



# Cirencester Kingshill School



## July Newsletter 2023







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## A message from the Head

**Summer Term at Kingshill has been packed with enjoyable events, activities and pupil achievements, many of which you can read about in this newsletter.** We have run a full timetable of after school activities in our Extend programme, Year 10 pupils have undertaken their work experience and made visits to local colleges. Our successful Sport's Afternoons, Summer Concert, Awards Evening, Activities day and Charity Fair have all now taken place and pupils have had a fun term.

On Friday 30th June 2023 we held our Leavers' Prom at Blunsdon House hotel. This was a lovely, celebratory occasion and we wish the year group all the very best with their GCSE results in August.

We have welcomed Year 6 parents/carers for Induction Evenings ahead of their children joining Kingshill School in September, and Year 6 pupils to an Induction Day, helping to give them an insight into school life, and introducing them to their tutors. We have also held two busy Open Mornings for parents/carers of Year 5 pupils, who will be making their secondary school applications in September.

A number of staff are leaving Kingshill at the end of term (see page 5) some are moving onto pastures new out of education while others are moving to new posts in education. I would like to sincerely thank all of the staff leaving for all the hard work they have put into school, it is very much appreciated. I wish them all the very best for the future.



I would like to say a special thank you to Mr. J. Wight (Head of IT) who has been at Kingshill since 1999 and Mr. D. Harris (Teaching Assistant) and Mrs N. Blight (Data and Assessment Manager) who have been here since 2014. They have given many years of service to Kingshill and will be missed by both staff and pupils.

And finally, after 19 years, as I move on from Kingshill School, I would like to thank all pupils, parents, staff and governors for your support. It has been a privilege to be Headteacher of Kingshill and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Kingshill is a very special school. I wish the school continued success.

I wish you all a happy and restful summer and hope that you all enjoy the summer holidays.

*Miss. C. S. Oates, Headteacher*



## News from the Chair of Governors

**Since the last Newsletter, Governors have met on the following occasions:**

- Full Governing Body – 11<sup>th</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Members – 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Curriculum and Pastoral Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> June
- Finance, Audit and Risk Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- Buildings and Health and Safety – 29<sup>th</sup> March and 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Staffing Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Chairs Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> June

All the above meetings were held online except for the Full Governing Body Meetings and the EGM which took place in school.

At the Full Governing Body meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> May Mr. D. Radbourne gave a presentation about his work as our SENDCO and the work of the SEND faculty. Approval was given for a Geography trip to Iceland in July 2024 (Y9 and Y10) and for a History trip to Munich in October 2024 (Y11). Other areas discussed included the appointment of Mrs. J. Lindley as Headteacher from September 2023, Separation of Members and Trustees, Multi-Academy Trusts, the Catering Contract and a Safeguarding update.

At the EGM on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 the Members agreed to adopt new Articles of Association and in doing so opened the way for the re-structuring of the Governing Body into two new bodies — a Board of Trustees and a Board of Members. As previously advised the Board of Trustees will continue with all the usual work of the Governing Body and will retain the same responsibilities that 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.

Our new Headteacher Mrs. J. Lindley joined us at the Full Governing Body meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 where the principal item was the Head's Report, which provided Governors with details of the work of the school since the previous such report that was presented in March 2023. We also received an update on progress in relation to the OFSTED Action Plan.

Adrian Martin delivered a presentation on his role as Head of Faculty and the work of the Modern Foreign Languages faculty. In addition, the Members approved the appointment of 4 new Members in accord with the aforementioned decision taken at the EGM to adopt the new Articles of Association. The draft budget for 2023/24 was approved as was the 3 year Budget Plan. An update was provided of the key changes in the recently published DfE guidance contained in "Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) 2023".

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governing Body to express our gratitude for everything that Christine Oates has contributed to the school community over the past 19 years as our Headteacher. We wish her a long, relaxing and well-deserved retirement.





## Farewell Miss Oates

**This was the presentation speech to Miss. Oates, given by Mr. Johnson, who was Chair of Governors for 11 of the years that Miss. Oates has been Headteacher at Kingshill School.**

Miss Oates has been Kingshill's longest serving Headteacher, having been with the school since September 2004.

When Miss Oates arrived at Kingshill School, she navigated the waters and changes that arose with a sense of calm and ease. Miss Oates has achieved so much in her time at Kingshill School, so I have tried to highlight just a few of them:

- The school has consistently achieved good GCSE results, with the 2022 results being the best the school has ever had
- Under Miss Oates' leadership, the school moved to academy status in 2011
- The number of pupils admitted to the school was increased, thus helping to increase funding
- Guiding the school through the pandemic and lockdowns and setting up online teaching in incredibly quick time
- Leading a highly motivated team of teachers and support staff

At the forefront of whatever decision Miss Oates has made, what is best for the children has always been her priority. She has always put them first and because of this, Kingshill is the wonderful school it is today.

I know Miss Oates is looking forward to her retirement and spending more time with her husband, going off travelling and spending time with her family.

On behalf of the school, I would like to wish Miss Oates a very happy and healthy retirement and thank her for all she has done for Kingshill School.

