

17th May 2024



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Dear Parent/Carer,

'Kingshill is a beautiful community woven between tapestries of friendships and achievements...'

...the words from a Y10 student leader application form – how true this is. The student leader interviews are always a highlight, but they are also a humble reflection on the compassion and support our students share for one another, alongside a determination to shape a greater future for the whole school community. Mr Morland and I are still bursting with pride and admiration for the students involved – a huge thank you to all who applied; the quality of discussion around our school community was both insightful and thought-provoking. We are confident that these wonderful students will create a long-lasting legacy for our school.

Farewell to Mr Pritchard

We bid a farewell to Mr Pritchard, Deputy Headteacher at the end of last week as he leaves us for an exciting new opportunity. He extends his thanks to the support the students, staff and parents have given over the last 5 years and in return we want to thank him for all he has done during his time at our school. In the interim, Mrs Christopher is now our acting Deputy Headteacher and we will share more regarding our staffing for September in term 6.

Assemblies this week

The assembly this week focused on the **Pride** STEP. We discussed each element: 'I am proud of myself and our school. I take **pride** in learning and I celebrate success.' To feel **pride** requires self-respect and self-respect comes with self-discipline – we do not lower our standards for anything or anyone. It was a beautiful opportunity for each of the Year Leaders to celebrate the successes of their students and all year groups sat and listened knowing that they really are part of something special at Kingshill.

We shared how we are ambassadors of our school both within the walls and beyond when stepping out into the community. I shared with the students the amended **uniform policy** that we will follow in term 6, asking students to show self-discipline in following the rules of the uniform, knowing that in doing so, it will lead to a deep sense of **pride** for ourselves, our school and as the Y5s and Y6s join us in term 6 for taster days and transition days, they will have brilliant aspirational role models to follow.

Substack

We hope you are enjoying our new newsletter format, which no longer requires you to open a PDF document. This change was a part of our ongoing efforts to improve communication with parents and the local community. Another method we will be using is to increase the school's social media presence to showcase the amazing work, events, and contributions of our CKS students. To support this initiative, we would like to offer parents the opportunity to update their photo permissions. If you wish to withdraw your consent, please send an email to office@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk to request the change. If you are happy for us to continue celebrating the successes of your child more publicly, you won't need to take any action.

Mr Patching
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shaping greater futures

Y9 Imperial War Museum Trip

On Friday 10th May, 60 Year 9 students headed to the Imperial War Museum in London as part of their studies in History on the 20th Century. The key focus was learning more about the Holocaust, the key events and why it is still important today. The day was made up of 3 sessions; a classroom lesson on what they already knew, a visit to the Holocaust Galleries, and finally a debrief on what they had just seen. Each student was then able to write down their feelings on why they thought the Holocaust should never be forgotten. Our students were amazing. They participated with empathy and sensitivity and the guides said they were one of the best groups they had ever taught. Well done Year 9.



Imperial War Museum



Mrs Biggs and Mrs Couchman

UK Junior Maths Challenge

On Thursday 25th April, approximately 120 of our Y7 & Y8 students took part in the Junior 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 completed this year's challenge online and did exceptionally well, achieving 3 Gold, 15 Silver and 34 Bronze certificates. A particular well done goes to Ryan in Y7, who achieved Best in Year & Miles in Y8, who was not only top in Y8 but also did well enough to qualify for the Kangaroo round. Well done to everyone that took part.

Here are some sample questions from this year's Junior Mathematics Challenge.

When the five expressions below are simplified, how many different values are obtained?

$$2 + 2 \quad 2 \times 2 \quad 2 - 2 \quad 2 \div 2 \quad 2^2$$

A 1

B 2

C 3

D 4

E 5

In Fred's field there are some humans and some horses.

There are 25 heads in total and 60 legs in total.

What is the difference between the number of humans and the number of horses?

A 3

B 7

C 9

D 11

E 15

Ans: C & E

The photos show some of our successful Y8 students.



Clare Stone
Mathematics

Y11 Exams

A huge congratulations to all of the Y11 Textiles students who completed their 10 hour practical exams over the last few weeks. There were so many amazing outcomes and I am so proud of ALL of you!



Rebecca Waller
D&T Textiles

Y10 Hoodie Project

A huge well done to the Y10 GCSE Textiles students for the amazing hoodies which they have created. Students were given the task of designing and making a hoodie inspired the work of the artist Morag Myerscough. They had to bring their ideas to life by making their own patterns before making their hoodies. The outcomes this year are fantastic.



Rebecca Waller
D&T Textiles

Y11 Food Preparation & Nutrition

Just a few photos showcasing some of the fantastic dishes that the students cooked during their 3 hour exam back in February. Every mouthful was delicious. Well done Year 11s!



