



King's High
School

INSPIRE

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

SUMMER TERM 2024

Aspire. Achieve. Enjoy.

Introduction

The Inspire Programme at King's High now enters its eighth year, and its core purpose of encouraging independence, curiosity and creativity is more important than ever. I hope that the pages of our Summer Term brochure give a sense of some of the incredible events and activities that help our pupils to explore beyond the curriculum, find their own interests, and develop a voice of their own.

Highlights planned for the coming weeks include our new Internships Project for Year 9s, a lecture on Feminist Theology, a professional Flamenco show, Earth Week, Brain Day for Lower Sixth Psychology students, and a host of prestigious competitions. Our Inspire Essay Competition for KS3 always attracts a large number of entries and we look forward to seeing the topics pupils choose and the research and writing that they produce.

More and more teachers and leaders are recognising that educators need to provide both the rigorous, memory-based learning that we have been used to in this country for many years, alongside cultivating the skills and attitudes towards learning that will help young people to navigate a changing world. I look forward to seeing how the Inspire Programme helps pupils to widen their knowledge-base and cultivate these crucial skills.

Dr P Seal
Deputy Head (Academic)



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

This brand new, student-founded society will enable students to reflect on the importance of ancestry in self-understanding, as well as providing tools to conduct personal research into your own family history.

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.

Classicus Alchemy Club

A ground breaking club for Year 9 that will combine exploration of classical civilizations, including the Egyptians, Romans and Celts, with the Science that shaped life many centuries ago.

Creative Writing

Building on the success of our KS3 creative writers, who published a termly anthology last year, look out for new opportunities to craft your writing style, have it in print, and attend workshops with like-minded creatives.

Da Vinci Society

A new, 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.

Dissection Club

Dissection Club helps pupils to extend their anatomical knowledge and skills through practical experience. This is a chance to turn theory into practice – calling all budding scientists, and everyone who is curious about how anatomy works.

Elite University Preparation Run

After school for pupils preparing UCAS applications, these sessions focus on the skills and attributes that top universities are looking for. This is particularly suitable for pupils applying for courses that require a pre-admissions test or interview.

French Cultural Club

For Sixth Formers looking to extend and enrich their understanding of all aspects of French culture.

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

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

History Society

The student-led History Society hosts an outstanding range of speakers on a range of fascinating topics. For all students who want their historical knowledge elevated beyond the curriculum.

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.

Investigating Science (KS4)

A club for the scientifically inquisitive in KS4. Come along if you want to start building a profile of scientific knowledge beyond the GCSE syllabus.

Inspire into University

For all pupils in Year 10 and 11 (and Year 9 if you are really keen) interested in thinking about what is required for top university applications. What kind of students are universities such as Oxford and Cambridge looking for? Come along to find out.

Inspire Research Club

These sessions are open to all intellectually ambitious students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who want to have their thinking extended. We look at how to develop a personal profile of research interests, and teach research skills that will be useful for essay competitions and research components later on in school.

IRIS Genome Project Decoders

Open to Sixth Form Biologists interested in extending their knowledge of genome sequences and how genes can be identified from unannotated genomic data. This is a novel research project run in collaboration with the Institute for Research in Schools and the Wellcome Sanger Institute.

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 Digital Maker Space

Open to students in KS3 who are interested in digital making, inquisitive engineers, future fashion designers or robotic scientists. You will have free access to our extensive physical computing hardware to create your own projects. You can use Raspberry Pi, Micro-Bit, Lego EV3 and Arduino computers to work with and create anything you choose; a magic mirror, reactive clothing, internet radio or emotive lighting – your imagination is the only limit.

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.

KS5 Physics

Aspire Physics! Inviting all Sixth Form Physicists to extend their knowledge and think about Physics well beyond the curriculum. Inviting all those interested in asking the big questions posed by the Physics of our world and our universe.

Landor Journalism Club

This student-run journalistic venture is for all students wanting to hone their writing skills. The club works towards producing a professional final product using advanced formatting software.



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.

Language Society

Student-founded and student-led, this society promotes the spirit of the Inspire Programme by introducing cultures and languages not normally covered by the syllabus. Prepare to have your perspective widened!

Law Society

Our student-run Law Society encourages students to think critically about the complexities of case law and the wider issues involved in forming and applying legal concepts.

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.

Medic Support

Through our Medic Support programme, pupils preparing applications for Medicine and Allied Sciences receive a wealth of help preparing for the different aspects of their application.

