

EDITION 1

# House Newsletter

Summer Edition



## PASSIONATE ABOUT DEVELOPING THE WHOLE LEARNER

Here at The Kings Academy, we operate a House System that creates a sense of pride, belonging, and togetherness, and evokes some healthy competition amongst students and staff.

We aim to ensure that character development and learner leadership are at the forefront of what we do here at The Kings Academy, and we strive to ensure that our learners are growing in belief, confidence, responsibility, and pride. These principles are at the forefront of our daily delivery to ensure that our learners demonstrate respect, pride, resilience, and passion for their learning and kindness.

We are very proud of the House System at The Kings Academy and aim to make every member of our community feel that they have a sense of belonging and pride when representing The Kings Academy.

## Kings Core Values



**POSITIVITY**



**RESPECT**



**INTEGRITY**



**DEMOCRACY**



**EQUALITY**

**CORE VALUES**

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# MR CAULFIELD'S SUMMER MESSAGE

Welcome to the Summer Edition of The Kings Academy House Newsletter.

May I start by saying thank you to all parents and carers. Your support has been greatly appreciated during the past academic year.

I am extremely proud of how the whole school community interacts within the Cheddar Valley. The students are a credit to you as parents and carers.

We are fortunate to be in a school that has great students, and I am sure you will enjoy reading more about them in this Edition. The pages that follow are a testament to the vast array of opportunities we provide for our great students here at The Kings Academy each day, and I am grateful to all the staff here who make this happen for all our students.

A Summer Newsletter would not be a Summer Newsletter without the mention of Year 11 GCSEs and Year 10 PPEs. I have been immensely proud of all those students taking their GCSEs and PPEs this year. They have risen to the challenge and, despite the current climate, they have approached them with calmness and maturity, and I am sure this will be reflected on Results Day.

Sixth Form applications continue to roll in and we currently have received over 130 applications to join Year 12 next year, with students coming not only from The Kings Academy but other schools from the surrounding areas. We look forward to welcoming many students back to The Kings Academy for their post-16 education. Whether your child plans to return to The Kings Academy following their GCSEs or not, I wish them all the very best for the future. Likewise, for those students taking their A Levels this term, I wish them all the very best as they embark on life outside of The Kings Academy. Please stay in touch as we would love to hear what you are doing and how you are getting on.

This term we have seen the return of field trips in the Geography Department. I have spoken to so many enthusiastic Year 10s loving the opportunity to explore what they have learnt in a real-world context. We are, of course, blessed with a fantastic local area that provides students with a myriad of opportunities to explore and learn. Year 11 have celebrated their final few weeks with us at The Year 11 Celebration Morning and Prom at The Batch Country House.

Our students have once again used all the tools that they have to ensure they are independent learners and progressing well through their studies. It always amazes me what students can achieve when they believe in themselves and work hard. Students across the school engage in feats every day that continually impress me.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a well-earned Summer break with the hope of some warm, sunny weather, I look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards

Jake Caulfield  
Assistant Headteacher - Pastoral, Welfare and Inclusion



# KINGS' CORE VALUES

At Kings, we believe that everything we do as a school community should be driven by our values, ethos and culture. As a Church of England school, these values have always been rooted in the Christian tradition, and presented in a way that is useful for all staff and students, of all faiths and none.

For the last five years, we have used the acronym **PRIDE** to help us remember ten important values in our community. This term, as a school, we have been reflecting upon these values and how we apply them to everything we do. As part of the process, we had detailed feedback from over 100 staff and students to help us evaluate the impact of **PRIDE**. The results taught us that both staff and students thought our values were relevant and helpful, but most agreed that it was hard to remember all ten. When we asked which ones they felt were most important the results were almost unanimous.

Therefore, following the valuable feedback from our pupils and staff, we are excited to relaunch our Kings' Core Values. The acronym PRIDE will remain, as all agreed this was helpful, but with only one value per letter. From September, these will be **Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Democracy** and **Equality**.

