King Solomon High School Newsletter

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Key Stage 4 winning netball team at the Redbridge netball rally held at Mayfield High School

Dear Parents & Carers

As we reach the end of this half term, we are thrilled to take the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of many of our students. Since the start of the term in September, our students have made a flying start, embracing new challenges with enthusiasm, focus and determination. Throughout this newsletter, you will read about their remarkable effort, dedication, and success across a range of areas, from academics to sports, arts and community involvement. Each achievement reflects not only their hard work but also their commitment to our school values of learning, charity and community.

It is inspiring to see our students thrive and embrace every opportunity to grow, support one another, and contribute positively to the school community. Their accomplishments serve as a reminder of the vibrant, supportive, and ambitious environment that King Solomon High School fosters.

We are incredibly proud of all our students and look forward to celebrating even more of their successes in the next half term.

Wishing all our students, staff and families a restful, joyful and well-deserved break.

School Streets Prohibition

Important message for parents who drop their children off at King Solomon High School, Wohl Ilford Jewish Primary School and Happy Orkids

A school streets prohibition temporarily closes a road near a school to motor vehicles during specific times, usually school drop-off and pick-up times. This creates a pedestrian and cycle zone to improve safety, reduce congestion, and lower pollution.

During term time, vehicular traffic (motorcycles, cars, vans and lorries) will be prohibited from entering the following roads:

- **Starch House Lane**

This road has been chosen for one or more of the following reasons:

- The entrances/exits to the school are located on the roads.
- To enable all driving to take place in a forward gear for road safety reasons.
- To avoid creating a cul-de-sac where parents will park, idle and manoeuvre whilst children are passing by on their way to and from school.

The times of the prohibition are between:

Morning: 07:45 - 09:00

Afternoon: 15:00 - 16:00

Term Dates

Please click on the icon for full **2025 - 2026** Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2025 **Monday 1st September 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025**	
Monday 27th October - **Friday 31st October 2025** **School closed**	**HALF TERM** **School closed**
Friday 19th December 2025 **Early close**	Last day of the autumn term Early close at the end of period 4
Monday 22nd December - **Friday 2nd January 2025** **School closed**	**WINTER HOLIDAY** **School closed**

SPRING TERM 2026 **Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026**	
Monday 5th January 2026 **School closed to students**	**INSET DAY**
Tuesday 6th January 2026	First day of the spring term All students first day back
Wednesday 4th March 2026 **Early close**	Purim Early close at the end of period 4
Monday 16th February - **Friday 20th February 2026** **School closed**	**HALF TERM** **School closed**
Friday 27th March 2026 **Early close**	Last day of the spring term Early close at the end of period 4
Monday 30th March - **Friday 10th April 2026** **School closed**	**PASSOVER/SPRING HOLIDAY** **School closed**

Parasha Reflections - Mr Levene

This week's portion of the Torah, or parasha, deals with Noah, the flood that destroys the world, and the Ark that Noah builds to save his family.

The parasha begins with G-d's judgement when he sees a world full of corruption and chooses to destroy the world he created. The parasha concludes, however, with G-d's mercy when he gives Noah the sign of the rainbow - a sign of divine restraint and enduring hope. After the flood, G-d sets the rainbow in the sky as a covenant or agreement, promising never again to destroy the world by water. The rainbow is a sign that G-d is continually involved in the world, constantly renewing his presence and his promise to allow humanity to continue living on the earth.

Achievement Awards

As we reach the end of this half term, we are delighted to recognise and celebrate the fantastic achievements of a number of our students. Certificates have been awarded to recognise those who have shown an exceptional attitude, real dedication to their studies and who have been wonderful role models within our school community since the start of the academic year.

Key Stage 3 Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received a '**Flying Start**' Certificate for earning an outstanding number of reward points this half term -

Ruby Greenberg 7G, Millie Green 7G, Samuel Walter 7G, Sky Cripps 7K, Sadie Kott 7K, Sophia Speakman 7K, Divine Michael 7K, Anna Stefanova 7P, Anna Iyeli 7P, Bella Kantor 7G, Kuzey Sarikaya 7P, Davina Topliceanu 7G, Joshua Tony 7P, Alea Gashi 7K, Kelvin Hysa 7K, Ciara De Matos Crato 8Z, Alexandra Ciolacu 8P, Ansh Bindal 8P, Shanaya Salagala 8Z, Vivaan Vyas 8P, Sofia Cericov 8P, Emma Koseva 8Z, Violet Justiniano 8P, James Poole 8Z, Ioana Carpiuc 8Z, Olivia Macqueen 8P, Jacob Block 8Z and Yusuf Yilmaz 8P.

