



Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the week: Rescue and Redemption

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sorry for the internet/phone issue we experienced at the end of last week. The issue was with the external internet provider and not with our school technology. Thank you for bearing with us whilst we resolved the problem. It was fantastic to welcome so many Year 8 parents to our parents' evening last Thursday. The feedback we collected through parent surveys suggests that Year 8 parents are very happy with the education their children are receiving at King's. This was very pleasing to read as Year 8 can sometimes seem a 'lost' year in secondary schools, after the settling in has happened in Year 7 and before GCSE options are chosen in Year 9. We are quite clear at King's that all school time is precious and that every term day should give our students the very best chance of developing themselves and reaching their full potential. On that note, thank you for supporting our recent drive on attendance; working together we can ensure that every King's student attends in line with our school target of 96%.

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Student of the Week

Teddy Deveson is Year 7 SOTW for taking over reading Darren's Prayer when Miss Wood was very emotional reading it. Teddy read it beautifully and was so mature when taking responsibility for doing this.

Student of the Week for Year 8 is Daniel Lale for really working hard and creating great work over the last week in Art, History and Languages that show a high level of engagement!

Charlie Minshull is Student of the Week in Year 9. He has been an exemplary student in Tech, helping the class and the teacher.

Student of the Week in Year 10 is Daniel Price for helping another student and supporting the school values.

Student of the Week in Year 11 is Emily Witherington, for revision resource organisation during a tutor period cover lesson - excellent thinking for the benefit of all pupils in her form - very helpful.

Forthcoming Events

25 th March	• Enrichment Day
3 rd April	• Year 11 Information Evening
5 th April	• Last Day of Term
23 rd April	• INSET Day

Mathematics Success

Level 3 Algebra

The mathematics department received a great set of results from our most able students in Year 11, with 83% of our students passing the challenging Algebra paper, compared to 45% nationally. The exam assessed the students on grade 8,9 and some AS Level algebra skills and will help prepare these students to secure top grades in the upcoming GCSEs.

Level 1 Number

We had a real success with our Level 1 Number exam recently, in which 83% of foundation students passed the exam, compared to 57% nationally. Students who sat the exam had to demonstrate confidence in key skills that will help prepare them for the upcoming GCSE, well done to all who completed the exam.

Revision Tips

WANT TO REMEMBER MORE?
Active Learning combines lots of methods together and is extremely effective at helping you to remember information faster and for longer.

Watching a GCSEPod video combines SEEING, LISTENING and DOING.

You can make your learning even more effective by combining these extra activities to get you THINKING and DOING as well!

GIVE IT A GO
Watch a gcsepod video and then try out one of these active tasks:

<p>WRITE A MEMORY STORY</p> <p>Write down all the keywords and dates and names in the GCSEPod you've watched. Now, turn them into a very short story. For example: Words to remember: BIRD, 1925, HAZEL, GRANDFATHER Short story: I count 19 birds sitting in a tree. My friend Hazel arrives and counts them again and says "there are 25." But my grandfather says I am right!</p>	<p>DRAW A SUMMARY POSTER</p> <p>Draw one of the labelled diagrams you saw in the GCSEPod video. Next to each label, write down everything you can remember about that thing.</p>	<p>CREATE A MNEMONIC</p> <p>If you are really struggling to remember something, a mnemonic can help! Want to remember the colours of the visible spectrum? Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet You might find it easier to remember... Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain</p>
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YOU'LL FORGET THIS IN 24 HOURS!
Did you know that you forget 80% of what you learn in the first 24 hours? This is why cramming for exams doesn't work!

It is proven that by reviewing what you've learnt at regular intervals, you can reduce how much you forget to just 10%.

Review your work 4 times within a month and you'll remember nearly 100%

HOW TO REVIEW
Vary your activities to maximise your memory's power.

<p>IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASS</p> <p>Mind Mapping Watch GCSEPod and write down all the key words. Now from memory, fill in as much information as you can remember.</p>	<p>4 HOURS LATER</p> <p>Review Maps Cover your mind map and see how much you can remember. Highlight the information you couldn't remember and revise it.</p>	<p>1 WEEK LATER</p> <p>Memory Cards With a friend, create your own question cards with answers on the reverse and then test each other's knowledge.</p>	<p>1 MONTH LATER</p> <p>Past Papers Watch GCSEPod again and practice past paper questions.</p>
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Brighton and Hove Careers Fair

Last week students from Year 10 had the opportunity to attend a careers fair at the AMEX Stadium. There were representative from across the city including the main sixth form providers, alternative FE colleges such as DV8, representatives from industry and the city's main hotels, as well as the University of Brighton and Sussex University.

