

Theme of the week 'Teamwork'



week; we are proud of them all. They deserve some rest this weekend before another push for the second week of mocks. End of term assessments for the rest of the school will begin on Monday 4th December for most subjects and year groups. There really is no 'wind down' at King's; students will be working hard and learning right up until the end of term and the Christmas break. We do have some lovely school events coming up to look forward to though. I hope you will be able to join us for our Beach Hut Advent calendar next Friday 1st December, 5:30-6:30pm and for our Christmas Carol Service at 6pm on Monday 18th December in Bishop Hannington Church. It is great to bring the school community together to celebrate the birth of our Saviour at this special time of year. Please encourage your children to enter our Christmas card competition too; the winning entry will be printed as our official school Christmas card and the winning student will be able to bring some copies home to send to friends and family too! Further details can be obtained from your child's form tutor.



Mrs Price

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mock examinations for Year 11 are well and truly underway and it has been incredible this week to see our founding cohort seated in neat rows in their public examination venue. They have been focused, organised and determined this

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Forthcoming Events

27th November	• Year 11 Mock Exams continue
1st December	• Year 10 Purple People Trip
1st December	• Beach Hut Advent Calendar Event, 5:30-6:30pm
8th December	• Enrichment Day

Mock Exams

A reminder that a copy of our mock examinations timetable and the period 7 timetable for the coming week of mock examinations is on our website (<https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/news.php>) and has been emailed out to all Year 11 parents.

Mrs Kenny

Parents/carers will be aware that our Head of English, Mrs Kenny, has not been in school recently due to illness. Mrs Vincent, Assistant Headteacher, has been assuming her responsibilities as Acting Head of English and her classes have been covered by Mr Buttle. Mrs Kenny has tendered her resignation from her post as Head of English at King's and will leave the school at the end of this autumn term. We are very grateful to Mrs Kenny for all her hard work and commitment to King's students and our English department during her time with us. She has inspired many students with her passion for the subject and she will be much missed. We are currently advertising for a Head of English to replace Mrs Kenny and we will keep parents and carers informed of any appointment. In the meantime, Mrs Vincent will continue as Acting Head of English, supported by Mrs Cornell as Second in Charge of English. Mrs Kenny's classes will be covered by long term supply teacher Mrs Johnson until her replacement is able to start work with us.

Delay to Permanent Site

Following consent to the planning application for our new school building and facilities at West Blatchington, by BHCC and the Secretary of State, progress is being made on the discharge of the "pre start on site" Planning Conditions. The contract with Kier Construction and agreement with RET is being finalised so that enabling works can commence on site before Christmas. Work on our new school build is expected to start in earnest towards the end of January 2018 and will continue until completion of all works; both new buildings and external areas, by 5 August 2019. Although the overall programme duration has not changed, the start on site is later than envisaged.

Careful monitoring of the programme once on site will occur to ensure the end date of August 2019 is met. Nevertheless, by taking possession of our new premises over the summer holidays 2019, the move from our current site will be easier than if the school had been in session. In line with planning requirements, we have begun discussions with local bus service providers to extend existing popular routes to West Blatchington, in readiness for our move.

We will keep you updated in the coming months as work proceeds. In the meantime if you have any questions then please contact us via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Winter Weather

As the temperatures drop students are encouraged to wear sensible winter clothes to school including a plain, dark-coloured coat to be worn over their blazers and hats, gloves and scarves to be worn as necessary for travelling to and from school and for keeping warm during break times. Students are reminded that hooded jumpers are not permitted on site.

Last Day of Term

Our last day of term is Wednesday 20th December. All students should arrive as normal for 8:30am on this date. They will attend three lessons and also have a tutor time and a celebration assembly which will incorporate a 'dress the tutor' competition! A full brunch service will be available in the Dome Diner at break time. All students will be dismissed from school at 12:40pm on this date.

Term Dates

After careful consideration, Governors have taken the decision to revert to a one week autumn half term for the 2018-19 academic year. Cardinal Newman Catholic School are doing the same. Governors and school staff believe that a two week autumn half term is detrimental to our students' learning; especially those in Year 11. Please therefore find below revised term dates for 2018-19. These have also been posted on our

website here: <https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/termdates.php>

admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk with the size, and we will endeavour to reunite students with their property.

Autumn Term

Term starts Monday 3rd September

Half term Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October

Term ends Friday 14th December

Easter Term

Term starts Wednesday 2nd January

Half term Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February

Term ends Friday 5th April

Summer Term

Term starts Tuesday 23rd April

Half term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Term ends Friday 19th July

New Staff Profile

Mrs Coles joined King's in September 2017 as a part time teacher of Science. She has a degree in Biomedical Science. Mrs Coles has been teaching for seventeen years and has worked in various schools in London, Suffolk and Essex before joining King's. Outside of school, Mrs Coles enjoys photography, live music, reading as well as spending time with her husband and two children.



Uniform & PE Kit

Please can we ask parents/carers to check their child's uniform and PE kit and to ensure that all property is clearly named. If you have property belonging to another student, please arrange for this to be handed to the school office. Any named property handed to the office will be returned to its owner.

The office still has a number of unclaimed, unnamed blazers. If your child has lost their blazer, please email

Beach Hut

A reminder that King's will be opening this year's Beach Hut Advent calendar on Friday December 1st. Our Year 7 students have been working hard on decorations for the beach hut, and students will also be singing some carols. Please come along and support us as we start our Christmas celebrations. We will be at beach hut 403, near Hove Lagoon, from 5.30-6.30. We hope to see you there.

Christmas Tree Design

Continuing our Christmas celebrations, some Year 8 students have been working on decorating a tree for the St Peter's West Blatchington Christmas Tree Festival. The festival is open from 29th November – 2nd December. Please do go and see our 'Food Glorious Food' entry and support St Peter's as they raise money for the Martlets. Details of the opening times can be found on their Facebook page.

Teenage Booster Immunisations

Year 9 Parents / Carers: Your child has been given information to bring home regarding the teenage booster immunisations, which will be taking place in school in January 2018. Please return the form, indicating whether or not you give consent for these immunisations, by **Monday 27th November**.

Yr 10 & 11 Parents / Carers: If your child did not have the teenage booster immunisation at school last year, and you would like them to have it this year, please ask them to collect the information and consent form from the main office.