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Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to welcome our pupils back into school on Monday for the Summer term. To ensure we start the term well, I want to share some reminders about The King's ways, our expectations and aspirations for every pupil.

Uniform and Equipment

A reminder about our uniform standards. All pupils are expected to wear the school blazer, tie in your child's House colour (Lichfield – Blue, York – Green, Canterbury – Yellow), white shirt, black trousers or skirt and shoes. Hoodies are not allowed in school and are not acceptable as a coat. Lycra skirts or leggings along with jeans are not part of the uniform. The full details can be found on https://www.kingswolverhampton.co.uk/schooluniform. All items of the school uniform can be bought from Crested Schoolwear in the Wulfrun Centre and Lads and Lasses in either Penn or Codsall. Thank you for your support with ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform and also has the basic equipment for their learning. Staff will continue to work with our pupils to ensure that everyone starts the day looking smart ready and equipped to learn.

Attendance and Covid

The summer term is an important one and every year group will be sitting end of year exams to assess the learning and progress made this year and the ongoing recovery from the disruption to learning during the pandemic. There are also a full range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities planned too. For our pupils to take full advantage of these opportunities it is vital that they are at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for absence is unavoidable. Your child's success depends on them being in school with an excellent attendance.

We know that Covid is still a concern and I am aware that some members of the community have tested positive over the Easter break. If your child experiences any of the Covid symptoms and has a high temperature then I would ask that they stay at home. We still have plenty of lateral flow tests in stock and would encourage them to take a test and only return to school when testing negative.

Exams and Assessments

Our year 11 and 13 students will start their external exams on 16th May. For this year, Ofqual, the official body for qualifications have put contingency measures in place in recognition of the disruption to learning from the pandemic. This includes lenient grade boundaries and teacher assessed grades if pupils are not able to sit an exam because they have tested positive for Covid.

I am been impressed by the tenacity and resilience of our year 11 and 13 pupils. As a school we have taken full advantage of the National Tutoring programme and have employed a strong team of Professional Tutors. Over 60 year 11 pupils have benefitted from this programme which is part of the DfE's covid recovery package. Sessions have been running throughout the Easter holidays.

All other year groups will have exams this term as detailed here:

Year 7	Monday 6th June – Friday 17th June
Year 8	Tuesday 3rd May – Friday 13th May
Year 9 (core subjects only)	Tuesday 3rd May – Friday 7th May
Year 10	Monday 6th June – Friday 17th June
Year 12	Tuesday 3rd May – Friday 13th May

Full details of the exam timetable for these year groups will be sent out ahead of the weeks.

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<u>Diversity Day</u>

We are looking forward to the annual Diversity Day celebrations which will be on Tuesday 10th May. I am delighted that The King's has led the way on this in the city with more and more schools now having their own diversity day too. On Tuesday 10th May, we encourage all pupils to wear their traditional dress. Throughout the day we will have the opportunity to share and celebrate each other's heritage and traditions.

Church School Inspection - SIAMS

You will know that we recently had a monitoring visit from Ofsted which went very well. As a Church of England school, we also have to undergo a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools which is an Ofsted Section 48 Inspection. The purpose of this inspection is to evaluate our effectiveness as a church school and how well we fulfil our vision: 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. The last time the school underwent a SIAMS inspection was in 2015 when it was graded as outstanding. The school is due to be inspected this term and will be an opportunity to showcase and evidence our work. As soon as the school is notified of the inspection dates, I will share details with you.

Conduct on the Bus

We expect all our pupils to live, learn and led The King's ways on their way to and from school on the school and public buses as well as when waiting at the bus stops. This includes all pupils demonstrating our school values; taking responsibility, being respectful, showing empathy and choosing to forgive when traveling to and from school. We will be following this up in year assemblies at the start of the term and do ask your support in reminding and reinforcing the standards we expect with your child.

If you have not already done so, please do sign up to our social media accounts to find out all that is going on in the life of the school. Please do contact Mr Rogers: <u>r.rogers@kingswolverhampton.co.uk</u> if any your contact details need updating on the school system.

We are looking forward to the summer term; it is going to be a busy one and important one. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership with us.

