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Cirencester Kingshill School

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Picture Perfect Again!

Kingshill awarded 'Best Secondary School' at Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2016

Cirencester Kingshill School is very proud to report that for the second year running our pupils have snapped 1st and 2nd place and highly commended prizes at the Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year competition 2016. Across Gloucestershire, 16 Secondary Schools entered the competition with Tamara Singogo 10E, wowing the judges and claiming 1st prize with her photograph titled "Sketch Portrait". Isobel Evans 11F was awarded 2nd prize with her photograph "Sleeper Train to St Tropez". Congratulations to all that entered. For more photographs please see pages 6 and 7.





THE HEAD writes...

Dear Parents

I would like to thank Year 11 parents for all the support they have given to Kingshill School in the last five years. I would also like to express my very best wishes to Year 11 as they leave Kingshill School and wish them happiness and success in the future.

Mrs Pole, Administrative Assistant, retired from Kingshill School in April 2016 after 16 years. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Miss Waller, Teacher of Textiles, will be returning to Kingshill School from Maternity Leave in Term 6. We look forward to welcoming her back.

I hope you and your families enjoy the break. School starts back on Monday 6th June 2016.

Miss Christine S. Oates, Headteacher

ASDAN raise money for Sports Relief

On Friday 18th March 2016 we took part in a sponsored cycle ride and sold cakes to raise money for Sports Relief. We have now collected all the money and have raised £202.50! We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us.

Daniel Lomas 10A, Sammy Weeks 10C, Charlie Warren 10E and Chloe Webster 10F



Friends of Kingshill School (PTA) Newsletter

The Friends have had a busy March with a number of fundraising activities. The Easter events; namely the Easter Prize Bingo and Easter Raffle, have been extremely successful. The Easter Bingo evening held in Watermoor church on 12th March 2016 was a huge success raising a profit of £258.59. Thank you to Sarah Lomas and her mum for organising such a fantastic event. Keep your eyes out for the next one as it proved to be a great night out for all.

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise an amazing profit of £922.50 from the Easter raffle ticket sales. All the prize winners have been contacted to collect their prizes.

Thank you for continuing to buy refreshments at school events, donating second hand uniform, buying raffle tickets or using The Giving Machine shopping website. As a reminder The Giving Machine is a non-profit company set up to raise money for UK schools. Simply register with www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk and nominate Cirencester Kingshill School. Every time you shop online, Kingshill will get a free donation from the retailer.

Over the coming months, you will continue to see our support at the various school events and Parents' evenings.

Positions Vacant

We are pleased with the amount of interest in the committee vacancies; Treasurer and Coordinator to be replaced at the end of this academic year. Our current Secretary is also looking to step down when a suitable replacement is found.

We have been asked if it is possible to share any of the positions. We would be more than happy to consider any offers of help, so feel free to come along to the meetings and see how you can get involved. Our current members will happily provide an overview of the role and what is entailed for the various events. So if you would be willing to take the minutes at the PTA meeting held once each term, or offer help with any other roles whilst we continue to recruit, then do let us know and we will be pleased to have you join the committee.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28th June at 7pm which is held in the meeting room at school next to the dining hall.

We can be contacted via the school office or e-mail us at: fxs@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk

Friends of Kingshill School (FKS)



PSHEE Topics next term

Next term, Years 7 and 8 will be studying **Identities and Diversities** and Year 9 will be studying **The Future in PSHEE**.

Mr M. Macaulay, Head of Religious and Social Education

Girls Active 2016

Kingshill School has been selected for a second year to take part in the **Girls Active** initiative organised by the Youth Sport Trust. Six pupils were carefully selected to take part and attend this prestigious camp.

The pupils attended the camp just before the Easter holidays and had the opportunity to meet athletes and role models.

The girls' excitement and inspiration has been infectious. They will be building on the ideas from last year's Girls Active Group as well as bringing in their own.

We are extremely proud of the girls who attended the camp. Not only have they learnt a lot about themselves but they are bubbling with ideas to integrate into the girls' Physical Education Department.

Miss R. Steel, Physical Education Teacher

Girls Active pupil review...

We have had the most amazing time, learnt so much and I have made some incredible friends from all over the country! I cannot wait to bring our ideas to life within all of our Physical Education lessons.

In camp we were asked to create our own school motto and hashtags. Our team came up with, "The best curve on a girl's body is her smile #getyourcurveon".