Mrs de-Gay
Head of Food and Nutrition

Award Winning Author Visit

Thursday was such an exciting day for Years 7 and 8 this week because we were incredibly lucky to have the hugely talented and award-winning author Tola Okogwu in school for the day. Tola spoke to the students about her journey as a writer which included an insight into her Nigerian roots, her family, her various jobs and passions, and her influences. She really brought her characters to life for the students with such passion that I hope she's inspired our students to read her books, but also to create their own worlds and lives through creative writing.

Tola also spoke to a small and specially selected group of Year 7s, answering so many brilliant questions and sharing even more tips and wisdom.

I cannot thank the students from those year groups enough for their enthusiasm and interaction throughout the day, a true reflection of the CKS spirit with their *ambition* and *pride*.

I also want to thank the student helpers; the day wouldn't have run as wonderfully without them!



Miss de Carles
English Department

Y7 Art Project

Year 7 have been producing pinch pot fish in their 3D art lesson. They have all shown such pride in their work, constructing their pinch pots correctly, applying the details and finally decorating them beautifully.



Mrs Ruth Vine
Head of Art

Sports Update

- Our Rounders teams headed off to Thomas Keble on Wednesday with wins for both Year 9 (12-9) and Year 10 (15-8 ½). The following girls were awarded Player of the Match by the opposing team:
 - Year 7: Freya
 - Year 8: Poppy
 - Year 9: Molly and Lara
 - Year 10: Charlotte
- Thursday evening was the culmination of an exciting campaign by our Year 9 football team to try and become County Cup Champions. The final took place at Cirencester Town Football Club and was strongly supported by staff, parents and students.

Playing against a strong team from St. Bede's in Bristol, the boys showed excellent grit and determination throughout the match. After conceding two goals in the first half, they fought back but unfortunately, the result did not go our way and the final score was 2-1. The team should be incredibly proud of themselves for the *ambitious* and *resilient* fight back in the second half...next year we go again for **GOLD!**



Sara Jones
PE Faculty and School Games Office

Information evening- Parenting in the AI Era- 4th July 18:00-19:00

We are delighted to invite you to a special upcoming information evening all about AI and technology. As technology rapidly evolves, it's vital for you as parents to stay informed about the impact of technology and artificial intelligence on our children's education, development and daily lives.

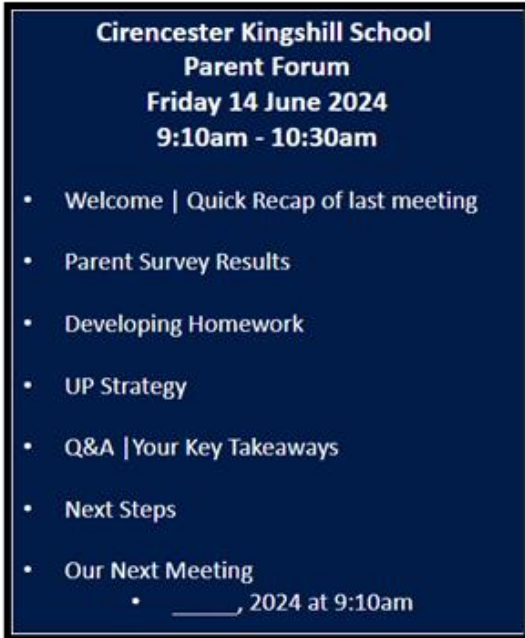
This event will provide valuable insights into how AI is shaping the future, the benefits and challenges it presents, and how you can support your children in navigating this new landscape, including social media sites. By attending, you'll gain a better understanding of the tools and resources available to help your children thrive in an AI-driven world. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this important discussion with you.

If you would like to attend, then please [click here](#) to complete a quick form so that we have an idea of numbers.

Mr Patching
Digital Strategic Lead

Parent Forum

Join us for an enriching parent forum tailored just for you! We believe in fostering strong partnerships with parents to ensure every student's success. We invite you to our next Parent Forum on **Friday 14th June, from 9:10 to 10:30am**. Come engage with our dedicated staff, ask questions, and connect with fellow parents. Together, let's empower our students to thrive. [Click here](#) to register. We look forward to seeing you there!



Cirencester Kingshill School
Parent Forum
Friday 14 June 2024
9:10am - 10:30am

- Welcome | Quick Recap of last meeting
- Parent Survey Results
- Developing Homework
- UP Strategy
- Q&A | Your Key Takeaways
- Next Steps
- Our Next Meeting
 - _____, 2024 at 9:10am

Pre-Loved School Uniform Sale

Pre-loved school uniforms on sale NEXT week!



 **Pre-Loved School Uniform Sale!**

We have a great selection of winter and summer uniforms, as well as PE kits.

SALE DATES:

Wed 22nd May | 3pm - 4pm
Thurs 27th June | 5pm - 6pm

School Dining 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 651511.


PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS

Open Mornings

Join us for our Open Mornings 2024! If you have a child starting with us in Y7 next September, please join us for an open morning. You can also find the information on our Facebook page to **share** with other parents who are interested in discovering what makes our school exceptional and see first hand the vibrant learning environment we offer. Register now by [clicking here](#), by using the QR code below, or through our school website.

