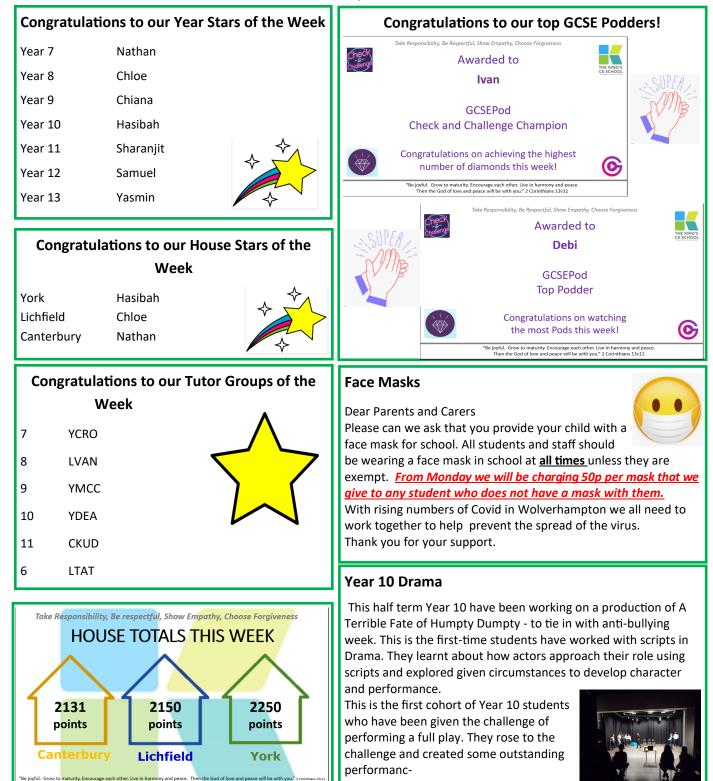


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## Anti-Bullying Newsletter



This week in school we launched Anti-Bullying Week with our pupils. The theme this year being "One Kind Word".

In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.

Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. It starts with one kind word, it starts today.

On Monday morning our KS3 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors received the first part of their training with Mr Barradas-Lingard. Congratulations to them all and we thank them for supporting our school values with our anti-bullying work, and promoting a **safe** and **harmonious** community, who are **united** against bullying. It was great to see them out and about during social time wearing their purple mentor high-vis jackets providing support to all pupils.

On Tuesday evening members of the Anti-Bullying Team accompanied Mr Barradas-Lingard to The Molineux, where they received an award from the Lord Mayor and LA on behalf of the school recognising the work we are doing to keep pupils safe.

During form time we have been discussing ways in which we can all support each other and recognise bullying behaviours and the different forms they may take. Physical, verbal, psychological, face to face or on-line. Bullying can have a devastating impact on those who experience it. But by channelling our collective efforts and ambitions, we can reduce it! The One Kind Word Video was shared with students, if you would like to view the video, please click <u>here</u>.

There are a number of people available in school to listen and help, they are:

Any member of staff

Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Badger & Mr Sutton, Form Tutor/Head of Year. Anti-Bullying Ambassadors or Buddy Mentors, These are trained pupils who are on duty every day during social time and can be easily identified as they wear the badge pictured here.

If they would prefer not to tell someone they can use our Anti-Bullying dropbox in reception. The box is monitored by our Safeguarding Team and will be followed up and dealt with, please make sure a name is included so we can help.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have worked with Kidscape to develop a tool for parents and carers to help them support their children and bring Anti-Bullying Week to life. For other useful sources of information for parents and carers please click <u>here</u>.



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## Sixth Form Online Parents Evening Wednesday 24th November 2021 5.00-7.00pm.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite you to take part in our virtual 6th Form Parents Evening on Wednesday 24th November from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

We are keen to work closely with Parents and Carers to support and secure the best outcomes for every child in Sixth Form and therefore the evening will provide you with an opportunity to hear from your child's subject teachers about their progress in lessons so far this year and how they can best progress.

- Pupils will need to book a Strict 5 minute slot with their subject teacher. Then:
- We will be using the School Cloud account on the website to make appointments.
- 5 minute appointments will on School Cloud between the teacher and student (with the parent in attendance with the student).

## UCAS

May I take this opportunity to remind you that for Year 13 Students the deadline for UCAS, University applications is **Wednesday 26th January 2022**.

If you are unable to take part in our virtual parents evening or have any other queries, please feel free to contact me and I will arrange an appointment to meet with you. My email is <u>c.wust@kingswolverhampton.co.uk.</u>

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Wust Head of Sixth Form

## Email addresses:

If you have a new, or have amended your email address, please contact school so that we can update our records . Your email will be required to access the school cloud booking system.

