

A message from our Principal, Mrs Postlethwaite...

Following our recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS), I am delighted to share some reflections with our school community.

The inspection provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate the distinctive character of our academy. Inspectors recognised that "The King's Christian vision is implemented with integrity and purpose and is securely rooted in the Bible," and affirmed that it is "highly suited for the context and setting of the academy." We are especially encouraged that, through this vision, "students' aspirations are raised and they have the opportunity to live 'life in all its fullness'."

Our culture and sense of community were also highlighted as significant strengths. The report notes that "the vision establishes and motivates a positive, affirming and inclusive culture that is lived and breathed by the academy community," enabling all to develop "a deep sense of belonging, purposefulness and care for one another."

Inspectors recognised the impact of our curriculum and provision. They found that "leaders ensure that the vision inspires learning experiences that establish imaginative opportunities for students... including those who are deemed to be vulnerable and/or disadvantaged," which "promotes their esteem and success, leading to them flourishing."

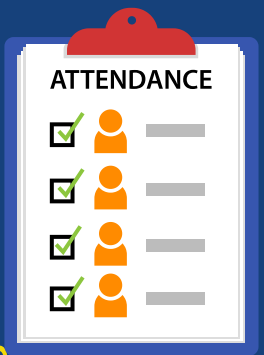
We are also proud of the strong impact of Religious Education and collective worship. The report highlights that "Religious education (RE) has a high status throughout the academy and is passionately and skilfully led," with lessons providing "a safe place to study and explore a range of religious worldviews." In addition, "collective worship is a valued part of the academy's daily routine," offering meaningful opportunities for reflection that "make a positive contribution to individuals' spiritual development."

As always, the report also provides helpful next steps, which we embrace as part of our ongoing journey. I would like to thank our entire community, staff, pupils, families and governors, for the part they play in making our academy such a special place. This outcome reflects a shared commitment to ensuring that all can truly flourish. The full report can be found on our website.

- 4 May- Bank Holiday (School closed)
- 30 April- BTEC Exams start
- 8 May- GCSE Exams start
- 18 May- Year 7 York Camp trip
- 25 May- 29th May- Half term holiday
- 8 June- CF Awareness week
- 15 June- Year 11 Leavers assembly
- 3 July- Year 11 Prom
- 17 July- Last day of term



Attendance



Spotlight on

The Attendance Team

Mr Worthington

Assistant Principal & Attendance Champion



Mrs Beswick-Pepper

Attendance & Welfare Officer



Mrs Thorne

Home School Link Worker



Star Attenders!
Well done to Year 8 for achieving the highest attendance across the year groups. Your commitment and consistency have really paid off. Keep up the excellent effort!

Forms above 95% this Academic Year:

7 Cana 96.5%

7 Emmaus 97%

7 Jericho 96.4%



8 Cana 96.5%

8 Jericho 96.1%

9 Jericho 95.7%

109 Students have 100% this Academic Year!

Aim high and strive for 95%+ attendance every day.

Be present

Be punctual

Be proud of your progress



Safeguarding

This week, we have introduced our new SAFE Steps for Mental Health through our school notice boards. These steps are designed to help ensure that every student can access the right support at the right time.

The SAFE Steps provide clear guidance on the range of support available for children and young people, as well as how to access it. This includes:

- Information about local services and referral routes for both early help and more specialist support
- Advice and practical activities to promote wellbeing
- Recommended digital tools and apps designed for young people

We encourage you to talk with your child about these resources and to reach out if you would like any further information.

Staffordshire County Council

Mental health support for children and young people

Follow the **SAFE** steps for mental health support to find the right help at the right time.

- S Self help**
Advice and signposting to wellbeing activities and digital tools
- A Ask for advice and help**
Young people's wellbeing services and support
- F Fast specialist support**
Specialist mental health support for young people
- E Emergency services**
Mental health crisis and urgent help

Scan to find out more.

staffordshire.gov.uk/imhere

MENTAL
Health
MATTERS





SEND Support—Meet the Team

Hello, I'm Miss French, a Teaching Assistant in our Learning Support Department. I am passionate about neurodivergence and was delighted to begin delivering an intervention for our neurodivergent students last year.

