

# NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024





# HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This summer term has been my first full-term as Headmaster of Kensington Park School, and I have seen what a vibrant school community this is with shared ambitions for the future.

I was delighted that our departing Year 13 students have received offers from many of the world's top universities, while the younger year-groups following in their footsteps have made commendable progress in deepening their own academic and co-curricular interests.

While the halls were quieter this term, with Year 11s and 13s sitting their GCSE and A level exams, the school co-curricular calendar offered lots of opportunities to demonstrate the values of KPS. From a classics trip to Greece, Sports Day, Proms events, theatre and field trips, to skateboarding lessons in Kensington Gardens, we are at our best when we are busy and actively learning, working together to develop new skills. Special mention goes to Adela in Year 12 who is representing KPS and London in the English Schools' Athletic Association Championships this summer.

While the break brings the promise of rest and relaxation, I encourage every student to make 'reading for pleasure' an essential daily habit and to practise it over the holiday. I hope that we are all able to enjoy well-deserved family time; I look forward to welcoming you back in the autumn.

With very best wishes,

Mr Antony Faccinello, MA (Oxon) PGCE  
**HEADMASTER**

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MARKOS & LILLY PERFORM AT THE  
HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

## ARTS & CULTURE



### Fleet Brings Down the House

KPS hosted its final House Music Competition of the academic year, offering an impressive display of student talent – from Mark on the electric guitar to Lilly and Markos’s outstanding rendition of the Oscar-winning ballad “What Was I Made For?” by Billie Eilish.

Fleet house emerged triumphant, though the judges had praise for all twelve of our performers, who were specially chosen to participate in the competition. Well done to all of them for bringing some much-needed music to the exam season!



### A Tour of the National Theatre

Theatre students from both teaching sites paid a visit to the National Theatre for a performance of *Mnemonic*, Complicité’s new staging of this highly acclaimed play, which raises important questions about the place of human beings in the natural world.

In addition to the show, students were granted a backstage tour of the National Theatre, which contains three separate theatres, plus on-site carpentry, props, and scenic painting workshops, all housed within one of the most iconic buildings in London.



SPORTS DAY IN  
BATTERSEA PARK

## KPS SPORTS

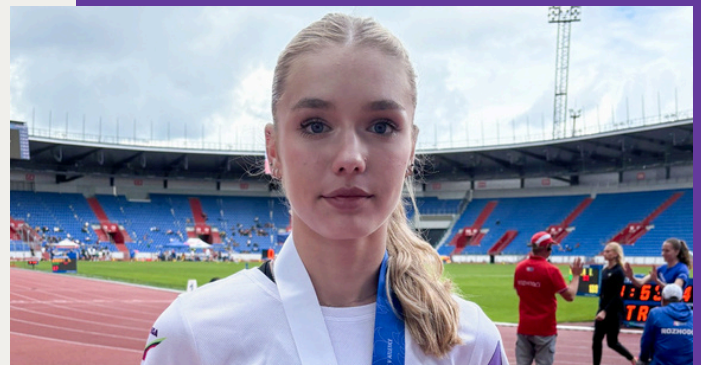


### Go, Go, Effra!

The four houses of KPS – Effra, Fleet, Tyburn, and Walbrook – faced off at the Millennium Arena in Battersea Park for our 2024 edition of KPS Sports Day.

The day included javelin, shot put, discus, and long jump, before culminating in the 100m, 400m, 500m, 800m, and relay races over a breathless afternoon.

When the points were counted, Effra emerged victorious, with House Captain Daniel beaming as he held the trophy for a victory photo!



### Adéla Takes the Race

This June, Adéla in Year 12 took home a bronze medal at the Czech Athletic Championship in 800m.

After winning the qualifying round, she advanced to the final where she placed 3rd overall.

On the back of this achievement, she has been selected to represent London Schools and KPS at the English Schools' Athletic Association Championships in Birmingham this July. Good luck, Adéla!



Our Director of Sport, Mr Mitchell, wishes to personally thank Miss Stowe for her outstanding contributions to our sports department throughout the year.



SKATES &amp; LADDERS

## KPS SPORTS (Cont'd)



### Skates & Ladders

As part of our weekly Games sessions, Years 7 and 8 participated in an introductory skateboarding lesson delivered by Skates and Ladders through their Eduskate programme.

Students strapped on their helmets, elbow pads, and kneepads, as expert teachers taught them the fundamentals of the sport, such as finding their stance and lifting the board off the ground for an 'ollie.'