Yours sincerely,

Joy Langley

Interim Principal



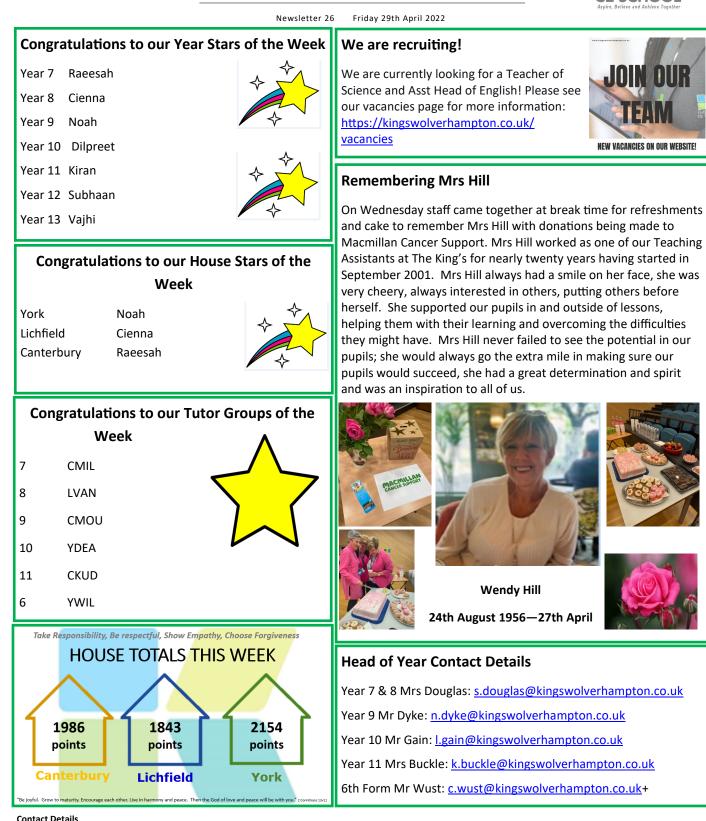
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News from Ghana

Akwaabia! Welcome!

What a joy and a privilege it was to be made so welcome on my recent trip to Ghana. With a small group of Methodists from around the UK, we travelled firstly along the south coast to Takoradi, where we took part in the Palm Sunday Service, and then up through Kumase to Tamale District. In the North we left the main road and drove along mud tracks to visit the villages of Nalongi and Nawagu.

Thankfully the weather had been dry and the roads were passable.



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In Nalongi village we presented the local primary school

with 80 desks for their children to learn at, made by a local carpenter. Thank you to all of you who donated money fo the desks, they will be vital for the upcoming exams. We also presented two desk top computers to the Junior High School, where until now the pupils have been to learn ICT via pictures. There is still a need for text books to help the pupils with the curriculum, but the computes and desks will make a big difference to learning.

After the age of 14, children who wish to continue with their learning have to travel and board at a school in another town.



Nawugu village is very poor and there is no school there at the moment. There is also no fresh water supply, and people have to walk some distance to get water from the river for washing, cooking and growing plants. Even so, we were given a very warm welcome by the whole village.

For £5000 a borehole could be drilled to provide this whole village with a water supply. This will now be the priority for any donations and fund-raising. It certainly puts our own challenges into perspective doesn't it!

Mrs Kudlacik

Chaplain

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Year 11 Parent's Information Evening

Our Year 11 Parent's Information Evening will be taking place on **Thursday 5th May, 4.30pm-5.30pm,** in our school hall for us to share important updates regarding 2022 GCSE examinations, further information about post-16 pathways, and provide Year 11 with some additional learning resources.

Revision Guides

Should you require any financial support with the purchase of a subject revision guide (s), please express this in writing to Mrs Buckle: <u>k.buckle@kingswolverhampton.co.uk</u> and your request will be considered.

