

Dear parents and carers,

We had a successful PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) day this week delivered by our Police Liaison Officers providing our History Makers with essential information about staying safe. We also ran sessions on e-safety which is a priority at TKA. Navigating an increasingly complex online world safely is an area we wish to develop and we will be engaging with the Childnet Digital Leaders programme, including peer-to-peer education. The site <http://www.internetmatters.org/> is particularly useful for families.

Parent Portal was launched this week and we hope this site will mean you are kept up to date with all the information you need about your child's attendance and progress.

Friends of TKA distributed empty water bottles in Monday's assembly and we are asking families to fill them with spare change which will go towards school funds.

Unfortunately this week's cricket fixture was rained off but well done to all the athletes who competed in the tournament on Thursday.

Finally, may I gently remind you that we still have a few remaining consent forms for school camp so please do return them to ensure we have all the relevant information for this residential, as well as making your payment on Parent Pay.

Have a lovely weekend, Sophie Cavanagh.



*Friends of TKA
Lottery*

*Tickets
entered into
the draw on
Sat 28th
May will
have the
chance of
winning an
iPad mini!*

This week's Friends of TKA lottery winner:

SARAH MATTHEWS

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-kingston-academy
to sign up and for terms and conditions.

School Camp

Tuesday 5th July—Friday 8th July 2016

As camp is approaching here are some of the headline details from the Parents' meeting last Tuesday.

We leave for Bentley Copse in Surrey on **Tuesday 5th July** and ask that all pupils are dropped off by 10am at the Hawker Centre. Parents are asked to ensure they leave space for the coaches in the Hawker car park.

At the meeting we reiterated that all pupils will be expected to adhere to our **behaviour code** as they would at school and show our core values at all times.

All meals will be provided, apart from Friday lunchtime, when we aim to return to the Hawker by approximately 1pm. Snacks must adhere to our healthy eating policy.

The **sleeping arrangements** are 4 pupils to a tent in Houses, they will be allocated by Ms Briggs and pupils will be informed where they will be sleeping on the first day of camp.

Pupils will need a sleeping bag and roll mat. The kit list has been sent with the consent form.

No phones or electrical items are allowed on camp—they cannot be charged and there is limited signal, so please ensure your child's phone is not brought to camp. We feel it's important the children spend some time away from this kind of communication and appreciate time spent outdoors.

If you need to contact school in an emergency then the contact number is **Mr Sheppard: 07519 738 760**. The contact details for Bentley Copse is: 01483 202424

There will be 4 TKA first aiders on site as well as qualified Bentley Copse staff.

There is a tuck shop on site that sells some souvenirs so a limit of £5 can be brought.

Staff from Bentley Copse introduced the range of activities that our History Makers will take part in and they include: climbing wall, laser tag, crate stacking, archery, quad bikes, assault course, 40 foot zip line and Jacob's ladder.

We will also be completing a **7 kilometre walk** through the North Downs.

As Going Beyond has been so successful, we hope school camp will build on this success in developing the essential skills for the Duke of Edinburgh award as well as celebrating what I'm sure you'll agree has been an amazing first year.

If you have any further queries about school camp, then please contact: Sharon Allen or Andy Keaney.

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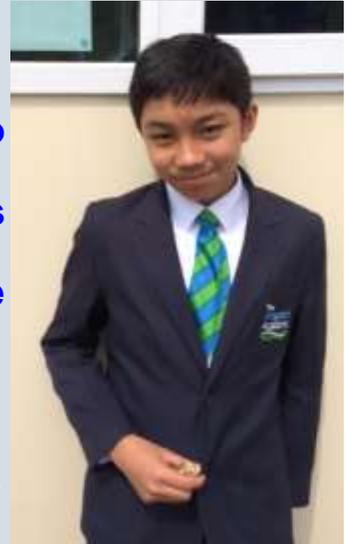
Spotlight on STEM

UK Maths challenge results

Well done to all the TKA pupils who won bronze and silver awards in the recent UK Maths challenge. The challenge involved answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour.

A special congratulations goes to Alistair in 7Hg who was the only History Maker to be awarded a Gold! This means he is eligible for the next round called the Kangaroo Qualifier. Good luck!

<https://www.ukmt.org.uk/individual-competitions/junior->



Congratulations to **Monty** (7Hg) who put in a remarkable bowling performance whilst playing cricket for Malden Wanderers on Sunday. His second over was a 4-wicket maiden including his first ever hat-trick. And to top it off the umpire presented Monty with the match-ball at the end of the game! His overall stats were 3 overs, 1 maiden, 4 wickets for 25 runs.



Parent Portal launched



Welcome to the Parent Portal for The Kingston Academy.

Please use the guidelines on the right of the main area. On the page, the navigation menu is located at the top of the page.

With The Kingston Academy, you can access your child's education records and other services.



On Wednesday you will have received an **important email** giving you details about creating a Parent Portal account. Please do check your **spam folder** if you haven't received it. The email includes links to screen casts guiding you through the process.

One of our central aims at TKA is to operate as a sustainable school and a key aspect of this is our goal to operate a paperless environment. Therefore this online account will allow you to access **live data about all aspects of your child's education at TKA** at your own convenience. You can access your child's timetable, teaching groups, attendance, punctuality, rewards, detentions and homework catch up sessions as well as the school calendar, contact details of teaching staff and upcoming assessment reports. It really will be an invaluable account.

A **mobile app** is also available for iOS devices like iPhones and ipads. Search for iParent app in the App Store and the school code is: KING.

You will need to have set up your account in order to use the app.

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/iparent-app/id959615129?mt=8>

The Android app can be found at:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.isams.portal.parent>

The registration screencast is at

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BwrtZCwih0hQbVJabVd4ekhnR2c>

The screencast on using the portal is at:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BwrtZCwih0hQT0tyQmhMbG9vUUU>

We hope this account will help you, as families, monitor your child's progress and achievements at TKA in a clear and informative way.

Set it before they get it!

**If you've bought your child a new phone,
make sure it's set for safety before you hand it over.**

It's easy and it only takes a few minutes.

Follow the links below to find out how.



apple.co/1GAKsEv



bit.ly/1GHXHK3



bit.ly/1trnsC0



We are still collecting Active
Kid vouchers!

Please drop them off in the
box in reception.

#Generosity



Important Dates for Summer Term 2

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Thursday 9th June—TKA Spelling Bee at 3.45-5pm in School Hall. Parents welcome.

Saturday 11th June—New TKA pupil testing (Year 6).

Monday 20th June—Staff training 1-5pm—no afternoon lessons or clubs. Pupils leave at 12.

Saturday 25th June—Fun Run and Picnic.

Thursday 30th June, Friday 1st July and Saturday 2nd July—Art exhibition,
Kingston College, Richmond Road campus

Tuesday 5th– Friday 8th July—Summer Camp

Wednesday 13th July—Summer soiree

Friday 15th July—Last day of summer term