

### Kings Langley School News

Issue 1

#### A note from the Headteacher

Welcome back after the summer break!

It has been a pleasure in welcoming students back into Kings Langley School after the summer break. There is always a sense of energy and buzz at the start of an academic year in welcoming back over 1200 students and staff. In my welcome address I have set the students some targets to unlock their potential and one of these targets is focused on daily positive habits. Please, when possible, ask your son/daughter about their aspirations this year, what targets they need to set themselves to raise their aspirations and achieve them, and finally how they will "swim with the current" to ensure they unlock their potential.

As always it has been great to welcome our new year 7 cohort, very excited but obviously with nerves. The induction programme clearly has supported these young people as I see them full of confidence already, which will support them in unlocking their potential. As you know we hold an annual summer school as part of the transition and this year we had over 150 students take up this offer. A huge thank you to all the staff who took part in this and especially Mrs Jennings who has been very flexible this year in adding on many additional students very late to ensure we support a strong transition experience from year 6 into year 7.

**School Events** 

Monday 16th / Tuesday 17th September

Y7-9 Drama Production

Auditions 3.15pm - 4.30pm

**Tuesday 17th September** Y10–Y13

Auditions 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Friday 20th September

3G Football Pitch official

Opening Ceremony - 5pm



#### As we start the new year a reminder of a few areas:

- All students should be on school site **by 8.35**.
- All students should have the correct uniform as per our policy. <a href="https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/home/parents/uniform-and-equipment/">https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/home/parents/uniform-and-equipment/</a>
- All students should attend every day with the equipment listed as per our policy and when timetabled PE kit or technology ingredients. <a href="https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/home/parents/uniform-and-equipment/">https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/home/parents/uniform-and-equipment/</a>
- All students should have logged onto the Microsoft TEAMs account and software packages for their subjects.

Please can I ask that all parents/ carers take time to go over their child's timetable with them and help them prepare for the weeks ahead, ensure they have everything listed above to be successful and finally that they have logged onto the various software packages using the single sign on that we now utilise.

#### **School Site Health and Safety**

As I am sure you will appreciate managing a site with intense short periods of high-volume activity relating to pedestrians and vehicles needs to be managed carefully for safety reasons. We ask that you observe the school's requests and assist us in managing the safety of your children when they arrive and leave school each day.

- Parents are welcome to use the parent drop off area only at the beginning and end of the day. When collecting at the end of the day if you arrive early, please switch off your engine to help reduce the air pollution within the locality.
- Please observe the 10mph speed limit whilst on site.
- Please do not use the bus turning area as it delays the buses being able to quickly set down their passengers, as well as causing a safety hazard for pedestrians if they are moving between vehicles in this area.
- Please also note that unless you are dropping off a student with a disability or they
  are temporarily using crutches, please do not drive up to the front of the school. If
  you are a parent with a disability and you are visiting the school this area is where you
  can park displaying a blue badge. It is also not appropriate for students to be
  dropped off at the back of the building in the staff car parking area.

Thank you in advance for your support in observing our site management health and safety practices.

#### **Collecting Students During the School Day**

If you need to collect your child from school during the day to attend for example a medical, orthodontist appointment etc. please can you provide your child with a note to state what the reason for leaving school is and the time they need to leave, so they can excuse themselves from the lesson they are in by showing the relevant teacher the note. Please can we remind parents that we require you to come into school to sign your child out, children will not be permitted to leave the building without a parent with them.

#### **Lost/Left Property**

Prior to the summer holidays, we notified parents that students needed to clear their lockers as they were being cleaned and reallocated in readiness for the new academic year.

On undertaking the cleaning task there were several lockers that had belongings left in them. All of these belongings have been given to form tutors for your child to collect.

The information below is our Policy relating to Lost/Left Property for your reference.

#### Named Property

If an item of lost property is found and the item is named every effort will be made to return it to the student. Where the owner is known and the item remains uncollected after four weeks then the school will acquire ownership and dispose of the item accordingly.

