



GOOD LUCK CLASS OF 2021



We bade a fond farewell to our Year 11 pupils on Friday 28th May and enjoyed sharing and celebrating a range of reflections of their time at Kingshill School.

It seems a long time ago that they joined us back in September 2016, and of course no one back then could have predicted the challenges the whole world has faced during the time they have been at secondary school. It is to the absolute credit of their year group that they approached each of the huge hurdles of the past two years with great spirit and true resilience. Whether it was adjusting to remote learning and being away from their classrooms during such a crucial stage of their GCSE and BTEC studies or adapting to the ongoing changes that were made to their assessment process, the Year 11 pupils of 2020-21 simply got on with the task of making the best of themselves. They supported each other, worked hard and leave us as a year group that will never be forgotten. Beyond the classroom, they will be remembered for some outstanding performances in a range of sports, for stage-stealing roles in school productions and for being outstanding role models to our younger pupils.

We hope that they look back on their time at Kingshill with fond memories and that they achieve the grades they deserve - and hope for - on Results Day later this summer, before going onto achieve further success in their lives beyond school.

Mr Morland

Senior Assistant Head / Head of Key Stage 4



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Friends of Kingshill School is an active Parent/Teacher Association, of which all parents/carers are automatically enrolled. The group serves to help benefit all pupils and provide the school with facilities and finance the purchase of a variety of equipment.

Our 'pre-loved' uniform sales are continuing to prove popular and, as always, if you have any good quality (current) school uniform which you no longer need please consider donating it to us. Uniform can be dropped into the School office marked for our attention, or we can collect. We sell uniform at school events, so come and see us, or send us a message via our Facebook page and we will do our best to help.

We are always on the hunt for new faces and fresh ideas, and if you would like more information on how you can help, please either email us or see our Facebook page (please 'like' to see our updates through the year!)

Thank you for your continued support.

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Head's Welcome

When we returned to school in September 2020, we were not sure how things were going to go during the year, and how the pandemic was going to affect school life. We had to prepare for the unexpected, and I feel that, as a school, we have delivered. From keeping year bubbles safe, to remote learning, pupils, staff and parents/carers have all contributed toward keeping school running as normal as possible in an unprecedented time. I would like to thank you all for the part you have played.

With life now starting to return to some sense of normality, we look forward to the possibility of school functioning as it used to. We have been able to run our Extend programme of after school activities, some of our Year 10 pupils have had a visit to New College in Swindon, and Sport's Day has also taken place. Next week we are delighted to be able to run our Charity Fair and Activity Day, and I very much look forward to seeing the pupils have fun together and enjoying some time off timetable to have fun with the rest of their year group. We hope they have an enjoyable time and the weather stays kind.

We said goodbye to our Year 11 pupils on 28th May 2021. They have worked incredibly hard over the last months and we hope they will be rewarded with excellent GCSE results in August. We have been unable to hold our usual end of school prom but hope to be able to celebrate with the pupils in the future. We wish them all the very best, they have been a credit to Kingshill and we will miss them.

We have welcomed Year 6 parents/carers for Induction Evenings ahead of their children joining us in September, helping to give them an insight into school life, and introducing them to their children's tutor's. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils in the new term. We have also been able to hold outside Open Mornings for parents/carers of Year 5 pupils, who will be making their secondary school applications in September.

As we close on another school year, I once again would like to thank pupils, staff and parents/carers for all their hard work. A school is run by a community and that community has certainly stepped up over the last twelve months.

I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful summer and look forward to welcoming you and the pupils back in September.





From the Chair of Governors

In spite of the lockdown, the work of the Governing Body has followed the same pattern as in previous years, except all the meetings have been online using Microsoft Teams. It's taken some of us a while to get the hang of this but we've been ably guided and assisted by Mrs Jackson, our Clerk of Governors.

As a consequence of regulations for Academies (as laid down by the DfE, 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 DfE describes Members as being "eyes on hands off".

