King Edward VI Five Ways E-Newsletter

22nd March 2019

Year 8 PSHE

Last week Year 8 received afternoon workshops covering the topic of mental health and wellbeing. The workshops were led by the University of Birmingham Headucate team. You may wish to continue the conversation about wellbeing at home with your son/daughter.

Year 9 Parents Evening

Year 9 Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 28th March in the School Hall. Appointments opened to parents last night. Please use the online booking system to arrange up to 7 appointments with the teachers of your children.

The history department has issued the following guidance on appointments. If students are in 9C1 or 9D History and they were taught by Mr Atherton up until recently, they are to book Parents Evening appointments with Mr Atherton. If students are in 9F and have been taught by Ms. Bagust since the start of the year, they are to book appointments with Mr Storey. If students are in 9C2 and have had Mr Storey/Mr Camwell since the start of the year, they can book with either teacher, but it may be best to book with Mr Camwell in the first instance as Mr Storey will have two groups.

Babati 2020 Applications

A reminder that application letters for joining the Babati 2020 link visit should be handed in to Miss Baker by Wednesday 27th March. If any students wish to apply for the visit, but they or their parents missed the meeting at school on Monday, they should see Miss Baker as soon as possible to get the information about the visit and the application process. Parents of students interested can email Miss Baker (wbaker@kefw.org) to request additional information about the visit for Parents.

Battlefields Visit April 2019

Please note that EHIC cards should be handed in to Mr Wilmot in the Library as soon as possible in preparation for our forthcoming visit.

Thank you.

The HARA" - Mental Health, Online Safety & Cyber Bullying themed school tour.

On Wednesday of this week The HARA, a lively energetic theatrical alternative pop rock band, came into school and delivered some of their songs to our Year 8s and Year 9s as part of a Mental Health, Online Safety & Cyber Bullying themed school tour. All band members were bullied / cyber bullied as young students. The HARA gave advice on how to stay safe online as well as discussing cyber bullying and where to go to for help. They discussed their own personal stories as well as the importance of speaking up and the causes of mental health issues.

Music Lesson Invoices

Instrumental peripatetic lesson invoices will be sent out in the post shortly. Please can you keep a look out for them and contact the finance office should you not receive one.

ABRSM Music Exams

All ABRSM music exam candidates should by now be aware of the date, time and venue for their examination. If this is not the case, please can you contact Mr Griffin.



Food Preparation and Nutrition Practical and Test Dates

Tuesday 26th March Yr7.1 Bread Practical Yr8.1 Curry

Wednesday 27th March
Yr9 Lemon Meringue Pie - Pastry and Curd

Thursday 28th March Yr7.2 Bread Practical Yr9 Lemon Meringue Pie - Meringue and Bake

Friday 29th March Yr7.3 Bread Tasting (on return of letter sent to parents)

Thursday 2nd May - Spring into Summer Cooking club (lunch /after school)

Friends of Five Ways

FOFW - Bollywood Night!

Saturday 6th April 7pm in our School Hall.

Bollywood DJ, traditional food inc. samosas etc., raffle prizes inc. a meal for 2 at Pushkar's restaurant in Birmingham, plus many more.

Tickets (available from our School Office) are £5 for adults and £3 for children (price of ticket inc. welcome drink).

There is a £20 Amazon voucher prize for the student who sells the most tickets! Help raise funds for your School whilst having a fun evening!

KEFW Shop

The KEFW Shop is open for students. It will be open 12.30-1.20pm on Monday-Friday lunchtimes. Items for sale include pre-loved school uniform (blazers, skirts, ties, tights etc.) from our Friends of Five Ways parents association, along with footballs and stationary (folders, dividers, pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, note pads, plastic wallets etc.). The shop is staffed by KEFW Leadership students from our Sixth Form, who will be able to advise on prices once students visit.

Student News

If your son or daughter has experienced any success out of school, such as a special achievement in sport, theatre or music for example, we'd love to hear about it! If you would like to share the news with us so that we might celebrate it via the school website, Twitter or other publications, please email your 'articles' to (schoolnews@kefw.org), photographs are also very welcome.

Instagram, YouTube and Twitter

Do you use YouTube? Follow our channel on https://bit.ly/2RcyVwX.

Did you know, in the last 28 days over 18 hours' worth of video was watched on our YouTube channel?

Are you on Instagram? Follow us at KEFWschool.

Are you on Twitter? Follow us at @KEFWschool.

Did you know, in the last 28 days our tweets earned over 98,000 impressions?! We love to celebrate our school news, join the Five Ways family on Twitter and follow us, #KEFWWearTheCrest.