Maths Takeover Thursday

All pupils are strongly encouraged to attend an additional maths revision session taking place from 3.30pm-4.15pm in the Lecture Theatre prior to the information evening. Hot food will be available to them after this session. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Mr Barradas-Lingard <u>t.barradas-lingard@kingswolverhampton.co.ok</u> or Mrs Buckle <u>k.buckle@kingswolverhampton.co.uk</u>.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

Joy Langley

Interim Principal

Key Dates for this term

Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday Monday – school is closed to pupils and staff
Tuesday 10th May	The King's School Diversity Day
Wednesday 18th May	Year 7 Parents' evening
Friday 27th May	The King's got Talent Show
Thursday 23rd June	The Pride of King's Awards
Monday 27th June	School Development Day – school is closed to pupils
Wednesday 6th - 8th July	New Year 7 Induction Days
Wednesday 20th July	Sports Day
Thursday 21st July	End of Term.



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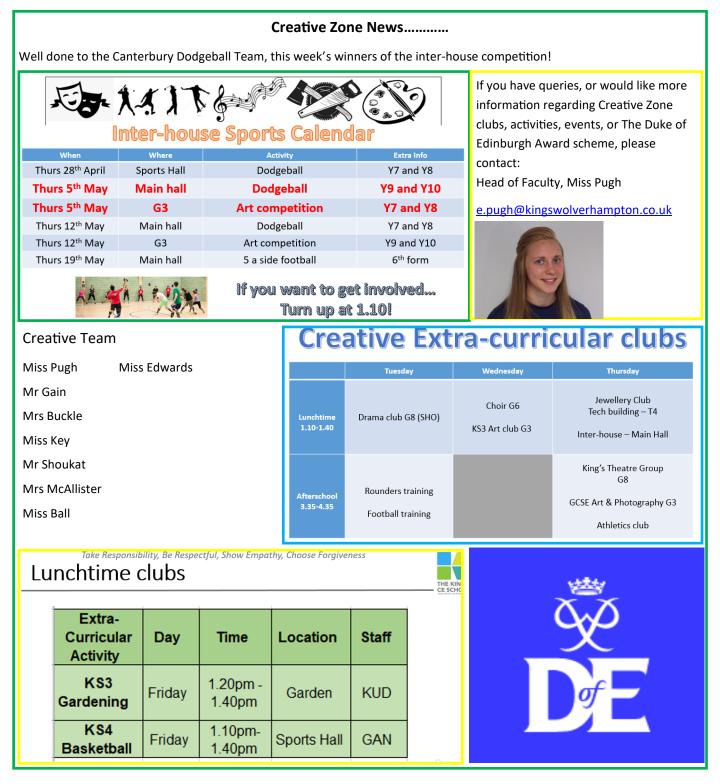


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From the Chaplain....

How amazing is the Easter story we have been reading this week. How the women got up early and with heavy hearts made their way before dawn to the tomb in which Jesus' body had been sealed, worrying about who they would ask to roll away the heavy stone so that they could anoint and care for his body. Then the earthquake and the appearance of an angel, as bright as lightning, who caused the guards to tremble and announced the news that Jesus had been raised from death. I wonder how long it took for the message to sink in and become real for them?

Death has no hold over our God... he is the very essence of life and love, the very source of hope and new beginnings. And when we look around at nature, at his creation, there are signs of his life-giving hand at work everywhere. Think of the life that shoots up from the bare earth every spring. Think of how a desert springs to life after rain, blooming and flourishing like a rich meadow (if you haven't seen that happen, I do recommend Episode 4 of The Green Planet on iplayer!) Think of how life clings on precariously in the most remote and inaccessible places. Think even of the resilience of bacteria and viruses as they mutate and survive despite our best scientist efforts to exterminate them!

We human beings are also a part of God's creation, also designed to survive and to flourish. My recent trip to Ghana has been a reminder to me of just how varied the environments are in which human beings make their lives and just how precarious and hopeful some of those lives are. But also how precious and miraculous each one is.

The King's School Prayer

Almighty God, Revealed to Christians as Father, Son & Holy Sprirt: We Praise you for the gift of this new day. We pause to remember those less fortunate than Ourselves and those in need of prayer... We ask you to bless and guide us now, that we may learn to love and love to learn throughout this day Amen.

The Theme for Worship w.c 2.5.22 The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Matthew 18: 10-14



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