



# Cirencester Kingshill School

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## GCSE Awards Evening

It was a pleasure to share an evening with our past pupils and their parents, to see them receive their GCSE certificates.

**Richard Whincup joined us as guest speaker. Richard grew up with a chronic and debilitating stammer.**

He appeared on the Channel 4 documentary 'Stammer School: Musharaf Finds his Voice', where he helped five pupils learn to control their speech using the same techniques which changed his life. His involvement in 'Stammer School' attracted much local and national media interest, including ITV's This Morning, BBC Radio 5 Live and The Sunday Telegraph.

Richard is a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Holder and is now an ambassador and spokesperson for the award scheme.

Richard encouraged the pupils to 'keep moving forward' and to not rest in their comfort zones. His speech was inspirational and was well received by both past pupils and parents.

It was a celebratory evening, congratulating all our 2016 GCSE pupils. We wish them success and happiness for the future.

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# THE HEAD writes...

## Dear Parents

As the second term draws to a close, there are many exciting events to report to you. This newsletter gives you a taste of life for pupils at Kingshill School. Thank you to you, as parents, for your support of the many Parents' Evenings this term.

I would also like to thank the staff for their efforts in the classroom, ensuring that your sons and daughters receive the very high standard of teaching that is expected of Kingshill School.

At the end of term we say goodbye to two members of staff. Mrs A. Gossler, School Librarian has been at Kingshill School for sixteen years. She is retiring and we wish her a long and happy retirement. Mr S. Pike, Head of Languages has been at Kingshill for four years. He is moving to be Head of Languages at Gloucester Academy and we wish him good luck in his new post. I would like to thank both of these members of staff for their time and commitment they have given to Kingshill School.

I wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing the pupils back on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Miss Christine S. Oates, Headteacher

## GCSE Awards Evening Photographs



## New Staff

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

Name: **Vicki Buchalik**  
Role: **Teacher of Religious Education and PSHEE**  
Last book read: **The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins**  
Best film: **Railway Children**  
Three words to describe you: **Energetic, enthusiastic and dedicated**  
Claim to fame: **I attended my husband's best friend, Adam Jones' (Welsh Rugby International), engagement meal and was surrounded by the Welsh Rugby team!**



Name: **Lynn Hunter**  
Role: **Teaching Assistant**  
Last book read: **Stalin Ate My Homework by Alexei Sayle**  
Best film: **It's a Wonderful Life**  
Three words to describe you: **Curious, Considerate and Pragmatic**  
Claim to fame: **I met Kelsey Grammer from 'Frasier' in New York City**



Name: **Tracy Russell**  
Role: **Library, Careers & Resources Assistant**  
Last book read: **Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman**  
Best film: **The Lake House**  
Three words to describe you: **Happy, bubbly and organised**  
Claim to fame: **I helped my grandson throw wet sponges at Keith Allen at a School Fete**



## Friends of Kingshill School (PTA) Newsletter...

by Friends of Kingshill School (PTA)

The 'Friends' were delighted to support a number of events in school this past term including the Children in Need Talent Show and the Christmas Concert. The committee are pleased to be donating £3,000 across the school's faculties towards items on their wish list.

At our last meeting we discussed how the 'Friends' could help better support fundraising for the school. We currently run many events to help fundraise however we would like to have your input. We will be sending out a survey to find out what kind of event would interest you. If you can, we would greatly appreciate your time to give us some feedback to help continue to improve our events.

We are currently looking to recruit a Treasurer on the committee. If you are interested, please contact us to find out more about the role. Our next meeting will be in school on Tuesday 17th January 2017 between 7p.m. - 8p.m.

All our future meeting dates and planned fundraising events will show on the "Parents" tab on the school website.

### The Giving Machine

If you or your family do your Christmas shopping online, then why not raise funds for Kingshill at the same time. The Giving Machine is a non-profit company set up to raise money for UK schools. Simply register with [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk) and nominate Cirencester Kingshill School.

Every time you shop online Kingshill will get a free donation from the retailer.

All retailers are listed on the website and include Argos, Ticketmaster, Toys R Us, Boots, House of Fraser, Lastminute.com, Sainsbury's, Superdrug, The Body Shop, Toni & Guy, The Fragrance Shop, Wowcher and Weight Watchers to name but a few.