Sian Poole 9G

Huge success in the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge

Pupils at Cirencester Kingshill School achieved an incredible 5 gold, 8 silver and 31 bronze certificates in this year's Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. Over 200,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge, and nationally, the top 6% were awarded a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

Congratulations to William Heberd 9A and Robbie Jackson 10D for being part of 10,000 pupils qualifying to go through to the Kangaroo round of the competition.

Mr S. Edwards, Mathematics Teacher

Here are a couple of sample questions from this year's paper:

Q: One third of the animals in Jacob's flock are goats, the rest are sheep. There are twelve more sheep than goats. How many animals are there all together?

- A. 12
- B. 24
- C. 36
- D. 48
- E. 60

A:

Q: The angles of a quadrilateral taken in order are x° , $5x^\circ$, $2x^\circ$, $4x^\circ$. Which of the following is the quadrilateral?

- A. Kite
- B. Parallelogram
- C. Rhombus
- D. Arrowhead
- E. Trapezium

A:



News from Expressive Arts...

Eclectic Easter Concert

A great evening was had by all on Wednesday 23rd March 2016 as Cirencester Kingshill School celebrated the hard work of all the musical extra-curricular clubs in the Easter Concert. It was a sellout performance and a really successful evening combining solo and group performances with Ukulele Band, Choir, Advanced Singers, Kingshill Band and the Guitar ensemble. The repertoire was a huge variety of Folk, Classical, Gospel and Popular Music.

I am pleased that the Choir now consists of around 70 members, Ukulele 50 members and the ensembles are going from strength to strength. I was delighted with the quality of the performances especially with such a short term since Christmas.

It was also the first time we were able to use the new staging, purchased with money donated from the Powell's Educational Trust. A big thank you to them, the staging certainly added to the occasion giving a truly professional appearance.

The next big event is the whole school production of 'Into the Woods' which takes place from Tuesday 12th – Saturday 16th July 2016. We have a smaller scale 'Open Mic Concert' taking place on Thursday 26th May 2016, in the Drama Studio.

I look forward to seeing you at both of these events to finish off another really successful year.

Mr J. Driver, Head of Music



Kingshill Pupil selected for National Youth Theatre

The Expressive Arts Faculty and Cirencester Kingshill School would like to congratulate Craig Poole for being successfully selected to be part of the National Youth Theatre. There are approximately 5,000 national applicants for only 250 spaces.

Craig has been a vital part of the Expressive Arts Faculty since joining Kingshill School. In Year 7 he played "Fat Sam" in 'Bugsy Malone', Year 8 "Elvis" in 'Is this it?', Year 9 "Mushnik" in 'Little Shop of Horrors' and Year 10 "Dad" in 'Our House'. Craig has just completed his Year 11 GCSE Drama devised Unit 3 with an outstanding adaptation of "5 Kinds of Silence" which left all audience members stunned and amazed. He is also supporting Ms Stones and choreographing scenes for this year's school production of "Into the Woods".

Craig is planning to go to New College, Swindon, to study Performing Arts. We know he has got an exciting future ahead and would like to thank him for his commitment to the Expressive Arts Faculty during his time at Cirencester Kingshill School.

Ms E. Stones, Head of Expressive Arts





Musical Success!

Once again, we have a number of pupils who have recently passed their music examinations. Congratulations to them all.

Pupil Name	Instrument	Grade	Award
Abbie Pooler 8C	Cornet	4	Pass
Olivia Cook 8D	Trumpet	1	Pass
Hebe Powell 8E	Singing	3	Distinction
Elizabeth Wagstaff 9B	Saxophone	5	Merit
Bethany Mackinnon 9E	Clarinet	4	Merit
Tara McEvoy-Wilding 9E	Clarinet	2	Distinction
Tara McEvoy-Wilding 9E	Flute	4	Pass
Charlotte Staynings 9E	Clarinet	2	Merit
Lydia Lewis 10F	Singing	5	Distinction
George Peralta 10F	Singing	3	Merit



Cheltenham Jazz Festival - Pupil review...

On Friday 29th April 2016, GCSE music pupils went to the Cheltenham Jazz Festival.

We participated in many social activities and had the opportunity to see what it was like backstage. We were also lucky enough to speak to the professionals backstage and ask questions. We asked them where and how they began their careers and how we could develop our own careers in music. The professionals consisted of performers, producers, musicians, technical crew and even the directors and producers of a new BBC show, 'Friday night is music night'.

The highlight has to be going onto the performance area and seeing the professionals in action during their run through!