It was a lovely afternoon of thrills – and some spills – beneath the iconic Albert Memorial!



### Yasha Awarded Taekwon-Do Medals Across Europe

Yasha in Year 8 participated in two international Taekwon-Do tournaments this term, in both Wales and the Netherlands, securing medals in both challenging competitions.

He was awarded a gold medal in the Holland Cup before attending the ITF Open Welsh Competition in Cardiff, where he received a bronze medal for patterns and a silver medal for sparring.

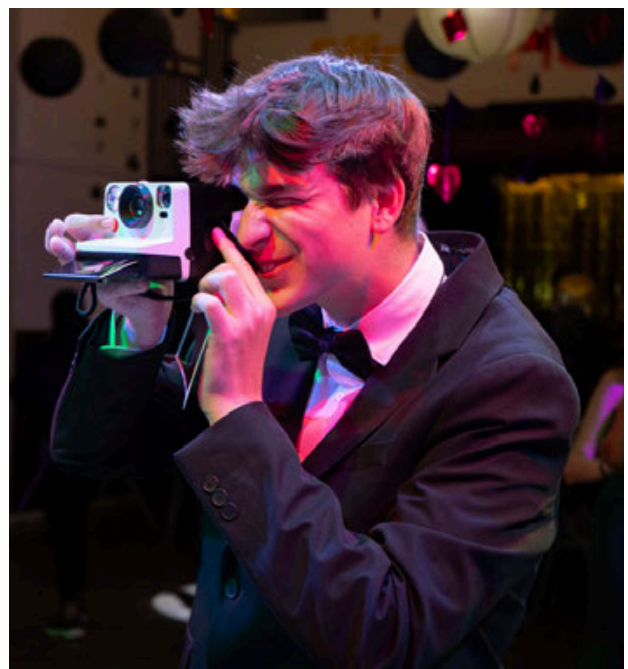
Through it all, he demonstrated an impressive ability to balance his studies with his sporting victories, serving as a model ambassador to his peers.

# SENIOR SCHOOL PROM



The Senior School prom transformed our theatre into a scene straight out of a James Bond movie, with students donning glamorous gowns and sharp suits as they danced the night away with their fellow Year 11s.

The event kicked off with a touch of casino elegance, with the roulette wheel and poker tables inviting students to try their luck and test their skills, while the dance floor became the heart of the celebration.





Our DJ supplied an impeccable mix of classic hits and modern favourites, keeping everyone moving, with students showcasing their best moves and teachers joining in with the fun.

The evening marked the end of an era for our Senior School students in true 007 style, with many in attendance having been with us since the very early days of KPS. We look forward to welcoming them to Sixth Form in the autumn!





WINNING HOUSE TRIP TO OXYGEN ACTON ACTIVITY PARK

## SCHOOL LIFE



### Exam Season to KPS

Each summer term, our Year 11 and Year 13 students shift their focus to their long-awaited GCSE and A-level exams, with many delighted that they were more than sufficiently prepared for what they ultimately found on their papers.

Well done to all our students who have given their all over these last several weeks, and to our Exams Officer, Ms. Parkinson, who is pictured above with the postman on the final day he came to collect our exams for 2024!



### Walbrook Jumps for Joy

After winning the most house points this term, Walbrook were treated to an afternoon of fun at Oxygen Activity Park making full use of its trampolines, climbing walls, Ninja course, and Dodgeball facilities.

It was the perfect end to an eventful year, with individual students from the other houses joining in on the fun.



KENSINGTON PARK SCHOOL  
SIXTH FORM

## SUMMER AT SIXTH FORM



### Year 10 Taster Day

Students in Year 10 were invited to visit our Sixth Form for a Taster Day where they gained a fuller sense of the pre-university experience that we offer at our dedicated A-level teaching site.

After a café-style lunch in the canteen, students moved from classroom to classroom, participating in Drama workshops, Business and Economics lessons, and Chemistry practicals, before finishing the day with a Q&A session with our Heads of School and selected student ambassadors.



### Year 12 Visit Bletchley Park

Our mathematicians and computer scientists paid a visit to historic Bletchley Park, the centre of allied codebreaking and intelligence during WWII and widely considered the birthplace of modern computing.

Students delved into the intricate mathematical complexity, logical principles, and innovative design behind the Enigma machine through engaging workshops facilitated by experts, who invited them to put their own maths and computing skills to the test.



GOODBYE, YEAR 13!

