



# Kings Langley School News

Issue 19

## A note from the Principal Assistant Headteacher—Mr Tubb

### Yr11 one-2-one Appointments

Over the last two weeks the Sixth Form team have met with every Yr11 student to discuss their plans for when they complete Yr11. With a thriving and oversubscribed Sixth Form at Kings Langley, the team were excited to hear from the student's perspective, the plans that they had and it was amazing to hear how so many of the students had such exciting ideas about post-16 study at our Sixth Form.

With so many options for after GCSEs, students were given advice about courses, subjects, future career paths, as well as an insight into life in the Sixth Form at Kings Langley. Ranging from the wide range of enrichment opportunities to the enjoyable Life Skill lessons, students in Yr11 should now have a good idea about how our Sixth Form can really unlock their full potential for life.

As our Sixth Form has become one of the top choices and destinations for post-16 education in West Hertfordshire, it is important that students and people at home recognise and understand the application process which can be found on the Sixth Form website. We are now eager to welcome as many of our students into KLSix in September.

### School Events

#### Tuesday 11th March

Y12 Auschwitz Trip  
Music—Chamber Concert  
6.30pm (Hall)

#### Thursday 13th March

Community Iftar Event  
5pm-7pm (ticket required)

#### Saturday 15th March

Y11 Silver DofE Practise  
departs  
Rehearsal for Royal Albert  
Hall performance

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# Fundraising Campaign for Former Student

An incredible fundraising effort, set up by a former Kings Langley student for her best friend and fellow ex KLS student, has made incredible progress with almost 400 donations and counting.

To quote former student Alyssa, who set up the fundraising campaign in honour of her friend Abbie, 'Abbie was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer late last year, after years of fighting cystic fibrosis, a double lung transplant, infections beyond infections and 3 rounds of chemo Abbs has decided to stop her treatment and focus on doing all the things she wants to do with the people who mean the most to her.'

The impact Abbie has had on all of our lives is just incredible, she continues to make us all proud every day and is a true inspiration to not just myself but everyone she meets.

By setting up this page I hope it will allow Abbie and her family to spend precious time together creating beautiful memories to last forever and also help Abbs tick off some of her bucket list dreams.

Every donation little or small will make a huge difference in giving her the love, support and time she deserves. Please click the link below or scan the QR code to donate.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-my-best-friend-create-precious-memories-x>



# Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to the following students who were top performers in LanguageNut in January 2025.



**Year 7:** Benji 7A, Hesanya 7C, Henry 7D, Sam 7G, Elliot 7J and Nefeli 7P.

**Year 8:** Sofija 8A, Teagan 8C, Myiah 8D, Amie 8G, Beck 8J and Louie 8P.



**Year 9:** Nuha 9A, Thomas 9C, Lucy 9D, Sam 9G, Lila 9J, Connor 9P and Freya 9T.

**Year 10 GCSE:** Oliver 10C, Zain 10D, Hannah and Bethany 10P.





**Year 11 GCSE:** Dylan 11C, Oliver 11C, Adam 11G and Catherine 11P

## **Amy Winehouse Foundation: Drugs and Alcohol Assemblies and Parent Evening**

We were privileged to have Joe Sheerer address our students on Tuesday as part of their PSHE programme. He works for the Amy Winehouse Foundation and spoke honestly about his life and his issues with his own self-esteem, which led to struggles with alcohol addiction. Joe gave students clear advice and ways to seek help if they felt they had concerns. He also gave up time later in the day to speak to some individual students who approached him. He then stayed, despite being his birthday, to speak to the parents on Tuesday evening at 6pm.

Feedback from staff, students and parents has been overwhelmingly positive and they felt that the activity was beneficial. I hope that if you were unable to attend the parent session, you will take the opportunity to discuss the issues raised with your child.

Joe has volunteered to return in June to speak to small groups of students who may be struggling with their own self-esteem and confidence and support them with finding positive and safe coping strategies. The foundation has agreed not to charge us but will do this for a donation, so we will be fundraising later in the year to enable this kind offer to be taken up. Your support will be gratefully appreciated.