### Second Hand Uniform Update

Thank you to all those who have donated second hand uniform, we have been busy delivering the uniform to 'Second Chance', located in Cricklade Street, Cirencester. As a reminder, you are able to access the second hand uniform during the week from Monday - Friday, 10a.m. - 4p.m.

Please continue to either drop off any donations at reception in the school or directly to Sue Dowling at 'Second Chance'.

### Why not get involved?

If you have any ideas for fundraising or can assist with any upcoming events, feel free to contact us via our e-mail at: [fks@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:fks@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk).



News from Expressive Arts...

# Children in Need - Talent Show

**Kingshill's 10th Annual Talent Show excited audiences on Friday 11th November 2016. 40 pupils entertained and wowed the audience to raise money for BBC's Children in Need. The standard of the acts this year was particularly high and our panel of four judges had a difficult task to select just one winner!**

Congratulations to our winners, the very talented musical group of Ora Wall 11A, Bethany Horton 11D and Ruth Walters 11D.

Well done to Lydia Lewis 11F, for coming in 2nd with her wonderful singing and Bethany Rose 10B, Lily Wood 10B, Ella Court 10D and Martha Allan Molland 10D for coming in 3rd place with a cheerleading routine.

Also on the night, special awards went to Lucy Harvey 8A for dancing and Hayden Peck 8D for his incredible acrobatic skills.

Reece Brotherton 8E and William Heberd 10A did a superb job with the lighting and sound and the show was excellently compared by Nadia Williamson 11C and Charlotte Thornton 11D.

Thank you to 'The Young Vintage' for entertaining our audience during the interval and a very special thank you to everyone who came and supported this year. All the money raised on the night will go to BBC Children in Need.

*Mr M. Hill, Site Manager*



## Music for Youth Proms – Pupil Review

**On Monday 14th November 2016 Eleanor Fawcett 9C and I, accompanied by 140 other members of Gloucestershire Youth Choir, made our way to London for the once in a lifetime opportunity to sing at The Royal Albert Hall.**

We had been nominated for the choir, which is made up of representatives from all of Gloucestershire's secondary schools, by Mr Driver. Since joining, I have sung in a Gospel Concert at Cheltenham Town Hall and twice in Gloucester Cathedral. The choir had been invited to participate in the Music for Youth Proms and were to join together with choirs from Bristol and Bath to form a massed ensemble of 350 to sing a uniquely composed 'Triptych', based on the works of William Shakespeare.

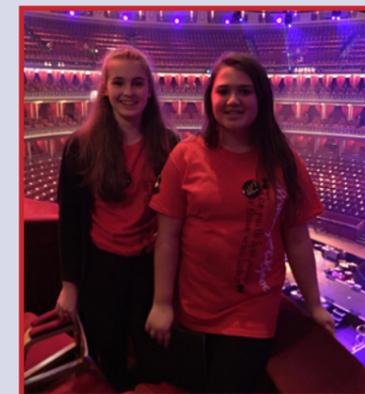
When we arrived at The Royal Albert Hall we couldn't believe what an imposing and opulent venue we had come to sing at.

After an afternoon of rehearsals, we sat high above the audience excitedly waiting for the concert to begin and tried to spot our parents in the chattering mass beneath us.

The concert was amazing and included many diverse styles of music including a guitar quintet from Kent, a percussion group from Wakefield and a Cornish Thrash metal band! For the finale, the entire 600 participants joined together in singing and playing a special rearrangement of the traditional Proms ending 'Land of Hope of Glory', at the culmination of which, the hall was filled with balloons and streamers descending from the heights and fireworks, not to mention the deafening cheers and clapping of the audience.

It was an unforgettable experience and I would urge anybody who is offered the opportunity to join the choir.

*Amelia Calvert 9A*



## Billy Elliot Trip – Pupil Review

**On the 3rd November 2016 GCSE Drama pupils had the great opportunity to watch the UK tour of Billy Elliot at the Bristol Hippodrome.**

One of the best features about the musical was the fact that most of the actors were aged 12-16. This made the whole performance more relatable and enjoyable for all the teenagers watching. Our favourite parts were the incredible ballet and tap solos that

seemed to go on for ages!