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.

Moventis Scientiam

A newly formed-society for students hoping to study science at top universities. This club will offer stretch and challenge to all ambitious students with a long-term passion for science.

Prism Creative Writing Magazine

Our new student-run and student-designed creative magazine showcases some of the wonderful literary talent on display throughout King's High.

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

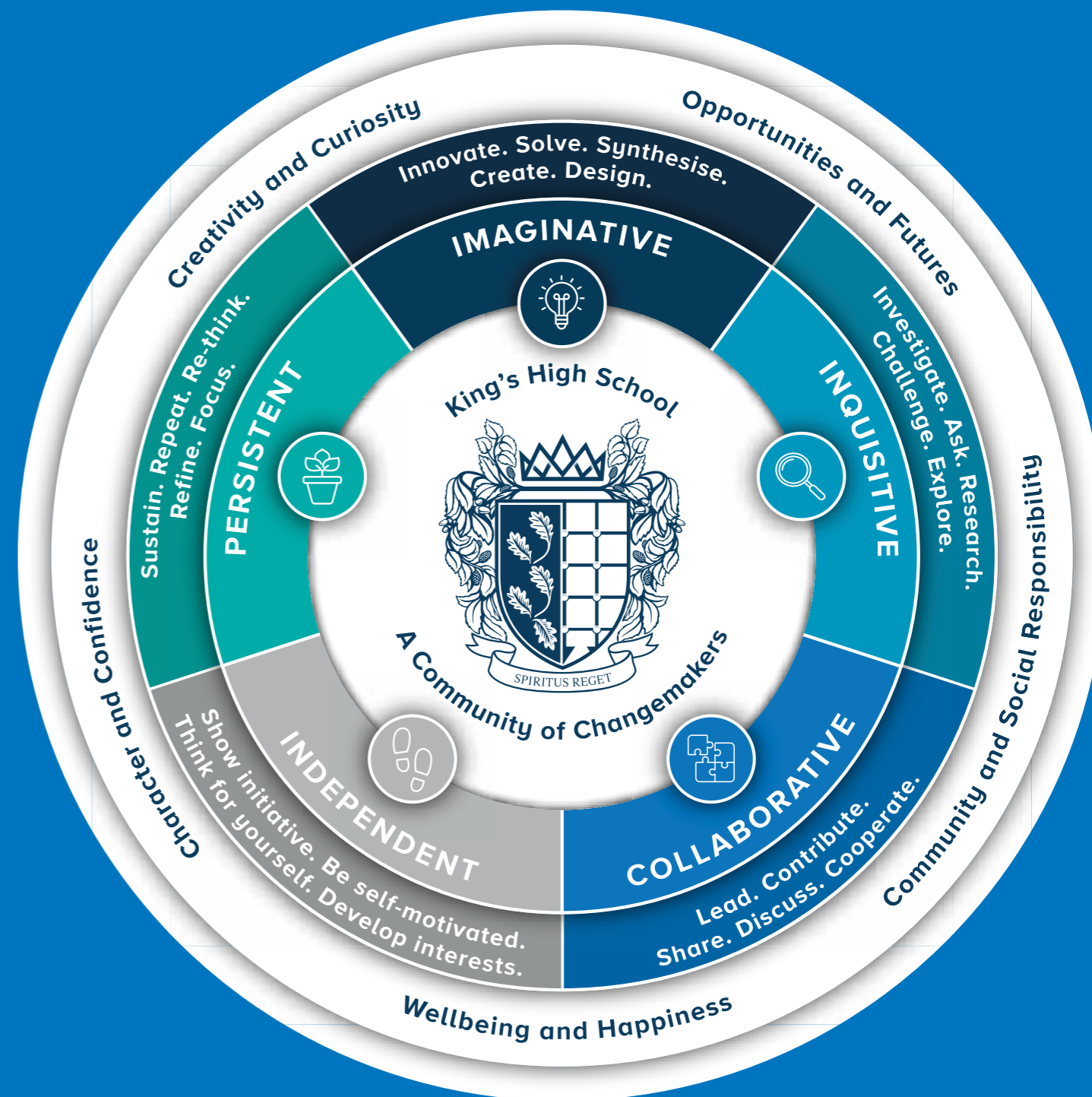
Run jointly with Warwick School, this Sixth Form society involves presentations about scientific research. The Club is excellent preparation for university applications and will stretch your thinking beyond your A Level learning.

