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THE KINGS OF WESSEX SCHOOL

A Church of England Foundation School  
Specialist Technology College

## The Kings' Messenger

End of Spring Term – April 2008

### Dear Parents

Whilst it only seems a short time since I last wrote to you in this deceptively short half term, we have nevertheless been busy in the lead-up to Part 2 of our Easter holidays.

I am all too aware that this is an important time for our students and staff have been working hard to provide support to our Year 11 students in finishing their coursework and now to prepare for their exams. Parents will understand the importance of keeping our young people motivated and organised with their work.

I have been very impressed by the high standard of coursework and it is clear that students have dedicated many hours, taking pride in their work. Students have attended coursework catch-up days to improve their performance - and our Easter revision programme is offering more subjects than ever. I do hope that our Year 11 and Sixth Form students will attend these valuable revision sessions.

In tune with learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, revision CD's for Design and Technology, History, Maths and Science will be issued to all Year 11 students at the end of this term to enable them to revise during the Easter holidays. I am grateful to our Design and Technology Enrichment Leader Miss Chapman for leading this innovation project.

This year we have decided to change arrangements for Year 11 examination leave. Students on target in the majority of their subjects will be able to study independently at home starting from **Tuesday 13 May 2008**. However, those students who are falling below target will be required to attend school for normal lessons until the completion of their public exams. We are hopeful this strategy will give additional support to students who need to boost their grades.

On the theme of exam preparation we are also introducing exam briefings prior to all GCSE exams. Subject teachers will meet with all students before the exam to remind them of the exam essentials and provide last minute advice.

Next term our Year 9 students will be sitting their SAT exams in English, Maths and Science. I thank those parents who attended our information evening this half term. Those parents who were unable to attend can collect some information from the school reception.

We recently held two very informative Higher Education conferences for our Year 12 students with visiting speakers from a number of universities. I know this provided an insight and taste for university life - including reference to the treacherous subject of student finances!

This half term, I was delighted to appoint our new Senior Student Team for 2008. This is a special part of the Sixth Form and I always enjoy interviewing our students who wish to represent their fellow students and act as ambassadors.

One of their big responsibilities is of course, to lead our annual Charities Week. This year, given the particularly high calibre of students we appointed an extra two students... to create our very own *twelve* disciples! (you can see their photo on the school website).

At the time of writing we are busy preparing for the official opening of our new Kings Theatre following our highly successful launch school production, "*The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*" at the end of January. I am delighted that parents, Governors and local theatre group representatives will be joining us to celebrate this stunning building.

The Kings Theatre is already proving to be a true asset for Drama teaching, as well as an exciting space for the wider school and community. Moreover, I am pleased to report that Governors have recently agreed to install tiered seating that will certainly add the final finishing touch.

We will be continuing our programme of building improvements. Given Drama has now moved to the Kings Theatre, this has provided an opportunity to devote more space to expanding and updating the Art and Music Departments. I look forward to reporting to you with future developments.

There have been some exhilarating goings-on in the Learning Resource Centre with the "Extreme Reading" project. I have been enjoying discovering about students' and staff preferred reading locations.

Beyond the classroom, this Easter Holiday some of our students will be combining French language practice with exercise when they fly to France on a skiing trip. And, not long since our Danzatak dancers returned from Russia in the February half term, some students will soon be off to Prague. I know it will not be long before we look forward to welcoming our exchange students to Somerset in October.

Finally, it only remains for me to thank you all for your support of our work in school and behind the scenes, and I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Yours sincerely,

CHRIS RICHARDSON  
Headteacher



#### Easter Holidays 2008

I remind parents, our Part 2 Easter Holidays are:  
**Monday 7 to Friday 18 April inclusive**  
We return to school to commence the Summer Term on  
**Monday 21 April 2008**

# Spring Term - Roll of Honour

**Special Achievements:** James Soffe 10AD has reached the extra dizzy peak of **Platinum (AGAIN!)**, this term! *Congratulations and well done James!*

*A big well done to all our students for their outstanding Special Achievements this school year and for their contribution to the broader life of school – we are all very proud of you!\**

**Platinum (50 merits)** - Connor Boyce 9VP, Reece Faulkner 9CRA, Robert Hann 9PT, Joshua Highmore 9DR, Gregory Smith 9CRA, Anna Tulley 9PT and Niamh Wrench 9TT.

