



Kingshill Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Kingshill is always a happy place to be but when the sun shines, the spirits are raised further. So, for those of you who readily look forward to reading about adventures and are maybe curled up with a cup of tea as you read – enjoy!

The highlight of this term has to be our World Book Day celebrations yesterday. The whole day epitomised the true spirit of Kingshill. From those who chose not to participate in dressing up – we understand; from those who chose to go all out – we appreciated your efforts and my goodness, there were so many of you choosing to represent characters from different books. For me, my biggest takeaway was the inclusivity and kindness that the day brought – every member of our school community shared in the joy and laughter of one another's efforts – Kingshill showcasing how safe a community we are to allow all to be who they want to be – a day never to be forgotten.

I also want to mention our amazing Y11 students who began their final round of mock exams and their ongoing final practical assessments. They have been exemplary in their approach to their preparations, their organisational skills in being where they need to be and on time, and their conduct in the exam rooms. They are nearly there with one further week to go – we are all rooting for your success.

Assemblies

This week, I had the pleasure of delivering our World Book Day assemblies on The Power of Reading. I focused on how reading nourishes us, helping us become a little bit cleverer and a little bit kinder. I also shared books that have shaped some incredibly influential readers. Barack Obama feels a deep sense of **pride** when reading Toni Morrison's Song of Solomon, while Malala Yousafzai sees her own **resilience** reflected in The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho and The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum. Meanwhile, Emma Watson speaks about the power of empathy, compassion, and **kindness** in books like The BFG by Roald Dahl and The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath.

I ended with an important message—if some of our students don't see themselves as readers yet, they shouldn't close themselves off to the possibility. One day, they might just discover the books that will nourish and shape them in ways they never expected.

Mr Smith
Head of English

World Book Day

The very best of our Kingshill community spirit was showcased on World Book Day this year, when staff and students came together to celebrate and share their love of reading. The buzz around the school during break and lunch was fantastic thanks to some really inventive, creative and often hilarious costumes. A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the day and helped to raise over £500 for charity.



Y7 Octavia's Bookshop

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"I think the books trip was fun. The lady was very nice. I would recommend to anyone who likes reading or is interested in finding a new book to get into."

"It was really fun and amazing-recommended to go there."

"It was really fun and I chose Robo Dog"

"I thought the trip was very fun with a very calming walk there and back enjoying nature"

On a beautiful, sunny Tuesday, a group of students walked to Octavia's Bookshop as part of a World Book Day trip. Their challenge was to select a book for the school library and recommend it to others. Octavia spoke to the students about how to choose and promote books, and we were impressed by their enthusiasm and ability to engage in thoughtful, bookish conversations.

The students carefully assessed their options before making their final selections. Among the chosen titles were *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold, *The Three Musketeers* (Graphic Novel), *Ottoline and the Yellow Cat* by Chris Riddell, and *Powerless* by Lauren Roberts, to name just a few.

Throughout the trip, students were a credit to Kingshill, demonstrating both politeness and engagement. Once they have finished reading their selected books, they will write reviews to be displayed alongside them on the library shelves. Each book will be marked with a special label showing it was student-recommended. Additionally, four students with the best reviews will win a £5 book token to spend in the shop!

UK Intermediate Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 29th January, some of our Y9 & Y10 students took part in the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. The challenge is held across schools from the whole of the UK, with approximately the top 8% of students receiving a Gold certificate, the next 17% receiving a Silver & the next 25% receiving a Bronze.

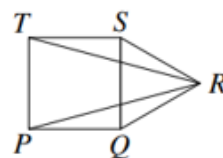
The students did exceptionally well, achieving 1 Gold, 9 Silver and 28 Bronze Certificates. We are extremely proud of everyone who took part.

A special mention goes to Caitlin Z in Y10, who achieved 'Best in school', having achieved a gold certificate.

Here are some sample questions from this year's paper.

The diagram shows a square $PQST$ and an equilateral triangle QRS .
What is the size, in degrees, of angle PRT ?