Lucy Coombes 9F





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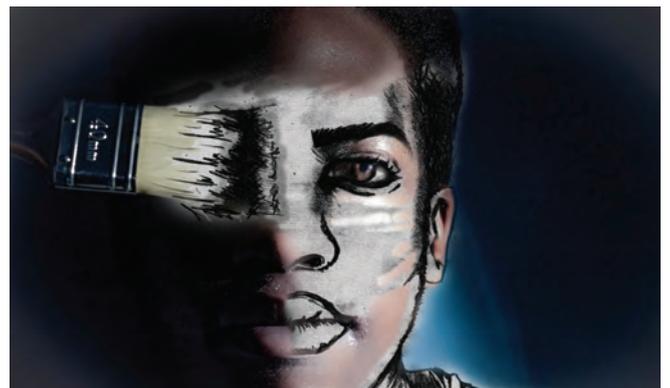
■ 2nd Place: *Sleeper Train to St Tropez* - Isobel Evans 11F

Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2016

Here are some stunning entries into the competition by our GCSE Photography pupils. The winning photograph by Tamara Singogo 10E is on the front cover and opposite.

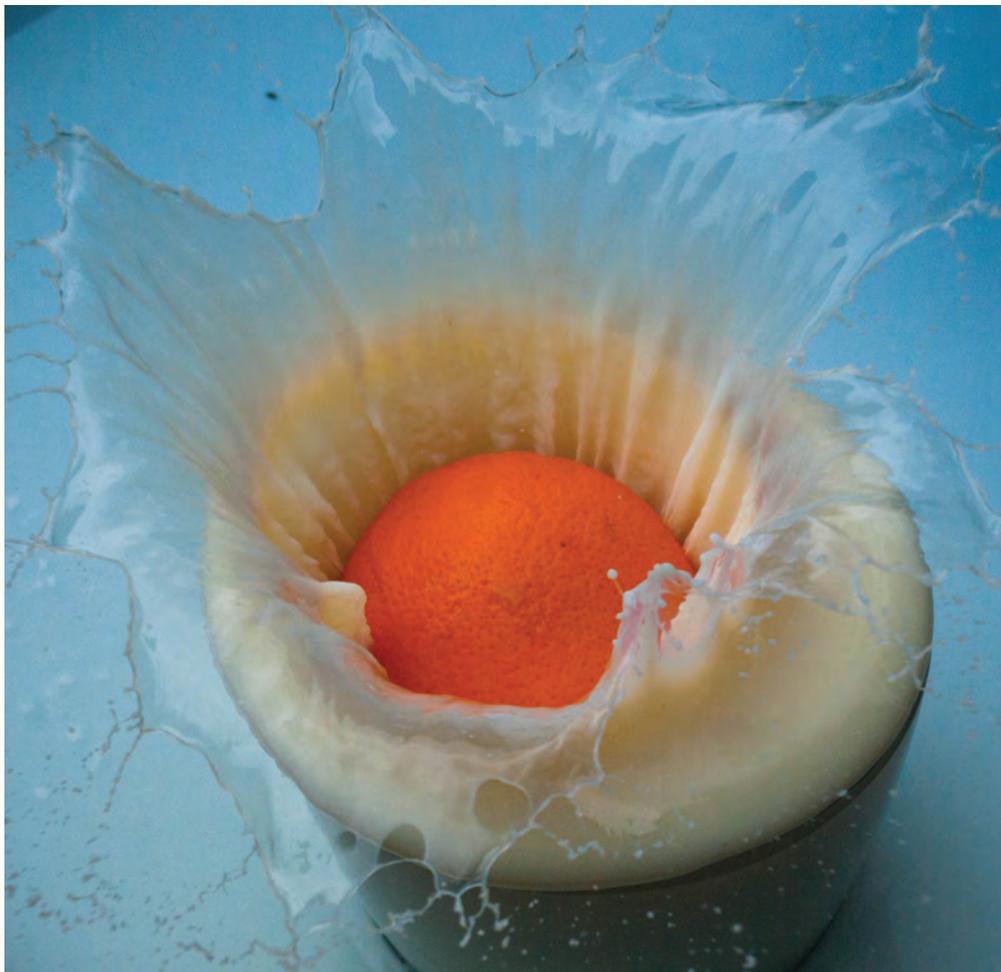
All of the pupils' photographs will be displayed in the Cheltenham Camera Club's annual exhibition at the Parabola Arts Centre in Cheltenham. Pupils will receive their prizes and certificates from the Mayor of Cheltenham at 3pm on Saturday 14th May 2016.