#### **Unnamed Property**

If the owner is not known and after 'reasonable inquiry' it is impossible to identify and notify them, the school acquires ownership of the lost property four weeks after it is handed in. Thereafter, the item/s will be disposed of by the school.

If property is left knowingly around the school site for example bags, coats etc. this does not constitute lost property. This property will be collected on a regular basis and if named returned to the student or if it is unidentifiable the items will be disposed of. Please note where items are perishable or would involve 'unreasonable excuse or inconvenience' to look after, these will be disposed of right away.

#### Communication

The beginning of term is a very busy time as everyone in our community settles back into their routines. Please be advised that if you contact the school we will respond to you as stated in our communication policy within 3 working days, if we are unable to respond to you within this time frame, we will provide you with a full explanation as to why a response may take longer. The full communication policy can be found on the school web site.

#### No Idling

I would like to remind our community about "Idling when waiting in your car", we would like to ask for your support in helping to improve air quality when waiting on the school site or on the roads in the vicinity of the school, please can we ask vehicle owners to turn their engines off whilst they wait. If you are going to be waiting in your car for more than 30 seconds, please remember to turn your car's engine off. You will not only improve our air, but you will also save money in fuel and vehicle wear and tear costs!

#### Why should you support 'No Idling'?

Idling harms our health: vehicle exhaust fumes are damaging to everyone's health, but it especially affects children, who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults. By turning off your engine, you can improve the quality of air students, parents and staff and the wider community breathe.

Idling pollutes the air we breathe: an idling engine produces unnecessary pollution and can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. By not idling, you reduce the level of harmful emissions being released into the atmosphere. Keep money in your wallet and save fuel: despite the popular story that idling your car uses less fuel than turning it off and restarting – idling actually costs you money. It is more fuel efficient to turn off your engine if you are going to be sitting more than 30 seconds and this will also reduce the wear and tear on your engine.

You can help reduce air pollution around the school by doing the following:

- Drop your child further away from the school and encourage them to walk the last part of the journey, this helps to lessen the environmental impact during the very busy period around the local area at drop off and collection times.
- Turn off your engine when dropping off or picking up from school. Encourage your children to take up cycling and walk where they can or think about choosing public transport over using a car.
- Share car journeys where possible.

Together, we can make a real difference and improve the quality of air we all breathe.

#### **Bronze - Silver - Gold - Platinum - Diamond**



### **KLS Colour Awards**

The following KLS Colour Awards have been achieved:

Saffy 8D - Sports Bronze

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Honey 8J - Sports Bronze

Alice 8G - STEM Bronze

Georgia 8J - Reading & Oracy Bronze

Elise 8C - Reading & Oracy Bronze

Megan 8A - Reading & Oracy Bronze

Rebecca 9J - Arts, Culture & Creativity Bronze

Bella 9D - **Sports Bronze** 

Oliver 9J - Discovery Bronze

Sophie 10D - Reading & Oracy Bronze

Olivia 10G - Sports Bronze

Max 10D - STEM Bronze

For more information about how to achieve these awards, click the following link:

Colour Awards - Kings Langley Secondary School - Unlocking



A HUGE Congratulations to students achieving these awards.

Community Civic Action

## **KLS Colour Awards**

#### Flourishing through opportunities and personal development

For each award, students need to meet the criteria for each of the following categories for the award and level that they are aiming for:

- Extra-curricular
- Leadership
- Personal Development
- School & Wider Community

For each award, students work through achieving **bronze**, **silver**, **gold**, **platinum** and **diamond** levels. It is advised that students begin working towards their bronze award in Yr7 however, students can work towards the level which they feel confident in achieving. Students are advised to speak to their form tutor and/or subject teachers for guidance and opportunities that exist across the school.



