



King's High
School

INSPIRE

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

SUMMER TERM 2025

Introduction

As we enter the final term of the academic year, we are delighted to introduce you to another fantastic array of enrichment opportunities which make up this term's Inspire Programme.

The aims of this programme continue to reflect its core purpose of inspiring creativity, curiosity and independence in our students through a range of enriching opportunities beyond the curriculum.

There is something for all students to get involved with and be inspired by this term, ranging from the In-House Internship Programme for Year 9 students to the newly launched "Subjects 'In-Action'" photography competition. We are also looking forward to the KS3 Inspire trip to the British Motor Museum and the launch of the prestigious Inspire Essay competition which always attracts a range of outstanding and academically rigorous entries.

Specific dates and details of the opportunities listed in this brochure will be communicated to students directly.

We hope that students find plenty to be inspired by in this programme and make the most of the exciting opportunities on offer.

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Academic Societies

Full details of our academic societies, with times and locations, are available on the co-curricular programme. All pupils who wish to form a society of their own should contact Dr Seal directly.

ACT (Aspiring Creatives in Theatre)

Don't be fooled by the name – this club is everything BUT acting! A brand-new Friday lunchtime club, open to all. We will explore technical & design roles, hear from visiting speakers working in the Performing Arts Industry and watch live theatre together.

Ancestry Society

An opportunity for students to utilise technology to reflect on the importance of ancestry in self-understanding, as well as providing tools to conduct personal research into your own family history.

Atlas Society

Are you fascinated by volcanoes, tsunamis, or the secrets behind shifting cities and changing climates? Do you want to explore the world without leaving school? Then come join The Atlas Society – our brand new geography society where curiosity meets adventure! Meeting fortnightly on Thursday lunchtimes, we'll dive into epic debates, tackle real-world challenges, explore maps, compete in quizzes, and plan exciting geography-themed events. Plus, we'll be welcoming guest speakers – from field experts to explorers – who will share their insights on everything from climate change to global conflicts. Whether you're a future geographer or just love discovering how the world works, The Atlas Society is the place to be. Let's put geography on the map – together!

Café Philo

Café Philo is a student-led discussion group. Each session focuses on a topic of interest related to philosophy, politics, ethics and current affairs.

Café Scientifique

Our ever-popular Sixth Form-led Science society prides itself on a programme of visiting speakers, a regular publication, and a team of student organisers who are passionate about spreading their love of Science throughout the school.

Collaborate Workshops

Collaborate workshops take place once per half-term and offer an opportunity for Sixth Form students from King's High and Warwick School to collaborate to solve a topical/ethical issue. These sessions are excellent for developing transferable skills and evidencing this in university applications.

Creative Writing (Senior and Junior)

In both the senior and junior Creative Writing club, students will be challenged to develop their creativity and imagination, writing in a plethora of forms and contributing to our termly anthology.

CUBBS (Challenge Understanding, Break Boundaries)

CUBBS is a mathematical cocurricular activity for KS3 students that aims to stretch, challenge and inspire Mathematical problem solving and reasoning with fun Maths problems, puzzles and activities.

Da Vinci Society

A student-founded and student-run society that is already doing outstanding things. Look out for invitations to hear artists speak about their life and work.

Dramatic Arts Careers

This club supports students aspiring to careers in the dramatic arts and will cover areas such as audition advice, school choices, potential career paths and gaining experience. There will also be the opportunity to hear from a range of visiting industry professionals.

DT Society

A Sixth Form led society enriching students understanding of design and technology across the school and providing opportunities for DT students to be supported with the development of their projects in a collaborative and creative way.

Engineering & Aviation

For all those interested in and considering further study relating to engineering and aviation fields. The society focuses on extending attendees' knowledge beyond the curriculum as well as inviting in speakers to provide information and inspire ambitious thinking within the world of engineering.