We had such a great time and it definitely left us all feeling very inspired to do our best in our Drama lessons.

Thank you to Ms Stones for arranging the trip, it is such shame that she was unable to come and we really missed her. Thank you to Mr Driver for taking her place and making the trip so enjoyable for everyone involved.

*Molly Bailey 10E and Madison Cloke 10G*



## News from the Chair of Governors:

**The Full Governing Body met on the Thursday 6th October 2016. The main item of the meeting was the Head's Report, which included a comprehensive and detailed analysis of the GCSE results presented by the Deputy Headteacher, Mr A. Thomas. The Governors congratulated staff on another year of excellent results.**

The meeting also adopted the School Development Plan and the Pupil Admissions Criteria for 2018 and agreed to consult over a small increase to the Pupil Admission Number. Governors reviewed membership of the various Committees and agreed who would be linked to which Faculties.

The detailed work of the Governing Body takes place in the 5 Committees – Curriculum and Pastoral, Finance, Staffing, Buildings and Health & Safety and the Chairs. All have met at least once this term.

Committee meetings that have taken place since the beginning of the academic year:

- The Curriculum and Pastoral Committee on Wednesday 2nd November 2016.
- Staffing Committee on Friday 4th November 2016.
- Buildings and Health & Safety on Thursday 10th November 2016.
- Finance Committee on Thursday 13th October 2016 and Wednesday 30th October 2016.
- The Chairs of the above Committees met on the Thursday 15th September 2016 in order to plan all these meetings.

*by Mr A. Johnson, Chair of Governors*

## The Brilliant Club

**Our new cohort of the Brilliant Club pupils saw the launch of their Scholars Programme at Warwick University on Monday 21st November 2016. After an opening ceremony and a study skills session in the lecture theatre, the pupils were treated to a tour of the modern campus and pupil village. The pupils then met with their PhD tutor for the first time.**

During the tutorial session, pupils were introduced to their assignment topic and were set their first piece of homework. The pupils have already completed two in house tutorial sessions at school.

They are really looking forward to the challenge of completing a University standard piece of work and the opportunity to work in tutor led groups. The pupils also completed a Scholars Programme Prediction form which will then be discussed at the graduation event about their thoughts and expectations of the programme.

*Mrs S. Loach and Mrs A. Lambrou, Learning Advisors*



## Rotary Club - Public Speaking

The winners and runners up attended a recent Rotary meeting to receive their awards and repeat their winning speeches to an audience which included their parents, the Head of Kingshill, Miss Christine Oates and members of the school Leadership team, Rotary Club members and guests.

A huge congratulations to our winners Amelia Calvert 9A for her presentation on

'Social Media', Mia Davis-Farr 10F for her presentation on 'Euthanasia' and Joseph Shepherd 11C for his presentation on 'Donald Trump'.

A special mention to our runners up Stella Stephens 9A for her presentation 'The Importance of Expressive Arts', Holly Elphick 10F for her presentation 'OAPs and Technology' and Zak Brown 11F for his presentation on 'The Zombie Apocalypse'.



Members and guests at Cirencester Rotary Club were greatly entertained and impressed by a showcase of speeches given by prize-winning pupils from Kingshill. The Club collaborated with Assistant Head and Head of English Mr T. Lee, earlier in the year to stage a public speaking competition in which all pupils from Years 8-10 participated.

Rotary President Mr Brian Skarda presented the prizes and congratulated all of the pupils saying, "Their confidence and inventiveness in preparing and delivering their speeches was a credit to them as individuals and to their school. Our Club is proud to support this annual competition and to encourage young people to learn from the experience of public speaking."

In addition to the individual prizes, Rotary

also awarded the annual Fred Perkin Cup – established in honour of a previous club President. The award was given for the most notable or outstanding contribution and this year it went to Zak Brown 11F. As Mr Brian Skarda explained, "Zak's subject matter and delivery were particularly daring and he thoroughly deserved this additional award."

## Careers Convention

On Tuesday 11th October 2016, Cirencester Kingshill School hosted the annual Careers Convention. With over 60 exhibitors including colleges, schools, universities and employers from both the public and private sectors, there was a huge range of information and expertise available.

