



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 8 Pupils/Parents/Carers	Year 8 Choices Evening, 5pm – 7pm, Kings Academy
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Year 8 Parents/ Carers	Year 8 Parents Evening, 4:30pm – 7pm, In person
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Years	School Closes for half term
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Years	INSET Day
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Years	School re-opens to pupils and staff

### Bulletin Round Up

- Fairlands Middle School operates a cashless system in the school canteen. Please ensure your child's Parent Pay account is regularly topped up
- We have now added the option to purchase replacement locker keys on Parent Pay. Once the key has been purchased, your child can come to the school reception to collect it.

### Fairlands School Council Meeting



I met with the school council on Wednesday 24 January to discuss the following areas:

- Positive Behaviour and Rewards Systems in school
- House Competition
- The Fairlands Standard

All the pupil's contributions were excellent and they represented their Year groups and school community with enthusiasm and positivity.

*Paul Stephens – Deputy Headteacher*

### Commemorating the Holocaust at Fairlands



At Fairlands Middle School, we believe in the power of collaboration not only to ensure we achieve, but also to feel a sense of belonging to a community that remembers and learns from history. In the weeks leading up to Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January 2024, our pupils have been coming together to forge a collective understanding of the past and the experiences of the survivors.

Pupils in every tutor group have been working on the creation of a physical flame, symbolising the light of remembrance that shines even in the darkest corners of history.

*Josh Hitt - Head of Faculty for Humanities*

### Somerset Cross-Country Championships



On Saturday 20 January, 7 pupils travelled to RNAS Merryfield to represent the Mendip area in the Somerset Cross-Country Championships. Every pupil performed outstandingly in what was a difficult and muddy course. They faced some stiff competition but did themselves proud, with all of them finishing the course within the top 25. A particularly big well done needs to go out to Will, who made it into the reserve 6 for the junior boy's category.

*Vicky Pople – Head of Faculty for Expressive Arts*

### Cheddar Vale Lions Visit



We were delighted to welcome representatives from Cheddar Vale Lions Club to present certificates and medals to the Year 6 pupils who were involved in this year's Lion's ROAR competition. This nationwide competition is an innovative ideas competition for pupils aged 7 – 11, encouraging imagination to create 'world changing ideas'.

The pupils met during lunchtimes to think about ideas and what actually makes a world changing idea. After a few weeks of planning, the children then designed their product, made a prototype and a video to tell everyone what they made. Two ideas were put forward and the team with the selected idea represented Fairlands at the national competition, where we were up against 154 other schools. We watched the online final just before Christmas, where we saw entries from schools all over the UK. It was really interesting seeing all the different ideas. The pupils enjoyed being part of the competition and wish the winning team well with their idea.

*Georgie Seymour – Teacher and Tutor*

### Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: [www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](http://www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

You can also keep informed via our Twitter feed @Fairlands482

## Our values 'Caring and Inspirational'

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email [safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

[l.co.uk](http://l.co.uk)

Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
Paul Stephens

### Wellbeing

If your child needs any help, advice or someone to talk to, please contact the school office. We have trained mental health first aiders that are here to help.

'You are human and it's ok to struggle.'

'It is important to look after yourself and mind.'

### Reporting Absence

If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01934 743186, or email using the school absence email address: - [absence@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

[l.co.uk](http://l.co.uk)

### Current Job Vacancies within WLT

Please visit the Wessex Learning Trust website for all current vacancies [HERE](#)

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