The programme, This Is Me, is a weekly 1:1 session for students who have a diagnosis, or are on the pathway towards an ASD or ADHD diagnosis. It provides vital support for students to better understand and manage their neurodivergence in everyday life.

As someone who is neurodivergent myself, and a parent of a neurodivergent child, I understand the challenges these students may face. Our sessions offer a safe space to talk, explore sensory needs and interests, and understand what their diagnosis means to them.

Together, we create scrapbooks celebrating each student's individuality. I support students to build self-acceptance, feel confident in who they are, and begin to thrive.

I am also continuing to develop our space with neurodivergent-friendly resources to ensure students feel calm, safe, and supported.

If you feel this intervention may benefit your child, please contact our Head of SEND Administration Support, Mrs Cook, at CCook@thekingscofeacademy.org.



Anyone: "Why are there suddenly so many neurodivergent people?"

Dr. Jen: Same reason there are suddenly more stars after we built telescopes.



Christian Distinctiveness

STEWARDSHIP



Yesterday, we marked Earth Day, a valuable opportunity to reflect on our responsibility to care for the world God has entrusted to us. As a Church of England school, we place great importance on the Christian value of stewardship, recognising that we are called to protect and nurture God's creation.

Throughout the day, pupils engaged in a range of thoughtful and interactive activities that deepened their understanding of environmental responsibility. They explored key themes such as sustainability, conservation, and the impact of human actions on the planet through quizzes, games, and classroom discussions. These experiences encouraged pupils to think carefully about how their everyday choices can contribute to a healthier, more sustainable world.

This learning also provided an opportunity for spiritual reflection, helping pupils to make meaningful links between their faith and their actions. They considered how caring for the Earth is an expression of gratitude for God's creation and a way of showing love and responsibility towards others, both locally and globally.

As a school community, we remain committed to nurturing environmentally aware and compassionate individuals who understand their role as stewards of God's creation.

"The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." – Psalm 24:1

Enrichment



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Music coursework catchup Year 11	Rounders Whole school	Samba Band Year 7, 8, 9	Football Year 7 and 8
Football Whole School	English Master class Year 11 set 3	Football - Year 9, 10 and 11	Join Session Year 10 and 11	Chess and Board Games Club Whole School
GCSE Science Drop in Year 10 and 11	Christian Union Whole school	Choir - Year 9, 10 and 11	Spiritual Quiet Space Whole School	Creative Writing Whole School
GCSE Science Higher tier Masterclass Year 10 and 11		English Masterclass - 11 set 2	KS4 Art Masterclass	English Masterclass 11 Set 5
11-14 ENG Masterclass		English Masterclass- 11 set 1	Pioneers Year 7,8,9	KS4 Art Masterclass Year 10 and 11
Net Art Club Limited to 6 students in Yr 8 and 9	Badminton 16 Students max	English Masterclass 11 set 5	Musical Drama Group Whole School	KS4 Art Masterclass Year 10 and 11
India drop in Year 9 students going to India		English Masterclass 11 set 2	GCSE Science foundation class Year 10 and 11	
Rotary		School biodiversity club Whole School		
IT Masterclass Year 11	IT Masterclass Year 10			
Enterprise Masterclass Year 11		KS4 Art Masterclass Yr 10 and 11		
		Mindful Colouring Club Whole school		
Computing Masterclass - Yr 11	Humanities games and support club Whole school	KS3 Science club WEEK A ONLY		
KS4 Art Masterclass - Yr 10 and 11	KS4 Art - Year 10 and 11			
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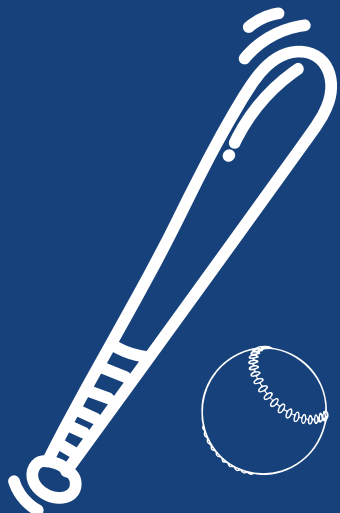
After school 15.05

