

Theme of the Week: Making Good Choices

*“Whatever is true,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is of good repute,
if there is any excellence
and if anything
worthy of praise,
dwell on these things.”*

PHILIPPIANS 4:8 (NAS)

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are ending this week on a high from the success of our Grease production! It was fantastic to see the show finally take to the stage following the postponement due to building issues. I am a committed proponent of school productions; they give students such wonderful opportunities to learn team work, to support each other, to build

resilience and to find joy in undertaking and realising a shared endeavour. I have absolute respect for the teaching staff who make these enormous projects happen; Mrs Grosvenor and Mrs Brennan have again worked tirelessly for months to bring us this production and their commitment is inspiring. They have been ably supported by the entire school staff who have pulled together to create something special. Congratulations and thank you to all students who participated on stage, in the band and behind the scenes. You are such wonderful young people to work with and we are very proud of you all. A full report and photographs will be included in next week's newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming Year 11 back on site on Monday following their second series of mock examinations. As the days lengthen and the final exams draw closer we are confident that their positivity and careful preparation will lead to some more great GCSE results this year.

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Forthcoming Events

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| 19 th March 2020 | • Year 10 Parents' Evening |
| 30 th March 2020 | • Enrichment Day 2 |
| 3 rd – 17 th April 2020 | • Easter Holidays |
| 14 th – 17 th April 2020 | • Year 11 Intervention |

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 10 Parents' Evening is coming up on Thursday 19th March. The evening runs from 4:30-7:30pm and year 10 parents and carers will shortly be able to book slots through our online system to meet their child's teachers. We look forward to seeing you, and discussing your child's progress with you, at this important juncture in their secondary education.

Year 11 Update

All Year 11 students should return to school a normal from Monday 9th March. They will be straight back into their usual timetables. Period 7 and 8 will resume shortly; a communication will be forthcoming from Mr Cooke. We are holding a Year 11 Parents' Information Evening on Thursday 29th March 6-7pm.

Please hold this date in your dairies and await further information. Clearly we are now entering a critical period for Year 11 as they undertake final preparations for their GCSEs. Thank you for your ongoing support of school staff as we work with your children to ensure they are fully prepared to reach their potential this summer.

Careers Fair – Year 10 Trip

Our trip to the Amex (Career City Fair) this week was very useful because it helped us get a clearer picture of what we want to do in the future and how to achieve our goals in life. There were over 50 different companies and colleges who provided information regarding careers and further education. The professionals were very friendly and easy to talk to, they were very welcoming, and let us ask as many questions as we wanted and did not judge us. One of the advantages was that if we collected 10 stars (one star = meeting with one professional) we were entered into a prize draw. Some prizes were worth over £50 and we got very nice goodies too! We really recommend this event to students if you feel you are unsure about your academic or professional future.

Written by Year 10 students: Abbie McDermott, Kelsey Bristow, Jayden Wrigley and Josh Ghebrial.

Get Active Challenge

A huge well done to all of the Year 7's and 8's who have participated in Miss Staples' February 'Get Active' Challenge. It has been great finding out from our students how they have become more active over the month of February and how they intend to maintain these activity levels! It has been incredible to see so many generous donations, through our JustGiving Pages. As it stands both Year groups have a combined sponsorship of £967.03. This money will be going to Solving Kids Cancer - a small local charity which helps children with Neuroblastoma. Miss Staples has asked students to hand in their exercise trackers to her by Wednesday 4th March - to be submitted for their awards. If friends and family wish to sponsor their young person, you can do this by searching the following on the JustGiving website: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kingschoolhove>

Please then select the correct tutor group page for your young person. Thank you as always for supporting with this Charity Challenge - staff at King's have been highly impressed with the efforts demonstrated by so many students.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Mr David Stevenson as Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum) from September 2020. Mr Stevenson is an experienced History teacher and Senior leader, currently working in London. He will be an excellent addition to the leadership team here at King's.

We have also appointed Miss Janneo Barnard to join our excellent SEND team. Ms Barnard has been part of the school community for some time as part of our catering team and we are looking forward to working with her in this new role.

Year 11 Photograph

Our Year 11 group photo will be taken on 16th March and will be available for sale shortly after. Parents/carers are asked to ensure that their child is in full and proper school uniform on the day. Please note that there will be a group photo only and no individual student pictures.

September 2020 Admissions

Monday 2nd March was national offer day where families found out which secondary school their Year 6 children have been allocated. Families who have been allocated King's are asked to ensure that they return their registration form to the school office as soon as possible and before the deadline of Monday 16th March.

Coronavirus

As you would expect, we have been following the news about the Coronavirus (Covid-19) very carefully over the last two weeks.

We have set up a page on our website with all the information about our school's response which we hope answers some of the questions you may have.

The webpage can be found here:

<https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/covid-19-coronavirus-update.php>

It is too early to know really how this virus will affect us. Scientists do not yet know enough about it. All we can do at the moment is follow the advice we are given:

- ⇒ If you need to cough or sneeze: use a tissue to, "catch it, bin it, kill it!"
- ⇒ Wash your hands regularly with warm water and soap or hand sanitizer.
- ⇒ Try not to touch eyes, nose, mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid touching face as much as possible.
- ⇒ Do not share items like water bottles and cups.

We cannot predict what will happen with the virus nor what the advice will be over the coming weeks. Therefore, we will keep you up to date via emails

and the aforementioned page on the website. As ever, we will take all appropriate precautions to keep students and staff safe. This is always our top priority.

You will not be surprised to hear that we get at least daily briefings from the Government, the Local Authority and The Russell Education Trust (many of you may get the same information as I am giving out from other sources) and we will work with them in a co-ordinated response to developments as they arise.