



Kings Langley School News

Issue 34

Year 11 Prom 2024

We were delighted to hold a celebratory Governors' reception and Year 11 Prom on Friday 21st June. The Prom was an exciting and very well attended event that took place in the banqueting suite of Shendish Manor on a beautifully sunny June evening. A number of colleagues commented on the success of both the reception and the Prom, with many citing how lovely this year group is and how well they have done through the exams. Smart suits and glamorous gowns were on display as our wonderful year 11 students arrived in style to the prom many in classic cars and even a tractor!



Although the Prom and the reception are very much about recognising and celebrating the Year Group's achievements, I would be doing my colleagues a huge disservice if we weren't to take this opportunity to acknowledge publicly the impact which they have had on our students in supporting them both pastorally and academically. We know that both the students and those of you reading this, will join us in thanking them for their selfless and continued efforts throughout their years.

School Events

Monday 1st July

Y12 Thorpe Park Trip

KLsix Pride Event

Wednesday 3rd July

Y10 Geography Fieldwork trip to Olympic Park

Summer Student Leadership Conference - 6th Form Centre 3.30 pm—4.30pm

Thursday 4th July

Shakespeare 'Much Ado About Nothing' production - 7pm Hall.

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The evening was organised by the wonderful Mr. Langston who worked tirelessly to ensure our young people had the send-off they deserved, with entertainment including a professional photographer and DJ throughout the course of the evening.



Post Prom, we know how hard our students have been working as they sat their examinations and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the hours of support and encouragement that you have undoubtedly provided them.

We very much hope that the Prom and Governors' reception provided a fitting end to this chapter of your child's time at Kings Langley School, (although of course we are looking

forward to welcoming many of them back in the 6th Form) and will provide fond memories for them for many years to come.

It really was a fitting way to both recognise and celebrate the achievements and commitment of the year group over the past five years and we look forward to again being able to celebrate with them on their results day in August. It goes without saying that we are incredibly proud of the young people that they have grown and matured into and whatever their plans for post-16 study we wish them every future success.



With fondest regards now and always,

Mrs Butt - Principal Assistant Headteacher





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 24th June

Drama	George 8J
Effective use of stylised movement to add to narration. George worked very well in his group and used rehearsal time effectively.	
English	Gracie 8C
Detailed work which has been achieved through determined effort and taking a pride in what she does.	
Food Technology	Isla 10C
Practical work.	
Politics	Luke 12MOY
The first to submit their manifesto summary, having chosen one of the most challenging manifestos to evaluate; a carefully considered and well phrased summary submitted.	
Graphics	Kyryl 9P
Great work on his mechanical toy.	
History	Dominic 12ARN
Outstanding Year 12 examination result.	
Library	Roman 7C
For using a library book to research and plan his STEM fair project!	
Mathematics	Masha 7A
For excellent contributions and work ethic during lessons!	
Modern Foreign Languages	Daniel 10J
Our top performer on LanguageNut so far this month.	
Music	Erika 7J
Amazing performance of the 1355 circle of 5ths. Well done!	
Physical Education	Claire 7P
For excellent contribution when representing school at rounders!	

Product Design	Otto 9G
Great work on his toy car.	
Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	Beatrice 9G
Excellent questions and contributions to class discussions!	
Science	Adam 10G
Consistently high standards and expectations of himself in all science lessons. He participates well, completes work to an excellent standard and is always nice and polite!	
Textiles	Dylan 9J
Excellent effort and achievement in textiles.	
Key Stage 5 Head of Year	James 12ARN, Freddie 12ARN, Adaya 12ARN, Jago 12NN, Nicole 12JNN, Megan 12DLK, Katie 12DLK Sienna 12DLK, Max 12ARN, Adam 12ARN, Uzair 12MOY and Syed 12DLK
Volunteering their time to run the car park during the Kings Langley Carnival.	

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

STEM Fair 2024



The number of entries this year was far greater than in previous years which was very pleasing to see more students involved. The range and the standard of entries was exceptionally high, making the judges job particularly difficult this year to choose. All students spoke with passion and enthusiasm about their entries.