## Bronze (5 merits)

James Hall 10AD  
Heather Paton 10AD  
Katheryn Hansford 10SJ

## Silver (15 merits)

Chloe Bisdee 9ER  
Russell Eccleston 9ER  
Abigail Ham 9FP  
Alice Jones 9FP  
Bethany Thomson 9FP  
Rebecca Penhall 9GC  
Emily Spencer 10AD  
Laura Dover 10SJ  
Holly Freemantle 10SJ  
Jason Homes 10SJ  
Lawrence Plumley 10SJ  
Daisy Robinson-Rattle 10SJ  
Luke Wilds 10SJ

## Gold (25 merits)

Amy Besley 9DR  
Ben Crompton 9DR  
Benjamin Champion 9ER  
Kiri Fisher 9ER  
Uraivan Nanthachit 9ER  
George Penwarden 9ER  
Sharif Syed 9ER  
Charlotte Coggins 9FP  
Jack Cox 9FP  
Bradley Edrich 9FP  
Freddie Horwood 9FP  
Richard Priddice 9FP  
Lewis Aung 9FS  
Melissa Balkham 9FS  
Nathan Brooks 9FS  
Emma Butlin 9FS  
Lewis Jones 9FS  
Chris Kent 9FS  
Samuel Kent 9FS  
Henry Paul 9FS

Lewis Jones 9FS  
Chris Kent 9FS  
Samuel Kent 9FS  
Jonathan Collingwood 9GC  
Samuel Newton 9GC  
Jasmine Skyrme 9GC  
Callum Stewart 9PT  
Ben Wall 9PT  
Jessica Benjamin 9TT  
Nathaniel Gall 9TT  
Lucy Laken 9TT  
Stephanie Rogers 9TT  
Daniel Turner 9TT  
Rhiannon Black 10SJ  
Laura Nesbitt 10SJ

*\*These names are correct at the time of going to print – clearly this is an ongoing process and a runaway success!*

**Enrichments Subjects:** are awarded at the end of each term in recognition of students' achievements in Enrichment Subjects.

## English

Paige Beesley 9PT  
Sophie Caunt 9FS  
Reece Faulkner 9CRA  
Liam Grant 9VP  
Kirsty McLaren 9DR  
Robert Perry 9DR  
Jenna Purves 9VP  
Bethany Bloodworth 10JR  
Emma Hanlon 10CA  
Paul Jarvis 10TP  
Olivia Owen 10TP  
Rozalia Shepherd 10TP  
Kayleigh Skittrall 10EHE  
James Soffe 10AD  
Serena Syed 10CED  
Yvette Taylor 12JWN  
Elen Davies 13GR  
Matthew Warder 13DDC

## ICT

Charlotte Coggins 9FP  
Rebecca Day 9GC  
Laetitia McConville 9GC  
Kirsty McClaren 9DR

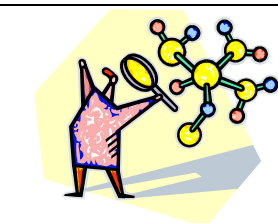
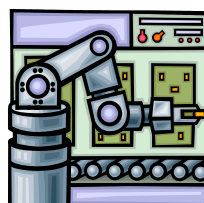
## Maths

Freya Cumberlidge 9VP  
Benjamin Davey 9CRA  
Emily Ingle 9FS  
Elizabeth Nash 9FP  
Sophie Patten 9JPF  
George Atkins 10DP  
Nick Bamber 10JR  
Benjamin Davidson 10TP  
Tom Fake 10CA  
Eleanor Jones 10JR  
Aisling O'Brien 10JR  
Amy Richards 10EHE  
Daisy Robinson-Rattle 10SJ  
Eleanor Rowntree 10EHE  
Lucy Stevens 10DP  
Nicola Atkin 11GL  
Matthew Barber 11FH  
Joseph Cowell 11DE  
Matthew Day 11EC  
Harry Edwards 11CBE  
Miles Ingleby 11FH  
Benjamin Jacobs 11DPW  
Thomas Knight 11CBE  
William Manners 11DPW

Carly Pope 11ML  
Ryan Pridgeon 11EC  
Joseph Purves 11EC  
Sophie Ralph 11GL  
Priyanka Singhal 11NR  
Alex Smith 11GL

## Design Technology

Matteo Veglia 9FS  
Bethan Woodhall 9FS  
Simon Addicott 10 EHE  
James Alexander 10 JR  
Alice Attwood 10 SJ  
Carla Gordon 10 TP  
Katheryn Hansford 10 SJ  
Georgia Kevill 10 AD  
Olivia Owen 10 TP  
Jodie Skittrall 10 SJ  
Jacob Finlay 11FH