A continual flood of pupils and parents from both Kingshill School and Deer Park School emphasised the appeal and value of the evening and we estimate that around 2,000 people came through the school. In the words of one Year 10 pupil, 'I hadn't realised how many different opportunities are available for when I eventually leave school. This evening has really opened my eyes to the range of courses and qualifications out there!'

I would like to thank all of those exhibitors who contributed to such a wonderful evening and also to Mrs Hicks and her team for all of their hard work in planning and hosting the event.

*Mr J. Morland, Senior Assistant Headteacher*



## Parent Parking – Important Notice!

### The safety of our pupils is of paramount importance to us.

Could all parents please use the Town Council Car Park next to the school for dropping off and picking up their children at the start and end of the school day.

Can we please request that parents drive one-way around the Town Council Car Park when dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the school day to ensure their safety. Following the Town Council improvements to the car park the one-way system is now clearly indicated.

Please do not drive onto the school site at the start and end of the school day as it gets very congested with the buses entering the school site at these times. If there is a genuine need to come onto the school site, then please use the allocated visitors parking spaces.

For Parents' Evenings and other school events, please can we ask that parents use the staff gravel car park by the tennis courts to ease overcrowding in the school entrance. The entrance to the gravel car park is past the main entrance and Site Manager's bungalow and through the green double gates.

# Our World

On Friday 18th November 2016, Year 7 pupils took part in an independent learning project entitled 'Our World' run by the Humanities Faculty. This was the latest of a number of Year 7 projects intended to develop independence, resilience and a positive attitude towards learning. The three period session was centred around the Trading Game, based on fictional countries with real life parallels from around the world.

Mr C. Gardiner, Humanities Teacher



## Pupil Review

The game was great fun and I learnt a lot too. It shows how some countries really struggle with international trade and how natural disasters and other disadvantages can ruin an economy. We had to work really hard and be organised to make money. It showed how some countries have a lot of advantages when it comes to international trade whereas others will always struggle to make money.

After a short while of playing the game it was clear that 'Arland' had a lot of the advantages; having lots of resources, technology, knowledge and favourable trade deals. 'Beru' and 'Bestan' on the other hand were constantly struggling with no technology and unfavourable trade deals. It was fun trying to work around the problems and make the best of the situations we found ourselves in.

James Smith 7E

## Year 7 District Rugby Champions

Congratulations to our Year 7A and B Rugby Teams who represented Cirencester Kingshill School in the District Rugby Championship. Our A Team triumphed against Marling in the final to hold the title of Year 7 District Rugby Champions.

Impressively, both teams went undefeated for the whole tournament! Thank you for the ongoing support on the touchline from parents and the Physical Education Faculty. You helped make the event a real success.

Mr P. Hamblin, Head of Physical Education



## Girls get involved!

Kingshill School was very excited and privileged to welcome England International cricketer Fran Wilson to do some exclusive coaching sessions with Kingshill Girls. Fran spent one day with the Physical Education Faculty and it was amazing to watch all the girls get involved and try a new sport.

Starting after the Christmas break, there will be a Girls Cricket Club running after school on Wednesday. We can't wait to see you there!

Miss R. Steel, Physical Education Teacher



# Sport News

## Kingshill achieve Your School Games Silver Award



We are pleased to announce that the School has achieved the Silver Award with "Your School Games", an organisation promoted by the Youth Sport Trust.

The School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

The Mark is a retrospective award which validates the success of the School over the ongoing academic year.

Congratulations to all involved in achieving this award, especially our Physical Education Faculty who have worked tremendously hard to achieve this.



## Equestrian Success!

**Huge congratulations to Joe Chambers 11E for qualifying for the Pony Club National Show Jumping Championships, Pony Club National Tetrathlon Championships and jumping clear at the Hickstead Championships.**

He finished the season by being invited to compete at the

Blenheim International Horse Trials in the Pony Club Eventer Challenge, where he jumped clear and helped towards the team coming in 4th.

Congratulations also goes to Alice Moroto 7G, who has qualified for the final of the West Hartpury Show Jumping Championships in May 2017. Alice will be competing in both the 80cm and 90cm category. Well done Joe and Alice!

