



## Which Week?

This Week: Monday 12th June (Week 1)

Next week: Monday 19th June (Week 2)

# Inside Kingshurst



## A Good Effort...

It was joy to see the wealth of students showing off their Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze badges during Friday morning last week, receiving their respective rewards and certificates issued to them by their College Leaders, Mr Parfitt, Mr Evans, Miss Bourne and Miss Ivery.

The rewards were issued to students who have been work in **The Right Way** during their lessons and have therefore accumulated positive praise points as a result of their consistent approach to showing they are **Ready** for their learning, **Respectful** in the way they conducted themselves and communicated with others in addition to them showing that they are being **Responsible** for their learning and good behaviour around the academy. We congratulate all of these students and look forward to those that may have just fell short, to redouble their efforts to continue to work towards receiving positive points for them to receive their own award next time!



**READY  
RESPECTFUL  
RESPONSIBLE**

## A Good Read!

We are very proud to be a **reading-rich school** that has dedicated a portion of every morning towards our students developing their reading skills whilst enjoying the challenge of reading a book and engaging with a great story.

Now that students have had the opportunity to read two or three books over the course of this year, we would like to extend the opportunity to any parents who would like to read a copy of one of the books that their child has read, and look forward to continuing to offer this opportunity.

If you would therefore like to borrow a copy of any book that your child has read (or that you fancy reading!), please complete the following short **[ONLINE FORM](#)** and we will then take care of the rest! We will then issue this book on your child's account and give it to them to bring home with them. When you have finished, simply give it back to your child to bring back to the Information Centre.



## Fun Fact! Music helps to rebuild coral reefs

Coral reefs are studied by all students through their Yr8 Geography lessons.

Coral reefs are lively places that involve much noise through the masses of aquatic life that rely on this area, and as such the noise attracts other new fish and sea creatures to the reef, the drop-

pings of which provide valuable nutrients for the coral to feed upon. Clever experiments that have played a recording of the sounds from a healthy reef in the declining areas have resulted in bringing 200% more new fish to live there.



**Exam Info:** Please find an overview of the GCSE examinations taking place this week on **[Page 3](#)** of Inside Out.

**T G A K  
SPORT**

Sadly, the Yr9 Boys Football team's Solihull Cup Final against St. Peters was postponed.

The game is instead, set to take place on Thursday 15th June. Look out for next week's issue for the result! Nail-biting stuff!



**National Online Safety: Anime** — Anime is one of the most popular forms of media in the modern world. Fans span across multiple generations – with a particular emphasis on young people in the west. It takes many different forms including movies and video games, but is most commonly presented in TV shows. The cartoonish style of anime can lead people to assume that all media of this type is child-friendly. Whilst much of anime fits this description, there are many that surround adult themes and topics. The guide on the **[second page](#)** provides further support.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ANIME

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, an anime web series based on the popular video game, *Cyberpunk 2077*. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

## COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as *Fortnite* and *Call of Duty*, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RPG *Genshin Impact* may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

## DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. *Yandere Simulator*, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

## ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. *Death Note*, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

## MATURE MANGA



The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

## ADULT THEMES



Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. *Pokémon* and *One Piece* are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

### WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

### Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as *Fortnite*, *Apex Legends*, *Valorant*, *Roblox* and *Minecraft*. With work published by the likes of *PC Gamer*, *Kotaku*, *Pocket Gamer* and *VG247*, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



### IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: *Grave of the Fireflies*, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

### CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in *Fortnite*, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

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# GCSE Exam Overview 2023

GCSE exams in red.

Pre-exam prep sessions

*(If students are not involved in an Exam or Exam Prep session they will be in normal lessons)*  
 Breakfast club - students allowed into the hall from 8am for breakfast and revision

Day	Date	Morning slot: 0800-0830	P1 and P2 (Morning exams start at 0900)	P3 (start at 11:35am)	P4 and P5 (Afternoon exams start at 1300)	All exams now complete for
Monday	12/06/2023	Breakfast Club	English Language Paper 2	Business studies students in PEP session Creative i-Media students in PEP session	Business Paper 2 Creative iMedia: pre-production skills	English
Tuesday	13/06/2023	Breakfast Club	Chemistry Paper 2	Spanish students in PEP session	Spanish Writing Test All students in Maths PEP session	Spanish
Wednesday	14/06/2023	Breakfast Club	Mathematics Paper 3 (Calculator)	Music students in PEP session	Music Component 3 History students in PEP session	Maths
Thursday	15/06/2023	Breakfast Club	History: Weimar and Nazi Germany		All students in Science PEP session	History
Friday	16/06/2023	Breakfast Club	Physics Paper 2	Geography students in PEP session	Geography Paper 3 DT students in PEP session	Science and Geography
Monday	19/06/2023		Design and Technology: D&T in the 21st Century		Dance students in PEP session Food and Nutrition students in PEP session	
Tuesday	20/06/2023		Dance Written Paper		Hospitality students in PEP session	
Wednesday	21/06/2023		Food Prep and Nutrition Industry Paper Hospitality and Catering Unit 1		Retail business students in PEP session	
Thursday	22/06/2023		Retail Business Unit 2			
Friday	23/06/2023					

Year 11 Class of 2023 Leavers Assembly (time to be confirmed)