# King's Academy Easthampstead park



## THE INSIDE TRACK

1<sup>st</sup> December - 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS ON A GLOBAL STAGE

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#### **Inside Track – Edition Five**

As we move into the festive season, our school community has enjoyed a busy and enriching fortnight filled with creativity, culture, and opportunities for growth.

Last week, our Year 8 students travelled to Cologne to visit the world-famous Christmas markets. They experienced the sights, sounds, and traditions of a beautiful German city at Christmas time—from twinkling lights to delicious festive treats. The trip was a wonderful cultural opportunity and a brilliant way to broaden horizons.

On Thursday, both staff and students took part in a unique mussel-cooking workshop. Led by our very own Mrs Wise, the session gave everyone the chance to learn new skills, discover fresh flavours, and enjoy a hands-on culinary experience. The enthusiasm from all involved made it a real highlight of the week.

Our Maths department hosted its Winter Warmer revision sessions, helping Year 11 build confidence and prepare effectively for their GCSEs. These sessions continue to support students with targeted guidance, tailored practice, and a positive atmosphere focused on success.

This year's Christmas Card Competition once again showcased the creativity of our students. We were incredibly impressed by the originality, effort, and artistic talent on display. A huge thank-you to **Warfield Park Homes** for their generous sponsorship and donation of prizes—it is greatly appreciated and makes this celebration of creativity even more special.

We're also looking forward to our Christmas jumper and lunch day today —it's always so lovely seeing everyone looking festive and enjoying some time together.

At KAEP, we believe every student should dream big and aim high. Strong ambitions help us discover our talents, work hard, and build confidence. Guided by our values of honesty, faith, and courage, we learn to be truthful, believe in ourselves, and face challenges with strength. No matter our starting point, every one of us has the potential to achieve great things with focus and determination. By supporting one another and never giving up, we can turn our goals into reality.

Together, next term, we can create a future filled with success, opportunity, and pride in our achievements.

As we head into our last week of this term, we want to take a moment to thank all our parents for your continued support. We are truly grateful for everything you do—it makes such a difference and means a lot to all of us.

#### **Half Term House points**



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December
Y11 Career meetings Library
Y7 Carol Concert – 11am until
1.20pm

Year 7 Celebration of Success assembly Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

7D6 Oakwood Trip Interhouse Basketball Period 1 – Year

Interhouse Basketball Period 3 – Year 10

Year 11 Celebration of Success assembly

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7D7 Oakwood Trip Interhouse Basketball Period 4 – Year

Year 10 Celebration of Success assembly

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December
Y12 FP1 Reports home
Y8 Cadburys World
Year 8 Celebration of Success
assembly

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December
End of term early closure
Christmas Holidays 22 December
until Monday 5 January 2026
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January
INSET Day)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January Students return to school **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** Yr11 Maths Winter Warmer 7.40am – 8.40am

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January**Maths support Yr11 9:30-11:30
Yr13 10:30-12:30

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A huge thank you to Mrs Wise for sharing her expertise and overseeing last Thursday's cooking activity. Both staff and students had a fantastic time cooking—and of course, eating—mussels! It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged and enjoying the experience together. Events like this really highlight the joy of learning and the fun of trying something new.



Our year 11's making taking advantage of our Winter Warmer revision sessions. It's been lovely seeing so many students making the most of this opportunity.



A huge thank you to our amazing teaching staff for coming in early to run these sessions. You set a fantastic example, showing students that dedication and hard work really pay off!



Our year 8's enjoyed a magical trip to Cologne. They got to explore the magical Christmas markets, try new foods, practice the German language skills and soak up the festive atmosphere!



Panathlon Xtend Success! Our pupils showed amazing teamwork and determination this week, proudly taking home their bronze medals Well done, everyone!



Celebrating Success! Congratulations to Megan and Harvey on completing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award! Their hard work, resilience, and teamwork have truly paid off — well done!





