

Theme of the week: STRENGTH



Dear Parents and Carers,

I was so impressed by the resilience of our Silver Award Programme Duke of Edinburgh participants and the commitment shown by their teachers on the practice expedition which took place in the local area last weekend. Students had to contend with torrential rain and driving winds

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and they acquitted themselves exceptionally well. Staff took quick action to ensure students' safety and a reasonable level of comfort through the weekend. All participants realised they could endure more than they thought they could and all are better prepared now as a result for their real Silver expedition which will take place in the summer of 2019. In school students have also been demonstrating resilience and good character as they tackle half term end of unit assessments and continue to throw themselves into extra-curricular activities. They will all be in need of a good break over half term! Before then we have our Year 7 pastoral parents' evening and another full week of learning; every day and every lesson counts at King's.

Mrs Price

Keeping Track of Homework

From this week, all teachers will be monitoring whether students have completed their homework via the Show My Homework app and/or website.

All students should have a personal login for the site, where they can see what homework they have been set, and tick off work when it has been completed. Parents/carers should also have their own login, where they can monitor what work their child is doing.

Forthcoming Events

18th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 pastoral Parents' Evening
29th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET DAY
6th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Options' Evening
7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Enrichment Day
11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Carol Service

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We would greatly appreciate the support of families in ensuring that homework is completed fully and on time-it really does make a significant difference to students' learning outcomes!

Please can we ask all families to make sure that both parents/carers and children have access to their personal accounts. If you are having trouble accessing the site, please email the school office and our team will do their best to help you.

'Streetwise' Theatre Event

On Thursday afternoon this week the theatre company 'Performance in Education' came 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, as in previous years, was very well received by students. The issue of road safety is a theme we return to time and again in assemblies and tutor times, and it is included in our Year 7 PSHE programme of study. Please do take every opportunity to speak with your children regarding safe road crossing and conduct near roads, especially down in Portslade Old Village. We do often see students taking unacceptable risks when crossing roads in this area; usually to reach buses in time or to make their way quickly to the newsagent for afternoon sweets. As you know, we have staff out on duty daily from 3pm-3:30pm but we appreciate your support in ensuring that students are regularly reminded of the importance of safe road crossing.

Student of the Week

Year 7 student of the week goes to Amelia. Amelia did a great job captaining the Year 7's in their first netball game this week at BACA.



Mr Parker-Sibun's **Year 8** nomination is Ella. Ella has received a nomination from Mrs O'Sullivan for fantastic effort and motivation in art, as well as receiving achievement points for Spanish and

Geography.

Ms Goldstein would like to nominate Freya from **Year 9**. Every lesson Freya is impeccably behaved, listens intently and completes tasks to a high standard. Her books are always beautifully presented and her answers are detailed and well explained. She deserves recognition for her effort, achievement and exceptional behaviour. Well done Freya; you are a real credit to the school.



For **Year 10**, Ms Wood nominates Eden, for being a hard working student. Eden puts in huge amounts of effort on his homework, tries really hard and supports other students' learning.

Our **Year 11** student of the week is Jowana for making a significant improvement in her Maths work and being the top Mathswatch pupil! Great job Jowana!



Duke of Edinburgh Report

Our Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award practice expedition started promisingly last Friday: great sunshine and 28 students ready for three days of walking and camping.

The weather took a nasty turn on Saturday which led to some very soggy rucksacks and boots! A change of campsite meant we were all able to cook in a marquee together and play games all evening long to warm us up, in preparation for the last day's walking to Nymans.

Many of our parents enjoyed the gardens while waiting for students to arrive after another day of great sunshine.

These Silver Awards students have experienced all possible extreme weather now from blizzards, to high temperatures and heavy down pours! They still continue on with good morale showing great team spirit. Well done all!

INSET Date Reminder

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.**

Student Leadership Update

We are pleased to announce that, following a challenging process, King's now have **our** first Student Senior Team. The applications received were of an incredibly high standard and all applicants were excellent candidates.

The purpose of our Senior Team is to raise the profile of the student voice; encourage leadership within the student cohort **and** develop a range of life-skills for our students.

We look forward to working with this team of students, and congratulate them on their success!

Our Student Leadership team for 2018-19 is:

Head Girl - Eliza Phillips

Head Boy - Alfie Wingfield

Deputy Head Girls - Eloise Renouf, Georgia Kaps, Miranda Mufema

Deputy Head Boys - Ted Johnstone and Jonathan Knight

Upper School Prefects - Kaddy Arana, Sophie Balcombe, Hugo Cain, Caleb Golding

Lower School Prefects - Diora David, Kaya Kendall, Naomi Moore, Ruby Wilson

Sports Leader: Millicent Dickinson

Student Services Leader: Jasmine Morgan

Extra Curricular Leader: Josie Brooks

Curriculum Leader: Skye Collacott-Williamson

MAGT Leader: Anastasia Gray

Assistant Student Leaders - Zoe Anderson, Hazel Maddox, Azaria Moore

Jessica Stanley, Molly Lambert, Millie Paget, Amy Lambert, Emily Pratt, Lily Gorrod, Freya Foggon, Holly Dyer, Sophie Knight



Focus on Recycling



This year we have increased the number of recycling points throughout the school, as we aim to take more responsibility for our waste and show greater respect for the environment.

We hope this will help us recycle more and will build on the success of last year where we received a recycling award, for recycling 55% of our rubbish, including 7913kg of paper.

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The students play a big part in this and are being encouraged to recycle items such as plastic bottles, containers, carrier bags, cans, paper and card. When visiting the school please feel free to check out our recycling areas and ask us how it is going.

Parent Prayer

We are so grateful for such a positive start to the year. Thank God for our new students and staff settling well into life at King's. In our tiredness, as we approach the end of a first busy half term, pray that He would sustain us and help us all to remain patient, loving one another.

Pray for all of the families who came to visit us on an open evening or morning. As they complete their secondary applications, pray that God would enable them to be wise in their choices. Pray for his guidance for those students he wants to be here, part of our school community.

Pray for us as we continue to build relationships with our partner churches and seek to support the wider community. We want these opportunities to be a blessing for our students and for those people and organisations we work with.

Netball Report



Our Year 7 girls had their first netball fixture of the season, playing BACA. It was evident that the girls were incredibly excited for their first game representing

King's. I was a little nervous for them too, however I simply wanted them to go out and enjoy themselves. Not only did they do this, they won 6-0! It was a fantastic game, with the King's girls playing some really advanced netball. Their movement and therefore timing was outstanding. There was such positive communication on court and students got to play a range of positions. As a year group, we are looking forward to the rest of the season, and no doubt more wins around the corner! Player of the match went to Florencia Simms, who played GA and GS. Amelia Keeffe did a great job as captain, and was supported by Trinity Kendrick at the end of the game, when King's chanted 'three cheers for BACA'. Well done to all of the students involved.

Ms Staples

Letters Home

This week, letters were sent to parents regarding:

- Dates and details of Year 11 half term interventions
- A Year 9 visit to the WWI battlefields in March 2019.
- A GCSE Drama visit to see 'The Animals and the Children Took to the Streets'
- A GCSE Drama visit to the 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime'

Copies of all these letters, and other recent news and documents can be found via the 'news' section of our website:

<https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/news.php>