## Science

Lucy Cornish 10AD  
Oliver Crandon 10CA  
Jessica Berry 11ALF  
Olivia Evans 11ALF  
Matthew Martin 11AT  
Samantha Belch 12SP  
Harry Lakin 12SO  
Siobhan Newton 12SO  
Sandy Shaban 12SO  
Hugh Tinton 12SO  
Holly Tyson 12CWH  
Helen Wanstall 12SR  
Joshua Wilson 12JWN  
Heather Paterson 13DDC  
Emily Ralph 13AJH

**School Colours:** are awarded at the end of each term in recognition of students' achievements in the Arts and Sports extra curricular activities.

### Netball

#### Junior

Sinead Byrom 9FS  
Lucy Midcalf 9TT  
Megan N Jones 9TT  
Jenny Pearce 9JPF  
Charlotte Scriven 9TT  
Mehtab Arshad 10DP  
Victoria Ferguson 10LD  
Michelle Fieldhouse 10DP  
Camilla Gibson 10CED  
Stacey Pope 10CA  
Bethany Robinson 10CA  
Hannah Wilson 10TP

#### Senior

Flora Emeney 11NR  
Lorrie Hancock 11CBE  
Emily Ferguson 12SO  
Charlotte Richardson 13BR

### Equestrian

#### Senior

Katie Cooper 12SK

### School Librarian

Chris Kent 9FS  
Robert Perry 9DR  
John Male 9GC

### Girls Football

#### Junior

Jenny Pearce 9JPF  
Charlotte Scriven 9TT  
Mehtab Arshad 10DP  
Rachael Cherry 10EHE  
Laura Dover 10SJ  
Camilla Gibson 10CED  
Georgia Madsen 10TP  
Cori Martin 10AD  
Rozalia Shepherd 10TP  
Eve Taschimowitz 10CED  
Rebecca Teagle 10EHE  
Abbey Woolway 10LD

#### Senior

Charlotte Hockley 11CBE  
Sophie Jones 11AT  
Natasha McCrea-Steele 11CBE  
Jessica Shepherd 11AT

### Football

#### Junior

Jordan Baker 9FS  
Johnathan Barrett 9CRA  
Alex Brandrick 9DR  
Thomas Cashmore 9TT  
Tom Childs 9CRA  
Jonathan Collingwood 9GC  
Benjamin Davey 9CRA  
Greg Davies 9ER  
Samuel Frankland 9FP  
Nathaniel Gall 9TT  
Thomas Gooding 9ER  
Joseph Grant 9JPF  
Adam Green 9DR  
Bradley Hunt 9GC  
Lewis Jones 9FS  
James Knight 9PT  
James Lukins 9TT  
Samuel Poole 9GC  
Joseph Rossiter 9FP  
Jordan Scorse 9PT  
Sam Shuff 9CRA  
Sharif Syed 9ER  
Sean Whiteman 9TT  
Percy Foord 10EHE  
George Kimmins 10KS

#### Senior

Hesham Afifi 11SS  
George Booth 11AT  
John Edwards 11ALF  
Lucas Eriksson 11AT  
William Manning 11ALF  
Joshua O'Shaughnessy 11SS  
Craig Scriven 11ML  
Robert Edwards 12SR  
Lewis Matthews 12SP  
Mohammed Afifi 13GR  
Samuel Stephens 13GR  
Michael Taylor 13BR



### Drama

#### Junior

Katie Brock 9CRA  
Nicole Fever 9CRA  
Luke Jones 9CRA  
Daniel Albone 10 DP  
Chloe Kitching 10 DP  
Rhiannon Lumley 10JR  
Georgina O'Neill 10SJ  
Amy Richards 10 EHE  
Lucy Stephens 10DP  
Sophie Watkins 10TP

#### Senior

Helen Craddock 11ML  
Alice Edwards 11ALF  
Oliver Ghalleb 11CBE  
Lauren Holle 11CBE  
Benjamin Jacobs 11DPW  
Hannah Lane 11ML  
Becky Male 11EC  
Laura Pavey 11SS  
Maddison Ventour Page 11ALF  
Benjamin Virgo 11FH  
Benita Boyce 12CWH  
Holly Crompton 12SR  
Emma Hardwick 12SK  
Hannah Lucas 12IS  
Rosemara Mather Lupton 12CWH  
Rebecca Maynard 12JWN  
Thomas O'Neill 12SR  
Nathan Salmon 12JWN  
Miles Tinncknell 12 SRH  
Lizzy Murray 13 GR  
Luke Wilson 13 BR

### Public Speaking

#### Junior

Connor Boyce 9VP  
Freya Cumberland 9VP  
Ben Delvey 9CRA  
Max Hope-Stone Bell 9VP

#### Senior

Samuel Armstrong-Gambier 11AT

**Congratulations to all our students and to everyone for their valued participation!**

See the updated Summer Term Extra Curricular Booklet for more information about the many exciting clubs and activities around school – do join up and learn something new!