This structure is now a requirement for all Academy Trusts. We hope to implement the change for the 2021/22 academic year. My impression is that pupils, parents and staff won't notice any difference.

Since the last newsletter, there have been meetings of:

- Full Governing Body: 11th March 2021, 6th May 2021 and 1st July 2021
- Curriculum and Pastoral Curriculum: 9th March 2021 and 22nd June 2021
- Buildings, Health and Safety Committee: 31st March 2021 and 17th June 2021
- Staffing Committee: 21st April 2021 and 9th June 2021
- Finance, Audit and Risk Committee: 22nd April 2021 and 24th June 2021
- Chair's Committee: 10th June 2021

The principal item at the Full Governing Body meeting of the 11th March 2021 was the Head's report, which provided governors with details of the work of the school so far over the academic year. There was a particular focus on the arrangements put in place to mitigate the disruption caused by the lockdowns and the pandemic. Governors are very appreciative of all the hard work and skill shown by the staff in dealing with the challenges involved.

The meeting on the 6th May 2021 received presentations from the Humanities Faculty and the Special Needs Faculty as well as receiving reports from the committees. The committees review policies annually and since the start of 2021 they include:

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| • Charging and Remissions | • Performance Management (Teachers) |
| • Complaints | • Physical Restraint |
| • Educational visits | • Risk Management |
| • Financial Handbook | • Safeguarding Children Whistleblowing |
| • Flexible working | • Sickness Absence (Staff) |
| • Health and Safety | • Staff Attendance |
| • Home School Agreement | • Staff Expenses |
| • Minibus | • Staff Recruitment |

Dealing with all the above requires a lot of hard work and expertise on the part of the staff. My thanks go to them all.

Mr Johnson
Chair of Governors



Welcome

to our new members of staff.

We wish you a long and happy time at Kingshill.



Name: Mrs Marie Shipley

Role: Art and Textiles Technician

Last Book Read: The Sentinel by Lee Child

Best Film: Comedies—anything to make me laugh

Three Words To Describe You: Organised, Creative and Considerate



Name: Miss Lucy Potter

Role: Assistant to Inclusion Manager

Last Book Read: John Peel Autobiography

Best Film: Shawshank Redemption

Claim to Fame: I have met Prince Harry



Name: Mrs Sally Dyer

Role: Library, Careers and Resources Assistant

Last Book Read: Inferno by Dan Brown

Best Film: 1917

Claim to fame: Worked with a BBC TV Crew, filming for a pilot show



Name: Mrs Melissa Leiva

Role: Spanish Teacher





FAREWELL !

We will be saying good bye to the following members of staff at the end of term:

Miss Rigg (Teaching Assistant)

Miss Fisher (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Hooper (Teaching Assistant)

Miss Thompson (Mathematics Teacher)

Mrs Sim (Librarian)

Mrs Boakye (RE / PSHEE/ Drama Teacher)

Mrs Cameron (Food Teacher)

Mrs Knight (Science Teacher)

We have also said goodbye to Miss Dimond and Mrs Loach, who left for pastures new during the last term.

They all leave with our thanks for all their hard work at Kingshill and very best wishes for the future.

We will inform you of new staff at the start of next term.



Mr Lees was given a final send off outside in the concourse, where members of staff and governors came to say goodbye. Mr Lees was presented with a clock and cake on his last day.





From Farm to Fork.....



Last term, Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition pupils were given the opportunity to witness the preparation of a whole pheasant in line with the theme of the term, protein.

Understanding where food comes from is something that is prevalent throughout the Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE and through these lessons pupils have gained an insight and appreciation of the skill and process that goes into food preparation.

We kindly thank Mrs Lappington for giving her time, extensive knowledge, and expertise to the Year 10 pupils.

Mrs Watkins, Food Preparation and Nutrition Teacher

Update from Music

Year 7 Ukulele

Pupils have been sharing their skills and learning new skills in this instrument and preparing for their debut performance at the Summer Concert!

