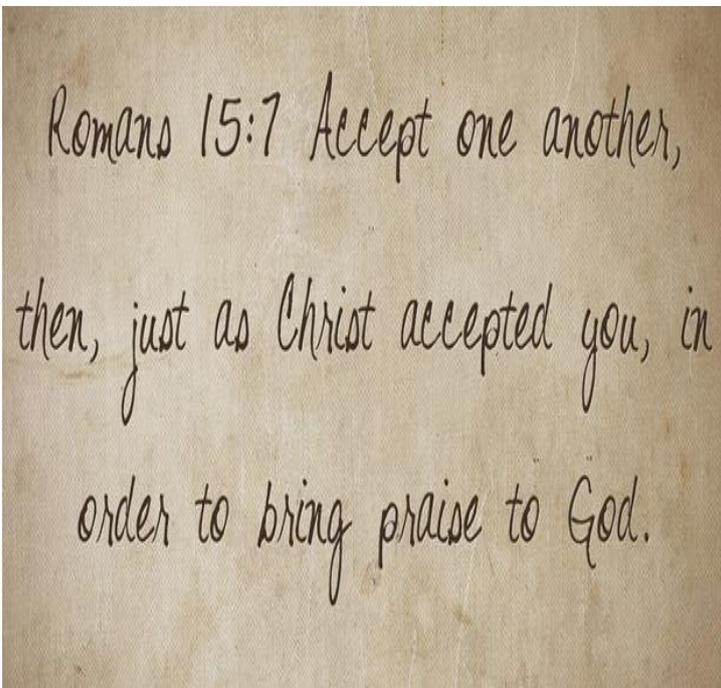


Theme of the week: ANTI-BULLYING



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was certainly a surprise to wake up to a smattering of snow this week! A sure sign that we are now into winter. Year 11 are now halfway through their mock examinations. In general, their focus has been

impressive and they have been managing the demands of the exams very well. They deserve some 'downtime' this weekend before tackling the second and final week. In other year groups students are gearing up for end of term assessments and the Christmas season. We have lots of exciting Christmas events coming up for our whole community to get involved in. Please do join us for our beach hut advent calendar on 4th December and for our Carol Service on 11th December, 6pm, at Bishop Hannington Church. This will be a family-friendly service and refreshments will be available afterwards. Students will get the opportunity in school to participate in two Christmas competitions: a 'dress the tutor' competition on the theme of 'Christmas Films' and a wreath-making competition. We are having a school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 12th December and this will also be a non-uniform day (Christmas jumpers encouraged!). There is plenty to look forward to but we are clear that every day counts in the run up to Christmas. There will be fun and joy in Advent but no 'wind down' to the break. Thank you for your support of our high expectations surrounding attendance and focus at school.

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Forthcoming Events

4th December	• Beach Hut Advent Calendar
6th December	• Year 9 Options Evening
7th December	• Winter Enrichment Day
11th December	• Christmas Carol Service

Enrichment Day – Friday 7th December

We are excited about the first Enrichment Day this year which is running on Friday 7th December. There are a wide range of activities and opportunities for students to have experiences outside of their typical classroom experiences.

The timings of the school day will be different to a normal day. For students on trips, please see the arrival and departure times stated in the specific communication. For students in school, the day will begin at 8.30am and finish at 2.10pm.

The activities for each Year group are as follows:

Year 7:

The Year 7 joining the French trip will enjoy a trip to the Christmas market in the picturesque town of Arras. On the way they will visit a traditional French bakery where they will learn and gain hands on experience of how to make baguettes and croissants. Students remaining in school will be taking part in an enterprise day in which they will plan, make and market a product.

Year 8:

An essential part of Geography study is conducting fieldwork. Year 8 students will have a fantastic opportunity to develop fieldwork skills through undertaking a range of activities at Stammer Park, including tracking, sampling and survival skills.

In History lessons Year 8 students have begun the year by studying slavery. In order to extend their understanding of the slave trade and explore naval history, students will have the opportunity to visit Portsmouth Royal Docks. The day will include a visit to both HMS Victory and HMS Warrior, a chance to explore the Naval Museum and the opportunity to explore slavery through objects during a workshop with a museum expert.

Year 9:

As we near GCSE options we are running a careers day for Year 9 students. They will have a selection of taster

sessions as well as presentations from professionals in a wide range of careers. We aim to offer students an opportunity to explore possible career paths and to understand how their options may support them in these.

Year 10:

In the morning, Year 10 will partake in a stock market challenge. They will learn how the trading floor works, explore the impact of shifts in stocks and shares, and have an opportunity to put this into practice.

