



King's High
School



INSPIRE

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

SPRING TERM 2024

Aspire. Achieve. Enjoy.

Introduction

Inspire now enters its seventh year and continues to grow. As ever, the aim of Inspire is to enrich our pupils' academic learning and to encourage them to grow as independent, creative thinkers who are curious about the world around them.

In this brochure you will find a snapshot of some of the clubs, societies and events that pupils across the year groups will have access to during the Spring Term. Whether it be a KS3 Inspire trip, a King's Links visit to a top university, an outing to the theatre as part of our RSC Shadowing Programme, or one of the many talks, competitions or events, our aim is to provide exciting, memorable and meaningful learning both within and beyond the classroom.

I hope that these pages create a sense of the vibrant enrichment that helps to shape the experience of all pupils at King's. We encourage each and every one of our students to find something that appeals to them, get involved, and have a spark of interest kindled.

Dr P Seal
Deputy Head (Academic)



Academic Societies

Full details of our academic societies, with times and locations, are available on the co-curricular programme. All pupils who wish to form a society of their own should contact Dr Seal directly.

ACT (Aspiring Creatives in Theatre)

Don't be fooled by the name – this club is everything BUT acting! A brand-new Friday lunch time club, open to all. We will explore technical & design roles, hear from visiting speakers working in the Performing Arts Industry and watch live theatre together.

Ancestry Society

This brand new, student-founded society will enable students to reflect on the importance of ancestry in self-understanding, as well as providing tools to conduct personal research into your own family history.

Café Philo

Café Philo is a student-led discussion group. Each session focuses on a topic of interest related to philosophy, politics, ethics and current affairs.

Café Scientifique

Our ever-popular Sixth Form-led Science society prides itself on a programme of visiting speakers, a regular publication, and a team of student organisers who are passionate about spreading their love of Science throughout the school.

Classicus Alchemy Club

A ground breaking club for Year 9 that will combine exploration of classical civilizations, including the Egyptians, Romans and Celts, with the Science that shaped life many centuries ago.

Creative Writing

Building on the success of our KS3 creative writers, who published a termly anthology last year, look out for new opportunities to craft your writing style, have it in print, and attend workshops with like-minded creatives.

Da Vinci Society

A new, student-founded and student-run society that is already doing outstanding things. Look out for invitations to hear artists speak about their life and work.

Dissection Club

Dissection Club helps pupils to extend their anatomical knowledge and skills through practical experience. This is a chance to turn theory into practice – calling all budding scientists, and everyone who is curious about how anatomy works.

Elite University Preparation Run

After school for Pupils preparing UCAS applications, these sessions focus on the skills and attributes that top universities are looking for. This is particularly suitable for pupils applying for courses that require a pre-admissions test or interview.

French Cultural Club

For Sixth Formers looking to extend and enrich their understanding of all aspects of French culture.

Geographical Society

Calling all students looking to take their geographical learning further. The society looks into some of the key issues within geography that are shaping our world today.

Higher Education Seminars

These seminars are for current Sixth Formers interested in Oxford, Cambridge and similar, with a focus on high level thinking skills, interviews and pre-admissions tests.

History Society

The student-led History Society hosts an outstanding range of speakers on a range of fascinating topics. For all students who want their historical knowledge elevated beyond the curriculum.

Hobbs Society

The Hobbs Society, named after philosopher Angie Hobbs, meets at least once every half term. The Chair and Secretary invite distinguished guests to address students on a range of topics.

Investigating Science (KS4)

A club for the scientifically inquisitive in KS4. Come along if you want to start building a profile of scientific knowledge beyond the GCSE syllabus.

Inspire into University

For all pupils in Year 10 and 11 (and Year 9 if you are really keen) interested in thinking about what is required for top university applications. What kind of students are universities such as Oxford and Cambridge looking for? Come along to find out.

Inspire Research Club

These sessions are open to all intellectually ambitious students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who want to have their thinking extended. We look at how to develop a personal profile of research interests, and teach research skills that will be useful for essay competitions and research components later on in school.

IRIS Genome Project Decoders

Open to Sixth Form biologists interested in extending their knowledge of genome sequences and how genes can be identified from unannotated genomic data. This is a novel research project run in collaboration with the Institute for Research in Schools and the Wellcome Sanger Institute.