Geographical Society

Calling all students looking to take their geographical learning further. The society looks into some of the key issues within geography that are shaping our world today.

Higher Education Seminars

Ongoing seminars and opportunities throughout the year are for current Sixth Formers interested in Oxford, Cambridge and similar, with a focus on high level thinking skills, interviews and pre-admissions tests.

Hobbs Society

The Hobbs Society, named after philosopher Angie Hobbs, meets at least once every half term. The Chair and Secretary invite distinguished guests to address students on a range of topics.

Junior Mathematical Challenge

Members of Years 7 and 8 are presented with problems that will stretch and challenge them in preparation for the Junior Maths challenge in the summer.

KS3 Science Club

Year 7 to 9 are invited to join KS3 Science Club, which will extend your knowledge, enrich your classroom learning, and also provide a lot of fun along the way. This is an excellent way to explore a range of scientific disciplines, ahead of potentially specialising later on in school.

Landor Dining Society

Our Sixth Form student-led Dining Society invites speakers with diverse specialisms and expertise. The visiting speaker addresses students after a three-course meal.

Lit & Phil Society

The Lit & Phil Society is for anyone interested in exploring ideas beyond the classroom. It meets every half term, with each session run by students or teaching staff.

Lit Soc

For all Sixth Formers and keen GCSE students who want to delve deeply into the world of literature, criticism and theory. The society looks at seminal authors, with a focus on combining enjoyment of reading with developing a thoughtful response to literature.

MedSoc

For all of those considering university applications for Medicine and Allied Sciences. Our Medical Pathway includes tailored advice on all aspects of preparing and applying for top medical courses.

MICE: Mathematical Investigative and Challenge Exploration Team

Join MICE! Open to all students in KS4 and KS5 who are interested in exploring team mathematical challenges.

Model United Nations

MUN is a superb way for students to learn about international perspectives on topical issues, as well as to learn how to articulate their views in front of others.

Multi-Media Journalism Club

Pupils come to share ideas about things they care about, discuss topical issues, write articles about the things that matter to them, and create multi-media methods of communicating them to our school community, including podcasts.

Procreate Club

Working with the Procreate app, pupils will learn digital art techniques and how they can create new outcomes.

Reading Programme

Watch out for a host of events and initiatives from our Library team that encourage a simple activity that benefits you emotionally and intellectually: reading for pleasure.

Ruth Court Mathematical Society

For all keen mathematicians interested in looking at mathematics in a new way, applying ideas and solving problems, as well as learning about fascinating new ideas.

Science Journal Club

Run jointly with Warwick School, this Sixth Form society involves presentations about scientific research. The Club is excellent preparation for university applications and will stretch your thinking beyond your A Level learning.

Senior Debating

Led by our Head of Public Speaking, Senior Debating is in an exciting phase. As well as honing the skills required for high-level debate, students will prepare for competitions such as the ESU MACE Schools Debate.

Calendar of Events

Start of Term

Launch of KS3 Inspire Essay Competition

Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to submit entries to the annual Inspire Essay Competition. Through this competition, students are invited to explore an area of their choosing, conduct thorough research into this area, generate their own essay title and then submit their essay. The competition is designed to promote intellectual curiosity and academic rigour. Full details will be provided to students in the launch assembly early in the Summer term.

w/c 28th April

Dr McGale Competition

Dr McGale was a former King's High Head of Biology and his family sponsor a Speech Day prize for a KS3 Biology project. This is the most prestigious Science prize you can win in KS3 at school. The competition is open to Year 9 students and involves creating a piece of display work on a chosen species.

Wednesday 30th April

Imposter Syndrome: What is it and how does it affect women vs men?

A talk from the Literature and Philosophy Society (one of our Sixth Form-led societies) on the ethics and causes of imposter syndrome, including its impact on daily life and its differing effects on different genders.

