



Kings Langley School News

Issue 11

A note from the Deputy Headteacher - Mrs Sudbery

As you will no doubt be aware, the main GCSE and A-level exams take place in May-June each year and there are lots of plans in place to support our current Year 11 and 13 students as they prepare for their exams next summer, including:

- 'Trial exams', through which we aim to provide students with a realistic experience of what to expect in their exams and to build their confidence at sitting exams, as well as to enable teachers to provide them with useful information about their current performance and individual strengths/priorities for improvement in each subject.
- This year, the trial exams take place **between 2nd and 13th December 2024 for Year 13** and **between 9th and 24th January 2025 for Year 11**; students have been provided with their exam timetable and this can also be accessed on the relevant year group page of the [Examinations](#) area on the school website.

School Events

Thursday 12th December

Friends of Kings Langley
(FoKLS) Christmas Market -
6pm-8.30pm

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Music Concert -
6.30pm (Hall)

Wednesday 18th December

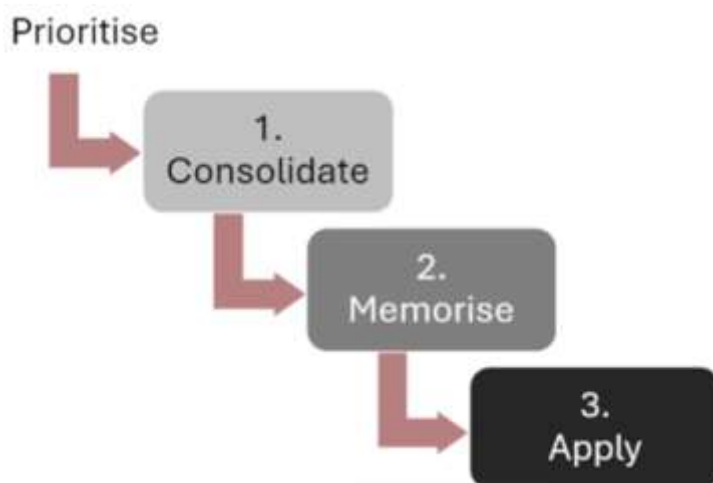
Christmas Jumper day /
Christmas lunch

Friday 20th December

School closes at 12.55pm

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- Exam preparation guidance for students through assemblies, form time and subject lessons, including a suggested revision model as outlined below:



Before starting to revise, it is important that students identify their knowledge gaps in each subject and **prioritise** these in their revision, using their revision guides and websites such as [Seneca Learning](#) and [BBC GCSE Bitesize](#) to fill their gaps.

1. Consolidate: Condense the facts into small chunks using [flashcards](#) with a prompt or question on one side of each card and the information on the other side, or [mind maps](#). [Students may also find pre-prepared knowledge organisers helpful as these summarise the key information needed for a topic and this can be used to prioritise the information for flashcards and mind maps.](#)

2. Memorise: Use quizzing strategies such as the [Leitner system](#) or [blank page retrieval](#) to help you memorise the information on your flashcards, mind maps or knowledge organisers, going back over any areas that you do not remember until you feel confident about them.

3. Apply: Practise applying your knowledge to practice exam papers and mark them using the exam board mark scheme to help you develop your exam technique.

- Support for parents through the **Tooled Up website**, which all Kings Langley School parents have free access to. There are a range of resources linked to exams that can be accessed via: https://members.tooledupeducation.com/?resource_index_desc%5Bquery%5D=Exams%20and%20Assessments, including articles and webinars aimed at parents on themes such as **Tips for Getting Students GCSE-Ready** and **Managing Exam Stress and Optimal Support for Teens**, as well as access to resources such as an **Exam Planner** and tips on how to be a **Smart Reviser**.

All information about the GCSE and A-level exams, including the **provisional May-June 2025 GCSE and A-level exam timetables and contingency dates**, can be accessed on the Examinations area of the school website: <https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/home/parents/examinations/>

We wish our Year 11 and 13 students all the best in their exams this year and we are here if you need any support or information. If you have any questions or concerns about this year's exams, please do not hesitate to contact me on sudberyl@kls.herts.sch.uk.

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 18 December 2024 we will be holding our Christmas lunch event. Christmas lunch is always an opportunity for students to sit together and enjoy a hot meal. On this day we have several sittings for lunch so that every child can sit down at a table and chat with their friends.

