

# The King's CE School

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Newsletter 14 Friday 15th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very positive start to the new term. I am impressed with the respect, responsibility and empathy shown by all our pupils returning to school. We are now back in to the routines of carrying out the Lateral Flow tests twice a week and wearing face masks in every classroom and teaching space as well as the communal areas. Thank you for your support with this too.

At the moment, our numbers of positive Covid cases amongst the school community are low and we continue to work hard to ensure we are keeping alert and safe. I am conscious that there have been some more changes recently and want to share these with you:

## **Lateral Flow Testing:**

All pupils, with consent are expected to continue with the LFD testing twice a week. We do have plenty of stock at school and if you need more tests then these can be collected from the Head of Year base.

The guidance has now been updated and a PCR test is only needed if the LFD test is positive and your child or yourself are showing symptoms. If the LFD test is positive and you do not have any symptoms then you do not need a PCR test.

## **Self Isolation:**

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to [NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Your child does not have to self isolate if another person in the household has tested positive. As a precaution we strongly recommend that your child tests regularly and limit the contact they have with that person.

So far, we have only reported a low number of positive Covid cases amongst the school community. We continue to work hard to ensure that we can keep safe and well and minimise the distraction to any learning.

Yours sincerely

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## Congratulations to our Year Stars of the Week

Year 7 Rend  
Year 8 Sienna  
Year 9 Ashley  
Year 10 Valerija  
Year 11 Hasnain  
Year 13 Debistan



## Congratulations to our House Stars of the Week

York Aaron  
Lichfield Hasnain  
Canterbury Kiran



## Congratulations to our Tutor Groups of the Week

7 YCEO  
8 YHOP  
9 YMCC  
10 CSHO  
11 CKUD  
6 LTAT



## Congratulations to our top Year 11 GCSE Podders!

*Take Responsibility, Be Respectful, Show Empathy, Choose Forgiveness*



Awarded to  
**Romayo**



GCSEPod  
Check and Challenge Champion



Congratulations on achieving the highest number of diamonds this week!



*Take Responsibility, Be Respectful, Show Empathy, Choose Forgiveness*



Awarded to  
**Ivan**



GCSEPod  
Top Podder



Congratulations on watching the most Pods this week!



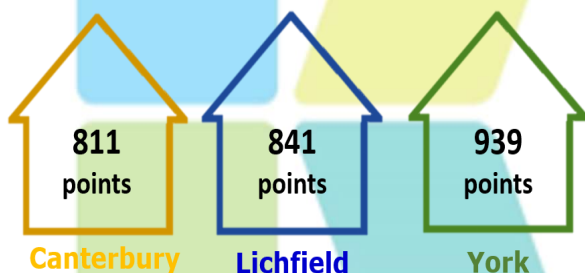
## We are Recruiting.....

We currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant, if you would like to join our friendly team, please click [here](#) for further information.



*Take Responsibility, Be respectful, Show Empathy, Choose Forgiveness*

## HOUSE TOTALS THIS WEEK



"Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you." 2 Corinthians 13:11

## Face Masks

Dear Parents and Carers

Please can we ask that you provide your child with a face mask for school.



All students and staff should be wearing a face mask in school at **all times** unless they are exempt.

**We will now be charging 50p per mask that we give to any student who does not have a mask with them.**

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## Kenilworth Castle Trip

On Thursday 13th January, Year 11 pupils spent a brilliant day out at Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire.

The visit was organised to enable them to develop their understanding of a historical site, which they will complete an exam on in the summer. In terms of its background, Kenilworth used to be a vast medieval fortress that endured a famous siege in 1266, and its history spans over an impressive 900 years.

During the visit, pupil behaviour was outstanding, and they all engaged with the activities that they were expected to do. Moreover, they all set an extremely high standard and should be proud of the respect and responsibility that they demonstrated throughout the day.

The pupils also took part in an official tour led by an OCR specialist, who talked them through the location, significant changes and important features of the site. They were also able to marvel at the mighty medieval keep, climb the towers to admire the fantastic views and imagine the majesty of the Great Hall.

