



### **A note from the Principal Assistant Headteacher—Mrs Harris**

#### **Celebrating Equality and Diversity at Kings Langley School**

As we continue to foster an inclusive and supportive environment for all our students to flourish, we are excited to share some upcoming events and initiatives that celebrate equality and diversity within our school community.

#### **Ramadan Celebration and Iftar**

On Thursday 13th March we were delighted to host our Ramadan Iftar event at the school. This special event was an opportunity for students, parents, and staff to come together to share a meal about the significance of Ramadan.

For those families celebrating Eid at the end of Ramadan, please inform the school when possible, if you are requesting one day authorised absence for religious observation. The school will only authorise one day in accordance to the Hertfordshire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) calendar. Please liaise with your child's form tutor.

#### **School Events**

##### **Monday 17th March**

Silver DofE Practice Expedition returns.

##### **Tuesday 18th March**

Y11 The Mousetrap Theatre Trip 5.15pm - 11pm

##### **Thursday 20th March**

Y12 Subject Consultation Evening 4pm – 7pm

##### **Sunday 23rd March**

Royal Albert Hall Gala Concert.

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## International Women's Day


On **Saturday 8th March**, the country celebrated **International Women's Day**, a global day honouring the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. This year's theme was "Embrace Equity," encouraging everyone to actively support gender equality. We encourage parents to engage in conversations with their children about the importance of gender equality and the contributions of women throughout history. International Women's Day is more than just a date on the calendar—it's a reminder of how far we have come and how far we still have to go. Despite progress, women worldwide continue to face discrimination, violence, and inequality. The day serves as a platform to amplify women's voices and advocate for change. For more information on International Women's Day and related events, please visit [International Women's Day](#).

## Supporting Equality and Diversity

As parents, you play a crucial role in supporting equality and diversity within our school and local community. Here are some ways you can engage in meaningful conversations with your children:

1. **Discuss the Importance of Respect:** Emphasise the importance of respecting all individuals, regardless of their background, culture, or beliefs.
2. **Celebrate Differences:** Encourage your children to appreciate and celebrate the diverse cultures and traditions of their classmates.
3. **Model Inclusive Behaviour:** Demonstrate inclusive behaviour in your daily interactions and encourage your children to do the same.
4. **Participate in Community Events:** Attend local events that promote diversity and inclusion, such as cultural festivals, community forums, and educational workshops.

By actively participating in these conversations and events, we can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all our students. Thank you for your continued support in promoting equality and diversity within our school community.



# Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to the following students for their high scores in LanguageNut for February.

## Year 7

Benji 7A, Hesanya 7C, Emad 7D, Sam 7G, Teddy 7J, and Nefeli 7P.

## Year 8

Niamh 7A, Verity 8C, Mia 8D, Amie 8G, Lucy 8J, and Gracjan 8P.

## Year 9

Millie 9D, Eduard 9D, Henry 9C, Sam 9G, Joseph 9J, Connor 9P and Mia 9T.

## Year 10 GCSE

Tara 10D, Oliver 10C, Beau 10J, and Joao 10A.

## Year 11 GCSE

Sousan 11D, Oliver 11C, James 11J and Lotta 11J



Y7





Y9



Y8



Y10



Y11





# Recognition

*Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something*

## Students of the Week w/c 3rd March

<b>Art</b>	Jacob 9C
For his recent homework drawing from the work of British artist Ian Murphy. His work shows strong drawing skills and creative use of mark making to describe his piece. Well done Jacob!	
<b>Politics</b>	James 12LIY
For achieving the highest score in the most recent knowledge test - 95%!	
<b>History</b>	Hesanya 7C
For being a committed history student who is conscientious about the quality of her work in class and at home as well as extending her knowledge beyond the classroom.	
<b>Maths</b>	Daniela 10J
For always being enthusiastic in Mr Wilshaw's maths lessons. Dani always volunteers answers and is happy to try ideas, even when the questions are very challenging.	
<b>MFL</b>	Daniel 8P
Daniel is a regular at MFL club and I was delighted to see how hard he was pushing himself to revise for his Spanish writing test last week.	
<b>Library</b>	Jaydyn 12LIY and Jasper 7A
Working together brilliantly in the Y7/Y12 reading pairs programme.	
<b>Psychology</b>	Alice 12LIY
For a continually high standard of work.	
<b>Philosophy, Religion, Ethics</b>	Rebecca 9J
For thoughtful and empathic responses to the Holocaust in her written work and presentations.	
<b>Science</b>	Bethany 11D
For great improvement in chemistry.	
<b>Sociology</b>	Ethan 12ANE
For excellent work and showing a very positive work ethic.	

<b>Year 7 Head of Year</b>	Daniel 7C
One of the highest scores in his year group for recognition points.	
<b>Year 8 Head of Year</b>	Daniella 8A
Having great self-regulation with all elements of school.	
<b>KS5 Head of Year</b>	Toby 12HAD
For his amazing organisational skills.	

