The King's Chronicles

Spring Term 1 2024

Raise Your Voice!

We are delighted to announce our next Academy Production to be performed in November 2024 as**, Sister Act Jr**. Based on the 1992 film which sees a nightclub singer having to hide out in a church with a group of nuns, it is gloriously brought to life with a funky original 70s soundtrack. The students have responded really well to the launch of the show and additional information about the auditions will follow shortly.

This year will mark our 20th Academy Production, which started back in 2004 with Oliver. As you can see from the picture the Academy has presented a wide range of shows, demonstrating the talent and versatility of the students. We can't wait to raise the roof with this one to mark such a milestone in the history of The King's Academy Youth Theatre.

Mr Jones, Head of Drama

Announcing…… Our new Head Girl and Head Boy

We have concluded our student leadership selection programme in the Sixth Form this term, with the confirmation of our new Head Girl & Head Boy team. In a very talented and competitive field, the Principal's interview marked the final stage of a challenging procedure that required the shortlisted students to present their ideas & aspirations for the role to the entire sixth form student body. The quality of these presentations was outstanding, showcasing the confidence and clarity of message of our candidates.

The process left the selection panel with a very difficult set of decisions which resulted in the appointment of Sophie Dawson as Head Girl and Reece Temple as Head Boy. They will be supported in these roles by Jia Jia Wu as Deputy Head Girl and Jacob Brown as Deputy Head Boy. We are confident that this combination of talented and dedicated students will lead the sixth form and the Academy in an exemplary manner. They will undertake these roles following the return of the Academy after February half term holidays, building on the legacy set by the current Sixth Form Leadership Team. Head Girl Chrissie Kardasz, Head Boy Joshua McKeith, Deputy Head Girl Sophie Keeler and Deputy Head Boy Noah Simpson will now focus on their final preparations for the public exams, pursuing university offers for veterinary science, medicine, psychology and geography at prestigious institutions. We are very grateful for their dedicated service to the Academy in may different ways over the course of the past year.

Mr Skerry, Head of Sixth Form

LAST DATE TO PLACE AN ORDER THROUGH EAS SCHOOLWEAR FOR THE YR 11 AND YR 13 LEAVERS HOODIE IS MONDAY 4 MARCH

THE NATIONAL HOLOCAUST CENTRE AND MUSEUM

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY TRUST

This half term has seen assemblies and tutor reflection sessions to mark Holocaust Memorial Day, and encourage students to consider the events leading up to this appalling episode in humanity's history. Around 100 students in Year 9 took part in a workshop delivered by the National Holocaust Museum and Centre, where they were presented with survivor testimonies and given a greater understanding of the political and social changes that took place during the 1930s and 40s in Nazi Germany. This has provided students with a useful foundation to their curriculum studies in History next half term when they will have the opportunity to learn more about the Holocaust.

All the students involved represented the Academy impeccably and dealt with this challenging topic with maturity and respect.

Mrs Cottrell, Head of KS4 History

Additional Notices

Pre-loved uniform: We would like to remind parents/ carers that there is now a dedicated online marketplace for pre-loved King's Academy uniform and learning resources. Please click here for further information about this service and here to go straight to the marketplace.

Children's Parties: We are pleased to be able to offer a special package on Saturday afternoons for the hire of our Sports Hall and Downstairs Restaurant for children's parties. £75 for 90 minutes in the Sports Hall then 30 minutes in restaurant – 12.30-2.30pm or 2.30-4.30pm. For further information, availability and to make a booking request please visit our dedicated lettings website here.