Lunch 13.20



New Club Starting Wednesday 29th April

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Rounders Club, open to all year groups, starting after school every Wednesday from 29th April, 3:05pm–4:05pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their skills, stay active and represent the school, with fixtures against other schools starting soon.





Home-School Links

Newcastle Family hub have a few amazing opportunities coming up, Take a look on their Facebook page or website



JOIN US FOR OUR SUPPORT GROUP FOR SEND CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILIES

EVERY OTHER SATURDAY @ 10AM - 12PM

MEET OTHER FAMILIES

SUPPORT EACH OTHER

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

SENSORY ROOM

TOYS & ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

NEWCASTLE FAMILY HUB
CEMETERY ROAD
NEWCASTLE UNDER-LYME
ST5 6DH

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP HERE!

Newcastle Family Hub SEND support group!

The Newcastle Family Hub, ST5 6DH

Every other Saturday

10am-12pm

FREE to attend

FREE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Monday 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (New Time Only)

Newcastle Family Hub, Cemetery Rd, Knutton, ST5 6DH

No appointment needed

BOOK FOR FREE A CHAT

MONEY & BENEFITS HELP

- Benefits Guidance
- Budgeting Support
- Signposting to Debt Advice

COURSES, TRAINING & WORK

- Help to find courses
- Support with job opportunities
- Practical advice around barriers to work, including childcare funding

GREEN DOCTOR ENERGY SUPPORT

- Help & Advice to reduce utility bills
- Free energy-saving items to take home
- Support to claim government grants for home owners / private renters
- Home visits available to book

BEST START IN LIFE

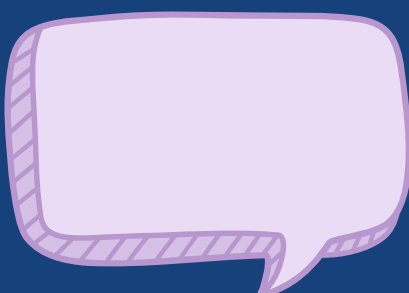
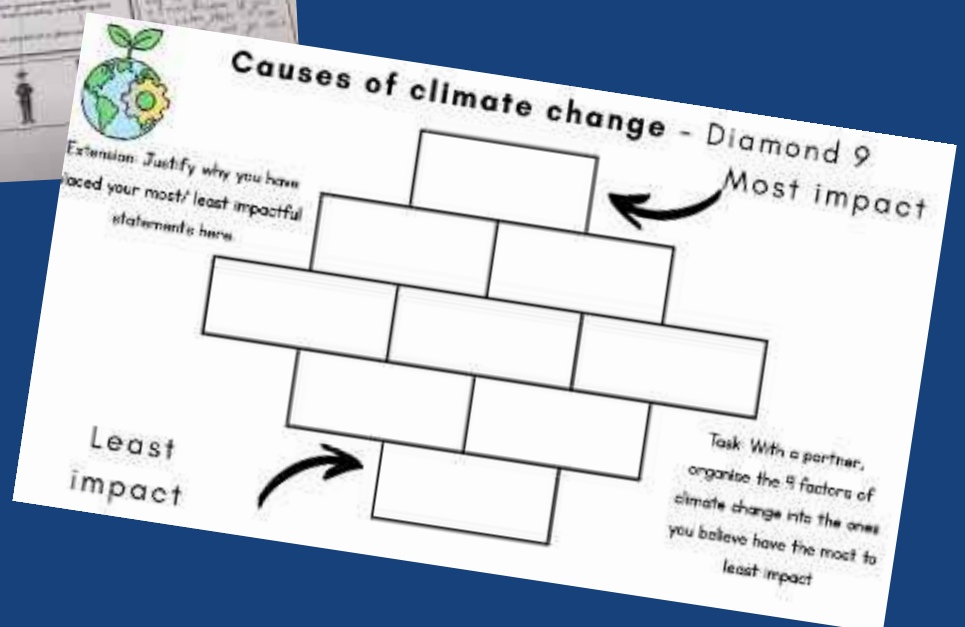
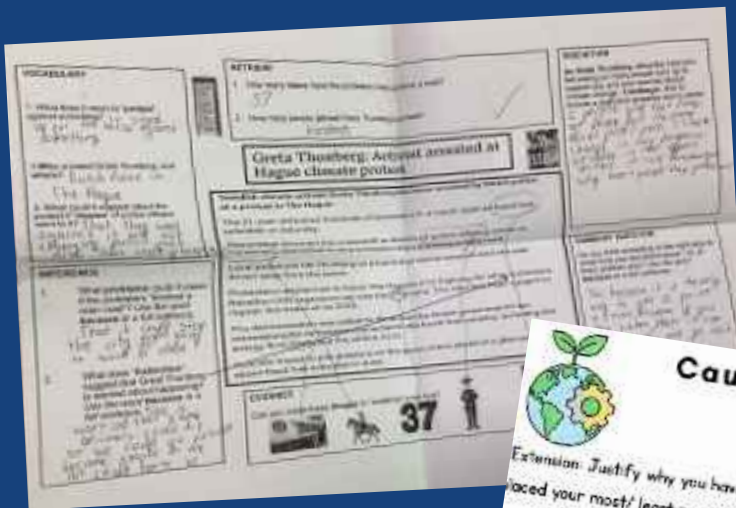
GREEN DOCTOR