Students enjoyed the day and it opened their eyes up to the huge variety of options open to them when they leave school.

Creative Writing

In response to World Book Day and Careers Week, Year 7 students have been free writing short twists on fairy tales with a 'careers' theme. Here are some extracts from three pieces of writing.

Job Description: Fairy Godmother

People think I don't do anything! They truly believe that I sit in the clouds, all comfy, watching random princess' lives. Well they're wrong! I do **many** hard things.

With all this nonsense happening I hardly have time to travel back home; and when I do, I normally have to come back because another princess can't control her feelings. I really try to be super nice and sympathetic, but sometimes I can't handle it. You should see the sorts of stories I have to deal with. Utter nonsense!

By Mitzi Tullett

Job Description: Dwarf

Right, being the protector of Snow White is a pain in the backside. I mean, who does she think she is? She just decides to go into someone's house and sleep in a bed. Nowadays, you do that and they charge you for trespassing. Anyway, she is too tall and always breaking doorways. Things have changed all because she is 'special'.

However, let me tell you the thing that bothers me the most. I love watching *Pointless Celebrities*, but Snow White is always hogging the TV – watching *The Only Way is Essex*. And that nonsense. She gets to enjoy our 50inch flat screen and I don't. Things are going to have to change.

By Mateo Mossman-Lopez

Job Description: Apple Seller

I've always wondered why I sell apples to people with oddly specific intentions. Like last week, when the queen came up to me and asked, "Can you curse this apple so I can give it to my stepdaughter because I'm jealous of her good looks?"

At this point I was a bit confused, but then she said, "I'm also going to be disguised as an old hag whilst doing so."

Then it made complete sense! Who wouldn't do all this because a mirror told them that their step daughter was more attractive than them?

By Oscar Simpson

Year 11

So we've come through another round of Mocks and it has been superb to see so many students with really excellent improvements in their grades, I know for many this will provide a really positive beneficial platform to now start the preparation for the real Exams. There will of course be some students feeling a sense of disappointment with some grades, sometimes in life we do prepare well and still face disappointment. I would encourage students who feel like this to take a hard look at the preparations they went through and to ensure that they make adaptations if needed. It is possible that some of the revision preparation that did indeed feel productive wasn't really beneficial. We will be taking the students through revision skill materials in tutor during the next few weeks, all these materials can be found on the VLE which all students can access already. It may be that within these materials are ideas for adapting revision approaches to make revision more effective. We're also of course looking forward to welcoming our guest speakers from Elevate on Monday's enrichment day who will share their research based "Ace your Exams" workshop. We hope for many this is a springboard moment in their final preparation. Finally we have started up our final period 7 programme this week. All parents should have received an email about this already but due to our communication issues may not have received it promptly. Do please ensure you support your son/daughter by making sure they plan effectively which period 7 sessions will be most beneficial.

Careers Item

In Year 10 and interested in a Summer time Aerospace residential programme? Or are you in Year 11 and interested in an apprenticeship at Gatwick after your time at King's. Details of these opportunities and more can be found on the school VLE which can be accessed

through the King's School website. Keep an eye on the careers information on the VLE for advice about careers and next steps beyond life at King's.

Year 11 Photo

Year 11 will be having a year group photo on Monday 1st April at 9am. This will be taken by our professional school photographers and will be made available for sale to the year group afterwards through the photographers. We will take one 'formal' shot and one 'informal' shot. Students should ensure that they are fully dressed in correct uniform on this date to enable them to participate.

Enrichment Day Reminder

A reminder of drop off times for upcoming off site trips:

Year 9 students travelling to Ypres should arrive at school no later than 7am on Sunday 24th.

Year 7 students visiting The Globe theatre should arrive at school no later than 7.15am on Monday 25th.

Year 8 students on Monday 25th should arrive no later than 8am if they are visiting Portsmouth or 8.25am if they are travelling to Stanmer Park.

