parents back and beneficial to meet face to face.

Our current Year 11 pupils have sat their mock examinations this term and I know they have been working hard for them. Well done to Year 11.

This term we have run many rewarding after school clubs as part of our successful EXTEND programme. Details of clubs for next term will be sent out on Parent Mail soon. We have also welcomed 15 new staff and they are introduced to you here in the newsletter.

This term we say goodbye to Mr. C. Simkiss, D&T Teacher. Mr. Simkiss has been at Kingshill School for just over 7 years. I would like to thank him for the time and commitment he has given to the School and wish him good luck in his new post.

I would like to thank all staff for continuing to offer excellent teaching and learning, helping our pupils to achieve success and enjoy their time here.

I would like to welcome the Year 7 pupils to Kingshill School. As you will see in this newsletter, they have settled in well to school life. We are sure they will thrive at Kingshill.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support for the school. I wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas, and I look forward to welcoming pupils back into school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Miss. C. S. Oates, Headteacher





News from the Chair of Governors

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

- Full Governing Body – 6th October 2022 and 1st December 2022
- Curriculum and Pastoral Committee – 8th November 2022
- Finance, Audit and Risk Committee – 13th October 2022
- Buildings and Health and Safety – 16th November 2022
- Staffing Committee – 2nd November 2022
- Chairs Committee – 29th September 2022

All the above meetings were held online except for the Full Governing Body Meetings which took place in school.

Full Governing Body

The principal item at the Full Governing Body meeting of the 6th October 2022 was the Head's report, which provided governors with details of the work of the school since the previous report in July 2022. We were also given a detailed breakdown of the GCSE and BTEC grades awarded to the Year 11 pupils in the Summer of 2022. Overall this Summer's results were the best the school has ever recorded and the pupils and staff are to be congratulated on their achievements.

On 1st December our auditors presented us with the 2021-22 Financial Statement and the related Reports to Governors. Mrs. Christopher gave an update on Safeguarding within Kingshill and Mrs. Stones, Head of Expressive Arts gave a presentation on the wide-ranging work of the faculty.

Curriculum and Pastoral Committee

In addition to a detailed review of this summer's examination results a new policy for the Induction of Early Career Teachers was approved. A range of policies were subject to their annual review including the Anti Bullying Policy, Child Protection Policy, Sex and Relationship Education Policy, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Policy and the Feedback and Homework Policies.

Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

The committee reviewed the monthly outturn reports to governors for June 2022 to August 2022 inclusive. The Anti-Fraud and Corruption and Reserves Policies were approved.



A variety of other financial reports were considered including Aged Debtor and Creditor, Balances and Reserves. The budget for 2022-23 was discussed as well as the 3 year plan update. Energy Costs, the Risk Register, Internal Assurance Arrangements for 2022-23, the Interim Audit Report for 2022 and the Academies Trust Handbook 2023 were among other topics discussed.

Buildings and Health & Safety Committee

In the meeting of this committee the Fire Procedures, Emergency Response Procedures and Lock Down Procedures, CCTV System and Green Procurement Policies were approved. Updates were received on various proposed building projects, the Annual Health and Safety Inspections and Reports, the Cleaning Contract and the CCTV system around the school.

Staffing Committee

Following discussion of this summer's examination results this committee approved a range of policies including those for Staff Pay, Conduct Procedures, Performance Management, Staff Continuous Professional Development, Staff Grievance and Cover. There was discussion of the current situation regarding the Pay Awards for Teachers and Support Staff. Governors were updated on Staffing in all areas across the school.

Chairs Committee

In addition to discussion of many of the items outlined in the various committees above there were discussions of various aspects related to governors including the agenda for the Full Governing Body meeting on 6th October, governor vacancies and the dates for meetings during the next academic year. We also reviewed the current position in relation to the Separation of Members and Trustees (please see below), Multi Academy Trusts and the Full Governing Body Standing Orders.

Finally, and particularly for the benefit of new parents, I wish to reiterate the message from previous newsletters regarding the proposed new structure of the Governing Body. As a consequence of regulations for Academies (as laid down by the Department for Education), Governors have been engaged in discussions about re-structuring the Governing Body into two new bodies — a Board of Trustees and a Board of Members. The Board of Trustees will continue with all the usual work of the Governing Body and will retain the same responsibilities as Governors have at present. The Board of Members will be independent of the Trustees and will not be involved in the day-to-day business of the school. They will scrutinize the work of the Board of Trustees and be responsible for appointing/ removing Trustees. The Department for Education describes Members as being “eyes on hands off”. This structure is now a requirement for all Academy Trusts. The process has been frustratingly protracted but we hope to implement the change before Easter in 2023.