Celebrating Earth Day 2026

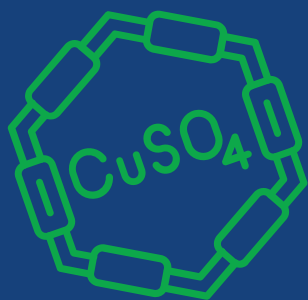
In KS3 we explored poetry and speeches which allowed us to reflect on how we can support our future generations with a planet that has been nurtured and cared for.



Science



Educake Leaders
A big well done to our current top performers:
1st – Finley Butler
2nd – Oliver Edwards
3rd – Flo Thorne



Year 10 have recently completed the required practical on growing crystals. We have some excellent examples of copper sulfate crystals, showcasing careful technique and patience in the lab.



Year 7 – Exploring gravity, building their understanding of forces and how they act on objects.

Year 8 – Studying digestion, learning how the body breaks down food and absorbs nutrients.

Year 9 – Working on ecology, in preparation for their upcoming trip to Chester Zoo.

Year 10 – Covering radiation, endothermic and exothermic reactions, and respiration as part of their GCSE course.

Year 11 – Focused on revision as they prepare for their upcoming exams. 9

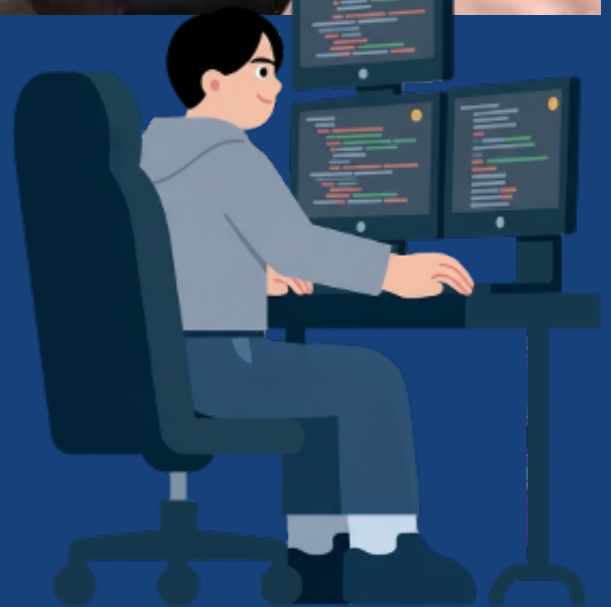


Computer Science

Computing in Action at The King's CofE Academy

Year 8 students have been learning to use HTML to design and create their own websites. HTML is the standard markup language used to build web pages.

