

Theme of the Week: Love your enemy and your neighbour

*"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,  
Matthew 5:43-44*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well at the end of the second national lockdown. We have welcomed the start of December at school this week. Decorations are going up and students are enjoying engaging with various competitions and Christmas activities. Although we are beginning to get into a festive mood it is important to make clear that every day until the

Christmas break is a valuable day for learning and growth and it remains very much 'business as usual' right up until the 17th December. Staff are busy marking Year 11 mock papers and students will receive results back next week, with reports being issued to parents before the end of term. Students in other year groups are taking assessments this week which will inform teachers' planning for next term and give us a good indication of their progress to date. We continue to be impressed with our students' attendance and attitude to learning during the ongoing pandemic; they should be congratulated for their resilience. We have been very pleased to welcome a Literacy Specialist to our staff team this week, funded by the government's Covid catch-up funding. Mr Fin Kang will be working with small groups of students to support their literacy, and therefore their progress across the curriculum. We are also pleased to introduce our new Deputy Headteacher to you in this newsletter, Mr Richard Chamberlain joins us in April to replace Ms Lowney who leaves us at Christmas to take up her first headship at St Andrew's School in Worthing. I will be writing to parents to explain how we will be covering the gap in the Easter term.

Mrs Price

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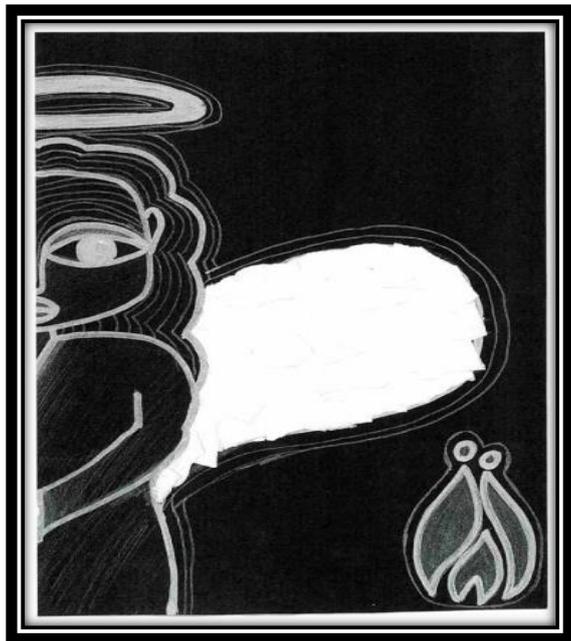
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## Forthcoming Events

<b>17<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of term</li> </ul>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas day</li> </ul>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INSET day</li> </ul>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 9 options evening</li> <li>Epiphany</li> </ul>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orthodox Christmas day</li> </ul>

## Christmas Card Winner and Runners Up

Thank you to all students who submitted entries for our Christmas card competition this year. Many congratulations to **Jessica Beard of 8R** who created our winning Christmas card design with her stunning angel image.



Congratulations also to the following runners-up who turned created some lovely designs:

- Ella Kaps and Sophie Whewell (10C)
- Lottie Lambert (9C)
- Thea Vellacott (8R)
- Evie-Mae Thaxter (7E)



## Final Day of Term and January INSET

The final day of this term is Thursday 17th December. Students should arrive at school for 8:30am as usual on this date in normal school uniform. All students will have some lessons on this day, as well as a pre-recorded end of term assembly and collective worship, and an extended morning break where a brunch service will be available in the canteen.

Students will be dismissed from school as follows:

- Year 7: 12.50pm
- Year 8: 12.55pm
- Year 9: 1.00pm
- Year 10: 1.05pm
- Year 11: 12.10pm

Public bus services will run as normal but the bus companies are unable to amend the times of school only services so please ensure that your child has considered their travel home from school on this date. Parents and carers are reminded that the first day of next term, Monday 4th January is an INSET day and the school will be closed to all students on this date.

## Extracurricular Clubs

The Department for Education's guidance regarding extracurricular clubs this term has been confusing. They have now clarified that clubs can run in school. We have taken the decision not to introduce clubs this term; clubs mean that students would be mixing with students they wouldn't necessarily be mixing with in lessons. This increases the risk of virus transmission in school and puts more students at risk of needing to self-isolate in the event of a positive case. We are, however, planning to re-introduce some limited clubs from January. These clubs will be afterschool only, as our current staggered lunch arrangement prohibit clubs running during the school day. We are going to start with sport clubs, separated into year group bubbles. Capacity will be limited. We will of course expand our offer as vaccines are rolled out, the risk of virus transmission recedes and government advice changes.

## Children previously in care

If you are a parent/carer of a child who was previously in care (if your child has been in the care of a Local Authority and you are their parent through adoption, or if you care for them under a Special Guardianship, Child Arrangement or Residence Order) please let us know by emailing [e.edwards@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:e.edwards@kingsschoolhove.org.uk). We may be able to claim the Pupil Premium Plus Grant (PP+) in relation to your child if they were ever 'in care'. This is a sum of money which can be used specifically for supporting 'post looked-after' students and helps pay for interventions and resources to assist them in their learning. In order for us to claim this funding for eligible students, we must have this information before the PP+ deadline which is in January each year.

