

KING'S ACADEMY EASTHAMPSTEAD PARK



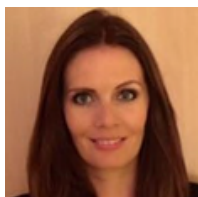
King's Academy
Easthampstead Park

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3rd February - 7th February
Week B

RESPECTFUL, SUCCESSFUL, AND WORLD WISE

A message from the Assistant Headteacher



At KAEP, we believe in creating an environment where every student feels a sense of belonging. One of the ways in which we strive to achieve this is through our House system.

We are working really hard to raise the profile of the house system and whilst this continues to be a work in progress we are really happy with the progress made so far. This academic year we have made a real effort to ensure that there are a range of house activities for students to engage with, all staff have been allocated a house and their lanyards denote their house colour, classcharts points are now referred to as house points and we have weekly update of the house rankings. Staff have also got competitive with staff house competitions also taking place!

We continue to collate student voice via the school council and are looking for ways to best promote the different house competitions. One thing that has been raised through student voice is about the heritage of the houses. For example, some students could not articulate why our houses are named as they are and could not make the link to the local area.

This is a really important part of our house system and adds to the sense of belonging, especially to the wider community. We will be relaying this information to students next week and thought it was useful for parents to also understand that our house system is rooted in local heritage.

Each House is named after a local landmark, reflecting our community's heritage and the environments that shape us.

- Red House: Englemere
- Englemere Pond, a nature reserve known for its shallow acidic lake and diverse wildlife, offering a wide range of habitats that are important for wildlife.
- Yellow House: Swinley
- Swinley Forest, a vast woodland managed by the Crown Estate, it stretches over 2,600 acres from Bracknell to Crowthorne and is home to gentle hills and wildlife
- Green House: Wildmoor
- Wildmoor Heath, a large 99 hectare lowland heath site which provides a rich habitat for wildlife, including several rare species of birds.
- Blue House: Caesar
- Caesar's Camp, Caesar's Camp is the remains of an Iron Age hillfort located in the coniferous forest to the south of Bracknell. The hillfort, surrounded by a mile-long ditch, is a remarkable piece of engineering having been constructed entirely by hand using basic tools.
- Orange House: Dryden
- Dryden Woods, Dryden Woods is a quiet wood in the south of Bracknell, with a park and play area to encourage people to exercise and stay healthy
- Purple House: Pinewood Pinewood is a rural area in Berkshire, covered by the campus of the Johnson & Johnson Institute. Pinewood is known for its dense forest of pine trees.

Encouraging your child to participate actively in these house events can help them build a strong sense of belonging, while also having fun and developing skills that will benefit them in the future. We hope to see lots more students getting involved!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 11 WRITTEN PPE'S

MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

Careers meetings - library
Yr 8 and 10 Reading football club intervention

TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

Year 9 Pathways Evening
Winter Warmers Yr11 Maths Higher Tier
Sports Council Meeting Break Room 54

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

Interhouse Badminton - Year 9 Period 3

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

National Number Day
School Council meeting - Prep Library
Surry University Yr 7 reading in the library
Spanish Visitors (40 students and staff from Virolai)

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CALENDAR

HOUSE CUP COMPETITION



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1st - 52463



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48145



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48161

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

As part of our ongoing self-evaluation, we would be grateful if you could complete the parent survey hyperlinked below.

[PARENT SURVEY](#)

Your responses will help contribute to our understanding of what we do well in school, and the areas we need to keep working on. A summary of feedback from the survey will be shared with Governors, the KGA trust, and likely with OFSTED when the school is next inspected.

The parent survey will accept responses until 9am on Friday 7th February.

Many thanks for taking the time to provide us with this feedback.

Hours of work for children aged 15 years until they are no longer of compulsory school age

A young person is of compulsory school age until the last Friday in June, in the school year in which they reach the age of 16 years.

- 2 hours on Sundays
- 2 hours on school days (either one hour before and one hour after school, or two hours after school)
- 8 hours on Saturdays
- Maximum 12 hours per week during term time
- Eight hours daily during school holidays but not to exceed 35 hours per week

Any child employed must have a rest break of not less than one hour following four hours of continuous employment and during the year have at least two consecutive weeks in the school holidays which are free from work.

This information is only a general guide. Employers and parents must consult the relevant guidance for assistance with specific queries.

[Government Guidance](#)

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Teenagers are notoriously difficult to talk to, so to make it easier for you to find out what they are studying at the moment, we have put the plan for the whole year on our website for you. It is listed by subject, and then by year/term, so you should be able to see exactly what your child is doing now, or will be doing next. Simply go to [Curriculum Overview](#) and then to subject programmes of study, where you will find everything you need.

STEM CLUB

WHAT:
Your chance to spend 45 minutes doing lots of different fun science experiments!

