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Newsletter 20 Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share the report from Ofsted following their monitoring visit to The King's last month. This visit was the first routine inspection since the Covid-19 pandemic and took place because the school received a judgement of requires improvement at its previous full inspection in December 2018. A copy of the report is available at <u>https://www.kingswolverhampton.co.uk/ofsted</u>

The report affirms that leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action in order for the school to become a good school. The HMI Inspector, Mr Tustian, reports that "leaders have continued to make the improvements needed" and that "leaders' creativity and energy have ensured the improvement has not stalled."

During the day, the inspector had various meetings with leaders, governors, staff and pupils to discuss the actions taken since the last inspection. Our pupils told the inspector they are proud to be part of The King's with one pupil commenting "everyone works well as a team".

The report recognises the significant transformation at The King's and acknowledges that the school is continuing on its journey to becoming a beacon of excellence in Wolverhampton. There will be opportunity at next week's parent forum on Thursday 10th March from 5.30pm to 6.30pm to share more details about the report, the current priorities for the school and also time to hear from you and answer any questions you may have.

Please do email my PA, Mrs Gauld-Crichton (<u>l.gauld-crichton@kingswolverhampton.co.uk</u>) if you are able to attend in person or would prefer to be sent a TEAMS invite.

Yours faithfully,

Joy Langley

**Interim Principal** 









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## Sixth Form RE Morning Tuesday 1st March

Our Sixth Form students had the opportunity to hear from a range of outside speakers representing different religions on Tuesday morning as part of their RE Conference. The theme of the morning was, 'How has the pandemic affected attitudes towards religion?' Speakers shared their unique experiences of how worship was affected in their setting and students had the opportunity to ask questions. There were lots of insightful discussions, exploring some big questions such as: 'Was the pandemic an act of God?';

'What is the right way to respond?',

'Has the pandemic caused a decline or a rise in religious belief?' and 'Has the pandemic done more harm than good to religion?' Students had the opportunity to grapple with these big questions and learn from our guest speakers.

We were very grateful to Interfaith Wolverhampton who arranged for Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu and Muslim speakers to attend. We are also grateful for the representatives from a range of local churches including St. Michael's and All Angels, Church of the Holy Cross, All Nations, City Church Wolverhampton, Excel Church and Tabernacle Baptist Church. Our speakers enabled students to reflect on their own beliefs and the impact of the pandemic. There was a clear theme running through the morning of the commonality between religions and their mutual desire to help others in times of crisis. It linked well with our school vision to build a 'unified, respectful and harmonious community.

Mrs Manser

**Ethos Co-ordinator** 



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### Parent/Carer contact information.

Please can we request that if you change any of your contact details- home/mobile telephone numbers, email/home address, that you inform school as soon as possible so that our records can be updated.

Information can be emailed directly to Mr Rogers:

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Please click <u>here</u> to be taken to the March edition of the Wolverhampton Information and Advice Support Service Bulletin. There are some really useful articles for Parents and Carers relating to:

- Coffee and Chat
- The Podcast Awards
- Accessible entertainment
- Confidence building programme
- Independent travel support

### Lent

The King's CE School are practising gratitude this Lent.



Please click <u>here</u> to view our Ash Wednesday Service conducted by Rev Richard Reeve.



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### Basketball Tournament



On Tuesday we took 12 year 9/10 students to Worcester University to compete in a 3v3 tournament.

We had three teams in a league system of 16 teams in each league. All three teams played fantastic, with their sportsmanship being pointed out as

a positive too!

We gained a 1st position, a 4th position and a 5th position. There were over 200 students there competing, so this was an excellent achievement.

We also took three 6th form leaders, all three were absolutely fantastic coaches and led the teams with confidence and enthusiasm.

The games were fast paced, quick and extremely skilful. Overall, an enjoyable day for all involved, we are very proud of the boys involved.

## **Volleyball Competition**

On Thursday evening this week we hosted and ran the Boys y9 and 10 Wolverhampton City Volleyball competition.

We had 15 teams of 6 players each enter. The atmosphere in the sports hall was busy, enthusiastic, and positive!

The boys representing The King's were excellent, we had 2 teams and several sports leaders helping to referee or



organise the teams. Unfortunately, we did not make the final 3 positions to gain a medal out of the 15 teams, however, the highly skilled and competitive atmosphere was excellent to witness. Well done to all the boys involved!

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When		Where	Activity			Extra Info	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	S	ports Hall	Basketball			Years 7 and 8	
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> March	S	ports Hall	Basketball			Years 9 and 10	
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> March	S	ports Hall	Basketball			Years 11 and 6 <sup>th</sup> form	
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March	S	ports Hall	Dodgeball – Main hall			Years 7 and 8	
Thurs 31st March	S	ports Hall	Dodgeball – Main Hall		Years 9 and 10		
Thurs 7th April	Sports Hall		5 a side football		Years 11 and $6^{\rm th}{\rm form}$		
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Extra-Curricular Activity		Day		Time	Location		Staff
Inter-house Sports competitions		Thursday		1.10pm - 1.40pm	Sports Hall		PUG
Maths Drop in		Thursday		1.10pm - 1.40pm	G21		EAS



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### From the Chaplain....

The world has changed since I last wrote to you, and in particular, life has changed drastically for our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine and in her neighbouring countries. Faced with this level of destruction and uncertainty it is easy for us to react in fear and to think first of preserving ourselves. Or to cast others in the role of the enemy and to forget their humanity. Those in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and other countries who have been opening up their homes or leaving behind the comfort of home to welcome and to care for the thousands of refugees fleeing the Ukraine have been a real inspiration to us. Those in Russia who have been speaking out against their own leaders' actions and calling for justice and mercy have also inspired us with their courage and trust in a better, more loving way forwards.

We at The King's CE School rejoice in our diversity, believing that everyone is unique and created in God's image. The differences between us are a testament to the beauty and creativity of our maker. For Christians, God reveals himself to us not as an individual but as a living relationship represented by the persons of the Father, the Son and the Spirit. Into this relationship, into this constant flowing of love, we are invited: both as individuals and as the whole of humanity. In the King's School family we try to live and learn within a unified, respectful and harmonious community. We work hard on a daily basis to try to achieve harmony in our relationships with one another, believing that each one is deeply loved by God, our heavenly Father. Sometimes this means repairing and rebuilding our relationships where they have broken down. Sometimes this means humility and listening where we have got things wrong or taken offence that was never intended.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the people of the Ukraine at this distressing time and to the young people there whose lives have been thrown into such turmoil.

Living God,

We pray for peace and harmony among the people of the Ukraine and Russia. We pray that the Spirit of your transforming love might touch every heart. We pray for hope, that the Ukraine's young people might soon be able to study in peace; grow, learn aspire and flourish. Amen

As we enter lent, we remember Jesus being tempted in the wilderness and think of the temptations in our own lives.



## The Theme for Worship w.c 7th March

Being yourself

(David dances)

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 16, 20-21



At The King's CE School we believe that everyone is unique and created in God's image. We enable all to achieve their God-given potential; to grow, learn and aspire; to transform their lives and the lives of others and to journey in faith without limits within a unified, respectful and harmonious community.

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