Mr. A Thomas, Chair of Governors



GCSE Awards Evening

On Thursday 24th November 2022, we were delighted to welcome back our Year 11 Leavers of summer 2022, and their parents, for our Awards Evening. The local Mayor, Sabrina Dixon was our guest speaker at this event and she presented certificates, awards and prizes, including a few very special accolades in honour of particularly outstanding achievements and contributions to the school community.

It was a real pleasure to welcome back our past pupils in this way and to share our reflections on their successes. Mrs Biggs, Head of Year and Mr Morland, Head of Key Stage 4, also spoke with very fond memories, of their recollections of the year group and the value they brought to the Kingshill community.

As a year group, they achieved truly outstanding examination results and showed incredible strength of character in overcoming the range of challenges that they faced, particularly in their latter years in the school. Mayor Dixon spoke, very poignantly of the hearts that are touched in the ways we live our lives and it is huge testimony to this outstanding group of young people that they leave a legacy in which they made a hugely positive impression on all who knew and worked with them.





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Sports Award Evening

On Tuesday 6th December 2022, The PE Faculty hosted our annual Sports Awards Evening. Over 170 awards were presented for outstanding achievement and most improved performances in school sport, contributions to sports leadership and high achievements in representative sport. Great Britain 4x Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball Athlete Clare Griffiths presented the awards in front of an audience of over 350 pupils, parents and guests.

Clare spoke openly about her amazing and highly successful journey through sport, despite the adversities she has faced following an accident that left her paralysed days before her 18th birthday. Her words proved truly inspiring and entertaining. Miss Oates (Headteacher) and Mr. Hamblin (Head of Physical Education) were proud to present a summary of the various sporting events, achievements and developments that have taken place over the last 12 months. Mr. Pritchard (Deputy Headteacher) reminded us about the importance of inclusion within sport.

Sport can unify us whoever we are and it can bring us all together positively. Sport and exercise develops us all socially, physically and mentally. Having the necessary ability, knowledge or skill to do something successfully is a result of knowing you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming.

Cirencester Kingshill School Sports Awards 2022



Ellis Sabbagh-Holt who was honoured with the prestigious Sports College Plate

Cirencester Kingshill School Sports Awards 2022



Year 9 Pupil Anna Tiffney who received the Leadership Cup



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U15 Senior Cricket Team who won team of the Year

The Team of the Year award was won by the Senior U15 Boys Cricket Team, who went through the whole of their season undefeated, despite the challenge of some very strong opposition. Anna Tiffney in Year 9 received the Leadership Cup and Year 11 pupil Ellis Sabbagh-Holt was honoured with the prestigious Sports College Plate. Miss Bingham (Physical Education Teacher) achieved the Sports Coach of the Year Shield for all her work she has done to inspire the girls in rugby and football. The evening proved to be yet another successful event at Kingshill School. Well done to all pupils who received an award.

Mr. P. Hamblin, Head of PE



Harry Ravenscroft and Lydia Sutherland who received the KS4 Awards for outstanding contributions to sport.



Miss Bingham who was our Coach of the Year



New Staff

Welcome to our new members of staff. We wish you a long and happy time at Kingshill.



Mr. Alasdair Ashby

Head of Music

Three Words To Describe You:

Composer, father, nerd



Mr. Adrian Bunker

Teacher of Science

Three Words To Describe You:

Patient, curious & optimistic



Mrs. Caroline

Fletcher

Teacher of Science

Three Words To Describe You:

Caring, love Science!



Mrs. Emma Fletcher

Learning Mentor

Three Words To Describe You:

Lost (if you see me upstairs in the main building), **tenacious** (I keep going up there) & **optimist** (as above).



Mrs. Hilary Goldsmith

Assistant to Head's PA

Three Words To Describe You:

Helpful, positive & patient



Mrs. Beverley Hazelden

Teaching Assistant

Three Words To Describe You:

Considerate, friendly & determined



Miss. Libbie Herbert

Teacher of Mathematics

Three Words To Describe You:

Optimistic, friendly & considerate



Mrs. Joanna Hitchcock

Administrator

Three Words To Describe You:

Need Lottery Win (and if we have a 4th word)....**Now!**



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Miss. Caitlyn Hughes

Teaching Assistant

Three Words To Describe You:

Nerdy, kind & helpful



Mr. Adrian Martin

Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Three Words To Describe You:

Divertido, Joyeux & Hübsch



Mrs. Andrea Miller

Teaching Assistant

Three Words To Describe You:

Friendly, helpful & approachable



Mrs. Nichola Norman

Cover Supervisor



Mr. Jake Potts

Teaching Assistant

Three Words To Describe You:

The Coolest TA



Mr. Daniel Radbourne

Head of Special Educational Needs

Three Words To Describe You:

Ambitious, cheerful & dedicated



Miss Stephanie

Rowlands

Trips/ Lettings

Administrator

Three Words To Describe You:

Cheerful, organised & friendly



Update from the Friends of Kingshill School

It has been great for FKS to be able to attend school events again, after an absence of the last few years.