**Subject Awards:** are awarded at the end of each term in recognition of students' achievements in their academic subjects.

Subjects	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
English <i>Lang - Language Lit - Literature MS - Media Studies</i>	Seth Cunningham	Serena Syed	Priyanka Singhal	Miles Tincknell (MS) Rhiannon Evans (Lang) Emily Ferguson (Lit)	Elen Davies (MS) Stuart Ponsford (Lang) Thomas Puddy (Lit)
Maths	Freya Cumberlidge	Lucy Stephens	Priyanka Singhal	Steven Lukins	Bethan Tucker
Technology <i>CD - Child Development F - Food G - Graphics RM - Resistant Materials</i>	Hannah Wood (F) Lily Newton-Browne (PD)	Lucy Cornish (PD) Georgia Kevell (F) Rachael Cherry (CD)	Ben Jacobs (RM) Emma Smith (G) Zoe Bladon (F) Danielle Emery (CD)	Joanna Travis (G) Edward Robinson (RM) Katie Cooper (F)	Hugh Stobart (G) Michael Taylor (RM) Victoria Bradley (F)
ICT	Harriet Lang	Chloe Kitching	Benjamin Jacobs	Nathan Salmon	Elizabeth Chir
Biology	John Holle	Brent Stewart	Alex Peebles- Brown	Freya Gruffyd-Jones	Aimee Brogden
Chemistry	Lewis Podpadec	Oliver Crandon	Priyanka Singhal	Elizabeth Rabbitts	Jennifer Scott
Physics	Samuel Armstrong-Gambier	Daisy Robinson-Rattle	Carolyn Bathe	Thomas Higgs	Bethany Morgan
Psychology	-	-	-	Timothy Dixon	Aimee Brogden
Business Studies	-	Samuel Jones	Aiden Hoyle	Paul Drake	Elizabeth Chir
Geography	Laura Weigold	Jamie Moore	Abigail Laurie	Elizabeth Rabbitts	Laura Caton
History	Megan E Jones	Nadine Williams	Flora Emeny	Sara Puddy	Lily Mason
R.E.	Ella Williamson	Rebecca Baker	Rachel Harding	Helen Taylor	Robert Spanring
Languages <i>F - French G - German</i>	Adam Clegg (F) Jasmine Chadwick (G)	Lucy Cornish (F) Benjamin Davidson (G)	Carly Pope (F) Jade Blair (G)	Clowance Cotterill (F) Nicole Close (G)	Eleanor Taylor (F) Sasha Davies (G)
Art	Niamh Wrench	Rosemary Price	Isabella Podpadec	Eleanor Gall	Megan Smith
Textiles	-	-	-	Grace Barrett	Emily Bradley
Drama	Adam Clegg	Alana Bullock	Becky Male	Emma Hardwick	Luke Wilson
Music	Daniel Findlay	Simone Bygrave	Jacob Gaudoin	Declan Stewart	Stuart Ponsford
Photography	-	-	-	Casey Ryder	Silas Wynne
P.E.	Lewis Podpadec	Alexander Hicks	Charlotte Hockley	Daniel Layton	Laura Caton
PSHE	Edward Ash	Jamie Moore	Natasha McCrea-Steele	-	-
Learning Support	Tom Ainsworth	Alice Attwood	Holly Carthy	-	-



