

# KING'S ACADEMY EASTHAMPSTEAD PARK



King's Academy  
Easthampstead Park

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30th Sept to 4th Oct 2024  
WEEK A

## RESPECTFUL, SUCCESSFUL, AND WORLD-WISE

### A message from the Assistant Headteacher



As we settle into the new academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic start we've had. It is evident that everyone has returned to school feeling refreshed after the summer break and ready for the challenges ahead. In particular Year 7 have settled in really well and are whizzing around the school site like they have been here forever!

The students' positive start has been reflected in the accumulation of over 57,000 house points already being awarded to students. Students are consistently upholding our values of being Respectful, Successful and World-wise. Students have adapted well to the changes to our uniform and jewellery policy and I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents for their support with this. It is much appreciated.

This year, we are looking to develop our student leadership opportunities across all year groups. AT KAEP leadership isn't just about holding a position; it's about influencing others positively, working collaboratively, and making a difference in both the school and wider community. I am looking forward to seeing who the students vote for but also want to commend all the students who have put themselves forward for a position.

Alongside the student leadership opportunities, we are raising the profile of the KAEP house system. All students and staff have been allocated to houses and there are going to be lots of opportunities to get involved in house competitions and challenges. We want our house system to enhance and encourage our sense of community, belonging and competition. Staff and students alike are already getting competitive over house points and the house leader board (Go Pinewood!)

In a couple of weeks students will be spending some time setting some targets with their tutor and years 7-9 will be working on their character award. It is definitely a busy but rewarding time to be a student at KAEP and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved with!

In closing, thank you to all our students, parents, and staff for making this year's start so positive and we look forward to making this a really successful academic year.

*M. Preston*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### MONDAY 23rd SEPT

Careers Meetings  
craft, bereavement, chess book, and  
poetry clubs

#### TUESDAY 24th SEPT

UKMT Senior maths challenge

#### WEDNESDAY 25th SEPT

Year 7 Meet the tutor  
Art Club

#### THURSDAY 19th SEPT

Astronomy, theatre skills, cooking,  
Dungeons and Dragons Clubs

#### FRIDAY 20th SEPT

Touch typing, and Warhammer club  
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CALENDAR

## HOUSE CUP COMPETITION



9500



1st - 10596



9750



9330



8689



9181

# Spooky Bake Off

Photograph your bake and send your photo to Miss Miller and Miss Goad



You can choose to bake cupcakes, biscuits, brownies, cookies or flapjacks, but they need to be spooky when decorated!

Closing date:  
Monday 4th November

## OCTOBER HOUSE COMPETITIONS



**50 HOUSE POINTS TO THE WINNER, 10 HOUSEPOINTS FOR EVERY ENTRY**



## YEAR 7 NEWS

You should hopefully have received a communication regarding our upcoming "Meet the Tutor" evening. This is a virtual meeting, taking place on the 2nd October. You have until the end of Tuesday the 1st October to book your appointment, and that is done through the parents evening booking system on our website. This is a great chance to find out how your child is settling in to school. Appointments are limited but you are always able to email your child's tutor and arrange an appointment at another time if you have any concerns that you don't have time to address.

Please encourage your children to try out some of our extra curricular clubs. There is a huge variety, and they're a great way to make friends, and even find a new hobby. The timetable is at the end of this newsletter.



**Our students are successful**

## Attendance

Attendance is really important, we want your child to be given the best possible chance to achieve.

We understand that some absences are unavoidable, but if your child is going to be absent during term time, we ask that you submit a leave request form which can be found [here](#)

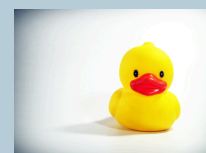
Each week we run the "Duck Awards" where the tutor group with the highest attendance is awarded a highly sought after giant duck to spend the week in their tutor rooms. Last week the ducks were with...