In the afternoon, students will be given a presentation from a speaker at St Giles Trust. They are a multiple award-winning service which offers support to vulnerable young people to help those involved in the criminal justice system and carry out preventative work with those at risk. Their presentations are informative and educational, and there will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Year 11:

Year 11 will be given a presentation from St Giles Trust. As with Year 10, they will hear from an experienced lead at the Trust, and have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the topics covered. The students will then move into groups to discuss and explore these issues in more depth.

In the afternoon, the students will watch a performance of A Christmas Carol, their GCSE Literature set text. A good opportunity for further revision and to deepen their understanding of the text.

Staff Profile – Mr Fox



I moved down to live in Brighton over the summer and I am delighted to be able to work in a school as welcoming as King's. I previously lived in the West Midlands and worked at a school in Rugby for four years after qualifying as a teacher.

As a specialist Chemistry teacher I am looking forward to developing Chemistry at King's. In my spare time I

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enjoy playing the cello and running (when my knee isn't hurting). Since moving to Brighton I have also enjoyed exploring the sights and history of the South coast. As a science teacher I am especially excited about the prospect of visiting the Dungeness nuclear power station!

Speakers for Schools – Paul Samuels

On Thursday this week Paul Samuels, Executive Vice President AEG, came into schools to speak to 50 Year 10 students, under the 'Speakers for Schools' programme. Paul gave an inspiring talk on his experiences of working in high profile industries and sectors. Students were particularly interested to hear about his work with the O2 venue and his negotiation of the the shirt sponsorship for the England Rugby Team and Arsenal Football Club. Paul grew up in Brighton and attended Hove Park School so it was good for students to see how someone local was able to secure such a high-flying career. We are grateful to Paul for giving his time for our students.

Student of the week



Georgia has been nominated for **Year 7** SOTW for showing the King's value of 'love'. Georgia organised a 'get well soon' card for a student that has been off school for an extended period of time. Georgia took responsibility for getting this signed.

Student of The Week for **Year 8** is Oscar, nominated by Mr Kent. He worked wonderfully in a cover lesson on the tasks set, focusing throughout, and his work was even shown to the head of department. He also has been praised for his work in music this week.



In **Year 9** Mrs Orford-Kemmish has nominated Holly as Student of The Week for scoring 95% in the Unit 2 computing assessment which is astonishing. This is a GCSE grade 8! Congratulations to her.

Year 10 SOTW nominated by Mrs Fleury-Beecham is Louis for making an amazing effort with tutor takeover and bringing the group together! He taught the group different skipping techniques and explained well how it can help de-stress alongside with keeping fit (indoor or outdoor).



Nominated by Mrs Talbot as **Year 11** Student of The Week is Sonny for remaining focused throughout all his exams so far. Keep up the good work Sonny!

Bus Travel to the New Site

Mrs Price attended a meeting with Brighton and Hove Buses and Council officers this week on the subject of bus travel to the new site. Colleagues from Blatchington Mill School were also present. As previously communicated, there will be direct routes from the New Church Road area to the new site in the mornings. We are also confident that we can run a route through Portslade directly to the new site. For students coming from Shoreham/Southwick we are looking to ensure that there will be connecting services from the Old Shoreham Road, around Boundary Road. Routes will be confirmed in the new year and communicated to parents. For the afternoons, the site will be well served by existing 5, 5A and 5B routes and we have looked at how these services dovetail with the buses that serve Blatchington Mill and Hove Park schools. Money is also going into improving cycle routes to the school and pedestrian crossings etc. We are grateful to the bus company and the Council are continuing to work with

us pro-actively on travel solutions. We will keep parents updated.

Year 9 Options Information Evening

Even though it feels like Year 9 has just begun it's time to start thinking about next year. On **Thursday 6th December** we will be running an information evening for students in Year 9 and their parents/carers. The aim of the evening will be to give you clear information about the Key Stage 4 options process and the timeline for the year as well as some advice on what may be suitable for your son/daughter.

The evening will be held on **Thursday 6th December** and will start at 18:00 in the school hall with a short presentation by Mr Cooke on the options process for 2018/19. Following the presentation there will be the opportunity to circulate around the optional subjects and talk to the teachers who will be present.

The event has been scheduled the day before our Enrichment Day. On this Enrichment Day all of Year 9 will be completing a careers day, designed to support them in making their GCSE choices: they will not be following their usual timetable and will instead have opportunities to hear from external speakers on various different careers and complete taster sessions in unfamiliar GCSE subjects, as well as completing online aptitude tests and career research through the introduction of the online Kudos programme which we will launch at this time.

World Chess Championships

Alex in Year 7 visited the World Chess Championship Final last week, where Magnus Carlsen played against Fabiano Caruano. Alex is a keen chess player and benefitted from a tour of the whole championship area and a lesson in chess given by world experts. Alex was also given the opportunity to watch Carlsen play Caruano – a game that lasted until midnight! We look forward to hearing more of Alex's successes in chess in the future.