# The Kings Calendar *(for the first half of the Summer Term 2008)*

<b>April 2008</b>	
Return to School	Monday 21 April 2008 ( <i>Week B</i> )
'A' Level Art Exams	Monday 21 April to Friday 2 May 2008
PTA Meeting	Tuesday 22 April 2008 <i>at 7.30pm, Conference Room</i>
Year 12 & 13 Driving Awareness Conference	Friday 25 April 2008, <i>Periods 1 &amp; 2</i>
Rotary Young Musician of the Year Performance Evening	Sunday 27 April 2008 <i>at 7.00pm, School Hall</i>
Year 10 Exams	Monday 28 April to Friday 3 May 2008
Parent Focus Group	Tuesday 29 April 2008, <i>7:00pm, LRC</i>
AS Level Drama Performances	Wednesday 30 April 2008, <i>Evening Only</i>
<b>May 2008</b>	
Wessex Walk	Sunday 4 May 2008
<b>BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <i>Monday 5 May 2008</i>	
<b>Year 9 SAT's Exams</b>	Tuesday 6 May to Friday 9 May 2008
Year 10 ICT Trip to Bletchley Park	Wednesday 7 May 2008, <i>All Day</i>
Year 10 Residential Trip to Min-y-Don, Snowdonia	Monday 12 May to Friday 16 May 2008
AS Exams <i>commence</i>	Monday 12 May 2008
Year 12 Exam Leave <i>commence</i>	Monday 12 May 2008
Year 11 Exam Leave <i>commence</i> * <b>See the Head's introduction</b>	Tuesday 13 May 2008
GCSE Exams <i>commence</i>	Wednesday 14 May 2008
A2 Drama Exam Performances	Thursday 15 May 2008, <i>Evening Only</i>
Czech Exchange Visit from Prague	Saturday 17 May to Saturday 24 May 2008
Year 10 Key Skills Conference	Thursday 22 May 2008, <i>All Day</i>
<b>Advance Notice:</b> The school year will now end a day earlier on <u>Tuesday 22 July 2008</u> ( <i>i.e. school will be closed from Wednesday 23 July 2008</i> ). Thank you for noting!	
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAYS:</b> Saturday 24 May to Sunday 1 June 2008 <i>inclusive</i> * ( <i>Please note, students will now return to school on Monday 2 June 2008</i> ) *	

<b>The Kings' Messenger</b> is due to be published on the following dates:
Friday 23 May 2008 <span style="float: right;">Tuesday 22 July 2008</span>

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*Thank you for keeping us informed of any changes to your contact details.*

**Absence Phone:** thank you for phoning before 10.00am **with your child's name and tutor group** on 01934 745304 or email TJenkins@educ.somerset.gov.uk on each day of absence explaining the reason for **your child's absence**.

**Year Leaders:** Please do not hesitate to contact your **child's Year Leader** to arrange an appointment in advance if you have any concerns or wish to discuss their progress.

Year 9: Mr S Green Year 10: Mr T Clark  
Year 11: Mr E Holdsworth Sixth Form: Miss S Bishop



# *Musical Events for Spring and Summer 2008 - Dates for your diary...*



## *Dear Parents,*

We are pleased to bring you the following musical events here at The Kings of Wessex School and do hope you will be able to join us.

### *Rotary Club Young Musician Grand Concert*

Sunday 27 April 2008 at 7.00pm (*The Kings of Wessex School Hall*)

After record entry numbers of over 114 young musicians we are excited our forthcoming grand concert. This promises to be an outstanding evening of music-making with prizes of up to £50 to be awarded for *the best soloist, and best ensemble in each of the four classes*: 1. First Schools 2. Middle Schools 3. The Kings of Wessex Upper School and 4. The Kings of Wessex Sixth Form.

*Tickets can be purchased on the door priced £3.50, and refreshments will be available during the interval!*

### *'A' Level Recitals*

Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 May 2008 at 7.30pm (*Corrick Theatre*)

Seven of our A2 Music students will be giving a recital as a major part of their 'A' Level studies. On Tuesday you can hear Clare Ratcliffe (*flute*), Luke Wilson (*clarinet*) and Hannah McKenzie (*voice*) each performing a 20-minute varied programme of their choice.

Wednesday will feature Stuart Ponsford (*electric guitar and bass*), Ben Smithers (*electric guitar and bass*), Silas Wynne (*electric guitar and bass*) and Phil Lee (*drum kit*).

*Tickets are £2.00 each and will be limited for a total of 50 for each evening, available at the beginning of April from the School Office*

### *Raising Voices - A Festival*

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 July 2008 - throughout the day, *times tba...*

Since last September, in a project funded by lottery money through Youth Music, four singing specialists have been visiting eight of our First Schools, Fairlands Middle School and The Kings of Wessex School to offer weekly singing opportunities to over 500 children.

The festival will be an opportunity to showcase their musical achievements - and to give the children an experience they will never forget. *Details will follow in the Summer Term.*

Finally, thank you for attending our recent Easter Concert - I am grateful to you all for your support and hope that you enjoyed the show! *I look forward to seeing you,* PAUL TAYLOR, Subject Leader for Music