Junior Mathematical Challenge

Members of Years 7 and 8 are presented with problems that will stretch and challenge them in preparation for the Junior Maths challenge in the summer.

KS3 Digital Maker Space

Open to students in KS3 who are interested in digital making, inquisitive engineers, future fashion designers or robotic scientists. You will have free access to our extensive physical computing hardware to create your own projects. You can use Raspberry Pi, Micro-Bit, Lego EV3 and Arduino computers to work with and create anything you choose; a magic mirror, reactive clothing, internet radio or emotive lighting; your imagination is the only limit.

KS3 Science Club

Year 7 to 9 are invited to join KS3 Science Club, which will extend your knowledge, enrich your classroom learning, and also provide a lot of fun along the way. This is an excellent way to explore a range of scientific disciplines, ahead of potentially specialising later on in school.

KS5 Physics

Aspire Physics! Inviting all Sixth Form Physicists to extend their knowledge and think about Physics well beyond the curriculum. Inviting all those interested in asking the big questions posed by the Physics of our world and our universe.

Landor Journalism Club

This student-run journalistic venture is for all students wanting to hone their writing skills. The club works towards producing a professional final product using advanced formatting software.

Landor Dining Society

Our Sixth Form student-led Dining Society invites speakers with diverse specialisms and expertise. The visiting speaker addresses students after a three-course meal.

Language Society

Student-founded and student-led, this society promotes the spirit of the Inspire Programme by introducing cultures and languages not normally covered by the syllabus. Prepare to have your perspective widened!

Law Society

Our student-run Law Society encourages students to think critically about the complexities of case law and the wider issues involved in forming and applying legal concepts.



Lit & Phil Society

The Lit & Phil Society is for anyone interested in exploring ideas beyond the classroom. It meets every half term, with each session run by students or teaching staff.

Lit Soc

For all Sixth Formers and keen GCSE students who want to delve deeply into the world of literature, criticism and theory. The society looks at seminal authors, with a focus on combining enjoyment of reading with developing a thoughtful response to literature.

Medic Support

Through our Medic Support programme, pupils preparing applications for Medicine and Allied Sciences receive a wealth of help preparing for the different aspects of their application.

MedSoc

For all of those considering university applications for Medicine and Allied Sciences. Our Medical Pathway includes tailored advice on all aspects of preparing and applying for top medical courses.

MICE: Mathematical Investigative and Challenge Exploration Team

Join MICE! Open to all students in KS4 and KS5 who are interested in exploring team mathematical challenges.

Model United Nations

MUN is a superb way for students to learn about international perspectives on topical issues, as well as to learn how to articulate their views in front of others.

Moventis Scientiam

A newly formed-society for students hoping to study science at top universities. This club will offer stretch and challenge to all ambitious students with a long-term passion for science.

Prism Creative Writing Magazine

Our new student-run and student-designed creative magazine showcases some of the wonderful literary talent on display throughout King's High.

Reading Programme

Watch out for a host of events and initiatives from our Library team that encourage a simple activity that benefits you emotionally and intellectually: reading for pleasure.

Ruth Court Mathematical Society

For all keen mathematicians interested in looking at Mathematics in a new way, applying ideas and solving problems, as well as learning about fascinating new ideas.

Science Journal Club

Run jointly with Warwick School, this Sixth Form society involves presentations about scientific research. The Club is excellent preparation for university applications and will stretch your thinking beyond your A Level learning.

Senior Debating

Led by our Head of Public Speaking, Senior Debating is in an exciting phase. As well as honing the skills required for high-level debate, students will prepare for competitions such as the ESU MACE Schools Debate.

Calendar of Events

First half of Spring Term

Year 9 Astronomy Project - Observation Logbooks

Year 9 are to complete an Astronomy project over the Spring Term, regularly observing an element of the night sky and recording their observations in a logbook. They will present their project findings in a poster and a prize will be awarded at Speech Day for the best project.

January to March 2024

University of Leeds - Language and Business Competition

Years 9 & 10 – The project is designed to bring language learning to life, help build confidence, make learning a language exciting for young people, and encourage students to understand the importance of languages in a business context.

Every Thursday, 4pm-5pm

Language Futures Project

The Language Futures Project is an exciting, highly personalised and innovative approach to languages teaching and learning whereby each student chooses a language to learn of their choice. It has been designed to foster deep learner engagement and enable students to take responsibility for their own learning, which they are encouraged to extend beyond the classroom.

