

Hello Upper School parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Pupils have continued to work hard in Upper School this week, with quizzes in full swing and payslips looking strong.

PRIDE scores

As you may know, each class in Upper School receive PRIDE scores each lesson, which are averaged out each half term so that the best classes are rewarded for being excellent. All classes who achieve an average of over 4.4 will attend the Halloween PRIDE prize, planned by School Leaders, on Thursday 19th October. Almost all classes are still making this prize, and we're looking forward to seeing East Anglia up their game to make sure they enjoy this fun afternoon too!

The competition continues, and the current leader board is as follows.

Position	Class	Half Term Average
1	10 Reading	4.69
2	10 Keble	4.66
3	11 Aberystwyth	4.57
4	11 Sussex and 11 York	4.46
6	10 East Anglia	4.37

Payslip

There were some exceptionally high payslips in Upper School last week. Particular congratulations go to Shaymae Abdulkader in 10 Keble who earned a phenomenally high 148 KSA pounds last week and to the Year 11 leader, Tahmid Islam, who earned 142 KSA pounds.

Pupils receive their payslip each Wednesday in Advisory and must bring it home to be signed each week. Please do talk to your children about their score on this, as it is a good indication about how their week has gone. Pupils must earn a yearly average of 100 in order to earn the residential trips.

10 UEA Getting to Know You Dinner

Ms. Mulvena and the Year 10 team enjoyed welcoming parents and children in 10 UEA to school on Thursday to discuss the year so far and to talk to parents about how their children are settling in to Upper School. Thanks very much to those parents who were able to attend.

Upcoming Getting to Know You Dinners

Thursday 28th September- 10 Keble 4.30-5.30

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 parents in Keble on 28th September. Ms. Rogers (class teacher to 10 Keble) are really enjoying getting to know your children and looks forward to spending time with you next week to discuss the year so far.

Year 11 Parent Information Evening- Monday 18th September; 5.15-6.15

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 11 Parent Information Evening this week. It was great to be able to talk to parents about the hard work Year 11 have put in so far this year and that we as teachers and leaders know they will continue to put in so that they are Sixth Form ready.

Attendance

It is wonderful to be able to celebrate so many pupils who have been in school on time, every day so far this year. A particular shout out this week to 10 Keble who are leading the way in Upper School with 99% attendance and punctuality since last Friday! We're looking forward to seeing who can be the first class to take this to 100% this week.

PSHE

A reminder that on Tuesday 26th September we will be starting our first PSHE cycle of this year! The children will be learning all about how to keep themselves healthy. This cycle will run from 26th September to 19th December. If you would like more information on the PSHE curriculum please see the school website.

Quizzes

Pupils in Upper School have now completed their first quizzes. There were some real successes in the first round of these in Science last week, with Luke Henein topping the leader board in 11 Aberystwyth! There are many other success stories and we look forward to sharing more details next week.

School Leaders

School Leader applications open today. This is a great opportunity for pupils to gain leadership skills and to feed into decisions which impact them in school. Please do encourage your child to apply for the position. The application deadline is next Friday (29th September) and interviews will be conducted in Week 5.

Uniform

Most pupils have come back to school looking very smart- thanks for helping them achieve this. We've had lots of positive feedback from parents to say that they have found the new system easy to use which is great news. In the case of any outstanding items, please use the instructions on the website to order any outstanding items:

<http://kingsolomonacademy.org/about-us/uniform>

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Coffee morning continues at 8.30am on Friday morning in Infants Commons – all KSA parents are welcome to come and catch up with each other and talk to leaders of the school - do come and join us!

Thanks all,

Ms. Crompton (Head of Upper School)