We are looking forward to further embedding these values into everything that happens here at Kings. We will be inviting pupils to give us examples of how they demonstrate **Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Democracy** and **Equality** during everyday life here at Kings.



**KINGS**  
CORE VALUES

## AT KINGS WE VALUE



**POSITIVITY**



**RESPECT**



**INTEGRITY**



**DEMOCRACY**



**EQUALITY**

*"Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe" John 20:29*

# AVALON HOUSE

Well, what a couple of terms we have had in Avalon since Christmas.

As I write, Year 11 have literally just left school on their last ever day in the lower school. It has been quite a journey through the examination season, and I am so proud of every single one of them. Avalon pupils, ably lead by the wonderful tutor team, have been working so hard in preparation for these important assessments. The time will come, a couple months from now, when the results will be announced, and our students will be able to firm up their next destinations. Yet for now, a long and memorable Summer beckons, and I would like to wish everyone a fun filled, safe and relaxing break. For those who are coming back to Kings in September, we are really looking forward to continuing your journey with you. To those leaving, wherever you are going and whatever you are doing, our best wishes go with you.

Earlier in the term we celebrated the Coronation of Kings Charles III. Many tutor groups created some wonderful time capsules that have been hidden around the school. It was great to see some of the creative, zeitgeist items collated into these packages. I am sure they will provide great fun to someone who finds them in the distant future. Who knows, maybe even a child of an existing pupil! In addition, we thought about those people who are in need, and we had a great response to the Cheddar Food Bank appeal. Thank you to all who gave generously, and I know these provisions will be well received by those who need them.

Around Easter we had even more fun. Many students took part in The Kings Eggcellent Easter Egg Hunt. I am particularly grateful to those members of staff who hid the little eggs all over the school site, providing an eggciting (sorry!) activity which many enjoyed. Congratulations to Dan, who won the massive Easter Egg. Around the same time we were also able to mark Red Nose Day. We had a fantastic cake sale, where all cakes sold out, raising a great total for this worthy cause. Thank you to all who baked and ate!

Avalon also hosted Kings first "Parenting in the Digital Age" information evening. A number of parents joined Mr Coles to explore how to encourage children to have a more positive engagement with digital technology, using both parenting techniques and technological ways of moderating access to online services. It was a useful evening, enjoyed by all, and will certainly be repeated.

It has been a privilege to lead Avalon through another year. So many of our pupils have continued to "grow in wisdom, stature and favour" through a range of stimulating activities here at school. Here's wishing every reader a super Summer break. We look forward to seeing you again in September.

Mr Coles  
Head of House - Avalon

**"GROWING IN WISDOM, STATURE AND FAVOUR"**



# TINTAGEL HOUSE

Firstly, I would like to start by saying congratulations to our Year 11 students in Tintagel who have now completed their GCSE exams and have started their well-deserved Summer break. A huge well done to each of you, you have taken the exams in your stride and shown a fantastic attitude throughout. We had a brilliant morning with Year 11 celebrating, the sun was shining and there were lots of fantastic-looking shirts being signed. You should be proud of what you have achieved and take the Summer to relax and enjoy time with your family and friends before you start on your next adventure in September! I look forward to seeing those of you who are returning to Kings for 6th Form and wish you all, all the best.

On the topic of Year 11, I have to say a very special thank you to Rosie EW, George R, Natalie M, Maggie R and Mollie G who have been my House Captains and Deputy House Captains this year. You did a fantastic job and spoke beautifully in our end-of-term assemblies. You were always keen to help out and were an asset to Tintagel.

Despite it being an especially busy term for Year 11 we have also been busy in Years 9 and 10! Year 10 are currently out on Work Experience. It is great to see so many students out on exciting placements. I have today spoken to Liam who is working with our IT technician and is already very busy getting us ready for September! Good luck to everyone out in the workplace, I hope you are having a fantastic week and I am looking forward to hearing all about it when you are back.