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.

Wildlife Conservation Society

Founded and led by Sixth Form students, this society focuses on educating and inspiring on the topics of ecological sustainability, with a focus on conservation techniques.



Calendar of Events

Start of Term

Launch of KS3 Inspire Essay Competition

Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to enter our prestigious annual essay competition. The task is simple: choose any topic, conduct research, and write up a polished essay of 1000-1500 words. Prizes and publication will be awarded to the top entries in each year group.

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.

April

Natural History Project

A project in natural history where Year 7 students use their imaginations to design and carry out an investigation that interests them, including collecting their own data, writing conclusions and evaluating.

Friday 12 April

ACT Club Professional Encounter with Felipe Pacheco: An actor's perspective on working with designers

Professional performer Felipe Pacheco will be sharing his experiences working in theatre and TV as part of our Aspiring Creatives in Theatre programme. He will be focusing on his collaboration with other design creatives from a performer's perspective.

Wednesday 17 April

Feminist Theology with Christie Cozad Neuger

Christie Cozad Neuger will be joining us to discuss her extensive work on Feminist Theology for what promises to be a fascinating and enlightening talk.

Monday 22 April - Friday 26 April

Earth Week

Celebration of Earth Day through activities run during form times and lunch times throughout the week. These will include, virtual forest bathing, making your own tree spirit, poem "tree" and Environmental debate and pledging. All year groups are encouraged to get involved.

Tuesday 23 April 2024

4pm-5.15pm in SS4

Frida Kahlo's Art Exploration - Spanish

Come to SS4 to at 4pm to explore Frida Kahlo's art and perhaps have a go at creating your own masterpiece. All KS3 students welcome.

Friday 26 April - all day

UKROC Midlands Regional Competition

Our Rocket Club team (The Eggstronauts) are travelling to Buckminster to compete in the UKROC rocket firing competition. Can we launch an egg higher than the other teams in our custom-built rocket?

Monday 29 April - during Physics lessons

Junior Physics Challenge

An online competition designed to engage and challenge students of all abilities. Test your general knowledge of Physics and simply enjoy taking part. Questions will be based on: mechanics, electricity, optics, heat, units, astronomy, waves etc. It is a quiz, not an exam!

May

Biology Challenge

A worldwide Biology Challenge for Year 10 students. The competition consists of two multiple choice papers consisting of 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, taking notice of biology in the news and are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna.

Friday 3 May 2024 - Deadline for entries

Mother Tongue, Other Tongue MFL Poetry Competition 2024

A regional MFL poetry competition run by Routes into Languages, open for entries from pupils in their mother tongue (other than English) or another language they are learning (French, German, Spanish, Italian or Mandarin). Open to KS3, KS4 and KS5. A great chance to get creative!

16 May - Auditorium 6pm

Spanish Flamenco Professional Show

The Spanish Department wishes to offer all Spanish pupils and their family the opportunity to enjoy a Flamenco show on Thursday 16 May in the Auditorium between 6pm-7:15pm. This Flamenco Show provides a fantastic opportunity for our students to witness and be inspired by professional Flamenco dancers. We encourage families to attend together and share in the experience of this dynamic and culturally rich performance.

June

Intermediate Biology Olympiad

A competition for Lower Sixth Biologists. The competition consists of a multiple choice paper with questions from both GCSE and the first year of A level study, in addition to testing problem-solving skills and understanding of core principles.

June

Talk on Homelessness in Refugee Communities and Housing Allocation

Undergraduate students from The University of Warwick's 'Warwick Law in the Community' group will be joining us for an interactive workshop on the issues associated with homelessness in refugee communities and the work they are doing to combat this.

Friday 7 June - all day

Lower Sixth Brain day

Fast-paced, current and drawing on research from diverse areas, Brain Day develops students' knowledge of neuroscience. Beginning with ways of investigating the brain, we progress to philosophy of mind and the nature of consciousness. An interactive sheep brain dissection consolidates neuroanatomy before examining neuropathology associated with traumatic brain injury. To finish, we consider psychiatric disorders with a focus on schizophrenia. A thrilling, challenging day which stimulates and enriches our students.

Mon 17 June - 7pm-9pm

Rugby School Lower Sixth Science Quiz

A team of six King's High students will compete against other local schools in this exciting science quiz!

Thursday 20 June - All Day

Degree Apprenticeship Day

We are inviting all interested Lower Sixth pupils to attend a full day to help them consider options and prepare for possible applications for a Degree Apprenticeship.