At The King's, students develop key programming skills by learning both HTML and Python as part of their computing curriculum.



Mrs Turner

Maths



well done!

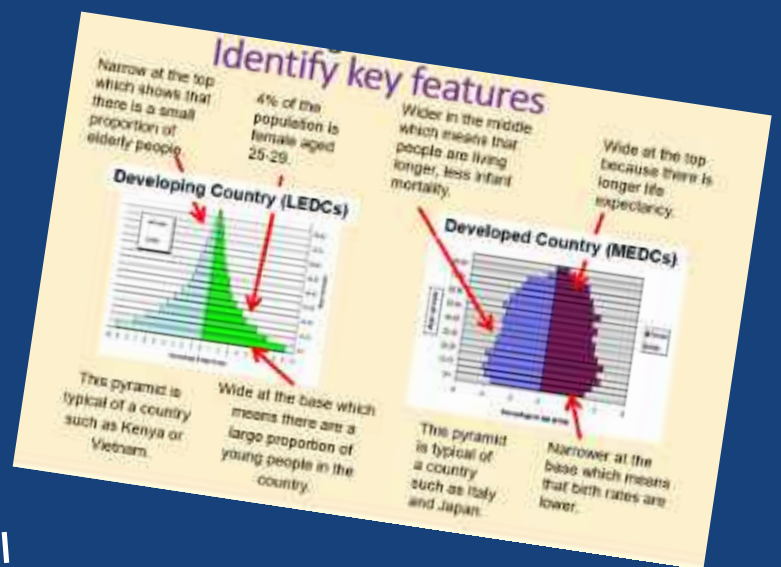


Maths Success at The King's CofE Academy
80 students took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, with many achieving Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards. Ethan (Year 10) and Daniel (Year 7) progressed to the Kangaroo round, where Daniel achieved Gold, placing him in the top 0.8% worldwide.
Next week, 80 Year 7 and 8 students will take on the Junior Maths Challenge – good luck to all involved!

To mark Earth Day, students explored real-world global issues through their Maths lessons.

Year 11 set 1 applied their learning on the volume and surface area of spheres, while Years 8 and 9 focused on statistics topics including population pyramids, choropleth maps, and time series.

Students examined important themes such as health inequalities highlighted by COVID-19, social mobility across different countries, and how population density and environmental factors impact our planet.



Performing Arts



Year 7 have started this half term by looking at A Midsummer Nights Dream. Students will be focussing on Still Images, Narration and Transition throughout this scheme of work.

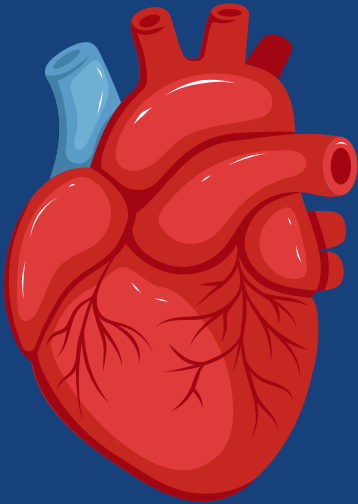
Year 8 have begun focussing on Voice. They have already started looking at pitch, pace and pause. We had a laugh trying out some tongue twisters too! Some practice still needed!



Year 9 have been taking a look at Billy Elliot The Musical. This is helping our GCSE options students prepare for next year and giving our students a great understanding of the design element of a performance rather than the acting.



Wellbeing Hub



6th Form Sport & Health and Social Care

Our Sixth Form students are working hard as they prepare for their upcoming Anatomy and Physiology exams. A reminder that the exam dates are: Sport – Wednesday 13th May at 1:00pm, and Health and Social Care – Friday 22nd May at 1:00pm.

