

Theme of the week 'Gratitude'



Dear Parents/Carers,

December is upon us and school is very busy! Year 11s have now finished their mock exams. Please read on in this newsletter for more information on how and when they will receive their results and how you will be kept informed. We are very proud of the conduct of our Year 11s during this period and very grateful to Portslade

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Baptist Church whose premises we are hiring as an exam venue. There is plenty to look forward to now in the run up to Christmas. Do join us if you can for our Carol Service on 18th December at 6pm in Bishop Hannington Church. This will be a family friendly service and a wonderful opportunity for reflection and worship in the midst of the busyness of Christmas preparations. A reminder that students will be dismissed at 12:40pm on the final day of term which is Wednesday 20th December. Until then it is business as usual!



Mrs Price

Year 11 Information

Year 11 have now completed their mock examinations. Their conduct has been exemplary throughout this period and they have really impressed with their willingness to work hard and put their best efforts into these tests. Students will be given their results in lessons from Monday 11th December. Students will be given their result and then the paper they sat will be analysed in their classes so that they can obtain the rich

Forthcoming Events

1st December	• Year 10 Purple People Trip
1st December	• Beach Hut Advent Calendar Event, 5:30-6:30pm
8th December	• Enrichment Day
15th December	• Christmas Lunch
18th December	• Carol Service, 6pm, Bishop Hannington Church

feedback they need to progress in their learning. Please note that student will not be allowed to bring papers home; we need these in school to inform teachers' planning for next term. Parents/carers will be sent an interim report before we break for Christmas with the mock examination results. This will inform our Year 11 Parents' Evening which is on Thursday 4th January, shortly after we return from the Christmas break. Attendance at this vital parents' evening is strongly encouraged. You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their mock exam results and the next steps they need to take. You will be notified when the appointment booking system is live for this evening.

Christmas Events

Off the Fence are running an Advent Prayer Space in school in the week commencing 11th December. All students will have the opportunity to visit this during the school day to take some time to pray and to reflect at this important time of year. On Friday 15th December students will be invited to wear non-uniform (with Christmas jumpers encouraged!) for a donation of £2 which will go to the charity 'Rising Stars' which one of our Year 11 students is heavily involved with. Students will need to give their donation to their form tutor if they wish to participate in this. This is also the date for our students' Christmas lunch which is always a highlight of the year! Our Christmas Carol Service will be held at Bishop Hannington Church on Monday 18th December at 6pm. All are warmly invited to attend. The service is family-friendly and our Chamber Choir will be performing two pieces as well as leading congregation carols. We hope to see you there.



Christmas Lunch

King's Christmas lunch will be held on Friday 15th December, tickets will be on sale via Scopay between the 4th and 8th of December.



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.

A Christmas Carol Performance

A reminder that Year 7 students will have the exciting opportunity to see 'A Christmas Carol' come to life on Tuesday 12th December. We are looking forward to the performance of this fantastic seasonal text. Please ensure any outstanding contributions towards the performance are made by Friday 8th December.

New Staff Profile

Ms McCarthy joined King's in September 2017. In her role as SEND Practitioner, Ms McCarthy is involved in 1:1 interventions as well as small group work. Ms McCarthy has a degree in Psychology and is a qualified teacher of Psychology. She has also



taught Philosophy & Ethics, Life Skills and Health & Social Care in schools across Sussex. Ms McCarthy has also worked within the Inclusion Department of a large

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secondary school in Buckinghamshire providing academic and pastoral support to SEND students and other vulnerable groups. Ms McCarthy holds both a professional and personal interest in specific learning differences and is currently undertaking a post-graduate specialist teaching qualification at the University of Brighton to extend and enhance her practice.

U16 Table Tennis

On Tuesday, our U16 Boys Table Tennis team competed in the East Sussex team championships, and won! They beat both Bexhill



and Willingdon schools 8-0 and only dropped 3 sets between them. They will now go on to represent East Sussex at the regional tournament on 14th January. Congratulations to Charlie, Max, Rio and Josh!