We also extend our congratulations to all the students who received '**Form Awards'** in recognition of their positive attitude, effort, and contribution to school life.

The following students were awarded a '**Head of Year'** Award -

Year 7 - Amelia Howell 7K, Eden Birt 7K, Samuel Walter 7G, Sami Costa-Brasil 7G
Year 8 - Priya Vaja 8M, Yasna Peerbux 8K
Year 9 - Ami Khan 9G, Talia Yarlett 9G

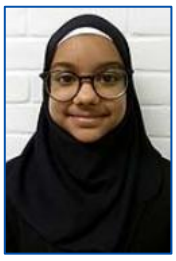
Amelia Howell 7K

Eden Birt 7K

Samuel Walter 7G

Sami Costa-Brasil 7G

Priya Vaja 8M

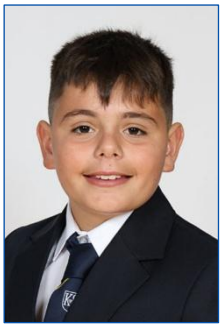


Yasna Peerbux 8K

Ami Khan 9G

Talia Yarlett 9G

A big congratulations also goes to Year 7 student **Kodin Halilaj 7P**, who received the '**Making a Difference**' Award for his ongoing acts of kindness and positive impact on those around him!



Key Stage 4 Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received a '**Flying Start**' Certificate for earning an outstanding number of reward points this half term -

Zack Mumba 10Z, Diya Sood 10Z, Qasas Khan 10Z, Manprit Kaur 10Z, Erik Popescu 10Z, Haissam Hussain 10Z, Naitik Makwana 10Z, Mihran Chowdhury 10Z, Sasha Crader 10K, Abraham Iddris 10Z, Ethan Green 10Z, Madalina Polensche 10Z, Samuel Czuba-Davies 10Z, Zaira Adebajo-Martinez 10Z, Holly Saliba 10K, Sidney Williams 11Z, Paige Harris 11Z, Maria Valter 11Z, Tahir Rashed 11K, Annie Goldman 11G, Usayd Khan 11Z, Syrine Elidrissi 11Z, Lewis Hurst 11K, Aliyah Naidoo 11Z, Ashriya Bhatia 11Z, Sachin Tandel 11Z, Ella Gelkoff 11P, Danas Juodaitis 11M, Elizabeth Alalade 11G, Zachary Poole 11P and Oliver Truman 11Z.

A big congratulations to **Zack Mumba 10Z**, who has received an '**Outstanding Achievement'** Award in recognition of his dedication, hard work, and exceptional achievements.

Another big congratulations goes to the members of the KS4 Netball Team (pictured at the start of the newsletter and featured later), who were awarded the '**Sporting Achievement Award**' in recognition of their dedication, teamwork, and outstanding performance.

Team members - **Ella Gelkoff, Amelie Marks, Victoria Stratulat, Lucia Vajushi, Ernesta Butko, Emily Harley, Daria Volkova, Jaiden Parker and Madison Brien**.

Congratulations to all our award winners!

Your hard work and positivity enrich our school community and set a brilliant example for others. You truly embody our school ethos of learning, charity, and community, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements. We can't wait to see your continued success and we look forward to celebrating even more students who demonstrate the same commitment and excellence next half term!

Top Achievers - Reward Points

Congratulations to the students who received the highest number of reward points over the last two weeks. Their consistent hard work, positive attitude, and dedication to both academics and school values have been recognised by staff.

The students with the highest number of reward points are:

Student	Form
Diya Sood	10Z
Louise Kinzler	9M
Millie Green	7G

The students with the highest reward points in each year group are:

Student	Form
Millie Green	7G
Reese Kantor	8K
Louise Kinzler	9M
Diya Sood	10Z
Paige Harris	11Z

Keep up the outstanding work!

Millie Green 7G

Reese Kantor 8K

Louise Kinzler 9M

Diya Sood 10Z

Paige Harris 11Z

Top Achievers - Pizza Parties

This week, we hosted Pizza Parties to celebrate the form groups in each year who achieved the highest net balance - meaning they have demonstrated more positive behaviours than negative. This initiative forms part of our ongoing commitment to recognising and celebrating the positive contributions our students make to the school community.