Year 10 BTEC Courses

A reminder that the final submission deadline for all Year 10 BTEC Sport, Child Development and Health and Social Care coursework is 1st May.



Northwood Seniors

Today, we are proud to be taking our Year 9, 10 and 11 students to Northwood Stadium to compete in the Senior District Athletics Competition. Students will be representing the school across a range of track and field events, and we are excited to see them showcase their talent, determination and teamwork while competing against other local schools.





Humanities



Our Year 9 students were fantastic on their Geography field trip, showing great energy, curiosity, and excellent teamwork throughout the day.

They took part in a range of hands-on activities, including measuring beach profiles, producing detailed field sketches, and investigating how land use and environmental quality change with distance from the town centre.



We are incredibly proud of their hard work, enthusiasm, and positive attitude – they were a credit to the school!

LLANDUDNO TRIP!

Mrs Davies

Modern Foreign

Languages



merci

Buenos
días

Our Year 11 students have now begun the speaking section of their French and Spanish GCSEs. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication, and resilience they have shown in preparing for this important milestone.

They have put in a huge amount of effort, and it is wonderful to see their confidence and skills coming through. We wish them all the very best as they continue with their exams, keep going, you've got this!

¡GRACIAS!

bonjour



Creative Arts



Year 9



This half term is about developing painting skills. Students have been taught how to mix colours alongside techniques such as blending and layering. They are working towards a photorealistic painting of food in the style of the Dutch artist Tjalf Spaarnay.



Creative Arts



Painting Competition

well done!

Last month some of our students entered a local painting competition to create a piece of art to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth. There were some excellent entries from a range of students in KS3. The following have been selected and will attend a prize giving ceremony at Keele University in June – Sienna H, Ruby W, Max P and Gracie L-R.

Well done everyone!

Mrs Wright



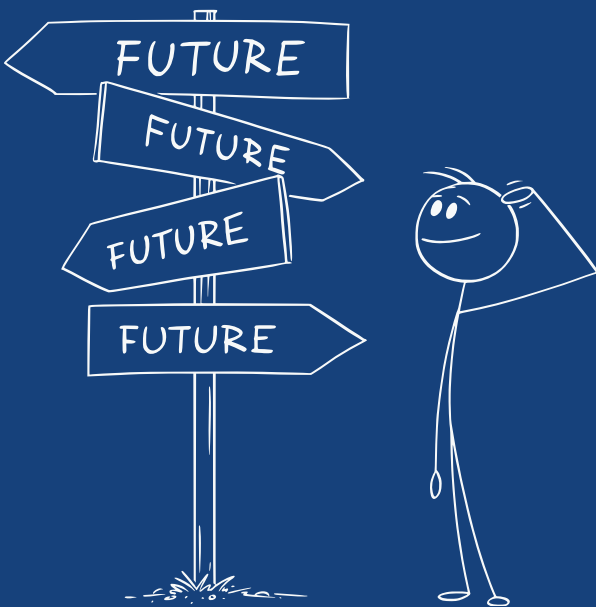
Careers



Careers Launch for Year 7 at The King's CofE Academy

Year 7 students have begun their Unifrog journey in RSHE, exploring a range of interactive quizzes to help them discover their interests and future pathways.

These sessions are led by Mrs Wright, our Careers Lead, whose dedication ensures students are given meaningful and engaging opportunities to think about their futures.



Mrs Wright

Careers

Virtual Careers Event Opportunity



Students, parents, and educators are invited to attend a live online careers panel on Thursday 7th May at 6:00pm, exploring careers in industries of the future.

The session will feature industry professionals including Rohan Vinod (Data Scientist at IBM), Phoebe Everitt (Data Science Apprentice at Pfizer), and Matteo Guarnaccia (Software Engineer Apprentice at Science and Technology Facilities Council).

Panellists will share their career journeys, challenges, and insights into working in innovative, future-focused industries.

contact awright@thekingscofeacademy.org

for further information.

