

Theme of the week 'Gifts and Talents'

Father, show us
the gifts and
talents you have
given us. Let us
learn to use them
for Your glory.

1 Peter 4:10

Dear Parents/Carers,

The unpleasant weather conditions this week have not stopped the usual routines of learning at King's. Year 11 are edging ever close to their final GCSE period and the other year groups to their summative end of year exams. It was very pleasing this week to receive our Diocese of Chichester affiliation 'badge' which you will now see on our

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headed paper and website. Staff have already benefitted from attending Diocese training and we know that there is much to be gained for our entire school community from the affiliation and ongoing relationships with our



partner churches. Mrs Aubrey-Smith, our Head of MFL, goes on maternity leave this week and we wish her well for the coming months. Although officially on maternity leave, she will be in school periodically over the next few weeks to run final revision sessions for Year 11. Mrs Edwards will be covering her maternity leave, as a Teacher of French and Spanish. We look to seeing all students in school as usual for 8:30am on Tuesday morning, following Bank Holiday Monday.

Mrs Price

Forthcoming Events

7 th May	• Bank Holiday
8 th May	• STEM Workshops
9 th /10 th May	• GCSE D&T
11 th May	• Last Day Lessons for Year 11

Collection of Students at 3pm

Wherever possible we encourage students not to travel to school by car. Where this is unavoidable please can we ask parents and carers not to drive right up to the Student Entrance.

This part of Applesham Way is a 'dead end' and driving up this section of road and turning creates a safety hazard for students and causes a nuisance to our neighbours. Please also avoid picking up students at the intersection of Applesham Way and Maplehurst road and take care not to park over residents' driveways. If you do need to collect students please park much further down Applesham Way and ask students to meet you there.

Bank Holiday- Monday 7th May

A reminder that Monday 7th May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed on this date.

Emotional, Mental Health and Wellbeing Evaluation

At King's we work closely with the local authority to support the wellbeing of staff and students. The local authority are working hard to improve their offer to support young people in the city. It would be extremely useful if you could take a moment to complete their on line questionnaire. Your responses will feed in to a city wide survey across all of the schools in Brighton and Hove.

Please use this link to complete the parent questionnaire:

<https://www.research.net/r/emhwbparent>

Please use this link for your child to complete the young person questionnaire:

<https://www.research.net/r/emhwbyoungperson>

Year 11 Parents' Celebration Events

We would like to celebrate the contribution of parents of our founding year group to the school's growth in a number of ways.

Firstly, year 11 parents are welcome to join staff to see students arrive for their Summer Ball from 6pm on Wednesday 20th June at the Brighton Hilton Metropole. Year 11 parents are also invited to accompany their children to collect their GCSE results on Thursday 23rd August. Drinks and pastries will be served to students and parents and senior staff will be available to celebrate with our students and parents and to offer any advice/practical support needed for students on this day.

In the autumn we will be holding a 'Certificate Presentation Evening' where we will invite students and their parents in to collect their GCSE certificates and celebrate their many achievements.

We are also working on a further event for our Year 11 parents and will communicate details in due course.

Parent Prayer

Thank God for a really positive start to this summer term. Please be praying over the coming weeks for our all our students, as we move in to the summer exam period. Pray for anxiety to be calmed, for focus throughout and for good health.

Exam Prayer Space

During the first week of the official GCSE exam period, 14th – 18th May, we will be running a prayer space for students. This will be open from 8.00-8.25 each morning, in the pastoral office in the English block. A member of staff will be available to pray with any students who would like that opportunity, to take prayer requests or just offer a moment to reflect and be quiet.

Year 11- Final Day of Lessons 11th May

On Friday 11th May all Year 11 students should arrive in school for 8:30am as usual in full school uniform. They will be involved in normal lessons and revision sessions until first break. After break they will have a special 'Leavers' Communion'. At 12:30pm they will have lunch. If weather conditions are good we will be having a 'bring

and share' picnic lunch outside. The school will provide food for all students but they are also invited to bring food items to share with the year group if they would like to. At 1:20pm students will have an assembly. They will leave school at 2:30pm on this date.

GCSE DT Innovation Challenge

Having finished their coursework, Year 11 Product Design students are readying themselves for the practical part of their exam, which lasts 6 hours and is spread over two days (9th and 10th May). They also have a review period on a third day. Students are given set criteria and must work to this to produce a design piece over this time. If students can replicate the skills they have shown in lessons and their coursework, they are all well set for success in this part of the exam. We wish them well. To support students with their preparation for the exam Mr Bagnall will have the Design Technology department open for a Period 7 session on Tuesday 8th May. We are all looking forward to seeing the designs that the students create for this challenge.

