

Theme of the week: BEING HUMAN



**"So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God created he him;
male and female created he them."**

Genesis 1:27 (KJV)

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now concluded our Open Events for this academic year; it has been so encouraging to see the

numbers of prospective parents and students rise again this year. Our students have been wonderful tour guides and ambassadors and our staff have enjoyed showing off our community. It has been very much business as usual this week as students work towards their first assessment point. Our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Programme participants set off on their practice expedition today and High School Musical rehearsals are well underway. Extracurricular clubs are filling up and trips are being planned for the second half of term. Next week Year 7 will benefit from a theatre in education performance of a play on road safety; a timely reminder of the importance of remaining aware and alert as a pedestrian. Please do speak to your children regularly about road safety; especially on their journeys to and from school. We are also having a push on speaking to students about wearing helmets when they ride their bicycles and as the evenings draw in this is a good point in the year to conduct a check on bicycle lights and reflective clothing etc.



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Forthcoming Events

18th October	• Year 7 Parents' Evening
29th October	• INSET DAY
6th December	• Year 9 Options' Evening
7th December	• Winter Enrichment Day
11th December	• Christmas Carol Service

Period 7 Programme Launch

Well done to our Year 11 students who have made a superb start to their final year. Not only has concentration in lessons been excellent but also the engagement with after school period 7 sessions has been great. So far 75% of the students have received their own bespoke after school support session with a total of 246 attended sessions. I know those not lucky enough to be selected yet will be itching for their own sessions and we will be issuing new invites for term 2 soon. We've also almost finalised our holiday sessions offering which we will send out in the near future so Year 11 parents keep an eye on your inbox. Remember year 11 ***Believe in yourself. Commit to the process. Work hard every day.***

P.S Don't forget GCSE Pod. 273 streams so far this year so let's see if we can break 1000 by the Mocks. Remember it's guaranteed to improve your grades!

Year 7 Parents' Evening

We are holding a pastoral parents' evening for Year 7 parents and carers on Thursday 18th October from 4-7pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's tutor to find out how they have been settling into life at King's. A further parents' evening will follow later in the academic year when parents will be able to meet with their child's individual subject teachers.

Parents/carers will be able to book their 5 minute appointment with their child's tutor through our online booking system. More information on this will follow next week. We look forward to seeing you on 18th October.

Open Events

We were delighted to welcome approximately 700 people through our doors last Thursday for OpenEvening. All ten Open Mornings we have run have been full and feedback has been very positive. **Prospective parents are encouraged to submit their applications in advance of the October 31st deadline via the Brighton and Hove School Admissions team.**

We look forward to welcoming a great cohort next September; the first group of King's students that will never experience our temporary site!

Streetwise Theatre Performance

On Thursday afternoon next week the theatre company 'Performance in Education' are coming to King's to perform their play 'Streetwise' for all of our Year 7 students. The play focuses on the issue of pedestrian safety and has been very well received by students in previous years. There is no charge for this performance and students will be dismissed at the usual time of 3pm. All students in the tutor group 7C are being asked to complete a survey before and after the production. These surveys help the team to evaluate the impact of the production and ensure its future running. If you have a child in 7C please encourage them to log on and complete a survey before 11th October via this link - <http://streetwise-before.roadsafetysurveys.co.uk>

Student of the Week

Year 7 Libby-Rose and Lottie are recognised this week, for helping Mrs Vincent with her assembly. Both of the girls gave up their time to answer some questions and be involved in this assembly.



Year 8's student of the week is Jacob. Jacob has done great work in Drama and RE this week, as well as being fantastic in terms attention and focus in Tutor Time and Maths.

Emir is **Year 9** student of the week, for being very positive in tutor time and always ready to share his opinions and debate. Emir has also received 29 achievements already, across a variety of subjects. Emir has been very responsible in his studies so far and Ms Goldstein has been impressed by his attitude.



Year 10 student of the week is Sophie for going above and beyond in revision and practice for her GCSE's. Sophie has watched over 45 GCSEpods, enabling her learning and pushing her self esteem and confidence in lessons.



Finally, Cameron is our **Year 11** student of the week, for showing resilience and maturity in his English work, attempting challenging tasks in order to achieve his full potential.

INSET Date

A reminder that Monday 29th October is an INSET day; the school will be closed to all students on this date. Staff will be participating in a cross-Trust INSET day with colleagues from across the Russell Education Trust.

Training will centre on meeting the needs of average prior attainment students (those transitioning from primary with broadly average scaled scores). **All students should return from the half-term break for an 8:30am start as usual on Tuesday 30th October.**

Biking to School

It is lovely to see so many of our students riding their bikes to school, especially with the bright, sunny weather we are having currently. There are consistently 20 to 25 bikes in our school bike racks each day and this form of transport supports the overall well-being of the learners that choose to and are able to ride to school.

One thing we would like to see much more of is the use of bike helmets by those who ride to school. Research indicates that helmets reduce serious head injury by nearly 70%. The members of staff who ride to school all model the wearing of helmets. Students can lock the helmets on their bikes or put them in their lockers if they have them. If your daughter or son rides a bike to school, please can you ensure that they are wearing a helmet.



Community Notices

Site Team Vacancy

We are recruiting for a Site Assistant to join Mr Lovell's excellent Site Team. The successful candidate will have a key role to play in the smooth running of the school, and will be involved in a broad range of support functions. Applications should be submitted by school application form, no later than the 14th October. Further information can be found via our website: <https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/vacancies.php>

Headlice

We have been notified of a case of headlice in the school community. Head lice and nits don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are usually picked up from head-to-head contact. We would ask families, however, to ensure that their children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

You can find further information and advice on checking and treating your child via the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>

Missing PE Kit

Families are asked to check their child's property and ensure that they haven't taken home anyone else's belongings by accident. One of our Year 7 students has mislaid a full PE kit, last seen in a Tesco bag. If you find this kit, please return it to the school office.

Please can we ask all families to make sure that **all property brought into school is clearly named**. This significantly helps efforts to reunite students with their lost property.

Sussex Team Swimming Gala

Our junior and inter boys swim teams competed at Sussex Team Champs at Horsham on Wednesday. The competition was



extremely high from both state and private schools. Our junior team came 4th in their heats in both the medley and freestyle races, with excellent swimming from Luca, Solomon, Will and Mikhail.

Our inter team, led by Elijah, faced tougher competition and despite some strong swims from Ben, Theo and Sam, came 6th and 7th in their heats. Elijah showed his class during one race where he swam faster than his competitors performing front crawl while he was on the Fly leg of the medley. Overall, the boys conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the day and were a real credit to King's School.