*Mr P. Hamblin, Head of Physical Education*



## Badminton

**Congratulations to our four Badminton teams who played in the District Tournaments this term. We had teams of boys and girls in both U13 and U16 age groups.**

They all played really well and it was great to see the teamwork and sportsmanship they displayed throughout both playing and officiating. Well done to all that took part.

A special congratulations to the U16 Girls Team, Zoe Marriott 10E, Rebecca Wilkins 10E, Ellie Lankester 11E and Ruth Wara 11E for coming 1st. Well done girls!

*Mrs H. Pauling, School Games Organiser*

## Gymnastics

Congratulations to Laura Hallett 11C, who competed at the Gloucestershire County levels 4 piece competition at the Forest of Dean gymnastics club on Sunday 2nd October 2016. She came 1st on Vault and Bars, 2nd on Floor and Beam which meant she got the overall gold and became the 2016 County Level 5 Champion age 15+.

Fantastic achievement, well done Laura!

*Mrs A. Hussey, Physical Education Teacher*

## Netball

**On Monday 14th November 2016, I had the pleasure to take Anya Killen 9D, Evi Buckland 9E, Katie Pauling 9E, Emiley Adkins 9F, Molly Chin 9F, Ella Halpin 9F and Paige Walton 9F to the County Netball Tournament at Cheltenham Ladies College.** The girls played so well and won all but one game which they drew to Dean Close. The girls progressed through the stages beating Pates' in the quarter finals.

In an incredible achievement Kingshill was the only state school left in the final 8 teams and made it all the way to the semi-finals! **Congratulations girls, this is a really great achievement.**

*Mrs A. Hussey, Physical Education Teacher*



## Table Tennis



**Congratulations to the Kingshill's boys who took part in the Table Tennis District Competition on Wednesday 22nd November 2016. It was great to see lots of close matches and determined play.**

Well done to the U13 Boys Team (A), Ryan Outram 7C, Wilfred Rowe 7E, Joe Napier 7F and Joe Chamberlayne 8E for coming in 2nd place. The U13 Boys Team (B), Jack Kilby 7B, Harry Edwards 7C, Finley Robinson 7C and George Smith 8E for coming in 4th place and the U16 Boys Team, Cameron Gillam 10E, Daniel Lomas 11A and Samuel Lomas 11D for coming 3rd.

## Athletics

**On Wednesday 5th October 2016 Kingshill School pupils took part in Archway School's new course. Our pupils attacked the hills with determination despite it being the toughest course Kingshill pupils have ever faced.**

Kingshill athletes took part in the Schools District Cross Country Trials at Archway, Stroud on Wednesday 2nd November 2016. Congratulations to Tom Oram 7B, Alfie Staynings 7B, Ryan Outram 7C, Adam Rogan 9C and Robbie Jackson 11D for getting through to the next stage of the competition. All 35 pupils who competed, ran well and then went back out on the course to support each other.

A very well done to all pupils who took part in both events.

*Mrs C. See, Athletics, Endurance Coach*



# Leadership Academy

**Thank you to all pupils who have helped out with Primary events this term. We have had Cross Country Relays, the Tag Rugby Festival, the High 5 Netball Festival, Years 3 and 4 Sports Hall Athletics, Years 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics, Football Festival and a Multi Skill Fun Festival.**

This has involved approximately 50 Kingshill leaders and 200+ volunteer hours.

The pupils involved develop many key skills through taking on these leadership roles, including communication and resilience as well as developing confidence in a variety of situations. I am very proud of the way Kingshill School pupils always step up and grow into these roles.

In January, the Leadership Academy after school club will be open to Year 7 pupils only but all pupils can still be involved in events if they wish to. Details of all the leadership opportunities will be communicated through the school bulletin.

*Mrs H. Pauling, School Games Organiser*

## Cheerleading Champions

**Congratulations** to Lucy Harvey 8A, Catrin Guy 9F, Bethany Rose 10B, Lily Wood 10B, Martha Allan Molland 10D and Ella Court 10D, for coming 1st, 2nd and overall highest in Gloucester United Kingdom Cheerleading Club.

Martha, Ella and Bethany will continue to run a Cheerleading extra-curricular club next term.

*Mrs A. Hussey, Physical Education Teacher*