Dream Big



Mrs Goldstraw

Year 7

WELCOME
BACK!

Welcome back to the summer term!

How are Year 7 in their final term of their first secondary school year!

Attendance – in line with national average, but just need to strive for 95% now!

Uniform and equipment is brilliant, with the vast majority showing they belong!

Congratulations

Student shout out!

Daniel B achieved a gold certificate in the Intermediate Maths Kangaroo, despite being a Year 7 student entering a competition aimed at years 9–11 – well done Daniel!



Miss Stanyer

Year 8

Attendance across Year 8 continues to be excellent, setting a strong example for others!

A huge well done to our Science Award winners – it was fantastic to see their hard work recognised. It was also great to see so many Year 8 students invited to the Big Breakfast and rewards trip.

A reminder to all students to be on time for school and lessons, and to arrive each day prepared with the Super Six: pen, pencil, green pen, ruler, calculator and a reading book.



Mrs Kelly

Year 9

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

We've had a fantastic and exciting start to the term. Year 9 geographers enjoyed a brilliant trip to Llandudno, exploring both coastal and urban environments, with many wishing they could have stayed even longer.

It was also great to see Year 9 have the highest attendance at the rewards trip compared to other year groups, highlighting what a strong and positive year group they are. We still have a visit to Chester Zoo to look forward to next week.

Across all these opportunities, students have demonstrated maturity, responsibility, and an excellent attitude.



This week, we have placed a strong focus on attendance through assemblies, highlighting just how important it is for student success.

We linked this to our rewards events, discussing how even a few days of absence can impact eligibility to attend. Students were encouraged to show resilience, particularly when feeling only slightly unwell, by coming into school and seeing how the day goes.

All pupils have been given their attendance banding cards and encouraged to share these at home, helping to start positive conversations about how they can improve and move up to the next band.



Miss Stevens

Year 10

Congratulations to Scarlett on achieving her GOLD in competitive swimming with an incredible 4-length time of 1 minute 28 seconds—your dedication, hard work, and passion truly shine!



ATTENDANCE

Year 10 attendance continues to be an area for improvement, and we are working closely with students and families to support positive progress, emphasising the importance of regular attendance in achieving their full potential; if you feel you need additional support, please contact me at estevens@thekingscofeacademy.org or a member of our attendance team, who will be happy to assist.



A message has been sent via Arbor regarding a £20 deposit for the 2027 Prom to help secure a venue. The total cost is estimated at £60, with deposits fully refundable and attendance subject to expectations.

Mr Barber

Year 11

Exam
season!



Exams are almost here, starting next week, and we want to remind you that we are here to support you every step of the way. This is an important time, but with the right preparation and mindset, you can approach it with confidence.

To help you do your best, make sure you are looking after yourself as well as your studies. Stay hydrated, aim for plenty of sleep each night, and try to stick to a clear revision schedule so you feel organised and in control. A healthy breakfast each morning can really boost your focus and energy, so don't skip it!

Remember to take regular breaks during revision, keep active where you can, and reach out to staff if you need any help or reassurance. You've worked hard to get to this point – now is your time to show what you can do.



Mr Barber

Year 11



A reminder that payment for prom is now due as soon as possible and can be made via Arbor.

We are really looking forward to celebrating with such an incredible year group after four years of growth, learning, and unforgettable memories. It promises to be a special evening to recognise everything you have achieved together.

Please ensure your payment is completed on Arbor at your earliest convenience to secure your place.