WHEN:
3:10PM Every Thursday - Week A

WHERE:
Room 138

Name	Colour	Logo	House Information/background	House Moto
Englemere	Red		Englemere Pond is a nature reserve consisting of a shallow acidic lake offering a wide range of habitats that are important for wildlife.	"Non ducor, duco" I am not led, I lead
Swinley	Yellow		Swinley Forest is a woodland owned and managed by the Crown Estate, and stretches over 2,600 acres of gentle hills from Bracknell to Crowthorne.	"Ad mellora" Toward better things
Wildmoor	Green		Wildmoor Heath is a large 99-hectare lowland heath site that provides a rich habitat for wildlife, including several rare species of birds.	Res, non verba. Actions not words.
Caesar	Blue		Caesar's Camp is the remains of an Iron Age hillfort located in the coniferous forest to the south of Bracknell. The hillfort, surrounded by a mile-long ditch, is a remarkable piece of engineering having been constructed entirely by hand using basic tools.	"Nil satis nisi optimum" Nothing but the best is good enough
Dryden	Orange		Dryden Woods is a quiet wood in the south of Bracknell, with a park and play area to encourage people to exercise and stay healthy.	"Ubi concordia, ibi victoria." Where there is unity, there is victory.
Pinewood	Purple		Pinewood is a rural area in Berkshire, covered by the campus of the Johnson & Johnson Institute. Pinewood is known for its dense forest of pine trees.	"Ad astra per aspera" Through adversity to the stars



Our students are successful



Sparx Maths

Please encourage your children to complete their Sparx Maths and keep up to date. It's an incredibly useful tool, and remember, there are rewards or sanctions for the work completed or not completed.

The top performing classes, with the most completed last week, are

- 11x1
- 10y1
- 9y1
- 8y3
- 7y3



HOUSE HEROES

ENGLEMERE

- Beau H 7D1
- William S-C 8D1
- India W 9D1
- Mile B 10D1
- Wing Yu C 11D1
- Amy G 12D2

SWINLEY

- James M 7D2
- George D 8D2
- Elnathan O-O 9D2
- Daniel S 10D2
- Oscar C 11D2
- Mena R 13D2

WILDMOOR

- Edith C 7D3
- Alexis H 8D7
- Allen L 9D3
- Ellie F 10D3
- Jonathan M 11D3
- Amy L 13D1

CAESAR

- Jessie T 7D4
- Amelia S 8D4
- Georg N 9D4
- Natalie M 10D4
- Megan G 11D4
- Pricilla O-A 12D1

DRYDEN

- Nathaniel H 7D5
- Kai P 8D5
- Jack B 9D5
- Josie H 10D5
- Joshua M 11D5
- Molly D 12D2

PINEWOOD

- Griffin Z 7D6
- Angel S 8D6
- Harry F 9D8
- Milly B 10D6
- Samuel M 11D6
- Heidi S 12D1

WORD OF THE WEEK

3/02/25

Critique

word and meaning

- (Verb)
1. To give a judgement or opinion about a piece of work, book, film, etc.
- (Noun)
2. A report of something that examines it and provides a judgment, especially a negative one.

Origin

GREEK FRENCH

kritikḗ tekhnḗ → critique
critical art mid 17th century

example usage

- Students take turns *critiquing* each other's work.
- She produced a *critique* of the book.

Synonyms: analysis, evaluation, assessment

PE KIT



We have had a number of students who have mislaid their PE kit. Please ensure that all kit is named. The majority of kit that is found does not have a name in and we have little chance of returning it.

If you find additional kit has been brought home by your child, please return it to school ASAP so we are able to get it to its rightful owner.

Finally, if your child has outgrown their kit and you no longer have use for it, we would be grateful for any donations (particularly, shorts, joggers, larger tops and smaller trainers).

Many thanks.
The PE Department

[Click here for the latest NHS Healthier together newsletter](#)

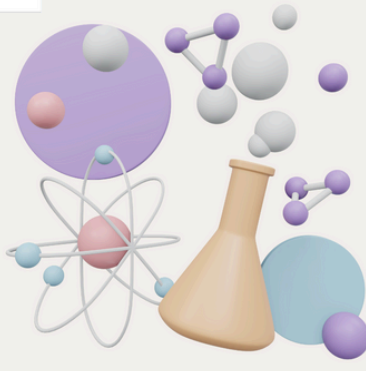


Healthier Together

Local advice and support to help manage and improve the health and wellbeing of babies, children, and young people

ASCOT | BRACKNELL | FARNHAM | MAIDENHEAD | NORTH EAST HAMPSHIRE | SLOUGH | SURREY HEATH | WINDSOR

SCIENCE HOMEWORK CLUB



When:
Every Wednesday 3:10PM - 4PM

Where:
Science Room 138
(Miss Ortucu's classroom)

Laptops will be available for you to complete Kayscience homework and Miss Ortucu will be available to help! Stay for as long as you like!



Our students are respectful

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITTER DUTY ROTA

- 3rd February
7D8
- 4th February
8D1
- 5th February
8D2
- 6th February
8D3
- 7th February
8D4



You are invited to The Launch of Braccan Walk Youth Hub.

