

King's Park Secondary School



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Dear All

I hope you all had an enjoyable spring break and that those of you with young people in S4-S6 did not have to undertake too much revision prompting during this time. Our SQA examinations begin on Thursday 25th April for pupils studying Standard Grade Art and our S5/6 exams start on Tuesday 7th May for pupils studying Higher Home Economics. This is a nervous time for both pupils and parents, but hopefully the hard work pupils, parents and staff have put in up until now will be well rewarded when the results are published on Tuesday 6th August.

January to April was an exceptionally busy term for pupils and staff alike as they completed folio work, undertook course choice discussions and competed in Inter-house activities. Hopefully this Newsletter will give you a taste of all the activities your young people have contributed to during that time.

Plans for Curriculum for Excellence continue to evolve and pupils, parents and staff will shortly be asked to complete a questionnaire to give us a clearer picture of your views about Curriculum for Excellence and this will help us with our planning for next session.

It is important to us that young people get the best out of their education – especially in the current economic climate. It is vital therefore that pupils maintain excellent attendance, timekeeping and behaviour. I am disappointed, however, to note that a number of our young people are arriving late for registration in the morning. Our school starts at 8.55 am promptly and I would ask that you support the school in ensuring that young people are at registration for 8.55 am daily.

This 3rd term will continue to be a busy one for all of us – please check the diary dates towards the end of this Newsletter to ensure you do not miss out on any of our events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes
Kirsty Ayed
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Head Teacher

Our Parent Council is a very vibrant group of parents who are keen to support the life and developments of the school. If you would like to join the Parent Council, please contact Jane Hunter, Vice-Chair who will happily reassure you that you would be a very welcome addition to the group and can talk you through what is involved.
Jane's email address is janehunter@hotmail.co.uk

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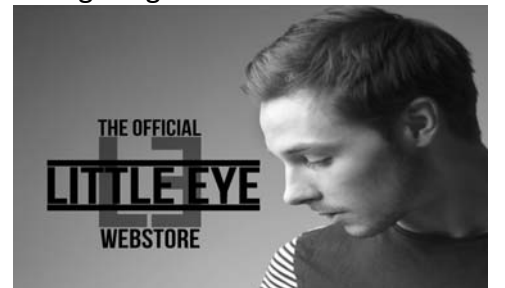


World Book Day

The English Department held a Book Swap to celebrate World Book Day on 7th March. Pupils, including bookworms Cristina Bikanga Ada (S2) and Annie Garroway (S1), enjoyed browsing the book tables and picking up some new reads.



Little Eye – an up-and-coming Scottish Band, Little Eye, performed for S1-S3 pupils. They were very popular with pupils – especially the girls and their message about not taking drugs was also well received.



Show Racism the Red Card

Three of our S2 pupils were winners of the Show Racism the Red Card poster entry. They were competing against a number of other Glasgow Schools and triumphed at this event with their poster depicting a girl looking in the mirror and actually visualizing herself as someone else as she believed the bad things that the other girls had been saying about her. The girls - Maaree O'Kane, Mariyah Anwar and Rachel Paterson won £200 of educational vouchers for the Social Subjects department who supported them, and also 30 tickets for a Rangers Football Team game. They also have a framed certificate to keep as a memento of this fantastic achievement.



CERN

As part of King's Park Secondary School's commitment to preparing pupils for forthcoming academic and life challenges, the Faculty of Science have just returned from a planned trip to the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva. This took place during the Spring break and involved a group of 23 S5 pupils and 3 staff.

CERN is one of the world's largest and most respected centres for scientific research in fundamental physics where the world's largest and most complex scientific instruments are used to study the basic constituents of matter - the fundamental particles. By studying what happens when these particles collide, scientists learn about the laws of nature. CERN is also where the World Wide Web was born twenty years ago.

The trip also included a guided tour of the UN Palace of Nations where pupils learned more about the history of this famous organisation and the various activities in which it is involved.





Easter School

The school offered support to young people in S4-S6 in preparation for their SQA examinations. A number of subjects were represented throughout the 2 week spring break and a large number of young people came along. Thank you to the staff who supported this initiative and well done to pupils who came along – we are sure this will prove beneficial for you in preparation for your forthcoming examinations.