Online Safety

Our Safeguarding Team at King's keeps up to date with online safety issues and has found advice for parents for the Christmas Season. The advice focuses on the safety of toys that are connected to Bluetooth or the internet. Some of these toys may have cameras and microphones that can record the child and their surroundings. The Information Commissioner has recently published an article looking at the risks that smart toys could pose. Please see the link below:

<https://iconewsblog.org.uk/2017/11/23/the-12-ways-that-christmas-shoppers-can-keep-children-and-data-safe-when-buying-smart-toys-and-devices/>

The magazine *Which?* has also looked at these toys and found they can pose a risk to a child's safety if the appropriate safety features are not set up correctly. Please click on the link for their video, which demonstrates how easy it is to take over the voice control of a popular connected toy and speak directly to children:

https://www.which.co.uk/news/2017/11/safety-alert-see-how-easy-it-is-for-almost-anyone-to-hack-your-childs-connected-toys/?mc_cid=a8356a5ff3&mc_eid=3ac2ae8cce

We hope that these articles will provide good advice for you, as parents, if you are considering purchasing as connected toy as a gift this Christmas.

Supporting Off the Fence

At this festive time of year we at King's want to remember and support those in need in our community. We are very fortunate to have the schools team from Off the Fence, who run our KS3 Christian Union and mentor some of our students. Off the Fence also run the Antifreeze project, reaching out to the homeless in Brighton.

From 11th- 15th December we are asking those who are able to support this important work to bring in items that the charity desperately needs. If you are able to contribute please send in any new items from the list below, which can be given to form tutors or the main office during the week beginning Monday 11th December.

Needs List:

- Mens Jeans/Trousers (32" waist) – MAJOR NEED
- Razors – MAJOR NEED
- Shampoo – MAJOR NEED
- Shower Gel – MAJOR NEED
- Socks
- Waterproofs
- Male Underwear
- Male/Female Jackets
- Walking Boots
- Deodorant
- Combs
- Sugar
- Chocolate Biscuits/Snacks
- Shaving Foam
- Rucksacks
- Black Bin Bags
- Instant Coffee
- Toilet Rolls
- Bivvy Bags
- Hot Chocolate (hot water one)
- Floor Cleaner
- Antibacterial Spray

Winter PE Kit

As winter draws in, parents/carers are asked to ensure that their child has appropriate warm clothing for school, including for PE lessons. Throughout the colder months, students will continue to have PE outdoors and we would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the permitted winter kit. Students can wear the King's branded long sleeved rugby top, King's sweatshirt, and King's leggings or jogging bottoms, all

available from Logosports. Alternatively, non-branded plain black tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts are also permitted. Full details of permitted uniform can be found on the uniform section of our website.

Year 10 Netball

The Year 10 netball team have been going from strength to strength. Straight from their victory against Patcham, they have returned to beat PACA 10 - 8. Each girl showcased their skill and they all worked as team to get the ball to Anastasia and Eloise, who were waiting in the goal third to secure the ball in the net each time, with Eloise never missing a shot.

The defence, whilst facing a tough challenge from PACA's attackers, held strong keeping the shooters out and marking their players confidently. With the fixtures continuing over this term and in the New Year, the girls are optimistic to continue their victories.

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Our Year 7 netball team played an incredibly tough game against Hove Park A's. Despite Hove Park taking a couple of early shots, our heads didn't drop, and the girls continued to defend hard throughout the game. As a team, the girls got more and more interceptions, and our attacking play seemed to be more gelled. Unfortunately they lost 9-2, however were still so positive and constructive at the end of the game! Well done girls.



Celebrate Look out for festive specials! **HARRISON**
food with thought

The 12 Days of Christmas

Friday 1st - Monday 18th December

- Friday 1st - Jumbo Pigs in Blanket Hotdog
- Monday 4th - Santa Hat Brownies
- Tuesday 5th - Pizza Christmas Star
- Wednesday 6th - Turkey & Cranberry Cracker
- Thursday 7th - Bacon, Brie & Cranberry Ciabatta
- Friday 8th - Chocolate & Salted Caramel Yule Log
- Monday 11th - Cranberry & Chocolate Chelsea Bun
- Tuesday 12th - Festive Sausage Roll
- Wednesday 13th - Mincemeat & Apple Tart
- Thursday 14th - Snowman Pizza
- Friday 15th - Christmas Dinner Day
- Monday 18th - Turkey Curry & Rice

There will be Festive Biscuits, Muffins and treats throughout December