



King's College Murcia Newsletter

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Message From **The Head**



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HEAD'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents,

VISIT FROM NICK WERGAN

This week we welcomed Mr Nick Wergan, Inspired Global Education Director to our school. He spent time attending our leadership meeting in the morning, visiting classrooms throughout the school, speaking to students and chairing our Governors' meeting with Elena Benito in Madrid. He enjoyed the visit and found our students highly articulate, bright, committed and accomplished young people. He commented that they all felt safe and supported at school and they embraced changes and looked forward to working with me for the future improvements at the school.



COFFEE MORNING WITH PARENTS

This week I met with parents at school of Pre-Nursery to Year 4. Subjects discussed were:

- Extracurricular activities - more opportunities for younger children and also in the school day
- How we teach Reading, Writing and Maths
- Languages - which are also part of Inspired's global priorities
- Homework
- Approached to dealing with peer on peer abuse/bullying
- Preventive solutions to ensuring the children are kind to each other and get along well with each other

MEETING WITH PARENTS OF YEARS 12 & 13

This week Sr. Puente and I met with every student and their parents to discuss choices of A Level and específicas and routes into Spanish universities. We really hope the government of the UK and Spain will reach an agreement about entrance into Spanish universities and the points given to A-Levels. We are confident that all of our students and parents are well informed and prepared.

ARETE EDUCATION CONSULTANCY

Arete Education Consultancy, in partnership with Inspired, will offer a university workshop next week to our families. Arete specialises in helping students with their university admissions processes. During the workshop, the consultancy will be presenting their services and answering any questions that our parents might have. All Inspired students can benefit from preferential rates on their services. To sign up, please click on the link below:

Inspired Schools - Premium Private Education - Online University Workshop (inspirededu.com)



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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

We are very excited about the decision to adopt the IB Diploma in Years 12 and 13 from September 2022. Our present Year 11 will be the first year of the Diploma programme.

Since its conception in 1968, this highly reputed course of study has promoted international-mindedness as well as intellectual rigour and academic flexibility.

The Diploma Programme is designed to meet the educational requirements of pupils normally aged between 16 and 19 years. The IB Diploma Programme aims to develop critical and compassionate thinkers who, as learners in the 21st century are prepared for success at university and life beyond. In order to facilitate lifelong learning a challenging and balanced two-year curriculum is offered.

The programme offers breadth of study through the range of subjects studied, the unifying nature of the Theory of Knowledge programme and the holistic nature of the Creativity, Action and Service programme. Depth of study is provided through the study of three subjects at the Higher Level and the Extended Essay.

Successful completion of the IB Diploma has proved to be a valuable asset when applying to universities in the UK and worldwide. The critical thinking required for the Diploma Course gives students a significant advantage at university. As an alternative to the full Diploma Programme some students may enrol in individual Diploma courses for the purpose of acquiring IB Diploma Certificates. Both the IB Diploma and certificates are recognised as entry qualifications into university with leading universities specifically welcoming applications from IB Diploma pupils.

OUR PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Nayeli R. won the horseriding competition "IV Copa de España de Alta Escuela" held in Córdoba on 19th September. Well done, Nayeli!



I hope you enjoy looking through the photos and examples of work at the school!

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs Akyürek,
Headteacher

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This week in Year 2

As part of our topic about old and new transport, Year 2 have designed and started to make Viking longboats! The first step was to learn about Viking longboats and why these were used by the Vikings! We learned that the Vikings used their longboats to find places with food, weapons and sometimes to steal money or jewels from other people!

Once we knew a little bit more about the longboats, it was time to design our own! We had to think about what materials we would need and how we would assemble the boats. We carefully chose our vocabulary and learned how to label our diagrams.

The following week it was time to start cutting and shaping the boats. We could independently access the resources we needed in order to make the initial shape of the boats. We talked about whether glue or sellotape would be stronger or weaker for certain parts of the boat and how we could shape our materials to make them look as aerodynamic as possible!

The boats have really started to take shape and the children have had such fun making them. It has been wonderful to hear the amount of English being spoken in the classroom! Well done to everyone in Year 2!

Mrs Brett-Summers.





PERFORMING ARTS

Years 5 and 6 have been studying Ancient Greece as part of their Humanities lessons so we have linked this to our Music lessons! This week, we have started a project to create the music for a dramatic retelling of Perseus and Medusa! This week, we have created a leitmotif for the heroic character of Perseus and we will be voting on the most effective leitmotif next week - watch this space for the winners next week!



Year 7 have been rehearsing collaboratively this week by reading graphic scores and interpreting them in their own unique way. We are all looking forward to the class performances next week where they will showcase their hard work!

I am pleased to say that we have had a few more members join both the ukulele club and our Primary Singers this week. It has been wonderful making music during lunchtimes with these enthusiastic students!

Year 8 and 9 dancers in The Greatest Showman have been proving their talent during rehearsals. They are developing their technical skills as they learn some fast paced and challenging dances to 'Come alive' and 'The Other Side'. I am very impressed by their enthusiasm and energy and after only a couple of lessons the performances are already looking amazing!



