



Kingshill Newsletter



21 March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may find that over the next few weeks our newsletter will feel a quieter read. This is intentional; trips and visits are limited at this time of year as it is essential that our Y11s have every chance of success in their final weeks with us. One minor disruption was our Lockdown practice during lesson time on Monday morning. I am delighted to report that each and every student showed enormous **responsibility** during this period of time; all were switched off and silent, as required – a credit to us all.

Whilst the students took a midweek break in the sunshine, the staff team were learning more about the functioning of the adolescent brain (it really was an insight!) and how we use this knowledge to unlock the potential of all learners. Our Educational Psychologist reminded us of the need to teach learning behaviours in the same way we teach our own curriculum areas within our lessons and how, even through a slight tweak of instructional language, we can deepen connections and security within the classroom, leading to further successful outcomes. A thought-provoking day for us all.

So, a quick quiz: Can you name these flags?



Our amazing House winners from the Geoguesser finals could – their knowledge was incredible – it will be a real contest in the final round when the Houses are pitted against each other!

Assemblies

Throughout this week, students have gathered for their House assemblies which always prove to be somewhat different to our usual assemblies, as each House is developing their own unique identity, inclusive of motto, theme and student participation. (this week even saw mascots introduced in some Houses!). The element of competition is notably increasing and the Geoguesser provided us with the latest challenge with the final of this taking place in just a couple of weeks time! Over the next few weeks, students will be given the opportunity to give us their perspectives on the impact of our House system in developing our sense of both community and competition and we very much look forward to the feedback that they provide.

Mr Seb Thomas
Strategic Lead of the Houses

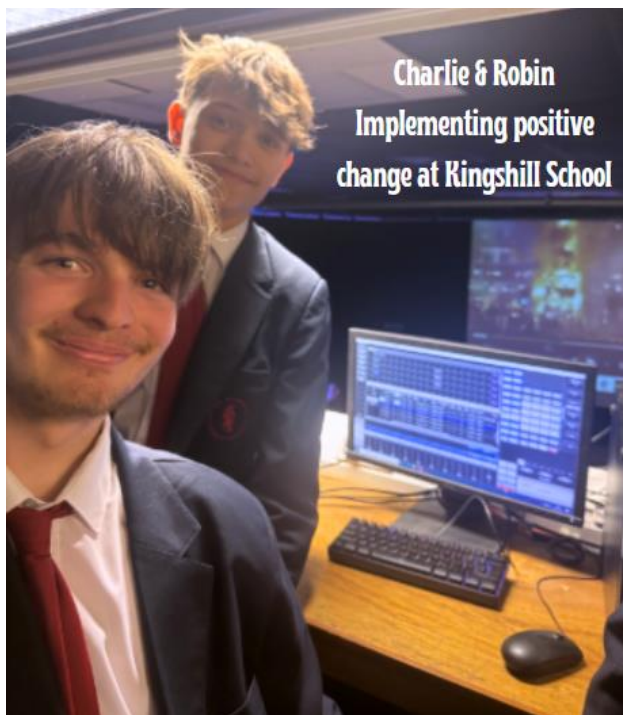
Y9 Option Evening

Thank you to all parents/carers and students who attended the Year 9 Options Evening this week. The deadline for choosing your Option Choices is the 28th March and you can do this either online via the link below or by filling the form out at the back of the KS4 Curriculum booklet. I know that the information that you and your child have received, not only this week, but throughout the year, will allow you to make the right choices for the next 2 years, and I wish everyone the best possible success in their future learning.

Options Online Form

Mr Darren Stillman
Assistant Headteacher: Unlocking Potential Strategy

Can we have a dongle, please?



So, what to do when two brilliant students approach asking for some money to improve the school? I asked them to go away and create a business proposition and if something needed purchasing, they had to supply 3 quotations. Within 24 hours they had returned, booked in a meeting and presented their ideas. They needed the funds to enhance the lighting system in the drama studio. They made it clear that our drama department would not be able to produce the desired results without an essential piece of kit and software: a dongle.

I had no choice, their presentation was so slick and clearly it would enhance our learning experiences and performances in school. The dongle was purchased and now installed and, as a result, we can now thanks to their huge dedication in their own time, programme light cues for shows and digitally operate our lights at the touch of a button! Apparently, they have a new proposition for me – Friends of Kingshill – I need you!