Click here to view the KLS Colours

Handbook:

<u>Colour Awards - Kings Langley</u> <u>Secondary School - Unlocking</u> Potential for Life (kls.herts.sch.uk)







## Recognition

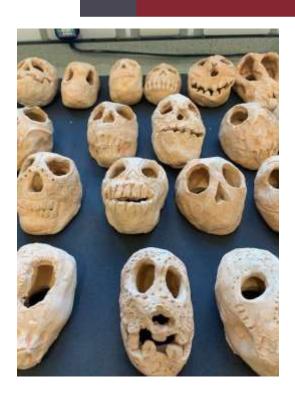
Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

#### Students of the Week w/c 9th September

Drama	Tammy 10D				
Excellent start to GCSE drama, excellent contribution	s and group work.				
English	Inaara 11D				
A fantastic start to the academic year, showing great enthusiasm and determination. Well done!					
Politics	Lydia 12BRY				
First student to borrow 'Why We Get the Wrong Politicians' from the Library as wider reading.					
History	Alisha 8G				
For making great contributions in our history lesson this week!					
Library	Myles 7P				
The first student in Year 7 to borrow a book this year!					
PSHE	Phoebe 9A				
Excellent contribution and participation in class. Well done!					
Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	Sybella 12 ANE				
Excellent effort on your A Level bridging work. Keep it up!					
Science	Joseph 10A				
An active, engaged start to the scientific course.					
Year 7 Head of Year	Mollie 7D and Teddy 7J				
Currently joint top for recognition points since joining KLS.					

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

#### **Artwork of the Week**







#### **Sports News**

The Year 7 girls had their first netball experience this week, with over 30 students attending our trials.

KS3 netball runs every Monday after school, and all are welcome to come and play.

Mr Bilton - Pastoral Leader Y7 & Teacher of English





# TOOLED UP®

#### BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

We hope all our Tooled Up families and their children are settling back into school life and enjoying the transition to new years, new teachers, new stages and new challenges!

Is this your first school year as a Tooled Up member? Make sure you check out our new <u>Site Tour video</u> to get familiar with everything Tooled Up has to offer.

You can begin the new year by exploring our wealth of resources relating to **transition** <u>here</u>, including our webinar series on getting children <u>nursery school-ready</u>, <u>primary school-ready</u> and <u>senior school-ready</u>. Download our <u>Settling In Journal</u> for older students beginning their senior journey.

At Tooled Up we believe that **talking** is one of the foundations of a healthy family life. In this <u>podcast</u>, Dr Kathy Weston talks to Dr Neil Mercer about the importance of oracy, and how parents can help in developing children's speaking and listening skills. Here is researcher Mishika Mehrotra's <u>podcast</u> on her work exploring the links between conversation and children's development.

One of the best times to chat to our children is around the dinner table. We love this video on <u>Dinnertime Debriefs</u> and the role that dinnertime conversations can play in boosting children's resilience, wellbeing and academic attainment. If you ever get stuck for conversation ideas, here are <u>65 Topics</u> to work your way through. We love to get even the youngest members of the family talking, and our <u>Questions for Bathtime</u> can help with that.

Of course, one important use for family talk is in **wellbeing**. Our <u>family audit template</u> provides plenty of prompts to get healthy and open discussions started, and you can read these tips on having <u>difficult</u> conversations at home.

The words that we use when talking to our children matter greatly. We spoke to the founders of the charity *Words Matter* in this <u>podcast</u>, which explores the impact that verbal abuse can have on children and how we can use words to boost self-esteem and self-worth.. Dr Kathy Weston explores this theme further in this week's <u>Wednesday Wisdom</u>.



#### **Music Department News**

#### **Music Extra Curricular Clubs**

We have a range of exciting clubs for musicians of all standards to join. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, speak to Mrs Warren or Mrs Harris in the Music Department.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 13.00-13.30	Ukulele Club	Theory Club  GCSE / A Level Support	Instrumental Ensemble	Guitar Group	Keyboard Club
After School			Choir		A Level / GCSE Composition Workshop

#### **Individual Music Lessons**

Interested in learning an instrument? You can access individual instrumental lessons at Kings Langley School for a variety of instruments and styles. Lessons are provided by the Hertfordshire Music Service.