We therefore encourage Lower Sixth students to explore the option of applying for Degree Apprenticeships, which can be done in addition to UCAS applications.

The day will include:

- The pros and cons of Degree Apprenticeships
- The range of Degree Apprenticeships that are available
- Where to find them advertised
- How to apply (CV and Cover Letter writing),
- Psychometric testing
- Assessment centres

Friday 21 - Mon 24 June

Lower Sixth 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.

Saturday 22 June - all day

Marie Curious

Marie Curious is a free one-day science event for girls aged 11-14, run by the Department of Physics at the University of Oxford, hosted at King's High. The event aims to build confidence in girls with an interest in science and fuel a passion for continuing to pursue STEM subjects at a higher level.

Tuesday 2 July - Per 1-4

Les Jeux Olympiques à Paris

Embark on a thrilling journey into the heart of the Olympic Games in Paris! From unravelling its rich cultural tapestry to uncovering the historical gems, we'll immerse ourselves in the vibrant spirit that transcends borders. Discover the profound significance behind iconic symbols like the flaming torch and interlocking rings, while delving into the French language and the universal language of sport that binds us all. (For all Year 8 students).

Saturday 6 July - as part of the Warwick Schools Foundation 'Home' Festival 2024

'Reminiscence'

Students from Y10 to Upper Sixth are collaborating with the residents of Parkview Care Home to create an original piece of theatre inspired by the lived experiences of our community. Their project 'Reminiscence' will be performed as part of the Warwick Schools Foundation 'Home' Festival 2024.

Thursday 13 July

Collaborate Workshop - Fake News

An opportunity to solve the problem of Fake News collaboratively with Sixth Form students from King's High and Warwick School.

Ongoing club

Scriptwriting

Students are invited to share theatre scripts they have been working on to seek feedback, try these pieces on their feet and attend workshops on scripting techniques.

Weekly club

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Weekly club

Dramatic Arts Careers

This weekly session invites students to learn more about prospective careers in the drama and theatre industries. Students will have the opportunity to investigate a wide range of career paths and hear from visiting speakers.

Weekly club

KS3 Inspire Dramatists

KS3 'Inspire Dramatists' is led by our Inspire Drama director twice per week. All KS3 students are welcome to join for the opportunity to learn new drama skills and participate in enriching and challenging studio-based productions.

Weekly club

KS4/5 Inspire Dramatists

KS4 and KS5 'Inspire Dramatists' is led by our Inspire Drama Director once per week. All KS4 and KS5 students are welcome to join for the opportunity to learn new drama skills and participate in enriching and challenging studio-based productions.

Summer Term

*Carnegie Shortlist/# Author Spotlight - Rick Riordan (June)/ ~Duo Read/ Empathy Day & Refugee Week

*Read the 2024 shortlisted books from the UK's longest running book award for children and young people, #visit the library for new books, and themed activities and ~ read together with a friend or family member. Sign up to take part and for the chance to win a prize.

Summer Reading Challenge – details to follow.

Second half of Summer Term

Year 7-8 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.

Second half of Summer Term

Year 9 In-House Internships

An exclusive opportunity for selected Year 9 students to undertake an internship (work experience) within our school environment.

Instead of attending certain subjects after the summer exams, interns will work on group projects, fostering creativity and innovation, and working independently of teachers.

They mimic the real work environment.

Encounters Summer 2024

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

Wednesday 10 April

An Encounter with with Genocide

Anais Mutumba

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

Friday 12 April

An Encounter with Ava Santina

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

Thursday 18 April

An Encounter with the Almost Prime Ministers

Nigel Fletcher

X5, Politics Department

Friday 19 April

An Encounter with Journalism

Matthew Price

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

Thursday 2 May

An Encounter with Anne Boleyn

John and Julia Guy (including book sale of John and Julia Guy's "Hunting the Falcon: Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn and the Marriage That Shook Europe")

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

Friday 3 May

An Encounter with Hitler in 1941

Klaus Schmider

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

Monday 24 June

An Encounter with the Brain

Dr Guy Sutton

Warwick School Science Lecture Theatre

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

Carnegie Shortlist – read the 2024 shortlisted books from the UK's longest running book award for children and young people



Author Spotlight - Rick Riordan - June

Empathy Day - 6 June

Refugee Week - 17-23 June

Summer Reading Challenge – details to follow





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