Invention competition-Joshua and Lachie 8A

Lego competition-Niamh 7A



Cake competition Pheobe 8A and Lucy 8C





Recycling competition Olivia 8A

Art competition Buddy 7C
and Kamile 12ARM



Music competition
Jack 8A



Poem of the Future

Walking in the woods,
Trees being cut,
So quiet you could hear a squirrel drop a nut,
Buildings and houses being built,
On a farmers freshly watered field,
Kids are now sad,
Technology taken over,
Cars now look like decorated range rover,
Food made by robots,
And surprisingly are trusted,
While all human and old and rusted,
This is a poem about the future,
And I wish we knew how bad this could be.

Science fiction
writing competition Charlotte 8A





Over all STEM 2024 winner Joseph 9A and Tom 8C



Congratulations to all the winners



The yoto Carnegies

On June 20th, a hand-picked group of thirteen keen readers visited Bushey Meads School to take part in the Dacorum Schools' celebration event for the Carnegie Medal, the UK's most prestigious prize for books written for young people.

At the celebration, KLS students had the opportunity to listen to a talk from performance poet Karl Nova. He spoke to students about his journey from London to Nigeria and back, how he fell in love with writing, and the experience of winning a literary award. Students also took part in a creative writing workshop led by Karl, which focussed on using repetition for effect.

This year's shortlist consisted of eight fantastic books, and students endeavoured to read as many as they could before the award was announced. Our students picked *The Song Walker* by Zillah Bethell as their favourite read, closely followed by *Crossing the Line* by Tia Fisher.

When the national awards were announced, *The Boy Lost in the Maze* by Joseph Coelho was named the winner of the Carnegie Medal for Writing (selected by a panel of judges), while *Crossing the Line* was named the Shadower's Choice (voted on by students nationwide).

Our students were fantastic ambassadors for the school, showing great character, humour and creativity.

A huge well done to:

- Megan 7A
- Violet 7A
- Elise 7C
- Abbie 7J
- Beth 7J
- Georgia 7J
- Sofia 7J
- Daniel 7P
- Emily 8G
- George 8J
- Rebecca 8J
- Max 9D
- Izzy 9P



Drama News

On Thursday 20th June we welcomed West End in Schools to Kings Langley School to work with 30 of our year 7 students on Macbeth. The year group are currently studying Macbeth in Drama and this was an opportunity to stretch and challenge students to develop their knowledge and to put their acting skills to the test. Jess, the workshop leader got students exploring the characters in more depth and thinking about how we can show the relationship between characters on stage. How controlling is Lady Macbeth? How influential are the witches? How does Macbeth feel about King Duncan? There were lots of great contributions by students and Jess complimented them on their enthusiasm and skill. Well done to all those involved.

Mrs M Carr - Lead Practitioner of Performing Arts



Music News

Musicians at the Kings Langley Carnival



On Saturday 22nd June 2024, the choir and guitar group made their way to Kings Langley Common to perform at the Kings Langley Carnival. Everyone prepared behind the stage in anticipation and after a quick warm up, it was the guitar group's turn to go on stage. They performed 'Another Brick in the Wall' by Pink Floyd and 'Smells like Teen Spirit' and were met with much applause from the audience. After that, the choir set up and sang 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams and 'Disney Dazzle' – a medley of Disney songs. The whole performance went well, and everyone had a great time! Finally, to end the day off nicely, Mrs Warren brought everyone ice-creams for their hard work before everyone went off to enjoy the carnival.

Zaria 10C & Mia 10J



It was lovely to have been invited to perform at the carnival; we had lovely weather for the day and everyone was in high spirits. The choir and guitar group both performed with incredible polish and professionalism – it was a pleasure to be able to showcase the talent that we have in the school. The carnival organisers obviously felt the same way as we have already been invited back for next year and been offered a longer slot! A huge thank you to Ms Chabrel and Mrs Harris who also came to perform, and to our fabulous peripatetic guitar teacher – Mr Russell – who prepared the guitar group so well. A fantastic time was had by all. Both groups as well as a range of soloists are now busy preparing for our visit to Breakspeare School on Monday where we have been invited to perform to their students – onto the next show!