We are immensely proud of our students for the positive impact they have made within their form groups, year groups, and the wider school community. Their continued commitment to upholding our school values and maintaining exemplary standards of behaviour is highly commendable.

We look forward to celebrating many more achievements and successes like this in the future.

Year 7 and 8

Year 11 Careers Fair

On Wednesday 22nd October, we hosted our Year 11 Careers Fair, welcoming representatives from a range of sixth forms, colleges, and post-16 providers to speak with our students about their future pathways. It was wonderful to see so many former King Solomon students in attendance, sharing their experiences and representing their current schools and colleges with such pride and positivity.

We received excellent feedback from visitors about our school, who also spoke warmly of our former students and how successfully they have settled into their sixth form studies. Our Year 11 students also expressed that they thoroughly enjoyed the event and found it both informative and valuable in supporting their next steps.

PE Department

Spotlight on Zack Mumba's Motorsport Journey

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements of **Zack Mumba 10Z,** one of our talented students who is making waves in the world of motorsport.

Zack has been passionate about racing since the age of seven, and over the summer he claimed the Brentwood Cadet Championship title. A remarkable accomplishment that showcases his skill, focus and determination.

Building on this success, Zack has now been offered a place with Douglas Motorsport to compete in the prestigious junior single-seater GB4 series. This opportunity marks an exciting new chapter in his racing career and reflects years of hard work both on and off the track.

For those interested in learning more or supporting Zack, further details can be found on his website. Let's rally behind one of our own as he continues to chase his goals at top speed!

Website: https://zackmumbaracing.com/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/zackmumbaracing/?hl=en

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/people/Zack-Mumba/pfbid0A9DHctRZYJ7AF7PYvQZ73U2yqWLQoXYtrBv4UEARTdzqWye56rwgJ7XBMzEzA6DUl/?sk=about

Sports Bulletin

Netball

Congratulations to our KS4 girls netball team who came 1st in the Redbridge netball rally on Thursday 16th October at Mayfield High School.

The team fought off competition from Seven Kings High School, Oaks Park High School and Mayfield High School on their route to victory, maintaining their 100% winning streak as a team!

They displayed exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the competition, with their dominance highlighted by an impressive 12-1 victory in one match.

A huge well done to all the players for their hard work and fantastic achievement!

KS4 Netball Team (From left to right): **Ella Gelkoff, Amelie Marks, Victoria Stratulat, Lucia Vajushi, Ernesta Butko, Emily Harley, Daria Volkova, Jaiden Parker and Madison Brien**.

Football

On Monday afternoon (20th October), our Year 7 boys football team delivered a fantastic performance in their match against Woodbridge High School. The boys dominated the first half, displaying excellent teamwork, energy and determination to take an early lead. Despite their strong start, they were unable to maintain their advantage in the second half and the result slipped away. Although the final score didn't reflect their efforts, the team's attitude, commitment and sportsmanship were outstanding - a performance they can be proud of!

Well done to the team: **Aaron Da Costa, Azaan Khan, Shia Morgan, Divine Michael, David Ciruca, Kodin Halilaj, Shahzmaan Khan, Mikhail Ganchev and Todor Ganchev**.

Clubs

We are excited to announce that our Football and Trampolining clubs will be running every Thursday from 3:20 to 4:20 pm after half term.

Students should head to the PE department at the end of the school day, dressed in their KS PE kit. All pupils will be dismissed from the main reception at 4:20 pm.

Parents are required to register their child for either club through the **Clubs** section on the **My Child at School (Bromcom) app**. **Please note that places for the Trampolining Club are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Performing Arts News

Spotlight on Nickita Iancu-Lucuta

Nickita Follows the Yellow Brick Road to Stage Success

This September, Year 9 student Nickita Iancu-Lucuta took centre stage at Brookside Theatre in Romford, playing Aunt Em in The Wizard of Oz musical. With a cast made up entirely of young performers, including her friend Lily Rayner, the production proved that talent doesn't need ruby slippers to shine.

After a whirlwind of rehearsals, the show delivered magical performances that had audiences clicking their heels with delight. From Munchkinland to the Emerald City, the cast's energy and teamwork were truly over the rainbow.