We were delighted to support the fantastic school production, The Addams Family, back in the summer term at The Griffin Theatre, Rendcomb. The production was a fantastic success and we look forward to once again being able to support next year's show, Everyone's Talking About Jamie.

We have also attended the GCSE Awards Evening and Sports Awards Evening and raised a considerable sum of money from these events to help fund extras for the school.

The second-hand uniform sales have been a major success and we would like to thank parents for the fantastic donations we have received throughout the year. If over the Christmas holidays you find that your child has grown out of any uniform, we would be grateful for any donations that are received.

We will be holding a FKS meeting in school on Tuesday 10th January 2023, at 6.00pm. We are always on the look out for new members and fresh ideas on how to raise money, if you feel you would like to contribute to the school community, please come along.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 6.30pm, again in school. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

To keep updated on what is happening with FKS, please take a look at our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/FKSCirencester

If you are interested in joining FKS, or would like to be added to our mailing list, please email rblamey@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk We promise that you will not be inundated with any spam emails!

Thank you for all your support, it is always appreciated.

Wishing you and your family a very happy Christmas and New Year.

The Friends of Kingshill School





A Wet but Wonderful trip to Westonbirt

Year 10 Art and Photography pupils had an enjoyable trip to Westonbirt Arboretum in October despite torrential rain all day long.

The pupils were incredibly positive and resilient despite some of them being almost soaked to the skin. Unfortunately, the Art pupils were not able to sketch as planned but all took some beautiful photos that we plan to draw from in school.

Mrs. Vine, Head of Art



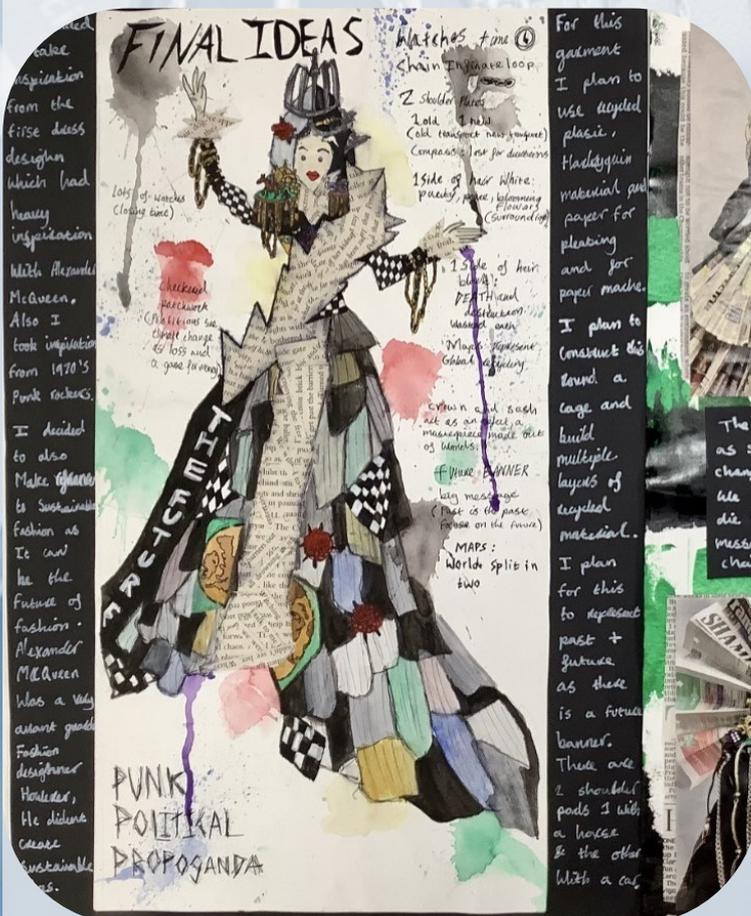


Making the Cut

Jamie Beavan (Summer 2022 leaver) was chosen as a finalist in the Young Fashion Designer UK competition in October. Jamie submitted his designs and dress that he created for his GCSE art mock examination.

The young Fashion Designer UK competition was established in 2010, to allow GCSE, BTEC and A 'level fashion and Textiles students the opportunity to have their work recognised and judged by Industry professionals.

