



Kings Langley School News

Issue 12

A note from the Headteacher

We come to the end of the longest term of the academic year as always, I would like to start by thanking our parent, staff and student community for all their support once again over this term. The recently opened school facilities are now embedding, and new facilities are continuing to either finalise or build behind the scenes. Stage 1 of our wellbeing garden (photos below), took shape this term with stage 2 taking place in March/April during the better weather. A huge thank you to Sunnyside Rural Trust for all their support, energy and efforts in creating this special place at our school. We look forward to stage 2 starting and also seeing students benefiting from this facility in the spring onwards. As and when we can, we will update on other developments at the school likely more towards the summer term.



School Events

Wednesday 8th January

Whole school returns

Friday 10th January

Y9 Report Home

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We are delighted to report we have no staff leaving at Christmas and that we have managed to recruit another specialist teacher to cover Mrs Falconer's maternity leave, as such we welcome Mrs Leon who will join the technology team in January.

It was a pleasure this week to celebrate the many achievements of our students at our awards evening but also to recognise the long service of many staff at the school. I would like to thank the Mrs Butt and Mr Langston who led on the event and its success and also to celebrate the students and staff below for their achievements:

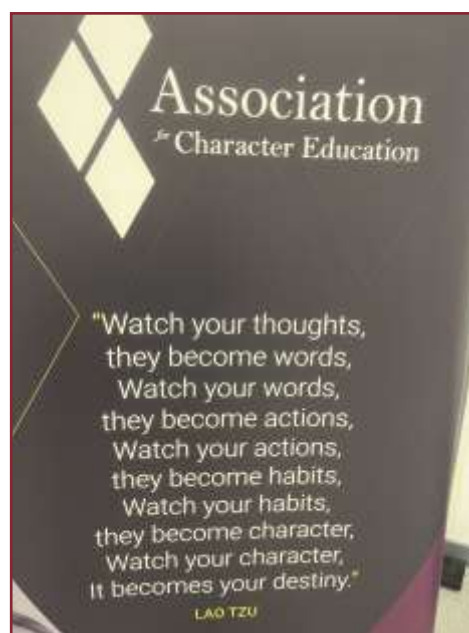
Maths - Amber 12LIY, Science - Harry 12LIY, French - Vincent 12LIY, Spanish - Riccardo 12LIY, Food - William 12HAD, Textiles - Sybella 12ANE, History - Frankie 12BRY, Geography - Niamh 12LIY, PRE - Giovanna 12ANE, PE - Daisy 12HAD, English Language - Esme 12BRY, English Literature - Amrit 12LIY, Resistant Materials - Miles 12HAD, Graphics - Stanley 12HAD, Business - Olivia 12HAD, Music - Jay 12BRY, Art - Rosie 12HAD, Drama - Mia 12LIY, and Computer Science - Toby 12HAD.

Award for Self Regulation – Quinn 12BRY, Award for Empathy - William 12HAD, and The Billy Dove award - Deniz 12LIY.

Staff Long Service Awards

Mrs Harris - 44 years, Mr Shephard - 37 years, Miss Arnold - 32 years, Mr Annett - 25 years, Mrs Butt - 20 years, Mr Wilshaw - 18 years, Mrs Bell - 18 years, Mrs Wright - 17 Years, Mr Leek - 17 years, Mrs Borrowdale - 16 years, Mrs Smith - 17 years, Mr Moyo - 16 years, Mrs Jennings - 15 years, Mr Housego -14 years, Mrs Gibbard -14 years, Mr McGuigan - 14 years, Mr McKeown - 13 Years, Miss Scanlan - 12 years, Mrs Jones - 11 years, Mrs Ndlovu - 11 years, Mrs Woodhouse - 11 years, and Mr Shaw - 10 years.