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

## **Bedrock Parents' Evening**

Bedrock Parents' Evening is coming up on **Thursday 20th March (7pm to 8pm)**.

The event is designed to help strengthen those all-important home-school links and ensure that everyone is invested in our literacy strategy. By attending, parents and guardians will get:

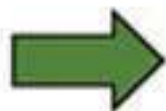
- Insights on why language is vital to academic success
- Essential takeaways to equip parents to play an active role in language development at home.
- A demo of Bedrock's platform and the parents' portal

Please sign up using this link: <https://app.getcontrast.io/register/bedrock-learning-bedrock-parents-evening-2024-25-2>

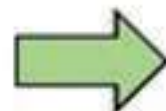
**Mrs Butt - Principal Assistant Headteacher**

**MORE TIME IN SCHOOL =  
MORE TIME TO LEARN!**

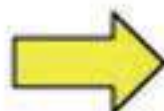
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OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



9 SCHOOL DAYS  
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11 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



19 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



2 MONTHS  
OFF EACH YEAR



Nationally, only 35% of students who miss between 10% - 20% of school go on to achieve 5 GCSEs at grade 9 to 4 (A\* - C)



## Photograph of the Month



### Oscar 12WES

Oscar attended a protest march in London at the weekend, recording this event using photographs. Oscar has selected this photo as his best shot and we agree that it captures the emotions, the mood, and the significance of the protest march. Oscar has displayed remarkable photographic skill in taking this image which will contribute to his growing professional portfolio of captivating imagery. Well done Oscar.





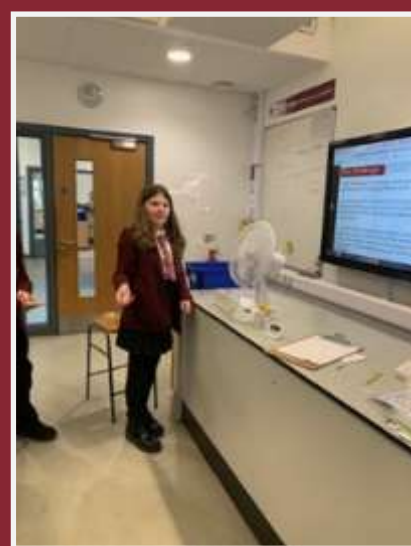


## Science News

This week is British science week, and the first week of STEM fortnight. In science, we have been celebrating this year's theme 'Change and Adapt'. Students have been linking different aspects of science to this theme, and have discussed how organisms have adapted to their environment, how changes to technology are shaping our lives, and even how the Earth has changed from the time of its formation, 4.5 billion years ago.

Students in KS3 are taking part in the school's poster competition – so far we have seen some excellent ideas! The deadline for entries is Friday 28th March for a chance to win house points and a small prize!

We have also been looking at how seeds have evolved for wind dispersal. KS3 classes are designing and building their own seeds with the aim of trying to create a seed that will travel the furthest distance when blown by wind. There have been some very creative designs so far, so we are looking forward to seeing the what else students come up with through the remainder of the week!



# Drama News

## Year 11 GCSE Drama

GCSE drama students performed their exam pieces to a visiting examiner this week. They spent the day in the drama studio either performing or bringing to life their lighting and sound design for a range of plays. This year we had extracts from:

- Bouncers
- My Mother Said I Never Should
- Be My Baby
- Tusk Tusk
- Two
- Our Town Needs a Nandos



The group worked brilliantly with excellent commitment to their studies and it was a thoroughly enjoyable exam!

They have now completed 60% of their GCSE course with just the final written exam to work towards.

Mrs M Carr - **Lead Practitioner in the Arts**



# Netball News

## NETBALL NEWS 12/03/2025

7A had a great game this week against Berkhamsted, some really lovely netball played by both teams. Berkhamsted started off strong in the first quarter. KLS stepped up their game in the second quarter winning it 5-1 bringing both teams close at half time. KLS continued to defend well in the second half and despite not scoring as many goals, KLS managed to only allow 3 goals in from Berkhamsted, ensuring that KLS finished victorious with an 11-9 win.

Oppositions' Player: Lois 7P

Manager's Player: Maisie 7G

Player's Player: Poppy 7P



### Future Events:

17/03/2025 7A Versatility Tournament @ Ashlyns

19/03/2025 9A Versatility Tournament @ Ashlyns

20/03/2025 10A Versatility Tournament @ Ashlyns



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BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

Numeracy and literacy sit at the heart of learning for all our children. Parents, carers and teachers alike are sensitive to the difficulties that may be experienced in these two areas.

Whilst many of us understand that **dyslexia affects reading and writing skills**, you may not be familiar with **dyscalculia** which is **a difficulty with counting, number patterns and mathematical concepts**. To raise recognition of this condition that occurs in around 1 in 20 people, Dyscalculia Awareness Day took place last week.

