



Kingsford Times

Student Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,

I am delighted to say that as the first half of the new term comes to a close, I am able to report that it has been extremely successful. Following the receipt of the school's best ever GCSE examination results this summer, the school has continued to pursue academic excellence within the classroom, whilst simultaneously providing its students with a large range of valuable and character building extra-curricular activities, which likewise make a valuable contribution to increased student attainment.

Members of the Leadership Team have recently completed a rigorous programme of lesson monitoring and we are very pleased with the quality of learning and teaching being delivered by Kingsford staff to our young people. Our young people need kindness, challenge and structure. It is essential that they recognise that manners matter, respect for staff and one another matters and so too does a curriculum and learning and teaching arrangements that develop moral fibre and challenge them. The staff at Kingsford are providing this. However the work of the staff alone is not all that matters. Positive partnership with parents foster and promote the school's aims. Responsible parental support in matters such as ensuring that pupils arrive punctually and correctly dressed for school, as well as parents overseeing the completion of homework and GCSE coursework, is also having a most beneficial impact on pupils. We welcome, value and appreciate such clear expressions of parental responsibility.

In addition, our many extremely gifted young people who have the potential to achieve great things, are being recognised further afield. One such student is Jason Dobbs who recently signed for Norwich City's Football Academy. Jason is amongst a host of extremely talented sportsmen and women at Kingsford who I am sure will go on to compete at the highest level.

I hope you all had a very happy Diwali and are eagerly anticipating a relaxing and most well deserved half term! I look forward to seeing all our staff and students again on Monday 23rd November 2009.

Best wishes and kind regards,

Joan Deslandes
Head Teacher

Kingsford hosts Chinese Delegation



On Thursday 15th October 2009, Kingsford was delighted to welcome an important educational delegation from Beijing (pictured, top left, with Ms Deslandes, Head Teacher and Ms Liu, Confucius Classroom Manager). The delegation's visit to Kingsford was part of their week long stay in London, organised for them to gain an insight into the English education system. As Kingsford is the first Confucius Classroom for London and the South-East, delegates were particularly interested in visiting the school to witness Mandarin learning in action, as well as the innovative learning and teaching systems in place across the curriculum. Not only did they observe a KS3 Mandarin lesson where students were making board games—in Chinese! (pictured, top right)- but they were



also hugely impressed by Kingsford students Osman Abdul-Moomin (9K7), Abdulmajid Dinki (10K9), Merza Ghaderi (8K5), Meera Pillai (8K8) and Christianne Daniel (8K8) who performed a wonderfully choreographed Chinese fan dance. The event was another important occasion helping to build positive links between China and the UK. The delegation's leader, Mr Wu Songyuan, Vice Director of the Beijing Municipal Education Commission, presented the school with gifts (left) and invited Head Teacher, Ms Deslandes, and staff recommended by her, to visit the Beijing Municipal Education Commission in China, in future.

Stolen Lives Project

On Tuesday 13th October 2009 Kingsford pupils participated in an extended day workshop called 'Stolen Lives'. This was an exciting and meaningful opportunity for pupils to voice their views and ideas about an education pack devised through a partnership between the Metropolitan Police and Newham Local Authority. The 'anti violent death' project pack will provide educational materials for use in all Newham Schools. Kingsford pupils were praised by the providers for the way in which they were able to assess and evaluate the educational materials in small groups (pictured) and suggest what else could be included.



It was a very successful workshop in which the 43 student participants volunteered to attend and demonstrated pride and commitment towards Kingsford Community School and the local area through their contribution.

Ms Johnston, Director of Learning for Every Child Matters



Kingsford students become tourists!

On Tuesday 22nd of September 2009, Year 10 students went on a visit to various London landmarks. This visit was in connection with a unit in the GCSE STUDY PLUS course, which aims to consolidate concepts of descriptive writing. Before the visit, students had been learning and reviewing the techniques of descriptive writing. During the visit students were given a notebook, in which they made notes and wrote descriptions of iconic places around London.

The students experienced London from a vantage view point - the top of an open tour bus. They were driven past landmarks such as The London Eye (pictured), No. 10 Downing Street, The Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, Madame Tussauds, London Bridge, Shakespeare's Globe, Marble Arch and St Paul's Cathedral to mention but a few. At Trafalgar Square, the students got off the bus to take in the view and watch a chess game played with giant chess pieces that had to be moved by two people at a time! They also took time to grab something to eat. The visit took another dimension as the students got on a tour boat at Tower Bridge and took a leisurely ride on the River Thames to Greenwich Pier before making their way back to school. The students who participated have since written their descriptive pieces about the landmarks. Natalie Wong (10K3), Deanna Beesley (10K10), James Maina (10K8) and Kendall Harris (10K6) have produced particularly good descriptive pieces of writing. Their work will be displayed in the English Corridor after half term.



Ms Alimi, English Inclusion Co-ordinator

Jason Dobbs signs for Norwich City!

Congratulations to Jason Dobbs (11K10) who has recently signed for Norwich City Football Club Academy for the forthcoming season. The school would like to wish Jason well in his quest to play football at the highest level and will continue to support him academically as he works towards the completion of his GCSEs.



Important Safety Notice: Visitors to the School

The school would like to remind all parents, carers, staff and other visitors to the school that no one will be granted access to the school building without a prior appointment having been made by mutual agreement with a staff member or via the school receptionist. All such appointments will be logged. Only in the most exceptional circumstances will a visitor be admitted to the school building in the absence of such a pre-arranged appointment.

Kingsford Community School is committed to safeguarding and the promotion of the care and welfare of children and young people. We expect all parents, carers, staff and others to share this important commitment and to co-operate with this school health and safety requirement. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Maori Art Workshop

Kingsford students, alongside Ms Rolfe and Mr Bishenden, visited The October Gallery in Holborn for the start of a series of workshops with Maori artist Rosanna Raymond (right, with students) last week.



They were greeted on entrance with a traditional Maori song inviting them into the exhibition space and wishing them creativity for the forthcoming project work. The workshop will be developed by the students via the Art GCSE course and go towards students' GCSE Art project entitled 'Identity'.



The work produced by Kingsford students will also be shown at the October Gallery next summer alongside that of only four other schools. The exhibition will be opened by the famous TV artist Rolf Harris who Ms. Rolfe had the privilege of meeting at the private view of the 'Etknowcentrix' exhibition, featuring Rosanna Raymond's work.

Ms Rolfe
Subject Leader for Art

Forthcoming Events



Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October:

Half Term

On Monday and Tuesday during the half term there will be several GCSE revision / coursework sessions running at the school

Monday 9th—Friday 13th November:

Enterprise Days, Years 7-11

Monday 16th—Wednesday 18th November:

Year 8 Science Visits to Kew

Thursday 19th November

Year 11 Classics Visit to British Museum

Monday 23rd November

SAC Day 1

We look forward to seeing the Parent(s)/Carer(s) of every pupil on this day

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