KSHS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter since the half-term break. I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable time.

The past two weeks at KS have been incredibly busy, filled with exciting events, celebrations and memorable trips for our students. In this edition, you can read about Year 7's visit to one of London's most iconic landmarks, the Tower of London, and a special Performing Arts trip where a group of Year 9 students experienced the magic of the West End with a performance of *Hadestown*.

You will also find highlights from our annual Purim celebrations, with wonderful photos showcasing the creativity of our students' costumes and the joyful activities that took place throughout the day. In addition, we share moments from our World Book Day celebrations, including the engaging activities held in the library to inspire a love of reading.

As always, the newsletter also celebrates the achievements of selected students who have earned the most reward points over the past two weeks. Well done to them for their continued positive attitude and application to school.

It has truly been an exciting and vibrant fortnight at school, and we hope you enjoy reading about everything that has been taking place.

Get to Know

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Hi, I am Izzy (Isobel if I'm feeling formal). I joined KS as Head of Geography in September 2025.

The thing I love most about KS is the people - staff and students. It may sound cheesy but it's true! Everyone has been so welcoming to me, and I felt at home straight away. The students at KS are respectful and kind, and I genuinely enjoy working with all my classes.

Beyond school life, I love sport. All students seem to know that I play football and are under the illusion that I am decent!

I also love tennis, which is actually my main sport, and running too.

I love travelling and exploring new places (as expected as a geographer) and also learning new languages (thank you to the Spanish speakers who patiently help me and answer my random questions!)

I am hoping to maintain my aim of having visited more countries than I am years old. This year I am going to Rio in May, having been inspired by the year 9 scheme of work on Brazil!

Upcoming Events

Week Commencing 9th March

Jewish Women's Aid - Healthy Friendships
Year 7
Monday 9th March 2026 - 9:00am - 11:00am

Upfront Theatre Company
Year 9 and Year 10
Monday 9th March 2026
Year 9 - 9:30am - 11:00am
Year 10 - 12:00pm - 1:30pm

PSHE - Keshet
Year 7
Tuesday 10th March 2026 (Main Hall)

Talent Foundry - Barclays Lifeskills
Year 9 (30 selected students)
Tuesday 10th March 2026 - 9:00am - 11:00am

Talent Foundry - Rise (run by the Institute of Chartered Accountants for England & Wales)
Year 8
Wednesday 11th March 2026 - Periods 1-4

Week Commencing 23rd March

Jewish Women's Aid - Healthy Relationships
Year 8 and Year 10
Monday 23rd March 2026 - 9:00am - 12:15pm
(Mix of sessions Periods 1-3)

Talent Foundry - Barclays Lifeskills
Year 9 (30 selected students)
Tuesday 24th March 2026 - 9:00am - 11:00am

Mock Seder
Year 7 and Year 8
Friday 27th March 2026

Upcoming Trips

Week Commencing 16th March

Natural History Museum
Year 9 Cultural Capital Trip
Tuesday 17th March 2026 - 9G and 9M
Wednesday 18th March 2026 - 9K, 9P and 9Z

Week Commencing 23rd March

Royal London and War Memorials
Year 8
Wednesday 25th March 2026 - 8G and 8M
Thursday 26th March 2026 - 8K, 8P and 8Z

REMINDER:

Letters have been sent home regarding trips taking place later in the year. Please pay deposits or the full amount as soon as possible so that final arrangements can be made and places confirmed. Thank you.

If you have any questions or queries regarding any of the events or trips, then please contact Mrs Marks on lmarks13.317@kshsonline.uk

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
Naitik Makwana	10Z
Diya Sood	10Z
Zack Mumba	10Z

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

Student	Form
Cristian Teodor	7G
Ansh Bindal	8P
Maxwell Feldman	9M
Naitik Makwana	10Z
Keira Britton	11K

Cristian Teodor 7G

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Naitik Makwana 10Z

Diya Sood 10Z

Zack Mumba 10Z

Keira Britton 11K

Tower of London

Year 7 Trip | 24.02.26

On Tuesday 24th February, Year 7 students visited the Tower of London as part of their Cultural Capital Programme.

During the visit, students explored the Tower's history as a fortress, royal palace and prison. Using an informative audio guide, they moved around the site, learning about its key landmarks and the significant events that took place there. The experience helped to bring their learning to life and deepen their understanding of Britain's past.

It was an enjoyable and educational day, giving students the opportunity to discover more about the Tower and its historic treasures.