All students with asthma should bring their inhaler on their trip. **Parents/carers are reminded of the need for packed lunches/snacks to be NUT FREE.** Please check your child's lunchbox carefully to ensure you are not sending nuts into school or on trips.

Enrichment Information- Virtual Reality

On Monday students in Year 8 will be spending the day looking at animals living in extreme environments. As part of this, students will have a chance to use a virtual reality headset to experience a taste of life in the oceans. This is a short experience, which takes students on a journey under water to look at a variety of wildlife in the ocean's depths.

We will be using a PlayStation Virtual Reality headset. The students will be supervised while using the equipment, and will be seated during their turn. The

students will be free to pause or quit the experience whenever they wish. Students are free to bring their own headphones (wired with 3.5mm jack) to use, or students will share the ones the school supplies.

If you would rather your young person does not use the VR headset, or you know they suffer from motion sickness, please can you get in touch with the school office to advise us of this.

We look forward to an exciting day of hands on science!

Best wishes,

Mr. Kent

Sports Write Ups

Year 9 Football Summary

The Year 9 football team have had a tough season with key players moving schools and needing Year 8 students to fill out their team. They recently had two games in their new league against BACA and Varndean.

In the BACA game, King's started slowly and found themselves behind with a couple of BACA players dominating the game. At 3—0 down at half time the team then started to play with more attacking intent and some good moves between Noah, Femi, Max and Karl lead to some scoring opportunities. King's pressure told and got themselves 3-2 back but couldn't find the finishing touch to draw the game in the closing moments. In the Varndean game, the wind and rain came horizontally across the playing fields which created some difficult playing conditions. Again, King's made a slow start and were 4-0 down at half time. As the wind changed in the second half, King's had nothing to lose and started to get into the game, creating several chances and putting them away to make it 4-2. Varndean scored a breakaway goal to make it 5-2, but King's kept pushing and at full time finished 5-3. Overall, the core Year 9 boys in the team have shown real commitment and the Year 8 boys have been a real credit to the school in stepping up to the standard of the year above.

Year 7 and 8 Rugby

We played a block fixture at Lancing Prep, Hove on Monday 11th March. The Year 8's dominated their game with 11 tries to 1, with Sam, Brandon and Arlie in the tries. The Year 8 team were impressive in their aggressiveness in the tackle and ruck area, as well as direct running to gain territory and tries. The Year 7's played a development style game, moving from tough rugby up to full contact during the session. When the game started with full contact rules for the last 15 minutes, King's were similar to the Year 8's in their aggressiveness in their running and tackling, as well as showing good skill in creating 2v1 and offloading in the tackle. It was an impressive first game for the year 7's and they have another game before Easter.

Year 8 Boys Football

The Year 8 boys had their last league game of the season against Downlands. Due to how well they played earlier in the season, they were put in the Champions league competition, providing two tough fixtures. King's battled really well in the first half and kept their defensive shape, denying Downlands too many chances and had some breakaway chances of their own. Downlands pressure told and they scored two well taken goals before half time. As the second half went on, the game opened up and the quality of Downlands passing told, making the score 4-0. However, King's showed real determination to stay in the game and create chances of their own, which Emmanuel put one away with real calmness. Overall, the team has made lots of improvements this season and should be proud of how they have represented King's.

Badminton – Sussex School Games

Due to winning the Brighton and Hove rounds, we had the pleasure of taking 4 teams to the Sussex School Games Final in Crawley. The standard was high from lots of schools and each year group found their games a lot tougher than the round before. Each year group won

one of their games during the day and each player won at least one match each. It was a brilliant to see their improvement during the day and how well they conducted themselves with the best sport schools from across Sussex.

Year 7 Boys Football

The Year 7 team were excited to be having their first game against Blatchington Mill B team this week. The game started evenly with both teams having possession of the ball but not creating many chances. Despite defensive efforts of Will, Olly, Kai and Sam, Blatch took the lead after a good through ball and finish. King's continued to attack and some nice football between Jack, Louis and Charlie lead to a penalty being given and Finlay calmly slotting the ball away. The second half was end to end and some good saves from Zac in goal kept the score at 1-1. King's kept pushing forwards and a decisive through ball to Finlay created a 1v1 with the keeper which Finlay finished superbly in the bottom corner. King's held on for the victory and it was a pleasure to see their team spirit and enjoyment together for winning their first game.