Since our last newsletter we hosted the annual National Character Conference where over 170 Headteachers and senior leaders visited Kings Langley School to consider how they can develop character education in their setting using not only the educational research and theory but also practical strategies the conference offered. Running a large national conference whilst running a normal school day for over 1000 students is not an easy thing to achieve. Mrs Jennings who led on the conference must take all the credit along with her team around her. Making the day run as successfully as it did is some achievement. I know in speaking with many Headteachers on the day they were very impressed with our school, culture and students, especially those students who spoke at the conference.



The end of term is always busy with many Christmas events such as the school Christmas concert, Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch all ending with end of term assemblies and our guard of honour from staff to our students. It brought me real joy to attend the school Christmas concert this year to listen to the quality of the pieces and the professionalism of the show, is a real credit to the students and Mrs Warren who led on this event.



As always, I would like to remind parents to ensure over the Christmas break, that uniform, PE kit and equipment is checked and anything needed is addressed so we can start the term on a positive note when we return. Please could I also remind parents that students should be on site at 8.35am as we have seen a real increase in lateness recently.

It leaves me to wish our entire community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Library News

With tremendous thanks to Helen Smith at Eckington School, the annual bookish guide to Christmas TV is out now! [Click here](#) to see which books adapted for film and TV are airing over the festive period.

Ms Hill– Learning Resource Manager

Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in LanguageNut for November:

Year 7: Benji 7A, Hesanya 7C, Will 7D, Mariia 7G, Katie 7J, and Nefeli 7P

Year 8: Sania 8A, Verity 8C, Sophie 8D, Amie 8G, Nathan-Cain 8J and Gracjan 8P

Year 9: Lachie 9A, Thomas 9C, Phoebe 9D, Emily & Mahi 9G, Roma 9J, Nathan 9P and Callum 9T.

Year 10 GCSE: Hannah 10P, Joao 10A, Oliver 10C, and Zain 10D

Year 11 GCSE: Daniel 11J, Elizabeth 11G, Vincent 11A and Oliver 11C



Headteacher Commendations



Congratulations to the following students in Year 10 for participating in the rotary chef competition:

Lottie 10A, Bobby 10D, Zoha 10P and Megan 10J



Congratulations to Beau 7A and Freddie 12HAD for speaking at the Association of Character Conference in front of over 100 Headteachers from across the country.



Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to Scarlett 11D for achieving her colours discovery bronze award.



Congratulations to the following students for representing the school at Parliament and the Rotary Youth speaks debating competitions:

Joseph 10A (Parliament), Arthur 11A (Parliament), Alex 9C (Parliament), Tom 9C (Parliament), Megan 8A (Rotary), Violet 8A (Rotary), Imogen 8A (Rotary)



Headteacher Commendations

Year 7 Headteacher's Breakfast - Wednesday 18th December

The following students in recognition of their achievements were rewarded with a Headteacher's breakfast with Mr Bilton Head of Year.

1. Benji (7A): Won the KLS poetry competition for Remembrance Day.
2. Nat (7C): nominated by tutor for being excellent role model
3. Tabatha (7C): nominated by tutor for being excellent role model.
4. Lillyenna (7D): recently danced with a professional company and was Student of Week for Year 7 in our last newsletter
5. Isabelle (7D): nominated by form tutor for excellent ATL.
6. Ben (7D): nominated by form tutor for excellent ATL.
7. Anaya (7G): auditioned for new Harry Potter series.
8. Neya (7G): 2nd place at the Oxford Open Ice-Skating competition and also auditioned for new Harry Potter series.
9. Katie (7J): took part in the Lord Mayor's Show in London.
10. Vlada (7J): amazing gymnast and sports person (an in year admission from Ukraine).





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 9th December

English	Rosie 11G
Excellent application to her English Literature studies.	
History	Max 7P
Wonderfully creative and descriptive story about life in a medieval village.	
Mathematics	Tammy 10D
Excellent focus and engagement on expressions and formulae.	
Modern Foreign Languages	Dylan 11C
Nominated by Mr Shaw for his outstanding attitude to learning and participation in French.	
Music	Anneka 7D
For her contribution to extra-curricular music and resilience in learning a solo part for the band.	
Science	Jonathan 11D
For consistent effort across all three science subjects.	
Year 7 Head of Year	Lillyenna 7D
Excellent role model for others in her year group.	
Key Stage 5 Head of Year	All Sixth Formers
Accommodating whilst the Y13 mock exams been taking place.	