Year 7 & 8 - 7D3

Year 9 & 10 - 9D3

Year 11 - 11D6

KAEP6 - 12D2



## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Our new boxing club is off to a flying start, the students have been amazing. We were so proud to receive this email from the coach "Just wanted to drop a note to say how much I enjoyed coaching at KAEP this afternoon. The students were a pleasure to teach, massive credit to themselves and the school for how they conducted themselves."

Keep up the good work!

# YEAR 8 NEWS

Year 8 have been learning Film Music - this week was all about James Bond! Well done year 8!



All students in Key Stage 3 have 2 lessons of Dance, Drama and Music per fortnight. Our KS3 Performing Arts curriculum has been designed to evoke excitement in the three art forms that we offer. In this department we recognise the importance that the creative arts have in the life of pupils and this knowledge has guided us to form a comprehensive and exciting approach to developing all pupils' creativity building on their strengths and interests. We cover many topics for example Piano technique, Musical Theatre and Stage Combat.



# HOUSE HEROES

## ENGLEMERE

Emily G 7D7

Freya S 8D1

Jack S 9D1

Neha A N 10D1

Carolina G 11D1

## SWINLEY

Lilly-Marie B 7D2

Annabelle S 8D2

Florence F 9D2

Evey G 10D2

Oscar C 11D2

## WILDMOOR

Callum O'R 7D3

Reenie B 8D3

Maxwell W 9D3

Amelia P 10D3

Cora B-J 11D3

## CAESAR

Gabija S 7D4

David L 8D4

Jessica R 9D4

Lily B 10D4

Bianca B 11D4

## DRYDEN

Aadam Neil 7D5

Emily G 8D5

Luke P 9D7

Hadlee G 10D5

Oscar H 11D5

## PINEWOOD

Leon B 7D6

Smit P 8D6

Viviano F 9D6

Milly B 10D6

Joshua L 11D6

# YEAR 9 NEWS

## ENGLISH

In KS4 pupils have seven lessons per two week cycle.

Year 9 is a transition year where we introduce them to the skills that they will need in years 10 and 11.

We also want them to discover new authors and their own "voice" in our portfolio building module that will close out the year.

**Over the six half terms in year 9 we will study**

Of Mice and Men

Portfolio building

Comparative war poetry

The easiest and most effective way to support your child is simply to encourage reading – push your child to more challenging reads, read with your child and have discussions with your child about what you have read. Parents can help support and foster independence in learning by encouraging students to start their homework projects early and work on them continuously throughout the term.



*Our students are respectful*

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LITTER DUTY ROTA

- 30th September  
9D8
- 1st October  
10D1
- 2nd October  
10D2
- 3rd October  
10D3
- 4th October  
10D4

### KAEP Student leadership opportunities 2024-25

We are seeking students for the following roles, please encourage your children to apply. It's a great opportunity for them to have a say in their school and what happens in it.

#### Tutor Rep

1. One student per tutor
2. Students deliver a speech to the tutor group about why they should be tutor rep. (week beginning 30th September)
3. Students vote in their tutor as to who they want as their tutor rep

#### School Council

1. Two students per year
2. Students will need to complete a google slide on why and how they would represent their year group by 26th September. Template provided- they must make a copy of the template and then share it with Miss Preston by 26th September.
3. This will be shared with their year group and the year group votes for who they want to represent them. Voting to take place w/b 30th September.