Year 10 Band

The band have been working hard to put together their ensemble ready for the Summer Concert, playing some songs from the musicals.

Summer Concert

We are excited to be preparing for the Summer Concert, which will be sent out on video to parents and pupils after it takes place on Wednesday 14th July at 4pm.

Miss Garry, Head of Music



Years 7 & 8 Teeny Tiny Raft Building Challenge

This term, in place of our planned trips, we ran four sessions where the pupils were set the task of building 'Teeny Tiny Rafts'.

Working in pairs, they were given an instruction sheet and challenged to make rafts out of 10 twigs and some string; their masts could be made of twigs or straws and the sails could be made from leaves, card or tissue paper. This may seem a simple task but it was a very fiddly thing for them to do!

The pupils learnt various skills: teamwork, the importance of communication and most importantly, perseverance in getting the task done - there were many times when the pesky twigs and string came undone and they had to start all over again.

Thank you to Mrs Hooper, Mrs Keates and Mrs Oboussier for their help running the activities; also a big thank you to the Heads of Year, Mr Thomas and Miss Colledge in helping decide winners for Best Raft and Best Teamwork.

Well done to all the pupils who took part and we hope you had fun.

Mrs Lambrou, Learning Advisor

Mrs Loach, Learning Advisor



August & Keiron



Kai & Taylor



Nancy & Phoebe





Year 11 Sports Award 2020/2021



On Wednesday 26th May, we presented our Year 11 Leavers with their sports awards. This replaced the annual Sports Awards Evening that could not take place earlier in the year. Approximately 85 awards were presented, to recognise the amazing contributions made by our Year 11 pupils throughout the 5 years they have represented Kingshill School. Individual awards were also presented to pupils for outstanding achievement, most improved performances, high achievement in sports within the community and outstanding contributions in the role of a leader or performer.

Miss Oates (Headteacher), Mr Morland (Assistant Head) and Mr Hamblin (Head of Physical Education) were proud to present the awards and thank all the pupils for their contributions that have led to so much success as a year group. Bethan Jones and Joe Pauling were rewarded with the key stage girl and boy awards, Isabella Sheikh received the Leadership Cup and Ryan Outram was honoured with the prestigious Sports College Plate.

The Kingshill PE Faculty wishes to congratulate each and every pupil who takes part in sports during their time at Kingshill School. For the departing Year 11 pupils, we hope they have enjoyed the challenges, acquired some new skills and learnt a few lessons along the way. The successes that have been achieved is simply an outcome of the joy and passion that sport can offer and it has been an absolute pleasure teaching them all. We wish our pupils every success for the future and look forward to recognising more fantastic sporting achievements throughout the years to come.



(Left to Right) Isabella Sheikh received the Leadership Cup, Ryan Outram was honoured with the prestigious Sports College Plate, Bethan Jones and Joe Pauling were awarded the key stage girl and boy awards.



Year 7 Accelerated Reader Programme

During the course of Year 7, pupils have had an amazing opportunity to spend one English lesson a week in the Library. The main aim of these lessons is to offer a quiet and safe space for pupils to develop their reading skills with the help of the class teacher, library staff and any assigned teaching assistants. The ultimate goal is to encourage their love of reading further, and help to support those to improve their reading levels.

Year 7 pupils have embraced this by reading short quick reads, classic and modern novels, audiobooks and especially during remote teaching electronic books. As part of the Accelerated Reader programme the pupils quiz their comprehension after reading the book to assess their understanding. Since September, Year 7 pupils have read a total of around 84,000,000 million words. A total of 21 pupils have now reached over 1 million words which is a fantastic achievement.



