

Theme of the Week: Love our city



Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust you have had a good week and are coping well through this second national lockdown. We are grateful to still have the site filled with students; their attendance remains remarkably high and we are grateful for all your support in ensuring this remains the case. Year 11 have one more school week now before mock examinations. They remain exceptionally focused and their maturity

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is impressive. Please do pray for them as they approach their mocks, that they would put all their hard work to good use and support each other through the anxiety that exam conditions bring. Our younger students are coping very well with the changes we have had to make in school and we remain grateful for their compliance and for their high spirits! You can continue to support us by ensuring your child leaves for school equipped with a face mask and their own small supply of hand sanitiser. Please also continue to remind them regularly about the importance of good hand hygiene and following lockdown rules outside of school.

Mrs Price

Parking and Drop Offs/Pick Ups

Unfortunately a minority of parents/carers continue to drive up Hangleton Way to drop off and collect students. We see some unsafe parking and some dangerous manoeuvres outside the school regularly. Please do not put our students at risk by dropping and collecting on Hangleton Way and avoid the area immediately outside the school. Parents/carers must not park on the yellow zig zag markings at any time and must take care not to park over people's driveways. Selfish parking and manoeuvres lead to complaints

Forthcoming Events

23rd November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 mock examinations (series 1) begin
6th January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Options Evening
14th January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Parents' evening

from local residents and pose a threat to the safety of our young people. Please be considerate when bringing your child to school or collecting them at the end of the day.

Year 11 mocks reminders

Year 11 mock examinations will begin at the end of next week. Students have had a timetable and next week they will have an assembly about the procedures and rules surrounding exams. All of this information can be found on the school website under "For Students > Exam Information".

Periods 7 and 8 will be suspended next week and the week after to allow time for revision. There will be rooms open after school for supervised independent revision instead if Year 11 students wish to use them. We will also not be setting homework and allowing that time for revision.

We know that some students are anxious about these exams and concerned these will be the basis for potential Centre Assessed Grades if the government decides that GCSEs will not run next year. Please do reassure them – these exams are useful for us to get an idea of their strengths and areas for development at the present time; to understand how well they are doing; and to get students used to the exams process. They will not be used on their own to generate any grades if these are needed. The government is also very clear at the moment that they want exams to take place three weeks later than usual during June 2021. The mocks exams are important, but are also a learning experience and should be treated as such.

We will send home a report containing students' mock grades before the end of term in advance of the p'rents' evening in January. Thank you for all your support so far – Year 11 students are working very hard this year and we are pleased to be supporting them.

Remote Learning Reminders

A reminder that any student who need to self-isolate can now access their lessons daily through Microsoft Teams. Students have been trialling logging into Teams from school this week. As you know, next week we will

trial them logging in from home. A reminder of our plan for this is below:

- Year 7 students will have Period 1 on Monday 16th November taught remotely. They should log onto Teams at 8:40am and they will have their Period 1 lesson through the platform at home. They should then come into school for the start of Period 3 at 10:40am.
- Year 8 students will have Period 1 on Tuesday 17th November taught remotely. They should log onto Teams at 8:40am and they will have their Period 1 lesson through the platform at home. They should then come into school for the start of Period 3 at 10:40am.
- Year 9 students will have Period 1 on Wednesday 18th November taught remotely. They should log onto Teams at 8:40am and they will have their Period 1 lesson through the platform at home. They should then come into school for the start of Period 3 at 10:40am.
- Year 10 students will have Period 1 on Thursday 19th November taught remotely. They should log onto Teams at 8:40am and they will have their Period 1 lesson through the platform at home. They should then come into school for the start of Period 3 at 10:40am.
- Year 11 students should log into Teams for a special session run by the Senior Leadership Team at 4:30pm on Friday 20th November.

Thank you for supporting these trials. We do appreciate that they will cause you some inconvenience but they will be extremely valuable in enabling us to troubleshoot any problems so that online provision can run smoothly for the duration of the pandemic.

Teams for Students who are Self-Isolating

In line with the DfE Guidance for schools that states "Where a class, group or a small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or local restrictions require pupils to remain at home, we expect schools to have the capacity to offer immediate remote education", we are providing access to remote learning through the Teams

platform for students who are self-isolating. Teachers will only be starting Teams lessons or providing work via the Teams platform where we have students who are isolating for COVID reasons. We are not able to provide this facility for students who are out of school for other reasons.

New Staff Profile- Mrs Ross

Prior to working at King's I taught at a large comprehensive school in Crawley and was there for ten years. As well as being a teacher of science, I undertook the role of STEM Coordinator and then Assistant Head of Sixth Form. With things how they are because of Covid it's been a bit of a strange time to start a new job but fortunately staff members and students alike have been very welcoming at King's. I am enjoying the challenge of working in a new school and am finding King's to be a very positive and friendly place. I have two young children who keep me busy outside of school but when I do get spare time I enjoy keeping active by running, cycling and doing yoga. I also enjoy travelling and am looking forward to being able to explore somewhere new once travel becomes a bit easier!



Friends of Brighton and Hove Hospitals: Advent calendar

The events of this year have been tough for all, especially for those who work in the NHS. Friends of Brighton and Hove Hospitals have produced a charity advent calendar to support our local NHS. Behind each door is an offer or discount for a local independent business, perfect for a little Christmas treat. Designs for the doors have been drawn by school children from Brighton and Hove. The calendar is priced at £10, click on the picture below to be taken to the website.

In addition to this, Friends of Brighton and Hove Hospitals are also running a charity auction from the 20th November to 1st December online, where you can buy more goodies from local retailers to support the NHS!



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Brighton & Ho Ho Hove Advent Calendar 2020

Small Acts of Friendship brings you a very special fundraising advent calendar.

On each day of advent you'll discover a unique offer or discount from a local independent retailer. We've got all your Christmas needs and treats covered, from the tree to luxury gift wrap, gourmet chocolates, and hand-made jewellery, as well as food and drinks.

Simply tear off the window vouchers to take advantage of the great offers, discounts and freebies.

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Find a special offer behind every door...*

Buy online at our popup Christmas shop for just £10

www.jumblebee.co.uk/friendsofbrightonhovehospitalschristmasshop

Your advent calendar may then be collected from **The Book Nook, 1 St John's Place, First Avenue, Hove, BN3 2FJ** (for opening times please go to: www.booknook.co.uk) or from our office: **37 St George's Road, Brighton BN2 1ED** (for opening times please call: 01273 664936). Please show your confirmation of purchase.

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Students of the Week

Year 7	Noah Whisker (DT) Lucas Kelly (DT)
Year 8	Bitar Rozek (Tutor Time) Kaiya Scott (Languages) Vernice Li (Languages)
Year 9	Oliver Buckroyd (DT) Jasmine George (Languages)
Year 10	Lewis Easen (Maths)
Year 11	Molly Lambert

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 8 for achieving 98% attendance this week!