

# The King's Chronicles



No.17 Week 8 - 12 February 2021

## Together for a better internet

This was the theme of [Safer Internet Day](#) which took place on Tuesday 9 February. The day aimed to highlight how we all need to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, and especially for children and young people.

In their Monday morning assembly presented by Mr Coe, students were asked to consider the real life importance of using the internet safely and how to be a responsible digital citizen. The assembly complimented the work they have been doing with their tutor through the ['Keep IT Safe'](#) online safety newsletter.

Over the next few weeks and months we will be making internet safety a focus through tutor times and addressing topics such as how students should:

- conduct themselves to maintain healthy online relationships,
- use their privacy settings so they know what information they are sharing,
- recognise how the internet can impact on their self esteem,
- understand how social media companies use their data.

Our next major focus for students will be on [cyberbullying](#): what it is, and how to ask for help if they feel like they or someone they know is a victim. Don't forget you can find lots of information and support links about online safety on our [website](#).

*Miss Smith - Assistant Principal*

### COVID-19: Helping Young People Manage Low Mood and Depression

FREE online course by Future Learn/University of Reading:

[Youth Wellbeing and Coronavirus - Online Course - FutureLearn](#) (certificated)

### Oak Academy now zero-tariff

This will *not* count towards data usage from mobiles. It is now essentially free to access .

## Who's that behind the mask?



I'm a total fan of The Masked Singer on Saturday nights. I enjoy convincing myself that I am 100% right with every guess, which often turns out to be completely wrong. This week, students have been 'entertained' by 21 members of staff as they have attempted to serenade with their vocal talents, whilst also trying to conceal their identity.

It's a hot topic of conversation amongst the tutor groups. We are going to leave you in suspense over the half term break... but rest assured that there is more to come with some cryptic clues *and* the big reveals.

Let's see which tutor groups will get full marks!

*Mr Jones- Head of Drama*

Thanks to our site team,  
who have been out early  
this week gritting and  
shovelling snow.



## Introducing:

Hello, I'm Miss Walton. I recently joined King's full time in September as a learning support assistant. I was previously on placement last year whilst completing my level 3 teaching assistant course but also have a BA(hons) degree in Sport and Exercise science. I am looking forward to getting my qualified teacher status in the near future.



Here at King's I have been made to feel so welcome by both staff and students. The atmosphere here is just like a family/community. I would like to thank you all for your support in these unfortunate challenging times that we are going through.

## Garden Rescue

For some years we have had a bit of a 'sleeping giant' on our grounds. The King's Academy garden at the rear of the site has not really been utilised fully since the polytunnel was damaged by bad weather.

All that is about to change! Working with our friends from the Rotary Club, Mr Johnson and a team of staff members are in the early stages of bringing this teaching and learning resource back to life. Work is already well underway with the first stage in progress- clearing the site of weeds and repairing the raised beds.

After February half term plans will be concluded and a schedule drawn up to engage more students and staff with the garden. Various initiatives, including an idea generated by the members of the Year 8 student council, will be proposed which will create opportunities for students to engage in some productive outdoor activity whilst also developing some life-long skills. Watch this space and keep those green fingers at the ready...

*Mr Johnson - Assistant Principal KS3*



## Random Acts

I have always tried to do my bit for charity, but until recently it has been raising money by growing a ridiculous moustache, hosting quizzes or throwing myself into the sea on Boxing Day.

Then I discovered Random Acts, a charity that encourages you to change the world with one act of kindness at a time. So now I try to help with the small things like making collections for food banks or planting herbs in a community garden.

Sometimes Random Acts are able to fund bigger acts like donating tools to a school garden. For this they need money- so it's back to the quizzes for me!

*Mr Kirby - Head of Chemistry*



### Additional Notices

#### School Meals During Lockdown

As our canteen is continuing to serve hot and cold meals to students attending school during lockdown, please could parents kindly ensure that sufficient money is added via ParentPay for those students not entitled to Free School Meals.

#### Free School Meal vouchers

Unused credits issued **via schoolvouchers.com** before 31 January will be reassigned from 22 February. Please redeem any you still have to get supermarket vouchers otherwise you will lose access.

Supermarket vouchers, once received, have longer expiry dates - please see [here](#) for more details.

*Please also note:*

Edenred voucher codes must be converted to vouchers within 1 month of issue.

#### Uniform Shop

The online uniform shop will reopen for business on Tuesday 16 February. Further details can be found on our website.

#### Staff Training Day - Monday 22 February

No work will be set on this date. Remote education will recommence Tuesday 23 February at 9am.