### Staff Goodbyes

**We say goodbye to staff members below and wish them all the best. We would like to thank them for all the hard work and commitment they have given to Kingshill School, they will be missed.**

- Mr. J Whight—Head of I.T.
- Mrs. J. Millar—Modern Foreign Languages Teacher
- Mr. A. Bunker—Science Teacher
- Mr. D. Harris—Teaching Assistant, Mathematics
- Miss. H Bingham—PE and Mathematics Teacher
- Mrs. L. Hunter—Receptionist/ Admin Assistant
- Miss. N. Brewer—Teaching Assistant
- Mrs. N. Blight—Data and Assessment Manager
- Miss. C. Hughes—Teaching Assistant

**(A list of new staff will be available next term)**



## Update from the Friends of Kingshill School

**Thanks to the generosity of the current Year 11 cohort, who donated an incredible amount of uniform once they had finished their GCSEs, we were able to hold a second-hand uniform sale on 11th July 2023, and successfully raised over £1000 for the school.**

Thank you for your support.

We will also be present at the school production, Everybody's Talking About Jamie, which is taking place from Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th October 2023.

As ever, we are always looking for volunteers to help Friends of Kingshill School with ideas and at events.

It is a great way to help the school raise funds. If you are interested, please contact me at

[rblamey@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:rblamey@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk)

Mr. R. Blamey

*The Friends of Kingshill School*







## Leavers' Prom 2023



It was a real privilege to see the Year group looking so smart when they attended the Y11 Leavers' Prom on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – a day I will personally never forget. Seeing them all arrive in such an array of different vehicles was particularly special, we even had the local town crier make a guest appearance! Everyone did themselves proud dancing the night away, even the staff!

As a year group they have developed a huge amount over their time at Kingshill and it has been wonderful to watch them blossom into the confident, and well-rounded young people they are today. There are so many fantastic personalities within the year group and I have really enjoyed getting to know each and every pupil over the time they have been with us.

I have been so impressed with how they have conducted themselves not just over the most recent examination period, but throughout their whole time at Kingshill School, and really do wish them all the very best for their future plans. Please do keep in touch and let me know what happens next, we cannot predict the future but I do know they are destined for good times ahead!

*Mr. L. Ryder, Head of Year 11*







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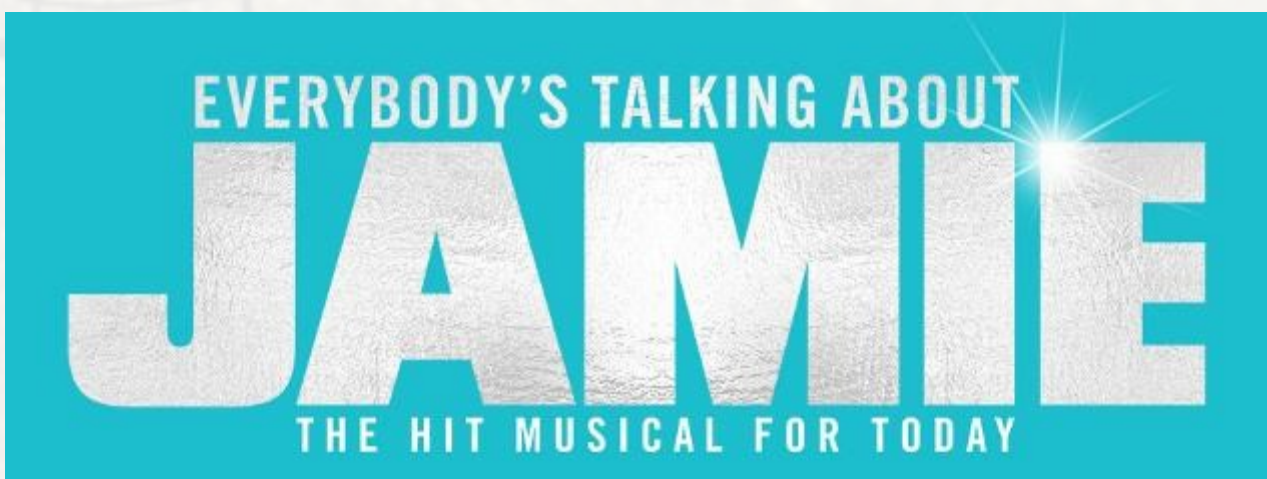
## Summer Concert

**Thank you to all who attended our Summer Concert on Thursday 13th July 2023.** It has been an amazing year here at Kingshill. This is my first year as Head of Music and I have been so impressed with the talent, the hard work, and the energy from so many of the students.

We now have a music studio set up and a new Music Technology course to offer Key Stage 4 students, so watch out for some official student recordings coming to a music streaming service near you.

Thank you to all our amazing performers for braving the stage, to Ms. E. Stones and Mr. D. Evans for their support putting on the event and once again to all the members of the audience for coming out. We look forward to seeing you at our next live event, the school production of Everybody's Talking About Jamie.

*Mr. A. Ashby, Head of Music*



**PRODUCTION WEEK:**

**Tuesday 24th - Friday 27th October 2023**





## Year 7 Whitemoor Lakes June 2023

**Year 7 had a great residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes in the week of 26th June 2023.** They experienced every type of weather, worked through challenging assault courses, conquered any fear of heights and worked as teams to build rafts that (hopefully!) would not sink. They forged new friendships and realised their potential.

*Mrs V Richards, Head of Year 7*







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## Junior Mathematics Challenge 2023

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 55 of our 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 and the next 25% receiving a Bronze.