If you are worried that a child in your care may have dyscalculia or dyslexia or are looking to build on your understanding of these conditions, Tooled Up has a number of resources that can help.

A useful **introduction to dyscalculia and advice on supporting your child** can be found in our **webinar** with Professor Jo Van Herwegen who discusses the **Myths and Truths about Dyscalculia**.

To **explore the science behind dyslexia, its causes, impacts and to bust some myths** watch our **webinar Understanding Dyslexia** with Dr Rebecca Gordon, associate professor of cognitive psychology at University College London.

**For children with special educational needs**, we have created **All About Me: My Learning Profile** which provides a **template** to encourage them to **identify their strengths, sticking points** and the things that help them to learn more effectively. This activity can be completed in school or at home and then be shared with teachers so that they can offer optimal support to the individual.

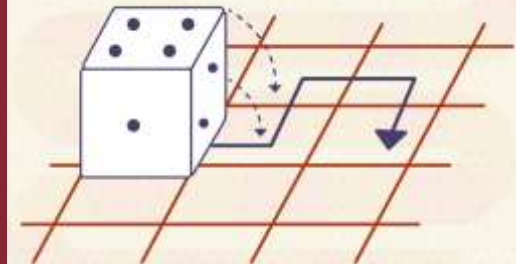




# STEM Challenge

This week's challenge:

If the dice is rolled on the showed path, what will be the number on the top?



Answer next week.

Last week's answer:

You live in a one-story house made of redwood. What colour are the stairs?

**Answer:** There are no stairs. It is a one-story house.



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LOTTERY**

This week's jackpot winning number was:

**476952**

One of our supporters won £29.70 in the draw!

One of our supporters has donated £29.70

If you haven't signed up yet visit our lottery here - [https://  
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-  
school](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-school)



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 14TH MARCH



**Saturday 15th March 9.30am – 1pm (arrive at 9am) – RAH Gala rehearsal** at Weston Auditorium, De Havilland Campus, Mosquito Way, Hatfield AL10 9EU. Please meet Mrs Warren at the Weston Auditorium by 9am where you will be registered. There is parking available at the main car park which is free of charge at weekends. If this one is full, there is the McLaurin visitor car park across the road over the roundabout. We have been advised that you must not eat in the auditorium. If you are bringing snacks for before or after, please ensure that these are peanut/nut free. Please bring water with you. There will be allocated seating in the auditorium so please listen carefully to instructions from the HMS staff and your Music Teachers. You are welcome to wear your own clothes. **Please listen to the Soundcloud recordings in advance as we have to perform all of this from memory!**

### **Saturday 29th March – The FOKLS Family Quiz Night**

Join us for a fun evening of quizzing!

**Saturday 21st June – Kings Langley Carnival.** Various Music Department groups will perform on stage. Please put the date in your diaries!

Monday Lunchtime – Ukulele Club / Drum Club  
Tuesday Lunchtime & After School – Yr11 Intervention  
Wednesday after school – Choir Rehearsal  
Thursday Lunchtime – RAH Gala Choir rehearsal  
Thursday Lunchtime – Guitar Group Rehearsal  
Friday Lunchtime – Keyboard Club




## **SPRING CHAMBER CONCERT 11TH MARCH 2025**

The Music Department were delighted to present The Spring Chamber Concert this week. A packed audience were treated to a range of solo and band items, with performers from every year group in the school. The production was expertly supported by the Student AV Team and our peripatetic teachers. It was wonderful to see such stickability on show from performers of all ages and standards, overcoming their nerves to perform so professionally. Well done to all involved!

*Mrs Warren & Mrs Harris*





Let's see that pie-formance, of you missing!



£1 entry

# GET YOUR SWEET REVENGE!

8D are hosting a "PIE A TEACHER" fundraiser for their STEM week. Which of these lucky teachers need a pie in the face? Donate £1 to pie two of these 6 teachers. Beware, it will be a raffle for which teacher you pie so it won't make the teachers feel targeted. Join us on the tennis courts at lunch on Wednesday (19th march) to pie one of these lucky teachers. Rules are that there is a three metre throw line, no eating the whipping cream and to get the teachers as messy as possible, good luck!



YOU'RE GOING TO MISS

this face is waiting for you to miss!



Come on, try me! I'm gonna stay pie-fectly clean!

Think you can hit this face, bring it on!







**£5** per person or  
**£40** per table

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# Family Quiz Night

FUNDRAISING FOR THE FoKLS & THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

**Saturday 29th March**

7 for 7.30pm

hosted by Mr Shephard

Maximum of 8 people per team

Tickets available by SCOPAY

or scan the QR code

BYO refreshments



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# KLS CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH



**STAFF**

**vs**



**SIXTH  
FORM**

**Date:**

Thursday 3rd April 2025

**Venue:**

Kings Langley School

**Price:**

£2.50 (18+)

£1 (Under 18)

**Kick Off:**

3:45pm



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