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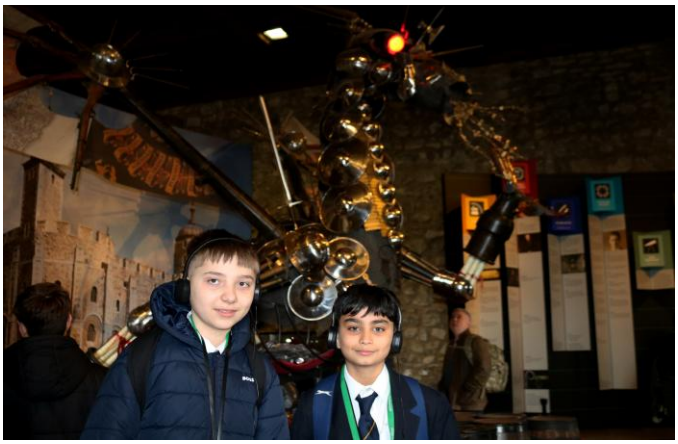
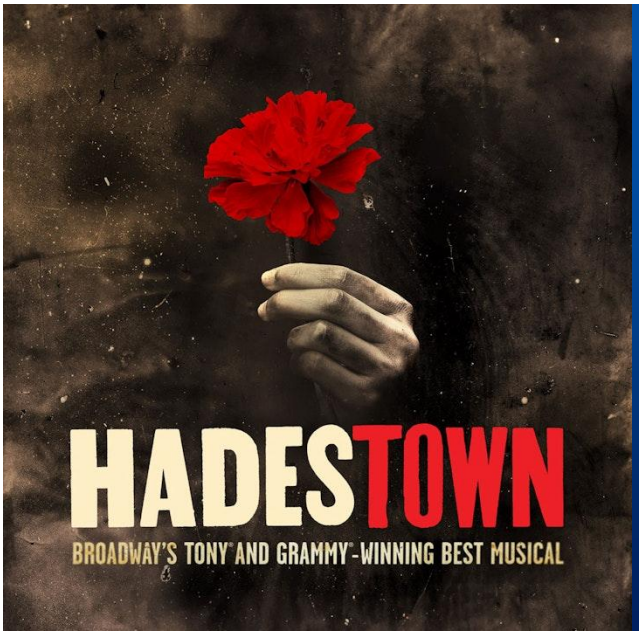


Hadestown

Year 9 Trip | 26.02.26



On Thursday 26th February, the Performing Arts department took a group of Year 9 students to see *Hadestown*. This acclaimed production is a powerful musical adaptation of the tragic Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice.

Students were captivated by the live jazz-inspired score, stunning special effects, and the engaging performances delivered by an exceptionally talented cast. From the moment the curtain rose, our students sat enthralled, demonstrating exemplary behaviour as attentive and appreciative audience members.

We hope all of the Year 9 students thoroughly enjoyed this memorable theatrical experience, and we look forward to taking our Year 7 and Year 8 students to see *Hercules* in the near future.

Purim

On Tuesday 3rd March, we celebrated Purim in style with a jam-packed programme of fantastic activities, expertly organised by Mrs Spurling. Staff and students fully entered into the spirit of the occasion, donning their customary fancy dress, creating a wonderful atmosphere of joy and celebration.

Throughout the day, students took part in a variety of engaging sessions, including the reading of the Megillah, games organised by JLGB, a silent disco, and even a visit from an ice cream van at break time. We were also delighted to welcome representatives from our chosen charities, Haven House and JBD, for whom the students prepared Mishloach Manot (food parcels), which were delivered after school.

Everyone truly captured the spirit of the festival, making it a memorable and uplifting day for all!

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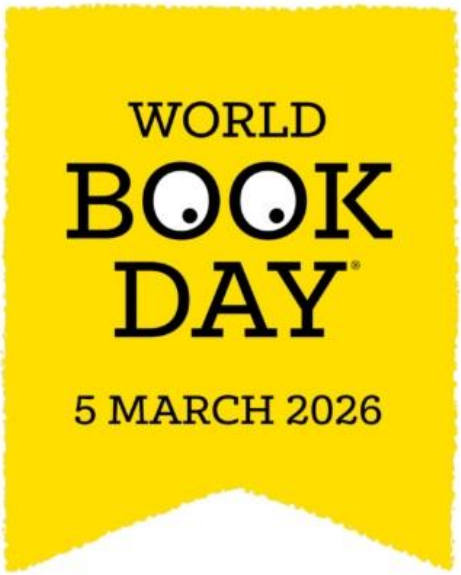
World Book Day



On Thursday 5th March, we celebrated World Book Day - a special day dedicated to the magic of reading and to continuing to build a vibrant reading culture across our school community.

Students took part in a range of activities in the library at break and lunch, including bookmark making, quizzes, and a *Name Your Favourite Book* chain, where they shared recommendations with one another.

There are also five exciting competitions currently running, launched to mark World Book Day: a short story writing competition, a spine poem competition, a book cover redesign competition, a school newsletter article writing competition, and a national book token design competition. Full details, including how to enter, can be found on Student Teams.

It was wonderful to see so many students getting involved and demonstrating such genuine enthusiasm for reading.

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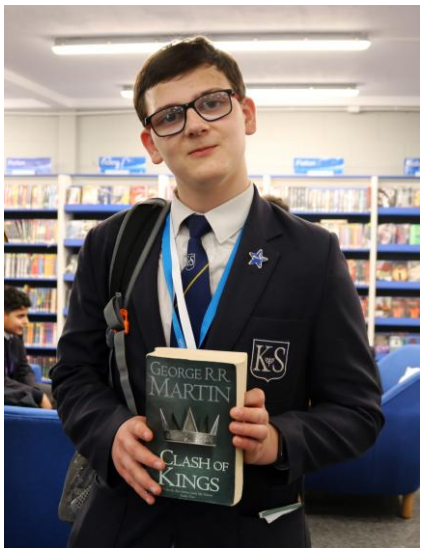
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Careers

Nicholls and Clarke Careers Open Day

Our Careers Open Day is designed to provide students with a valuable introduction to the industry and the wide range of careers it offers. The day will include:

- Insightful talks about the building materials industry
- Opportunities to meet and speak with professionals across various departments
- An overview of current and future employment and apprenticeship programmes
- A chance to explore the workplace environment and understand company culture

We believe this is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore lesser-known career paths and discover how many rewarding roles are available within a single, growing sector. Whether they're considering immediate entry into the workforce, apprenticeships, or long-term career planning, this event will offer a well-rounded perspective.