United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust

The students completed this year's challenge online and did exceptionally well, achieving 3 Gold, 13 Silver and 15 Bronze certificates. A particular well done goes to Callum Loxton, who was not only top in Y8, but also did well enough to qualify for the Kangaroo round, where he achieved a certificate of qualification. Well done to everyone that took part.

*Mrs. C. Stone, Mathematics Teacher*



### Some of our successful Y8 students.

**Back row:** Megan Broadhurst, Kayleigh Brown, Charlotte Pink, Bethan Andrews, Molly Rose, Lucy Bromley, Caitlin Ziembra, Bayly Roberston

**Middle row:** Callum Loxton, Evelyn Tibbles, Hannah Edwards, Freddie Harrison, Isabelle Law, Amity Wroath, Millie Lewis, Sophie Hunter-Osborne, Izzy Butler, Milla Sabbagh-Holt

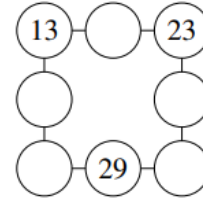
**Front row:** Dexter Roberts, Josh Price, Archie Manning, Taylor Britnell, Charlie Hick, Max Burke, Alex Finlayson





Here are some sample questions from this year's Junior Mathematics Challenge & Kangaroo round. (Answers bottom right).

When this prime number square is completed, the eight circles contain eight different primes, and each of the four sides has total 43.  
What is the sum of the five missing primes?



- A 51      B 53      C 55      D 57      E 59

In the addition shown,  $x$  and  $y$  represent different single digits.  
What is the value of  $x + y$ ?

$$\begin{array}{r} 77x \\ 6yx \\ +yyx \\ \hline 1xx7 \end{array}$$

- A 10      B 11      C 12      D 13      E 14

Here is a question from the Kangaroo round

A doctor told Mikael to take a pill every 75 minutes. He took his first pill at 11:05.  
At what time did he take his fourth pill?

- A 12:20      B 13:35      C 14:50      D 16:05      E 17:20



Callum Loxton, Junior Kangaroo Entrant

Ans: D & E & C



## Primary Mathematics Team Challenge

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June saw the return of the Primary Mathematics Team Challenge. Teams consisted of four Y4 pupils from six different primary schools from the local area. The afternoon was made up of 3 rounds; Team Challenge, Target Game and the Relay. There was even time to have a drink and a biscuit!

The Y4 pupils were fantastic and were supported brilliantly by a group of Y9 volunteers. It was a close competition but the results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stratton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Powell's
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kemble

A lot of fun was had by all, and the Mathematics Faculty are looking forward to repeating the event again next year.



Relay Round



The winning team from Stratton Primary





## STEM Challenge

### Future Engineers in the making?

Our Year 10 Triple Science pupils had the opportunity to take part in a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) challenge in school this term which had them planning, designing and making a robotic system to raise a satellite onto a mast. As well as getting to think about some of the difficulties in designing commercial projects like this, there were STEM Ambassadors from Lockheed Martin on hand to support and talk to the pupils about careers too. Programming robots, soldering, design construction and choosing materials as well as making electrical switches and circuits to drive the mechanisms, were all intertwined in the project to allow pupils to develop their skills.



As always, Kingshill pupils were ready for the challenge and did a brilliant job with almost all teams successfully raising their satellite, although a few needed a little bit of gentle persuasion. Claire Lyes from STEMWORKS, who delivered the whole day session, commented that this had been one of the most successful workshops she had done this year and was delighted that every single pupil actively took part and seemed to have learned something new.

Mrs Winsor will now take our winning team to the Royal Air Tattoo in Fairford in July 2023, where they will compete with other schools from across the county on another similar STEM challenge.

Good luck team!

*Mrs. S. Pearson, Head of Science*







## UPDATE: Winners of the Lockheed Martin Schools' Engineering Challenge, Royal International Air Tattoo 2023

Following the Year 10 STEM Challenge the school winning team made an early start at the airshow on the penultimate Saturday of term. They were competing against seven other schools in the Lockheed Martin Schools' Engineering Challenge.

The final challenge comprised two elements:

1. Design, build and program a robot that will collect rock samples deposited on Mars and take them to the Mars Ascent Vehicle (MAV) launch pad.
2. Design and construct a launch system that will fire the MAV into orbit. The launch system needed to be triggered by the robot.

The skills required involved programming, electrical/mechanical systems and construction skills. The team then had to design, make, test, modify and present their solutions. The Kingshill team came up with a design which was innovative, robust and reliable. Kingshill were the only team to collect and deposit all three rock samples, and have their robot launch their MAV successfully into space!

During the day the boys showed creativity, resourcefulness, determination and resilience. They were amazing and worked right up to the last point where everything came together, and they had the perfect launch! A winning team!

Well done, we are very proud of you!

*Mrs. K. Winsor, Science Teacher*



Harrison Nail, Seb Hanratty, Peyton Emson, Thomas Haden, Jasper Roberts



## Kingshill win top prize at the public speaking finals



Local Rotarian Chris Rowbotham who organised the event said, "This annual competition is a great opportunity to help develop the presentation skills of so many young people. Our congratulations go to all finalists and our thanks go to Kingshill School for their excellent contributions as well as the other schools who participated."