World of Work Day

S3 pupils had the opportunity to talk to a number of local employers and businesses at the World of Work day held within the school. BSkyb, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Marks and Spencers, O2, City Building and City of Glasgow College were just some of the partners involved. This was a fantastic experience for them, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Pupils were engaged, well mannered and asked lots of questions. They gave employers a really good impression of themselves and of the school.

Thank you to all of our partners for supporting this event.

Geography Citizenship Project

Our S3 pupils have been developing their Geography field work skills by conducting research in the local area. They have been engaging in an environmental assessment of one of our community's local green spaces - Castlemilk Woodland Park. In an attempt to see how inviting the Park is to local users, the pupils visited the Woodland, recording the levels of litter and graffiti present. They also investigated how many activities there were for different individuals in the community, such as families, children, teenagers and the elderly. The pupils then exercised their civic duty as responsible citizens, writing to their local councilor, Baillie Ms Margot Clark, and the director of Land and Environmental Services with suggestions on how to improve the Park for the future. The pupils were thrilled when Ms Margot Clark recently contacted them, expressing her interest in visiting the school to hear more of the pupils' suggestions. The pupils are very excited about the prospect of presenting their findings to the council and Ms Clarke and are hopeful that this visit may help them improve their local green space for all who wish to visit. Well done S3.

Red Nose Day

King's Park have an exceptionally generous group of pupils and staff. Pupils held a non-uniform day and staff, parents and pupils donated home baking which was sold on the day. Pupils also organised a Tombola Stall and sold sweets. The main event, however, was the Talent Competition that was held. The school has some exceptionally talented pupils – singers, dancers, and comedians. The winner of the Talent Competition was Hannah Carroll and the total amount of money raised for Red Nose Day was £1,118.00. In the picture below you will see some of the masks pupils made with support from the Art Department. Thank you to all the pupils and staff who helped to support this event.



Glasgow Secondary Sports School of the Year 2012 - King's Park Secondary School



You may have already heard about our claim to fame through the Evening Times, but on Friday 1st February 2013, King's Park Secondary School were awarded the title of Glasgow Secondary Sports School of the Year. This was a very competitive field of entries and our success came down to the service our Senior School Sports Captains had given to the school to promote sporting activities. The role of Sports Captain is something we are looking to further develop and expand into the Junior School with the support of Aiden Byrne, Active Schools

Co-ordinator. Emma Cowan and Chloe Kinloch represented the school at this special ceremony along with one of their parents, Mrs Ayed, Mr Feasby and Mr Byrne. The event was held in the City Chambers and was hosted by Bryan Burnett. There were some Scottish Olympic Award Winners present, but unfortunately Chris Hoy was unable to attend. Well done to all pupils and staff involved in this initiative and we are looking to build on this success for the future.

SQA Examinations

S4/S5 and S6 pupils are about to embark on their SQA examinations. Exam leave for S4 pupils runs from Thursday 25th April until Wednesday 5th June (inclusive) and S5/6 exam leave runs from Wednesday 8th May until Wednesday 5th June (inclusive). Although pupils are only due in school when they have an exam, any pupil requiring study facilities in school should speak to Miss Dougan and she will direct them. Pupils are **required to wear full school uniform during these SQA examinations**. Pupils must not come into school dressed in casual clothes. A copy of the SQA timetable has been issued to all pupils and is also on the school website. Miss Dougan has spoken with all pupils about our expectations of them during these examinations and has reminded them of the SQA rule that mobile phones **must not** be brought into the examination room. Pupils should leave mobile telephones at home and if you require to contact your child as a matter of urgency, you should contact the school office, who will be able to get a message to your child as soon as the examination is finished.



History Department

S2 pupils attended a showing of the film 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' at the Glasgow Film Theatre as part of the Holocaust Memorial Day events.

Abigail Thomson of 2M commented,

"I enjoyed the film even although it was upsetting. It helped me to understand more about what happened in Nazi Germany."

ASDA Bag-Pack

Again our pupils have been a credit to us with a recent bag-pack event at Asda, Toryglen. Pupils managed to raise £945 which will support the S6 Leavers' Graduation Ceremony. Thank you to all the pupils who participated, and as always, a massive thank you to Mrs MacRae, Computing and Mrs Hunter, Vice-Chair of our Parent Council.