Thursday 1st May

Junior Physics Challenge

The Junior Physics Challenge competition is designed to engage and challenge students of all abilities by offering them a range of problems to solve. The key aim is that students enjoy taking part and are encouraged to do more physics. They do not need to cover technical topics outside the syllabus, but they might be shown some pictures of famous physicists and asked to identify one (Hawking, Galileo or Newton for example).

Thursday 1st May

Junior Mathematical Challenge

The Junior Mathematical Challenge is taken by all students in Years 7 and 8, it is a 60-minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. The problems on the Junior Mathematical Challenge are accessible yet still challenge those with more experience.

Wednesday 7th May

'The Good, The Bad, The Influenced'

The Café Philo society (one of our Sixth Form led societies) will be holding a discussion on the topic: 'The Good, The Bad, The Influenced'. Human nature, a concept so inerrant it could be overlooked? This discussion is a prime time to learn some philosophical views on human nature as well as share your own insights on the matter and it's welcome to all year groups!

Friday 9th May

Medical Strategy Talks

Talks for L6th students on medical and military strategy, as part of an interdisciplinary conference hosted at WSF.

Saturday 10th May

Marie Curious

This is a really fun event aimed at students in KS3 to inspire students to study Science at a higher level. The day runs with a series of hands on workshops that are based on the research work within Oxford Physics Department. This is followed by a question and answer session to meet the researchers and the day finishes with a Science Show in the Hall. It is usually a really fun day and the students benefit enormously from the experience.

Saturday 10th May

Drama, Spanish and French multilingual play - Art by Yasmina Reza

"Art" by Yasmina Reza is a witty, thought-provoking play about friendship, taste, and the nature of art. When Serge buys an expensive, all-white painting, his friends react with disbelief, leading to heated debates and deep-seated tensions.

Thursday 15th May

An insight into Foundation and Fine Art at Loughborough University

The Da Vinci Society are proud to welcome Freya Wright, Head of Fine Art pathway (Foundation Art & Design) at Loughborough University, who will provide valuable insight into the course. Freya will also show examples of artwork, provide portfolio and application advice and also discuss the importance of pursuing a creative career path. The talk is applicable for Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 but younger students are also welcome to attend if they are interested in studying Art at university.

May

Biology Challenge

A national Biology Challenge for Year 10 students. The competition consists of two multiple choice papers with questions both within the school curriculum but also rewarding those students whose biological knowledge has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes and taking notice of biology in the news.

Saturday 7th June

KS3 Inspire Trip – British Motor Museum

Our termly KS3 Inspire trip this term will be a fascinating visit to the British Motor Museum in which students will have the opportunity to engage in STEM-based workshops focusing on alternative fuel sources, designing salt-powered cars and trialling their engineering ideas on a Jaguar D-type remote control car. The visit promises to be hugely enriching for students and offers an opportunity to consider possible future careers in engineering and motoring industries.

Monday 9th June

Rugby School Science Quiz

An inter-school science quiz hosted at Rugby school. One team of 4 Lower Sixth students is invited to enter. Team selection will take place in May.

Friday 14th June

'Chaotic Science'

Café Scientifique (one of our Sixth Form-led societies) will be putting on a fun set of activities for KS3, following our theme for next term which is 'Order and Chaos'. There will be a carousel of exciting activities, including a Make-your-own lava lamp station! Another highlight will be a thrilling demonstration of Elephant's Toothpaste.

Friday 20th – Monday 23rd June

Biology Field Trip

Lower Sixth Biologists travel to Slapton Ley, Devon, to carry out A Level Biology field work and learn all about the ecology of the area.

Friday 27th June

Warwick Science Quiz

Science Quiz against Warwick School and other local schools, hosted in the WS Science labs. Those students in SIA activity will automatically be entered. Anyone else who would like to join in should email Mrs Sims to see if you can swap activities for the afternoon.

June

Spanish - An Exploration of Frida Kahlo's Art

Any Spanish student interested in art is invited to take part in this workshop where we will learn about Frida's life and inspiration. The students can then make their own interpretation or colour in one of Frida's masterpieces.