We look forward to welcoming you and others in our community to share the unique aspects of our school!

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OPEN MORNINGS

Are you ready to unlock the potential
for a brighter tomorrow?

Join us for at an Open Morning at Kingshill
School, where we invite you to witness firsthand
how we shape greater futures for our students.

Tues 2nd July Thurs 4th July
9:15 -10:45 9:15 -10:45

For additional information contact us at:
admissions@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk
01285 651 511 ext. 205



Closing Remarks

I spent P6 on Wednesday afternoon amongst Y10 drama students conducting their mock performances of 'An Inspector Calls'. During the performances and in the follow-up reflection activity, I was reminded of how exceptional our students are. They were able to celebrate the successes of their peers' performances through a wide range of technical vocabulary; they were never critical, only self-reflective and the self-learning from the exercise left me speechless. A reminder about our Learning Hurdles represented in our Active Minds 'we are comfortable in making errors and completing work again – we often learn more from the mistakes we make than from always getting it right'. I'm already looking forward to seeing the students return on Monday to see what our final week of term will bring.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Jo Lindley
Headteacher

Upcoming events

Wednesday 22nd May	Pre-loved uniform sale 3:00-4:00pm, school hall
27th May – 31st May	Term Break
Monday 3 rd June	Y9 <u>DataFace</u> Finals 8:30-15:00 - Cheltenham KS3 Book Shop Experience
Tuesday 4 th June	Y10 Cheltenham Science Festival 9:00-15:00 KS3 Book Shop Experience
Wednesday 5 th June	Y10 Bristol Photography Trip 9:10-15:00
Thursday 6th June	Iceland Trip Parent Information Evening 18:00-19:00 – school dining hall
Friday 7 th June	Y7 Cheltenham Science Festival 9:00-15:00
Tuesday 11 th June	Y9 Finance Day Y10 University of Oxford Visit 8:40-17:00
Wednesday 12 th June	Y11 Leavers Day
Friday 14th June	Parent Forum 9:10-10:30am

Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool Youth Evenings

Starting on Friday 17th May throughout the summer until the end of August

7:15-8.30pm for just £1

It is open to all Year 7-11 pupils

Parents are able to stay

Everybody must give their name and contact details before entering - these will be stored safely and destroyed at the end of the season.



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an exciting new project from  

**PRE-LOVED POP UP SHOP FOR
TEENS ON
SATURDAY 18TH MAY
10AM-4PM.
at Brimscombe Mill**

**Please support us by donating
your good quality 12-16 year old
clothing that you no
longer wear.**



**Charity fundraiser
for The Grand Appeal
charity #: 1043603**



**Spring
craft | fayre**

18th May 2024

10am - 4pm

**Raffle prizes to be won
Refreshments available**

**Cirencester Baptist Church
Chesterton lane , GL7 1YE**

We Are Recruiting:

Rodborough U13s

**Girl's Football Team
(Current Year 8)**



Free Taster Sessions until the end of the Season.

Join our term time training sessions on Friday nights at Stratford Court-Stratford Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4AQ from **5.00pm** until **6.00 pm**

Just bring a water bottle, shin pads and football boots/trainers.

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Keir Kille
Tel: 07779 581 835 or email: keirkille@hotmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you!

SPORTILY IN THE SKATEPARK CABIN

The Cabin, Kingshill Skate Park, GL7 1HS



15:15-16:30 School Years 7-9
EVERY MONDAY IN TERMTIME

Join Sportily in The Cabin at Kingshill Skatepark every monday after school for toasties, hot chocolate, sports equipment and a social space



£1
per week

Sign up here- sportily.org.uk/cirencester 

Contact luke.campbell@sportily.org.uk for more information

Just £10
for 4 sessions

PICK UP FITNESS

The Cabin, Kingshill Skate Park, GL71HS

Mondays from 14:15-14:45

**Struggling to fit exercise into your busy schedule?
Why not come to to Pick Up Fitness!**

Designed to fit around school pick up for Watermoor and Kingshill School,
Get active, be social and #talklife with qualified personal trainers at Sportily!



22nd & 29th April
13th & 20th May



Sign up here- sportily.org.uk/cirencester

Contact luke.campbell@sportily.org.uk for more information



HAF in the Cotswolds

Join us this holiday for fun and food

For our Holiday and Food Programmes in Spring, Summer & Winter 2024 we have lots of activities on offer including Circus, Fundays, Forest School Days, Holiday camps and more

Activities go on view before going live on CABS and our Website on the following dates:

Spring view 4th March - Go Live 11th March

Summer view 17th June - Go Live 1st July

Winter view 18th Nov - Go Live 2nd Dec



To find out more scan the QR Code

Once bookings go live, if you need help with bookings or transport, please contact our community connectors Bloodhound Education on email: accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com





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FULL DAY CAMP

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- * ARTS + CRAFTS
- * MARTIAL ARTS & OTHER SPORTS
- * ACTIVITY THEMES



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FRIDAY 16TH
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