



King's Park Secondary News

Quick news:

This was our first year entering **DebateMate**. Working with partners from Glasgow University, our young students travelled to the Scottish Parliament to compete in a competition against other youngsters from throughout Scotland. The pupils performed fantastically, winning silver in the final versus an older team. Congratulations to our competitors Erin Curtis, Sophie Marshall, Gordana Trayanowska, Jamie Bamford, Aileen Cowan, Katie McGowan and Ruby Garrick.

Our **new S1** pupils visited us in May for their **2 day transition visit**. We welcomed 145 P7 pupils - from a number of different primary schools. We had a wonderful 2 days - with pupils following their S1 timetable. We can't wait to see them again August!

Key Dates:

Pupils return	15/08
Photographs—all year groups	21/08
Believe, Achieve Reward Day	25/08

Message from Mrs Ayed, our Headteacher

Dear All,

We have made it to the end of a very busy session!

Thankfully I can report that my broken ankle is healing well and that the support of my colleagues across the school and the children at King's Park has certainly helped my recovery.

We have had a number of fantastic celebration events in the last few months of term – our Award Ceremonies, our Senior Graduation, our Senior Prom and our Talent Show. All of these events have run exceptionally well and highlight the successes and wealth of talent we have within the show – not just within our pupils, but also our staff as well. See our Twitter Feed for proof of our staff talent at our Talent Show – you won't be disappointed.

We are now looking forward to next session already. Our new timetable has started and we have met our new S1 pupils who were here for their Induction Days. Our ambition

is to continually strive to improve the achievements for our young people and our Believe, Achieve motto helps us focus on this. These high standards also involve our school uniform. In recent months, possibly due to pupils growing out of uniform and a recent bout of warm weather, we have seen an increase in pupils wearing branded, coloured hoodies and jeans/leggings. I would like to take this opportunity to remind pupils and parents/carers that branded, coloured hoodies and jeans/leggings are not part of our school uniform. Our school uniform consists of:

Black blazer
White shirt
School tie
Black skirt/trousers
Black jumper/cardigan/hoodie

Pupils who consistency wear school uniform will be rewarded with merits as part of our Believe, Achieve Award Scheme, which sees this sessions Award winners gaining rewards such as a trip to

Blackpool Pleasure Beach (Gold winners), an afternoon at bowling (Silver winners) and a pizza/movie afternoon (Bronze winners). The standard of uniform is very important to us to ensure better consistency for our young people and also that they are easily identifiable as a member of our school community. Please keep this in mind when purchasing uniform for August 2017.

Thank you again to our S1 Leadership Group and Ms Kelly (DHT), who have produced this Newsletter.

I wish you and your family a fantastic summer break, with beautiful weather.

Thank you.

Kirsty Ayed
Head Teacher



Goodbye to a number of staff—including Miss Marshall DHT

At the end of this session, we say good bye to a number of members of staff who have made valuable contributions to King's Park Secondary School, some for a number of years.

Miss Marshall—DHT—is retiring. She was head of Arran House and has made many contributions to our school community over the years.

She will be very much missed by staff and pupils and we wish her good health and happiness.

Miss Seonaid MacRae, PT Computing Studies, is also retiring, as is Ms Patty Toledo, who has been acting PT Computing in Miss MacRae's absence. Both ladies have been vital to the development of Computing Studies. Miss



Miss MacRae also ran a club for pupils every interval and lunchtime—which was very much appreciated.

Mrs C Friel, our Education Liaison Officer, is also retiring. Her supports in terms of making sure pupils are attending have been invaluable.

We wish all members of staff—who are leaving us—all the very best for their futures.

Celebrating Success—two fantastic evenings!

We celebrated the successes of our Senior and S1-S3 pupils recently. In April, our annual Senior Awards took place in Cathcart Old Parish Church. The number of award winners continues to grow. Actor, Brian Ferguson, a former pupil of our school, was guest speaker. Congratulations to S5 Dux, Rachel Culpán, and S4 Dux, Rahma Said. Kira Holli-man also won this year's Parent Partnership Award, which was

presented by Mr N Kinloch, chair of our Parent Partnership.