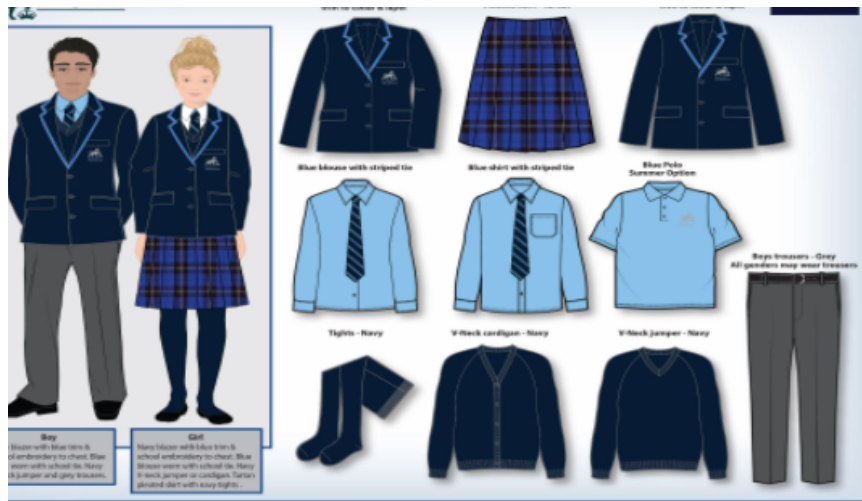
#### House Captain

1. One student per house per year.
2. Students prepare a slide to say why they should be House Captain and how they would motivate and encourage participation in house events. How would they raise the profile of house events?
3. Houses vote as to who they want as their house captains in year groups.

Deadline to complete applications: 26th September

Voting to take place w/c 30th September

We will publish the results when all the voting has commenced.



## UNIFORM

Please remember there have been a few changes to our uniform rules this year, concerning hair colour, jewellery, and footwear.

In short, no jewellery allowed except one small stud in each earlobe. Extreme hairstyles and non-natural hair colours are not allowed. Shoes must be completely black and able to be polished. No canvas shoes. Please find links to purchase our uniform and school supplies

[HERE](#)

### WORD OF THE WEEK

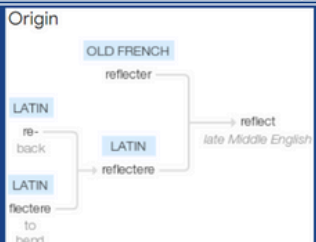
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#### Reflect

*word and meaning*

#### Verb

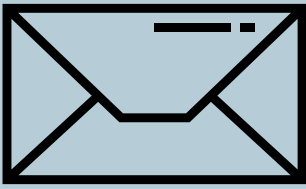
1. To think carefully or deeply about something.
2. To embody or represent something.
3. To bend or throw back (light, heat or sound).



#### example usage

- The light reflected off the surface of the water.
- He saw himself reflected in the mirror.
- The statistics reflect a change in people's spending habits.
- She reflected that this was probably the last time she would see him.

**Synonyms:** think about, mirror, contemplate, review



# COMMUNICATIONS

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR LINKS TO ALL COMMUNICATIONS SENT OUT LAST WEEK

[Year 11 Science Live Reminder](#)

[Year 12/13 Photography/Art Trip](#)

[Reminder - Poetry Trip](#)

[Year 8 Lockers](#)

[Silver Duke of Edinburgh](#)

[Year 7 Meet the Tutor](#)

## YEAR 10 NEWS

### SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS

Parents/carers can support at home by:

- Asking to see your child's maths book at home and talking through the classwork they have recently done.
- Helping students verbalise what they are doing with their home learning and how well they understand the work.
- Creating opportunities for children to see that maths is in our everyday lives; from bills, money, measuring, travelling, cooking, etc
- Extending their understanding of Maths beyond just number work to problem solving, logical thinking and being analytical.
- Making sure your child is working on Maths regularly, almost daily, to keep up their understanding. This will help Mathematics ability in all walks of life.

Maths is a subject that is better learnt through practice as opposed to just reading. Parents are encouraged to invest in workbooks rather than revision guides where children are able to work on problems and mark this work as they go along. This is rewarding and easily tracked at home and can support school work. We recommend that this is done with a time delay to what is being covered at school. This can help improve retention and self esteem in a positive way. The main textbooks we use in lessons are mainly kept in the classroom but can be purchased from all major stationary shops or online.