Many thanks again to Joe for speaking, Mrs Wright for arranging and Mr Moyo for overseeing the day and parent event.

Mrs Jennings—Deputy Headteacher.



## Artwork of the Week



### Raffy Y12

Raffy has produced this highly realistic and detailed self-portrait in biro pen. He has skilfully worked from a primary source photograph that he took of himself and ensure that tonal variation was accurate. This is a fantastic display of technical skill and application of the formal elements.





# Recognition

*Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something*

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

<b>Drama</b>	All Year 11 GCSE Drama students
Well done for all your hard work leading up to your practical exam and for all the extra rehearsals you have attended.	
<b>English</b>	Brooke 9G
For an excellent attempt at war poetry.	
<b>Geography</b>	Mia 8J
Great commitment to geography revision in class, being inquisitive and seeking clarification.	
<b>Politics</b>	Georgia 13DLK
Completing additional practice essays for revision.	
<b>History</b>	Isla 13DLK
Completing additional practice questions for exam preparation.	
<b>Music</b>	Thomas 9J
For exceptional drumming in music lessons.	
<b>Library</b>	Jem 7G
Brilliant reading on our visit to the care home this week.	
<b>Modern Foreign Languages</b>	Freddie 10D
For his perfect attitude to learning, always completing his work thoroughly, being proactive in asking questions, volunteering answers and being a delight to teach.	
<b>Science</b>	Neya 7G
For consistently being among the highest scorer in end of topic tests.	
<b>Year 7 Head of Year</b>	Cassidy 7P
Great achievement in external cheerleading competitions across the country.	

<b>Year 8 Head of Year</b>	Morgan 8C
Great, consistent efforts and always trying her best.	
<b>KS5 Head of Year</b>	Dhillan 12LIY
Being the first to successfully secure work experience.	

**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:

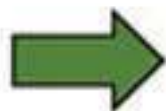
- Insights on why language is vital to academic success
- Essential takeaways to equip parents to play an active role in language development at home.
- A demo of Bedrock's platform and the parents' portal

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

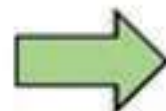
**Mrs Butt - Principal Headteacher**

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

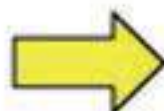
4 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



9 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



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)





# Netball News

12/02/2025

## 10A 'v' Laureate 21-2 Win

Oppositions' Player: Annie - 10C

Player's Player: Sophie - 10D

Manager's Player: Ruby - 10D

## 11A 'v' Tring A District Cup Semi-final Loss

A great effort from KLS against an exceptional Tring team. Sadly, the end of the cup journey but a great way to finish year 11 Netball reaching the final 4!

Oppositions' Player: Amelie - 11G

Manager's Player: Grace -11D

All league fixtures have now been played. We await the results of the leagues, but we are very proud of all of our players. On average 50 girls training per week, competing in the District League and District Cup and Plate. Many thanks to Ms Shannon and Mr Bilton for their support and Emily 11J as our student umpire.

### Future Events:

13/03/2025 8A District Plate Final 'v' Adeyfield @ Ashlyns

17/03/2025 7A Versatility Tournament @ Ashlyns

19/03/2025 9A Versatility Tournament @ Ashlyns

20/03/2025 10A Versatility Tournament @ Ashlyns



# Friends of Kings Langley School (FoKLS)

A quick reminder that we have our pre-loved uniform shop this Saturday, 8th March, 9am - 11am in the Drama studio, please enter directly from the Disabled car parking spaces at the front of school. Donations of clean uniform and PE kit are still welcome, directly to school reception.

Also, there is a quiz to benefit our funds and the Music Department and this is taking place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7 for 7:30pm, tickets are now available at £5 per person on our school website Internet Payments page, - <https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/home/parents/internet-payments/> or use the QR code on our poster in this newsletter.