As part of the English curriculum, every pupil from Year 8 to Year 10 write and present speeches in lessons. The in-school competition was made up of the best speeches from every year group. Commendations to our year group competitors:

- 8B Bayly Robertson – "F1"
- 8E Molly Rose – "Girls' Football"
- 8F Olly Swadden – "Southampton Football Academy"
  
- 9A Will Ireland – "Jazz"
- 9E Will Fry – "How democratic is the UK?"
- 9F Sarah Taylor – "Music"
- 9F James Otter – "Pyramids"
  
- 10A Summer Wooldridge – "Being a Young Person"
- 10A Aimee Goulsbra – "Misogyny"
- 10A Tom Haden – "Space Travel"
- 10B Olivia Power – "The Death Penalty"
- 10E Anna Tiffney – "The NHS"
- 10E Jonah Smith – "Artificial Intelligence"
- 10E Oliver Horne – "Using our Time Wisely"
- 10F Chloe Hillier – "Women in F1 Racing"

**Isabella Stickney, a year 9 pupil, won the prestigious Fred Perkin cup at this year's Rotary Club of Cirencester's public speaking showcase.** The event held at the Royal Agricultural University attracted entrants from other local secondary schools and provides a forum for the best public speakers in the area.

The Fred Perkin cup is awarded in honour of an ex-governor and councillor Mr Fred Perkin who created the competition over 10 years ago. It is awarded to the best 'ear' catching speech of the night. Kingshill have an excellent pedigree, winning this trophy six times in the past eight years.

Four of our pupils qualified for the finals, more than any other school, and they were selected from the in-school competition judged by Rotarians back in June.

- Year 10 winner - Lily Aldridge "The Ageing Population"
- Year 9 winner - Freya Blamey "Women in Sport"
- Year 9 runner up - Isabella Stickney "Ofsted"
- Year 8 winner - Lily Dickenson "Japanese Food"

All four Kingshill speakers were highly commended for their presentations which they researched and wrote themselves. The diverse range of topics, expertly delivered, impressed the audience of Rotarians, local dignitaries and the speakers' proud families.



Lily Dickenson, with other speakers, at the in-school finals in June





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The school's year group winners (left to right) Freya Blamey, Lily Aldridge, Lily Dickenson



Fred Perkin cup winner Isabella Stickney



## FameLab Academy Final

I am pleased to be able to share the FameLab Academy talk Isabella Stickney did when she represented Kingshill at the Gloucestershire Schools final at The Rose Theatre, Tewkesbury on Thursday 23rd March 2023.

This is Isabelle <https://youtu.be/RaONt2setS4> at the final doing her talk – it is well worth a watch!

Isabelle did amazingly well and was the runner up in the competition. It was a great day getting to listen to talks from students across the county on a range of STEM subjects and take part in an event which promotes Science communication.

Isabelle was asked to give her talk at the formal opening night party at the Cheltenham Science Festival in June, in front of over a hundred Patrons and Festival Sponsors, which resulted in many of the audience (and me) with tears in our eyes. She was the only pupil there and was absolutely amazing!

*Mrs. S. Pearson, Head of Science*







## Sports News

### Sports Afternoons

**We held Sports Afternoon for Year 9 and 10 on 6th July 2023 and Year 7 and 8 on 19th of July 2023.** Pupils showed great team spirit and it was lovely to see them taking part and enjoying themselves. The afternoon included a Tug of War tournament and spontaneous Macarena from the full field of pupils. The contributions made by everyone who took part were fantastic and made the event so successful. School records were broken by Mary Nasilasila in the Year 9 Shot, who recorded a distance of 10.10m, and Rachel Buckle in the Year 10 Javelin, who achieved 29.10m. Well done on these amazing throws girls. The results of the winning Tutor Groups will be presented in the end of year award celebrations for each year group.

*Mr. P. Hamblin, Head of PE*



Pictured below: our pupils at Year 7 & 8 Sports Afternoon on 19th July 2023 (photo credit Mr. D. Radbourne, SENDCo)







## The 2022-23 Year Group House Sport Results

Throughout the year the PE faculty has had the pleasure to facilitate 10 different House Sports Competitions, these have included:

Badminton, Benchball, Basketball, Danish Longball, Rugby, X-Country, Football, Rounders, Softball, Boccia.

House teams are mixed across all tutor groups and within year groups, and this allows the pupils to compete alongside different pupils, to encourage teamwork and communication in a variety of different challenges within PE.

The team spirit and general engagement in all these competitions has been amazing and the PE faculty would like to congratulate all the participants. A specific well done to the House competition winners in each year group. These results are announced, and the winners shield will be presented, in the celebration assemblies at the end of this year. Well done everyone, we now look forward to more House events next year, keep up the great work Team Kingshill.

