

Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the week 'Acceptance'



Dear Parents/Carers,

We should never complain about good weather but it has been nice to see the heat break towards the end of this week! Students have been maturely behaved through the heatwave and staff have coped admirably in the oppressive conditions. It has been fantastic to welcome plenty of Year 5 students for taster events over the last fortnight and we look forward to opening the school again to them for Open Evenings and mornings in



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September and early October. There is plenty coming up in the last four weeks of term to keep students focused: end of year exams for Key Stage 3, Sports Day and Enrichment Days to name just a few events. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and website at this busy time of year to ensure you are fully informed.

Mrs Price



Hot Weather

Students are reminded that they should have their blazers with them **every** day. Mrs Price will take a decision each morning on whether blazers need to be worn or not, depending on the forecast for the day. Students should bring a refillable water bottle to school

Forthcoming Events

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26 th June	U13 Boys' Cricket v Cardinal Newman school, away. Start
	3.30pm
29 th June	Year 9 Chemfest Trip
	 Lone Student Transition
	Afternoon, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
	U15 Boys' Cricket v
	Varndean school, away.
	Start 3.30pm
30 th June	Purple People Year 9 Trip
7 th July	INSET DAY
	 Year 6 Transition Day
15 th July	PTA Summer Festival
19 th July	Summer Showcase

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which may be refilled before school, at break and lunch and in between lessons. Please note that students should not be leaving their lessons to refill water. Students should also ensure they have suncream, especially for days when they have PE.

Uniform reminder



There are still four weeks remaining of term and students need to be in correct school shoes, with ties and blazers. Please do not wait until September to replace any items of uniform that your child needs to adhere to the uniform policy. A full reminder of uniform policy will be sent before the holidays for

parents and carers who will be replacing items during the break.

Student Council



On Tuesday 20th June, our Student Council had their final meeting of the academic year. Students discussed the successes of 2016/17 and the areas which they would like

to adapt or introduce next academic year. They also discussed the extra-curricular time table, and how this can be strengthened further next year. Student Council members will be working alongside their tutor groups during tutor times this week. They will be discussing these three areas, in order for SLT and governors to hear the 'student voice'. In the meeting, we were also joined by Miss Petts - who will be taking the lead and be responsible for Student Voice, Extra-Curricular and the Peer Mentor Scheme, in September 2017. Thank you to all of our 2016/17 Student Council members. They have done a fantastic job of being that lead student voice within their tutor groups, and have fed back positive and constructive views and ideas throughout the year. Year 7: Millie Paget, Lydia Phillips, Kaya Kendal and Josiah Thomson. Year 8: Joe Milne, Rosalia Allan, Skye Vogel and Victoria Glowczynska. Year 9: Eliza Phillips,

Jonathan Knight, Aidan Colclough, Elouise Renouf and Zac Capewell. Year 10: Gavin Man, Eboni Main, Grace McGarry and Max Peters.

Minutes from Term 6 Student Council Meeting: Eloise Renouf

In our final Student Council meeting, we looked at the year as a whole, and decided what we had enjoyed and what we wanted to change for September. Many successful areas were the school trips, for all year groups that had been organised. These included the ski trip, as well as school productions, including Hairspray and other showcases. Things we wanted to change ranged from reward trips, air conditioning in the main building and more music equipment. This year's extracurricular programme has been good, as it has offered a wide range of activities, including water sports, subject specific clubs as well as sports clubs.

Dance Flashmob



On Saturday 18th June, our King's dancers took part in fantastic 'flash mob' dance performance, outside of Churchill Square shopping centre. Vanessa, our dance teacher, has been working hard to put together this fun and energetic routine, combining not only our students but dancers from her other dance groups. It started off with them dispersed amongst the everyday shoppers. When the music started, Vanessa began the routine. Slowly, dance group after dance group, more and more dancers were involved within the routine - ending up with around 40 dancers in total! The routine caught the

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attention of lots of shoppers who were clearly thrilled to be caught up in this 'spontaneous' dance. Mrs Brennan and Ms Tremlett were stand out performers - to the excitement of students and other members of staff. It was a great, sunny afternoon, with many family members and fellow students watching. Well done to all of the King's dancers involved. The next dance performance will take place on Sunday 25th June, for Armed Forces Day. Please come along to the Blind Veteran's in Ovingdean, at 11am for this performance.

Year 10 Science Exams

As you may know pupils in Year 10 will be sitting their 3 Science mock exams in the week commencing Monday 3rd July during the main school exam week. This is so they sit their exams in sync with the other RET schools; all pupils are aware of this.

The exams will each be marked out of 75 and they will be focused on Biology, Chemistry or Physics and the associated required practicals.

There are a plethora of resources available to all pupils on Show My Homework set by each Science teacher including a reminder of pupils' login details used for accessing the digital textbooks found on Kerboodle.com.

These mock exams will be used to help determine sets for next year and pupil suitability to take the double (Trilogy) or triple (Separate) Science course next year. With this in mind we ask for your support in helping your children with their revision and wish them the best of luck with this last round of mock exams.

Year 10 LitFest Trip

On Friday 16th June, Mrs Reid and I took 22 of our talented students to the Chichester LitFest, where they had the opportunity to spend the day living the life of a university student on the university's Bognor Regis campus.

The day consisted of a number of workshops, where students met authors, attended lectures, participated in seminars and engaged in university-style social time, all with a literary theme. Working alongside other schools, they were given an opportunity to see what life is really like once A-levels are over!

The university staff were impressed with King's students' knowledge, their conduct and understanding of the topics studied. Mrs Reid and I were particularly impressed with how well the students fit into university life; their independence and motivation shone through the entire day.

We intend to make this LitFest an annual event and would encourage all students interested in English to apply next year.

MENSA Challenge

This week's challenge:

If EM=8, VT=4 and HN=6. What does WZ=?



Answer to last week's question: TENNIS

Sports Reports

U13 Boys' Cricket v PACA

PACA batted first and made a quick start scoring lots of runs. Bowling from Theo D, Charlie P and Gabe H held back the runs and took a couple of wickets. King's then batted in reply and lost a few early wickets. However, solid batting from Jack T, Rohan T, Theo D and Gabe H allowed King's to get momentum and score boundaries. However, good bowling from PACA meant they ended bowling everyone out and winning the game in the last couple of overs. Well done to the team for a good performance.

U13 Girls' Cricket Tournament



Our U13 girls took part in the district round of the 'Chance to Shine' competition. King's won their first game against Gildredge House School 'b' convincingly with Laila bowling well and Olivia scoring 25 and retiring. King's then beat PACA after great bowling from Lara and Skye and Sienna scoring 25. King's lost their third match against Gildredge House School 'a', who were eventual winners, despite good bowling from Erin and Sienna, and great batting from Skye and Charlie. King's then played Oathall School in their last game, with a win needed to progress through to the county round. Oathall School batted first and King's restricted them to 51 due to Ruby's controlled bowling and Sienna's impressive catching on the boundary! King's then won the game in 5 overs with a combination of Skye, Charlie and Sienna scoring the runs, putting King's through to the round at the end of June. Congratulations to all the team for their performance their sportsmanship throughout the day; they were a real credit to the school.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers – Final call

Next week will be the last chance to drop in your 'Active Kids Vouchers' to the school. This scheme is a great way to add to our extra-curricular and sporting equipment. So please have a final check in bags purses and drawers,