Well done to all of our students who have achieved 'student of the week'.

Artwork of the Week



Y12

Yr12 Fine Art students have been exploring the work of Grayson Perry and have produced their own versions tackling current issues and topics of contemporary society.



Channel 4 - Swiped: The school that banned smartphones

As we come to a close of a busy Autumn term at Kings Langley School and the Christmas festivities rapidly approach, this change in routine can create its own challenges for some children and families and create a lot of opportunity for our children to be on their devices.

Channel 4 has commissioned **Swiped: The School that Banned Smartphones**, a landmark two-part documentary series, produced by BOLDPRINT Studios, which will tackle the timely issue of the impact of smartphones on children's behaviour with a pioneering social experiment. If you have a little time over Christmas this is one to watch as a parent.

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/swiped-the-school-that-banned-smartphones>

Below is a list of recommended sites to support the content of the programme.

[Parent / Guardian Info](#) - provides high quality information to parents and carers about their children's wellbeing and resilience.

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - online Safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people to stay safe on the internet.

[Childnet International](#) - an organisation working directly with children, parents and teachers to ensure that the issues of online child protection and the safe and positive use of the internet are addressed.

[ThinkuKnow](#) - the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre's own website which has been designed and written specifically for children, young people, teachers, parents and carers.

[Internetmatters.org](#) - specific help on how to set up internet controls at home. Guidance and articles for parents about keeping children safe online.

Over Christmas if you need someone to talk to, there are lots of organisations available to chat to if you need to. Here are some favourites;

[Kooth.com](#) - Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people

[Childline](#) - 0800 1111 - help and advice about a wide range of issues

[Hector's House](#) - online support and signposting

[Samaritans](#) - 116 123 free support online, via email, via phone, in person

Text SHOUT or HECTOR to 85258 for free 24/7 crisis support - giveusashout.org/

Other helpful resources

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> - for advice and support

Young people may find these resources useful to help them manage their emotional well-being.

<https://www.selfharm.co.uk/> - support, advice and online support group

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/child-protection/report-child-protection-concern.aspx> if you feel you or someone else is at immediate risk

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> - for advice and support

I hope that you find this information helpful and wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Mr Searle

Deputy Head Teacher/Designated Safeguarding and Mental Health Lead

St Laura's Care Home Visit

In the last week of term, the library happily renewed its links with St Laura's care home in Kings Langley village, with a group of six Year 7 and Year 8 students walking down to visit. Students and residents shared festive stories, a good chat, and biscuits. Everyone enjoyed themselves enormously! We will be continuing these visits in the new year — any students interested in coming along can speak to Ms Hill to be added to the waiting list(!)



TOOLED UP[®]

BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

2024 is drawing to a close and it's been an incredible year for our Tooled Up community! **Together with your amazing input and feedback, our online library has reached the milestone of over 1,000 resources.**

For this final weekly newsletter of 2024 we are sharing the most popular resources of the year. **What did our members find most inspiring and helpful?**

Our most popular Tips to Try: [Smart Reviser](#) is a downloadable guide to effective revision strategies. It is full of tips to help teens use their revision time for the best possible results.

Our most popular Article: [Quick Guide to Anxiety](#) - like all our Quick Guides, this features a topic overview together with links to all the resources in our library that can help you. This guide on Anxiety is our most popular of the year.

Our most popular Activity: [Wobble Ladder](#) is a Tooled Up favourite! Use it to track small steps and rewards that can help children and young people work towards overcoming their challenges.

Our most popular Webinar: [Parenting a Daughter in 2024](#) - Dr Kathy Weston's presentation on the challenges of raising a girl in today's world draws on the latest research around mental health, smartphones, body image and more.