Thursday 11 January - All Day

The University of Warwick - French Cultural Day - A vos marques pour les Jeux Olympiques 2024 !

This exciting French cultural day, organised by the School of Modern Languages and Culture at the University of Warwick will explore with us the values associated with the Olympic Games.

The event will challenge pupils in Year 8 to use their language skills, teamwork, presentation skills and creativity in a fun-filled day ahead of the Olympic games in Paris.

Friday 12 January

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

An Encounter with Sir Winston Churchill Professor David Reynolds (including book sale of Professor Reynolds’ “Mirrors of Greatness: Churchill and the leaders who shaped him”)

David Reynolds is the award-winning and bestselling author of twelve history books and Professor of International History at Cambridge University (Christ’s College). He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2005. His book awards include the Wolfson Prize and the PEN Hessel Tiltman prize. David has also written and presented critically acclaimed films and documentaries for both BBC TV and Radio 4.

Friday 19 January

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

An Encounter with the Coventry Blitz James Preece

James Preece is a retired aerospace engineer and former soldier of the British Army. James had a difficult beginning in life, living as a young boy in the heart of Coventry during The Blitz. James is now in his late 80’s, and wishes to share his experience of the night time raids undertaken by the Luftwaffe, as well as growing up working-class post-war in Coventry.

Monday 22 January 4.15pm

Encounter with Gareth Russell

Gareth Russell is a historian, biographer, and broadcaster. His biography of the late Queen Mother was named a Best Book of 2022 by The Times and *The Ship of Dreams*, his account of the Titanic disaster, was named a Best Book of the Year by The Times and a Best History Read of 2019 by The Daily Telegraph. His most recent book is *The Palace: From the Tudors to the Windsors*, 500 Years of History at Hampton Court.

Tuesday 23 January - all day

Year 10 Science in Action Lecture Trip

Y10 will visit Warwick University to hear some exciting lectures about the application of Science.

Wednesday 24 January (all day, with a public performance in the Bridge House Theatre 4.30pm-5.15pm)

Year 7 Play in a Day

The whole of Year 7 will spend the day with the acclaimed physical theatre company Highly Sprung, producing - a play in a day!.

Thursday 25 January

Dr Amna Nazir - Human Rights Talk

Workshop on human rights with a particular focus on the death penalty and its interplay with the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. Led by an expert in this field, Dr Amna Nazir who works in Birmingham City University's Law Department and the United Nations.

Thursday 25 January

Exploration of Botero’s art

In this workshop, pupils will be given a presentation about Botero’s art. Then they will get an outline of one or possibly some Hispanic paintings to choose one, they will colour/ redesign them giving them their own touch. Students are welcome to bring their own materials if they wish so but materials will be provided on the day.

Friday 26 January

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

An Encounter with Napoleon

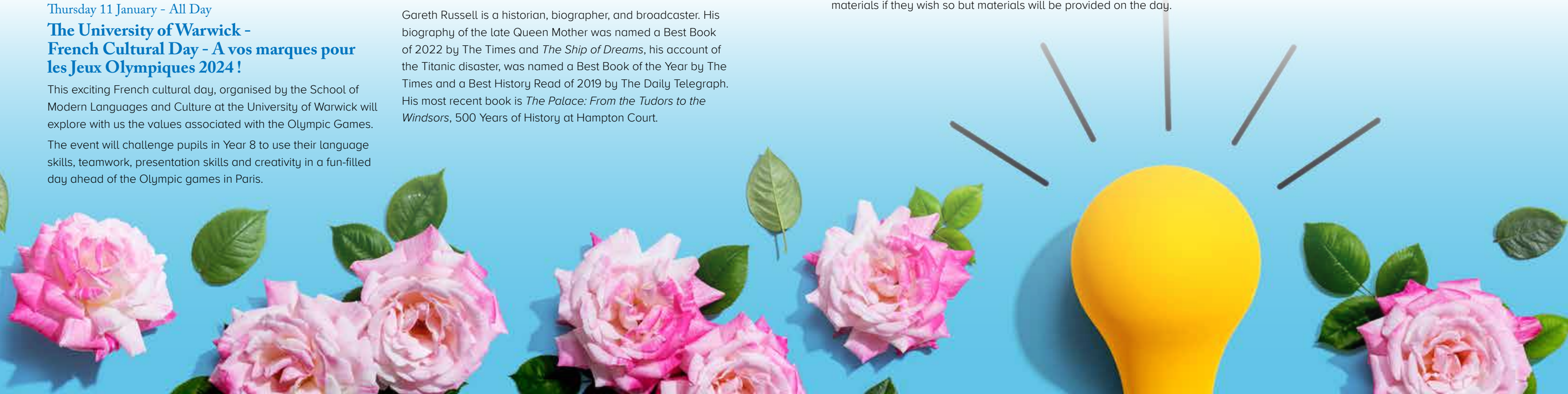
Professor Michael Broers (including book sale of Professor Broers’ “Napoleon: Soldier of Destiny”)

