

Wednesday 18th October 2017

Dear Upper School parents,

As half term one draws to a close, I am pleased to be writing to you to draw your attention to highlights from this half term. Pupils in Upper School have been working exceptionally hard and should be proud of all the progress they have made over the course of half term one.

A reminder that the weekly newsletter is sent out by email on Fridays and is also published weekly on the school website. (<http://kingsolomonacademy.org/school-culture/relationships-parents/letters-home>). We've been grateful to those parents who've already written to us with suggestions about extra useful content and would love to continue hearing this feedback.

Individual Updates

We will be producing formal reports after our first assessments, which take place in Week 4 of Half Term 2. Teachers have already started talking to pupils about how they can be revising at home over the half term break to be ready for these first assessments.

You should have received a paper version of this newsletter, which includes personalised pastoral details. Thank you for engaging with this and returning the reply slip.

Attendance

You will have noticed that we have pushed to improve attendance this half term. Thank you to all parents for your support in ensuring pupils are in school, on time every day and in helping pupils to understand the value of their education. It has been pleasing to see lots of individuals make a conscious effort to improve their attendance as the half term has progressed and we are especially pleased that currently over half of all pupils maintain outstanding attendance and punctuality.

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

Pastoral Summary

Please complete the reply slip attached to confirm receipt of this information and do get in touch directly with your child's class teacher should you have any questions. A reminder of key pastoral contacts is below:

Head of Year 10	Ms. Mulvena	r.mulvena@kingsolomonacademy.org
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11 Aberystwyth	Ms. Povey	l.povey@kingsolomonacademy.org

PRIDE scores

Thursday sees our first PRIDE prize of the year in Upper School. Upper School Leaders have worked hard to prepare for this and will be in charge of the celebrations in each year group.

It is great to announce that all classes have made this half term's PRIDE prize. 10 Reading should be particularly proud, as they have earned the PRIDE trophy. All of 10 Reading (as overall winners) and 11 York and 11 Aberystwyth (as joint Year 11 winners), will enjoy pizza in their PRIDE celebrations tomorrow.

Position	Class	Half Term Average
1	10 Reading	4.62
2	10 Keble	4.47
3	11 Aberystwyth/ 11 York	4.47
5	11 Sussex	4.44
6	10 East Anglia	4.41

Payslip

Once again, there were some excellent payslips last week.

Particular congratulations go to:

- Mariam Mahdaoui in 10 Keble who earned 168 KSA pounds.
- Saimah Zaman in 10 Keble who earned 156 KSA pounds.
- Shayma Arrous in 10 Reading who earned 142 KSA pounds
- Hanae Benariba in 10 Keble who earned 156 KSA pounds.
- Saba Ahmadi and Somaya Ahmadi i in 11 York who earned 150 KSA pounds.
- Abu Backer Ali in 11 Sussex who earned 142 KSA pounds.

Quizzes

As we draw to the end of our second cycle of quizzes, the following pupils have been recognised by teachers as having worked particularly hard for or performed particularly well on their half term one quizzes. Well done to all of these pupils:

Year 11			
Kafi	Nora Mohammed	Saba Ahmadi	Somaya Ahmadi
Ibrahim	Luke	Iverson	Ahmed Al-Haj
Mahfuz	Habiba	Marwa	Nadia
Year 10			
Sadia	Hanae	Omar	Bushra
Mariam	Holta	Zahira	Saeed
Shaymae	Nazifa	Dana	Mo O

Exam boards

As in last week's newsletter, we wanted to draw your attention to the exam boards different subjects are using in Upper School. Thank you to all those parents have been asking so proactively about

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

School Leader Residential

The new Upper School Leadership team had a great time with other School Leaders and Sixth Form Prefects last weekend. Pupils enjoyed pushing themselves beyond their comfort zone and working as a team. Well done to all involved. We are looking forward to seeing these pupils take on increasing leadership roles as the year progresses.

Upper School Sports

In the sporting world, the past weeks have been exciting for KSA pupils.

Girls Football

The year 9 and 10 girls football team came 2nd in the annual Westminster football tournament, losing to St George's in a penalty shoot-out! Well done to the following in the team:

Year 10 – Zahira, Hanae, Lamia, Parys, Sara J

Cross country

Well done to all that competed in the annual Westminster cross country competition.

Hanae, Lamia and Abdi who finished top 10 and great efforts from Tia, Ayman and Shabbir.

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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