## YEAR 11 NEWS

Thank you to those of you that came to our "Welcome to Year 11 event" last week. We were really pleased so many of you managed it, and we hope you found it useful. There is no denying that Year 11 is a tough year with a lot going on, but students who's parents are engaged and involved definitely find it all a bit more manageable. Remember if you or your child needs help or support then please contact their form tutor or head of year. All staff are happy to help and support you.

This week some of our Year 11's have been making panna cotta as part of their hospitality course. They did an amazing job, and hopefully some of you got to taste their efforts!



*Our students are world wise*

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# Extra Curricular Clubs

Participating in extracurricular clubs offers numerous benefits for students, extending far beyond academic achievements. These clubs provide a platform for students to explore their interests, develop new skills, and foster a sense of community. By engaging in activities they are passionate about, students can enhance their creativity and critical thinking. Leadership roles within clubs teach responsibility, teamwork, and communication skills, which are invaluable in both personal and professional realms. Additionally, extracurricular involvement can improve time management as students balance their academic responsibilities with club commitments. Overall, these clubs enrich the educational experience, helping students to grow holistically and preparing them for future challenges.

# Sports Clubs

Joining sports clubs offers a myriad of benefits that contribute to both physical and mental well-being. These clubs provide an excellent opportunity for regular exercise, which is essential for maintaining good health and fitness. Participation in sports fosters teamwork, discipline, and perseverance as athletes work together towards common goals and strive to improve their skills. Sports clubs also help in building strong social connections, promoting camaraderie and friendships that can last a lifetime. Additionally, being part of a sports team can boost self-confidence and relieve stress, as the physical activity releases endorphins and provides a constructive outlet for energy. Ultimately, sports clubs enhance the overall development of individuals, instilling valuable life skills and promoting a healthy, active lifestyle.

△ = Counts toward DofE skill

## KAEP PE CLUBS

Monday	Table-Tennis △	Break	Sports hall	Miss White
Monday	Year 7-9 Basketball △	3:10-4:10	Sports hall	CS
Monday	Year 7-10 Fitness △	4:10-4:10	Gym	Mr Clark
Tuesday	Year 7-10 Rugby △	3:10-4:10	Field	Mr Mitchell/Miss White
Tuesday	Year 7-10 Netball △	3:10-4:10	Netball Courts	Miss Burrows
Wednesday- Week B	Sports Council △	Break	54	Miss Burrows
Wednesday	Badminton △	Break	Sports Hall	Miss White
Thursday	Year 10 and 11 Basketball △	Break	Sports hall	Mr Mitchell/Miss White
Thursday	Girls Football △	3:10-4:10	Astro	Miss Oakley
Thursday	Boxing △	3:20 - 4:20	Gym	LA Boxing (signup prior)
Thursday	Duke of Edinburgh △	3:10-4:10	Various	Miss Burrows/Mr Couldridge
Friday	Table Tennis △	Break	Gym	Miss Oakley

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## KAEP NON-PE CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Room/staff
Monday	Craft Club △ Bereavement Club Chess Club △ Book Club (Week A only) △ Poetry Club	Break Break Lunch 3:10-4:10 3:10-3:50	104/Various 129/Mr Noakes Library/Mr Ball Library/Mrs Collins 58/Various
Tuesday	Debate Club/Mock Trial △	Lunch	7/Mr Ball
Wednesday	Art Club	3:15-4:15	34/Ms Thake
Thursday	Textiles Club (Week B only) △ Astronomy Club △ Theatre Skills Club Cooking Club (Week A only) Dungeons and Dragons Club	3:15-4:15 3:15-4:15 3:10-4:10 3:10-4:30 3:10-4:10	44/Miss Miller 124/ Mr Noakes E2/Various KS3 Kitchen/Mrs Wise Library/Mrs Collins
Friday	Touch Typing Club Warhammer △	Lunch 3:15-4:15	115/Ms Evans Library/Mrs Collins