I cannot quite believe Year 9 has nearly completed its first Year at Kings! They have settled in well and achieved some fantastic things over the year. It has been a busy time this term as they have just completed their first set of end-of-year assessments in each subject and will be getting their feedback shortly.

It has been great to see lots of Tintagel students getting involved in competitions around the school. Mrs Seddon, our Librarian, is brilliant at coming up with new ideas for students to get involved with. The Christmas competition was won by Emma H.

Aoife M deserves a special mention as she came first in the Holocaust Memorial Day competition, Rebirth competition for Easter and Limerick Day competition as well as second in our World Book Day competition! A huge well done to everyone who entered. Aoife's Easter entry is below.

As well as school competitions, we have had some fantastic performances from students in Tintagel in our school production of Annie this year, Maggie, Faye, Poppy, Cyanne, Amber and Rose all took part in the play and Ewan and Ed were great at supporting backstage. Well done to everyone involved, it was a performance to be proud of!

After losing out on the House Cup last term we have been working hard to gain House Points this term. We are (at the time of writing!) currently at the top of the leader board with the most points! Tintagel has had an impressive term with over 44,000 house points. At the top of our leaderboard, we currently have Aoife with over 900 points, second is Dilshaan with 562 and in third place, we have Ethan with 475.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our Deputy Head of House Mrs Angus and our Tutors for all of their hard work this year. I would also like to thank parents and carers at home, and I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing Summer break. I look forward to September and seeing all the students back in school!

Mrs Mitchell  
Head of House – Tintagel

**"A COMMUNITY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO CARE FOR THEMSELVES,  
EACH OTHER AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT"**



# CAMELOT HOUSE

As the weather warms up and another academic year draws to a close, now is the ideal time to reflect on a thoroughly enjoyable year as Head of Camelot House.

Every Camelot student should be immensely proud of themselves. This year has seen Camelot win back-to-back House Cups—an award that centres around positive behaviour inside and outside the classroom. As I say to all the students, they have won this award together as a collective, and it is a valuable lesson of what can be achieved as a team.

Before I discuss what has happened at school over the previous two terms, we must thank our fantastic Year 11 cohort. A cohort that has had to show immense resilience over the previous three years. Despite the hurdles that the last three years have faced, all students have embraced the exams and tackled them head-on. I will see you all on the GCSE results day, and hopefully, you will get the grades you need.

Tutor time has always been a pivotal time of the school day. As a school, we have always tried to offer a wide variety of different topics for our students. Monday is delivered by myself; I make the assemblies an opportunity to reflect and engage for the week ahead. Tuesday's Thought for the Week has offered a variety of understanding of different themes for students to learn. Wednesday's Collective Worship is an opportunity for reflection and how students can positively impact the school and society. Register and Read has allowed students to read current news articles, expand literacy, and harvest enthusiasm for reading. Friday's extended tutor time is for learning PSHE and Citizenship themes. Each day is designed to allow students to be with their peers, spend time with their tutors and expand their learning.

International Women's Day was among the many themes during the previous two terms. International Women's Day offers students to be engaged, inspired, and educated on inspirational women who have changed our world. The Kings Academy Rights Respecting School Award students led a 'Call it out' campaign. The campaign was designed to educate students on discriminatory language and how to call it out. The lessons learned will help students identify discriminatory language and understand that society must call out this behaviour. On top of this, to promote International Women's Day, we joined the #LetGirlsPlay campaign. The session was a multi-school initiative to help promote equality in sports. Kings hosted an International Women's Day poem competition to celebrate the day further, which Camelot's Bliss D won with her poem – Embrace Equality. Below is Bliss' poem for your reading.

The competition winning continued for Camelot. During Children's Mental Health Week, Ryan B won the competition for his poem Natures Touch, which you can read in the image on the right. We, as a school, feel children's mental health is vitally important. Students can understand how they feel, who they can talk to, and what support is out there.

Thank you to all Camelot students who have participated, contributed, and been involved with events. All students have contributed significantly to the school and the surrounding community with charity donations, foodbank donations and cake sales. You have all contributed in your own unique way.

