



Which Week?

This Week: Monday 9th Oct (Week 1)

Next week: Monday 16th Oct (Week 2)

Inside Kingshurst

One Identity, Different Stories

As a collective of students, parents, carers and staff we are the product of our single identity, drawn from our connection as proud members of Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst. One of our true strengths is the richness of our diversity and the different stories that we bring and contribute to our community and this has become apparent through the conversations held at recent open evening and Academy events in addition to feedback garnered from both your own responses to an Academy survey in addition to that of feedback collected by external visitors to the academy in speaking to 'student voice' groups, a summary of which we offer below:



Number of Positives Awarded:
This year to date: 40256
Last year at same point: 18357

- An overwhelming positive response from 100% students that the school had been calm and orderly.
- An overwhelmingly positive response from 100% of students that they reported enjoyed coming to the academy.
- When asked if misbehaviour had interrupted teaching in their lessons over the course of the last week, 100% of students responded 'not at all' and several further commented that "if there is any poor behaviour it is dealt with quickly and SLT come and speak to anyone if they keep disturbing".
- When asked about behaviour within classes in the past week, 96% of students classified this as very good, with 4% reporting their experience as 'good'.
- When asked if "My child is happy at this school", parental feedback responding as 'Strongly Agree' or 'Agree' has doubled from the same point last year.
- Parental feedback similarly responded as 'Strongly Agree' or 'Agree' in the vast majority of cases when asked "My child feels safe at school". This again, reflects a significant increase from the same point last academic year.

We look forward to continuing on this journey and are committed to supporting all members of our community, all of whom possess these 'different stories' but permit us to forge a positive relationship that can be so powerful in us reinforcing a strong identity that we have as a Kingshurst collective!

Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 17th October 2023

4.00 - 6.00pm

Talks by the Director of Sixth Form at **4.10pm** and **5.10pm**

ALL internal and external students are welcome to attend.

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Calling All Year 11s!

It gives us great pleasure to extend a warm invitation to **ALL of our Parents, Carers and Students of Year 11** to

attend our **Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 17th October, from 4-6pm** in the Main Hall and Reception area where the knowledgeable Sixth Form and Year 11 Teams in addition to our highly experienced Subject Leaders from each of our brilliant A Level and BTEC qualifications will be on hand to provide high quality information, advice and guidance as to their journey of success for next academic year. We look forward to seeing you!

Fact of the Week: Take My Breath Away

Most adults can only hold their breath for up to a minute, however, free-divers, who are highly skilled swimmers who are able to go underwater without a snorkel or any swimmer apparatus can train their bodies to last 20 minutes without breathing!!! Before a dive, free-divers practise relaxing their bodies completely that reduces the need for their body to use as much oxygen.

We think a parent/carer vs child challenge is thoroughly in order to see who can hold their breath the longest!



National Online Safety: Music Streaming

This week's online safety guide focuses on music streaming apps and sites.

Music streaming apps allow people to listen to music on their devices. It gives users access to millions of songs and artists from around the world. Popular music streaming apps and sites include Spotify, Soundcloud, Apple Music, Amazon Prime and Deezer. Music streaming allows children to listen to songs from around the world in a much easier and cheaper way. This enables them to showcase their talent which would have been very hard to do many years back. The attached guide on page 2 of the newsletter summarises the risks, safety tips and support related to music streaming app and sites.

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What you need to know about...

MUSIC STREAMING APPS & SITES



Download the App Search Artists

What are they? 'Music Streaming Apps & Sites'

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Know the Risks

Explicit content

Explicit content is everywhere online, including in popular music. Children can easily access songs on Spotify, for example, that may have explicit or inappropriate language not suitable for children. It is also easy to erase searches so you can't see what a child has been listening to.

Adult themed podcasts

Many music streaming apps also offer the ability to listen to podcasts which can vary across any kind of topic, from business and health to comedy and relationships. Again, children could be exposed to content which is more adult themed or contains age-inappropriate language.

Chatting to strangers

Some music apps, like Playlist, want to make music a more social experience by finding others who share the same musical tastes and will allow users to join group chats where they listen to a playlist together in real time. This could open up your child to talking to strangers online.

Safety Tips

Use child friendly apps

Many music streaming services are made just for children. For instance, the Spotify kids app provides parents with control over what their children listen to and all the content is family friendly and fun for children to explore.

18+

Turn off explicit content

Most of the major music streaming apps will provide the option to turn off explicit material to make sure the music is completely clean. Some services even offer an option to lock the content censoring settings with a password, so your child can't switch it back.

Implement privacy controls

Check the privacy setting of your child's app. Ensure that whichever app or site they choose to stream music, the settings are set to be private. This way they can only share the music they are listening too with friends and family and can't engage in conversation with strangers.

Offering Support

Explore apps yourself

If your child insists on wanting to use a music streaming app then be part of the journey with them. Take the time to understand which apps they prefer to use and why they want to use it. Find out how to use the app yourself and understand what they could be exposed to and how to ensure they get the most of it in a safe manner.

Regularly check-in

Have regular conversations with your child about what they are listening to and how they are feeling. If they do hear explicit music or content that makes them feel uncomfortable, let them know that they can always talk to you and discuss what they've heard and what it means.

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