7A

William Ireland Yentl Wielinga
Beau Date-Burn Tony Nguyen
Daniel Chapman Helen Haestier
Flynn Vernon

7B

Harriet Faulkner-Tiley
Ruby Johnson

7C

Ellis Parry

7D

Laurie Barnes-Hill
Cerys Lilly

7E

Rebecca Clifford
Emily Hutchinson

7F

James Otter
Rowan Shipley
Sarah Taylor
Rosie Wiltshire

7G

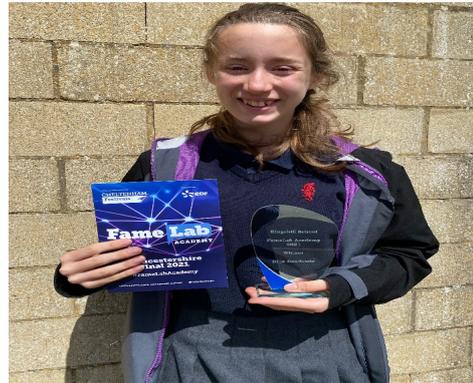
Corin Dolan
Evie Shaw

Congratulations to all of Year 7 pupils who have continued to read during the course of the academic year. I would personally like to say how proud I am of those who continued reading throughout remote learning, and reading every day at home and within school. In Year 8 pupils will have access to Accelerated Reader, and I hope their love of reading continues.

*Ms Lewis
Teacher of English & Literacy*



Ellie is the Kingshill FameLab Academy Winner!



Have you ever considered the Biomechanics of Sprinting? Have you ever wondered about the Ethics of Space Travel?

These topics and more were all shared as part of the Kingshill School Final for FameLab Academy, a competition run by Cheltenham Festivals as part of its Science for Schools programme.

This annual STEM driven competition is designed to develop communication skills, as well as encouraging pupils to find out more about science beyond the classroom. Not to be put off by the pandemic, all Year 9 pupils took part, both online and then in school, to prepare talks and to present to their class. All students had to give a 3 minute presentation without notes or electronic visual aids and were judged on the *content* of the talk, the *clarity* of their story and their *charisma* and ability to engage the audience. The class then voted on their favourite talks and we ended up with five finalists.



The five finalists and talks that went through to the School final were: (L-R)

Dan Gimmler (9D) with 'Space exploration (and why we do it)'
Adam Price (9C) with 'The ethics of space travel'
Ellie Rowlands (9D) with 'Why do we get scared?'
Ben Johnson (9C) with 'The biomechanics of sprinting'
Jasmine Ebbrell (9G) with 'IVF and fertility treatments'

All five finalists then took part in the online school final with judges, Mr Scott Williams from Versarien and Mr Adrian Thomas, our science link Governor. It was an incredibly tough final and, due to the fantastic talks from all the students, the judges found it extremely difficult to select just one winner! However, they finally agreed to send Ellie Rowlands to represent Kingshill at the Gloucestershire School final. Ellie's talk, 'Why do we get scared?', was not only informative about the evolutionary reasons of why we get scared but was also presented in an entertaining and engaging way.

During the Gloucestershire final, Ellie was complimented on her excellent talk and understanding of her subject. Although she didn't win the competition, we were all delighted with her and felt she represented the school admirably.

Mrs Pearson

Head of Science



Extend returns!

We were delighted to be able to bring back the Extend after school programme after the Easter break.

Pupils from all year groups have been taking part in PE, cookery, music, drama and creative writing classes.

Details of a new programme for the Autumn term will be sent out at the start of the new school year in September, we hope as many pupils as possible will take part.





Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mindfulness

Here in school, we are continuing to support our pupils in various ways with their wellbeing and mental health. A selection of pupils have been taking part in Mindfulness lessons with qualified Mindfulness teachers coming into school to show them techniques to help.

Mindfulness is recognised for offering positive changes, strengthening resilience and improving coping mechanisms. It helps make you more aware of the moment you are in and the surroundings.

If you feel that this is something that may help you, or you would like further information, the following websites may be of use (*click on image to take you to the website*)



Mindfulness for Teens

Back in April, Radio 1 launched a new streaming service, Relax.