Michael Broers is Emeritus Professor of Western European History at the University of Oxford. His *The Napoleonic Empire in Italy, 1796-1814. Cultural Imperialism in a European Context?* (Palgrave, 2005) won the Prix Napoléon of the Fondation Napoléon; he was a Visiting Member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 2003. In 2011-13, he held a Major Leverhulme Research Fellowship for the project ‘Napoleonic Civilisation’. He recently completed a three volume life of Napoleon for Pegasus Books NYC/Faber & Faber, London, the final volume of which was voted a Kirkus best biography of 2022. In 2021 he was elected a sociocorrespondente of the Deputazione Subalpina di Storia Patria. He was an historical adviser on Ridley Scott’s film “Napoleon”.

Friday 2 February, 2pm-3pm

Careers with Languages - Business Language Champions

Never underestimate the importance and power of learning a foreign language. In this special webinar, hosted by the Business Language Champions, there will be four different speakers showcasing how languages are used in careers and open up opportunities. Open to all students in Year 9, 10 and 11.



Friday 2 February

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

An Encounter with NATO

Dr Heidi Meyer

Heidi Meyer is the Master of the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick and was appointed in 2016 as the 33rd Master – the first Master being appointed in the reign of Elizabeth I. Before coming to Warwick, Dr Meyer worked for NATO as a Senior Civilian in Izmir, Turkey. Before that she worked for Department of State and Department of Defence for twelve years – spending five of those years in Kabul, Afghanistan, several years at the Pentagon working in the Office of the Secretary of Defence and a few more years working for US Army NATO in Mons, Belgium. Dr Meyer was a former British Army Officer, journalist, a teacher, founder of a charity that shipped aid worldwide and a ski instructor. She is a graduate of the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown with a MSc and has an Honorary PHD LLD from Warwick University. She has lived in twelve countries, moved 50 times and has joint US British citizenship.

Monday 5 February

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

An Encounter with Jane Austen

Professor John Mullan

John Mullan is Lord Northcliffe Professor of Modern English Literature at University College London. His books include What Matters in Jane Austen? (2012) and, most recently, The Artful Dickens (2020). He is also a broadcaster and journalist, writing on contemporary fiction for the Guardian. He is the author of How Novels Work and in 2009 was one of the judges for the Man Booker Prize.

Thursday 8 February, 6pm-11pm

A Level English Literature Theatre Trip: The Woman in Black

To support and enrich their understanding of the Gothic genre, students will see Robin Herford's 'brilliantly successful study in atmosphere, illusion, and controlled horror.'

Thursday 8th February

Collaborate Workshop

Work in collaboration with your peers from King's High and Warwick School Sixth Form to discuss and problem-solve key issues in the development of driverless cars and the implementation of AI technology in this industry.

Thursday 8 February, all day

ISA Drama Competition

King's High School are delighted to be hosting the Independent School Association's yearly showcase of the performing arts.

Wednesday 14 February

Year 8 Spanish Social

Spanish students will be meeting their counterparts at Warwick School to practise the Spanish they have learnt so far this year.

Monday 19 February

Ruth Court Mathematical Society: Dr Helena Verrill from Warwick University: The 7 frieze groups

This talk will start with a discussion about the symmetries of a square, and work up to infinite symmetry groups of frieze patterns, and maybe go on to talk a little about the 17 wallpaper groups, also known as 2D crystallographic groups.