Open to young people aged 11- 18 years. (up to 25 years for SEND)

Friday 21st February 1pm - 5pm.

Meet the Youth Workers, enjoy the vibes, use the Wi-Fi.

Bring your friends.

For more details speak to a youth worker or other professional or email: Youthservice@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

What's Happening?

- Food & Chill
- Creative Writing
- Music participation & performance
- Affirmation Cards
- Graffiti Art
- Role Play
- Pool & Table Tennis- Competitions with prizes
- ...And more

Where is the Youth Hub?
Ground Floor Braccan Walk Car Park
The Ring, Bracknell

What3Words: moment.bonus.drill

Bracknell Forest Council

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 8 athletes who absolutely smashed it this week! 🎉 They finished an incredible 2nd place overall out of 7 schools, and first in boys and girls relay competitions! 🏆

Big shoutout to:

- Ronnie G, Joshua D, Harrison K, William C, Michal R, Carter G, Albert C
- Esme B, Evie F, Isabelle P, Maria G, Olivia H, Shaan S, Daisy-Beau D

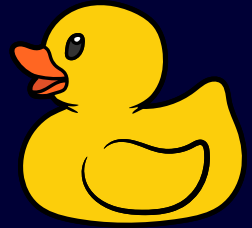
This is an amazing achievement!



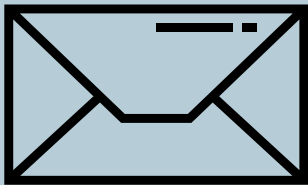
ATTENDANCE

The tutor groups with the highest attendance (and winners of the duck awards) last week, were...

- Years 7 & 8 - 7D5 Mrs Dinkelman
- Years 9 & 10 - 9D4 Mr Mitchell
- Year 11 - 11D6 Mr Bosman
- KAEP6 - 13D2 Mr Cook



Please see the latest newsletter from the school nursing team [HERE](#)



COMMUNICATIONS

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

- [PROM 2025](#)
- [Bushcraft Trip Letter](#)
- [Rushall Farm Extended Deadline](#)
- [Y half Trip Letter 26.03.25](#)
- [Rushall Farm Trip Extended Deadline - X half](#)
- [KAEP6 Y13 PPEs Feb-Mar 2025](#)
- [Year 8 Battlefields Trip Letter](#)
- [Final Trip Letter - Snowdonia 2025](#)
- [Trip Letter - Extended Date - Hamilton, Mayflower Theatre](#)
- [Extended Deadline - Tate Galleries Trip Letter](#)
- [Trip Letter - Cologne Xmas Market Trip](#)
- [Trip letter - Rhineland](#)



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



Studybugs+

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.

Clubs reminders			
Day	Club	Time	Room/staff
Monday	Bereavement Club Chess Club Δ Book Club (Week A only) Δ Poetry Club	Break Lunch 3.10-4.10 3.10-3.50	129/Mr Noakes Library/Mr Ball Library/Mrs Collins 28/Various
Tuesday	Debate Club/Mock Trial Δ	Lunch	7/Mr Ball
Wednesday	Quiz Club Science homework club	After School After school	Library/Mrs Collins and Miss Ford 138/Mrs Ortucu
Thursday	Craft Club (Week A Only) Board Game Club (Week B Only) Teatime Club (Week B only) Δ Astronomy Club Δ Theatre Skills Club Δ Cooking Club (Week A only) Dungeons and Dragons Club Art Club	Break Break 3.15-4.15 3.15-4.15 3.10-4.10 3.10-4.30 3.10-4.10 3.15-4.15	100/Various 100/Various 44/Miss Miller 130/ Mr Noakes E2/Various K30/Mrs/Ms Ware Library/Mrs Collins 34/Ms Thake
Friday	Touch Typing Club Δ Languages Club Warhammer Club Δ	Lunch Lunch 3.15-4.15	115/Ms Evans 112/Mrs Estleves Library/Mrs Collins

Give a new club a go this half term!

There's plenty of stuff to try out, and don't forget about our new quiz club!

PE CLUB REMINDERS		
Day	Break (10:30 - 11:00 am)	After school (3:10 - 4:10 pm)
Monday		Year 7 - 9 Basketball - Sports Hall (CGS) Year 7 - 10 Fitness - Gym (JAC)
Tuesday		Year 7 - 10 Girls Rugby (touch & contact) - Field (JEW) Year 7 - 10 Netball - Courts (SEB)
Wednesday	Week B Sports Council - 54 (SEB) Just Dance - Gym (JEW)	
Thursday		Year 7 - 11 Girls Football - 3G (CGO) Duke of Edinburgh - (SEB/RJC) Boxing - Gym (External Coach - Prior sign up)
Friday	Year 7-11 Multi-Sports - Sports Hall (CGO & LSM)	

Now's a great time to get into some good habits for the PE clubs - start those New Year's Resolutions early!



Our students are world wise

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