Tuesday 1st July

Onatti - Primera Cita

This extremely entertaining play gives the audience an hilarious insight of two teenagers, Carlos and Maria, preparing for their first date. Then, of course, we get to watch them on their actual date!

Thursday 10th July

King's High Festival of Faith and Culture

A celebration of the wonderful diversity of the staff and students of King's High! A showcase of artefacts, talent and food, embracing the "dignity of difference" that we are so proud to embrace.

June

Year 9 In-House Internship Programme

Our annual In-House Internships programme will run again after the May half-term for students in Y9. Students apply to undertake an internship and then and, if their application is successful, complete it during the second half of the Summer Term.

The internships will enable students in Years 9 to gain invaluable experience working to develop evidence-based ideas and solutions to real-life problems 'in-house' at KHS and partake in 'real-life' analytical and problem-solving activities learning to collaborate, research, produce evidence-based ideas and solutions and develop their presentation skills. The internships would take the form of projects.

June

Year 8 'Design Your Ideal Space to Do Philosophy'

Year 8 students will be given the opportunity to design their ideal philosophy space in PT. They will consider the aims of philosophy and how to design a space that reflects these aims.

June

Popcorn and Pondering

The chance to engage with a range of live, virtual lectures hosted by leading universities. Students will meet to watch the lectures, which will be on a variety of topics, with a subsequent chance for rigorous discussion of the content of the lecture. An excellent way to enrich your understanding of complex subject matter as well as providing a strong addition to future university applications.

June

Collaborate Workshop

Join together with L6th students from Warwick School and King's High School to engage with a topical issue, work collaboratively to create a solution and pitch your solution to the group.

June

Year 8 Pompeii Project

Are you intrigued by life in Pompeii? Do you want to extend your knowledge of the society in the town of Pompeii, 2000 years ago? If so, the Pompeii Project offers pupils from Year 7 and Year 8 the opportunity to work on a project focusing on an aspect of Pompeian culture; you could choose dining and dinner parties or the gladiators; you could look into daily life in more detail and study the Roman bath houses in Pompeii or research into what happened during the day of the eruption of Vesuvius. How you want to present your project is entirely up to you; you could produce a poster or write an article for a 'Roman magazine'; you could build a model Pompeian villa or an amphitheatre; you could produce a menu for a Roman dinner party on an authentic looking scroll. If you wish to discuss ideas for the Pompeii Project please see Mrs Coplestone-Crow.



June

Intermediate Biology Olympiad

A nationwide competition that tests students' problem-solving skills and understanding of core principles from both GCSE and A level to answer multiple choice questions under time pressure.

July

“Your Subjects ‘In Action’” Photography Competition

Students from all years are warmly invited to enter the newly launched “Your Subjects ‘In Action’” photography competition. This involves students taking a photograph(s) during their summer holidays of one of their subjects ‘in action’ and submit these to one of the relevant prize categories. Full details will be communicated to students towards the end of the summer term.

Summer Term

‘Big Thinking Club Presents...’

The KS3 Big Thinking Club will deliver workshops on topics within philosophy and ethics that interests them which will be open to all students. Details of the workshops will be announced nearer the time.

Summer Term

Hobbs Society Student Speaker Program

Every Thursday Hobbs society arranges for a student to give a talk on a wide range of interesting topics. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to share topics they are passionate about or to simply come along and listen. Talks can be on a wide range of topics from women’s rights to nuclear disasters. All year groups are welcome so please come along and look out for our emails to find out more!

