

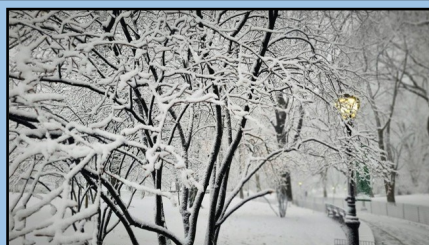


Which Week?

This Week: Monday 19th Feb (Week 2)

Week After: Monday 26th Feb (Week 1)

Inside Kingshurst



“Start Spreading the News!”

Covid has a lot to answer for! One of things we have missed the most as an impact of this, is the cultural capital our students stand to gain from having the incredible opportunity to escape the confines of our own area and to well and truly venture into the bigger, wider world!



These trips consume hours of planning and have to be prepared over a year in advance of the date of travel given the considerable logistics associated with them. To this effect both Mrs Ridley and Miss Ivery are to be applauded for leading two international school trips during this half term, the first of which to occur since the pandemic. As you can see from the pictures taken by Mrs Ridley, the TGAK group made the absolute most of every one of the four days within the ‘Big Apple’, regardless of whether it was day or night, the group got to go up the Empire State Building, see a Broadway show, visit Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, go to Central Park and eat, drink and shop their way through the sights that only New York can deliver. They even got to experience a blanket of snow falling upon Manhattan for a fairytale ending to what was for many, a once in a lifetime journey, carefully planned and run by Mrs Ridley and her team of staff, Mr Parfitt, Miss Clarke and Mr Venson. The students were on brilliant form, a credit to themselves and hopefully slept well upon their return last Wednesday in attempting to recharge for the new half term!



Paris, c'est parfait!

With Valentines Day falling within last week, it is perhaps only fitting that the second international educational visit made its way to Paris during the later part of half term. Miss Ivery and her team of staff, Mr Baxter Smith, Miss Appleby and Mr Costello set off for a breath-taking visit to the French capital and once again, have an itinerary packed full with cultural capital to enrich the students who have chosen to attend this visit. Students have seen the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe before taking a stroll along the shop-lined Champs-Élysées. At the heart of Paris is the river Seine, and our students have been lucky to cruise the river onboard the famous Bateaux-Mouches in order to see some of the incredible sights along the river, including Notre Dame. Despite all of this history and grandeur, one of the points of particular interest on the journey for our students is that of visiting both the Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios Park where a feast of sight, sound, imagination and thrills and spills await our intrepid group. We wish a ‘Bon voyage’ to the TGAK group and look forward to seeing them back on Tuesday evening.



Mock Exam Series 2: Begins Monday 19th February for Yr11 & Yr13 students

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National Online Safety: Playstation 5



The PlayStation 5 is the next-generation video game console from Sony. It offers improved graphics, sound and much quicker loading times. It also has a new controller with motion- and force-feedback features for a more immersive experience. Parents should note that there are two different versions available that support either discs or digital downloads. In the guide on page 2, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as spending money, age-inappropriate content and strangers online.

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What parents & carers need to know about ... PLAYSTATION 5

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Safely setting up your Playstation 5

PlayStation 5 Blu-ray

PlayStation 5 Blu-ray is the larger of the two consoles, although not by a lot. It enables you to play games on disc or by digital download. Although all new games are available digitally, the disc drive is still useful to watch movies from discs as well as play most existing PlayStation 4 games you own. It also enables you to purchase second-hand games on a disc, which is often much cheaper.



PlayStation 5 Digital

PlayStation 5 Digital is slightly smaller as it doesn't contain a Blu-ray drive. This means the console is cheaper but can only run games you download via an internet connection. Unlike the Xbox Series X and the cheaper Series S, the digital-only PlayStation 5 is just as powerful as its more expensive disc-and-download counterpart.



Family Settings

Both PlayStation 5 models offer important family controls that should be set up before your family starts using the system. Although this can take a little time, it ensures that children have their own accounts and sets limits on spending, interactions and age ratings. If done correctly, children cannot circumvent these controls that require the parent's password to alter.



Setting Limits on Play Time

You can specify how long, and at which times of day, the console can be used to play without needing a password. Talk to your children and agree how long is appropriate, then set this on their profile, so it's something they understand and accept. You can set different time limits on each of the users on the system.



Managing Spending

You can set a limit on spending via Parental Controls. This means that any additional purchase requires your password. Another alternative is not to put credit card details into your account and instead add credit as they need it using the book token-like cards in-store or online. A nice feature on the PlayStation is setting an amount of pocket money to spend on games each month.



Setting Age Ratings

You can set a limit that stops any older-rated games being played without a password being entered. This is not only a good way to ensure children are playing appropriate content but is a good chance to talk about the games they are playing.



Downloading the PlayStation App

The PlayStation 5 uses the same PlayStation app as the PlayStation 4. This is a super-easy way to tweak the user settings for your family without having to log on to the console. It's also a good way to keep track of what different people are enjoying on the system. The app can also be used as an easier way to log-on by scanning the QR code.



Creating Guest Account Password

An important step during the PlayStation 5 set-up is specifying the default settings for guest accounts as well as a passcode for your own account. This ensures that all users need to access the system with their own account and related limits and settings.



Managing Online Interactions

Another important area of the Parental Controls is specifying how and who your child can interact with online. Modern consoles enable players to share text, voice, images and video with each other. You can set whether they can do this, and also apply a password before they can add new friends.



Game Subscriptions

In addition to buying individual games digitally or in-store, you can also subscribe to services that offer access to hundreds of games for a monthly fee. PlayStation Plus is needed to play games online with other people and offers a set of games you can immediately download for the new system. PlayStation Now enables you to stream (and download) a wider set of games.



Types of Accounts

Set up Parent Accounts

Setting up a parents' account is important so you can manage the console for your family. After plugging your console in, connect to the internet and wait for updates to finish. Once updated, create a parent user account with an email address you regularly check and password specified.



Set up Child Accounts

Setting up child accounts are important to be able to limit play time, spending and apply age ratings automatically. Separate accounts for each child user can be set up. It's a good idea to specify a password for the guest account so children cannot access this also.



Meet our expert

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