## SUMMER AT SIXTH FORM (Con'td)



### A Level Subject Fair

Senior School families were invited to visit the Sixth Form for a Subject Fair with our subject specialists on hand to provide insights into what prospective students can expect from the A level programme.

With over 20 subjects to choose from – each represented with its own board providing info on assessments, coursework, and areas of study – it allowed for students to begin thinking about their choices as they prepare for the next stage of their academic journey at KPS.



### Goodbye, Year 13

On their final day at school before setting off for exams, students collected their Leavers' hoodies and were surprised with a flood of video messages from teachers wishing them goodbye and the very best of luck for the future.

Teachers got creative with their filmed messages – with some even drafting elaborate musical numbers or doing mock-war room speeches in the vein of Churchill – offering a hilarious and often moving final send off to a remarkable year group.

# SIXTH FORM PROM



Our Sixth Form Prom took place on the River Thames, with students dressed in their best for an emotional evening of laughter and a few tears as they watched the sun set on London's iconic skyline.

On the top deck, students raised their glasses beneath Westminster and Tower Bridge, while the bottom deck enjoyed a brilliant DJ, delicious catering, and a nonstop dance party!

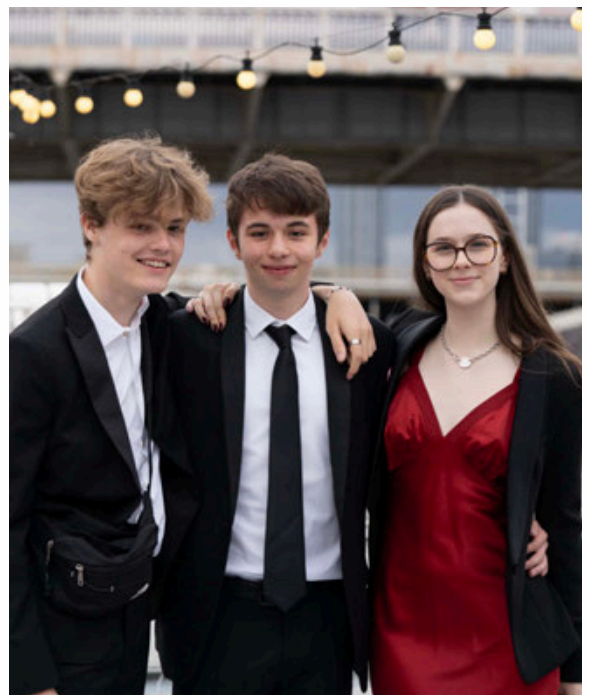
Even the teachers got in on the summer fun, posing for group shots in the lovely sunny weather and wishing their students the very best of luck for their exams and beyond!





The trip served as a welcome break from their exam revision, as well as a year of completing university applications and patiently waiting for the offer letters to begin pouring in!

We are very proud of this Year 13 class, who have fostered a close academic community over their two years at KPS Sixth Form.



# UNIVERSITY OFFERS

## CLASS OF 2024

**IMPERIAL**



 University of St Andrews



 THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH



 University of Glasgow

 UNIVERSITY OF BATH

 THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

 UNIVERSITY of York

 MANCHESTER 1824  
The University of Manchester

 UNIVERSITY OF SURREY

 University of Sheffield

 University of Reading

Northwestern University

 SOAS  
University of London

 CITY  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON  
EST 1894

 Swansea University  
Prifysgol Abertawe

 Birkbeck  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

 Queen Mary  
University of London

 Goldsmiths  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

 University of Southampton

 US  
UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

 UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH

 UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

 CARDIFF UNIVERSITY  
PRIFYSGOL CARDIFF

 UC DAVIS  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

 BOSTON UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

 University of Dundee

 University of Exeter

 Brunel University London

University of Kent

 REGENT'S UNIVERSITY LONDON

 UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

 Bournemouth University

 St Mary's University Twickenham London

EST 1892 **LSBU** London South Bank University

 ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

 Kingston University London

 Abertay University

 University of East London

 STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

 OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

 THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCKINGHAM

 University of Brighton

 LONDON METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

# A LOOK AHEAD

## UPCOMING DATES



## SUMMER SCHOOL

**BLOCK 1:**  
SUNDAY 30TH JUNE - SATURDAY 13TH JULY

**BLOCK 2:**  
SUNDAY 14TH JULY - SATURDAY 27TH JULY

**BLOCK 3:**  
SUNDAY 28TH JULY - SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST



## RESULTS DAY

**A LEVEL - THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST**  
**GCSE - THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST**



## First Day of School

MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