S4 Skills for Work Hospitality

S4 Skills for Work pupils concluded their course with a fabulous 3 course lunch served to staff and invited guests. Pupils worked as a team to transform a classroom into an attractive eating environment. On the menu was cream of pea soup, chicken stuffed with cream cheese wrapped in parma ham served with carrot and courgette parcels and dauphinoise potatoes followed by chocolate cake and vanilla ice cream drizzled with hot chocolate sauce. The pupils planned, cooked and served a restaurant standard meal, which was enjoyed by all.

"It was exhausting, but I loved the challenge."

"It was worth all the hard work seeing the guests clear their plates!"

"We all had a lot of experience which made it a fun event."



The Home Economic and Music Department are also working hard to prepare for our Summer Tea on **Friday 21st June 2013 10.30 am – 12.00 noon**. This is a fantastic event to thank the community for supporting King's Park Secondary throughout the session.

Dance Troup Success



One of our senior Sports Captains - Chloe Kinloch, has led a school Dance Troupe - **Edge** to success at a recent Active Schools Dance Festival. Our team won the award for the Best Teamwork - a fantastic achievement since these pupils had no specific input from a dance coach. The group will now represent King's Park Secondary School at the Emirates on Friday 7th June 2013 in the final. Well done girls!

Our Courtyard Garden

This year we have been very fortunate to secure funding for developing the courtyard garden as an outdoor learning space. We have exciting plans for this space which include a large greenhouse, a model hydroelectric generator and a model wind turbine. Pupils will have the opportunity to be involved at all stages in this development, learning about sustainability by growing our own plants and producing our own energy.

The first stage of this venture has already taken place with the support of SKY TV. As part of an initiative to support local community projects, workers from SKY TV took a day out of their hectic schedules to get stuck in with pupils and staff to clear and prepare the courtyard for building and planting. The change achieved in one day was astounding. Thank you to all involved for your enthusiasm and hard work.



Higher Music Recital Evening

Family and friends came to the music department's 'Higher Recital Evening' to listen to music performed by the Higher Pupils. Classical and modern music such as; 'Prelude No 1' by Bach, Mozart's 'Rondo Alla Turca', 'There's a Fine Fine Line' from Avenue Q and 'Don't Know Why' by Norah Jones were performed.

This is an annual event at the school which provides family and friends with the opportunity to listen to the polished musical performances of our Higher Music students. The event proved a great success and we look forward to developing it further next year.

Thank you to all who supported this event!

Wired with the Scottish Ensemble

A group of 20 young composers in the music department have been part of a very exciting project in collaboration with the Scottish Ensemble. Each main season concert by the Scottish Ensemble was preceded by a focused workshop where students discussed the history and origin of distinctive works to be performed, met soloists performing in the concerts and composers commissioned by the Ensemble, explored composition techniques and playing styles and got to know what life as a professional musician is like.

Diary Dates 2013

April 2013

Monday 15th - Return to school
Tuesday 23rd - S2 Tree of Knowledge Day
Thursday 25th - S4 last day before SQA
Study Leave

May 2013

Monday 6th - HOLIDAY - May Day
Tuesday 7th - S5/6 last day before SQA
Study Leave
Wednesday 8th - S5/6 Graduation Ceremony
Friday 17th - S1 Full Reports issued
Saturday 18th - Plant Sale (am)
Friday 24th - HOLIDAY - May Friday
Sunday 26th - HOLIDAY - May Monday
Tuesday 28th - In Service Day 5
Friday 31st - International Children's Day
Friday 31st- S3 Full Reports issued

June 2013

Monday 3rd - P7 Induction Day
Tuesday 4th - P7 Induction Day
Thursday 6th - New S5/6 Return to School
Friday 7th - Sports Day (or 14 June if wet)
Monday 10th - S5 Induction Day
Tuesday 11th - S6 Induction Day
Thursday 13th - Prizegiving and Award
Ceremony
Monday 17th - S3 Tree of Knowledge Day
Friday 21st - Summer Tea
Wednesday 26th - School Closes for the
Summer .. NON UNIFORM DAY FOR
CHARITY

The Youth Enterprise Zone presented...

GET ENTERPRISING

On Friday 8th February, the Business Management Higher class attended a lively and interactive event that was aimed at 16-30 year olds to inspire them to **GET ENTERPRISING!**

Several entrepreneurs and spokespeople from different organisations spoke of opportunities, how to start your own business and told their success stories.