Parent Survey

We are extending the close date to **Monday 24th March** for our Parent Survey! Your feedback is invaluable in helping us improve and shape the best experience for our students and staff.

- ◆ The survey is completely anonymous – just select your child's year group.
- ◆ It only takes 5 minutes (unless you wish to add comments).
- ◆ Survey closes on Friday, 21st March – don't miss your chance to share your thoughts.

The survey link has been sent via ParentMail – please check your inbox. Your feedback makes a real difference—thank you for your time and support.

Parent Forum

This morning, we had an engaging and informative Parent Forum, where we delved into the details and impact of our House system as well as an in-depth review of our reporting system. It was fantastic to have such open and constructive conversations with our parents, and we truly appreciate the valuable suggestions shared during the session. Parents said that the forum was “*very informative, great open conversation,*” that they are “*So encouraged by all you are doing,*” and that “*It’s great to get parents involved in the school and be open to feedback and comments.*”

Hearing how our intended strategies are landing within the home is enormously helpful and often refinements are made as a result of your voice – why not consider coming along and joining us at the next meeting?

At our next Parent Forum where we will discuss the Parent Survey results, Trips and Student Leadership (in action!) on Friday 9th May at 9am, why not join us by registering [here](#).

Y11 Statement of Exams

All Year 11 students will be receiving their Statement of Exam entries over the next couple of days to bring home. Please could you check the entries, student name and date of birth carefully, then sign and return one copy of the form to your tutor. If there are any queries/ amendments to be made, please contact the Exams Officer or subject teacher.

Kingshill’s Got Talent

We are beyond excited to announce our next major performance event – Kingshill’s Got Talent! Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, 8th May**, and join us at Bingham Hall, Cirencester, from 7pm to 9pm, for an evening packed with incredible talent and electrifying performances.

Over the past few weeks, our school has been buzzing with talent as we held our preliminary heats. After an intense selection process, we’ve narrowed it down to just 10 outstanding acts—and trust us, the competition was fierce! On the night, each act will take the stage to impress both the audience and our panel of judges. The top three performers will then battle it out in the final round, performing a second piece in a bid to claim victory and take away the Kingshill’s Got Talent Trophy!

But that’s not all! Our Musical Production Choir will also take the stage, delivering performances of songs from this year’s school musical: “We Will Rock You.”

Get Your Tickets Now! Tickets are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/kingshillschool for just £5 each. You also have the option to add a donation to support our music department and future performance events.

Don’t miss this spectacular showcase of talent—come and cheer on our incredible performers for a night of music, energy, and excitement!

See you there!

Mr. Ashby & The Kingshill Expressive Arts Department



Kingshill Car Park Speed Limit



We would like to remind all parents/carers who have permission to drop their children off in the main car park at Kingshill that the speed limit is **strictly 5mph**. Driving above this speed poses a serious risk to pedestrians, particularly students and staff walking through the area! To maintain a safe environment, we ask for your cooperation in the following ways when entering the school site:

**Car park
speed limit**

- Observe the 5mph speed limit
- Stay alert and minimise distractions whilst driving
- Follow all traffic signs or any staff instructions

For all other parents/carers, please use the Watermoor County car park for drop-offs. This helps reduce congestion and ensures a safer environment for all. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

Closing Remarks

Could you name the flags?

Here are the answers:

A: Grenada

B: Fiji

C: Nigeria

D: Lithuania

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Jo Lindley

Headteacher

Returning Week: Week B

Upcoming Events

Friday 28 th March	Y11 Mock Interviews
	Y11 Photographs
	Lunchtime concert – Music Room 1.20pm
Monday 31 st March	Y8-Y11 Careers Talk – Agent Casting & Production, Library 8.40am
Thursday 3 rd April	Y9 Woodchester Mansions 9am
Monday 7th April	Parents Information Evening – Munich, Dining Hall, 5.30pm
	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!
Tuesday 29 th April	Y9 Girls STEM, P1-P2
Wednesday 30 th April	Y11 Textiles GCSE Practical
	Y9 Imperial War Museum, 7.30am
Thursday 1 st May	Y11 3D Design GCSE Practical
Friday 2 nd May	Y10 DofE Training Day in school, 1pm
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY

**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.*

Click [here](#) for Community Events