- To apply for lessons either go to the website below or use the QR code in the flyer attached.
- https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-musicservice.aspx
- Click on "Music Lessons"
- Sign up for an account on their portal
- Follow the steps through, making sure you choose Kings Langley School as the location for lessons.

#### **Music Ambassador Applications**

Applications for Junior and Senior Music Ambassador roles are now open for students in Years 7 to 13. To apply, please follow this link and fill in the form by **Friday 13**<sup>th</sup> **September**: https://forms.office.com/e/0d23tVJPCc



#### **Drumming Club Sign Up**

Last year our lovely and very experienced peripatetic drum teacher planned to launch a drumming club on Monday lunchtimes. Due to the time of year we were able to confirm this, we did not feel there was enough interest to launch it. This September many students have been requesting that this be re-launched. If your child is interested in joining this Drumming Club, please fill in the interest form below by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. Please do sign up again even if you filled this form in last year. If sign-up numbers are sufficient, this will launch later this term. https://forms.office.com/e/TDx8geA020

#### **Christmas Concert Sign-Up**

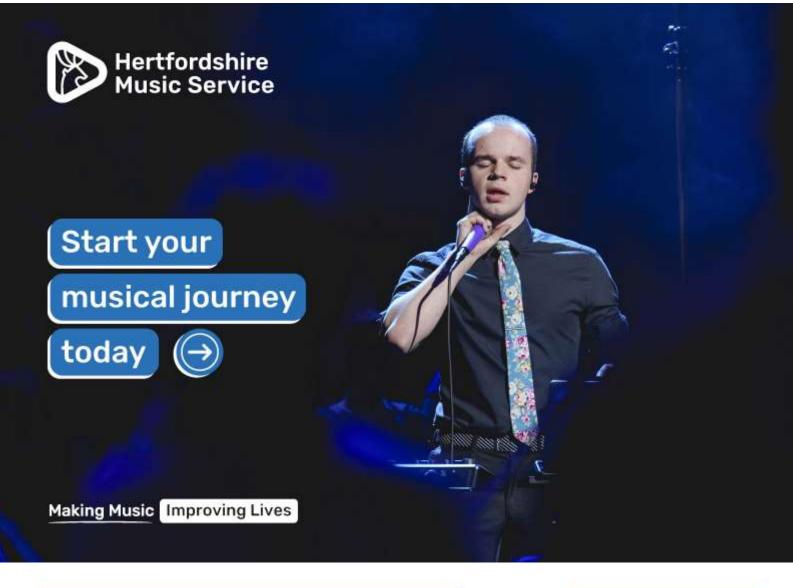
We are starting the year with a bang so we can be prepared for our Christmas Concert on 17<sup>th</sup> December. All the main ensembles will be performing, but anyone interested in performing a solo or small ensemble (group) piece can sign up here <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/aTNnRyrLa7">https://forms.office.com/e/aTNnRyrLa7</a> All year groups and all standards welcome!

#### **Music Department Save the Dates**

There are several upcoming events that I would be grateful if musicians and their families would put in their calendars.

- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Kings Langley Christmas Light Turn on (date to be finalised) -
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (date to be finalised) Kings Langley
   School Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.30pm Christmas Concert 2024 (rehearsals during the day)
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Chamber Concert
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> OR Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (date to be finalised by Hertfordshire Music Service) – Royal Albert Hall Gala Rehearsals
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Royal Albert Hall Gala performance
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March Young Musician of Kings Langley Competition (in-school lunchtime)





#### Registration now open for music lessons

#### Instrumental and vocal lessons

- Music lessons are available during the school day at hundreds of schools in Hertfordshire.
- We also provide lessons in the afternoon, evening and on the weekends at our 12 music centres across the county.
- We offer various lesson types and durations. Please visit our website for more information.
- Financial support is available to pupils receiving certain benefits, to help with the cost of lessons.
- As your child progresses on their musical journey, they will be invited to join ensembles or music groups that perform regularly.