Our most popular Podcast: [Sleep Difficulties in Primary-Aged Children](#) - psychologist Dr Rachel Hiller joined Tooled Up for this podcast full of strategies for better sleep in 5-12 year olds.

We would love to wish all our members – teachers, leaders, parents and their children a wonderful break.

Thank you for all your questions and feedback during the year, and we look forward to supporting you in 2025.



Yr11 Sixth Form Applications Clinic

Come and speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team about your application to Kings Langley Sixth Form

In the main school canteen, 8.10am—8.40am

Monday—Friday

**Need help with applying for
Kings Langley Sixth Form?**

**Want advice about subject
combinations?**

**Want to discuss your
application?**





STEM Challenge

This week's challenge:

What is the missing number in the circle?



Answer next term.

Last weeks answer:

Why are man hole covers round and not square?

Answer:

A square manhole cover can be turned and dropped down the diagonal of the manhole. A round manhole cover cannot be dropped down the manhole. So for safety reasons, all manhole covers should be round.

This week's jackpot winning numbers are:

766884

Your supporter has donated their winnings of £31.80



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2025 GCSE MATHEMATICS REMOTE REVISION WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS.



Following the success of last year's programme, our secondary Maths advisers will be leading 24 topic-based online workshops during March: 12 for Foundation Tier and 12 for Higher Tier.

The Foundation Tier workshops will be aimed at those students aiming to gain Grades 4 and 5. The Higher Tier workshops will be for those aiming for Grades 6 and 7, although students aiming for higher grades may find them useful to consolidate earlier learning.

Designed to motivate and challenge students in an engaging and active learning environment, our remote workshops will provide students with the opportunity to take part in a number of focused revision activities, and to complete exam-style questions.

Each workshop will be 50 minutes long. Students may wish to attend two or three consecutively, with a short break in between each.



Access to recordings of sessions

All workshops will be recorded and can be accessed via the link in the confirmation email so students who have booked a place, but missed part or all of a session, can catch up later.



To find out more and to book places, click on or scan the QR code. Or contact our Events Team with any queries at training@hfleducation.org or call 01438 544477.

£10
per student
per session
(including VAT)

FOUNDATION TIER

DATE & TIME	TOPIC
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Saturday 1st March 2025

9.30 am	Fractions
10.30 am	Solving problems with ratio
11.30 am	Direct proportion

Saturday 8th March 2025

9.30 am	Negative numbers and algebra
10.30 am	Linear equations and inequalities
11.30 am	Algebra with brackets

Saturday 15th March 2025

9.30 am	Percentage calculations
10.30 am	Straight line graphs
11.30 am	Angles

Saturday 22nd March 2025

9.30 am	Pythagoras and trigonometry
10.30 am	Volume and surface area
11.30 am	Averages

HIGHER TIER

DATE & TIME	TOPIC
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Saturday 1st March 2025

1.00 pm	Surds and algebraic expressions
2.00 pm	Quadratic equations
3.00 pm	Circle theorems

Saturday 8th March 2025

1.00 pm	Indices
2.00 pm	Quadratic and other curved graphs
3.00 pm	Volume and 3D trigonometry

Saturday 15th March 2025

1.00 pm	Sine and cosine rules
2.00 pm	Surds and algebraic fractions
3.00 pm	Similarity and congruence

Saturday 22nd March 2025

1.00 pm	Ratio and proportion
2.00 pm	Histograms
3.00 pm	Geometric and algebraic proof



All workshops last 50 minutes.
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AQA GCSE SCIENCE REMOTE REVISION SESSIONS.



These remote sessions will be delivered by our experienced science advisers and are designed to motivate and challenge students in an engaging and active environment. The sessions run throughout the spring term, with six sessions targeted at Grades 6/7 and 14 sessions targeted at Grades 4/5.