Jamie's dress was made out of newspaper, wire, plastic bags, jewellery and repurposed clothing from charity shops. He was also awarded the accolade of "most sustainable design". As a result of his success in the competition Jamie has gained an apprenticeship at Barrington Ayre shirt makers and tailors, where he is learning how to create handcrafted, bespoke clothing.





An Inspector Calls

On 3rd November 2022, 40 Year 11 GCSE Drama pupils went to see "An Inspector Calls" at The Mayflower Theatre, Southampton. All were full of excitement as it feels like these Year 11 GCSE Drama pupils have had so few opportunities to see live theatre. The Year 11 pupils will have a choice to review either "A curious incident of the dog in the night time" or "An Inspector Calls" in their written examination in the summer 2023.

Sitting in row A and B in the stalls meant we could not have been any closer. We watched in awe as the Birling's secrets were exposed by the Inspector Goole and the Edwardian dolls house design was brought dramatically "down to earth".



The spectre of the future ... Carmela Corbett as Sheila Birling. Photograph: Tristram Kenton

Quotes (along with lots of singing) on the way back...

"It was the best thing I have ever seen"

"It made all the work we did in English make sense"

"I suddenly understood how important Edna was - she is Eva Smith of now I reckon"

"It was amazing to see so many other school kids also there - it was a bit like "we are all part of the same thing"

Thanks Year 11 pupils for being so fantastic and Mr Lee for coming with us!

Ms. Stones, Head of Expressive Arts



Girls' Netball and Rugby

The girls have been dedicated to training the last two terms and we have seen their skills develop and put into match play. We have played a host of fixtures both home and away (the coach trips away always seem to be the most exciting for the pupils). Although the fixtures have now finished for the year, there will be a recreational netball club in term 3. Girls will now focus on dance, football, rugby and strength and conditioning clubs after Christmas.

Mrs. Hussey, PE Teacher



Y7 Netball Back row L to R: Poppy Fowler, Eliza Brown, Honey Gardiner, Ellie Amoah, Mia Forde, Lakota Hayward, Aleyna Nicolson, Front Row L to R: Elizabeth Delbridge, Megan Ingram, Lillian Ryder, Lexie Perring, Summer Austen



Y8 Netball Back row L to R: Sophie Hunter-Osborne, Molly Packman, Sophie Lloyd, Kayley Brown, Elsa Sparrow, Amity Wroath. Front row L to R: Megan Broadhurst, Maddie Stephens, Lara Farooq, Melanie Horn-Serra, Harriet Falconer



Y9 Netball Back row L to R: Emilia Cantillon, Gracie Dyson, Mary Nasilasila, Meghan Parnell, Front Row L to R: Kelsey Zamora, Estella Beech, Daisy Griffiths



Y9 Netball Back row L to R: Emilia Cantillon, Emily Hutchinson, Eliza Taylor, Elsie Davies. Row L to R: Freya Blamey, Charlotte Masser, Millie Urquhart



Y9 Netball Back row L to R: Emily Hutchinson, Gracie Dyson, Eliza Taylor, Lily Pritchett. Front Row L to R: Charlotte Bass, Charlotte Masser, Millie Urquhart.



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Girls' rugby has started well, and we would like to recruit even more girls after Christmas to train with Miss. Bingham and the dedicated pupils.



In March 2023, we look forward to holding the Evening of Dance, which is a house event, where the top 16 entries will perform to an audience. Auditions will take place following our return to school in the New Year.

Pictured here with Miss. Steel are the winners of last year's event, Year 11 pupils Daisy Stevens and India Gray-Steele.



Cross Country

Schools District Cross Country Trials, Archway, Wednesday 19th October 2022

Well done to the pupils who competed on a very tough, hilly course at the District Cross Country Trials. Joseph Stickney, Oliver Embeary, Harry Burdekin and Khaya Swain all got through to Counties at Newent.



Year 7: Robert Stickney, Joseph Stickney and Esme Last

Year 8/9: Ruan Delport, Josh Price, Oliver Rycherd-Smith, Oliver Embeary, Harry Burdekin, Luzianna Warwick, Isabella Stickney and Zoe Manaley

Year 10/11: Caitlin Musgrove, Khaya Swaine and Sam Jefferies



Schools Counties Cross Country Championships, Newent Community College, Sunday 4th December 2022

Congratulations to the pupils who made the long journey to Newent on a very, very cold day. Joseph Stickney and Harry Burdekin have gone through to South Wests which will be at Blaise Castle, Bristol.

