

Theme of the week: Temptation



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our new building is gradually becoming more familiar and we are increasingly grateful for all the space and new facilities as we see how the students are using the site and benefitting



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from it. We are looking forward to Open Evening next week for prospective parents and are booked up for open mornings running from 7th-10th October. If you haven't seen it already do take a look at our new prospectus which features photos of our lovely new site:

[https://www.kingschoolhove.org.uk/Kings_Prospectus201920\[Online\]%20\(2\).pdf](https://www.kingschoolhove.org.uk/Kings_Prospectus201920[Online]%20(2).pdf)

Booking for our current parents' and local residents' Open Evening on 24th October will open shortly and we hope to welcome many of you to the school then. Outside of open events it is very much 'business as usual': Year 10 and 11 have made an excellent start to their GCSE studies and their final year respectively; Year 7 are settling well; and our Year 8 and 9 students are adapting well to the new site.

With 'Grease' auditions running and clubs now underway there is much to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Mrs Price



Forthcoming Events

3rd October	• Open Evening
23rd October	• Y7 Tutor evening
24th October	• Parents' open evening
w/c 28th October	• Half term

Open Events

Our Open Evening for prospective parents is on Thursday 3rd October, 5-8pm. There is no need to book a place for this event. Open morning for prospective parents are running from 7-10th October inclusive and are fully booked up. If you would like to join a tour, please email admissions@kingsschoolhove.org.uk to be added to our waiting list.

We would ask that current parents and local residents avoid these open events for prospective parents and instead attend our current parents' Open Evening scheduled for Thursday 24th October. Booking for this event will open shortly through the website. Parents attending open events are asked to use public transport to reach the school wherever possible. If private cars are used, please park considerately in the local area, having respect for our neighbours. West Blatchington Primary School have kindly said that we can use their car park for our Open Evenings on 3rd October and 24th October. This should only be used after 5pm and parents are reminded that it should not normally be used by King's parents. We look forward to welcoming the community to our school.

Catering

As you can imagine the lunch service is a busy time with 660 staff and students to feed in 40 minutes! Our catering team do an excellent job of providing an efficient, high quality service. Senior staff have been monitoring food quality and ensuring that all hot food options remain available throughout the service. It is a difficult balance to ensure that food is available for all who wish to purchase it, whilst still also minimising waste, but the Harrisons team at King's manage this very well. We have recently introduced an 'Express Lane' for those just wishing to purchase cold food and it is hoped that this will further speed up service. We do need to 'stagger' student lunch times; students have been giving us their feedback on our initial organisation of the stagger and the senior team will continue to keep this under review.

Duke of Edinburgh

Having had another successful year for our Duke of Edinburgh participants in 2018-19, we will be hosting an evening for both current participants and those who are interested in taking part this coming year. A detailed letter will be sent containing the specifics of the event, which will be held on Monday 7th October at 6pm. During this event we will be giving last year's participants their awards, celebrating their successes, and giving information to current Year 9 and 10 students about how to apply for a place on the course this year.

Information on the application process and the course itself will be shared at this evening event. Should your child be interested in taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh this year, please do join us on October 7th.

Year 11 Period 7 & 8

Monday 30th September will see the launch of our after school period 7 & 8 programme for Year 11 students. These sessions are targeted to support students who would benefit from the additional time in a subject and are initially by invite only. This year we're adapting sessions so that they are 30 minutes in length and therefore students can receive more support across a larger range of subjects.

Parents of pupils who have been selected will have been notified by email. If your son or daughter is not selected but you think there is a need for support then do get in touch via the subject email addresses on our website to request support. Please see the contact section of our website for more information on subject email addresses.

We will do what we can to accommodate student and parent requests but we do keep the support groups intentionally small so that we can give really focused help. These initial sessions will run up until the first set of Mock exams and then we will select new students following on from these results. We also put a focus before Christmas on subjects that contain non-examined assessment (coursework) so that students can work to maximise these grades before the final

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push on exam component revision after Christmas. We would consider all sessions to be essential and would expect students to attend all sessions they are invited to.

Year 11 Information Evening

Thank you to all those parents and pupils who attended our information evening. It was great to see so many students meeting with the attending post-16 education providers to discuss their future. With college application deadlines approaching it is so important to us to ensure our pupils are informed about their next steps. For those who were unable to attend the evening you now be able to find a link to the presentation on our website. Within it you will find information on key dates for the year ahead as well as the dates of the open evenings of the larger post 16 providers in the city. We would encourage all pupils to attend a range of open events.

School Photos

Proofs of this year's school photos arrived today, and tutors have been asked to distribute these students in tutor time. Parents/carers should expect to receive their photo proofs by the end of Monday.

If you would like to place an order, please note that you will have to do this via the Kittle website. Information on how to order online can be found on your proof pack, but please do not send cash/cheques to the school as we cannot process your orders.

Extracurricular Update

Thank you to all parents/carers and students who have used our new Evolve system to sign up for extracurricular events this year. The uptake has been astounding! Paid clubs have been exceptionally popular, and lottery systems will be used to identify who gets a place on most of these options. The sign up process has also helped us identify some future potential tweaks and additions to the programme, which we will review in due course.

The full clubs programme starts from Monday, and those students who have been successful in getting a place on a paid club will be contacted this week to confirm.

Skills Builder launch



Skills Builder FRAMEWORK

We are excited to inform you of a new initiative, Skills Builder, that we are launching this year to support our students in developing a greater awareness of important employability skills. Skills Builder is a platform that supports students identifying and developing skills in listening, presenting, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership and teamwork. While we adults will see that these skills are essential in any work place many young people can often miss seeing how these skills are developed through their journey in education. We aim to ensure that our students at King's don't miss this and as such all year groups will spend 1 tutor session a week considering how they can develop these skills.



In celebration of our journey to our new home, and this being our 100th newsletter, please find below some 'highlights' from the King's newsletter throughout the years.

From issue #7 October 2013

SITE UPDATE

Many of our visitors were pleasantly surprised by the quality of our purpose built classrooms, all of which are air conditioned.



Most lessons at King's are taught in its new classroom block, with additional specialist facilities in the main building. We have

brand new furniture and specialist ICT, science, art, technology and PE equipment. Students are already experiencing a wide range of sports and games at King's, both in PE lessons and in extra-curricular clubs, including a full range of competitive sports including Football, Hockey, Rugby, Cricket and Netball.

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David Cameron's message to King's



Katherine Laux, our chair of governors was invited to Downing Street by Mike Weatherley MP this week to meet David Cameron on behalf of King's School. In the picture he is asking about King's and said "I wish you all the very best for the future."

Mock Referendum



We had a great turn out for our mock referendum last week on the question of the UK's membership of the EU. Students were well informed on the issue after student-led debates in assemblies and conversations with peers, parents and teachers. The school voted - Remain: 64% and Leave: 36%. It was wonderful to see students engage with a relevant and challenging political issue in such a mature manner.

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Groundbreaking Ceremony

Last Friday we held a special 'Ground Breaking Ceremony' at our new permanent site in West Blatchington. Several staff, governors and students gathered up at the new site for a service led by the Right Reverend Richard Jackson, the Bishop of Lewes.

We were joined by representatives of the Diocese of Chichester, including Diocesan Director of Education Ann Holt, and Karen Lynch, CEO of the Russell Education Trust.