*Mr. P. Hamblin, Head of PE*

Overall Total:	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Combined
<b>Gauntlet</b>	2nd	4th	4th	<b>1st</b>	3rd
<b>Hurricane</b>	<b>1st</b>	2nd	2nd	2nd	<b>1st</b>
<b>Meteor</b>	3rd	3rd	3rd	4th	4th
<b>Sparrow Hawk</b>	4th	<b>1st</b>	<b>1st</b>	3rd	2nd







## Year 8 District Football

**Our Year 8 Football side were able to retain there district Football title again this year.** The side beat Deer Park, Farmor's and Thomas Keble in the group phase. We then beat Maidenhill in a tight semi-final before beating Archway in the final. The team have now won 16 district games in a row and have made significant tactical progress this year. We look forward to entering them into the National Cup again at the start of Year 9. #KHSport #RedArrows #16Undeafated

*Mr. S. Thomas, Teacher of PE and Head of Year 9*



## Under 13 Cricket Team

**The Under 13 Cricket side had a fantastic season.** They remain unbeaten over the past 2 years in the district, beating Deer Park School, Farmor's School, Thomas Keble School and Marling Grammar School this year. However, their greatest achievement was reaching the County Cup final against Sir Thomas Rich's Grammar School. We beat both Pate's Grammar School and Crypt Grammar School on the way to the final but then lost by 6 runs, to a very good Sir Thomas Rich's side. It was particularly pleasing to see 17 pupils represent the side this year. #KHSport #RedArrows #GrammarSchoolGauntlet

*Mr. S. Thomas, Teacher of PE and Head of Year 9*







## Athletics

**Our pupils have given some amazing performances this Athletics season.** Mary Nasilasila was selected to compete throwing the Shot at the Schools Nationals in Birmingham on 30th June/ 1st July. Mary was not daunted by the huge event she was competing in and managed another huge personal best of 11m 30cms to come 7th. This is a huge leap in the England rankings. Well done Mary

***Mrs. C. See, Athletics Coach***

**Schools' County Track and Field Championships - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the Jubilee Track, Gloucester**

***Junior Boys – Year 8/9: Jasper Poulton-Stowe – 100m***

***Junior Girls – Year 8/9: Mary Nasilasila – Shot Putt (1<sup>st</sup>) and Hammer***

***Inter Girls – Year 10/11: Khaya Swaine – 800m (1<sup>st</sup>)***

***Inter Girls – Year 10/11: Rachel Buckle – Javelin (3<sup>rd</sup>)***

***Inter Girls – Year 10/11: Gabrielle Oyolu – Discus (3<sup>rd</sup>)***



Clockwise from top, L to R: Gabrielle Oyolu 10F, Gabrielle throws the Discus, Jasper Poulton Stowe 9b, Jasper runs the 100m and Mary Nasilasila 9C.







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South West Schools Inter Counties Athletics Championships - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Exeter Arena

Junior Girls – Year 8/9: **Mary Nasilasila – Shot Putt – 10m 47cms (3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Mary Nasilasila – Hammer – 26m 53cms (4<sup>th</sup>)**

Inter Girls – Year 10/11: **Khaya Swaine – 800m – 2mins 20.48secs (3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Rachel Buckle – Javelin – 29m 41cms (5<sup>th</sup>)**



Khaya Swaine



Rachel Buckle



Mary Nasilasila



District Athletics (all day) at Prince of Wales Stadium, Cheltenham - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## **Year 7 Team:**

Isabelle Sanderson, Ellie Amoah, Laila Ronese Thomas, Poppy Greaves, Rebecca Williams, Wilf Johnson, Chris Clarke, Zach Newman, Cameron Poulton-Stowe, Robbie Stickney, Joe Stickney

## **Year 8 Team:**

Luzianna Warwick, Alice Baxter, Harry Burdekin, Oliver Embeary, Josh Price, Max Beech, Ethan Burton, Ben Nichols

## **Year 9 Team:**

Mary Nasilasila, Isabella Stickney, Freya Blamey, Cerys Lilly, Jasper Poulton-Stowe, Jimmy Taylor, Seb Ainsley, Tom Dodsworth, Matt Dyson, Vic Walker

## **Year 10 Team:**

Khaya Swaine, Caitlin Musgrove, Gabrielle Oyolu, Rachel Buckle, Ella Woodcock, Alana Couling, Aurora Veresa, Sam King, Archie Brazier, Seb Hanratty, Dan Slater, Omarian Duffus, Zeph Rodan

“ Again some amazing performances, all giving their best. Well done Kingshill. ”

**Mrs. C. See, Athletics Coach**



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## Year 9 Rounders Report

**We have had a brilliant rounders season this year.** There have been amazing catches, brilliant batting and an overall incredible improvement. Our first game was against Archway School, we came away with a win 11-6 and we got them all out in both innings. Our second game was away at our rival school: Deer Park. Yet again we won, the score being 23-12 1/2 and getting them all out on both innings. The next game we played we won again against Thomas Keeble 18-3 and got them all out in both innings. Then we played Farmor's and, despite not coming away with a win, we played incredibly well and got them all out in one inning. We have just played in our tournament and made it to the semi finals. We won 2/4 games and got all 4 teams all out in each game.

A big thank you to Mrs Hussey, who has been our coach for this year and thank you to Miss Bingham and Mrs Steel, for helping us improve and for taking us to fixtures.

“ *Congratulations to Daisy Griffiths who received the award of players player and well done to all the girls in the rounders team, you have all been amazing this year and I can't wait for another great year.* ”

*Team captain, Estella Beech*



Year 9 Rounders Team. Back row, L to R: Cerys Lily, Elsie Davies, Daisy Griffiths, Charlotte Bass, Estella Beech, Gracie Dyson, Summer Carash.  
Front row L to R: Kelsey Zamora, Emilia Cantillon, Meghan Parnell, Freya Blamey, Charlotte Masser





## Year 8 Rounders Report

The Year 8 rounders team had a journey this season, every game we played we improved. The team improved on batting, deep fielding, triangle tactic, relay throwing and it showed in our games. As we increased our confidence we were able to take more catches in the game, particularly Erin, Amity, Sophie and Lara. We were also able to improve our tactics at 1<sup>st</sup> post with Lara bowling, Isla backstop and Mia and Georgia taking on 1<sup>st</sup> post. In our recent District tournament we had some very close matches, but unfortunately we didn't make it through to the next round.