Year 7: Joseph Stickney and Robert Stickney

Year 8/9: Harry Burdekin and Oliver Embeary

Year 10/11: Khaya Swaine

Mrs. See, Athletics Coach



Leadership Academy

Year 8 & 9 pupils have been involved in lots of Primary events this year. We are very proud of the contribution they make to the local community, enabling lots of Primary aged pupils to compete, get active and have fun! They have taken on a variety of roles from officiating to scoring, coaching to team managing.

Leadership opportunities give our pupils the opportunity to develop key skills such as communicating with different people, organising, resilience, motivating and inspiring others and problem solving. The leaders enjoy taking on lots of different roles which are vital to enable others to take part in sport & physical activity. Events they have been involved with this term are Cross Country, Girls Football, Year 3&4 Football, Year 5&6 Football, Tag Rugby, Bee Netball, Sports Hall Athletics, Boccia & New Age Kurling, KS1 Multi Skills & Dodgeball.



Mrs. Pauling, School Games Organiser

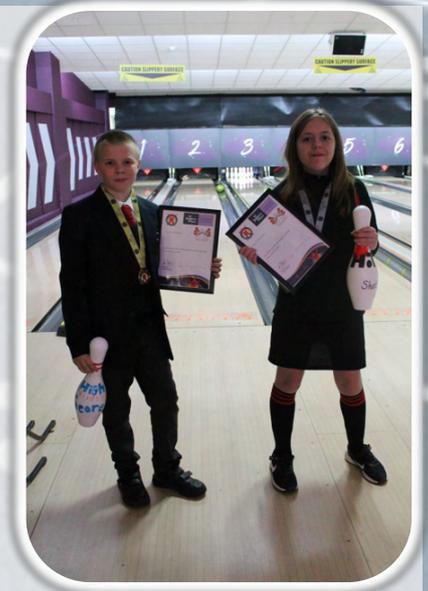




Year 7 Tenpin Bowling Competition

Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a Tenpin bowling competition in Gloucester. They all played really well as part of a team but special mention to Alan Lane for highest scorer and Yuna Miles for the Hot Shot award for the most strikes. Well done to all players!

Mrs. Pauling, School Games Organiser



From L to R: Alan Lane, Oliver Pritchett, Florence Bowman, Yuna Miles, Sebastian Slater, Thomas Hadland, Kyle Marshall



Remembrance Day Poem

The Monster of the past,
The reflection of the day,
Where soldiers were cast,
For now we pray.

The memories lay. The poppies grew,
Forever and for always for me and for you,
Proudness bubbled up inside to know,
This is where despair, devotion and loyalty fought the foe.

To think that you would be there too.
Watching everybody who you know.

On the night the bombs shattered the sky,
On the night of the generals cry,
When the bullets whistled by,
When the fighter jets were raiding the area up so high.

However hard. However rough.
However mean. However tough.

They still fought. They still knew.
The monster was still out there too.

The shadows of the inspirational display,
Where thousands, thousands, thousands pray,
For grief? For admiration?

The fact that they fought for the nation?
The poppies proudly bowed to the memories of the soldier's cries,
Tears swelled up in those appreciative, grieving eyes.

Goodbye! Scream! Shout! Hooray!
The bravery is still remembered today!

Joseph Stickney, Year 7



All things Careers

Welcome back to Careers!

It has been a busy start to the School Year with Career talks making a much welcome return for our students, and another successful Careers Convention at Deer Park School.

As a quick introduction my name is Mrs Hicks, I am the qualified Careers Adviser here at Cirencester Kingshill School. My role is to support all pupils in Year 7 through to Year 11 ranging from Post 16 Further Education advise and support, as well as mentoring for GCSEs and assistance with future career choices and opportunities.

Year 11 - Post 16 Applications and Aspirations

I have spent a lot time over the first two terms catching up with all Year 11 pupils, discussing what their journey will look like when they move on from Kingshill School, and making sure that everyone is happy and on the right path to successful GCSE results. With mentoring groups on offer to those pupils that require extra support with study schedules, and even just a safe space to talk about their GCSE worries.

Some of our Year 11 students have already made applications to colleges and sixth forms with some successful results already. If any pupils need help or support with their post 16 choices or applications, the Careers door is always open. So please do encourage your child to pop in to my office and add their name and tutor group to the white board for a chat.

Oxbridge University Talk

At the start of the new term Oxford and Cambridge Universities came into to talk with some of our Year 10 and 11 students about life at University. The two young speakers discussed what life as a University student looks like, from timetable management, motivation and organisation. They explained what facilities and services are offered to students and what accommodation options are available at the University.

They also chatted about how pupils can work part time jobs successfully alongside studying. The talk really engaged the pupils and helped them to understand teaching methods and expectations as a university student.

Careers Convention

The Careers Convention in October was held at Deer Park School this year, which I know many of you and your children attended and had some promising conversations with employers, Colleges and Universities.