An idea that has been raised at our recent Friends of Kings Langley School meeting was to establish a 'telephone tree' on WhatsApp so that parents can hear about our events directly. The aim is to have a parental contact in each tutor group. This is on the presumption that most parents are part of an informal parents WhatsApp group for their son / daughter's tutor group. So, we are aiming to each have a parental contact point for each tutor group. If you would be willing to be that person for your son / daughter's tutor group(s) then please let Annys know your mobile number directly to [annysgreen@doctors.org.uk](mailto:annysgreen@doctors.org.uk)

Thank you very much,

Ms Chabrel - on behalf of Friends of Kings Langley School





# Friends of Kings Langley School Second Hand Uniform & PE Kit

**SALE**

**Blazers, Bags or  
/ Shoes £5  
All other items £2**



**Saturday 8th March  
from 9am - 11am**

**In the Drama Studio / Tea & Coffee served.**



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

Friends of  
Kings Langley School



# 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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*CONCERT*

FEATURING A VARIETY OF  
MUSICAL SMALL ENSEMBLE  
AND SOLO ITEMS

**11** TUESDAY  
MARCH 6.30PM

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on Scopay

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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 7TH MARCH



### NEXT WEEK (W/C 10TH MARCH)

**Saturday 15th March: RAH Gala rehearsal** 9.30am – 1pm  
(arrive at 9am). Weston Auditorium at the University of Hertfordshire, De Havilland Campus.

**Tuesday 11th March: Chamber Concert**

Students to arrive by 6pm . Doors open at 6.20 for audience members. Refreshments available during the interval. Tickets available on Scopay.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday 29th March - The FOKLS Family Quiz Night**

Details on on how to purchase tickets included later in this newsletter. Proceeds are partly going to the Music Department.

**Date tbc - Young Musician of Kings Langley Competition.** More information to follow on the date of, and how to enter this competition.

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

### REMINDERS

Monday Lunchtime - Ukulele Club / Drum Club

Wednesday after school - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday Lunchtime - RAH Gala Choir rehearsal

Thursday Lunchtime - Guitar Group Rehearsal

Friday Lunchtime - Keyboard Club



# Head Students Update

March 2025

## Deniz and Sai Sahasra wish to update you on their current projects and priorities...

### *The importance of marginal gains and a growth mindset*

As students of Kings Langley School, we believe in marginal gains and a growth mindset to pave the way to lasting success instead of an overnight transformation. Small, consistent improvements build significant progress for example, improving just 1% each day can compound over time, turning minor adjustments in academics, sports, or personal habits into remarkable achievements. Hence, why we have set up a rota during break and lunch times where sixth form students will help staff and students to achieve small steps in transforming the organisation and appreciation of our canteen.

A growth mindset reinforces this process by transforming setbacks into valuable lessons. Instead of viewing failure as an end, it becomes an opportunity to learn and improve. Embracing challenges, seeking feedback, and recognising that abilities grow through effort create a resilient approach to life. Therefore, combining these concepts forms a powerful strategy: focused, incremental changes and continuous learning empower anyone to reach high ambitious goals and sustain long-term success. This approach fosters our core values of self-regulation, stickability and empathy turning actions into stepping stones for great achievements.

We have begun recording our advertisement video to further promote our thriving sixth form and have been producing some marketing videos for both our Sixth Form website and for our social media platforms.

### *The importance of improving inclusivity and representation within our school.*

We believe that it is crucial to improve inclusivity and representation within our community. Therefore, as head students we have been aiming to improve inclusivity and representation within our school. As we believe that a diverse and welcoming environment is essential for fostering a sense of belonging, respect, and understanding among students. Schools should not only focus on academic learning but also encourage cultural awareness and education—knowledge which is invaluable in today's interconnected world.

To promote this, we are working on implementing a 'Culture Day' during the summer term.

This event will celebrate diversity by educating students on cultures through clothing, food, and activities. By embracing and learning about each other's backgrounds, we hope to create a more inclusive atmosphere where every student feels seen and valued, as well as being an initiative which will also provide an enriching experience for our school community.



# Coming soon...

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**A student magazine produced by  
the Sixth Form students of KLSix.**

We are excited to announce the upcoming publication of Kings Langley School's first student led magazine, written by and for, the students of Kings Langley School & Sixth Form.

