

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we hosted a Year 7 information evening; it was great to see all of our new parents. Please do ensure you have registered for Parent Portal—the email was sent on Wednesday so check Spam folders just in case. The presentation can be found under the information menu in Parent Portal.

The issues raised at this evening were: lockers, cycle/scooter storage and football clubs for Year 7 and 8 and finding your way to clubs. Although we have limited space to locate lockers safely and accessibly, Year 7 will be offered lockers this year at the same rate as charged last term. Spare lockers may then be offered to Year 8. We have 150. Year 8 are also to be provided with a large storage area where they may leave PE kits or school bags when they have PE. This is in addition to the store for musical instruments to be kept safely.

Due to popular demand we have introduced a Year 8 Football Club on Friday from 3:15pm and Year 7 will train on a Wednesday. All pupils wishing to attend may do so as we do not wish to cap the numbers here.

If you have any queries about clubs, our pupils are to see Kath Williams in Pupil Services.

Our Year 8 History Makers' Presentation Evening was also very special with every pupil and member of staff receiving a specially commissioned memento coin. A full report is on page 2.

We had a visit this week from the Metropolitan Police who were very concerned at the number of vehicles pulling up outside school and those parking in a manner that contravenes highway controls in our surrounding roads. They also mentioned that cars were driving dangerously as they depart the area. We have been monitoring vehicle activity over the past 2 weeks and it is clear that a number of TKA parents are dropping and collecting their child by car.

Whilst we have no authority on the highways and cannot enforce parking restrictions, we expect parents to co-operate with our expectation that we do not add to the congestion that already exists from having three schools located in such close proximity. We are a local school serving local families. Please do help us to build positive links within our community by supporting your child to travel independently to school.

Does your child cycle or scooter to school? Please let us know as this will aid our school travel planning. In terms of cycle and scooter parking, we are going to purchase some more cycle storage as what we have is not sufficient. Please bear with us and we hope to have this as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards, Sophie Cavanagh.



Please be aware that we are a 'nut free' school as we have pupils who are allergic to nuts.

Do be vigilant when sending your child with nut based snacks.

Pupil leadership



We are delighted to have appointed Layan and Nathan to the positions of Head Girl and Head Boy for 2016-2017.

“We will ensure that everyone’s time in TKA is enjoyable and made memorable due to the amazing experiences on offer. The current Year 8s had such an astonishing year and it is our duty to continue promoting the excellent reputation of the school.”

Layan and Nathan

Friends of TKA: Date for the diary -

Thursday 8th December between 4 and 8pm

It may seem like a long way off but please save the date for the first ever TKA Christmas Fair and Shopping Evening. If you would like a stall please get in touch. We will also be holding a raffle and are looking for 3 big prizes to print on the tickets - if you can offer a big prize or know of an organisation that would like to sponsor a prize please do let us know ASAP.

You can get in touch with us via Kath Williams in the School Office (please put FOTKA in the subject heading) Thanks, Catherine, FoTKA.

Mandarin lessons

As part of the extended curriculum, Mandarin lessons we are offering Mandarin to Year 8 pupils on a Monday from 7.45-8.30am in Q1-3.

Last year's History maker Sophia said, "**I like studying Mandarin because it is fun but challenging. I like it because it's different;** you write with characters and not letters of the alphabet." Callum said, "I wanted to continue with Mandarin because it's a good skill to have and can help me later in life."

The Year 7s have their lesson on Monday lunchtimes from 1.10-1.45pm.

The Year 8s have their lesson on Monday mornings at 7.45-8.40am.

If you are interested in taking Mandarin, then please contact Ms Wade on

cwade@thekingstonacademy.org



TKA is proud to be part of the Google suite and have embraced Google Apps for Education as a way of engaging our pupils and preparing them for 21st century life. Using a Chrome book requires pupils to take responsibility and therefore we have a clear code for use at school and home.

You can find the full Chrome Code on the website here:

<http://www.thekingstonacademy.org/academy-life/tka-chrome-code>



chromebook

Year 8 Celebration Evening

On Thursday we celebrated the achievements of our first cohort of History makers. It was a truly special evening where we awarded a range of prizes including the 'Centurions' (pupils who had over 100 merits) and recognising our core values. The House cup was awarded to Berners-Lee and members of the Kingston Education Trust recognised Sam L for the 'Going Beyond' shield. A special thanks must go to Jo Landau for the fantastic commemorative sketch of the school which is available to purchase with more details to follow. A huge thank you parents and carers for their continued support.



Pictured top left: Members of KET—Andy Hudson, Graham Willett with Sam L (Winner of Going Beyond award) and Peter Mayhew-Smith.

Henrietta and Rhys as Berners-Lee House champions with Andy Hudson.

Bottom right: The new Head Boy, Nathan and Head Girl, Layan.

Friends of TKA news

RHS Young Herb Photographer of the Year

Last chance to enter!

The RHS are looking for young people to send their photographs of living herbs growing in the wild, a garden, a container or a setting of their choice. The photo can be of any herb(s) and could be growing in the UK or abroad (pupils could get some great snaps on their summer holidays!). Photographs can also be from any season taken in the past or present.

Two winners will be crowned RHS Young Herb Photographer of the Year and receive an iPad Air worth around £300 and £500 worth of horticultural materials for their school.

One runner up from each category will receive an iPad Mini and £250 of horticultural materials for their school and as we have some wonderful spaces to fill, do enter!

Details are on this website: <https://goo.gl/Em0viT>



IMPORTANT dates for 2016-2017

Thursday 13th October 5-8pm—Year 6 Open Evening

Wednesday 28th September —Y8 HPV vaccinations

Half term holiday: Fri 14th October 2016—Fri 28th October 2016

School photographs: Tues 10th November 2016

Christmas holiday: Fri 16th December 2016—Tuesday 2nd Jan 2017

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2017