The Careers Convention is an exciting event that is held once a year between Kingshill and Deer Park Schools, with the aim to increase pupils' understanding of the world of work and the various progression routes beyond school.

We had great feedback from all the stands saying how engaging and enthusiastic the students all were about their futures. I know the Police and RAF stands were particularly popular!

This event will be held at Kingshill School in October 2023, and we look forward to seeing more of the current Year 8 and Year 9 pupils as you start to think more about what your future may look like.

Careers Talks

We are very pleased to have re-launched our Careers Talks again this year! These haven't been seen since before Covid, so will be new to a lot of our older Year 9 students as well as our Year 8 pupils. It's a great opportunity to listen to key speakers about what a career in that chosen sector will look like, and what skills and requirements you need to have to undertake a successful career within the chosen industry. We encourage anyone from Year 8 up to Year 11 to sign up to the talks, even if it's an industry they haven't considered before. So far, we have had the Army come in and the local Pure Gym, who both talked about what a career looks like in the Army and the fitness industry, and advised what skills the pupils will need to be successful. We have a few more scheduled in the diary already, the RAF and a local veterinarian, and we look forward to sharing with the pupils when these are available.

Work Experience

All of our Year 10 pupils are currently looking at Work Experience placements ready for their week's involvement in June next year. Some students have already been accepted for places which is excellent, and there are

lots of opportunities in the pipeline for others. Last year's work experience was a great success with students going on archaeology digs, paddle boarding, even the opportunity to go and sit in a court room! Work experience is an important development opportunity in Year 10. We see how it helps to expand pupils' understanding of the world of work and of future aspirations. It is even an opportunity to see what it will be like to have a part time job alongside their education. Since this was re-launched last year, pupils came away having been offered apprenticeships and part time jobs on the back of this week-long experience. If any of our current Year 10 students need help with finding a placement or support in sending correspondence to employers, please encourage them to drop by to see Mrs Hicks or Mrs Dyer in the Careers team, who will happily spend some one to one time with them to look at finding them the perfect opportunity.

Year 9 GCSE Choices

Our Year 9 students will now be thinking about what GCSE options they would like to take in the new year as they start their journey towards GCSEs. Their Head of Year has already started these conversations with them, and more information and support will be offered to them in the new year which will support their decision-making process. However, if your child would benefit from a conversation with myself about how their choices can affect their decisions into college or sixth form, or they just have no idea where to start, I am happy to spend some one to one time with them and chat about what would be the best options for them.

Finally, we wish all of our students a successful school year ahead, and the Careers door is always open and ready to offer support and advise where needed.

Mrs. Hicks, Careers Co-ordinator



Pupil Voice

School Council

The School Council's role is to raise issues suggested by Year Group Councils and to actively explore ways of positively developing the school. Here Bella Stickney and Keiron Wilkinson, the representatives for Year 9, summarise what was discussed at their latest meeting ...

In our most recent School Council meeting at Cirencester Kingshill School, we discussed the topic of Rewards. We came to the agreement that these Rewards should be different for each year and more personalised for each individual. To be specific we agreed that, as students go up through the school, rewards should become more impactful and motivate students to learn and to become the best version of themselves. But in the lower years of the school the rewards they receive will still have a similar impact.

Thank you for reading this.

Bella & Keiron, Year 9

Charities

Children In Need, 2022

Well done to Year 8 & 9 pupils for holding a cake sale and 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' stall for Children in Need on 18th November 2022. We raised £157 for the charity.



The correct answer was 110 sweets and one winner was drawn from four correct guesses.





Cirencester Foodbank, Kingshill Christmas Collection 2022

During December 2022, Cirencester Kingshill School collected items for Cirencester Food Bank, an invaluable support for many families living in and around Cirencester.

Thank you for all of your generous donations.

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



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day, Thursday 15th December 2022

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day at Kingshill will be on Thursday 15th December. Contribute £1 to wear a jumper.

Why not make your own? Just grab any old thing from the back of the cupboard and cover it with stickers, felt, tinsel, glitter, baubles, whatever!



Save the Children





Year 7 Bin Bag Challenge

We did the Bin Bag Challenge in a pastoral lesson. We had to create a piece of clothing out of certain materials. We had to use teamwork, imagination, communication and creativity. You really had to think about the design. It was so fun to do.

Arthur Peacock, Year 7

In the Bin Bag Challenge we made dresses and suits. We had so much fun doing this activity. First we picked our groups, then nominated a person to be our mannequin. We got given bin bags (white and black) and rubber bands, then we got to work. My group made a dress that was topped off with a bow on the head and a lovely band keeping up the dress at the back.

