

Friday, 13th October 2017

Hello Upper School parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! This week Year 11 pupils have experienced their first Sixth Form lessons and pupils in both year groups have continued to work hard, striving to earn next week's PRIDE prize.

PRIDE scores

We are looking forward to the first PRIDE prize of the year, next Thursday 19th October, and our new Upper School Leaders will enjoy planning this over the next week. It's been great to see all classes working hard to maintain high PRIDE scores and to see 10 East Anglia steadily increasing over the past week.

The current leader board is as follows. 10 Reading are storming into the lead, and can look forward to additional prizes if they manage to maintain this advantage.

Position	Class	Half Term Average
1	10 Reading	4.65
2	10 Keble	4.52
3	11 Aberystwyth	4.52
4	11 York	4.50
6	10 East Anglia	4.43
6	11 Sussex	4.41

Payslip

There were some exceptionally high payslips in Upper School last week.

Particular congratulations go to:

- Yasmin Ehab in 10 Reading who earned 158 KSA pounds
- Hanae Benariba in 10 Keble who earned 156 KSA pounds.
- Saba Ahmadi in 11 York who earned 150 KSA pounds.
- Nura Mohammed in 11 Aberystwyth 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.

Attendance

Lots of pupils have continued to be here on time, every day in the past week. Thank you to all parents for your support in making this happen and in helping pupils to understand the value of their education.

This week three classes lead the way: 11 York, 10 Reading and 10 Keble.

Quizzes

We are well into our second round of quizzes and are able to identify lots of pupils who are doing an excellent job! A shout out to Ayub Wadi, in 11 Aberystwyth, who did a great job in Maths!

Exam boards

Many parents have been asking questions about which subjects do which exam boards. It is great to have so many questions about this and to know so many of you are working hard with your children at home to support them to make great progress.

Please refer to the below table for a breakdown of key exam boards.

Subject	Exam board
English	AQA
Maths	AQA
Science	AQA
French	Edexcel
Spanish	Edexcel
RS	AQA
History	AQA
Geography	AQA
Business	AQA
Art	Eduqas
Music	Edexcel

Sixth Form Taster Day

Year 11 enjoyed their first taste of Sixth Form on Monday, engaging in a variety of subjects at A-Level standards for the first time, with lots of new teachers! It was great to see pupils working so hard and being so engaged.



Pupils in Year 11 had an Advisory session this week learning how to fill in their Sixth Form application successfully, and should begin the process of applying here:

<http://sixthform.arkschools.org/apply-new-student/s/king-solomon-academy>

For any questions regarding KSA Sixth Form, please get in touch with our Head of Sixth Form, Mr. Tindell (r.tindell@kingsolomonacademy.org).

School Leader Residential

The new Upper School Leadership team, along with student leaders across the secondary school, will be taking place on Friday and Saturday this week. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore the Surrey Hills and to spend some time learning about how to be leaders within the school.

Residential Trips in 2017-18

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the residential trips which are taking place this year in Upper School and which Mr. Haimendorf has written to you about this week.

In Year 10, we look forward to taking pupils to Belgium, to visit World War 1 battlefields, as well as lots of other activities. This trip will take place between 2nd July and 5th July. Pupils will all need valid passports (with at least sixth months until the expiry date) to attend this trip and parents are advised to begin the application process now to ensure all pupils are able to attend.

In Year 11, pupils will celebrate the end of their mock exams (and hopefully some very promising results) with a trip to Cambridge University, which involves visiting the beautiful university and exploring the town. This trip will take place between 7th March and 9th March.

As Mr. Haimendorf said, we care about trips so much that **we will use the school budget to subsidise trips across all year groups**. For Free School meals children the school will pay for 60% of the trips costs. For other pupils, the school will pay for 30% of the costs.

The remaining contributions we are therefore asking from parents are:

Free School Meals

	Residential trips	Total to be paid per year
Year 10	£80	£80
Year 11	£60	£60

Non Free School Meals

	Residential trips	Total to be paid per year
Year10	£140	£140
Year 11	£105	£105

To save on time writing and phoning parents about contributions, and to ensure that we know that we have received this money early in the academic year, we will ask for this money at the start of the year. **We therefore request that all parents contribute the appropriate money by Monday November 27 2017.**

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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