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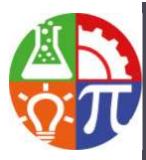












#### **STEM Challenge**

#### This week's challenge:

#### A Sports Logic Puzzle

Four children are great friends. Use the clues below to find out which sport





	Basketball	Baseball	Volleyball	Soccer
Brad				
Jenny				
Frank				
Susan		1	T.	

- 1. Brad plays a sport that begins with the same letter as his name
- 2. Jenny has to kick the ball in the sport she plays
- 3. Frank hit two home-runs this season.





Answer next week.

#### Last Term's answer:

Two cruise liners are making a journey across the Atlantic. The first liner leaves the UK on Tuesday. The second leaves the USA on Wednesday but has a higher speed. When they cross paths on Friday and meet in the Atlantic which ship is closer to the UK?

#### Answer:

They are both equal distance to the UK upon meeting.



This weeks jackpot winning numbers are

167074

One of your supporters won £30.90 in the draw



If you haven't signed up yet visit our lottery here - <a href="https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-school">https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-school</a>

### KLS Student Leadership Activity 1

9th Sept. - 22nd Sept. 2024

Each fortnight a new activity is set. Complete the activities to achieve your student leadership awards.

Go to the assignment on your year group registration on MSTEAMS

#### **Student Leadership Activity:**

Following your first week at school/Sixth Form, write an article for the school newsletter on an area that you are positive about or about your experiences this year so far.

There are ten activities in total, this is 'Challenge 5' activity:

Identify ways of improving our school community using effective channels and voice.

If you complete 5 of the leadership challenges for a specific leadership role you will be awarded Accomplished Leadership level, complete them all and you will be awarded Leadership Excellence level.

Accomplished
Leadership

Leadership Excellence

Take a look at our Student Leadership Passport for more information about our leadership challenges and awards:

<u>Student Leadership - Kings Langley Secondary School - Unlocking Potential for Life</u>
(kls.herts.sch.uk)





# The five practices and ten commitments of exemplary leadership

Modelling exemplary student behaviour in lessons, around the school and within the community. **MODEL** Being a role model by representing the school and championing our values. Lead projects or initiatives that inspire or encourage 3 others. **INSPIRE** Motivate and inspire others to participate through promoting equality and inclusiveness. Identify ways of improving our school community 5 using effective channels and voice. **CHALLENGE** Challenge yourself by taking risks that enable you and/or others to develop. Provide opportunities for other people to learn, grow 7 or develop. **ENABLE** Develop competence and/or confidence in others. Encourage other students to participate in activities 9 or opportunities. **ENCOURAGE** Contribute to the wider culture of collaboration 10 within the school and wider community.





#### **SCHOOL SHOW AUDITIONS FOR**

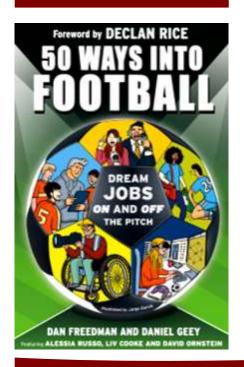
## THE BOOK THIEF

Monday 16th September (Years 7-9) Tuesday 17th September (Years 10-13) 3.15pm - 4.30pm Main School Hall

No need to prepare anything - just come along!

Rehearsals will be Monday, Thursday and Friday Show Day: Friday 15th November For more information see Miss Abbott or Mrs Carr

# The Library

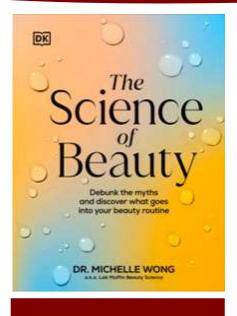


#### **Books of the Month**

#### **Key Stage 3**

50 Ways Into Football by Dan Freedman

Are you obsessed with football and want to know how to make it your future? Well, now you can! Football isn't just about becoming a pro. In fact, there are hundreds of people who help make magic on the pitch, whether it's the architect who designed the stadium, the coder who created your favourite game, or the physio who got the star player fighting fit again. This book gives you access to fifty leading experts who have made a career out of the beautiful game, from footballing legends to top-flight sports commentators and the people behind the scenes.



