

Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the Week: Heroes and Idols



Dear Parents/Carers,

Excitement is mounting for our whole school production of Grease! If you do not already have tickets booked I would encourage you to book your seats via ParentPay to ensure that you can join us for what promises to be a fantastic show. We have over 60 students participating from across the school; the band is sounding great, the singing is superb, and the dancing I've seen being rehearsed is wonderful! Do join us if you can on 11th, 12th or 13th February.

Elsewhere around the site Year 11 have been hard at work preparing for their second series of mock examinations which begin straight after the half term break. Year 9 are busy choosing their options subjects following our parents' evening on Wednesday; do contact us if you have any queries regarding this process.

We have also been showing round a good number of potential applicants for our Deputy Headteacher vacancy; I will of course keep you updated on progress with this important appointment.

Mrs Price



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Forthcoming Events

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11 th , 12 th & 13 th February	 Grease Performances
17 th – 21 st February	Half Term – Year 11
	intervention running
	on 19 th , 20 th , 21st
24 th Feb – 6 th March	Year 11 Mocks
30 th March	Enrichment Day 2

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Grease

King's proudly presents 'Grease - the School Edition' on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February at 7pm in the Main Hall.

Students have been working hard rehearsing since October and we have a terrifically talented cast and band performing classics such as 'Grease', 'Beauty School Dropout', 'Summer Nights' and 'You're the One that I Want'. Don't miss out on our first whole school production in our new building!

Get your tickets now via Parentpay. We look forward to seeing many of you that week.

Science Live

On Monday 27th January thirty Year 10 students attend the Science Live event at the Brighton dome. This was a packed event with many schools in attendance.

We listened to five Scientists and an experienced chief examiner. The scientists were interesting, engaged people doing work that they not only like, but feel strongly about. Professor Lord Robert Winston is a lifelong favourite of mine and has inspired my love of biology over many years! It was amazing to see him at 79 years old, inspiring future generations of scientists.

It was a pleasure to take the Year 10s to this event. Comments from a few of the students can be found below.

Mrs Coles, Head of Science

I thoroughly enjoyed the show and practical at the end by Professor Andrea Sella. It was interesting learning about all the different science topics. (Emir Herron)



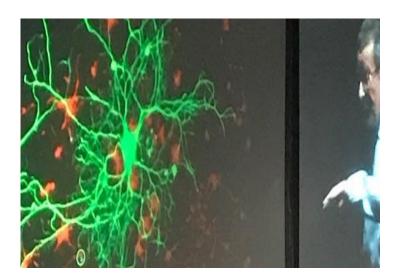
I enjoyed the experience as this included many different scientists including Professor Andrea Sella. We all learned about our planet and about spreading

awareness about melting ice gaps through an insane practical! I would love to learn more about our planet. (Jamie Haria)

The GCSE Science Live trip consisted of five scientists talking about their discoveries. There was a study of the evolution of wolves to dogs that we watched. We also saw a video of the cells splitting to form a Foetus, and another of a chick developing. The last scientist gave a demonstration and we watched the pressure build inside a bottle and it explode! We were also visited by an examiner who gave us tips on how to revise successfully and what to do to ensure we got good marks in our GCSEs. Overall, we learnt a lot throughout the day and I feel I will remember the tips to help during my exams. (Freya Foggon)



On the GCSE Science Live trip, we learnt about all the different sciences and it was really interesting! There was a talk on the moon which was really interesting and fun. We got to watch the pressure build up inside a bottle until it exploded! There was a talk on how wolves are related to dogs and one on cell biology. Overall, I found it thoroughly interesting and I think we all learnt loads! (Amy Lambert)



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PTA

The King's School PTA held an AGM last week and a new Committee was voted in. Thank you to the outgoing Committee for their dedicated service to the school.

Congratulations to our new Committee members who take up position with immediate effect. They are:

Chair: Kevin CrispVice-Chair: Kate Watts

• Treasurer: Francesca Ferrari

 Committee Members: Emma Jarvis, Lisa Thomas-Brooks, Kate Sales, Kate Osborne, Victoria Simpson and Neil Braddon

We are working on setting up an email address for the PTA to enable easy communication with the parent body. The PTA are now actively considering their activities for the remainder of the academic year so do watch this space for details of forthcoming socialising and fundraising opportunities!

Get Active Challenge

Throughout February 2020, Year 7 and 8 students have been set their own individual challenge of becoming more active. They will be aiming to complete the Bronze, Silver or Gold challenge – completing either 10, 30 or 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Students are responsible for logging their active minutes in their Callander sheet (provided by school) and will total up their overall physical activity minutes at the end of the month. Some examples of physical activity that would count are: cycling to school; taking part in their PE lessons; attending an extra curricular club; or attending sports clubs outside of school. Additional morning and lunch time sports clubs will be running through the month, as well as interhouse competitions. Students have been informed of these additional sessions via their tutor and the PΕ department.

In addition to setting personal challenges, students may wish to also fundraise through their challenge. All donations will go towards our school charity - Solving Kids Cancer. This small local charity supports children who have Neuroblastoma Cancer as well as their family members. In 2018 this exact same February 'Get Active' challenge fundraised over £5000 for Solving Kids Cancer.

If parents and family friends wish to sponsor their young person, this can be done through the JustGiving

Website. Each tutor group has their own page set up - competing for the most money sponsored.

If you wish to donate, please search for the following JustGiving page - replacing the tutor group with your young person's tutor group: King's School - February Get Active Challenge 7B.

Good Luck to all of the Year 7s and 8s taking part in this challenge.

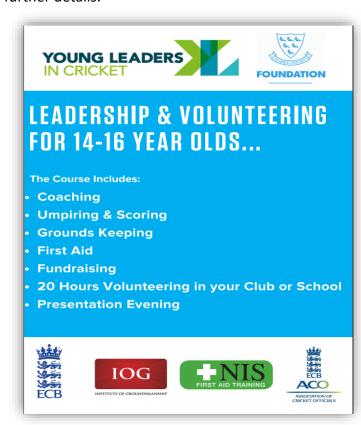
Vaccinations – Year 9

The Immunisation Team will be coming in to school after half term to administer the Teenage Booster vaccinations to students in Year 9.

All students in Year 9 have been given information and a form to take home. Please complete the form indicating whether or not you give consent for your child to be given the vaccinations at school, and return this form to the school office by **14th February**.

Young Leaders in Cricket

Please get in touch with Mr Cornell if you would like further details.



Parent Pay Accounts

It would be appreciated if you please ensure that your child's account has sufficient funds allocated for the week ahead. Thank you.