Included in this magazine will be helpful advice, support and guidance to navigate your way through growing up, interesting articles relevant to your age group, competitions, student initiatives, student leadership opportunities, and so much more.

We will be producing this both as a hard copy and an online version.





You are invited to

# KLS COMMUNITY IFTAR

*Thursday 13th March  
(5pm to 7pm)*

All are welcome. People of all backgrounds, faiths and ages to join together, share a meal and celebrate the diversity of our community.

**£5pp/ £2.50 for under 5s.**

**Please email Mrs. Butt on  
[butts@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:butts@kls.herts.sch.uk) with name  
and number of tickets required.  
(strictly first come first served due  
to the popularity of the event)**



# TOOLED UP<sup>®</sup>

BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

This week, many Tooled Up schools will celebrate World Book Day 2025. Whether dressing up as a favourite character, learning new words, enjoying online readings or taking extra time to share best loved books, this is a great opportunity for children to be excited about becoming enthusiastic readers.

Research shows that having a **wide reading habit** can bring many **benefits** for children. **Reading for pleasure is associated with better outcomes at school, improved wellbeing** and enhances skills such as **empathy**. So it is no surprise that here at Tooled Up we are passionate advocates for reading and literacy.

If you would like some **inspiration for your next library or bookshop trip**, or you want help choosing up-to-date titles visit: **[Brilliant New Fiction for World Book Day 2025](#)**. This resource **includes** book **suggestions for children of all ages from five years to older teens**.

**Some children need help and encouragement to become regular readers. Find advice** for making reading a more central part of family life in **[Ten Tips to Promote Reading at Home](#)**.

For **younger children, set them on the path to becoming confident, proficient readers** with these **[Tooled Up Resources on Developing Literacy](#)**.





# STEM Challenge

## This week's challenge:

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

## Answer next week

## Last term's answer:

What do the letter T and an island have in common?

**Answer:** You will find them both in the middle of water.



**YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**

**This week's jackpot winning number was:**

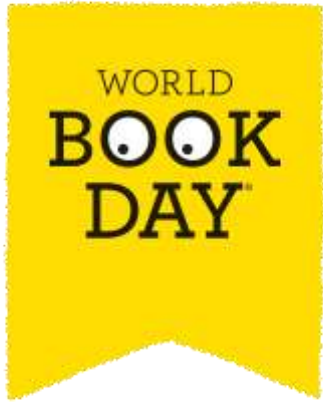
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**One of our supporters won £29.70 in the draw!**

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)



Celebrating with



# House Competition: Design a Library Mascot

Design a new mascot for our school library, and submit it for house points and a chance to see your winning design in print!

Your mascot must have:

- a name
- at least one book for it to read!

Entries should be handed in to the library on plain white A4 paper, with your full name and form group, or emailed to [library@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:library@kls.herts.sch.uk)

**Closing date:** March 14th 2025

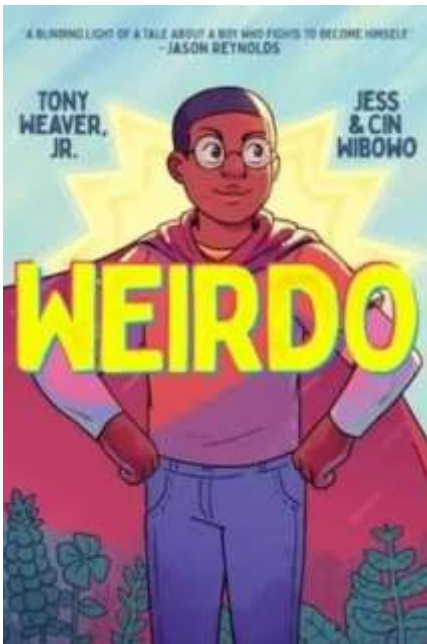


## The Library

# Books of the Month

### Key Stage 3

***Weirdo*** by Tony Weaver



Eleven-year-old Tony Weaver, Jr. loves comic books, anime, and video games, and idolizes the heroic, larger-than-life characters he finds there. But his new classmates all think he's a weirdo. Bullied by his peers, Tony struggles with the hurt of not being accepted and tries to conform to other people's expectations. After a traumatic event shakes him to his core, he embarks on a journey of self love that will require him to become the hero of his own story.