Overall, the pupils had an excellent time and mentioned that they are now really enthusiastic about visiting even more historical sites.

Mr Williams



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## Presentation Evening

Last week saw the return of our annual Yr 11 & Yr 13 Presentation Evening where we celebrated pupils' outstanding academic achievements and wider contributions to our school last academic year.

It was a lovely event—our first in-person awards evening for two years!

Special guests included Mr James Ludlow (former Principal) and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Ann Gough. Leo Barnett one of our Yr 11 Music GCSE pupils, performed 'The Prayer' by Gliere on the piano and a small group of Yr 11 Photography pupils did a wonderful job capturing images throughout the evening.

Our individual award winners are:

Leila Khawari	Year 11 Principal's Award
Nicholas Buckley	Year 13 Principal's Award
Mary Osaretin	Year 11 Achievement Through Adversity
Gemma Smith	Year 13 Achievement Through Adversity
Faizaan Waseem	Year 11 Outstanding Achievement
Anvir Srai	Year 13 Outstanding Achievement
Mary Osaretin	Year 11 Contribution to Christian Ethos
Joshua Stamps	Year 13 Contribution to Christian Ethos
Debistan Ibrahim	Year 11 Endeavour
Antonia Cox	Year 13 Endeavour
Jean-Paul Tshiamumayi	The Samuel Owura-Bonna Award for Sporting Excellence
Sophie Moulding	The Wendy Hill Award for Academic Resilience

**Congratulations to all students who received an award.**

**We are extremely proud of you all.**



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## From the Chaplain....

Have you ever felt that the challenges we face are simply too big for you to make a difference? Some of the challenges facing humankind certainly feel that way. Is it even possible for us to avoid ecological disaster and the worst effects of climate change? Could we ever achieve world peace? Or equality for all?

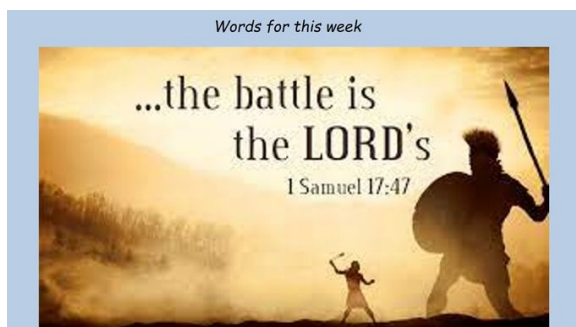
The challenge facing the Israelites, around a thousand years before Jesus' birth, was a giant named Goliath who taunted them, challenged them to a fight and threatened to take them all as slaves to the Philistines. The Israelites were afraid and none of them could see a way out of this desperate situation. It took a young man with no experience of military training but a great passion for justice and lots of faith in God and his desire to bless his people, to stand up and make a difference. David didn't expect to become a military hero in his own power, but he did believe that if he was willing to play his part, to do what he could, then God would do the rest.

David's victory against Goliath was not the end of the war against the Philistines... there would be more battles. But it was certainly a turning point and a wonderful victory for God. As the Israelites rejoiced, praising David's courage and God's faithfulness, their hope for the future and their trust that God had a plan for their well-being were restored.

A quick internet search will result in numerous modern day stories of children and young people who have had the courage and the passion to make a difference. Some have raised thousands of pounds, despite their youth and their own ill health, to support charities which change lives. Others, like Malala and Greta, have risked criticism and political opposition to speak up for justice and hope in desperate situations.

As we step into 2022 and face the uncertainties and the challenges of the year ahead, let us take courage from the fact that we don't need to have all the answers or solve all the problems in our own strength. With the hope and belief that God loves us and wants to bless us, let us just be available and ready to do the little we can to the best of our ability and to know that that is enough.

This week we are starting a series following the life of David. Our theme for the week is 'Chosen by God'



## Next week's Theme for Worship

Being a loyal friend (David and Jonathon)

1 Samuel 20



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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