Please find on the next page a copy of the Christmas menu. As it is a special meal there is a different charge of £4.40. If your child would like to have Christmas lunch, **please prepay via Scopay under 'Trips and Events' by Tuesday 10 December 2024.**

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, please email finance@kls.herts.sch.uk by Tuesday 10 December 2024, to indicate that your child would like to have Christmas lunch on that day. If you do not advise us that they would like Christmas lunch, their account will be credited with £2.53 as normal, and they can access the other catering outlets available to them on that day.

Please be advised that there will be a normal break time service on this day with all service outlets available. At lunchtime, please note there will be a limited number of outlets open where cold items can be purchased.

Please be advised that if you do not prepay for Christmas lunch by Tuesday 10 December 2024 there will not be another opportunity to order, the reason being that orders for this volume of fresh meat and vegetables must be placed a week in advance.

We hope that our whole school community will join together for this event ahead of the Christmas holidays.

A
VERY
Merry
Christmas

MENU

*Celebrate with Culinera
this December!*

Christmas turkey
with all the trimmings

or

Butternut squash red onion
and feta Wellington
with all the trimmings

to finish

Black forest chocolate brownie

Fresh fruit salad

Winter ripple meringue
with mixed berries

£4.40

by **culinera**



Christmas Jumper Day



Wednesday 18th December

Voluntary Contribution £2 on Scopay

As usual we are supporting the Save the Children charity by running our own Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 18th December to coincide with our Christmas dinner day.

Where possible, we would ask for a donation of £2 to be paid online through Scopay, which will be given to Save the Children, though this donation is not a limiting factor to joining in this day.

Students may wear a Christmas jumper instead of a blazer, shirt and tie, but must wear school uniform on the bottom half, or a Christmas t-shirt with their blazer (not shirt and tie) and bottom half uniform.

This is not a non-uniform day please, just an opportunity to wear a Christmas Jumper or t-shirt.

We hope to raise some Christmas spirit, as well as raise some funds for the Save the Children this winter.

If students have any questions, please can they raise them with their tutor.

Headteacher Commendations



Congratulations to the following students for the achievements in Bedrock: Mariia 7G, Alice 8G, Sastika 9A, Adam 10P and Oliver 11C.



Congratulations to Honey 8J and Lillyenna 7D who performed at the James Theatre Watford, with the London Ballet Company in their production of Poppy. The performance recounts a family torn apart during WW1. Honey and Lillyenna were 2 of only 10 dance students chosen to perform alongside professional dancers.



Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to Layla Y11, for independently writing a short novel and having it bound and published.





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 2nd December

Drama	Ethan 7D
for his participation & wonderful enthusiasm in all of the pantomime work.	
Geography	Jake 11J
Superb work ethic and application of knowledge in recent lessons. Well done!	
Politics	Billy 12BRY
For making excellent progress in politics, achieving the highest grade in his recent essay.	
History	Harriet 11D
For her relentless commitment to History revision every week as well as consistently staying ahead of deadlines.	
Library	Emily 12HAD
Empathetic and thoughtful planning ahead for her reading mentoring sessions with a Y7 student.	
Mathematics	Jake 11J
Unparalleled focus and amazing participation in every lesson.	
Modern Foreign Languages	Adam 11P
Adam brings a positive, can-do attitude to all classes. He participates regularly and thanks the teacher at the end of the lesson. What a star!	
PSHE	Manase 9G
Excellent contributions in PSHE lessons. Well done!	
Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	Jake 10G
Excellent work in his PRE in class exam practice questions.	
Science	Nicole 10A
Continued high standards and excellent work ethic. Pushing herself to the top of her ability.	
Year 8 Head of Year	Joey 8A
Tremendous efforts and self-regulation!	
Key Stage 5 Head of Year	Denisa 12LIY, Ella 12LIY, Sienna 12ANE
For doing an amazing assembly on DENS to the rest of the school.	



House Competition Christmas Cakes



Competition:

Are you a STAR Baker. Design and make a Christmas cake or set of cakes.

You may choose any style and size of cake and any form of decoration.

