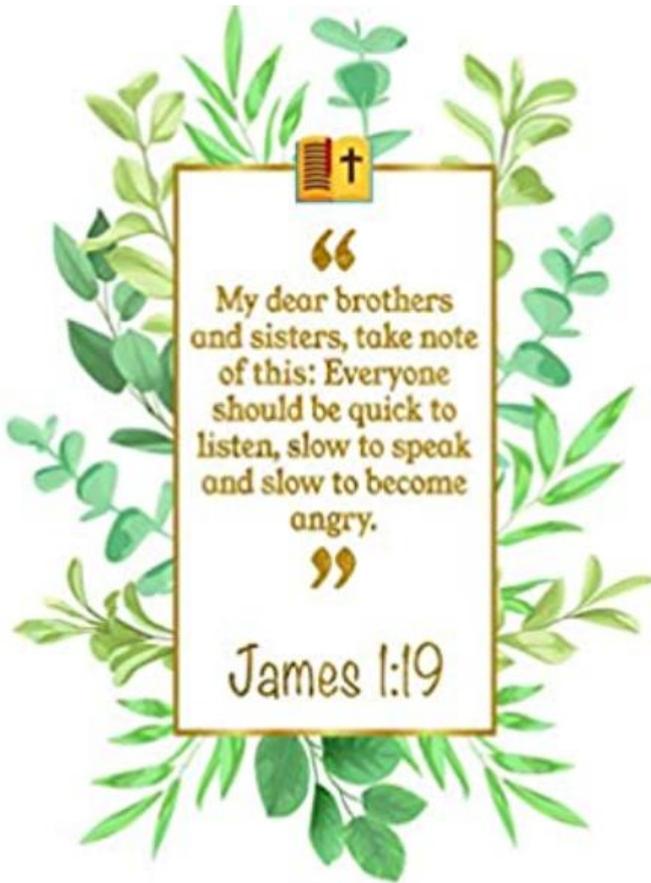


Theme of the Week: Communication



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well and navigating the shorter days and colder temperatures in good heart. It has been another busy and productive

week in school. It continues to be a joy to see our students learning in classrooms and enjoying each other's company on site. These are undoubtedly testing times for everyone in education and I continue to be amazed and humbled by the resilience and determination of our staff team. They are delivering fantastic learning, and outstanding pastoral care, for our students despite all the restrictions we are working under and the darkening national context.

Thank you for your continued prayers and good wishes for their health and their fortitude through this winter. It has been great to 'meet' a large number of prospective students and parents online in recent weeks through our virtual open events. If you haven't yet viewed our open events page do take a look at what we've put together to help parents make an informed choice this year: <https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/open-events.php>.

We are taking our Information Evenings for Key Stage 4 parents online this month; the Year 11 event ran this week and Year 10 runs next week. All materials will be made available online for those unable to join us live. We hope you find these events informative and helpful. Finally from me this week a renewed plea to please not

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Forthcoming Events

15th October 2020	• Year 10 Information Evening
26th to 30th October	• Half Term
Friday 23rd October	• INSET Day
5th November	• Year 8 Parent's Evening

collect your children from Hangleton Way. Parents driving up Hangleton Way to collect students directly outside school is creating a traffic problem for our school and West Blatchington Primary. It also obviously affects our neighbours and compromises the efficient running of bus services. Please park further away from school and allow your child to walk a short distance to meet you.

Mrs Price

Cycling Safety and Road Awareness

As the nights draw in please ensure that your child is properly equipped for cycling safely. All students are strongly encouraged to wear helmets and hi-viz clothing when cycling and to ensure that they have working front and rear lights. Please take the opportunity to check your child's equipment and to speak to them about safe cycling on the local roads. We would also be grateful if parents and carers could speak to students about pedestrian road safety. We have staff on duty at the start and end of the day but we do need students to take responsibility for themselves when crossing roads. Please remind them to focus when crossing and to look both ways before stepping out, especially when it is raining or darker.

Year 10 Information Evening- Thursday 15th October 2020

Thank you to all who attended our Year 11 information evening yesterday. For Year 10 information evening there will be a link on the school website to a page with videos from members of the Senior Leadership Team, the Head of Year and the Heads of the Core Departments - this will be available from 6pm. Following this, Mr. Stevenson will be available online to answer any questions you may have about Year 10. The videos will stay up once the event has finished so parents can watch them at their leisure. Links will be sent to parents on the afternoon prior to the event. Any questions please contact Mr Stevenson directly at d.stevenson@kingschoolhove.org.uk.

