

Friday, 3rd November 2017

Dear Upper School parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! I hope you and your family had a lovely half term. It has been great to get started teaching pupils again this week.

PRIDE scores

After the success of last half term's Halloween parties, the race is on to see which class can be the PRIDE trophy winners this half term. It was excellent to see record numbers of classes achieving the PRIDE prize last half term and we hope that the maximum number of pupils earn this half term's prize, which will be planned by School Leaders.

The current leader board is as follows:

Position	Class	Half Term Average
1	10 Reading	4.60
2	10 Keble	4.56
3	10 East Anglia	4.55
	11 Sussex	4.55
4	11 Aberystwyth	4.47
5	11 York	4.14

Payslip

Particular payslip congratulations this week go to:

- Abdullah Barzi in 10 Keble who earned 156 KSA pounds.
- Adam Mkaled in 10 Reading who earned 162 KSA pounds.
- Omran Merza in 11 Aberystwyth who earned 162 KSA pounds.
- Ayman Kalvenas in 11 York who earned 147 KSA pounds.

Rewards

Pupils in Upper School who earned Gold or Silver Payslip Averages in Half Term one have the opportunity to wear their own clothes today as a reward for their excellent work.

It is also great to see so many pupils on track to earn this year's residential trips, a reflection of a great start to the academic year.

For those who earn it, we look forwards to taking Year 10 pupils to Belgium **2nd July and 5th July** and Year 11 pupils to Cambridge University between **7th March and 9th March**.

Attendance

It has been great to see the vast majority of pupils on time, every day this week- a testament to their commitment to GCSE success. Thanks for your support in ensuring this continues!

Looking ahead

- Alongside their regular quizzes this half term, Upper School pupils will sit formal assessments in Week 4 (W/B 20th November). Pupils should be revising carefully at home to ensure they are ready for these important assessments.
- There is an academy wide training day on **Friday 8th December**. Pupils will not be in school as teachers will be joining with other professionals from the ARK network to mark assessments.
- A reminder that contributions for this year's trips are requested by Monday 27th November 2017, as outlined in Week 5's newsletter from Half Term One. (This is available on the website).
- Half term 2 finishes on **Wednesday 20th December**. The last week will be very important as pupils will receive their reports and learn about PSHE (both on Tuesday 19th December), receive feedback on assessments and celebrate their successes with the PRIDE prize and the Upper School Celebration Assembly.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Ms. Woodham (h.woodham@kingsolomonacademy.org), Ms. Mulvena (r.mulvena@kingsolomonacademy.org) or myself.

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,

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