

Theme of the week: POWER

For God is working in you,
giving you the desire and the
power to do what pleases Him.
- Phil 2:13 (NLT)

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been great to welcome so many prospective parents and students through our doors this week for Open Mornings and our annual Open Evening. As usual, our students were an absolute credit to us, and to you. They have worked tirelessly as tour guides and ambassadors for the school and have impressed with their articulate and honest responses to our visitors' questions. We look forward to welcoming a full cohort next September in

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Year 7. Aside from open events it has been business as usual across the school: Year 11 have made a fantastic start to their Period 7 intervention programme; Year 9 and 10 have been getting enthused about Duke of Edinburgh programmes starting; and the whole school has been buzzing with news of the results of the High School Musical auditions! Congratulations to students who have been successful in joining the cast of this exciting production; we can't wait to see the fruits of their labours on stage in February!

Mrs Price



Bus Travel to Permanent Site

Conversations with Brighton and Hove Buses and the Local Authority have been ongoing with regards to bus travel to our new permanent site.

We are pleased to be able to say that we have found a solution to getting direct routes from central Hove to

Forthcoming Events

5th-7th October	• DofE Silver Practice Walk
18th October	• Year 7 Parents' Evening
6th December	• Year 9 Options' Evening
7th December	• Winter Enrichment Day
11th December	• Christmas Carol Service

the permanent site in the mornings from September 2019.

We also hope to run a direct route from the Portslade area to the new site in the mornings. Further information will be forthcoming on this. We are continuing to work with the bus company and the LA to ensure good travel provision for the afternoons and will keep parents updated.

Open Events

We have welcomed hundreds of prospective parents and students this week to get an insight into our special community with a view to applying for Year 7 places for September 2019.

Our Open Morning sessions offered visitors the opportunity to tour the school whilst it is in full operation and we ran our annual Open Evening on Thursday 27th. Staff and students worked hard to create interactive activities in the various departments to engage our younger visitors and our student ambassadors did a wonderful job of giving an honest student perspective on King's and of answering our visitors' questions.

Year 7 students Trinity Kendrick and Nicholas Bushara spoke to three large audiences about their experience of transitioning from primary school and joining King's and we are grateful to Mrs Kendrick and Mr Knight who were able to provide a parental perspective. It was wonderful to be able to share GCSE results with prospective parents for the first time and there was a real buzz around the school for the duration of the event.

If you know of anyone who missed out on open events this week we are running two further open mornings on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd October with sessions at 9:15am and 11:15am on both dates.

We look forward to welcoming a great new cohort in 2019!

School Photos

Proof copies of school photos will be available from tutors from next week. If you wish to place an order for a school photo, please do this directly from Kittle Photographic. Please do not send cash/cheques or orders to the office as we are not able to process these.

Primary School Visits

This week I visited and delivered assemblies to Year 5 and 6 students at two primary schools – Aldrington and St Andrews. Talking about 'Change', we explored the fact that change is coming for many of the students in the form of deciding what secondary school to go to. With some former pupils from each school to assist me, we looked at how we grow into change and then answered questions that the pupils had about what King's is like. It was wonderful to go and meet the lovely primary school children and talk to them about our school.

Mrs Vincent, Assistant Headteacher

Students of the Week

Our **Year 7** student of the week is Melissa, for outstanding homework in DT and making a great start to secondary school over all. Well done Melissa!



Year 8 student of the week is Abigail Renouf for amassing many achievement points over the last week from a range of areas. These include points for showing school values, politeness and kindness with tasks, and working really well in groups and paired work, even with difficult tasks. Keep it up Abigail!

Ms Goldstein has nominated Kai Norris at **Year 9** student of the week. She says: "I'd like to nominate Kai for giving his best in lessons this week, already having 25 achievement points and showing kindness to other students."

Masiy is our **Year 10** student of the week, for her brilliant help at Open Evening. Masiy made a great

difference, helping out across the school and giving a great impression to our visitors. Thank you, Maisy!



Finally, our **Year 11** student of the week is Yannick for showing leadership, motivation and consistent effort in core PE. Great work and thank you, Yannick!

