

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been a significant one in the political landscape of our nation and our pupils had the opportunity to take part by voting in TKA's European union referendum. We had a healthy 90% turnout with 67% voting remain and 33% leave. I would like to reassure pupils that nothing will change imminently; leaving has to be negotiated gradually and will take at least two years.

I am delighted to announce an Information Evening: about managing screen time and dependency on 29 June, 7.00pm-8.30pm at Tiffin Girls. Booking is essential via Kath Williams but be quick as there only 50 spaces available - one parent per family. This is a great example of the strong partnerships we are building with the local network of schools.

We are very much looking forward to next week's private view of TKA's first Art show at the Creative Industries Richmond Road campus of one of our partners: Kingston College. The exhibition space is a wonderful gallery to showcase the wealth of artistic talent we have at TKA, so let us know if you are coming by contacting kwilliams@thekingstonacademy.org.

School camp is fast approaching; let's hope the British summer manages a swift turnaround before the beginning of July, otherwise we may have our own TKA Glastonbury! Do let us know if you have any last minute queries regarding camp.

Enjoy the weekend

Kind regards, Sophie Cavanagh.



This
week's

TKA school
lottery
winners
are:

**Ajay and
Ariel**

This half term, all tickets in the draw for Saturday 23rd July are in with the chance of winning a fitbit!



To enter go to:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-kingston-academy

Our History Makers' orchestra

were in full rehearsal mode this week. The orchestra was formed at the beginning of the summer term and have been making huge progress in such a short time. Consisting of twelve musicians, including violinists, cellists, clarinettists and a guitarist, they are currently rehearsing for their debut performance, at The Rose Theatre, on Tuesday 12th July. They will be performing two pieces (Bizet's "Habanera" from his opera "Carmen" and a movement from Haydn's Trumpet Concerto) alongside other secondary schools as part of the International Youth Arts Festival. Details of how to obtain tickets for this event will soon be circulated.

Mrs Headley



Sainsbury's voucher scheme

Thank you to all of you who have donated your Sainsbury's vouchers to the school so far.

We are just shy of 2000 and we would love to purchase some equipment in order to save the school money!

This is a plea to search the bottoms of your bags/draws and hand in any you find so we can place an order!

Thank you in advance

Friends of TKA





Spotlight on STEM

On Monday, Mr Smith delivered an assembly about **Online safety in an increasingly interconnected world**. As well as implementing Impero and encouraging pupils to take screen shots if they receive material that upsets or offends, our attention needs to turn to managing risk. This means protecting our privacy on social media, apps and online gaming. Mr Smith encouraged us all to think carefully about the risks of sharing information. Knowing our **privacy settings** are important and the issue of not assuming that 'new account' settings are the best ones are issues we should keep in mind. Those settings are likely to be there for the benefit of the company. By default, they may show your location, name, email address and all your friends online. The company is then building up a picture of you and your friends to sell adverts, add to mailing lists and to target certain groups.

The solution is to always check privacy settings in whatever app you download. Apps can connect to other apps. However, as this is becoming more unmanageable, do check which apps you have approved in the past. If there's an app you no longer use, take it out of the list.

With online gaming you should consider whether to play with friends or on a public server and be careful about what you say to people online. Be constantly on your guard about giving personal details.

We will continue to give everyone regular reminders regarding online matters. Mr Smith unveiled his BOSS logo—**Be Online Safely and Securely**—and it will act to remind us about online safety.



TKA Referendum

Our history makers took part in TKA's referendum on the European Union on Thursday. A polling booth was set up in the school hall for everyone to take part in the democratic process. The results were: 67% remain and 33% leave.



Art private view is next Thursday 30th June from 6-8pm at Kingston College, Richmond Road campus.

TKA Summer Reading Challenge!

This summer we are setting our 2015 History Makers, our 2016 new intake and their families a challenge!

Take a picture of yourself reading a book in an interesting place. It could be in your local park, on holiday or even in front of a famous landmark!

Email your picture as a .jpeg to
cwade@thekingstonacademy.org

We will award prizes for the best ones and they may even be printed for new displays in the refurbished building.

We look forward to seeing your Reading holiday snaps!



IMPORTANT dates for Summer term

Thursday 30th June—Private viewing of Art Exhibition 6-8pm, Kingston College.

Friday 1st July Sat 2nd July—Art exhibition, Kingston College, Richmond Road

campus

Tuesday 5th– Friday 8th July—Summer Camp, Bentley Copse, Surrey.

Friday 15th July—Last day of summer term

Autumn Term 1

Monday 5th September—Pupils return to school.

Thursday 15th September—FoTKA celebration evening (changed from Weds 13th July)