Thank you.

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## **Dates for your Diary**

- Tuesday 23rd November Christ the King Day.
- Wednesday 24th November 6th Form Parent's Evening.
- Friday 26th November Staff Development Day-school closed to pupils.
- Monday 29th November Staff Development Day-school closed to pupils.
- Monday 6th December Year 11 and 13 PPE Results Day.
- Wednesday 8th December Christmas Celebration.
- Wednesday 15th December Christmas Dinner.
- Thursday 16th December Christmas Services.
- Friday 17th December End of Term.

## **MP Visit**

On Friday 12th November we had the pleasure of welcoming Stuart Anderson, MP for Wolverhampton South West into school to discuss Covid recovery, community partnership and Academisation.

## **Odd Socks Day Friday 19th November**

Today, staff and students were invited to wear odd socks to celebrate Odd Socks Day.

A colourful celebration of our differences and a powerful example of our commitment to this issue.

All different/All equal.



## **Creative Zone News**

#### **Primary visit Friday morning:**

Today we welcomed 56 students from Christ Church CE Junior School to our Design and Technology workshops. They did a fantastic job making wooden puzzles for Children in Need. The students were so excited to take part and were brilliant. The students also made delicious fairy cakes and were overwhelmed with our facilities here. A massive thank you to Mrs Mould and Miss Hodson for leading on this.

## Year 10 Drama:

This half term Year 10 have been working on a production of A Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty- to tie in with anti-bullying week. This is the first time students have worked with scripts in Drama. They learnt about how actors approach their role using scripts and explored given circumstances to develop character and performance. This is the first cohort of Year 10 students who have been given the challenge of performing a full play. They rose to the challenge and created some outstanding performances. Mr Shoukat is looking forward to what the next two years have to offer. Well done Year 10!

## Year 7 and 7 Basketball tournament:

On Thursday evening the year 7 & 8 basketball team attended the Wolverhampton City competition. They were so excited and positive all evening. We took two teams and they both did well. Out of 22 teams unfortunately we didn't make it into the top 3, however, the students represented the school with pride and confidence. They demonstrated such respect to the other teams and were extremely grateful for us taking them. I know that they are counting down the seconds to their next tournament.

Miss Pugh

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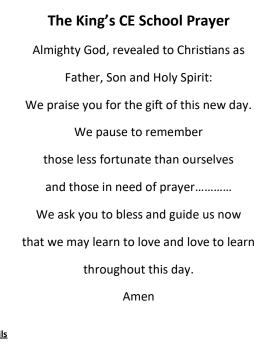
## From the Chaplain....

Our final week in our season of prayer is entitled 'Listening for God's voice'. Our Bible story from Samuel 3 tells of how God first called to the small boy Samuel and chose to speak to him rather than to the elderly priest Eli who had served God his entire life. We are reminded that we are all beloved children of God and that he doesn't limit his words to those who have studied the scriptures at length or those who have spent years in prayer, but desires a living relationship with each one of us.

My tutor group this morning reeled off many different ways that God might speak to us: through visions and dreams, through prayer or the scriptures, through a sense of rightness or through the words of another person. "So can God speak to us through someone who doesn't know God?" I asked. At first, they were sure that this could not be the case, but on reflection, they thought of examples in the Bible where God uses non-believers as messengers. Eventually they decided that God probably could use anyone or any situation to get his message across to us.

So what can we do to give ourselves a better chance to hear him? It sounds obvious, but the first thing we can do is to be still. Easier said than done I know, when we look at our list of jobs to do. But if we can set aside a little time just to be with God, whether in reading or reflection, we will be amazed at the difference it makes. Secondly, and just as importantly, is to practise putting aside any preconceived ideas of our own and being open to God surprising us with the unexpected. 'Your God is too small', a book by J B Phillips explores the problems people face when hanging on to an understanding of God who fits into our human experience and imagination. Do we allow God to burst through the limits we have placed on him and to surprise and challenge us in new ways? Finally, we can invite God into every part of our daily lives. Let's not leave him in our place of worship or our time of personal prayer but let's try to be aware of him and allow him to speak to us throughout the day, however mundane, however stressful, however irrelevant our activities might seem to be.

None of this is easy. It is probably the work of an entire lifetime. But it is amazing just how much of our lives God takes an interest in and just how much love he is able to speak into our hearts if we allow him.



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## Next Week's Theme for Worship

Waiting for the fulfilment of a promise

Malachi 3: 1-4



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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