Competition details:

Students should bring in their completed cakes on Thursday 12th December to Miss Scanlan in G205 Food room by 8:30am. Your cake will need to have a label to go next to it with your name and form.

Several prizes are up for grabs as well as house points for entering. Cakes will be judged during the day (12th December) and then in the evening at the School Christmas Market. You will be able to take your cake home at 7pm on the evening of the 12th December from the Christmas Market.





The winner of this year's form time quiz was **11G**, with 20/20.

At Kings Langley School, we want our students to be able to participate in democracy as active citizens. This is why we continue to participate in the UK's annual Parliament Week, which took place between 18th and 24th November this year.

This year, we ran a number of in-school events:

UK Parliament Week Events and Competitions							
Form Time Quiz		Poster and Speech Competition		Interhouse Quiz			
House Points awarded. Complete your entry as a form. Return to Mrs Hardingham by Friday 22 nd November.		Win a place on the Houses of Parliament Trip! Monday 16 th December		Friday 22 nd November Lunchtime, G106 - bring lunch! House points awarded and prizes on offer.			

The following form groups also participated and have been awarded House Points.

11G	20	13WES	17	7C	16	10D	11
12LIY	19	7D	17	9G	16	10P	10
13DLK	18	11P	17	8C	13	8G	9
12ANE	18	12HAD	17	9T	12	9A	7



Form Group:

**UK
PARLIAMENT
WEEK**
18-24 NOV 2024

Parliament Week Form Time Quiz

House Competition

Please submit entries to Mrs Hardingham by Friday 22nd November 2024
House Points will be awarded per entry. A prize will be awarded to the winning form.

1. How old do you need to be to vote in a General Election in the UK? [1]
2. What is the clock tower where you will find 'Big Ben' called? [1]
 - a. Elizabeth Tower
 - b. Victoria Tower
 - c. Ben's Tower
3. What colour are the benches in the House of Commons Chamber? [1]
 - a. Red
 - b. Green
 - c. Blue
4. In which House will you find a 'life peer'? [1]
 - a. House of Commons
 - b. House of Lords
 - c. The House of Representatives
5. What was the name of the important document sealed in 1215 which stated for the first time in writing that the king and his government are not above the law? [1] Which King was forced to sign it? [1]
6. When was the first ever Parliament held in England? [1]
 - a. 1215
 - b. 1265
 - c. 1290
7. Approximately what percentage of people in the UK could vote before 1832? [1]
 - a. 2%
 - b. 5%
 - c. 10%
8. Define 'suffrage' [1]
9. What does 'MP' stand for? [1]
10. How many MPs are there in the House of Commons? [1]
11. How many countries are represented in UK Parliament? [1]
12. What is the house number of the Prime Minister's house in Downing Street? [1]
13. How many people need to sign a petition for the government to respond? [1]
 - a. 1000
 - b. 10,000
 - c. 100,000
14. What is the name of the MP for South West Hertfordshire [and therefore MP for Kings Langley] [1]
15. Name the following politicians [5]



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Magna Carter **King John**
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8. Define 'suffrage' [1] **The right to vote**
9. What does 'MP' stand for? [1] **Member of Parliament**
10. How many MPs are there in the House of Commons? [1] **650**
11. How many countries are represented in UK Parliament? [1] **4 – England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales**
12. What is the house number of the Prime Minister's house in Downing Street? [1] **10**
13. How many people need to sign a petition for the government to respond? [1]
a. 1000 b. **10,000** c. 100,000
14. What is the name of the MP for South West Hertfordshire [and therefore MP for Kings Langley] [1] **Gagan Mohindra**
15. Name the following politicians [5]



a. Sir Keir Starmer



b. Kemi Badenoch



c. Ed Davey



d. Sadiq Khan



e. Sir Lindsay Hoyle




The following students also entered into the Parliament Week competition and won a place on our annual trip to the Houses of Parliament: Jaydyn 12LIY, Joao 10A, Lyra 9T, Jayden 9T, Maddie 9T, Raiyah 8C, Lily 8C, Levi 8G, and Eleanor 7P.

Some examples of the high standards of entries submitted this year are included below. We would like to congratulate Jaydyn, Joao and Eleanor in particular who submitted impassioned and persuasive speeches about why more young people should be involved in Politics.

