

Friday 6th October 2017

Hello Upper School parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Pupils in Upper School have continued to work hard this week and it was lovely to see so many pupils earning enrichment once again.

PRIDE scores

PRIDE scores continue to be high in all six Upper School classes at the moment, a reflection of their hard work and enthusiasm across the school day. All classes who achieve an average of over 4.4 will attend the Halloween PRIDE prize, planned by School Leaders, on Thursday 19th October.

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

Position	Class	Half Term Average
1	10 Reading	4.64
2	10 Keble	4.54
3	11 Aberystwyth	4.49
4	11 York	4.44
6	10 East Anglia	4.43
5	11 Sussex	4.42

Payslip

There were some exceptionally high payslips in Upper School last week. Particular congratulations go to Shaymae Arrous Year 10 who had an outstanding week, earning 158 KSA pounds, and to Ahmed Al-Haj, managed to earn 146 KSA pounds over the past week. The best class overall in Upper School is 10 Keble, who got an overall average payslip of 121. 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.

Year 11 Sixth Form Opening Evening and Sixth Form Taster Day

Yesterday lots of our Year 11 pupils came for the Sixth Form Opening Evening to learn more about our A-Level subjects and to consider the subjects they feel passionate about next year when they will have more ownership of their subjects.

On 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>

Quizzes

English and Science quizzes have taken place this week- we look forward to seeing who emerges as leaders! Next week all Upper School pupils will take quizzes in Maths, French and Religious Studies. Please encourage them to revise over the weekend, using their knowledge organisers which can be found in the front of their exercise books.

School Leaders

We have been impressed with the quality of school leader applications this year and thank all those who applied. All pupils who applied should feel very proud of themselves and we look forward to seeing them take advantage of other excellent opportunities which emerge as this year progresses.

The Upper School Leadership team worked with Sixth Form Prefects to whittle down the final list to this year's Upper School Leaders.

Year 10	Year 11
Meraj	Nadia
Adam	Fatima
Christian	Amer
Holta	Kanishka
Sarah J	Ahmed Al-Haj
Lin	
Yoss	

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. Once again, the best form in Upper School over the past week is 10 Reading, with 98% of pupils in school, on time every day. Very close behind is 10 Keble, with 97%. Good work these forms. A reminder that all pupils are expected to have attendance of at least 97% and are expected to be on time to school every day.

Coughs and colds: As we approach winter we understand that coughs and colds are more common. Whilst some colds can be severe, we would generally advise that pupils are only kept out of school on the advice of a doctor or healthcare professional. Please see this link from the NHS for more guidance about preventing coughs and colds, and for treating them:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cold-common/pages/introduction.aspx>

Medication: We understand that in some cases, for a short period, pupils may require medication such as paracetamol, throat tablets or antihistamines during the school day. If you would like to provide your child with these to keep in their bag and self-administer as needed, please do so. We consider that parental provision of these medicines acts as consent for the pupil to self-administer the medication. If the medication is for a longer period, or if you would like the medicine to be administered by trained first aiders, please meet Ms Colmans at the Parent Advice Hub between 8.30 and 10am. She will record the medication and complete the required paperwork with you, this information will then be passed on to the appropriate members of staff.

Pastoral Care Co-ordination

Ms Colmans is the Pastoral Care Co-ordinator at King Solomon Academy. Each morning Ms Colmans is available between 8:30 – 10am to assist parents with the following matters:

- Attendance concerns
- Healthcare Plans
- Housing matters
- Community concerns
- Access to other services
- Medical matters



If you would like to speak to Ms Colmans about any of the above matters or if there is something else you wish to discuss please send an email to parents@kingsolomonacademy.org to request an appointment time.

Priority will be given each morning to those parents that have made appointments. If your matter is urgent and you have not made an appointment Ms Colmans will make every effort to see you that morning.

Coffee morning continues at 8.30am on Friday morning in Infants Commons- we'd love to see you there! Next week the focus is Upper School so hopefully of particular interest to readers of this newsletter.

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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