I wish all parents, carers and students all the best. Have a lovely Summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Mr Reynolds  
Head of House - Camelot

## "ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE TOGETHER"

Equalise pay.  
Question the patriarchy.  
Universalise equal rights.  
Abolish sexist laws.  
Learn the indifferences.  
Imagine a level playing field.  
Talk about the problem.  
You can make a difference.

Everyday women feel the effects of sexism.  
Many young girls feel like they aren't as good as boys.  
Bravery got us the vote and it needs to carry on.  
Remembering when women couldn't even have a job.  
Anyone can make a difference.  
Chose to fight for women's rights.  
Everyone should join in.

By Bliss D



# LYONESSE HOUSE

Wow! It only seems like yesterday that we shared our Christmas Newsletter with you and since those dark wintry days, Lyonesse House has been very busy!

Years 11 and 13 leave us having completed their Summer exams. It has been an incredibly busy and stressful time in many ways, and you have all shown a huge amount of resilience over the last few months and deserve a well-earned break. Good Luck with your respective results days in August and we look forward to seeing some of you back in Year 12 😊.

Congratulations to Anna B and Zak A-R who will be our Year 11 House Captains and Cynara W and Grace C who will be House Vice Captains in September. They all deserve their new role, and we look forward to working with you along with our amazing Senior House Captains Maz P and Poppy B – what a great team!!

Lyonesse has yet again been well represented in the sporting calendar throughout the year with loads of students representing Kings in football, rugby, hockey, and cross-country.

The names are endless with more than 30+ students who have contributed to the many school teams. Being picked for the school team is no mean feat so we should all be very proud of our Lyonesse students and how well they have all represented Kings in their chosen sport – well done to you all.

At the beginning of Term 3, Miss Scherer arranged a gifted and talented signing workshop which was led by Somerset Stage. Lyonesse had several students attend including Izzy M, Lucas A, Holly G, Alice C, Will D, Patrick A, Taylor N, Arlo E and Jack B. Well done to you all – you all are gifted and talented.

Speaking of singing, many of the named students were also well-represented at the school production of Annie in February. In addition to those already named who attended the workshop in January and the school production, we also had Grace C, Dan W, Elizabeth J, Rachelle W and Annabelle R who all displayed some amazing acting and singing talent – well done to you all. It was not just about being on the stage though as Lyonesse also had students who helped behind the scenes including Finn B, Sadie G and Liv W.

We would also like to thank Miss Scherer who worked incredibly hard to make this performance happen and spent many hours of her time to make the production the success it was – thank you from Lyonesse House.

All our students in Lyonesse House have worked incredibly hard this year and this has been reflected in the number of house points some students have achieved. At the time of writing, Finton H, Alex O, Ella S, Lily N, Frankie S and Cayden B, all have over 400 house points with Ed H a whopping 522!

Enjoy the Summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September for the new school year!

Mr Rigg  
Head of House - Lyonesse

## "KIND, CARING, RESILIENT "



Patrick competed at the world-famous Tower Ballroom in Blackpool. He got recalls in Latin, Ballroom and Sequence, which is commendable as the standards are so high. Patrick was up against competitors who train every night of the week and compete every weekend. Well done Patrick – Strictly here we come!



In Lyonesse House we also like to celebrate the achievements of students which happen in their time and outside of school. We would like to mention two students – Liv M in 9L3 and Patrick A in 10L2. Liv currently shoots for Burnham Company of Archers and is the County Under 14 Champion She has won again so that is two years running now and has also been trained by Great Britain. We are sure Liv will one day make the GB Olympic team and increase her medal haul!!

