

Friday, 1st December 2017

Dear Upper School parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! This week we'll be sharing key information about Parents Evenings which will take place on Monday 8th January for Year 11 and Tuesday 9th/Wednesday 10th January for Year 10.

PRIDE scores

Most classes continue to do a consistently excellent job, as reflected by their high PRIDE scores. All classes with a PRIDE score above 4.4 will join this half term's PRIDE prize on **Monday 18th December**, when the classes who earn it will spend the afternoon ice-skating. We hope 10 Keble and 10 York are able to join us to- they have two more weeks to improve their PRIDE scores.

The current leader board is as follows:

Position	Class	Half Term Average
1	10 Reading	4.59
2	10 East Anglia	4.52
3	11 Sussex/11 Aberystwyth	4.42
5	11 York	4.34
6	10 Keble	4.20

Payslip

Particular payslip congratulations this week go to:

- Mariam Mahdaoui, Nazifa Begum and Lin Shamas in 10 Keble all of whom earned 148 KSA pounds.
- Sadia Islam in 10 Reading who earned 138 KSA pounds.
- Holta Jahja in 10 UEA who earned 150 KSA pounds.
- Ibrahim Ismail in 11 Aberystwyth who earned 126 KSA pounds.
- Nadia Awad in 11 Sussex who earned 116 KSA pounds.
- Somaya Ahmadi in 11 York who earned 110 KSA pounds.

Attendance

Well done to 10 Keble who have the highest attendance in Upper School this week.

Pupils have been working hard in class, reflecting on their assessments and moving ahead with new GCSE syllabus content. It's really important pupils are here every day to ensure they do not fall behind on the course content, as every day really does make a difference.

Parents Evenings

We look forward to seeing parents in the New Year to discuss your child's progress so far this academic year and to make plans for how we can support your child to make even more progress.

We will be writing shortly to confirm how you can book appointments with individual teachers.

Year 11 - Monday 8th January 2018

On this day, pupils in Y11 will be dismissed from school at 1pm.

Year 10- Tuesday 9th January and Wednesday 10th January

Year 10 pupils will be dismissed at 1pm on both of these to allow teachers to meet with parents.

Belgium Trip- Year 10

Ms. Mulvena has written to all year 10 parents this week regarding passports and EHIC cards for the Belgium trip, which will take place between 2nd-5th July. Please engage with this letter and send your child's passport to school with them on Monday, so we can ensure we have the correct documentation and support you in sorting documents if necessary.

A reminder that pupils need an annual payslip average of 100 in order to earn the trip. You can see where your child is currently on their weekly payslip, which they bring home every Wednesday. Pupils can increase their payslip by being in school on time, every day, and by working hard and behaving well in all lessons. Talking to your child about their weekly payslip total is a good way to ensure pupils stay motivated and on track- thank you for your support in this.

Sporting News



It's been a big basketball week for the school! The Key Stage 4 boys' basketball made it to the Semi-Finals in their basketball tournament and came back feeling proud. The girls played hard in the Westminster tournament on Thursday and came away with a win. Big shout out to Rana and thank you to Zahira and Hanae for stepping in to help the team out.

Rewarding Excellence

Pupils in Years 10 and 11 with excellent attendance will be rewarded with an ice-skating trip to the Tower of London next Thursday. Ms. Woodham and Ms. Mulvena are choosing the top pupils, based on attendance, punctuality and behaviour. We look forward to sharing photos next week.

Looking ahead- reminders

- 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.
- 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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