Mrs R. Vine, Head of Art





■ Accepted for Display: Pop Art '99' - Amy Gough 11D



■ Highly commended: Star Burst - Jonathan Gell 11E



■ Accepted for Display: Exposed - Chloe Outram 10D



■ Accepted for Display: Bristol Skies - Finn Pannell 11E



An exciting trip to London for 30 of Kingshill's Year 9 and 10 Drama pupils.

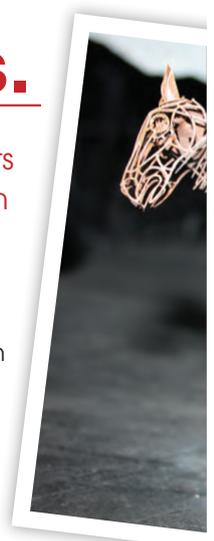
We visited a wonderful exhibition "Curtains up" at the Victoria and Albert Museum; with highlights including the "Joey" puppet from 'Warhorse', set designs from 'Les Miserables' and costumes from the 'Lion King'.

We then ventured east and tasted international food at the Borough food market. Arriving midday on a Saturday in London was quite a shock for us country folk, but everyone enjoyed it and no one got lost!

Finally, we watched a superb production of "Odysseus, my father" at the Unicorn Theatre. The Year 10 pupils have been studying this new version of Hoer's epic "The Odyssey" by Timberlake Wertenberker. Her play focusses on Odysseus' son, left alone in Ithaca waiting for the father he never knew to return. It was an exceptionally creative play with some beautiful moments and a hilarious fight scene at the end.

The pupils were superbly behaved, great company and a pleasure to spend the day with.

Ms E. Stones, Head of Expressive Arts





London Trip pupil review...

On Saturday 18th March 2016, a group of Year 9 and 10 GCSE Drama pupils headed off from school to London. We soon arrived at the Victoria and Albert Museum and that's when things got exciting!

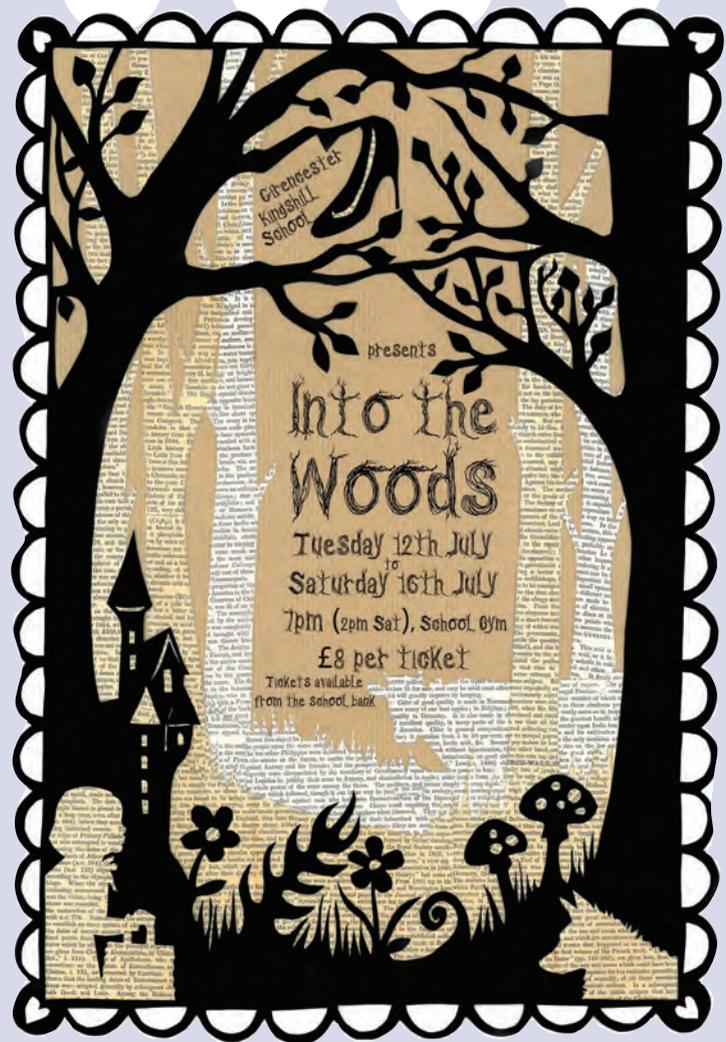
We climbed up the grand staircase and walked along the painted hallways until we reached the exhibition. It was amazing. Every room was filled with show memorabilia from costumes, props, scripts, photographs, set models and even film from past productions.

