

Theme of the week AWE AND WONDER



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe we have reached half term already and are almost halfway through the GCSE exams. All of our students, and especially our Year 11s, are ready for a rest and I hope they can enjoy some restorative time off next week. Year 11 will be mixing rest with revision, of course, and we

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look forward to seeing them in school for their revision sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings (and Tuesday afternoon as well). Please check that you know when they are expected in and please continue to support them with their revision and with ensuring that they do rest and recuperate because the remainder of the examination series. We have really been enjoying the nicer weather and it has been wonderful to see our younger students being so successful in their athletics and cricket fixtures. We certainly have some stars of the future in Year 7! I am also grateful to all the Year 7 and Year 10 students who participated in the 'Your Place' Brighton Festival event last weekend, organised by Mrs Grosvenor. It was fantastic to see our students getting involved in the local community we will be moving to with the completion of our permanent building next summer.



Mrs Price

Forthcoming Events

28 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half term
5 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEND Coffee Afternoon
14 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAGT English Trip to British Library
20 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Summer Ball

End of Year Exams

Well done to all students in Year 8 for completing their end of year exams over the past week. This can be a stressful time, and students have put in an excellent effort.

Year 7 exams will take place during the week beginning the 25th of June and the end of **Year 9 exams** will take place during the week beginning the 4th of June.

The end of **Year 10 exams** will take place over a two week period starting on the 12th of June. Students will be coming off timetable during this period and completing an exam in each of their GCSEs subject. Most of these exams will happen within the main school.

English and Mathematics departments will both set Year 10 students two papers and the Science department will be setting 3 papers over the two weeks. To start to prepare students for their upcoming GCSEs the exams for English, Mathematics and Science will take place in the Portslade Baptist Church hall, which will be the location for most of the external examinations next year.

If you have any queries about the end of year examinations in any year please contact us via the admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk email address.

Sixth Form Information Evening

Year 10 parents will have received a letter this week regarding the opening of our Sixth Form. The opening of the Sixth Form has regrettably been further delayed to September 2020. Parents and carers will know that the move to our permanent site at West Blatchington is scheduled for July and August 2018 and this will be a significant undertaking for the school. We want to ensure that the move goes smoothly, with no disruption to learning for the students who will be moving onto the new site, not least the Year 11 students who will enter their final year of GCSEs in September 2019. We do not want our current Year 10 students to start Key Stage 5 in a sixth form that has not been at the forefront of our school's planning. We will continue to ensure that our

Year 10 students have access to quality information, advice and guidance on their post-16 paths. To this end, every Year 10 student will be invited to a KS5 options interview with a senior member of staff next half term. We will publicise promotional material from local Sixth Form providers and on 19th September we will be putting on an information evening on post-16 routes; please put this date in your diaries now. Mr Bridges and Mrs Price are pleased to answer any questions that parents and carers may have on this issue. They can be reached via the usual channels of communication.

Students of the Week

This week we want to congratulate Elouise in Year 10. She has reflected our school values through her helpful and supportive attitude, many times assisting teachers after lessons, showing kindness and



respect. Well done Elouise, you are a star!



We would also like to recognise what a fantastic role model Cameron in Year 7 has been to the cricket team as he has represented the school. Well done Cameron!

Street Dance Success!

We are very proud of Year 8 student, Sam, and Year 9 student, Rohan, who achieved success in the 2018 European Streetdance Championships held in Germany



recently. Sam and Rohan were representing the UK and the Brighton-based dance school 'Streetfunk'. Following the first two days of competition heats, Sam

managed to clinch a place in every category he had entered. He emerged from the finals as the new European Under 14 Novice Solo Champion, and his crew, Defiance, was also crowned the European Under 14 Advanced Champions in the Team competition. Furthermore, Sam also did not disappoint in the Under 14 Duos category where he and his duos partner, Gabe Henshall, finished in third place. Rohan competed in the U18 Advanced category in crews and also in the Advanced category for U16 solos where the standard was extremely high. Rohan made the final and came away with a trophy! Congratulations to both boys on their fantastic achievements.

Year 11 Update

Our founding students will be half way through their GCSE exams when you read this. But with two more weeks of exams after the half term, we are advising they need lots of rest and lots of revision over the break. To support students with their revision, we have the following revision sessions set up and those students expected to attend have been sent letters. We would be grateful if parents could complete and return permission slips.

Day/Date	Time	Subject
Tuesday 29th May	9.00am – 12.15pm	History
	1.00pm – 3.00pm	English Language
Wednesday 30th May	9.00am – 12.15pm	History
Thursday 31st May	9.30am – 11.00am	Science – (Double)
	11.00am – 12.00pm	Science – (Triple)
	9.00am – 10.45am	Maths
	11.00am – 12.45pm	Maths
Friday 1st June	9.00am – 12.15pm	Music
	9.30am – 11.30am	Business Studies

As a staff, we have been delighted with their focus and attitude and it has been wonderful to see how well they have supported each other through the first two weeks. There have been a few wobbles and some very tired students, but this is normal and students have overcome worries and concerns with the help of their friends and teachers at school and their families.