Throughout the day there was a Marketing Presentation and Finance workshops being run, providing tips on how to be a successful businessman/woman.

The whole day was funded by the Princes Trust who provided breakfast and lunch. The location for the day was the glamorous Grand Central Hotel.

People who attended were encouraged to get interactive by tweeting about their day and the best tweet won a prize. In addition, there was the opportunity to win an iPad!!! We had a fantastic day and learned lots.



by Jilly Cross
Higher Business Management student

A REMINDER OF OUR CURRENT DRESS CODE

UNIFORM

- School tie (on sale from the school office - £5)
- Plain white school shirt which buttons up to the neck - short or long sleeve
- Black school trousers or plain black school skirt which **MUST** be knee length.
- *Trousers must be black school trousers. Tight trousers, leggings, shorts, jeans, cargo pants, or fashion trousers of any kind are **not** permitted.*
- *Girls must a knee-length box pleat school skirt. We will not permit short skirts, short tube skirts, stretch skirts or fashion skirts of any kind.*
- Black socks
- Plain black school shoes, or plain black boots suitable for school
- Black v-neck school sweater or black school cardigan or black plain zipper
- **OUTDOOR WEAR** - Following recommendations from the pupils, a hooded sweatshirt for outdoor wear will be permitted, ONLY if it is plain black with a full-length zip, so that the tie can be seen at all times. Like all outdoor garments, it must be removed in class. Pupils should not wear brightly coloured sweatshirts in school.

BLAZER-STYLE JACKETS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

- For S1-S4 – a black M & S fitted **blazer**-style jacket (or very similar garment) is **RECOMMENDED**.
 - For S5 – a black M&S fitted blazer-style jacket (or very similar garment) is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**.
 - For S6 – a black M&S fitted blazer-style jacket (or very similar garment) is **EXPECTED**.
- A high standard of uniform will be expected from all pupils who wish to join the Senior School of King's Park Secondary, because senior pupils are role models for the younger pupils and representatives of the school.

HATS AND CAPS

- Pupils may wish to wear these in winter on the way to school, but they must be removed when in the school building.

MAKE-UP/ JEWELLERY/HAIR/ACCESSORIES

- Light make-up only is permitted
- Jewellery should be kept to an absolute minimum.
- For girls who wish to wear a headband, a small plain black or white one will be permitted.
- The uniform should not be accessorised with gold/silver belts, chains, studs, etc.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

- It is essential that all outdoor clothing is removed, immediately on entering the classroom.

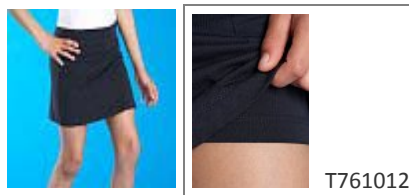
PE KIT

- **INDOORS** – training shoes, navy t-shirt or polo shirt and shorts (or black shorts and black or white t-shirt or polo shirt)
- **OUTDOORS** – suitable clothing for cold and possibly wet weather, including track suit bottoms. However tracksuits are only permissible from October until March. Indoor kit must also be brought.
- **SWIMMING** – suitable swimwear. For example girls should wear a one-piece swimsuit or modest two-piece swimsuit, not a bikini.
- Pupils must bring PE kit for every single lesson. Even if they are injured and unable to take part fully in the lesson, they may be able to participate in a modified activity, and will be able to assist the teacher, eg with timekeeping. It is essential that they are dressed in PE kit.

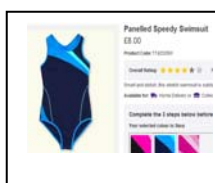
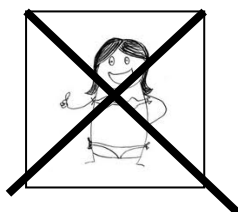


Navy, White or Black T-Shirt or Polo Shirt

Navy or Black Shorts or a Skort



SKORT – OPTION for PE ONLY
Cross between cycling shorts and a skirt



We are keen to introduce school blazers as an expected part of the uniform for all King's Park Secondary School pupils (S1-S6) and are looking to introduce this from **August 2013**. Our Parent Council is very supportive of this, as we are one of the few schools in Scotland that have not already insisted upon blazers. Please let us know if you have any concerns about this.