Friday 23 February

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

An Encounter with ‘Artificial Intelligence – the existential threat’.

Professor Peter Varnish, O.B.E., FREng, RCDS

Peter Varnish is an independent author; electronics and weapons engineer specialising in defence and security. He advises corporates and Governments on the latest threats, AI resilience, and technology. He has several patents and writes and presents learned papers on technology, the threat from China and 5G; the role of ‘5Eyes’ and the management of pioneering advances in UK Universities. He began his career with the Royal Navy Scientific Service where he carried out fundamental research in lasers, radar and ultra-high power microwave weapons. In 1975 the Foreign Office posted him to the British Embassy in Washington DC. In 1982 Peter was awarded the OBE for his contribution to the Falklands War where he was key in the design of warships for low signature and became the first Director of Above Water Warfare. In 1995 he was the Director General of the UK's Strategic Defence. His achievements include the first circumnavigation of the moon by a small-sat, and the first launch of a ballistic missile interceptor from an aircraft. In 2001 he retired from the main board of the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency, [now QinetiQ] and joined several technology companies. He has appeared as a key witness on the Discovery, Channel 4 and other TV channels.

Monday 26 February – Friday 22 March

National Competition! Young Enterprise 10X challenge

Imagine, research and plan a business that starts with just £10! Create a company that sells a product or service. Teams of students will be given an initial £10 investment and have 4 weeks to see what business they can create – providing them with first-hand experience of becoming an entrepreneur.

Thursday 29 February

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

An Encounter with the Death of a Soldier told by his sister (Two years of Ukraine at War) including book sale of Dr Khromeychuk's ‘Death of a Soldier told by his Sister’

Dr Olesya Khromeychuk

Dr Olesya Khromeychuk is the Director of the Ukrainian Institute London. She is an historian and writer. She has taught the history of East-Central Europe at several British universities, and has written for The New York Times, The New York Review of Books, Der Spiegel, the Los Angeles Review of Books, Prospect and The New Statesman. Khromeychuk is the author of The Death of a Soldier Told by His Sister (2022) and “Undetermined” Ukrainians. Post-War Narratives of the Waffen SS “Galicia” Division (2013).

Friday 1 March

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

“An Encounter with the world of Intelligence: from The Cold War and back again ...”

Richard Hunt

Richard (Rich) Hunt worked in the U.K. Intelligence Services, primarily GCHQ, for over forty years, beginning his career during The Cold War before gravitating towards crisis management and a focus on Middle Eastern affairs. Rich enjoyed a number of overseas tours of duty, with many of his postings involving collaboration with foreign partners and the U.K. Armed Forces. He was awarded an OBE for services to Defence and Security in 2005. Rich graduated from Bristol University in 1976 with a degree in one of his two favourite pastimes, history. Sport and a love of Bristol Rovers Football Club being the other.

Friday 8 March

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

An Encounter with The Battle over Brexit

Stephen Hammond MP

Stephen Hammond MP has been the Conservative MP for Wimbledon since 2005. He was Minister of State in the Department of Health and Social Care from November 2018 to July 2019 and was Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport from 4 September 2012 to 15 July 2014. He served on the Treasury Select Committee from 2015-2018. He was also a local councillor in Wimbledon from 2002-2006. Before being elected to Parliament, Stephen worked in the City for a number of investment banks, including Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and Commerzbank Securities. Stephen was educated at King Edward VI School in Southampton, and studied Economics at London University.

March

The Warwick Group Biology Essay Competition

Students will select a title that asks a biological question and write a 1500-2000 word essay. The winners of the prize will be decided at the Annual Warwick group meeting in June and announced in late June/early July.

March

Biology Olympiad (for Upper Sixth)

The British Biology Olympiad (BBO) challenges and stimulates students with an interest in biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their talent and to be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates. Students will be presented with topics and ideas which they are not familiar with, so will compete with their problem solving skills and understanding of core principles.

March

University of Oxford - Spanish Flash Fiction Competition

Write a complete story in Spanish using no more than 100 words. The judges will be assessing stories on their imagination and narrative flair, as well as linguistic accuracy. Top prize of £100.

<https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/schools-liaison-and-outreach/language-competitions#spanish>

Friday 8 March, P5 & 6

Senior Physics Challenge

The Senior Physics Challenge for Year 12 students is an exciting opportunity for students to stretch their problem solving skills and apply fundamental physical principles to novel situations.

