



## Which Week?

This Week: Monday 20th Oct (Week 2)

Next Week: Half Term!

Return: Monday 3rd Nov (Week 1)

# Inside Kingshurst



## Strictly Season

As the first half term draws to a close, we find ourselves at the start of the 23rd season of Strictly Come Dancing. Despite being three weeks in and already two celebrities down, we are delighted to see former Kingshurst student, and professional dancer, Lauren Oakley partnering this year with former

professional footballer and football manager Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink. To date, the partnership is going well and Saturday's performances have been highly entertaining.

A number of staff (who are also still going strong) who knew and taught Lauren frequently comment on her readiness and responsible approach to the commitment she had to each aspect of school life that mirrored the dedication that she showed to her dancing. If you have a spare vote or five that you would like to use on a Saturday evening when the voting opens, I'm sure she would love to know that she has our full support! [CLICK HERE](#) to vote.

**Key Dates:** - End of half term: Friday 24th October (3.05pm)

- Half Term Holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

- Return from Half Term: Monday 3rd November (8.30am)

- Start of Yr11 and Yr13 Mock Examinations: Monday 3rd Nov

- End of Yr11 and Yr13 Mock Examinations: Friday 14th Nov

## Year 11 Hit the Road to Success

It has been a busy month for our Year 11 students, and is set to continue into November!

The month started with the popular 'Road to Success' event led by the Hawking College Leader (Miss Ivery) and Assistant College Leader (Mr Baxter Smith), where the ebb and flow of this pivotal year was laid out to our parents and carers in attendance.

The presentation for this event can be accessed via the following link:

[Link to Road to Success Presentation—CLICK HERE](#)

## Yr11 & Yr13 November Mocks

In addition Year 11 will take an important step into the next phase of their preparations by sitting their first round of mock examinations immediately after half term (starting on Monday 3rd November and finishing on Friday 14th November).

Each Year 11 student will receive their own, personalised exam timetable during this week and a letter setting out the schedule, expectations, rules and regulations has been published on the academy website and can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

[Y11 and Sixth Form November Mock Examinations](#)

**Parent Attendance Survey:** Please go to the following link to complete the ImpactEd Parental Survey - [CLICK HERE](#)

## Ski Trip: Cerler, Spain 2027

International trips take a great deal of preparation by the staff leading the visits. The last ski trip at the academy took place just before covid hit! We are excited to offer our **Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10** the opportunity of learning to ski in the beautiful ski resort of Cerler, Spain in February **2027**. Miss Pedley and Mr Venson are beginning the process of garnering interest for this visit, with letters outlining the full deposit details and payment schedule being available from Student Services.

### What's Included:

- ✓ Return executive coach travel from school to the resort, ferry channel crossing and road tolls
- ✓ 5 nights Full Board accommodation including hot lunches
- ✓ Winter sports insurance
- ✓ All local taxes
- ✓ Resort lift pass for duration of stay (hotel situated in walking distance from the lifts)
- ✓ Ski lessons (5 hours per day, total of 25 hours) qualified instructors in ability groups from beginner to expert
- ✓ Hire of skis, helmets, boots and poles for the duration
- ✓ Après ski (evening) entertainment every night. Bowling, Cinema etc

**£100 deposit due November 14<sup>th</sup>**



Cost: **£1648**

## National Online Safety: What Parents Need to Know about Sharing Intimate Images

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The sharing of intimate images online can be a dangerous avenue through which abusers seek to exploit children and young people, forcibly exposing them to explicit material, coercing them into sharing self-generated intimate images, and extorting them with the threat of sharing such images more widely. From reputational impact to potential blackmail or emotional distress, and even legal consequences, exposure to this harmful behaviour can have a severe impact. It's important to remember that the creation and distribution of explicit material featuring under-18s – even by the child themselves – is illegal under UK law. The guide on [page 2](#) looks at the serious concerns associated with this behaviour, and lets parents know how best to address these issues and protect young people, something of which we encourage you to discuss the consequences of having, sharing or forwarding these images with your child. [CLICK HERE](#)

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHARING INTIMATE IMAGES

An intimate image depicts sensitive – often sexual – content, and sharing these photos or videos is commonly known as ‘sexting’. As of January 2024, it is a criminal offence to distribute any intimate images shared by a third party without consent, with offenders facing prison time. Naturally, misuse of intimate images can lead to emotional distress and reputational damage.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

Victims of the misuse of intimate images and so-called ‘sexting’ (blackmail involving sexual material) often experience significant emotional distress. The threat of having these photos or videos shared publicly can lead to anxiety, depression and a sense of helplessness. This emotional turmoil can affect daily life, academic performance and personal relationships.

### DAMAGE TO REPUTATION

Intimate images being made public can severely damage a person's reputation. This can lead to bullying, social ostracisation and long-term impacts on personal and professional relationships. If a blackmailer gets their hands on any intimate images, the fear of reputational damage can also make a victim far more vulnerable to ongoing extortion.

### PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

Once intimate images are shared online, it can be difficult to quickly control where they wind up and who else sees them. This loss of privacy can have lifelong repercussions, including identity theft and persistent online harassment.

### FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

Perpetrators of sextortion may demand money from victims under the threat of releasing their intimate images publicly. This can lead to severe financial problems for victims and their families, compounding their emotional and psychological distress.

### LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

If a child or young person creates and/or sends intimate images to others – especially adults – this is considered a form of child abuse under UK law. Having to disclose this type of abuse, although necessary, can be harrowing, leading to further trauma. It's crucial for parents, carers and educators to understand the legal processes and be able to provide proper guidance and support.

### TRUST ISSUES

Sharing of intimate images without consent can lead to long-term trust issues. Victims may find it difficult to trust others, impacting future relationships and their ability to form healthy, supportive connections. This erosion of trust can have profound effects on mental health and social wellbeing.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION

It's vital to encourage open communication with children and young people about the dangers of sharing intimate images. Create a safe space where they feel comfortable discussing their online activities and any concerns they may have without fear of judgement. Be sure to respond to any worrying information with an attitude of support and learning.

### PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Digital literacy is incredibly important for children and young people to understand how to protect their privacy online. Teach them about secure online practices, such as using strong passwords, enabling privacy settings and recognising suspicious behaviour. This empowers them to be proactive in terms of their own safety.

### EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE RISKS

Children and young people often want to understand why certain rules are in place. Educate them about the risks of sharing intimate images online, explaining the reasons for monitoring and other security measures. Highlight the potential for misuse, including sextortion, and the long-term consequences that can arise from these actions.

### PROVIDE SUPPORT RESOURCES

Ensure that children and young people know where to seek help if they become victims of sextortion or any other online abuse. Help them identify in advance which adults they can turn to and provide them with information about trusted resources like helplines (e.g. Childline) that they can access if they need help.

## Meet Our Expert

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