Feedback from Year 11 after the exams has been lovely for staff. Students have felt well-prepared and buoyed

at how well they are doing. Our English department were especially pleased that exact questions that came up in the exam had been covered and the actual extract used in the paper had been used in our Year 10 exams!

Year 11 students have their Summer Ball to look forward to and their leavers' hoodies to collect, but before that they must re-double their efforts over the break and ensure they are fully prepared for the second half of their exam season. Our hopes and prayers are with them.

Year 11 Cashless Catering Balances

A reminder from the team at the Dome Diner that Year 11s who have money on their cashless catering accounts should use these up before they leave us at the end of exams.

If your child has money left on their cashless catering account and you would like it to be refunded or transferred onto a sibling's account, please email kings@harrisoncatering.co.uk. If you are requesting a refund, please make sure you include details of the account that you would like to be refunded into.

School Equipment

Please can we ask that any equipment taken home to help with revision is returned to school as soon as possible?

Equipment should be returned to the head of department as appropriate. In particular, Ms Montoya requests the urgent return of Science books and equipment to room 4, and Mrs Grosvenor requests the return of copies of 1984 to her in the drama studio.

These resources need to be shared with the school community and will be re-used for future years. Any items borrowed and not returned will need to be replaced, so we would ask parents/carers to support the school in preserving these resources. Any donations of books or resources bought to help year 11 with their revision which are no longer needed would also be greatly received by the school.

'Your Place' Drama Event

On Saturday 15 students took part in the Brighton Festival event at the Hangleton Community Centre. We were first on at 12pm, competing for an audience with Prince Harry and Meghan Markle! After only four weeks of rehearsal our students performed as a confident ensemble in front of family, friends and a few members of the public. The day was bookended by a free performance by Kate Tempest, who set up 'Your Place' last year as a means of getting events in the festival to outlying communities in East Brighton and Hangleton. The students worked hard and represented the school extremely well. Thanks to Mrs Talbot for accompanying us and Mr Talbot for all the great photos!

Mrs Grosvenor



Throughout the afternoon we explored the props and spaces that were created for the films, gained an understanding of how sets are designed and developed and considered the process of how a script ends up on the screen. During our workshop, we were given an insight into how some of the moods and visual effects are created on screen – including a demonstration by Nathan of just how big Hagrid's trousers were! The whole day was thoroughly enjoyable and our students were a credit to the school.



Letters Home This Week

Year 7 Salters' Festival of Chemistry- Year 7 have the opportunity to be one of four lucky students to take part in this year's Salters Festival of Chemistry at Brighton University. To be in with a chance of winning a place on this trip, students should submit an essay on the subject 'Science that changed the world' by **5th June**. Essays should be no longer than one side of A4 paper and handed to their science teacher.

Winners will be announced on 6th June, and the trip itself will take place on 14th June. You can find a copy of Ms Montoya's letter to parents on our website.

Language group confirmations- Year 7 students have been given a letter today, Friday, confirming which language they will study for years 8 and 9. Parents/carers who have not received the letter from their child should email admin@kingschoolhove.org.uk and the office will be able to confirm the details.

Y10 DT Visit to Harry Potter World

On Thursday 17th May, Year 10 Design and Technology students visited Warner Brothers Studios in Watford, for an inspirational design experience. The 'magic' began as two of our eager pupils, Eliza and Sonny, leapt forward through the crowd to open the doors to the Great Hall.



July Enrichment Days

Our final enrichment days of this academic year will be in July. Each year group is invited to take part in at least one off-site activity, which aims to enrich their learning and build extra-curricular skills.

Year 7

12th and 13th July- Blackland Farm visit (overnight). Students will take part in team building and outdoor activities, and will camp overnight. **The deadline for permission slips is 4th June 2018.** The requested parental contribution for this trip is £68, which includes travel, activities, accommodation and food.

Year 8

12th July- STEM rollercoaster study day. All Year 8 students will take part in STEM enrichment tasks related to rollercoasters, and designed to tie-in with the visit to Thorpe Park the following day.

13th July- Thorpe Park visit. Students will learn about the engineering and artistic sides of the park, as well as having the opportunity to enjoy some rides. The requested parental contribution for this trip is £30.

Please note that the permission deadline for this trip has now passed. If you have not returned a reply slip for your child to attend, they will take part in alternative activities in school.

Year 9

12th July- Blackland Farm visit. This trip is intended to allow students a chance to reflect on and celebrate their progress into keystone 4. Students will take part in outdoor activities and team building exercises. **The deadline for slips is 4th June 2018** and the requested parental contribution is £30.

13th July- Holocaust study day. To support students' understanding of history, and in line with the government requirement that all students learn about the holocaust, year 9 students will watch 'The Pianist' and have a lecture from holocaust survivor Dorrit Wolff. There is no parental consent required for this day, but we do request a contribution of £3 per

student to help cover the costs incurred by the school.

Year 10

12th July- Beach visit. Weather permitting, students will enjoy a visit to a local beach and a picnic. Further information on this will be published after half term.

13th July- Science required practicals. To support students' preparations for GCSE Science, year 10 will use this enrichment day to conduct required practical activities for their course. Further information will be provided after half term.