Parliament

UK



Why kids should get involved in parliament/politics

Although you may be too young to vote, it is still important to know who is running your country!

If you are interested in history, there is a lot of history behind parliament too!

Parliament was hit 4 times from all over the world with wealth donated materials!

facts about parliament

- There are 650 MPs in Parliament
- Members of the house of Lords are appointed by the monarch
- The House of Lords' seats are red and the House of Commons' seats are green so each how you can tell them apart!
- It used to be called 'the Palace of Westminster' as it was originally built in the 11th century as a Royal palace!

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more reasons kids should engage in parliament!

Learning about politics young will help your confidence in the subject when your older as it may come into your life alot more and you may find you enjoy politics and might want to work there! Eek examples are:

MPs attend sessions in parliament to vote on new laws and policies, raise constituents concerns with ministers and debate issues and ask questions!

Trade union officials represent trade and advise union members, carry out ~~negotiate~~ and develop policy.

Bodyguard - protect individuals and groups from potential threats to their safety at events, when travelling and during everyday activities

Media researcher - support producers by finding information, research plans for tele vision or radio programmes!
These are just a few jobs!

more fun about parliament!

- big ben is part of the houses of parliament
- There are 760 Lords
- parliament was established in 1235 because of needing help with making laws and helping England/UK to become a better place

Parliament is called parliament because if support or advice were needed, the King would summon his richest and most powerful subjects to his court. In the 13th century, some towns and each county started to send representatives to some of these meetings. The term Parliament was used to describe these assemblies.

Parliament is eight acres. It contains around 300 rooms, 100 staircases and 4 form of passage ways. From the victoria tower at the south end to the clock tower at the north the building is nearly 300 metres long.

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UK PARLIAMENT WEEK POSTER

Did you know? At 10pm the Parliament will be lit up in blue and white to mark the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Representation of the People Act. This was the first time that women over the age of 21 were allowed to vote in the UK.

The House of Commons is made up of 650 Members of Parliament (MPs). The House of Lords is made up of 760 members, including 26 bishops, 26 lay members, and 480 life peers.

The monarch is the head of state and is supported by the Privy Council. The monarch's powers are mostly ceremonial, but they are still important.

The House of Commons and the House of Lords are the two main parts of the UK Parliament. They work together to make laws and to hold the government to account.



UK PARLIAMENT WEEK 18-24 NOV 2024

Fun Fact!
There are 650 members of Parliament and 760 Lords!

Did you know...?
The first British general election happened in 1701!

The Current Prime Minister is Rishi Sunak


you are contributing to a better future

you are representing your community

it's free

you deserve to have a say in your future

it can be fun



Fun Fact!
Did you know that during the 19th century, the House of Commons was the only place where women were allowed to vote?

Why is it so hard to learn about politics?
• Politics helps you to understand the world
• Represents you for your future
• Helps you to understand the world better

Debating Society



Over the past couple of weeks, the Kings Langley School Debating Society has had the privilege of competing in a number of competitions.

Firstly, on Friday 15th November, the team went to the Houses of Parliament to take part in the South West Herts Schools Debating Competition, hosted by Gagan Mohindra MP. This not only challenged our students - Joseph, Arthur, Tom and Alex - to compete in an amazing environment, as they debated in committee rooms in Parliament, but it also gave them a great opportunity to hone their skills of oracy in front of other students.

Later in the month Megan, Imogen and Violet also represented the Debating Society in the Rotary Youth Speaks competition, where they led a group presentation on the benefits of the written word. Their efforts were met with huge praise by the Rotary's event organisers.

"I am immensely proud of the efforts of our team." said Mr. McGuigan, who runs the Debating Society "While both teams were unfortunate not to advance in their competitions, they demonstrated such maturity and sophistication against peers far older than themselves that they not only drew the praise of peers and adults alike but learnt amazing lessons that will steer them on to further success in debating competitions in the years to come. My thanks also go to Miss Allen and Mr. Langston for their support in both of these events."

The Kings Langley School Debating Society takes place every Monday after school from 3:15 to 4:15. Led by Mr. McGuigan, students of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend.