Careers @ King's

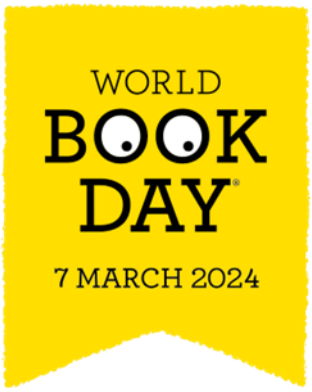
This half term has been busy for careers! On Wednesday 17 January, 19 Year 10 students visited Teesside University as part of the BeInspired project. The students had the opportunity to engage with a range of employers through workshops and Q&A sessions. Some of the sectors that students explored included law, civil service, finance, NHS and game design. Next up in the project is an employer site visit!

This week is National Apprenticeship Week. In tutor time, KS3 students have been looking at what an apprenticeship is and examples of apprenticeships available in the local area. Our weekly careers newsletter includes more information and opportunities linked to apprenticeships and employment Careers | The King's Academy (thekingsacademy.org.uk)

Next half term, on Friday 8 March, we have our school careers fair. This is a very exciting chance for students to engage with universities, colleges, training providers and employers from a range of different industries. Some employers that are attending include NHS, Amazon, Double11, EE and EDF Energy. Students will be completing a 'careers passport' during the event and will be entered into a prize draw to win an amazon voucher!

Miss Harrison-Potts, Careers Lead

World Book Day 2024



World Book Day returns on Thursday 7 March, and this year we have even more activities and competitions for students to get involved with. Tutor groups will be competing against each other in a book themed quiz to win chocolate; students who are lucky enough to find a golden ticket in their library book will win a free book, and anyone 'caught reading' in their social time will be entered into a draw to win a bundle of reading related goodies. World Book Day also sees the return of our popular book swap, where students can receive a second-hand book in exchange for a book they bring in from home. All students will also receive a £1 book token to redeem against the cost of a new book. It's shaping up to be an exciting week!

Mrs Catterson, Literacy Lead

House Chess

Great fun was had by everyone who took part in the House Chess competition this week which was brilliantly organised and run by Miss Swainston, Greek House Manager. Around 20 students turned up from each year group to earn points for their House. Even Mr Johnson tried to join in before he was officially disqualified for being too old!

With such a high level of interest we are looking to start a chess club after half term so students can get into training for next year's competition. It was delightful to see so many students getting involved and making new friends – or should we say 'Check Mates'?!

Mrs Gibbons, Assistant Principal

House Bake-off

There were clouds of icing sugar and delicious aromas billowing forth from the Food Department this half term, with the annual House Bake-off taking place. Working in year group teams, the students made and decorated a batch of cupcakes from scratch and without any help from staff. The results were fantastic and some of the students even surprised themselves with their fabulous creations. Well done to all those who took part and a massive thank you to the Food Department for all their help and organisation.

Mrs Scard, Romans House Manager

Congratulations Year 7 House Captains

Hebrews: Tommy Bowes and Jessica Smith
Greeks: Cole Sargent and Ava Brittain
Medes: Nathan Onenc and Layna Nicholas
Romans: (Pictured below) Maisie O'Callaghan Ebony Massingham and Jethro Lwamumda

Netball Tournament

Three teams represented The King's Academy at an area netball tournament on Thursday 1 February.

The Year 9 team competed in the plate competition and, following a round robin format where they won 2 games and lost 2 games, ended the day in second place earning themselves the silver medals. A long-awaited victory for a team who have played together since Year 7. Player of the tournament was Evie Speak.

The Year 8 competition, a team consisting of mostly Year 7s students, narrowly lost 2 games by just 1 goal and were able to hold strong for a draw in their other games. This was not was not enough for a medal position on this occasion, as they finished 3rd and medals were only awarded to 1st and 2nd place. The team were a little disappointed, but not deterred - they will back next year with hopes of a gaining some silverware. Player of the tournament was Eliza Wilson.

The Year 7s in the cup tournament, won all of their group matches and made it into the semi -final winning this with a comfortable 3-0 which saw them progress to the final. Setting their nerve and excitement aside, they took the court with high hopes of a victory, however despite strong defending and dynamic attacking they could not secure the win and ended up taking the silver medal. Player of the tournament was Eva Rees-Davies.

