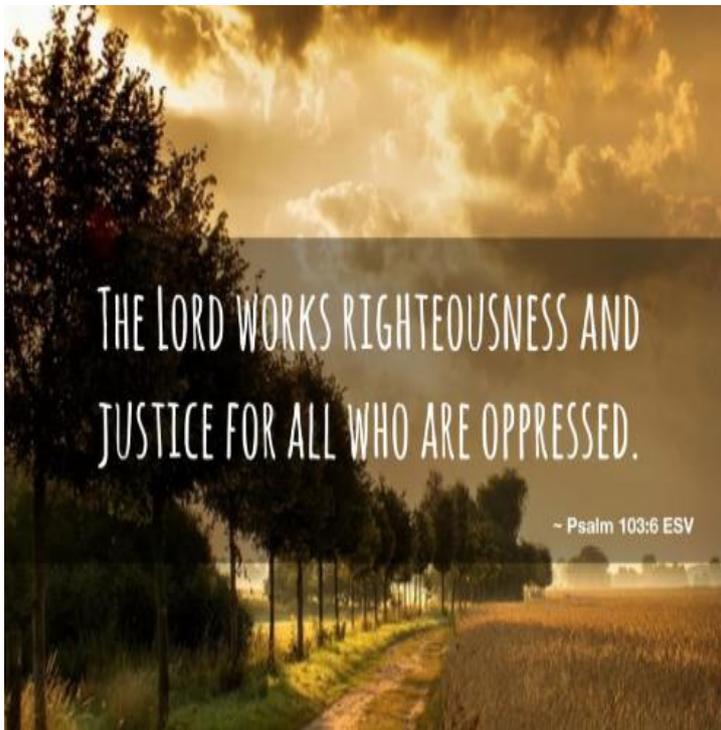


Theme of the week: JUSTICE



Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust you all had a good half term. Students have returned refreshed and ready for this half term and the run up to Christmas. Thank you for your support of our decision to revert to a one week half term this year; we remain convinced that this was the right decision for all our students, and especially for our Year 11 students who now have an extra week to prepare for mock examinations later this month. We very nearly have a watertight new school building! The Senior Leadership Team visited our new site last Friday and were so impressed to see the progress the Kier team are making. The grass football pitch is looking flat and green (!), windows are largely in and brick work is starting around the watertight frame. This all puts the build ahead of schedule at the current time. We are grateful for the continued passion and professionalism of the Kier team and for all the support we are receiving from the Russell Education Trust with regards to our move to the new site. Exciting times ahead!

Mrs Price

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Forthcoming Events

21st November	• Year 10 Parents' Evening
6th December	• Year 9 Options Evening
7th December	• Winter Enrichment Day
11th December	• Christmas Carol Service

Screenagers- Social Media Event

St Peter's Church in Brighton is running a cinema event on 19th November to give families the opportunity to watch the film 'Screenagers'. This is an award-winning film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games and screen usage. The film offers solutions on how we can help our older children navigate the digital world. Although hosted in a church, there is no spiritual content in the film. Further information on the film can be found here:

<https://www.screenagersmovie.com/>

After the screening at St Peter's Church, there will be a chance to talk in groups about the content of the movie and hot dogs and cinema snacks will be served. You can sign up for the screening here:

<https://stpetersbrighton.churchsuite.co.uk/events/wfq0sp8z>

Permanent Site Update

Please enjoy the photographs of our new site (and the stunning views from the top two floors) which can be found at the end of the newsletter.

These were taken last Friday when the Senior Leadership Team visited the site. We will continue to keep parents updated on progress as the Kier team work towards the completion date in early August 2019.

Reports and Parents' Evening Dates

Please note the following future dates:

- **Friday 16th November:** Year 7 & 10 Interim reports issued
- **Wed 21st November:** Year 10 Parents Evening
- **Thursday 6th December:** Year 9 Options Evening

Information on booking for parents' evenings, and reports and evening dates for other year groups will be provided in due course.

Staff Profile- Mrs Fleury-Beecham

I am excited to have joined King's this year as a History Teacher. I am originally from Canada and have been living in the UK for the last 14 years. I am a mum to two children and enjoy spending time with friends and family. I qualified as a History teacher over 9 years ago and have worked in a range of schools, most recently at a school in Crawley for the past 6 years teaching Years 7 -13.

It is a real privilege to be joining the community here at King's, and also to support the Christian values and ethos of the school. I look forward to meeting you soon.