Mrs Rumistrzewicz and Miss Robinson.



Secondary Science

We have had a busy week in the Science labs this week with our students carrying out a range of investigations in Chemistry, Physics and Biology. Rather than simply learning the theory in the classroom, experimentation is key to nurturing the key skills that will allow our students to become scientists of the future. We have focused on collaboration, responsibility and problem solving.

Year 7 have now completed their Introduction to Secondary Science in which they learned about lab safety, equipment and variables. They were asked to investigate the best biscuit to dunk in tea! They demonstrated great organisational and thinking skills, but more importantly, it was wonderful to see them work with such enthusiasm.



Our Year 9 students were looking at the world of the weird and wonderful this week! They had to prepare microscope slides carefully so that they could observe the cell wall and nuclei of onion cells. Here is one of their slides. The pin is showing the nucleus where the DNA is found. Amazing!

In Year 12 Biology, our students were carrying out a core AS level practical where they used a variety of reagents to determine concentrations of reducing sugars and starch in a range of samples. It was fantastic to see the students work together in groups to solve problems and devise strategies to gather meaningful results.



The A level Physics students were asked to devise an experiment to measure acceleration of various objects due to gravity. Critical thinking, precision and collaboration were key to the success of this practical.

We look forward to many more practical lessons with our amazing Science students.
Miss Denise Murphy



DoE Reading Buddies

Years 10 and 11 have shown huge generosity of time and spirit when choosing what to do for the volunteering part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We have over 30 pupils giving up half an hour of their lunchtime twice a week to help children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 with their reading.

The teachers have been impressed with how seriously the older pupils are taking the task, and with how much the younger children are enjoying it.

Mrs Bengtsson.



GREEN DAY 2021

King's College Murcia will again be participating in Green Day, which is the initiative of the charity Just One Tree. Along with schools in four continents, we are asking students to wear green on Thursday 14th October and donate 1 euro towards tree planting to combat deforestation.

Dr. Brown



First Term School Calendar



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Tue 5 Oct	9:15	10:15	Coffee Morning with the Head - Year 7 Parents
Tue 5 Oct	16:45	18:00	Year 7 Tutor - Parent Meeting
Thu 7 Oct			SCHOOL CLOSED - LOCAL FIESTA (Torre Pacheco)
Fri 8 Oct	09:15	10:15	Coffee Morning with the Head - Year 8 & 9 Parents
Mon 11 Oct			SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue 12 Oct			SCHOOL CLOSED
Thu 14 Oct	09:15	10:15	Coffee Morning with the Head - Year 12 & 13 Parents
Thu 14 Oct			Just One Tree - Wear Green Day
Fri 15 Oct	09:30	16:10	Sixth Form Reading Trip - <u>Calhique</u>
Fri 15 Oct	09:15	10:15	Coffee Morning with the Head - Year 10 & 11 Parents
Thu 21 Oct	09:30	13:00	Reception Class Trip to El Valle Wildlife Centre
Fri 22 Oct	09:30	16:10	Year 11 IGCSE Geography trip to Cartagena
Mon 25 Oct			KCM Inter-House Football Week
Tue 26 Oct			Year 12 & 13 UNITOUR Event - Murcia
Tue 26 Oct	16:45	18:30	Primary Parents' Evening
Wed 27 Oct	16:45	18:30	Primary Parents' Evening
Fri 29 Oct			Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Starts
Fri 29 Oct			Year 7 - 11 Mid-Term Reports Released on portal
Fri 29 Oct	09:30	10:30	EYFS and Key Stage 1 Halloween Parade
Sat 30 Oct			Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Sun 31 Oct			Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Returns

Mon 1 Nov			SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 3 Nov			Year 11 and A level Theatre Trip to Alicante
Thu 4 Nov	09:30	16:10	Year 10 IGCSE Geography Mazarron Fieldwork
Fri 12 Nov			Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition starts
Sun 14 Nov			Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition returns
Tue 16 Nov	16:45	18:30	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Mon 22 Nov			KCM Inter-House Athletics Week
Tue 23 Nov	16:45	18:30	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Wed 24 Nov			Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations begin

Wed 1 Dec			Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations end
Tue 14 Dec	15:00	16:30	Secondary Christmas Musical
Tue 14 Dec	16:45	18:30	Year 11 & 13 Parents' Evening
Wed 15 Dec	10:00	11:30	Secondary Christmas Musical
Thu 16 Dec	10:00	11:00	EYFS Nativity Performance
Fri 17 Dec	10:00	11:00	EYFS Nativity Performance
Fri 17 Dec	15:00	16:15	Key Stage 2 Christmas Cantata
Mon 20 Dec			First Term Reports released on Parent Portal
Mon 20 Dec	15:00	16:15	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
Tue 21 Dec			Last Day of First Term for Pupils
Wed 22 Dec	09:00	16:00	Whole School Parent Meeting Day



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