Mrs Fearnley, Teacher of PE

Back row - Hannah Yates, Emma Drury, Isobel Clarke, Eliza Wilson, Eva Rees-Davies, Darcy Boden, Erin Greenaway, Lucy Connolly, Lily Pipe, Katie O'Connor, Ava Flanagan, Charlotte Gun, Isabelle Corbyn
Front row – Alice Redman, Safa Hussain, Rosie Alderson, Rachel Drury, Maisie O'Callaghan, Brooke Mason, Ava Walton

From left to right, Nyla Simpson, Evie Speak, Emma Drury, Alice Redman, Isabelle Corbyn, Hannah Yates, Charlotte Gun, Ava Flanagan.

Back row L-R– Darcey Bowden, Eva Rees-Davies, Erin Greenaway, Lucy Connolly
Front row L-R – Maisie Alderson, Rachel Drury, Maisey O'Callaghan

Contact details for external agencies during the half term holidays

If parents/carers need to access external support during the holidays, they can contact:

Stronger Families (Early Help): 01642 726 004. Stronger Families are able to support with:

drug and alcohol issues; domestic abuse; mental health issues; money and housing problems; bereavement; relationship problems; children's health, development and behaviour.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS): 0300 2000 000. CAMHS provides assessment and appropriate treatment or intervention for children and young people up to their 18th birthday who are experiencing mental health problems, with the aim of positive mental health promotion.

Details of other support services can be accessed via the following links:

Children and Families - Middlesbrough Children Matter

Children, families, and safeguarding | Middlesbrough Council

Key Dates	
February	
Mon 12 - Fri 16	Year 11 and 13 Study Programme Half Term Holiday
Monday 19	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 20	Start of Term (8.20am)
Tue 20 - Fri 23	Year 11 and 13 Final Rehearsal Examinations (Week 2)
Mon 26 - Thu 29	House FIFA
Tuesday 27	Year 12 Parents' Evening (4-7pm)
March	
Thursday 7	World Book Day
Friday 8	Careers Day (Years 7 - 10)
Mon 11 - Fri 15	Year 9 Rehearsal Exams
Tue 12 - Thu 14	House STEM
Tuesday 19	Year 8 Parents' Evening (4-7pm)
Mon 25 - Fri 5 April	Year 11 and 13 Study Programme Easter Holidays

Welcome back to our skiers we have enjoyed following you on social media and look forward to hearing more when we return after the half term holidays.

Ski Trip 2025

More details coming soon

Girls Indoor Cricket

On Tuesday 6 February a squad of 11 took part in the U15 Middlesbrough Schools Indoor Cricket competition where the winners had a chance of progressing through to play at Lords. A team of mostly Year 9 girls, many new to cricket, quickly picked up the rules, and their development of skills throughout the day was clear to see. Although we did not progress further this time, they will be back next year in the hope of a higher placing. Player of the tournament was Lillia Stott.

Back row – Isabelle Moore, Lillia Stott, Ruby Emms, Emma Drury, Evie Speak, Charlotte Gun, Alice Redman
Front row – Lilly Founde, Isabelle Corbyn, Ella Cording

On Wednesday 7 February a team of Year 7s took part in the U13 indoor competition, facing competing teams of predominantly Year 8 students. Finishing 3rd in their group they progressed through to the 5/6th placing match. By this time the girls understood the tactics better and had finessed their bowling, so secured the win with 3 runs more than Macmillan B. Throughout the day they played with great enthusiasm and used the gaps between matches to watch other teams in a bid to develop their understanding further. High hopes for all when we return next year! Players of the tournament – Molly Speak (super bowler) and Pippa Beattie (awesome batting).

Back row – Molly Speak, Erin Greenaway, Safa Hussain, Lily Pipe, Mia Emms, Lucy Connolly, Rachel Drury
Front row – Pippa Beattie, Ava Wilson, Jorgie Collinson