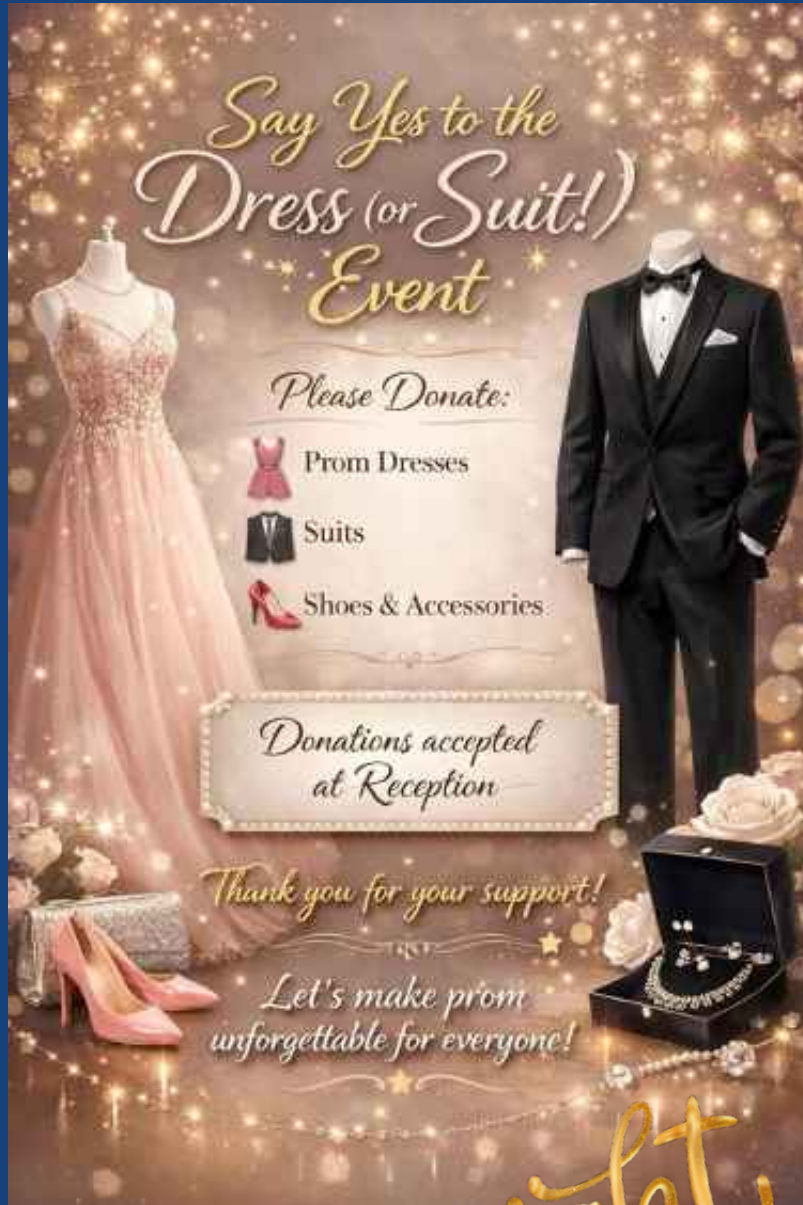


Mr Barber

Year 11



Say Yes to the Dress (or Suit!) Event



Prom night

We're excited to support our students in getting ready for their special night and we need your help!

We are kindly asking for donations of:

Prom dresses

Suits

Shoes & accessories

Every contribution, big or small, will make a huge difference and help ensure every student feels confident and celebrated.

Donations can be handed in at reception we are incredibly grateful for your support

Let's come together to make prom unforgettable for everyone!

Mrs Finnemore

Sixth Form



Recently, we had the pleasure of welcoming Jill Salt from the University of Staffordshire, who delivered an engaging and insightful lecture on anatomy and physiology to our Sport and Health & Social Care students.

The session not only deepened students' understanding of key scientific concepts but also explored university course options and future pathways, offering valuable guidance for their next steps beyond college.

We are grateful to Jill for such an informative and inspiring visit, which has undoubtedly motivated and encouraged our students as they consider their future careers.

Mrs Finnemore

Sixth Form

Applications are still open for places in Sixth Form commencing study in September 2026 in:

- Hospitality and Catering
- T Level Engineering
- Health and Social Care
- Sport

If you need further help or guidance, please speak to

Mrs. Finnemore or

Mrs. Harnett, or visit our website:

www.thekingscofeacademy.org