Lillie Watkins, Year 7



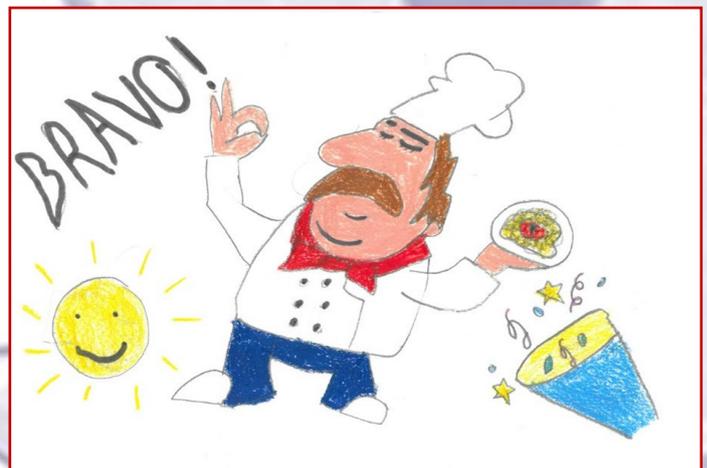
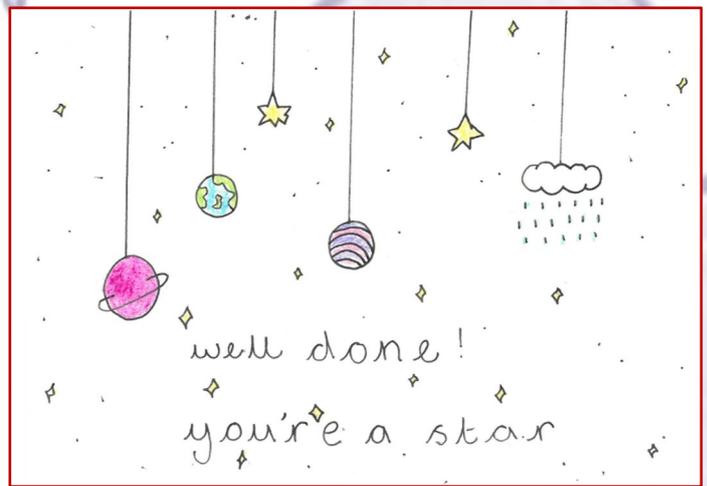


Year 7 Post Cards Home

Parents and carers, please look out for these postcards. If you receive one it means your child is being praised for a positive contribution they have made to school life at Kingshill.

Year 7 ran a competition to design the postcards and below are the four vibrant, winning designs by Maisie Jarvis 7B, Lillian Ryder 7C, Willow Dobbie 7C & Josie Edge 7B.

Miss. Richards, Head of Year 7





Read All About It - At Your Library!

Let me introduce myself, I am Mrs. Hughes and working with me, is Mrs. Dyer. September 2022 marked the beginning of my second year with the Kingshill Library, although I feel like I am only just getting started.

For my first year at Kingshill, I worked on getting to know the library stock, the pupils, our library management system, and the reading interests of our school population. Last school year we added many new fiction titles, of all reading levels and genres and some self-help and wellness books, thanks to books donated by The Reading Agency and the addition of the Wellness Collection on our ePlatform.

Some highlights for the 2021-22 school year were the Carnegie Shadowing Award Group and Celebrating our word millionaires from the year. Molly Rose was our Star Reader for the year, obtaining the highest word count, reading over 5 million words!

This year, we have many exciting activities planned, including updating our stock of annuals and DVDs, increasing the accessibility of our books with genre and subject labels, and more fun reading challenges. Our activities this school year have included pupils creating their own book covers, guessing the book cover, and writing some amazing poems! We have also acquired some fun games that can be played during breaks and lunches.

This year we are lucky enough to have Pupil Librarians to assist with daily library tasks and sharing their love of reading and books with the rest of the school. These pupils are volunteering their social time to gain experience and help our school community access library resources. We have 11 pupils assisting with returning and shelving used library materials, creating and promoting library activities, cataloguing new materials, creating and assisting with displays, and assisting their peers to find that next great read. They have some great ideas for the future of the library, so keep an eye out for upcoming activities and maybe even a fundraising event!



Lastly, I would like to remind our school community of our online resources that are available to you all.

ePlatform An online and app-based eBook and audiobook provider. Each member of our school community is able to access this resource. Please use your school username and email account to register. Audiobooks are great for long journeys and reluctant readers. eBooks are great for those looking for the ability to change font and text size, background colours, and don't want to worry about losing their book or place in the book.

Who Else Writes Like...? and **Who Next...?** If you need help finding what to read next.