Netball News



Last week was a busy Netball week with 6 team fixtures (2 postponed due to adverse weather). On Monday our Year 9's and 10's started off the week in really poor conditions with temperatures as low as 0, light fast disappearing and icy rain to contend with but both teams played incredibly well and worked really hard against 2 strong Abbotts Hill teams. A real narrow defeat for our Year 10's who put in an excellent performance and finished really strong but just couldn't quite even the scores in the final quarter.



On Wednesday it was the turn of our 7A & 7B teams which were played indoors due to the temperature drop. A good effort from both teams against two strong Abbotts Hill teams. Our girls worked really hard to battle the cold and wind against Laureate and Longdean.



9A v Abbotts Hill:

18:8 Win KLS

Manager's Player **Abi**

10A v Abbotts Hill:

21:22 Loss

Oppositions' Player **Monica**

Player's Player **Millie**

Manager's Player **Ruby**

7A v Abbotts Hill:

9-6 Win (Double Header League and Cup Match!!)

Oppositions' Player **Maisie**

Player's Player **Melissa**

Manager's Player **Ella**



7B v Abbotts Hill:

1-6 Loss

Oppositions' Player **Alexandra**

Player's Player **Jem**

Manager's Player **Holly**

7B v Laureate

10-6 Loss

Oppositions' Player **Melissa**

Player's Player **Tobie**

Manager's Player **Alexandra**

8A v Longdean

8-1 Win

Oppositions' Player **Mia**

Player's Player **Teagan**

Manager's Player **Verity**

7B v Longdean

14-1 Win

Oppositions' Player **Melissa**

Player's Player **Holly**

Manager's Player **Freya**





Friends of Kings of Langley (FoKLS)

Thank you from the FoKLS team for all your support for the tombola that we held on Saturday 23rd November at the Kings Langley lights switch on. We had some excellent prizes and lots of visitors to the stall, raising £276 on a very wet and windy afternoon.

Our next fundraising and social event is our Christmas Market - Thursday 12th December, 6 - 8:30pm in the school hall, we already have 46 stallholders booked for this event and it promises to be a wonderfully festive evening. Please do come along and support the event, there is a £1 entry for those over the age of 10. There will be gifts to buy, as well as hot food and drink to enjoy.

There will also be a pre-loved uniform shop as one of the stalls. Please could you donate any uniform that is now outgrown but still in good condition and clean. We are particularly in need of uniform for younger students after the abundance of uniform donated from last year's Year 11, we have lots of uniform for KS4. Thank you!

With kind regards,

Ms Chabrel on behalf of the Friends of Kings Langley School

Drama News



A plea from Drama - if you took a photo of the cast at the end of the performance of The Book Thief, please would you share it with the drama department? Unfortunately we have no photos to display and would really like to add the production to our archive! Any photos you have would be greatly appreciated - whole cast or individuals. Please forward to carm@kls.herts.sch.uk





Children welcome -
a festive event for all
the family

KINGS LANGLEY SCHOOL

Invite you to join us at
our forthcoming

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thursday 12th December 2024

6pm - 8.30pm

A variety of stalls offering everthing from fashion accessories, candles, a wide range of jewellery, cosmetics and skin care, handmade cards, gifts, home accessories, artwork, pickles and chutney's, sweets, decorations, books, childrens crafts, pocket money items, refreshments and much more...

£1 entry, children under 10 free

*Kings Langley School, Love Lane,
Kings Langley,
Herts, WD4 9HN*

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?**





Sleep Out to Help Out!

On Friday 22nd November, sixth form students and staff took on the challenge to sleep outside in the freezing conditions in support of DENS.

While many know DENS as a homeless charity, DENS is much more than just a safe place to sleep. They are a lifeline for individuals and families in Dacorum facing homelessness, poverty, and social exclusion. DEN's mission is to empower people to take positive steps forward whether by accessing emergency food, temporary housing, or gaining skills and confidence to secure a brighter future.

A heartfelt thank you to all the students who participated in the **Sleep Out to Help Out** event. Your incredible efforts have helped raise an amazing **£596 to date!** Your dedication and empathy make a real difference in the lives of those who rely on DENS.

Please feel free to make a contribution to our JustGiving page https://www.justgiving.com/team/klsix2024?utm_medium=team&utm_content=team%2Fklsix2024&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=008





STEM Challenge

This week's challenge:

Why are man hole covers round and not square?

Answer next week.