Year 11 Mock Exams

The Year 11 Mock Exam seasons starts on the 19th of November and then runs for 2 weeks.

We are so pleased to see how so many of our students are rising to the challenge of these exams; GCSEPod has never been busier! We know it can be a stressful time for both students and parents so we pray at this time you'll experience some calmness in the middle of the storm. It is always a challenging time as well for the rest of the school as we take over the drama studio and most of the offices to deliver the exams in our small school.

We appreciate as always the support we receive from Portslade Baptist church who open their doors to us which is massively helpful and we also appreciate how well our Year 7-10 students work with us to make the process as smooth as possible for our Year 11 students.

Careers Day- 7th December

On December 7th our Year 9 students will be spending their Enrichment day focusing on Careers. Careers Education is very important to us as a School and we

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want to ensure that our pupils are both aware of the variety of careers available to them and also the variety of routes into these careers.

Last year our students really appreciated those parents who offered to come in and talk to Year 9 about their Careers and so we'd like to offer this opportunity again. I'd really love volunteers from a variety of careers and background so if you think you can spare some time to do this (or know someone who could) then get in touch with me. I'd be looking for short presentations so nothing too long and you'd of course be supported by King's Staff when presenting and by me in the preparation. If you can spare a few hours (or more) then do please get in touch with me through the office here. Together we can help make sure our young people are fully equipped for life after education.

Mr Cooke, Deputy Headteacher

Student of the week

Year 7

Millie Rolf is students of the week for **Year 7**. We have had lots of positive feedback about her work ethic and progress across a number of her subjects this week.



Jack is student of the week for **Year 8** as he was praised this week for showing school values in his actions towards others and teachers, as well as receiving praise for his academic effort from teachers in Geography, RE and Art.

Sophie has been chosen as SOTW for **Year 9** for consistently demonstrating school values. Her hardwork and consistency always impress her teachers. Sophie's help as a buddy is exceptional and I am proud to have her in my Year group.



Rosalia is **Year 10** SOTW for all her hard work around school and recent exams from last term.



Both Eliza and Zac have been chosen for **Year 11** student of the week for a very mature approach



to a personalised mock exam system for them.

Parent Prayer

On Friday last week the Senior Leadership Team went to visit our new site in Hangleton. It was really exciting to see the progress that has been made. Thank God that the work is ahead of schedule and please pray for the continued progress of the building works, especially as the weather turns more wintry. Pray for our relationship with local community, that we would be able to bless and serve them, especially West Blatchington Primary School who are on the same site.

Mock exams are approaching for Year 11. Please be praying for them as they prepare to sit these exams. Thank God for the provision of the space in Portslade Baptist Church and our Invigilator team. Pray especially for those students who feel very nervous about the exams: for a sense of peace and purposefulness.

As the colder and wetter weather sets in, please pray for the health and well-being of our students and staff. Be praying for energy and strength as the days get darker and for safety in travelling to and from school.

Christmas Events

This year may be the final year that the **Beach Hut Advent Calendar** is running. King's will be opening a beach hut on **Tuesday 4th December**. Please come and support our students and staff; we would love to see you there.

Beyond Church, who have run the Advent calendar since its inception, are short of beach huts to open this year. If you or someone you know has access to a beach hut and would be happy for us to use it on the 4th December, please contact Mrs Vincent via the school office.

Our Christmas **Carol Service** will be taking place at Bishop Hannington Church on **Tuesday 11th December**. Mrs Brennan is busy teaching all of our Year 7 classes a traditional carol, which they will perform during the service. We hope that many pupils and parents will be able to join us as we celebrate Christmas with a selection of Christmas readings and music.

Off the Fence will once again be running a **Prayer Space** in school, during the last week of term. This is an amazing opportunity for students to have some quiet space for reflection in the busy run up to Christmas. Off the Fence would really like some parent volunteers to help them whilst the space is open during the day. No experience required, but a willingness to give an hour or two between **Tuesday 11th December and Thursday 13th December** would be much appreciated. Again, if you would be able to support the school by offering to be in the prayer space for a couple of hours, please contact Mrs Vincent via the school office.

Mrs Talbot will also be running her annual **Christmas Club** as an extracurricular activity. More information will be provided next week.

Duke of Edinburgh- Volunteers Needed

As you may know, King's runs the Duke of Edinburgh programme internally to keep costs down for students and their families.

