

Hello Upper School parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! It's been another great week in Upper School, with record numbers of pupils earning enrichment due to their hard work.

PRIDE scores

It's been lovely to see all classes working hard again this week to maintain high PRIDE scores. All classes who achieve an average of over 4.4 will attend the Halloween PRIDE prize, planned by School Leaders, on Thursday 19th October. It's been great to see 10 East Anglia up their game again this week and to

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

Position	Class	Half Term Average
1	10 Reading	4.67
2	10 Keble	4.57
3	11 Aberystwyth	4.53
4	11 York	4.51
6	10 East Anglia	4.44
5	11 Sussex	4.40

Payslip

There were some exceptionally high payslips in Upper School last week. Particular congratulations go to Mariam Mahdaoui in Year 10 who had an excellent week, earning 172 KSA pounds, and to Tahmid Islam, who once again earned the top payslip in Year 11 with 148 KSA pounds. Well done to them and all other pupils who did a great job.

A reminder that 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 Keble Getting to Know You Dinner

Ms. Rogers and Ms. Mulvena, as well as other teachers of 10 Keble, really enjoyed meeting pupils and parents on Thursday this week. It was lovely to be able to celebrate so many wonderful achievements in the first weeks of term and to look ahead by setting goals for the future together. Thank you for coming and for the lovely food you so generously contributed.

Year 11 Sixth Form Opening Evening and Sixth Form Taster Day

It has been great to start talking to Year 11 pupils in more details about their plans for the next academic year and to hear such enthusiasm for either A-Level or BTEC study at KSA Sixth Form.

Next week sees our first Sixth Form Open Evening of the year. This is an opportunity for pupils and parents to hear more about our Sixth Form, from our Head of Sixth Form, Mr. Tindell (r.tindell@kingolomonacademy.org) and from our sixth form teaching team. We look forward to welcoming you and your child into school next Thursday 5th October at 5.30pm.

The following Monday (9th October) Year 11 pupils will enjoy a Sixth Form taster day where they will learn some new subjects with some new teachers. Pupils will get a taste of life in KSA Sixth Form which they can use to help inspire their applications.

Sixth Form applications are already open. For more information, please see the school website.

<http://kingsolomonacademy.org/sixth-form/how-do-i-apply>

PSHE

This week saw the launch of this year's PSHE cycle. It was wonderful to see pupils working hard across Upper School on Tuesday this week as they learnt about Healthy Relationships.

Languages Week

This week has been Languages Week across the Academy. In Upper School, this took on a careers focus, with pupils reading about the value of languages to employers. In assembly, it was lovely to be able to celebrate with pupils the sheer number of languages spoken in the Academy community and to consider the massive advantage this provides our pupil with as they begin to make decisions about their futures.

Quizzes

Pupils in Upper School have now completed quizzes in almost all subjects and will begin their second round of these next week. Huge numbers of pupils have received 100% in their first quizzes. This was particularly true in English where a staggering 19 pupils earned 100% due to their hard work. A particular shout out has to go to Mohammed Saleem, who achieved 100% in three different quizzes.

School Leaders

It's been wonderful to see so many pupils applying to be School Leaders this year. This is a great opportunity for pupils to develop their leadership skills and to have an impact on the running of the school. Interviews will be conducted over the next week and I look forward to announcing this year's School Leaders shortly.

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. This week's leading class is 10 Reading, who have been in school on time, all day for 98% of the past week.

All pupils are expected to have attendance of at least 97% and are expected to be on time to school every day. We understand that sometimes pupils fall ill and of course we would encourage parents to care for and support their children when they are unwell, keeping them at home when absolutely necessary. *If they are kept home it is important that this is reported to the school absence line, rather than directly to class teachers or other members of staff.* If in doubt about whether or not your child should be in school please send them in and their Head of Year will make a decision about whether or not they should stay. Please be aware that if your child's attendance falls below 90% we have a duty to refer the case to external agencies so they can support your family with school attendance.

Appointments

We understand that occasionally pupils may need to miss a short period of school to attend emergency or inflexible appointments. These will be authorised if documentation is provided to your child's Head of Year in advance of the appointment. Any non-urgent appointments (e.g. dental/ doctors check ups, opticians appointments) should be made for after school, or for during the holidays. These will not be authorised during the school day. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is in school and learning at all opportunities.

Individual Healthcare Plans

All pupils with allergies or medical needs require a healthcare plan. If you have yet to make an appointment to create an individual healthcare plan please email i.colmans@kingsolomonacademy to make an appointment or to create a healthcare plan over the phone/ via email. If you have not made a healthcare plan this year it will be assumed that your child's medical needs are no longer chronic and hence will be removed from our system.

If your child requires specific medication for a fixed period (e.g. antibiotics or painkillers for a specific and temporary ailment) please bring it to reception between 8.30 and 10 am and Imogen Colmans, our Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator, will be able to ensure your child receives the medication they require.

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!

In the meantime, any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself, Ms Woodham (Head of Year 11, h.woodham@kingsolomonacademy.org) or Ms. Mulvena (Head of Year 10, r.mulvena@kingsolomonacademy.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks all,

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