After an hour, we were whizzed off through London; passing the London Eye, Tower Bridge and the Shard. Eventually we arrived at Borough market to buy lunch from the variety of stalls on offer. Borough market was incredible! There were stalls crammed into every inch and it was so busy. Walking around in groups was impossible, so single file it was!

After lunch it was almost time to watch "My father Odysseus", so we walked the short distance to the Unicorn Theatre. We arrived just in time to grab snacks for the show and take our seats. The ending of the show was unique but hilarious! This was because for the fight scene they used ketchup as blood.

Sadly, the day had come to an end but I don't think we could have packed much more in. We can't wait to go back to London for another trip!

Martha Allan Molland, Ella Court and Millie Leighton 9D



Save the Date for "Into the Woods"



Rehearsals are now well and truly underway for Kingshill's next whole school production of "Into the Woods".

Make sure to save the date for Tuesday 12th July - Saturday 16th July 2016. All evening performances will start at 7pm and the Saturday matinee will start at 2pm.

It is going to be a truly magical and mesmerising experience as we meet Little Red, the Wolf, Cinderella and anyone else we encounter in the deep dark woods. We can't wait to see you all there!

Tickets will be on sale at the school bank from Monday 6th June 2016.



Extreme Reading Comp



■ Winner - John Phillips 8E

We had a fantastic response to our Extreme Reading competition last term. Pupils escaped to a variety of weird and wonderful places, taking their favourite books along with them.

Our winner was John Phillips 8E, for entertaining an emu with his choice of book and the runner-up was Mollie Bainbridge 8B for an equine bed time read. They both win Amazon vouchers to help supplement their adventurous reading habits.

The most glamorous location had to be Natalie Williamson 7A, reading in the Hollywood Hills and the highest flyer was Lucy Harvey 7B in a hot air balloon.

Staff also supported the event and we received a number of great pictures of them enjoying their Easter breaks with a good book.

For suggestions on a good read, pupils can visit the school library or go online to the school website.

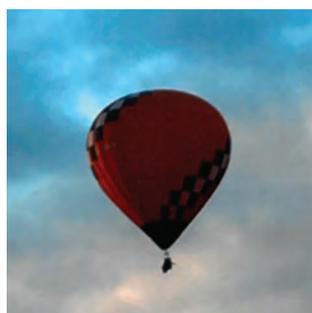
Mr T. Lee, Head of English



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■ Runner-up - Mollie Bainbridge 8B



From the Chair of Governors:

The Governing Body met on Thursday 17th March 2016 and began by welcoming Kevin Day, a newly elected Parent Governor, onto the Governing Body. The main item of business was the Head's report on the work of the school so far this academic year. Other items discussed at the meeting included Multi Academy Trusts, Governor training and reports from Governors' committees.

The Governors' committees are responsible for reviewing all the school's policies annually. Since the last newsletter in March, two of the Governors' committees have met – Buildings and Health and Safety and Staffing.

Buildings and Health and Safety - Matters considered and discussed by Governors included:

- The Health and Safety Policy
- The maintenance programme for the summer holiday
- Other urgent maintenance work
- The school roof
- The school road
- Improvements to the school's intruder alarms

Staffing:

The committee reviewed the policy on Allegations and Abuse against Staff and received an update on the Pay Award for Support Staff. The Head of Personnel and the Headteacher also provided the committee with an update on changes to staffing.

Mr A. Johnson, Chair of Governors



Sports Relief 2016

The Physical Education Faculty challenged all year groups to run a mile in the most inventive way possible to raise money for Sports Relief. We were so impressed with everyone's excitement and dedication to the cause. Some pupils challenged themselves to run a mile backwards while others completed the event as a three legged race.

We have raised an incredible total of £769.39 and counting! Well done to all and thank you for your commitment. We look forward to this type of energy in all your Physical Education lessons.

Miss R. Steel, Physical Education Teacher



Equestrian success for Kingshill

Cirencester Kingshill School competed at the Projectability Equestrian event at Tumpy Green Riding Centre on Friday 22nd April 2016. The event, attended by 5 other schools, provided riders with the opportunity to compete in both Dressage and Show Jumping disciplines.

Our team, Chloe Webster 10F, Izzy Simpkins 7C, Leah Wagner 7D and Tara Rumsey 7B, came 1st in the Team Dressage competition. Congratulations to Leah and Tara who came 1st and 2nd in the Individual Dressage competition. The girls were awarded with School Games certificates for demonstrating excellent teamwork throughout the day. Well done!

Mrs S. Jones, Sports Assistant