The aim is to help listeners — young people in particular— deal with everyday life challenges. The 24 hour stream includes relaxing music, mindfulness sessions, tips from household names on how to maintain healthy mental fitness, as well as advice on motivation. There is also a Deep Sleepscapes stream, for people struggling to sleep, where sounds from Sir David Attenborough's Seven Worlds, One Planet series are played.





What's on during the summer.....

The summer holidays can often feel like they will never end, so below are some ideas that may help while away a day or two!

Please check websites for information on booking tickets / availability / opening hours, click on image to take you to the website



 Berkeley Castle are holding a variety of events over the summer, including Past Times living history, Open Air theatre and falconry days, plus much more.



The Painswick Rococo Garden were designed in the 1740's and as well as beautiful gardens to wander around, the site is child and dog friendly!



Cotswold Airport in Kemble is an active airport with a fantastic restaurant, AV8, where you can sit and watch the comings and goings whilst enjoying a nice lunch



Enjoy over 40 square miles and 180 lakes, with many different activities taking place. Cotswold Water Park are also hosting outdoor cinema events over the summer.



Far Peak is based on the Fosse Way, just a short distance from Cirencester. It provides indoor and outdoor climbing as well as woodland activities and new for 2021, caving.



Go Ape Mallards Pike in the Forest of Dean is home to England's largest oak woodland. The Challenge course is for the fearless, with newly extended zip wires. You can also have fun with an all-terrain electric Segway.





Summer Food Ideas

Have fun in the kitchen with a few easy recipes

Mini Milkshakes



Ingredients:

- 1 small ripe banana, chopped
- 400ml whole milk
- 100g natural yogurt
- 1 small punnet blueberries
- 6 strawberries, hulled
- 1 small punnet raspberries
- 120g mango chunks (fresh or frozen)
- 200ml coconut milk for drinking (or coconut kefir)

Method:

Step 1: Put the banana, half the milk & half the yogurt in a blender & blend until smooth. Pour into 2 or 3 milk bottles. Divide the blueberries between two skewers to make stirrers, then drop one into each bottle. Stir before serving.

Step 2: Put the strawberries & 6 raspberries in a blender with the rest of the milk & yoghurt. Blend until smooth. Push the remaining raspberries onto two skewers to make stirrers as before.

Step 3: Blend the mango & coconut milk until smooth, then add a squeeze of lime. Divide between two milk bottles & serve with the lime wedges.



Puff pastry pizzas



Ingredients:

- 320g sheet ready-rolled light puff pastry
- 6 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 75g mozzarella or cheddar

For the topping:

- Sweetcorn
- Olives, peppers
- red onion
- cherry tomatoes
- spinach, basil

Method:

Step 1: Heat the oven to 200C / 180C fan / gas 6. Unroll the pastry, cut into 6 squares & arrange over two baking trays lined with parchment. Use a cutlery knife to score a 1cm border around the edge of each pastry square. Bake for 15 mins, until puffed up but not cooked through.

Step 2: While the pastry cooks, make the sauce and prepare the toppings. Mix the tomato puree, tomato ketchup, oregano & 1 tbsp water. Grate the cheese & chop any veg or herbs you want to put on top into small pieces. Set aside.

Step 3: Remove the pastry from the oven & squash down the middle with the back of a spoon. Divide the sauce between the pastry squares & spread it out to the puffed-up edges. Sprinkle with the cheese, then add the toppings. Bake for another 5-8 minutes, then serve.



Quick banana ice cream sandwiches



Ingredients:

- 200g peanut butter (crunchy or smooth)
 - 175g golden caster sugar
 - 75g dark chocolate, chopped into chunks
 - 1 large egg
- #### For the ice cream
- 3 bananas, peeled, chopped and frozen in advance
 - 3 tbsp. double cream
 - 1 tsp vanilla essence

Method:

Step 1: Heat oven to 180C/ 160C/gas 4 & line 2 large baking sheets with parchment. Put the peanut butter, sugar, 1/4 tsp fine table salt and chocolate chunks in a bowl & mix well with a wooden spoon. Crack in the egg & mix again until the mixture clumps together & forms a dough.