Nickita shared that she made wonderful friends along the way and learnt a great deal about producing and directing - not to mention the importance of supporting younger cast members. "It was a journey of courage, heart, and brains," she said.

The Performing Arts team at King Solomon are so proud of Nickita and the hard work and dedication she puts into both her work on stage and off it. It is wonderful to see how much she has progressed since starting with us in year 7 and we are so happy that she has found her passion in the theatre. Well done Nickita and keep up the amazing work!

London Transport Museum Poster Design Competition

Calling all creative young minds! Could you design the next poster for Transport for London?

London Transport Museum is launching an exciting new poster design competition, which gives young people a real brief to work on and the chance to see their work exhibited in a TfL station!

In celebration of TfL25 - marking 25 years since the creation of Transport for London - the Museum's school's poster competition invites young people to explore the rich history of transport poster commissioning and to create their own original designs inspired by London's transport past, present, and future.

The poster competition

The brief:

Design a poster to be displayed on the transport network, that will catch people's attention and inspire them to travel more sustainably and considerately and choose active or sustainable transport where possible rather than driving. The winning designs will be displayed on the TfL network!

Themes:

There are three themes to choose from:

1. Be a considerate passenger
2. Travel to places of interest
3. Choose active travel when you can/travel sustainably.

Choose only one of these themes -

1. Be a considerate passenger

If everyone is considerate and thoughtful about other passengers, travelling will be quicker, easier and more pleasant for everyone. Example of considerate behaviours include:

- Letting passengers off before you board the train
- Not eating smelly food on the bus or putting your feet on the seats
- Remembering that some people need more time than others to move
- Giving up your seat for someone who might need it more than you
- Saying hello and thank you to the bus driver

2. Travel to places of interest

There are lots of fantastic places, attractions and things to do in London that are easily reached by public transport. In fact, it's often much better than going by car because you don't need to find a parking space, it can be quicker because of traffic and using public transport is better for local air quality. Places to visit include:

- Kew Gardens
- The Tate Gallery
- The London Transport Museum
- Theatres and the West End
- Epping Forest

3. Choose active travel when you can/travel sustainably.

Walking, scooting and cycling are great ways to travel. They are even more sustainable than using public transport because you contribute far less to traffic, produce no air pollution, and it's healthy for your mind and body. Streets crowded with moving and parked cars are slower and more dangerous for pedestrians and cyclist to navigate, and packed trains and buses at rush hour and during the school run are less pleasant for us all. Ways to travel actively include:

- Walking to school instead of taking the car
- Cycling to work - sometimes is quicker

Who can take part?

Anyone under 18 can take part.

Prizes

- A final exhibition of winners' work in a TfL venue.
- Winners and runners up displayed at London Transport Museum on digital screens.
- Prizes and certificates for winners and runners up.

Judging criteria

Entries will be judged on:

- creativity and originality
- clarity of message
- relevance to the chosen theme
- visual impact

Deadline

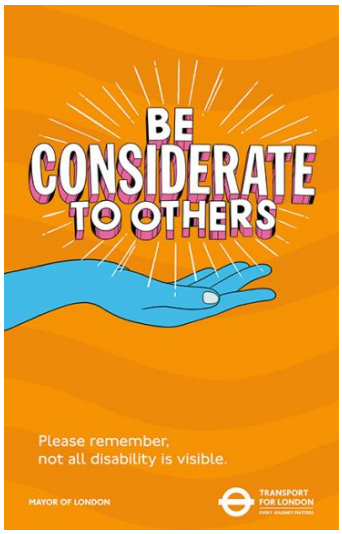
The deadline for entry is 7th November 2025