Year 11 Saturday Intervention Session- History 5th May 2018- Cancellation

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Saturday Intervention Session for History on 5th May 2018 has had to be cancelled. Please accept our sincere apologies for this. The lecture on Anglo-Saxon Unit 2 (key rebellions and the Harrying of the North), which was going to be delivered, will be available on our VLE so that students can access it over the Bank Holiday Weekend. Instructions on how to access it will be communicated to students via Show My Homework. Students can also ask questions about the lecture, which will feature power-point slides and a voice-over, through Show My Homework and in History lessons during the week beginning 8th May 2018.

Year 11 May Half Term Intervention

The May half-term will be a welcome break in the exam season for our Year 11 students as they will be able to re-charge themselves and revise for the exams after the holiday. At this point, students will know they are over half-way through their exams and will be able to focus specifically on the exams that follow the break. To support them with this, we have revision sessions for targeted students during the half term. Please see the timetable below. Parents and students will be given letters to confirm which sessions students are expected to attend. If parents have any questions about the timetable, please contact the school via the usual channels.

Day/Date	Time	Subject
Tuesday 29 th May	9.00am – 12.15pm	History
	1.00pm – 3.00pm	English Language
Wednesday 30 th May	9.00am – 12.15pm	History
Thursday 31 st May	9.30am – 11.00am	Science – (Double)
	11.00am – 12.00pm	Science – (Triple)
	9.00am – 11.30am	Maths
Friday 1 st June	9.00am – 12.15pm	Music
	9.30am – 11.30am	Geography
	10.00am – 11.30am	Business Studies

At this point, please can we mention how proud we are of our Year 11 students, their diligence with their studies and their commitment to the process of revision and exam practice.

Trips and Events

This week, letters have gone to parents for the following trips and events:

A Drama department visit to see 'Matilda' in London on July 5th. 41 places are available across years 7-10 and a lottery will take place to determine who can take part. The deadline for slips is Wednesday 16th May and lucky students will be informed of their place soon after.

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Year 9 Holocaust Study Day. As part of the July enrichment activities, Year 9 will spend a day studying the holocaust. Parents/carers are asked to contribute £3 to the cost of activities, which include a screening of 'The Piano' and a talk from Dorrit Wolff, a holocaust survivor. Student contributions can be made via scopay now.

As well as these exciting opportunities, we are planning a number of other trips for the remainder of the term. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on upcoming activities, including:

A STEM English trip to the British Museum and a STEM Science trip to the Salters' Festival of Chemistry (for invited students only).

July Enrichment Day activities (12th and 13th July). Our July Enrichment Days are a fantastic opportunity for students to build on academic and social skills, and each year group will have a unique enrichment activity.

Year 7 will be invited to take part in an overnight visit to Blackland Farm. Here they will take part in team building activities, camping and other outdoor experiences.

Year 8 will have the opportunity to take part in a rollercoaster workshop at Thorpe Park. Students will learn about set design, the mechanics of rollercoasters and have time dedicated to explore the park itself. This day excursion will be accompanied by STEM activities in school.

Year 9 students will spend a day studying the holocaust, and also have the opportunity to visit Blackland Farm for a day's team building and outdoor activities.

Students in Year 10 will spend one Enrichment Day focusing on the required practicals for GCSE Science. They will also have an off-site visit, and more details will follow.

Further information regarding these trips and events will be published in the coming weeks. Copies of trip letters sent to parents are available via the 'news' section of the school website.

Parents/carers are reminded that permission for trips and events can be emailed to admin@kingschoolhove.org.uk.

Dome Diner Special Event

The next special event at the Dome Diner will be a Royal Wedding Menu on Friday 18th May. Students will be able to purchase a number of specially themed items along with their usual favourites. We hope that they enjoy the day!

Celebrate

The Royal Wedding
Friday 18th May

Break; Wedding Breakfast Hot Baguette
Special O'Cajun Wedges

Lunch;
Harry's Honeymoon Hotdog with Church Chips
Megharoni Cheese with Leeks and Groom's Garlic Bread
Bridal Beans & Confetti Carrots

Save the Date & Sticky Toffee Pudding
Best Man's Peach Melba & Vanilla Ice Cream

Toast: Berry & Watermelon Mocktail
Wedding Ring Raisin Cookie
Marriage Madeira Cake
Bouquet Brownie Muffin

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