Anyone interested in joining the range of extra-curricular activities on offer in the Music Department is very welcome - just speak to Mrs Harris or Mrs Warren. If you are interested in receiving individual Music lessons on an instrument, follow the QR code on the flyer below.

Mrs Warren – Head of Music

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.
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BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

This week is World Wellbeing Week 2024, a great opportunity to consider the stresses and pressures that can affect our wellbeing, as well as the sources of support and help that we can draw on.

We love Wellbeing Week's five interlocking steps to wellbeing, and we've suggested some Tooled Up resources to support each one!

Connect: Introduce children to our friendship-initiating [questions](#) and our [strategies](#) for making friends in any environment! For parents, here's our [webinar](#) on staying connected with children when you have a busy, high-stress lifestyle.

Be Active: There's always something new to try! The benefits of sport and physical activity extend well beyond fitness and into our emotional health and academic success. Here's our [list](#) of 100 sporting activities children can attempt, along with [50 fun ideas](#) for staying active at home.

Take Notice: These [apps](#) can help children engage with nature, these [meditations](#) for young children encourage mindfulness, and our [body gratitude](#) activity helps children pay more attention to the thing they spend most time with: themselves!

Keep Learning: Life is a learning journey! We've recently produced three informative and practical webinars on helping children prepare for the new stage in their education. Watch Dr Kathy Weston on getting children [nursery school-ready](#), [primary school-ready](#) and [senior school-ready!](#)

Give To Others: At Tooled Up we love promoting kindness amongst young people. Explore our [100 Acts of Kindness](#) with your child, and our [Fundraising Ideas for Families](#) here!



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:

[Colour Awards - Kings Langley Secondary School - Unlocking Potential for Life \(kls.herts.sch.uk\)](https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/colour-awards)



KLS Student Leadership Conference Summer 2024

Leadership development is self-development

Wednesday 3rd July, 3.30pm-4.30pm, in the Sixth Form building

Are you a student leader already?

Do you want to become a student leader?

Do you just want to develop your leadership skills and potential?

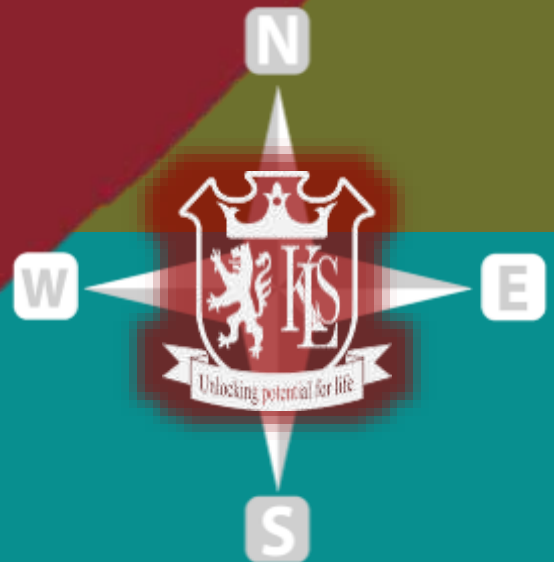
The Summer 2024 Student Leadership Conference will launch our new Student Leadership Passport which will enable you to gain your leadership awards and discuss what activities, competitions, and events you want to plan for the school.

Add to your CV, personal statements, university and apprenticeship applications, increase employment desirability.

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Excellence



Sign up on MSTEAMS (Registration Channel)

Read the passport contents on this post too





STEM Challenge

This week's challenge:

Farmer Jones has a large farm. Each season he builds 2 haystacks in his south field and 1 in his north field. Every 4 days for the next month he doubles the stacks in the south field and adds 1 to the north field. How many stacks of hay will Farmer Jones have at the end of the season if he puts them altogether?

Answer next week.

Last Week's answer:

In a science lesson. In an experiment where a 10p piece dropped into a beaker of water that is 20 degree Celsius and another 10p coin is dropped into a beaker of water that is 20 degree Fahrenheit which coin will sink to the bottom fastest?

Answer: 20 degree Fahrenheit is below freezing so the water in that beaker would be ice so the coin would not sink.



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**Kings Langley School Presents
Shakespeare's**

**Much Ado
About
Nothing**



Thursday 4th July 2024

7pm

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