The sessions will focus on:

- supporting your child to feel 'exam ready'
- providing students with tried and tested exam strategies and revision techniques
- sharing high quality responses and model answers to support their own learning
- reviewing associated Maths and Required Practical skills within relevant science content
- giving your child the opportunity to complete a range of revision activities during the session, addressing the skills needed.

Each session will be 50 minutes in length and the students will be able to interact with the science advisers delivering the session. The sessions targeting Grades 6/7 run as twilights through January to March. Whilst the sessions targeted at Grades 4/5 run through the Easter holidays enabling students to attend 2-3 sessions consecutively with a break between each one.

All workshops will be recorded and can be accessed via the link in the confirmation email so students who have booked a place, but missed part or all of a session, can catch up later.

Access to recordings of sessions

If your child/student is unable to attend the session(s) in person, please book using the links below to have access to the recording and resources used in the session.



To book

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GCSE GRADES 4/5

DATE & TIME	TOPIC
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Monday 7th April 2025

9.30-10.20am	Cell structure and function
10.30-11.20am	Atomic structure and bonding
11.30am-12.20pm	Forces
12.30-13.20pm	Required practicals

Tuesday 8th April 2025

9.30-10.20am	Photosynthesis and respiration
10.30-11.20am	Rates of chemical change
11.30-12.20pm	Energy
12.30-1.20pm	Six mark questions

Wednesday 9th April 2025

9.30-10.20am	Genetics and inheritance
10.30-11.20am	Reactions of acids, alkalis and metals
11.30-12.20pm	Particle matter and radioactivity

Thursday 10th April 2025

9.30-10.20am	Homeostasis and response
10.30-11.20am	Electrolysis and chemical analysis
11.30-12.20pm	Electricity

GCSE GRADES 6/7

DATE & TIME	TOPIC
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Tuesday 14th January 2025

5.00-5.50pm	Forces
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Tuesday 28th January 2025

5.00-5.50pm	Electricity and Electromagnetism
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Tuesday 4th February 2025

5.00-5.50pm	Calculations in Chemistry
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Tuesday 11th February 2025

5.00-5.50pm	Reactions and equations for metals, electrolysis and equilibrium
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Tuesday 25th February 2025

5.00-5.50pm	Human systems
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Tuesday 4th March 2025

5.00-5.50pm	Plant systems
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2025 A LEVEL MATHEMATICS REMOTE REVISION WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS.



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per session
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Following the success of last year's programme, our secondary Maths adviser will be leading 16 topic-based A Level Maths online workshops during the Easter holidays.

Each workshop will summarise the main learning points and show how they can be applied to examination-style questions. Students will be encouraged to participate by answering questions via polls or online chat, engaging actively with the examples used, and taking part in other short revision activities.

The workshops are aimed at those students targeting grades up to and including Grade B. Students aiming for A* and A grades will be welcome to attend, and may appreciate the chance to consolidate their skills; however, the content of the workshops will not specifically be aimed at these students.

Each workshop will be 60 minutes long. Students may wish to attend two or three consecutively, with a short break between each.



All workshops will be recorded and can be accessed via the link in the confirmation email so students who have booked a place, but missed part or all of a session, can catch up later.

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Tuesday 8th April 2025

9.30 am	Functions and graphs
10.45 am	Differentiation, curves and stationary points
12 noon	Vectors

Wednesday 9th April 2025

9.30 am	Probability
10.45 am	Exponentials and logarithms
12 noon	Projectiles

Thursday 10th April 2025

9.30 am	Integration techniques
10.45 am	Trigonometric identities and partial fractions
12 noon	Using the Normal distribution and testing hypotheses

Tuesday 15th April 2025

9.30 am	Trigonometric equations and graphs
10.45 am	Forces and friction
12 noon	Differential equations

Wednesday 16th April 2025

9.30 am	Parametric equations
10.45 am	Using the binomial distribution and testing hypotheses
12 noon	Proof

Thursday 17th April 2025

9.30 am	Moments (recommended for Edexcel/OCR candidates only)
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