Issues Online and **Complete Issues** These provide credible online resources for your fact finding and researching needs.

Login details for all these websites and applicable QR codes can be found in the library and links are available through the VLE link on the school website, under Library Apps.

If you need help accessing any of these resources, please see us in the library or send us an email

librarian@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk

we are here to help!

Mrs. Hughes, Librarian



EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT **JAMIE** THE HIT MUSICAL FOR TODAY

Kingshill's School Production for 2023 has been confirmed as musical, Everybody's Talking About Jamie.

Pupils will audition for the cast in January 2023.

There will also be opportunities to get involved with set design, costumes, make up, photography and lighting as the year goes on. **Parents and carers, please get in touch if you feel you could help out!**



Christmas Events in and Around Cirencester

Light Trails

Westonbirt Arboretum until 21st December 2022.

Blenheim Palace Illuminated Light Trail until 2nd January 2023.

Sudeley Castle Spectacle of Light until 30th December 2022.

Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park until 31st December 2022.

Longleat Christmas at Longleat until 8th January 2023.

Batsford Arboretum Christmas Elf Hunt until 1st January 2023.

Panto

The Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham Dick Whittington (25th November 2022–8th January 2023).

Chipping Norton Theatre Dick Whittington (16th November 2022–15th January 2023).

The Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury Snow White (26th November–31st December 2022)

The Stratford Playhouse Sleeping Beauty (16th –30th December 2022)

The Subscription Rooms in Stroud Cinderella (22nd December 2022–2nd January 2023)

The Barn Theatre in Cirencester The True Adventures of Marian and Robin Hood! (21st November 2022–7th January 2023)

Ice Skating

Cotswold Water Park's undercover Gateway Ice Rink (19th November –3rd January 2023)

Bath on Ice in Victoria Park (12th November 2022–3rd January 2023).

Christmas Carols

St John Baptist Parish Church, Market Place, Cirencester, Carol Singing Around The Parish, Wednesday, 21st December 2022, 7pm

Christmas Markets

Cirencester Christmas markets run on the 18th, and from the 20th until the 22nd December 2022, 9am until 5pm. On 24th a Christmas Eve Festive Farmers' Market will run from 9am until 2:30pm.

Indoor markets at the Corn Hall run up until Christmas Eve, 10am until 5pm.

Stroud Christmas Markets run from Wednesday 21st to Saturday 24th December 2022.

Cheltenham Christmas Markets run until Saturday 24th December 2022. There is a Nutcracker Trail around the streets of Cheltenham (19th November–30th December 2022).

Traditional Blenheim Christmas market 18th November 2022–2nd January 2023. The market is part of the Christmas at Blenheim event, which also includes an illuminated light trail through the palace grounds, Christmas afternoon teas in the Orangery, and interiors transformed into the Kingdom of the Snow Queen. The market is free to visit, but if you're arriving by car you need to book and pay for parking via their website.



Cirencester Kingshill School

School Calendar Terms 3&4 2023

January

Tuesday 3rd	Return to school
Monday 9th	EXTEND Spring programme starts
Friday 13th	Year 7 first reports to parents Year 7 trip to Dick Whittington, Chipping Norton Theatre
Monday 16th	Year 7/8/9 Nasal Flu Vaccines
Tuesday 17th	Year 7/8/9 Nasal Flu Vaccines
Wednesday 18th	Year 7/8/9 Nasal Flu Vaccines
Wednesday 25th	Year 11 reports for mock examination results to parents
Thursday 26th	Year 7 Parent's Evening 4:00—7:00pm (in school)

February

Friday 10th	Year 10 first reports to parents
Wednesday 15th	Year 10 Parent's Evening 4:30—7:30pm (online)
Tuesday 28th	Friends of Kingshill School AGM 6:30pm

FEBRUARY BREAK Monday 20th—Friday 24th February 2023

March

Friday 3rd	Year 8 1st dose HPV Vaccine Year 9 second reports to parents
Tuesday 7th	An Evening of Dance
Wednesday 8th	Year 9 Parent's Evening 4:30—7:30pm (online)
Thursday 9th	Year 9/10 trip to Blood Brothers, Wyvern Theatre
Friday 10th	Year 8 second reports to parents
Thursday 16th	Year 8 Parent's Evening 4:30—7:30pm (online)
Monday 20th	Year 9 Options Evening
Friday 24th	Year 11 final reports to parents EXTEND Spring programme ends
Monday 27th	Year 9 options form deadline
Tuesday 28th	Year 11 Parent's Evening 4:30—7:30pm (online)

SPRING HOLIDAY Monday 3rd—Friday 14th April 2023