



Kings Langley School News

Issue 14

A note from the Deputy Headteacher - Mrs Jennings

Starting this week with Blue Monday, when the sunshine is rare and disappears too early, everyone with sniffles, the icy windscreens that need clearing is always a test of our resilience. Christmas is over and our summer holidays seem such a long way away. How do we make it through January without moaning about being too cold, it being too dark, having no money after being paid so early in December, giving up alcohol, trying to exercise more? The list can go on.

The answer is however in our character and our ability to make good decisions. The digging deep, showing grit and determination when situations are that little bit harder. Decisions to get up rather than turn over and phone in sick, to show perseverance and do that exercise class even though you would rather be snuggled under a blanket at home. It is the same for students who want to for example miss a class (because they are apprehensive as they think they will not understand it), or not wanting to do their homework as they have something more exciting to do, or not wanting to do the cross-country run. Whatever age we are, or wherever we are in life, we all need to show that self-regulation and stickability to power through the more difficult days or situations.

School Events

Monday 27th January

Friends of Kings Langley
(FoKLS) Meeting - 5.30pm

Tuesday 28th January

Y10 &12 work experience
parent event -6pm to 7pm

Wednesday 29th January

Sicily trip parent meeting
6pm

Thursday 30th January

Y11 Blood Brothers Theatre
trip - 6.30pm to 10.30pm

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Running away and avoiding situations rarely makes anything better or moves us forward. Ultimately it is the choices and decisions that we make which navigate the route we will follow, and our character virtues and beliefs that will decide the nature of the experience.

For our students there is an additional way to tackle January which is to enhance and produce a greater number of endorphins. There are many other ways to stimulate your body to release and maintain high endorphin levels. You can eat dark chocolate, listen to your favourite songs, play musical instruments, watch funny movies, create an art piece, laugh with your friends, try aromatherapy, do volunteer work or even meditate. We have a long list of activities which students can join in at lunch time or after school this term, which have been published on our website <https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/assets/Extra-Curricular-Spring-2025.pdf> Maybe joining a club or activity might be another way of fighting the January Blues?

School Stool Donation

The school has 200+ stools (wooden seat on a metal frame) which we would like to donate locally. If you know of a local group/school/business that might benefit from these please can I ask you to contact me at the school during working hours. The stools will be ready for collection from February half term.

Mrs Markley

Premises/Cover Manager



Measurements:

61cm high.

The seat is 35cm x 32cm

Drama News

West End
in Schools



Last Friday the drama department was delighted to welcome Jimmy from West End in Schools to work with 48 of our year 9 students. The students were split into two groups and got to experience a professional workshop for a double lesson. Here is what some of the students said about their experience.

Last Friday I attended the drama workshop. I thoroughly enjoyed working with my friends and learning new things. We played many games that I had never heard of before and I was encouraged to talk to people who I wouldn't normally. I had an amazing time and learnt so many things that improved my acting skills. We played improv games and learned how one change in your stance or gesture could change how the audience reads the piece. Overall it was an amazing experience and I am glad to have been able to take part in the workshop.

Roma

The drama workshop was really fun! We started by playing some games like throwing an imaginary ball and then walking around whilst taking on certain personalities like a villain. We then did some more practical elements focusing on devising and started by playing, sitting, standing and laying down where we had 5 seconds for each person in a group of three to do one of those actions in a freeze frame, the rest of us then had to come up with a backstory about what was happening. After this we got into pairs and played Yes, we were inspired to come up with a plot to our own story such as aliens coming to earth and performing a show! Finally, we got into groups of four and started by making three freeze frames of a beginning middle and end of a story then started to add lines and movement to bring the story to life!

Rebecca

I found the workshop fun and inspiring and the activities were fun and educational. I enjoyed working with people I don't usually work with, and I enjoyed improvisation, and the workshop leader was amazing because he was energetic and enthusiastic. I learned a lot, such as being the character and patience. It was a great experience and I would highly recommend.

Oscar



Music News - January 2025

Christmas Concert Congratulations!

A massive well done to all the performers in the Christmas Concert. It was a wonderful evening and Mrs Harris and I were incredibly proud of all of you. There were some real examples of stickability during the day and evening, and of course, fantastic performances. We were thrilled to be able to nominate you all for a Headteacher's Commendation. Well done also to all of those who went on to perform in the end of term assemblies – it was really uplifting to end the term with musical performances.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 13.00-13.30	Ukulele Club F214	Theory Club & GCSE Support F214	Instrumental Ensemble PR3	Guitar Group F213	Keyboard Club F214
	Drumming Club PR3			Royal Albert Hall Choir F214	
After School	A Level / GCSE Composition Workshop F214		Choir F213		AV Club (Sound Tech)



New clubs

A new instrumental ensemble group will start running on **Wednesday 5th February** at lunchtimes. This is designed for instrumentalists such as woodwind, brass and string players who would like to play in a group. Please register your interest for this group by filling in this form by **Friday 31st January**. <https://forms.office.com/e/1Ar744MEtH>

There is also an AV club now running. This club aims to develop your understanding of sound tech and the AV room. If you are interested in the technical aspects of performance, this could be the club for you. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Harris or attend the after school club on Friday.