#### **Key Stage 4**

The Science of Beauty by Dr Michelle Wong

Does deodorant cause breast cancer? Does eating chocolate give you acne? Do I need to wear sunscreen every day? What exactly is in my serum? What's the best way to fade scars? Is "clean beauty" as healthy as it sounds?

Featuring over 100 frequently asked questions, informative graphics, and backed up by the latest research, this book reveals the truth behind the bold marketing claims and viral TikTok trends and tells you what you really need to know about the products you use every day, and what really works.

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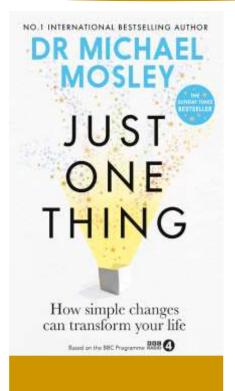


#### **Books of the Month**

#### **Sixth Form Fiction**

Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

In a small back alley in Tokyo, there is a cafe which has been serving carefully brewed coffee for more than one hundred years. But this coffee shop offers its customers a unique experience: the chance to travel back in time. In Before the Coffee Gets Cold, we meet four visitors, each hoping to make use of the cafe's time-travelling offer. But the journey into the past does not come without risks: customers must sit in a particular seat, they cannot leave the cafe, and finally, they must return to the present before the coffee gets cold...



#### **Sixth Form Non-Fiction**

Just One Thing by Dr Michael Mosley

If you were going to do just one thing to transform your health, what would it be? We all want quick and easy ways to improve our health, but when it comes to diet, fitness and wellbeing it can be hard to separate the facts from the fads and harder still to find changes that fit easily into our daily lives.

Based on the popular BBC podcast, this book brings to life Dr Mosley's mission to find things you can introduce into your daily routine which will have a big impact on your mental and physical health.

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Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

#### What is the National Fire Cadets Scheme?

- Fire Cadets is a nationally recognised educational programme open to young people aged from 14 to 17 years old
  - It supports young people to make a positive contribution to society
- it provides an opportunity to learn about, engage with and experience the fire and rescue service
- it enables young people to gain skills, knowledge and positive experiences in a fun, safe and secure environment
- It supports young people to develop life skills, increase confidence and raise self-esteem
  - it inspires young people to make positive life choices for their future



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If you have what it takes why not join us as a fire cadet or if you are over the age of 18 as a volunteer cadet instructor

For more information please email:

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#### Sunday 22 September 2024 Merchant Taylors' School



- Junior fun runs £12
- 5k 'March for Mount Vernon' walk £15
- 10k closed road, chip-timed run £20

Sign up using QR code or at www.enhhcharity.org.uk/moorpark24

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Runners can register at our FRS website. All the details and links for entering the race can be found at our website: <a href="https://www.berkorun.com">www.berkorun.com</a>

The race starts near Berkhamsted Station and there is parking at the station car park and other nearby car parks. The nearby town centre has many places to eat and drink after the race whether you'd like a take-away, pub grub or smart restaurant.

Your entry helps Rotary raise funds for three great local charities - <u>Pepper Foundation</u>, <u>Hospice of St Francis</u> and <u>DENS</u>. But of course you can also raise personal sponsorship for your own favourite good cause.

#### **PRIZES**

We have a comprehensive set of individual and team prizes for the Half Marathon and Fun Run events. And we're rewarding the most successful fundraiser by topping-up their donation.

#### **GOODIES**

Once again we're giving away a bespoke 2025 FREE LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT to our Half Marathon runners in your preferred size and runners in both events get one of our bespoke Medals.

#### **BOOK NOW**

Book early as numbers are limited, and we can't guarantee a place if you leave registering until race day.

#### SPREAD THE WORD

Please tell your friends and colleagues about the race, so please Like our posts and follow us on social media.

#### **MARSHALLING**

If you're not running yourself, we'd love you to join our team of volunteer marshals.

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