

Autumn Term



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Small who had a baby boy called Jacob on Wednesday 5 September. Everyone at Kingswode Hoe wishes the family well.

New Staff

Mr Ben Lee has joined us from Gosfield School as 11L form tutor and he is also our new curriculum leader for Science and Duke of Edinburgh Award co-ordinator. Mr Lee has already led staff training as part of our focus on active learning and is looking forward to supporting 11L as they make important choices about their next steps.



Miss Emma Cunningham joins us as an NQT and is form tutor to 7C. She has settled her new class well at the start of the year and has enjoyed bringing learning to life for pupils with engaging topics such as 'The Plague'.



Mrs Zoe Fuller joins us from St George's Junior School, as an LSA working with 7D and also supporting some key stage 4 pupils in their food technology lessons. Mrs Fuller has taken a lead in helping pupils to be as independent as possible and supports reading and catch up during credit time. Mrs Fuller is also the person to ask about lost property.



Mrs Samantha Sugden joins us from Queen Boudica Primary School as an LSA, mainly supporting 11G, and has already been involved in college visits and supporting pupils in their preparation for adulthood sessions. She also leads flower arranging as part of a new credit time option and supports pupils to create beautiful displays that can be seen around school.



Mrs Victoria Groves joins us as an HLTA attached to 9L. She is covering Mrs Small's maternity leave and is particularly involved in food technology, leading small groups and covering classes as required. She leads our breakfast club on some days and activities in drawing club as part of credit time choices.



Everyone has made an excellent start to the new year and it has been a busy first month already! We are looking forward to many more exciting lessons, events and activities as the year progresses at Kingswode Hoe School.

Get Set Go

As part of the new term we as a school are taking part in a new initiative to get our pupils active in the mornings. Inspired by the national 'Daily Mile' initiative, every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning staff and pupils walk for 15 minutes around the school playground and playing fields. Our trial of this during the first month has shown a positive impact on pupil attention, focus and wellbeing- it is great to start the day in an active way!

Get
Set GO

Named School Uniform

Please could you ensure that all school uniform and PE Kit is clearly named. Although the weather can be changeable, we still expect pupils to go outside and get fresh air despite cold or wet conditions. Therefore please ensure that your child has a named waterproof coat.



New Build

As you may have seen in local press articles, we have now been given planning permission to start the build of the new building. Essex County Council is leading the project to replace the three de-mountable buildings situated on the playing field and also give us additional space for primary intake, technology and music and drama.

Building work is scheduled to commence on 22 October 2018. There may be some disruption on site and it will affect our car park area but this will not impact the pupils and their learning.

The building company will talk to pupils about safety while they are on site and we will practise any changes that are required such as move of fire assembly point and end of day routines.

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Parent & Carer information
evening 6.00-8.00pm

We look forward to meeting with parents and carers for appointments with tutors on Tuesday 9 October. This is an opportunity to find out about:

- ◇ Topics and learning
- ◇ Highlights so far
- ◇ Forthcoming trips/visits & year group residential
- ◇ Individual targets

Key stage 4: 6.00-6.30pm

Year 10 are invited for a talk about their Work Related Learning project starting in November and travel training.

Year 11 are invited to find out more about the college application process, Duke of Edinburgh Award and Preparation for Adulthood.

Refreshments will be available in the canteen for a small donation and staff will also be able to support parents and carers to access our online assessment system, Evidence for Learning, which can send regular evidence of your child's learning and progress to keep you up to date.

Oversubscribed special school to double intake



■ Celebration - Kingswode Hoe headteacher Elizabeth Drake and pupils ready for project

Special school celebrates go-ahead for new building

Active learning

Part of our school development plan this year is to ensure a real focus on the quality of teaching, learning and assessment. We have already engaged staff in training sessions to encourage active learning. It has been a very successful start to the year in many lessons, with pupils getting hands on, excited and independent in their approach to new topics and skills.

Developing photography skills



Hands on
learning
about The

*"Tell me
and I'll forget, show me and I
may remember, involve me
and I'll understand."
Chinese Proverb*



Experimenting
with
mechanisms



Learning how our
kidneys process
liquids