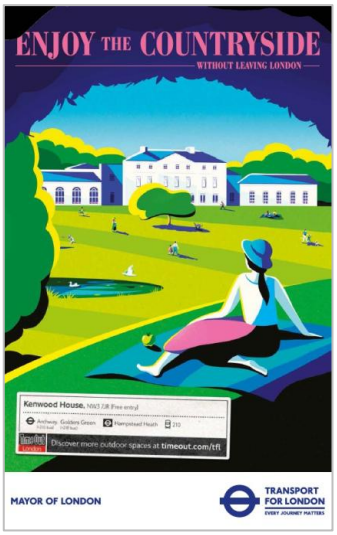
How to enter

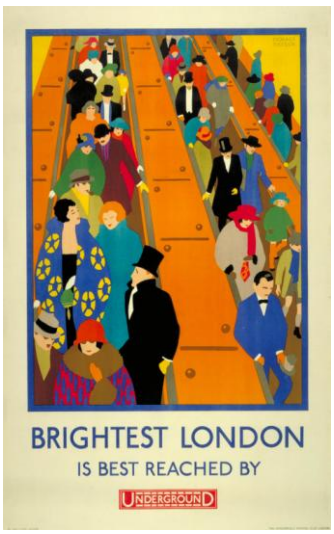
To submit a poster design, please hand your entries in to Miss Shepherd in the art department or send digital designs to her at gshepherd3.317@kshsonline.uk before the deadline.

Your entries must include your name and the theme you have selected.

More information and resources can be found here -
https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/about/learning-programmes/tfl-travel-for-life/poster-competition-young-people







Events

Open evening
SeaVenturers
SeaVenturers is an exciting new programme, designed to bring fun, confidence-boosting nautical activities to even more young people!
Monday 20 October 2025
9–11 year olds
18:30–20:00
Hainault Forest Community Centre, Ilford IG7 4DF
The taster evening is your chance to:
Try out some hands-on activities
Meet our team of friendly local volunteers
Learn how to get involved as a cadet
Explore opportunities to volunteer
Your adventure starts here!
Spaces are limited.
To secure your place please email us at:
seaventurers@ms-sc.org

Safeguarding Contacts

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Miss Davies (Associate Assistant Headteacher).

If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or the wellbeing of any other student at King Solomon High School, please contact the school on 020 8498 1331 or email the DSL at **safeguarding@kshsonline.uk**. This email address can also be used for students, parents and carers to share any safeguarding concerns or to request support.

If you are concerned that a child has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed and school cannot be contacted, please contact Redbridge Children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 020 8708 3885, and all the police on 999 straight away.

Helpful Numbers and Websites

- **Childline**: 0800 1111
- **NSPCC Helpline**: 0808 800 5000
- **The Police**: (if you are in danger): 999.
- **LGBT Switchboard**: 0300 330 0630
- **Kooth**: **www.kooth.com** - support service for student's wellbeing
- **Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (emergency team)**: 020 8496 3000
- **Barnardos**: 0800 008 7005

Let us Know . . .

- If you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it is not important)
- If you feel anxious or unable to cope
- If someone has hurt you physically, emotionally, or mentally.
- If you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it is not important)
- If you feel worried about someone at home
- If you are being threatened or forced to do things
- If someone has done something to you without your consent
- If you feel unsafe in school, at home or on the streets
- About anything else worrying you

Student Medical Needs

If your child needs to take regular medication in school, please fill in a **Medicines Consent Form** and hand in to Student Services to give the school consent to administer medication to your child. All medications that are kept in school must be stored in the medical room.

Should your child have an accident inside or outside of school that requires them to attend A&E, please inform the school as soon as possible as a Risk Assessment Meeting may need to be arranged. Any new medical conditions also need to be reported to Mrs Levy (Welfare/Safeguarding Officer).

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We are continuously working hard to improve our understanding as a community of mental health, to enable us to provide the best possible outcomes for the young people in our lives. If you are ever concerned that your child is at risk due to very poor mental health, please inform the school. You can also contact one of these numbers to seek support from a specialist. The Crisis line is there to offer guidance if your child may be having suicidal thoughts and is possibly in immediate danger. If you do ever find yourself in a position where you need to use these resources for your child, please make the school aware so we can provide appropriate support within school for your child.

Urgent mental health support - 24/7 crisis lines

Every mental health trust in London has put in place **a 24/7 crisis line** for people of all ages - children, young people and adults. The lines which are free to call can provide advice to those in a crisis. These crisis lines are supported by trained mental health advisors 365 days a year.

You can find the 24/7 crisis line numbers using the NHS Service Finder (link below) but the table provides all of the telephone numbers in London.

https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline

NHS

Area	Boroughs covered	24/7 crisis line number
North West London	Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	0800 0234 650
	Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham	0800 328 4444
North Central London	Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington	0800 151 0023
North East London	City & Hackney	0800 073 0006
	Newham	0800 073 0066
	Tower Hamlets	0800 073 0003
	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0300 555 1000
South West London	Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth	0800 028 8000
South East London	Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark	0800 731 2864
	Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich	0800 330 8590