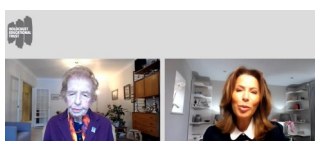
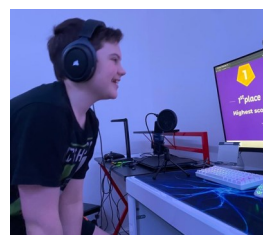
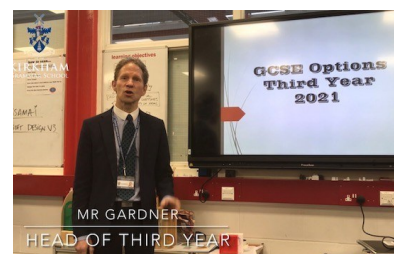


As we approach the end of our fourth week of remote learning, we hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well. As always, we have received lots of lovely photographs of the pupils working hard at their KGS@Home remote learning. This week, some of our teachers have shared their wonderful feedback with us which really highlights how dedicated and committed our pupils are to their learning and academic journey. You can read their feedback within this newsletter.



This week, our GCSE and A-level RS students, along with our GCSE History students, were invited to watch a live webcast hosted by the Holocaust Educational Trust. KGS was just one of the hundreds of schools who took part in Tuesday's event. This event was organised to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on Wednesday 27 January and the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz in 1945. This event has been organised for several years but usually takes place in a studio with an audience of school pupils. However, despite lockdown, the decision was made this year to continue to broadcast and Natasha Kaplinsky interviewed 90 year old survivor, Eve Kugler, via live video link. The pupils learnt about Eve's experiences of Kristalnacht and being sent away from her parents at a young age. They heard about her parents heroic deeds in the war while they were in transit camps and involved with resistance movements. Despite the horrific backdrop, Eve's story had a happy ending with her entire nuclear family being reunited after the horrors of the Holocaust. Eve Kugler told her story with dignity and encouraged those listening to 'be a light in the darkness', the theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day. Towards the end of the webcast, pupils were invited to 'tweet' their questions. Thank you to the Holocaust Trust for providing this opportunity for our pupils.

Yesterday, Head of Third Year, Mr Gardner, delivered his annual GCSE Options Assembly to our Third Year pupils and their parents. This gave pupils information regarding some important forthcoming dates. One of these is our Virtual Options Evening on Thursday 11 February 2021 which will allow pupils to listen to Heads of Year talk about their subject/department. Please watch out for your Options pack which we are sending out in the post to every Third Year pupil.



In I1, during their afternoon sessions, the pupils love to listen to a story and snuggle up with their favourite blankets, toys and even eat a treat of a biscuit or chocolate! This week's story was 'Day Monkey, Night Monkey', which is linked to the recent work they have been doing as part of their topic about the weather, different times of the day and types of animals.

Teacher Remote Learning Feedback



"I just wanted to say thank you to our students. Your positive attitude to online learning has been such a help to your teachers as they have discovered the joys of round two of KGS@Home. Your efforts and enthusiasm to complete work to the highest standard have certainly not been hampered by online learning. Your support for each other and your teachers when 'technical issues' happen, is so heart-warming and your thanks to your teacher at the end of a live lesson are appreciated beyond words. We are all enjoying the non-uniform days, but it is fabulous to hear that everyone is looking forward to being back at school to see friends and to do our lessons together. Keep working hard and keep safe."

Mrs Sutcliffe

"We just want to say a great big thank you for all your hard work over the last few weeks. You have totally embraced each activity/sport, giving your all in each and every lesson. We have loved watching you perform and develop your skills in various areas which will help you so much when we return to school. As always you are doing yourselves, the school and us proud. Keep up the great work!"

The Girls' PE department

"On Friday, I was delivering a lesson to my First Year pupils. When I asked the pupils to turn their cameras on and show me their homemade plate boundary models I noticed one of the pupils had a guitar in the background and jokingly asked him to give me a tune. The next minute, a few of the other pupils joined in and I witnessed a full musical performance including drums, guitars and other musical instruments! It was such good fun and really cheered me up on a rainy and cold day! Our pupils are so talented."

Mrs Taylor

"Our pupils have once again stood up to the plate and demonstrated what 'Team Kirkham' means in its truest sense. Their enthusiasm and warm welcome at the start of every lesson makes my day and when things haven't quite gone to plan, they haven't judged or ridiculed but instead they have given clear advice on how to overcome my 'technical blips.' A heartfelt thank you to you all and 'Let's Keep Calm and Continue to Support Each Other.'"

Mrs Walter

Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in last week's KGS CCF Challenge to carry out a good deed! This week's winner is Kate Cookson. A £10 Amazon voucher is on the way in the post to you. This week's challenge is a quiz, please take a look on our school website and social media channels for more information!



As part of their creative development lesson, our I2 pupils were asked to make an igloo using resources from home. We received lots of very imaginative photographs including toilet roll igloos and armchair igloos to name just a couple! Well done, I2!



For a second year, we will be hosting a 'Summer Hockey Camp' from Monday 23 August 2021 - Thursday 26 August 2021. The response has been amazing since we released this event last Friday and we sold out within 6 days!

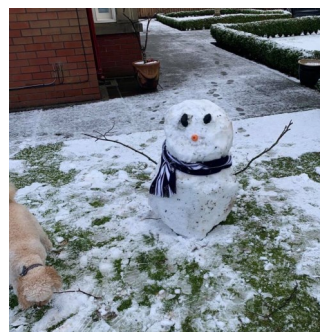
The course will include:

- A fully residential Hockey camp professionally delivered by GB Hockey Olympic Gold medallist, Susannah Townsend.
- Strength and Conditioning sessions delivered by Charlotte Benson, Lead Strength and Conditioning Coach at Leander Rowing Club – a private Members' club that boasts an unsurpassed record in rowing achievements.
- Diet and Nutrition sessions.
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner, supper and snacks.
- Kirkham Grammar School PE staff also in attendance throughout the course.

We have now set up a waiting list. To add your daughter's name please email: m.tickle@kirkhamgrammar.co.uk




This week brought our second wave of snowfall in 2021 and it was lovely to receive photographs of the pupils and their families building snowmen and having lots of fun in the snow! We particularly loved the Coupe's KGS snowman!



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