Sports Report and Upcoming Fixtures

The U13 Boys' football team won their first game of the season 2-0 in a thrilling match this week. The first half was fairly even with each team having some scoring chances, as the boys got used to playing an 11-a-side match on a full pitch. The second half was a more end to end affair, with King's improving the passing and temp of their game.

King's took the lead after a Cameron strike from 30 yards took a slight deflection on the way through to beat the Newman keeper. Newman then put pressure on the King's defence, with Johnny and Cameron



clearing up a lot of loose balls in the box. The moment of the match came from a corner, when a Newman player headed the ball with power towards the corner of the goal, only for Arthur to make a diving, reaction save out of nowhere. King's sealed the win with Charlie and Karl linking up together to play Sam through on goal and finish in the bottom left corner, making it 2-0. Well done to the team and a great start to the season.

Upcoming Fixture: Wednesday 3rd October- there will be Under 13 and Under 15 Boys' Swimming. Further information will follow for those students taking part.

New Staff Profile – Mrs Yahiatene

This week we are pleased to welcome Mrs Yahiatene to our school community. Mrs Yahiatene joins our front office team as a receptionist and administrator, working along side Mrs Findon and the existing office staff.

Hello, my name is Mrs Yahiatene and I've had a fantastic first week at King's! I come from an office background, so it is my first time working in a school.

I have two young sons, go to City Coast Church, and love living in Brighton. I look forward to getting to know you more and am excited to be part of this great team.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th December – Thursday 13th December: Advent Prayer Space

The *Off the Fence* team will be in school running a prayer space for us. They would love some volunteers to assist in helping students engage with the activities. If you could offer a couple of hours over the time they will be in school, please get in touch with Mrs Vincent.

Tuesday 11th December: Christmas Carol Service 5.30-7.30

Please join us in celebrating Christmas, as our students lead us through some carols and Christmas readings. We would love to see many pupils and their families there.

Letters Home

Basketball Extracurricular- This will begin on 5th November, and students should sign up by 5th October if they wish to take part. To sign up, please email

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finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk. The club costs £5 per session, and payment should be made via ParentPay a term in advance.

DofE Bronze and Silver Information- Information on both awards for this year was sent to those students enrolled. This included detail on the walks, and information on payments.

You can find these letters, and other key information, via the 'news' section of our website.

Trips and Events Permissions

All families should have received a summer mailing over the holiday break, which included a permission slip for their child to take part in trips and events during school time. **If you have not already returned this, please can you do so as soon as possible.**

Providing general consent for trips and events will reduce the number of forms you are asked to fill out, as well as saving paper and staff (and parent!) time. Parents/carers will continue to be notified of trips and events via email, and will always have the option to 'opt out' of their child taking part in activities.

Online Communications

There are a number of free online systems which we use to communicate with students and their families. Please take a moment to read through the information below, and do feel free to email the school if you have any questions.

Student absences- Studybugs

Please
can we



encourage parents/carers to make use of 'Studybugs'- the app and website which allows you to report your child absent via your smart phone and posts your message directly into our registers.

The app is free for you to use, and saves school staff a lot of time too. You can find a link to download the app on the home page of our website.

Please email attendance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk if you have questions about Studybugs.

Homework- Show My Homework

All students should have a personal login, which



allows them to access the Show My Homework site and complete tasks online. Parents/carers should have a separate account, where they can monitor their child's (or children's) homework. If you do not have a login, or are having trouble using the system, please email admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Payments- ParentPay

King's is a cashless school,



and all payments (such as for trips, events, resources, dinner money) should be made via the ParentPay site. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please email finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk for support.

GCSE Pod

Students in Years 10 and 11 should ensure they have access to GCSE Pod- a



valuable revision resource. You can find more information on this system from the 'news' section of our website, or by contacting Mr Cooke.

There may be other subject specific online resources that your child uses (such as MathsWatch or ActiveLearn). If you have any problems with these services, please email admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk and mark your message for the attention of your child's teacher.