Christmas Card Competition Winners! Congratulations to Gabija, Year 8, on her winning design, which impressed the judges with its creativity and festive spirit! Well done also to all runners-up for their fantastic entries—your talent and imagination really shone!

A big thank you to our student Librarians over the last two weeks, **Archie** and **Cameron** from Year 7!

Your help has been amazing and really appreciated by everyone. Well done!

#### **Attendance**

The tutor groups with the highest attendance over the last 2 weeks and winners of the duck awards were...

	Week A	Week B
Years 7 and 8	7D4 – 99.4%	7D7 <b>–</b> 97.6%
Years 9 and 10	9D6 <b>–</b> 95.2%	10D1 <b>–</b> 96.1%
Year 11	11D4 – 91.0%	11D4 – 93.9%
KAEP6	12D2 <b>–</b> 92.5%	13D2 <b>–</b> 93.9%
Pink duck for overall improvement	9D7 <b>–</b> 82.6% - 93.8%	8D4 – 72.2% - 92.5%

#### **Sports Clubs**

Joining sports clubs provides valuable physical and mental benefits. Regular exercise supports good health, while participation builds teamwork, discipline, and perseverance—helping students embody KAEP and our core values. Sports clubs also strengthen social connections and boost confidence, offering a positive outlet for energy and stress. Ultimately, they support students' overall development and promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Break			<b>Basketball</b> Sports Hall - JSB	
After School	Year 7 - 9 Rugby Field - JEW & Bracknell RFC Starting 08/09/25 No sessions on 06/10 & 10/11	Netball Sports Hall - SEB Boys' Football 3G - LSM, JAC, JSB Starting 30/09/25		Girls' Football 3G - CGO Year 9 Bronze DofE Group 1 Week A - PJC Room 60, Week B - SEB Room 115 Group 2 Week A - SEB Room 115, Week B - PJC Room 60

#### **Extra Curricular Clubs**

Participating in extracurricular clubs offers numerous benefits for students, extending far beyond academic achievements. The se clubs provide a platform for students to explore their interests, develop new skills, and foster a sense of community. By engaging in activities they are passionate about, students not only enhance their creativity and critical thinking but also demonstrate the qualities that define KAEP, putting our core values into action through commitment, integrity, and perseverance.

Leadership roles within clubs teach responsibility, teamwork, and communication skills, which are invaluable in both personal and professional realms. Additionally, extracurricular involvement can improve time management as students balance their academic responsibilities with club commitments. Overall, these clubs enrich the educational experience, helping students to grow holistically, develop character, and prepare for future challenges.

	Club	Time	Room	Staff
Break	B Club (Week A) Chess Club Cooking Club (Week B) Computer Club Book and Quiz Club (Week A)	Break Lunch 3:10-4:10 3:10-4:10 3:10-4:10	129 Library 20 115 Library	Mr Noakes Mr Ball Mrs Wise Mrs Hartley & Ms Evans Mrs Collins
After School	Languages Club Colouring & painting Game Design Club History Club Astronomy Club Pokemon Club Hotwheels Club (Week B)	Lunch Breaktime 3:10-4:10 3:10-4:10 3:10-4:10 3:10-4:10	112 100 111 12 124 100 Library	Various Miss Rennie/Miss Tallentire Miss Mills Miss Larkin Mr Noakes Mr Cooley Mrs Collins
Wednesday	Design Club <b>(Week B)</b>	3:10-4:10	44	Various
	Film Club	Lunch	12	Miss Larkin
	Lego Club	3:10-4:10	Library	Mrs Collins
Thursday	B Club <b>(Week B)</b>	Break	129	Mr Noakes
	GCSE Chill & Chat	Break	100	Miss Rennie/Miss Tallentire
Friday	Knit and Natter	Break	100	Mrs Skinner
	Warhammer Club	3:10-4:10	Library	Mrs Collins

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