Step 2: Break off chunks of dough (about the size of a cherry tomato) & arrange them, spaced apart, on the sheets. Press the cookies down with the back of a fork to squash them a little. (The cookies can be frozen for up to 2 months—to cook from frozen, add an extra 1-2 mins to the cooking time). Bake for about 12 mins until golden around the edges and paler in the centre. Leave to cool on the trays for 5 minutes.

Step 3: Meanwhile, put the bananas, cream & vanilla in a food processor & blend until they make a thick ice cream. Scoop into balls with an ice cream scoop, & sandwich between the cookies. Serve immediately.



CRAFTY CORNER

To help while the hours away during the Summer break, [Gathered](#) is a great website for craft inspiration. From ideas, to where to buy materials and even what to listen to whilst you're being creative, the website is flowing with ideas.

Below are the instructions on how to make a macramé plant hanger:

Macramé plant hanger

You will need:

Wooden pole ring

Yarn,
(neon pink has been used for this illustration)

Tape measure

Scissors

Plant pot



Step 1

Cut 4 pieces of yarn measuring 2m each. Fold them in half and take the folded end through the pole ring. Next, take the other end through the yarn loop and pull tightly. You now have 8 strands of yarn.



Step 2

Separate the strands into four sections, with two strands per section. Tie one section into a knot about 35cm (13^{3/4}") down from the pole ring. Repeat with the other three sections.



Step 3

Now pair off the left strand from one section with the right strand from the next section. Tie these strands together 10cm (4") below the previous knot. Repeat with the other three sections.



Step 4

Repeat step 3 one more time, leaving 8cm (3^{1/8}") distance between the knots



Step 5

Tie all the strands together at the base where the plant pot will be. Cut off the excess yarn to get an even tassel. Then carefully place the plant pot inside the holder and hang it on a hook. Your basic macramé plant hanger is finished!





SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021/2022

TERMS 1 & 2

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th

Return to school for Years 7, 10 and 11

Tuesday 7th

All year groups return to school

Thursday 16th

Open Evening

Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th

Open Morning's 9.15am —10.45am

OCTOBER

Friday 1st

INSET DAY

Tuesday 12th

Y10 Tutor Evening with parents and introduction to GCSEs 4.00pm — 6.30pm

Wednesday 13th

Y7 Tutor Evening with parents 4.00pm—6.30pm

Thursday 14th

Y11 First reports to parents

Monday 18th

Y7 and Y9 photographs

Thursday 21st

Y9 First reports to parents

AUTUMN BREAK Monday 25th October 2021—Friday 29th October 2021

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 2nd

Y11 Parents' Evening (1)

Friday 5th

Y10 First reports to parents

Wednesday 10th

Y9 Parents' Evening (1)

Friday 12th

Y8 First reports to parents

Monday 15th

Y10 Parents' Evening (1)

Tuesday 23rd

Y8 Parents' Evening (1)

Thursday 25th

GCSE Awards Evening

Friday 26th

INSET DAY

DECEMBER

Wednesday 15th

Christmas Concert

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 20th December 2021 —Monday 3rd January 2022

*All dates are subject to change, depending on Government guidelines at the time

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SCHOOL CALENDAR—2021/2022

Term Dates

Term 1 — Monday 6th September 2021 — Friday 22nd October 2021

Term 2 — Monday 1st November 2021 — Friday 17th December 2021

Term 3 — Tuesday 4th January 2022 — Friday 18th February 2022

Term 4 — Tuesday 1st March 2022 — Friday 8th April 2022

Term 5 — Monday 25th April 2022 — Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6 — Monday 6th June 2022 — Thursday 21st July 2022

Inset Days

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Friday 1st October 2021

Friday 26th November 2021

Monday 28th February 2022

Thursday 12th August 2021

GCSE Results Day

Pupils to be in school between 09.30—11.30

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