We offer the Bronze Programme in Year 9 and the Silver Programme in Year 10 and the scheme is headed up by Ms Wood. We are looking for parent volunteers to train as verifiers and assessors to enable the programme to continue to run smoothly.

Potential verifiers would need to complete a day's training at the DofE Headquarters in Windsor (the school would fund this). You would then work from home verifying the evidence that students submit online to complete the skills, physical and volunteering sections of their awards. You can work flexibly to suit your existing commitments and do as much or as little as you are able to.

Potential assessors need to complete day's training either in Windsor or more locally (locations vary with dates and the school would fund this). You would then join expeditions (these run in September, March and during the summer months) to assess the students' work and ensure they are completing expeditions in line with expectations.

You would not need to camp overnight with students and would not need to commit to attending all expeditions – the larger the pool of trained volunteers we have the more flexibility there is for all. If you are interested in training to take up either of these roles please contact Ms Wood via admin@kingschoolhove.org.uk

Clubs- Week Commencing 12th November

Please note these changes to usual clubs

Monday - Year 7 & 8 table tennis. There is a tournament soon, so the club is open to anyone who would like to represent the school in that competition.

Thursday - Year 7 & 8 Rugby. There are a couple of matches coming up in November so we are having a

training session in advance for those matches. Anyone interested is welcome.

Sports Reports

U13 Boys Football

Our U13 boys' football team lost a tight encounter against a strong Hove Park side this week. Hove Park made a strong start down the slope and King's were 3-0 inside 15 minutes. However, as the half went on King's grew in confidence and made some good passing moves between Luca, Niam, Karl, Solomon and Emmanuel. The second half was a different story and King's came out firing. A great through ball to Sam made it 3-1, then another attack soon after found Sam in space again and made no mistake to slot the ball past the keeper. At 3-2 the game went from end to end and eventually Hove Park scored a good move to make it 4-2. However, King's fought back and some good interplay between Fin and Charlie, set up Emmanuel to score a screamer of a goal from 20 yards out! King's kept pushing for the last 5 minutes but to no avail, but kept fighting until the end. The team can be proud of how well they played against a strong team.



Year 8 Indoor Athletics: 07.11.18

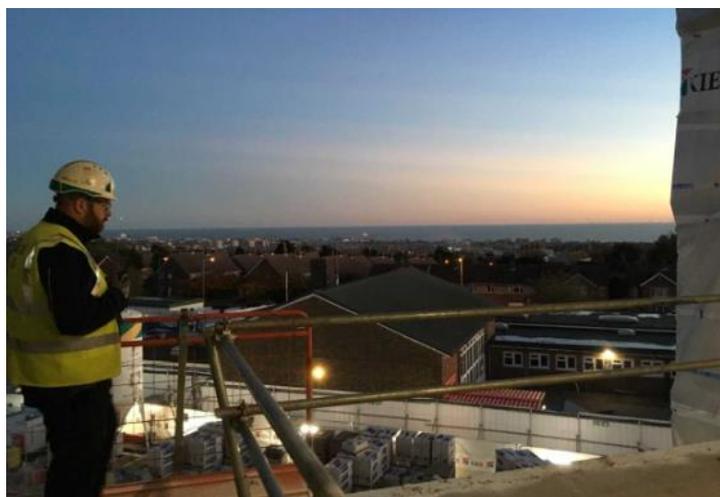
Ten of our Year 8 students took part in the annual indoor athletics tournament, held at Longhill. Students took place in a range of adapted track and field events - including standing long jump/triple jump, vertical jump, speed bounce, shot put and different distance sprints.

Our girls team worked incredibly hard and showed such team spirit. Stand out performances came from Ella Kaps who won her 6 lap race and our 4x2 lap relay race - which was run in the quickest time. The girls came 5th out of the 6 schools were there, narrowly missing out on 4th place.

The boys completely dominated the tournament, pushing for the best possible times on every race. Highlights came from Sam N'Cho who won his 3 races, the boys 4x2lap relay and Brandon Law who won his shot putt. At the end of an exhausting afternoon, the boys found out the news that they had finished in First place! It was great to see the boys collect their medals. They will now go through to the next stage, held at Tanbridge House. They will be representing Brighton & Hove. Well done to all 10 students involved at this fantastic fixture.

New Site- Photographs

View from Art room



Sports field, with new school building on the right



Internal view, with sports hall on the right