Encounters Programme

All from 4.15pm-5.30pm. Unless otherwise stated, events are non-ticketed and open to all

Friday 2 May

‘Rubbish Heaps of Riches’: The Greek Papyri from Egypt
Professor Amin Benaissa, Christ Church Oxford

Friday 9 May

Turning Stratford Yellow
Manuella Perteghella MP

ALL ARE FROM 4.15PM IN WARWICK SCHOOL
SCIENCE LECTURE THEATRE

NO TICKETS REQUIRED

'High Flyers' Programme

High Flyers is a new initiative this academic year for Year 10 and Year 11 students. The programme is designed to provide rigorous academic challenge to students above and beyond the curriculum taught in lessons, providing regular opportunities to engage with challenging and stimulating ideas in a space that is focused on developing critical thinking and academic excellence.

The core element of the programme is the weekly High Flyers meetings held on Tuesdays after school (16:15 – 17:15). The sessions are led by a variety of staff members who hold expertise in a wide range of specialist subjects.

The programme is open to all Year 10 and Year 11 students and is most suitable for students who enjoy rigorous intellectual debate and achieve highly academically.



All new Languages IPQ!

The Languages iPQ allows pupils to identify a question, research the answer, develop their views in light of research, present their findings, and reflect on the learning process. The qualification will give pupils a real insight into their own ways of thinking and working. At the end of the course, pupils will gain a formal qualification from ISEB.

Library Inspire Programme – Summer term

The aim of the LIP is to foster a love of reading, leading to pupils growing in curiosity, creativity and independence

Summer Term Book Club – Every Wednesday 2nd lunch (Y7s)

- Book chat
- Book crafts
- Book games



World Bee Day

20th May – visit the library and take part in themed activities

Empathy Day

12th June

Refugee Week

16th-22nd June



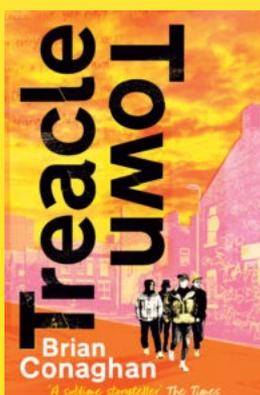
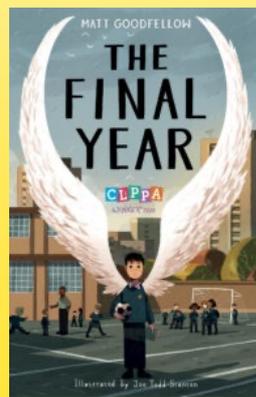
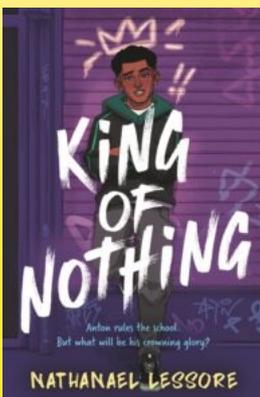
Pop into the library and browse the selection of books available