Buses Reminders

A reminder that students should be using the school only buses as far as possible to prevent pressure on wider public services. All students should wear a mask when using buses and in the current climate it is clearly preferable for them to walk or cycle if they can. Please can you speak to your children about adhering to social distancing when waiting for buses to bring them into school? It would also be helpful if you could remind them of the importance of respectful behaviour and being aware of those around them when taking public transport to school.

Face Masks and a Request for Help!

As you know face masks are now mandatory for students in our corridors and when queueing in the canteen. Year 7 made some wonderful masks with Mrs Morley recently; please see some photos of their efforts below. We are providing disposable masks in school for students who forget theirs but this is coming at a considerable cost to the school and is not environmentally friendly. Please help us by ensuring your child has a mask for school when they leave home each day. If any parents/carers are good with fabrics and are able to make any masks which could be given to the school to go out to students in need we would be very grateful for any donations.



GCSE Exams in Home Language

Students in Years 10 and 11 have the opportunity to sit an extra GCSE in their home language (if English is not their first language and said language is offered by the examination boards). All examinations will be entered as though the students are private candidates, i.e. studying for the exam is the responsibility of the candidate and will be undertaken outside of school hours, and candidates will be responsible for entry and administration fees. All entries will be arranged via

school and candidates will be able to sit the examinations at King's School in the usual summer series 2021. If you are interested in this opportunity for your child please email exams@kingsschoolhove.org.uk by Friday 23rd October.

Classcharts

A reminder that all homework is being set on classcharts. You should have received your parent login details to classcharts. Through this you are also able to view your child's behaviour and achievement points. Please do contact us if you are unable to log in to your account.



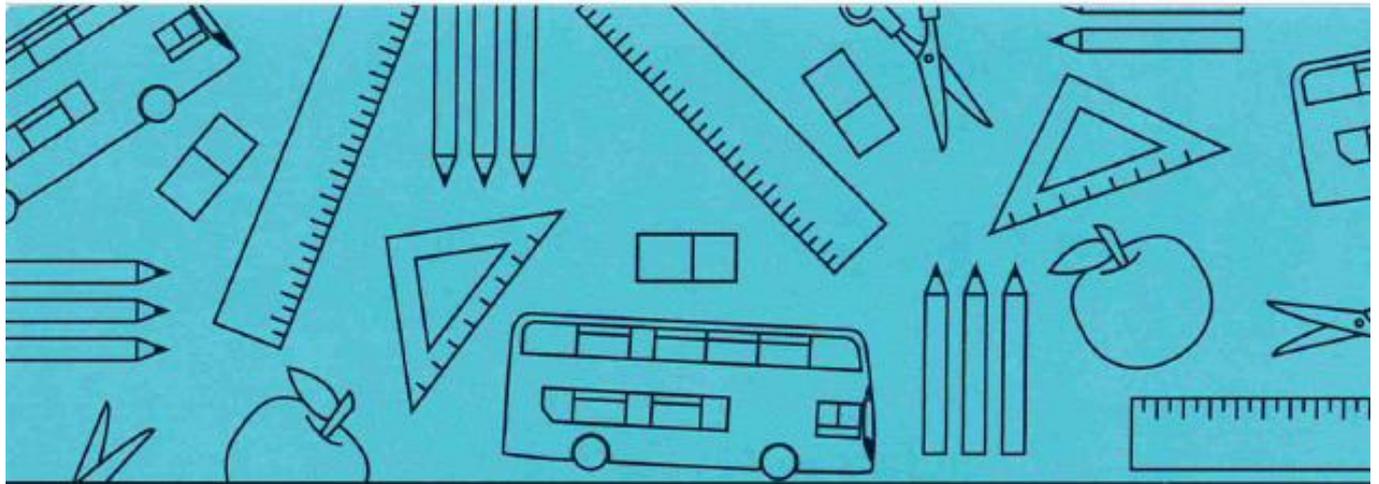
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Virtual Open Events

3 | 4 | 5 November 2020
gbmc.ac.uk/open-events

- Business, IT & Travel
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction & Trades
- Creative Industries
- Childcare & Social Care
- Hair & Beauty
- Music
- Performance & Production Arts
- Sport
- Uniformed Services

The poster features a teal background with a purple and blue brushstroke effect behind the main title. It includes various icons: a pink electric guitar, a green game controller, colorful alphabet blocks (A, B, C), a green plus sign in a circle, a silver trophy, a camera, a lightbulb, a speech bubble with the word 'IDEA', a bar chart, a laptop, a clapperboard with 'ACTION' written on it, a chef's hat, a paint palette, a traffic cone, a wrench, a fork, a pie chart, a pound sign (£), and musical notes.