Our BGE Awards was another amazing night. Many pupils received Believe, Achieve Gold Awards and are looking forward to a well earned trip to Blackpool. Silver and Bronze Believe, Achieve winners were celebrated at a recent assembly.



It has been another successful year in King's Park as our pupils continue to achieve. Well done!

Summer Tea continues to be popular with our local community



Our annual summer tea was held on 16th June. Our pupils shared their musical talents with parents, carers and different members of our local community. Our Personal Development class served tea, coffee and cakes and nothing was too much trouble!

It was a wonderful morning and

many people commented on how much they enjoyed listening to our young people perform.

This event is very important to us - as we continue to develop our links with the local community.

King's Park certainly does have talent!

Prior to our pupils heading off to Tanzania for World Challenge, a fundraising King's Park's got Talent night was held. There were 11 acts ranging from dancing to singing to playing instruments. Ruby Garrick - our winner - wrote and performed her own song. Definitely a worthy winner.

Louise Taylor also raised more money by having her hair cut off. The hair was then donated to a cancer charity which makes wigs for children who are currently undergoing chemo therapy. We are very proud of Louise - well done!



Outdoor Learning—our pupils broadening their experiences

A group of pupils from S3/4/5/6 had a great time in beautiful Stratford and London during the first weekend of the Easter holidays. They visited Shakespeare's childhood home and also his grave, before attending a particularly gruesome version of "Julius Caesar" performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company!

They also spent a fantastic day in London: experiencing a tour of the Globe Theatre before

seeing some more of the sights of London.

The weekend was finished off back in Stratford with a picnic at the marina then a drama workshop at the youth hostel before heading back home to Scotland.

S2 pupils have just returned from our annual trip to Holland. Pupils went to different Theme Parks, visited the only Castle in Holland and even managed tobogganing. A good time was had by all.

We have also waved good bye to senior pupils who are taking part in this year's World Challenge. They are heading to Tanzania where they will help to make a difference to a local community. We can't wait to update you in our first newsletter next session.



Inter-house Competition—the Skye's the limit!

Our annual inter-house debate was won by Skye House this year—well done to Rebecca Grainger and Lucca Allesandri

They successfully convinced everyone that now is the time for Scottish Independence.



Our Sports Day took on a different format this session—with every pupil in S1-S3 taking part. There were different events, including high jump, 800m and we even had welly throwing!

On the day, Skye house was victorious, with Mull second.

Pupils enjoyed representing their

house.

Next session, we can't wait for even more competition.

Well done to Skye house!



Introducing S1 to the workplace—CMS

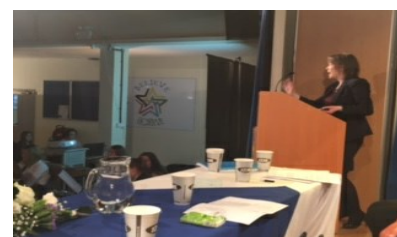
Our business partnership with CMS continues to grow.

A group of S1 pupils visited the CMS office in Glasgow City Centre for a series of workshops to help develop their employability skills.

One pupil who visited said: "It was a really good experience to see a real

office with real people working in it. I really enjoyed the conference call—even although it was a little scary!"

We also found out that one of the lawyers with CMS is a former pupil of King's Park! We were delighted to invite Danielle McLaughlin along as our guest speaker at our Junior Awards.



We look forward to working more with CMS next session.



Reporting Absence

When your child is absent from school, please phone the Absence Reporting Line on: 0141 287 0039.

When they return to school, they should give a note to Mrs Friel, our Education Liaison Officer, or the school office.

If a pupil requires permission to be out of school, the Absence Reporting Line should also be contacted. They will liaise with the school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Senior Leadership Team:

Depute Headteacher	Ruth Kelly	Arran House
Depute Headteacher	Tom Feasby	Lewis House
Depute Headteacher	Pauline Kelly	Mull House
Depute Headteacher	Kevin Kelly	Skye House

Pupil Support Team:

PT Pastoral Care	Yvonne Frater	Arran House
PT Pastoral Care	Joan Lyon	Lewis House
PT Pastoral Care (acting)	Sally Ward	Mull House
PT Pastoral Care	Ian Samson	Skye House
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