“ In Year 9, as a team we hope to improve and build on our skills. ”

*Lara Farooq and Amity Wroath*



Year 8 Rounders Team. Back row, L to R: Blossom Beard, Harriet Falconer, Sophie Hunter-Osborne, Erin Moss, Luziana Warwick, Lara Farooq.  
Front row L to R: Amity Wroath, Molly Packman, Mia Pritchett, Isla Buchanan.





## Golf Superstars!

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, I had the honour and pleasure of accompanying four Kingshill students to the Gloucestershire Schools Golf Championships at Lilley Brook Golf Club. Amazingly all pupils are single handicap players, which is a remarkable achievement in itself. Conditions were far from easy, often very wet and misty, meaning visibility was difficult and holes were playing long due to the ball plugging upon landing.

There were 59 competitors representing 22 schools. The results were brilliant, Summer Carash shot 77 and therefore won the competition as both girl's gross and net champion.

Lydia Sutherland (current handicap 7.2) – came runner up in the competition and therefore had the opportunity to take part in the South Wests Schools team qualifier which was held at Downes Crediton Golf Club, Devon on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

After the competition all players had the opportunity to listen to Lewis Stalley, who spoke before the presentation of awards about his international schools experience from 2022 where he went through the whole qualifying pathway to play in the England v Wales international match.



Lydia Sutherland



Summer Carash



James Tweed, Summer Carash, Alecia Carash & Lydia Sutherland

As a result of such success James Tweed (handicap 5.7), Summer Carash (handicap 2.9) and Alicia Carash (handicap 9.0) have all now been selected to take part in the English School U16 National Championships at Coventry Hearsall Golf Club, on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

“We wish all players the very best of luck in this competition, clearly names to watch out for in the future!”

**Mr. L Ryder, PE Teacher and Head of Year 11**





## UPDATE: U16 National Golf Competition 2023

Three of our Kingshill pupils, Summer Carash, James Tweed and Alecia Carash, played in the U16 National Golf competition at Hearsall Golf Club, Coventry on Sunday 17th June 2023. This competition is made up of all single figure handicap golfers, those of you who play will appreciate the incredibly high standard needed to enter! All played really well but a special well done has to go to Summer who finished 6th overall and James who came nett 3rd. Stars for the future no doubt!

*Mr. L Ryder, PE Teacher and Head of Year 11*

ESGA Under 16 Championship				ESGA Under 16 Championship				ESGA Under 16 Championship						
PL	PLAYER	R1	R2	AGG	PL	PLAYER	R1	R2	AGG	PL	PLAYER	R1	R2	AGG
STARTING AT 10TH														
1	J. BROCKLEHURST	81	86	167	15	H. SHERRIFF	78			8	L. FROST	84		
	J. TWEED	80	78	158		J. SIDWELL	74				A. DENYER	81		
	H. FINCH	79	79	158		J. GUY	87				B. DOUGH	86		
3	J. PELL	80	79	159	17	T. HILL	94			10	C. SEARSON-BEST	80		
	L. MCCARTHY	88	81	169		N. CURRAN	71	*			L. COPEMAN	86		
	H. WOOSTER	78	86	164		F. MONTGOMERY	84				S. TAYLOR	82		
5	C. BABINGTON	77			19	D. AGAPITO	77			12	N. JEFFERY	78		
	A. CHANDARIA	85				A. PERRY	85				H. CONWAY	85		
	D. McEVY	78				COLLEY	84				M. BUCHANAN	84		
7	E. CLARK	79				IBEKWEM	80			14	L. MARSHALL	87		
	D. KNOWLES	73				RENNIE	82				E. MYERS	76		
	J. FARLEY	74				H. HOLLINGHURST	78				D. LEE	83		
9	D. LINTOR	76								16	M. HALSTEAD	79		
	C. GUNNING	83									T. HODGSON	78		
	H. HOWELL	78									G. CROWFDDOT	85		
11	R. WOOD	78								18	I. AKPAN	78		
	T. ALDER	81									A. IBEKWEM	86		
	R. HARPER	80									A. VIRIK	74		
13	H. NORMAN	79								20	E. CURD	79		
	E. KERR	79									E. DIXON	81		
	H. DAGGER	81									S. CARASH	73	*	
										22	C. NAUGHTON	77		
											Z. McLEAN-TATTAN	77		
											E. WILSON	77		

James Tweed





## Rotary Young Photographer Competition 2023

**Photography has the power to capture special places, moments and memories.** The Rotary Young Photographer competition gave our pupils the chance to express themselves through photography, interpret the brief in an imaginative way and experiment with digital and traditional methods. The theme of the 2023 competition was *The Beauty of Architecture*.

We are delighted that Eliza T (Year 9) went on to win Second Prize and Lakota H, (Year 7) Third Prize in the Key Stage 3 category of the Competition.

