

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of Week 3 we continue working to uphold the very highest of expectations in terms of uniform, movement around the school and behaviour. In Monday's assembly Mr Deveson spoke about standards and for any school to function well, requires all members of the community to show respect and courtesy at all times. We hope these expectations are clear and we continue to work with pupils in maintaining them.

We are looking forward to our Open Evening on Thursday 13th October for all prospective parents of Year 7 pupils for September 2017. This will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase our new building and I know how keen and proud our History Makers will be in guiding families around their school.

I really enjoyed meeting with parents and carers this morning at the first drop-in session. We discussed a range of topics including lockers, groupings and the new build development. We finished the session with a tour of the building so parents could see first hand the learning spaces their children are accessing. Please do take the opportunity to come in and see me and members of SLT during these sessions to discuss any suggestions or observations. The next session will be on Monday 31st October from 3pm to 3:40pm. Do feel free to drop in.

We are working hard to get lockers and storage space installed. Thank you for your patience as I know you are keen to see a resolution. Karen Churms, our School Business Manager, will be writing to Year 7 parents next week with details of how you can apply to hire a locker at the school. Storage units are being installed in the next two weeks for all pupils to use.

Next week is our annual House Touch Rugby competition. I remain impartial on this matter and look forward to seeing our core values replicated on the sports field. We will also be cheering on the European Ryder Cup team next week - thankfully Brexit hasn't influenced team selection there.

Friends of TKA is a thriving and active group and they kick off this year's events on Tuesday 4th October with the first PTA meeting. Do join them.

Have a restful weekend, Sophie Cavanagh



If any parent is interested in becoming a **Reading Champion** to support children with their reading, then please contact Ms Wade or Ms Churns.





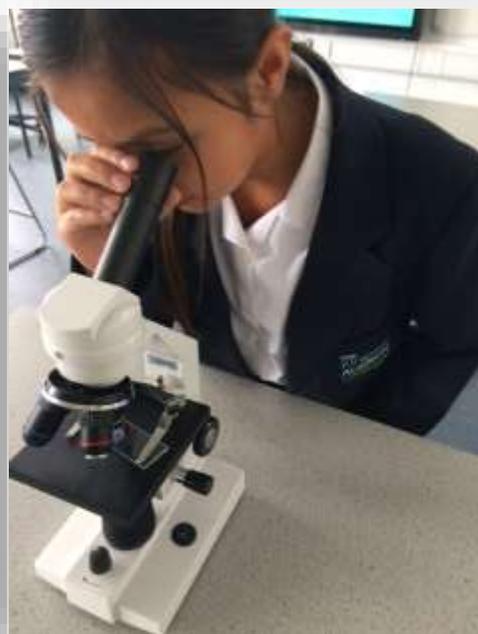
Spotlight on STEM

Every week we focus on an aspect of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

As a STEM specialist school we enjoy links with Kingston University and have opportunities to visit their specialist facilities.

This week Year 7 are enjoying engaging in scientific concepts in our brand new laboratories. After learning about safety in the laboratory and how to use Bunsen burners, they have started on their first science topic of 'Organs and Cells'. They are learning how to use the microscopes and will be preparing and observing cells from onion tissue.

Their homework has been set on ActiveLearn and can be checked via the Google classrooms.



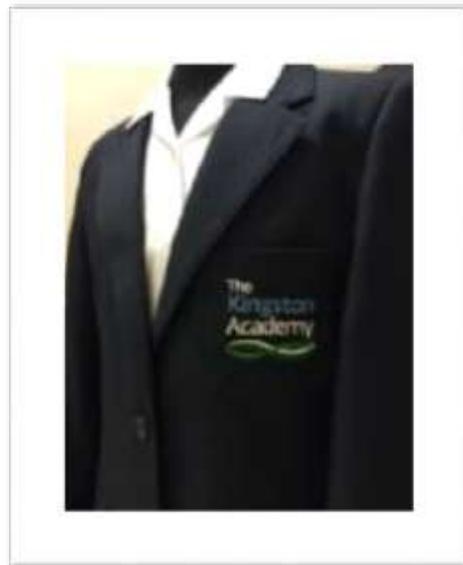
Uniform guidance—wear it with pride!

This week we have been ensuring all pupils wear their uniform correctly. The tie should reach the bottom of the shirt and the top button done up. If a girl chooses to wear a tie, then a button up shirt is worn. Otherwise,



blouses are to be worn.

Please see the website for full details.



‘A Christmas Carol’ performance by the Globe Players

Monday 5th December 2016 in School Hall



All Year 7 pupils are invited to attend a performance of ‘A Christmas Carol’ on Monday 5th December. Last year this was a great success and pupils love the show. A contribution of £4.00 is needed via Parent Pay.

SPORTS NEWS

On Monday the boys' football team travelled to Camberley for our first fixture of the season.

The team we played was strong because some of the players were taller than us. Alex B set up our goal and Noah made a strike; it hit the post and then went in. Zaccai played up front in the first half and then in second he was on the right wing. Brian, who was captain, was brilliant because when the opposition were attacking, he was calling at the back line to keep us tight.

Unfortunately they managed to put away 5 goals against us. Seb, the goalkeeper, was lobbed a few times, which was unlucky. The goals were massive compared what we normally play in! We kept our heads up hoping to get back in the game but it wasn't to be. Just because we lost this game we are going to aim high in our next fixtures.

By Seb and Zaccai



Friends of TKA news

Please come and join us for the first PTA meeting of the school year on Tuesday 4th October between 7 and 8pm in the Conference Room at school. We are a very friendly bunch and hope to see some new faces! We have lots to discuss and organise including our Christmas Fair, charity events and Year 7 disco. We also welcome any new ideas or initiatives.

We will also be holding a Macmillan Cancer Care coffee morning in the School Hall on Friday 30th September between 10.30 and 11.30am. We ask for donations of cakes on the morning (no nuts please) and all proceeds will go to the charity. Last year we raised almost £300 and a great time was had by all!

Finally, please remember to support our School Lottery. It is very easy to register and at only £1 per week it's an easy way to support the school whilst giving yourself a chance of winning prizes. Just go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for The Kingston Academy.

Thanks very much and look forward to meeting you soon.

IMPORTANT dates for 2016-2017

- Thursday 13th October 5-8pm**—Year 6 Open Evening
- Friday 14th October**—Late start for Year 7 and 8 - 10 registration.
- Wednesday 28th September** —Y8 HPV vaccinations for Year 8 girls.
- Friday 30th September**—Friends of TKA McMillan charity coffee morning at 11am.
Half term holiday: Fri 14th October 2016—Fri 28th October 2016
- Monday 5th December**—Year 7 watching Globe Players perform 'A Christmas Carol' at 9.30am in School Hall—Payment via Parent Portal
- Thursday 8th December**—FoTKA Christmas Fair—4-8pm
- Thursday 15th December**—School Disco in School Hall
- Christmas holiday:** Fri 16th December 2016—Tuesday 3rd Jan 2017
- Pupils return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2017*