Last weeks answer:

If you write the numbers 400 to 500 how many times will you have written the number 4

Answer: 120 times

This week's jackpot winning numbers are:

954076

Your supporter has donated their winnings of £31.80



**YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY**

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



The Library

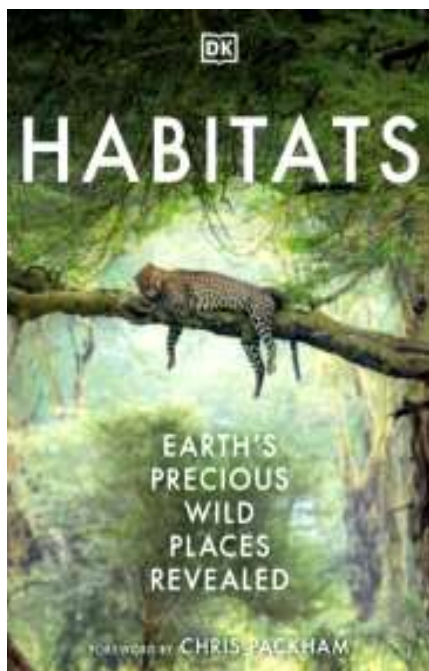
Books of the Month

Key Stage 3



Antarctica : The Melting Continent by Karen Romano Young and Angela Hsieh

Take a trip across Antarctica through this book, hanging out with people and animals and learning about how this special place is changing, and what it means for our planet. Suit up for the cold and explore some of the harshest landscapes on earth, and learn about how scientists survive here today and what they do all day - from studying climate change to investigating ice cores almost a million years old to learn about the history - and future - of our planet.



Key Stage 4

Habitats : Discover Earth's Precious Wild Places by DK

With gorgeous photography and detailed information, this book takes you from the depths of the ocean to soaring mountain peaks - via coral reefs, deserts, rainforests, and even cityscapes - to discover how unexpected wildlife partnerships make up the habitats plants and animals call home.

Each habitat section starts with a fascinating illustration to explain how it works, exploring the combination of conditions, plants, and animals that make it up. It then delves deeper, telling stories about how the inhabitants interact and find their place in each habitat.

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Books of the Month

Sixth Form Fiction

The Penguin Book of the Contemporary British Short Story
edited by Philip Hensher

A spectacular treasury of the best British short stories published in the last twenty years — a particularly rich period for them!

Includes stories by A.L. Kennedy, Kazuo Ishiguro, Jackie Kay, Graham Swift, Ali Smith, Neil Gaiman, Martin Amis, China Miéville, Irvine Welsh, Rose Tremain, Helen Oyeyemi, Zadie Smith, James Kelman, and Hilary Mantel, amongst many others.

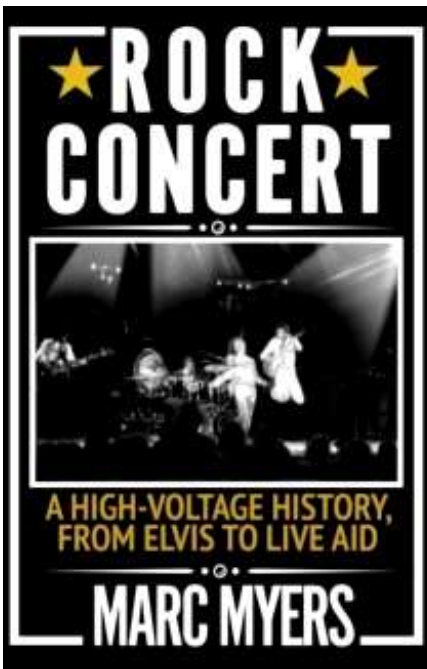


Sixth Form Non-Fiction

Rock Concert : A High-Voltage History, from Elvis to Live Aid
by Marc Myers

Decades after the rise of rock music in the 1950s, the rock concert retains its allure and its power as a unifying experience - and as an influential multi-billion-dollar industry. In *Rock Concert*, acclaimed interviewer Marc Myers sets out to uncover the history of this compelling phenomenon, weaving together ground-breaking accounts from the people who were there.

Featuring dozens of key players in the history of rock and filled with colourful anecdotes, *Rock Concert* will speak to anyone who has experienced the transcendence of live rock.



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