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 and wherever possible, payment should be made via scopay.

Sports News

U13 Girls Cricket v Downlands

For most girls in the team, this was their first game of cricket against a more experienced Downlands side. There was good batting from Chloe, Molly, Isobel and Elouise, along with some good bowling from Libby, Abi and Freya. The final result was that Downlands scored 133 and King's scored 83.

U15 Girls Cricket v Downlands

The U15 team played a strong Downlands side and batted first. Good batting from Emily, Eloise and Victoria meant King's scored 63. Despite some good fielding from Ciara W and Ciara L, plus good bowling



from Ruby and Eloise, Downlands reached the total in the 10th over.

U13 Girls Cricket v Cardinal Newman

The U13 team won their first match of the season against Cardinal Newman. King's batted first and scored 93, with great hitting from Ruby, Eloise, Diora, Sophie and Abi. King's then all bowled 2 overs each and restricted the scoring to 63, with Ruby the pick of the bowlers with a fantastic last over.

U13 Boys Cricket v Longhill

The U13 boys team lost on the last ball of the game in a thrilling match v Longhill. King's batted first and good contributions from Johnny, Karl, Cameron and Femi took King's to 77 runs of 14 overs. Longhill were then slow in reply, in part due to some good bowling from Femi, Lewis, Cameron, until 2 new batsman came to the crease and scored lots of boundaries in quick succession. It came down to Tom to bowl the last over and he held his nerve to produce a great last over, with the last run scored off the edge of the bat as Longhill scrambled home for a last ball win. A great performance from a side who have only played a handful of hardball matches and have already made lots of improvement over the last couple of games.



Year 7 Boys Cricket Street20 Tournament

The year 7 boys came 3rd in their pool in the Sussex School Games qualifier for the Brighton and Hove

district. King's narrowly lost to Varndean in their first game, before losing to the eventual winners Stringer, but ended on a high beating BACA in the last game with fantastic batting from Jonny, Reuben and Karl, along with great bowling from Tom, Jack, Cameron and Lewis.

Cricket Club

It has been great to see the number of students attending boys' and girls' cricket clubs this term. Due to the amount of cricket and athletics fixtures that are taking place in the first 3 weeks after half term, however, cricket club will be cancelled several times over those weeks (see below).

We have aimed to give parents more warning of this and will be letting students know as well. If a cricket club is cancelled on a Wednesday or a Thursday, students are more than welcome to attend the other cricket club in that week.

Wednesday 5th June – cricket club on

Thursdays 6th June – cricket club cancelled

Wednesday 13th June – cricket club cancelled

Thursday 14th June – cricket club cancelled

Wednesday 20th June – cricket club cancelled

Thursday 21st June – cricket club on

Student Success- Brighton Boys' U13 Side

Noah Andrews has had a fantastic season representing the Brighton and Hove District at football. The team managed to get all the way to the National Final this season after beating lots of strong districts across the country, particularly in London. The final was last week up in Liverpool. Here is a short report from their manager:

'We lost 3-0 to a very well disciplined and skilful Liverpool team – we can be proud that as a team we only had one academy boy playing. The Liverpool coach told me that lots of their boys are on Liverpool and Everton's books. We played well and made a few chances hitting the bar and only not scoring an Ezra

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Roeg free kick due to a marvellous one handed save from their keeper.'

Well done to Noah for his hardwork and dedication to football and making King's proud!

We would love to celebrate other students' sporting achievements so please let us know of any successes through the admin account (admin@kingschoolhove.org.uk) and we will feature these in our newsletter in future weeks.



Year 5 Taster Sessions

We will be running Year 5 'Taster Sessions' in July. Year 5 students will get the opportunity to experience a King's lesson covering English, mathematics and science and parents will have the opportunity to meet with Mrs Price to find out a bit more about what makes King's so distinctive and to ask any questions they might have about the education we can provide.

We are running taster sessions on the following dates:

Tuesday 3rd July, 3:30-4:30pm

Tuesday 10th July, 3:30-4:30pm

To book your place, please contact Mrs Frances Talbot in the school office, either via email (admissions@kingschoolhove.org.uk - please put 'Year 5 Taster Session' in the subject line) or via the postal service (King's School, High Street, Portslade, BN41 2PG). Please tell us which session you would like to

attend, the name of your child/children and the name of their current primary school.

Parent Prayer

Thank you to all our praying parents for your support over this term. Praise God for sustaining us through the beginning of the exams season. Keep praying for rest for our students and staff over the half term break. Be praying for students to be able to focus on revision as the exam season continues – especially our KS4 students.

Thank God for the opportunities our students had to attend the optional communion services this week. Dan Henderson, from St Andrew's Church, reminded us how the Bible tells us to look to Jesus and follow Him. Pray for our students who attended to have a desire to find out more about Jesus.

Sussex Teaching Awards

We are very proud to announce that our Finance and Operations Manager, Heather Mooney, will be recognised at the prestigious Sussex Teacher of the Year Awards. A founding staff member, Mrs Mooney has done an outstanding job in managing the financial and support elements of the school as it grows and we are grateful (and lucky!) to have her. Congratulations Mrs Mooney!