### Key Stage 4

***Stand Up Ferran Burke*** by Steven Camden



Comic collector

Vinyl connoisseur

Air Jordan enthusiast

In his mind, Ferran Burke is many things

But to everyone else he is just one,

Emile Burke's little brother

and Emile is all about himself.

A time capsule coming-of-age story spanning five years of one boy's life as he navigates the chaos trying to find himself. Friends. Fights. Family. Food. Playing with form and visuals throughout.

Stand Up Ferran Burke is a verse novel.

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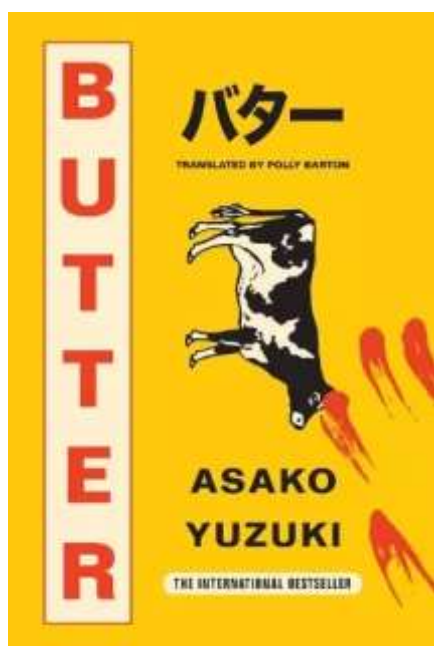
## The Library

# Books of the Month

### Sixth Form Fiction

*Butter* by Asako Yuzuki

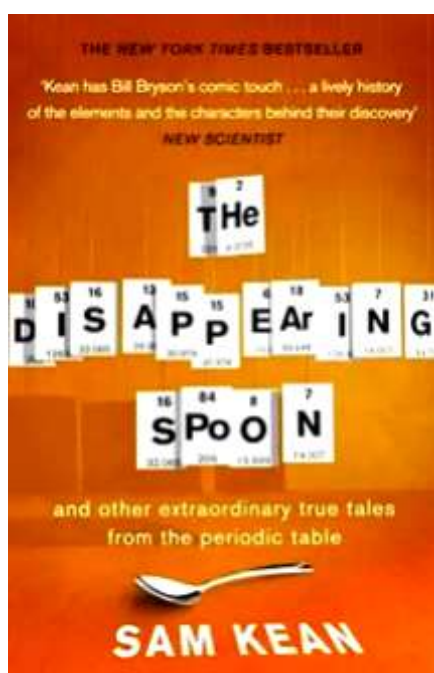
Gourmet cook Manako Kajii sits in a Tokyo Detention Centre convicted of the serial murders of lonely businessmen, who she is said to have seduced with her delicious home cooking. The case has captured the nation's imagination but Kajii refuses to speak with the press, entertaining no visitors. That is, until journalist Rika Machida writes a letter asking for her recipe for beef stew and Kajii can't resist writing back...



### Sixth Form Non-Fiction

*The Disappearing Spoon* by Sam Kean

Why did Gandhi hate iodine (I, 53)? Why did the Japanese kill Godzilla with missiles made of cadmium (Cd, 48)? And why did tellurium (Te, 52) lead to the most bizarre gold rush in history? The periodic table is a treasure trove of passion, adventure, betrayal and obsession. Follow carbon, neon, silicon, gold and every single element on the table as they play out their parts in human history, finance, mythology, conflict, the arts, medicine and the lives of the (frequently) mad scientists who discovered them.



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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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**PROSTATE  
CANCER UK**





**healthwatch**  
Hertfordshire

## **Smiles of the future**

*Parents and carers' perspectives on children's oral health*

We're looking to hear from parents and carers about their experiences with children's dental care. Whether you take your child regularly to the dentist or struggle to get an appointment, we want to understand what's working and what's not.

Your feedback will help improve services and make dental care more accessible for families!

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HwHOralHealth/>

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