Friday 8 March - Sunday 17 March

British Science Week 2024

British Science Week has a theme of “Time” this year and we will explore this through a range of activities, talks and events.

Friday 8 March, lunchtime and P5

King’s High and Warwick School Science Fair

As part of Science week, the annual Science Fair gives students an opportunity to undertake an independent research project and to present this to their peers, staff and visitors in Warwick Hall. The entries will be judged and there is a prize for the best project in each Key Stage. .

Tuesday 12 March - all day

Online Particle Physics Masterclass

Run by the Rutherford Appleton Laboratories (RAL) in Oxford, this masterclass will provide excellent support for the material on Particle Physics as well as the chance to hear and participate in talks led by leading Particle Physicists from RAL and CERN.

Friday 15 March

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

An Encounter with Anne Boleyn

John and Julia Guy (including book sale of John and Julia Guy’s “Hunting the Falcon: Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn and the Marriage That Shook Europe”)

John Guy is an award-winning historian, accomplished broadcaster, Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge, and the author of Mary Queen of Scots which won the Whitbread Biography Prize, the Marsh Prize, and was a Finalist for the Book Critics’ Circle Biography Award. He is a regular contributor to BBC tv and radio and has written for the Sunday Times, Guardian, Daily Telegraph, Mail on Sunday, Economist, Literary Review, Times Literary Supplement, and London Review of Books. Julia Fox taught history in state and private schools and is the author of Jane Boleyn: The Infamous Lady Rochford and Sister Queens: Katherine of Aragon and Juana, Queen of Castile.

Deadline - 28 March

University of Oxford, Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators

This competition aims to promote language learning across the UK and to inspire creativity in the classroom.

April/May

Mother Tongue Other Tongue Poetry Competition

The aim of the Mother Tongue Other Tongue competition is to celebrate languages, culture and language-learning, giving students the opportunity to practise and improve their foreign language skills (any language they are learning in school) and/or appreciate and celebrate their heritage, using poetry. The regional competition is being led by Routes into Languages West Midlands at The University of Warwick.

Spring Term

Year 7 Ancient Roman Theatre Competition

As we complete Stage 5 of the Cambridge Latin Course here is your chance to be inspired by the events and festivals that the Pompeians enjoyed at the theatre 2000 years ago! Here’s your chance to be creative, for example, writing an intriguing script for a play (in English) or making a stunning actor’s mask, building an impressive model of a theatre or creating a beautiful mosaic.

Spring Term

Year 8 Explore the Destruction of Pompeii, AD79

As we complete Stage 12 of the Cambridge Latin Course here is your chance to be inspired by wealth of archaeological evidence that has been and is being discovered in Pompeii by archaeologists. You can get creative making a model of Mount Vesuvius, write a newspaper report describing how the eruption unfolded or even create a short-film of the events on that fateful day in August AD79.

Spring Term

Year 9 Greek and Roman Myths Project

Here’s your chance to extend your exploration of ancient myths! Choose one of your favourite myths or even research into a new or more obscure ancient story; then create a storyboard of the myth either in English or, if you truly want to stretch yourself, in Latin, or a mixture of the two languages. You could use an online storyboard maker or draw/write your project on paper.

Spring Term

The Philosophy Challenge

The KS3 Philosophy Challenge returns this term. This is in collaboration with Warwick University and will be launched in March.

Spring Term

Educational Psychology Talk/Workshop

Craig Joyce will be offering our L6th/U6th an opportunity to find out about the role of Educational Psychologists in the form of a talk/workshop.

Spring Term

The Big Legal Lesson

A national event, reaching over 200,000 young people, this is the largest public legal education campaign of its kind, delivering a topical lesson on a current legal theme. Ideal for all budding lawyers or those curious about the way the legal system works!

Spring Term in the Library

Warwickshire Secondary Book Award Year 7 and 8 - Jan - Mar

New books to read and review. Chat and discuss before voting for your favourite. There’s also an opportunity to attend the Award Ceremony at King’s High, and to listen and meet a prominent author. Ask for more details in the library and sign up!

Appreciate a Dragon Day - 16 Jan

Holocaust Memorial Day - 27 Jan

Call in to see our book to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

National Storytelling Week - Dream up a World - 29 Jan - 4 Feb

Join us for activities, puzzles, games and fun!