The Rotary panel tackled the difficult job of judging the winners from the photographs submitted by all schools taking part. They were very impressed with the creative talents of Eliza and Lakota and the beautiful images they captured to reflect the competition theme.



Eliza T, 9B



Lakota H, 7F





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Clockwise from top left: Lakota, Eliza and Howard Davies; Howard Davies and Lakota; John Banks, Lakota and Eliza.

On Wednesday 17th May 2023, Howard Davies & John Banks from the Rotary Club of Cirencester visited Kingshill School to present Eliza and Lakota with their Certificates and Amazon Gift Voucher prizes. Congratulations Eliza and Lakota.



Alemnji A, 7D



William I, 9A



Nicholas H, 7B





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Cameron P, 7F



Martha D, 9D



William F, 9E



Lucy M, 7F



Poppy G, 7A



Poppy F, 7F

Rotary **YOUNG**  
**PHOTOGRAPHER**  
COMPETITION





## Expressive Arts Mosaic Club

We have all been working on these wonderful Mosaics after school every Tuesday since September 2022. We have had a reliable group of Year 7, 8s and 9s coming on a regular basis. Some pupils have worked together, some have had their own individual piece to work on. We haven't quite finished them and hope to resume the club at some point after October 2023 half term. New members will be very welcome. Once all the mosaics are finished they will be put up outside the Art , Music and Drama rooms.

*Mrs Vine, Head of Art and Mrs Norman, Cover Supervisor*







## Year 10 Learning about survival at Lea Woods, Fairford

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the Year 10 ASDAN group went to Lea Woods site in Fairford, which is run by the Ernest Cook Trust. Students were shown different survival skills for life out doors.

The first task was to split into groups and use maps to navigate their way around the woods – they were looking for marker posts with numbers and letters on them – they had to record the letters to prove they'd found their way round.

After break the class worked together to build a shelter out of logs, branches and leaves. They took on different roles and built an impressive den that could have withstood some nasty weather.



Callum Beecher

The instructor brought some dirty water and the students built a water filter using a plastic bottle, cotton wool, sand and gravel – the water was almost clear once it was filtered – they said they still wouldn't like to drink it but someone suggested they could boil the water to purify it.

Using secateurs they cut willow sticks and whittled them to a point using a potato peeler, they then were shown how to build and light a fire ready for them to toast and munch on marshmallows and biscuits (the staple survival diet of teenagers). They doused the fire and replaced the turf so that you could not see where they had been.

The last task of the day was splitting into teams and using a compass to navigate a course given to them; they each took turns to find their way around the base, which they all completed with ease.

The day ended with burning off steam playing hide and seek in the woods before boarding the minibus back to school.



Reece Liddington

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*The pupils had a good day in their outdoor classroom and have lots of photographs for their ASDAN coursework folder.*

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**Mrs A. Lambrou**





## Year 7 Den Building Super-skills in Lea Wood

A group of Year 7 pupils had a great day out at Lea Wood through the Ernest Cook Trust. They practiced navigation skills, survival skills, fire building, wood whittling and den building. The pupils worked really well together and our guide said they built some of the best dens she had ever seen. Everyone enjoyed their marshmallows roasted over a fire - on a stick which they cut and sharpened themselves!

Well done to all who attended (including TAs Miss Hughes and Mr Masters).

*Mrs E. Fletcher, Learning Mentor*



Isabella P, 7E



Yuna M, 7A



Oliver K, 7B & Blaine B, 7A





## I Can & I Am

This term, we welcomed the “I Can & I Am” double decker bus to Cirencester Kingshill for three days, with the intention of building our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils’ resilience and self-esteem. I Can & I Am is a charity which aims to ‘inspire confidence in every individual’.

The pupils had a fantastic time participating in the activities the charity had to offer. On the lower deck of the bus the pupils took part in a baking session, making their own delicious pizzas together, whilst on the upper deck small group wellbeing workshops were carried out, getting the pupils talking about their individual qualities. We were lucky enough to meet a number of their fantastic facilitators who ran all of the sessions.

We are definitely looking forward to welcoming them back next year, with the aim for more of our pupils to experience their brilliant work.

For more information take a look at their website <https://icanandiam.com/>.

*Ms. E. Stones, Head of Expressive Arts & Miss. L. Herbert, Mathematics Teacher*







## Royal International Air Tattoo

**On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023, eleven Year 10 pupils battled the elements, braving the English weather to attend the RIAT.**

There were some amazing air displays, whilst the cloud level remained high enough the more modern air craft were able to put on a show (due to having modern navigational equipment they could use!).

The students were allowed to walk around the site unaccompanied (as long as they stayed with a buddy or two). There were a lot of little shops to buy souvenirs from – purchases ranged from die cast models of planes to umbrella hats to shelter from the rain and there were many aircraft to see on the static displays around the site.

The students were brilliant and did not complain too much about how soaked through they got. It was a pleasure to take them to the show, just a shame that the sun did not shine on them.

I was unable to take any decent photos due to the weather, but a friend has given me permission to include some of his photos for the newsletter (thank you Jonny Morris).