- A 10 B 15 C 20 D 25 E 30



The product of the first three numbers in the box below is equal to the product of the last three numbers.
What is the value of x ?

x 120 496 360 48

- A 72 B 84 C 96 D 128 E 144

Ans: E & E

UK Intermediate Maths Challenge



Summer Uniform

As the warmer months approach, students will have the option to wear their summer uniform starting from Tuesday, 1st April. To help families prepare, we will be holding a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on Friday, 28th March, from 3:00 – 4:00pm, directly after school. This is a great opportunity to purchase uniform items at a reduced cost while also supporting sustainability.

The summer uniform consists of a navy blue polo shirt with the school logo. If students choose to wear a t-shirt underneath, it must be plain white. Grey, tailored knee-length shorts are also permitted, provided they are no more than two inches above the knee. Blazers and school jumpers are optional during this time but can be worn as extra layers for warmth if needed. Students who prefer to continue wearing their shirt and tie are welcome to do so.

We encourage families to take advantage of the uniform sale and ensure students are dressed comfortably for the warmer months ahead.

Parent/Student Survey

We value the thoughts and opinions of our school community, which is why we conduct our Annual Stakeholder Survey each year. This important survey allows us to track progress over time, using benchmarks to celebrate successes and identify areas for improvement. Your feedback directly influences our ongoing efforts to enhance the learning experience for our students. As this survey is scheduled to be distributed next week, we encourage all parents, carers, and students to take a few moments to complete it.

In addition to our annual survey, we anticipate an Ofsted inspection within the next two terms. As part of their review process, Ofsted will distribute a separate survey for parents to complete. We appreciate your participation in both, as each provides valuable insights to help us continue shaping greater futures.

Parent Forum – Be a Part of the Change!



PARENT FORUM
21st March 2025
9:00 – 10:30

- I. **Welcome**
 - a. Parent Forum – Terms of Reference
 - b. Introductions
 - c. Quick Recap of last meeting
- II. **House System**
- III. **Reporting System**
- IV. **Questions and Answers**
- V. **Next Steps | Your Key Takeaways**
- VI. **Our Next Meeting**
 - a. _____, 2025 at 9:00am

Pre-Loved School Uniform Sale!

Get your summer polo shirts while they last!

We also have our normal selection of uniform items and PE kits.

Friday
28th March
3:00 - 4:00pm

School Main Hall
We accept CASH or CARD

We are always looking for parents to join The Friends of Kingshill School. If you're interested, please contact the Headteacher's PA, Alisha Talevinukuleka, on 01285 6515511.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS

Don't forget to register for our Parent Forum on **Friday, 21st March, from 9-10:30am**. This is a great opportunity to gain insights into school life and share your invaluable feedback in shaping the best learning experience for our students. Register by clicking [here](#).

Closing Remarks

World Book Day has enabled us all to reflect on what we are currently reading and what our next read will be – what might be yours this weekend?

Mrs Jo Lindley
Headteacher

Returning Week: Week B

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 11 th March	Y8 Football vs Farmors (H) 3-5pm
	Y9 Football vs Farmors @ Farmors 3-5.30pm
Thursday 13 th March	Y10 Football vs Farmors @ Farmors 3-5.30pm
	Y11 Football vs Farmors (H) 3-5pm
Wednesday 19th March	INSET DAY – no school for students
Thursday 20th March	Y9 Options Evening 4pm
Friday 21st March	Parent Forum 9-10.30am
Friday 28 th March	Y11 Mock Interviews
	Y11 Photographs
	Lunchtime concert – Music Room 1.20pm
Thursday 3 rd April	Y9 Woodchester Mansions 9am
Saturday 5 th April	Duke of Edinburgh Practice 9am
Monday 7th April	Parents Information Evening – Munich, Dining Hall, 5.30pm
Tuesday 8 th April	Y10 Duke of Edinburgh
	Y10 Lea Wood 9am
	Parents Information Evening – Iceland Trip, Dining Hall, 5.30pm
Wednesday 9th April	Y11 Targeted Parents' Evening
Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April	Easter Half Term – 2 weeks!

**Please note that for TRIPS, the time listed is the leave time. Please ensure your child is at school at least 15 minutes prior to the leave time.*