World Book Day - 7 Mar

Look out for further details nearer the time!

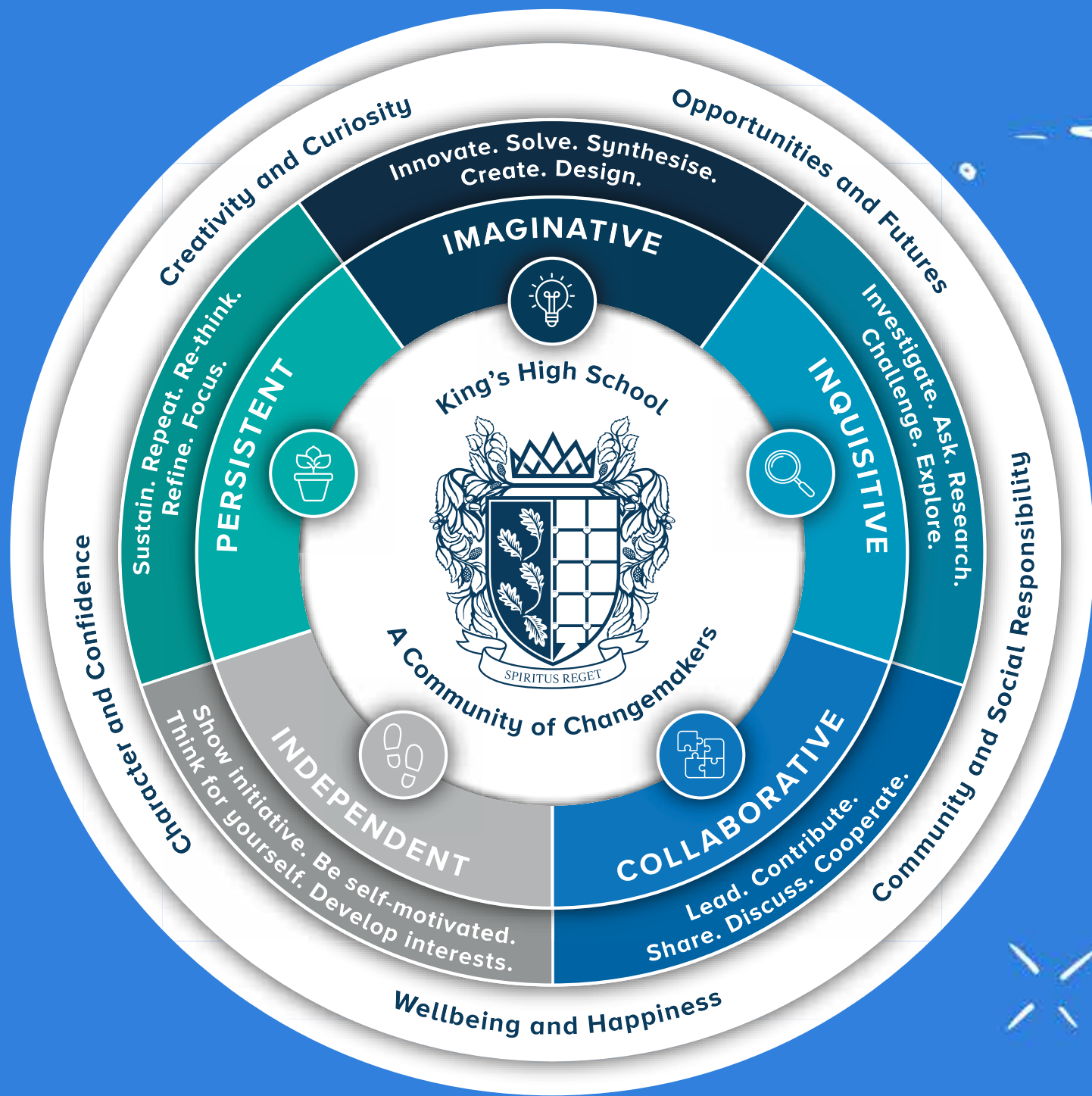
International Women’s Day - 8 Mar

Carnegie shortlist announced - 13 Mar

Shakespeare Week - 18 - 22 Mar

Lunchtime book and library clubs all term see SOCS for timetable







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