***Mrs A. Lambrou, Assistant to the Head of SEN***





## Activities Day



Whilst Year 7 were at Whitemoor Lakes and Year 10 undertook their Work Experience week, the rest of the school took part in Activities Day on Wednesday 28th June 2023. There was a Year 9 trip to Alton Towers and a Year 8 trip to Drayton Manor. Meanwhile, in school, there were opportunities for pupils to try their hand at Motorsport Design and Engineering, Cup Cake making, Art, Textiles, Mosaic making and Origami as well as Computer gaming, boardgames or taking part in an assault course and activities run by the Army (pictured). A massive thank you to all staff who put on events or went on trips. All pupils had a fantastic day.



### Year 9 Alton Towers

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 151 Year 9 pupils travelled to Alton Towers theme park for their activities day. Despite an early start, all students were punctual and we left just after 7am. The traffic around Birmingham, was kind to us and we arrived at the park early, so were able to get onto the busier rides without too much delay. As their Head Of Year, I took immense pride in seeing them being so mature and visibly enjoying themselves throughout the day. I have always considered them to be an excellent year group and they once again proved it! I look forward to taking them on their next trip.

*Mr. S. Thomas, Head of Year 9*





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## Year 8 Drayton Manor

Comments from our pupils:

I really enjoyed Drayton Manor because I got to go on almost every ride with my friends.

I really enjoyed Stormforce 10, one of the best log flumes ever!

I loved being able to mix with my friends from all tutor groups

Miss De Carles went on the water ride with us and we sat at the back because we thought it would be less wet. It wasn't!

My favourite ride was 'Thor'... I screamed so much I lost my voice!

I had the best time. It was so much fun. I went on most of the rides there and loved the water rides. The pirate ship was so much fun. It was best to sit on the ends so you went the highest.

My favourite ride was Maelstrom, you get swung higher than 90 and it was fast.

Maelstrom was the best ride... you could see your friends on the ground and it was really funny as we were all screaming our heads off!







## Activities in Cirencester this Summer

**Cirencester  
OPEN AIR  
Swimming Pool**

### Youth Evening

Every Friday from 12.05.23  
19:15 - 20:30  
Years 7 - 11  
£1 Entry

The Tuck shop is open and food and drink are available to buy - hot food stops at 8pm. we are limiting the numbers to 90. Everyone must leave by 8.30.

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## Upcoming School Visits / Trips

We understand that many parents want their children to participate in school visits and trips, and we appreciate that these can be very costly. To help you budget for these trips, and to act as a reminder, we will endeavour to publish all up and coming trips in the newsletter. The information will include the date the trip will take place, the destination and the approximate cost to parents. We do hope that this will enable parents to forward plan when budgeting for future trips. Some trips are for a limited number, so please watch out for ParentMail letters with details.

Date of Event	Destination	Year Group	Cost	Payment due by
22 <sup>nd</sup> July – 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Iceland	Year 10	£1122.50	£150.00 Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022 (deposit) £162.50 Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 £162.00 Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 £162.00 Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 £162.00 Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 £162.00 Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
<b>Advance Notice of trips taking place in the next academic year</b>				
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition	(new) Year 10	tbc	tbc
26 <sup>th</sup> October – 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Munich	(new) Year 11	£820.00	£225.00 Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 (initial deposit) £95.00 Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023 £100.00 Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023 £100.00 Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 £100.00 Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023 £100.00 Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023 £100.00 Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2023
18 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	A Christmas Carol	(new) Year 11	£32.50	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Treasure Island	(new) Year 8	tbc	tbc
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Life of Pi	(new) Year 9/10	tbc	tbc
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	GCSE Poetry Live	(new) Year 11	tbc	tbc
21 <sup>st</sup> March – 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Barcelona	(new) Year 10	£720.00	£225.00 by midday on Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 (initial deposit) £110.00 Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2023 £60.00 Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 £60.00 Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2023 £60.00 Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023 £60.00 Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 £60.00 Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023





## School Calendar Terms 1 & 2 2023/2024

### September

Monday 4th	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th	All pupils return to school
Thursday 14th	Year 7 photos
Tuesday 19th	Friends of Kingshill School Meeting 6:00pm
Thursday 21st	Open Evening 5:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday 26th	Munich Trip Information Evening
Thursday 28th	Open Morning 9:15am-10:45am
Friday 29th	Open Morning 9:15am-10:45am

### October

Wednesday 4th	Post 16 Information Evening—6:30-8pm
Tuesday 10th	Y8-Y11 Careers Convention
Wednesday 11th	Year 7 Tutor Evening 4:00pm-6:30pm
Friday 13th	INSET Day
Tuesday 17th	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4:30pm-7:30pm, online
<u>Tuesday 24th—Friday 27th School Production 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie'</u>	
<u>Thursday 26th—Sunday 29th Munich Trip</u>	

### AUTUMN BREAK—Monday 30th October-Friday 3rd November

### November

Monday 6th	All pupils return to school
Thursday 9th	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4:00-7:00pm, in school
Saturday 18th	Year 11 trip to A Christmas Carol at The Old Vic Theatre, 9am-7pm
Thursday 23rd	GCSE Awards Evening
Friday 24th	INSET Day
<u>Monday 27th– Friday 1st December Year 11 Mock Exams</u>	

Tuesday 28th	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4:30pm-7:30pm, online
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### December

Tuesday 5th	Sports Award Evening
Wednesday 6th	Year 8 trip to Treasure Island, The Barn Theatre, 10:30am-14:00pm
Thursday 7th	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4:00pm-7:00pm, in school

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—Monday 25th December-Friday 5th January