Chamber Concert

After so many wonderful solo performances in the Christmas Concert, we are now preparing for Kings Langley's first Chamber Concert – a concert dedicated to soloists and small group performances. The performances can be in any style, on any instrument and of any standard, provided they have been rehearsed to a good quality. To register your interest in performing in this concert, please fill in this form by **Friday 31st January**. <https://forms.office.com/e/rHUzmqsyA0>

Royal Albert Hall Rehearsals

A reminder that rehearsals for the Royal Albert Hall performance in March have now started. If you are signed up for this event, please make sure that you attend every rehearsal. A link to all the songs on Sound Cloud has been posted on the RAH Teams page but can also be found here: https://soundcloud.com/hertsmusic/sets/gala-2025-secondaries-teaching/s-e3a1ANY0Ur2?si=f8f6967ec57b42fbbb497cf8924033f4&utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing

Individual Music Lessons

Interested in learning an instrument or how to sing? 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-music-service.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.

Mrs Warren - Head of Music





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 20th January

Drama	Jack 9T
Fabulous focus and commitment to the workshop on Friday.	
English	Kyle 8G
Great effort and stickability in English with the novel Frankenstein.	
Geography	Teigan 9P
Consistently works well in geography, providing superb verbal contributions.	
Politics	Max 12ANE
For handing in his politics assessment essay over a week before the deadline! Excellent organisation and commitment to the subject.	
History	James 11G
For delivery of an excellent presentation to History Club	
Maths	Kyril 10P
For excellent persistent effort in class. He is always looking to challenge himself and reach the highest standard possible.	
MFL	Sasha 10C
For her excellent attitude in French.	
Music	Brinley 7G
For his extraordinary effort in preparing for his assessment, and achieving a brilliant result due to his hard work.	
Politics	Dominic 13 ARN
Excellent effort and hard work in politics. Keep it up!	
Library	Zoe-Neriah 7J
Zoe has been putting extra effort into shelving library books accurately this week, and helping to keep the books tidy for everyone to enjoy.	
Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	Izzy 10P
Brilliant work all last term and writing superb, thoughtful essays in the assessment.	

Science	Zulfi 7C
For always trying his hardest in science and completing his work to a high standard. Well done!	
Year 7 Head of Year	Olivia 7J
Being an excellent role model for her year group and always working hard	
Year 8 Head of Year	Connor 8A
Trying his hardest and succeeding with a great new start this year.	
Year 9 Head of Year	Joseph 9J
The long-term support he has given to his friend who has been on crutches, showing a high level of empathy and kindness.	
KS5 Head of Year	Sereena 13WES
For her stickability.	

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

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BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

What is your parenting style? Are you a permissive parent, an authoritarian, or an authoritative one?

Is your partner on the same page as you? Do you always present a united front to your children, and would you agree that doing this is not always easy?

You have probably realised there are different ways to be a parent, even if you have never consciously adopted one style of parenting. **Tooled Up** has a range of **resources to help you consider your own parenting technique** and to help you be the **best parent** you can be.

Our **Exploration Into Parenting Styles** webinar is a great place to start. In this guide, Dr Kathy Weston and Professor Stephen Scott of Parenting Matters discuss **differing parenting styles** and **explain how** these can **best support children** with family life.

Our webinar **United Front Parenting** explores the **ways you and your co-parent can stay in step** with each other when it comes to rules, arguments and interactions.

If you have a **question about parenting**, rest assured others are asking the same thing! Browse our **A-Z of Frequently Asked Parenting Questions** and discover how Tooled Up can help you.

If you are parenting **younger children**, Dr Gauri Seth **answers your questions** on topics including **boundary pushing, arguments and screen time**. You can access her Q&A webinar here: **Parenting Younger Children**.





STEM Challenge

This week's challenge:

Turn me on my side, and I am everything. Cut me in half, and I am nothing. What am I?

Answer next week

Last terms answer



There are three houses, and three utilities: water, gas, and electricity. Your task is to connect each house to all three utilities. Therefore, each house will have three lines, and each utility will also have three lines. However, you cannot cross lines! You cannot pass lines through houses or utilities. You cannot share lines. Can you draw the 9 lines required?

Answer:

This puzzle is a classic one that has no solution in 2D.

However, if you place the items on a doughnut shape in 3D you can solve it. In the picture, the electricity is linked to House 3 by going over the top and re-entering through the hole in the middle.



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This week's jackpot winning numbers are:

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Your supporter has donated their winnings of £30.00



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Exam Invigilators

Pay Details: £11.44 per hour (plus holiday pay) – term time only on a flexible, variable hours contract basis.

We are seeking to appoint a number of highly motivated, reliable and flexible exam invigilators to assist with examinations at the school. Whilst school experience would be desirable, we welcome applications from enthusiastic individuals with an eye for detail, good communication skills and who are able to relate well to young people.

Candidates will need to be flexible to attend on a casual basis during examination periods.

Closing date for applications: Friday 7 February 2025.

Early application is advised, as we reserve the right to close the advert early should suitable applicants be found.

The school is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

- New school facilities completed 2023/24, including a 6th Form Centre and 3G Football Pitch.
- Continues to be a good school (Ofsted 2024)
- Pupil's behaviour is managed through a culture of warm and positive relationships. Behaviour around the school site is respectful (Ofsted 2024)
- Comprehensive programme to support staff's workload and well-being (Ofsted 2024)
- A commitment to continuing professional development
- A full programme of induction and support for all new staff