

University of Bath Psychology Visit

We were delighted to welcome Richard Joiner, Deputy Head and Professor of Psychology at the University of Bath, alongside three final-year undergraduate students, to Kingsbury Green Academy.

They delivered an engaging and insightful session for our Year 12 Psychology and Sociology students, presenting their dissertation research.

The topics showcased the breadth and real-world relevance of social science research, including:

- “When Rejection Becomes Personal: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Grievance and Extremity in an Online Incel Community”
- “It Sounds Like Me”: Monolingual English-Speaking Children’s Preference for Puppets Speaking Their Shared Language
- “Not All Victims Are Seen Equally: The Role of Gender and Social Attitudes in Perceptions of Stalking”



Students found the session both inspiring and informative. Feedback highlighted how valuable it was to explore future pathways in the social sciences and understand the real-world impact of academic findings. Some reflections from our students included:

- “Definitely understanding where Social Sciences can take you in the future.”
- “Seeing the wide range of topics you can research, especially the first session.”
- “Learning about each person’s research findings and how these can impact society, such as children’s language preferences.”

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This was a highly enriching experience for both students and staff, and we are grateful to our visitors from the University of Bath for their time and expertise. Well done to our KGA students for their engagement and for representing the school's values so positively.

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