## NATIONAL SHOW JUMPING

The Kings Academy Show Jumping Team has qualified for the national championships in August! This is a massive achievement for the Team. Amelie, Grace, Ruby and Leah work so hard and have become an amazing Team supporting each other with real passion. Congratulations  
#TeamKings







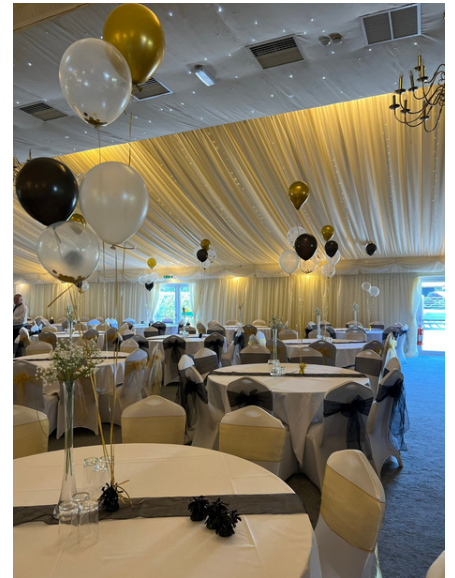
# ASCENSION DAY



# YEAR 11 PROM 2023



GOOD LUCK



*"Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe" John 20:29*

# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL POEM

I WAS ONCE A NORMAL CHILD  
I USED TO PLAY ON THE STREETS WITH MY FRIENDS  
GO TO SCHOOL, LEARN NEW THINGS  
COME BACK TOO LATE FROM PLAYDATES  
OUR LAUGHTER WAS INFECTIOUS.  
CAN YOU HEAR IT?

BUT I WAS SPECIALLY SELECTED  
MAYBE NOT SO SPECIAL.  
WE WERE TOLD WE HAD TO LEAVE OUR HOME  
MY BROTHERS, SISTERS, MOTHER, FATHER  
TOLD BY THE SHOUTS OF NAZI SOLDIERS.  
CAN YOU HEAR IT?

WE WERE SHUT INTO LARGE TOWNS  
TRAPPED BY BRICK WALLS SO TALL  
I THOUGHT THEY WERE NEVER ENDING.  
THERE WERE SO MANY PEOPLE, SO LITTLE FOOD  
BUT WE WERE STRONG, WE USED OUR VOICES.  
CAN YOU HEAR IT?

THERE WAS A WHISPER ABOUT OTHER PLACES  
WHERE THEY TOOK PEOPLE LIKE US  
AND SLAUGHTERED US LIKE SHEEP  
OUR SISTERS, MOTHERS, CHILDREN WERE SCARED  
WHISPERS, MORE WHISPERS.  
CAN YOU HEAR IT?

ONE DAY THEY CAME AGAIN  
THEY PACKED US ONTO A TRAIN LIKE CATTLE  
NOWHERE TO SIT, OR STAND, OR EXIST  
SOME DIDN'T EVEN MAKE IT OFF THE TRAIN  
THE GROANS AND CREAKS OF OUR TRAIN CARRIAGE.  
CAN YOU HEAR IT?

THEY PACKED US OFF, AND TOOK OUR IDENTITY  
SHAVED OUR HEADS, DRESSED US LIKE PRISONERS  
FAMILIES SEPARATED, TORN APART  
HUSBAND FROM WIFE, MOTHER FROM DAUGHTER  
DESPERATE CRIES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS.  
CAN YOU HEAR IT?

THEY TOOK US TO A LONG CONCRETE BUILDING  
TO HAVE A SHOWER, OR SO WE THOUGHT.  
I HEARD THE LEAK OF THE GAS  
THE SCREAMS AND SHOUTS OF MY SISTER  
THE CHOKING OF THOSE DARING TO BREATHE  
THE THUD OF EACH BODY HITTING THE FLOOR.

AND THEN THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT TO HEAR.

BY AOIFE M - YEAR 9

# KINGS' SIXTH

KINGS' SIXTH IS AN EXCITING, VIBRANT AND SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY. OUR MOTTO IS THAT EVERY STUDENT CAN BELIEVE AND SUCCEED. INSPIRING STUDENTS AND ENABLING THEM TO ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL IS AT THE HEART OF OUR ETHOS.