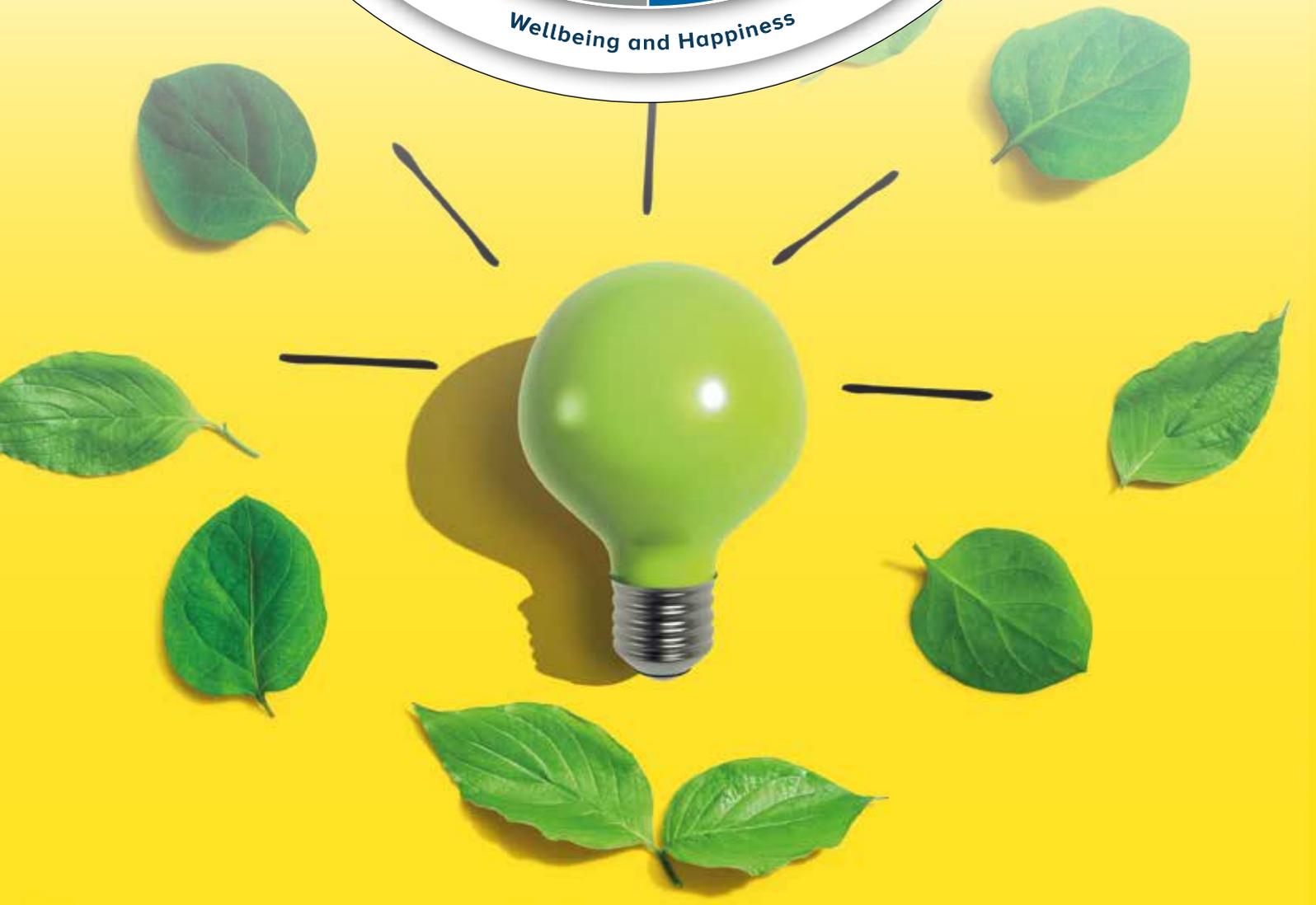
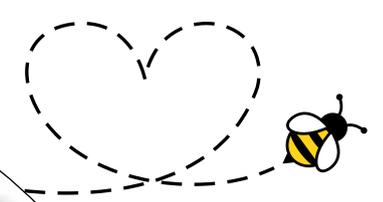
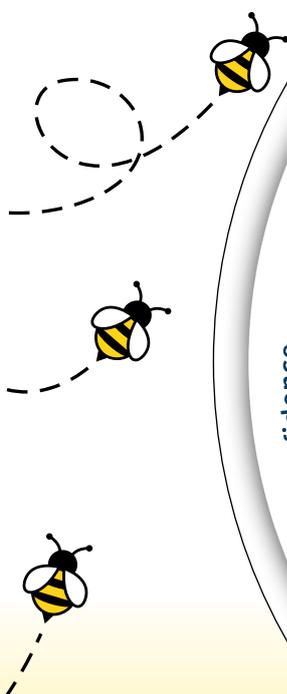
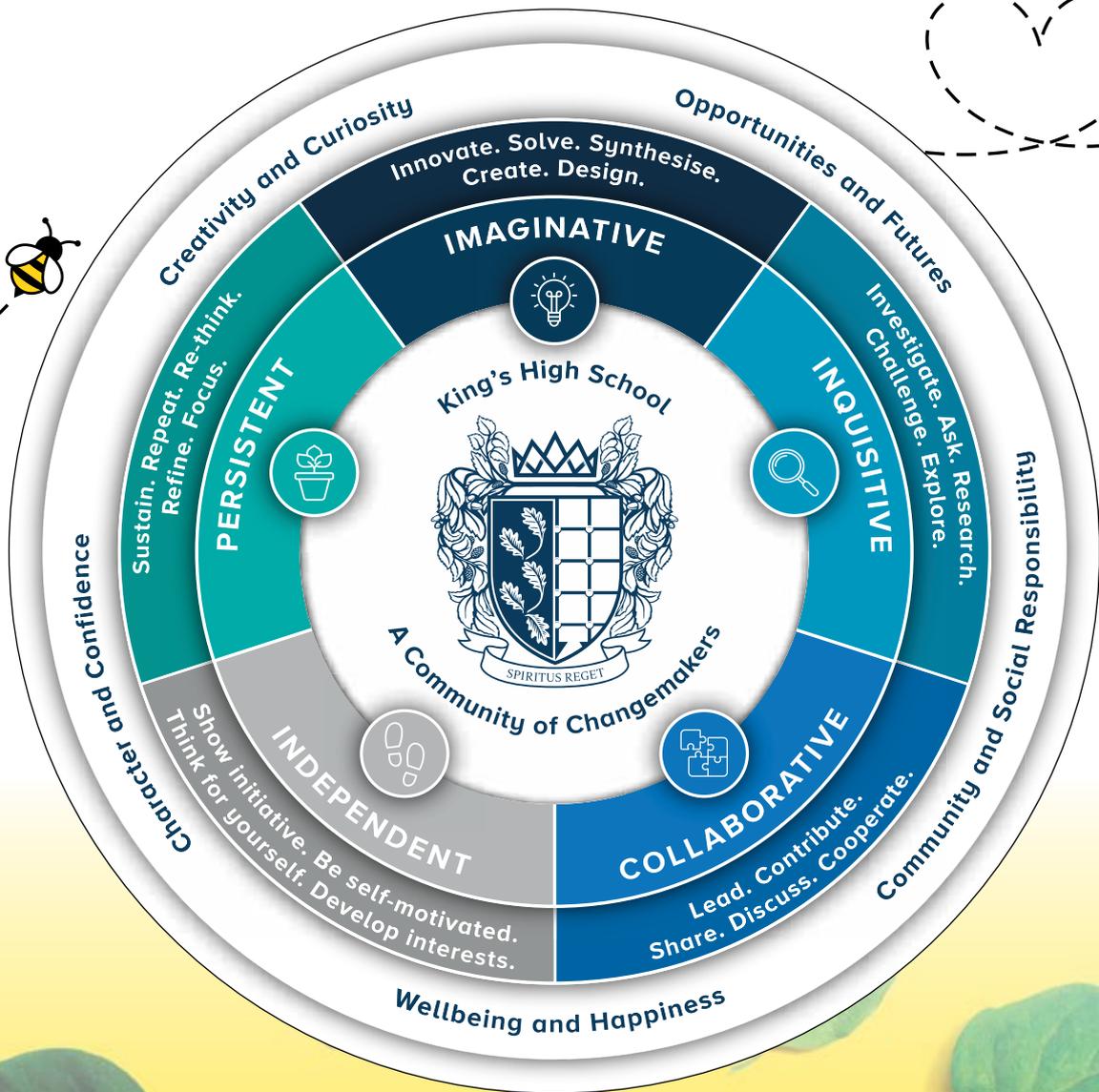
International Joke Day

1st July – send in your best library jokes

KHS Summer Reading Challenge

Details to follow







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