Getting you back to school safely

Brighton & Hove Buses



The safety of children returning to school is paramount - our goal is to get them there and back quickly and as safely as possible.

We've put plenty of safety measures in place such as extra cleaning (using hospital grade products) and will continue to operate a comprehensive network of services to get children to and from school, while adding many additional buses to provide extra capacity. We also have six months' experience of providing bus services safely during the pandemic.

Our journeys for schoolchildren are in accordance with the guidance set out by the Department for Education and Department for Transport for dedicated bus journeys. We have worked very closely with the local authorities in all of the areas we serve and with the head teachers of many schools to get children back to school safely.



I hope you find this information useful and good luck with the start of the new term.

Martin Harris,
Managing Director

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

- We are operating a comprehensive service for schoolchildren across our network.
- We are converting a number of regular bus journeys to be available to schoolchildren only, as well as adding extra school buses. Schoolchildren only journeys are open to those aged 18 and under. You can find out more on our website - www.buses.co.uk/school-travel-information
- When travelling to school children should sit in their bubbles. On regular buses children should sit upstairs on double deck buses where possible.
- We highly recommend you get your busID online, or in store, as soon as possible - www.buses.co.uk/busid-application. As with all shops, capacity is limited in our travel shops and you need to wear a face covering.



KEEPING YOU SAFE



Buses are cleaned every day with hospital grade cleaning products, plus on street cleaning is carried out up to five times a day directly on our buses.



Everyone must wear a face covering unless they are exempt. Children under 11 are exempt along with people who have certain medical conditions. If you're unsure, visit www.buses.co.uk/face-covering-guidance. We provide Helping Hand exemption cards to those who would like one.

Over 90% of customers are wearing face coverings but we do ask you to show kindness to those who may not be able to wear one.



We have reduced cash handling to minimise contact and do not offer change. Please consider alternatives to cash such as downloading tickets to your busID online or getting tickets loaded onto your phone. Details of all non-cash ways to pay for children's journeys, including some new options, can be found at www.buses.co.uk/busid-ticket-alternatives. If you do pay in cash a change voucher will be given which can be used on further journeys.



Drivers' cabs are sealed, so they do not need to wear a face covering. If you are concerned about anything on the bus you can still speak to the driver.



To support social distancing, we have limited capacity on our regular bus services. This is advertised on the side of our buses, by the front door and on our website. The capacity limits do not apply on 'schoolchildren only' services, although the rear facing seats and seats within 2m of the driver will remain closed and there is no standing on any buses except bendy buses.

We will monitor the operation of school journeys very closely and make adjustments where needed. All information relating to safer travel and bus services is available on our website - www.buses.co.uk/coronavirus

WHY GETTING THE BUS IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE

- Reverting to increased numbers in car journeys on the school run will generate greater congestion and impact negatively on local air quality, especially around schools.



- You can use our journey planner at www.buses.co.uk/plan-your-journey to see how many steps you've walked today and how many carbon emissions you've saved.



- Travelling by bus can lead to improved air quality, helping to keep us healthier. Did you know the average walk to a bus stop in the UK is around 1,000 steps? If you do that five days a week for a year that's over 260 miles – that's the equivalent of walking to Disneyland Paris!



GET IN TOUCH

We understand that going back to school will be a big change for everyone. All information relating to safer travel and bus services is available on our website - www.buses.co.uk/coronavirus

Our customer services team are also available seven days a week to help with any worries or questions you may have.

You can contact them by email, social and telephone.

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SMS for customers with hearing impairments on **07583 051915**

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Mondays to Fridays: 07:00 - 19:00
Saturdays: 08:30 - 17:30
Sundays: 09:30 - 16:30