Please be assured that this funding is invested to support our most vulnerable students and makes an enormous difference to the work we can do. It is never used to subsidise the daily running and maintenance of the school.

## Reverse advent update

As we come towards the end of term, form groups have already started collecting items for our reverse advent hampers. Please do talk to your child about what their form are collecting. If you are able to add an extra couple of items to your shopping basket, we would be really grateful to receive them. Food basics and toiletries are welcome, as well as more 'Christmassy' items.

## Carol Service

Although we are not able to have our usual Carol Service this year, students have been busy recording carols and songs. Our Carol Service will be available to be streamed at 6pm on Tuesday 15th December. The link will be in next week's newsletter. We do hope you will join us virtually for this celebration.

## New staff profile- Mr Kang

As the new Literacy Specialist Teacher, I would like to thank the King's School community for the amazing welcome that I have received. I will be providing literacy support in the form of intensive, small-group instruction aimed at raising the literacy achievement levels of students.



I am originally from the West Midlands, but I lived and worked in Manchester for over ten years. I have had a long and varied career in education, and my passion for English is reflected in my academic achievements. I hope to inspire and motivate students to recognise their own potential and the power of language and literature.

I have travelled extensively and taught in international schools in both Europe and Asia. I am an amateur photographer, and I enjoy rambling and hiking. During my travels, I achieved several personal goals in completing high-altitude treks in the Himalayas. Travelling also gave me the opportunity to carry out voluntary work and give back to the communities I visited. I also fulfilled a lifelong dream and jumped out of a plane from 13,000 feet!

## Face Mask reminder

Please can we ask all families to ensure their child brings appropriate face masks to school with them each day. Masks remain compulsory in communal areas and are a key part of our measures to keep students and staff safe.

Students must bring at least one face mask for use on school premises and a second mask if they use public transport; the face mask used on public transport must be taken off and put in a bag/blazer on arrival at school and the second face mask worn in school.

Students who do not have a mask will be required to get one from the school office, where a small supply is available. Due to the significant cost to the school of providing masks, parents/carers will be asked to provide £1 for every two masks their child uses from the school supply. The cost will be charged to your

parentpay account, please can you check parentpay and ensure payment is made.

We appreciate your continued help and support with ensuring that our students continue to comply with school policy on wearing face masks in communal areas.

## D of E



### Duke of Edinburgh programme update

Thank you to all of the students who have been working on the Duke of Edinburgh skills, physical and volunteering sections for their Bronze and Silver Awards.

Due to the current situation we find ourselves in with COVID, we are not able to offer the expedition element to complete the Awards. However, students who have completed the skills, physical and volunteering sections are able to receive a Certificate of Achievement in recognition of their hard work. For students who would like to complete the full award, you will be able to do so with an Approved Activity Provider. You can look at the opportunity finder on the DofE website to help you find a provider here: <https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/opportunity-for-dofe-participant>.

Please contact Mr Elliott, our DofE Manager, by emailing [dofe@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:dofe@kingsschoolhove.org.uk) to inform him if you would like to:

- a) Complete the 3 sections for your Certificate of Achievement
- b) Abandon the award if you haven't been able to work on the 3 sections

The registration fee that you have paid is for your enrolment onto the Duke of Edinburgh programme and is valid for you to complete your awards up until the age of 25.

We are able to issue refunds on the monies you have already paid less the registration/admin fee of £32. To request a refund, please contact [finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk).

### Students in Year 9 – registration for Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

Students in Year 9 are invited to come to a virtual information evening to find out more about the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. At this point, we are only able to offer students the opportunity to complete their physical, skills and volunteering sections towards a Certificate of Achievement.

We hope to offer expeditions in the next academic year (2021-22), although at this stage this cannot be guaranteed and if this is the case, it is likely that it will take up to 2 years instead of the usual 1 year to achieve the full award.

More information on the Year 9 information evening will be published in the coming weeks.

## Student of the Week

Students of the week for week ending 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

<b>Year 7</b>	Joy Ann Digbeu-Riquier
<b>Year 8</b>	Seth Ofei-Kwatia Sophie Humphrey
<b>Year 9</b>	Trinity Kendrick (Drama)
<b>Year 10</b>	Benjamin Harvey (Tutor and Computer Science)
<b>Year 11</b>	Emma Humphreys (DT)

## Supporting Teens with Anxiety

If you have a teenager who is struggling with anxiety and you are wondering how to best support them, Brighton and Hove are running free courses for parents in January. Please see the Families, Children and Learning area on their website, where you can enrol for a course. <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/families-children-and-learning/family-learning-online-classroom>.

## Attendance

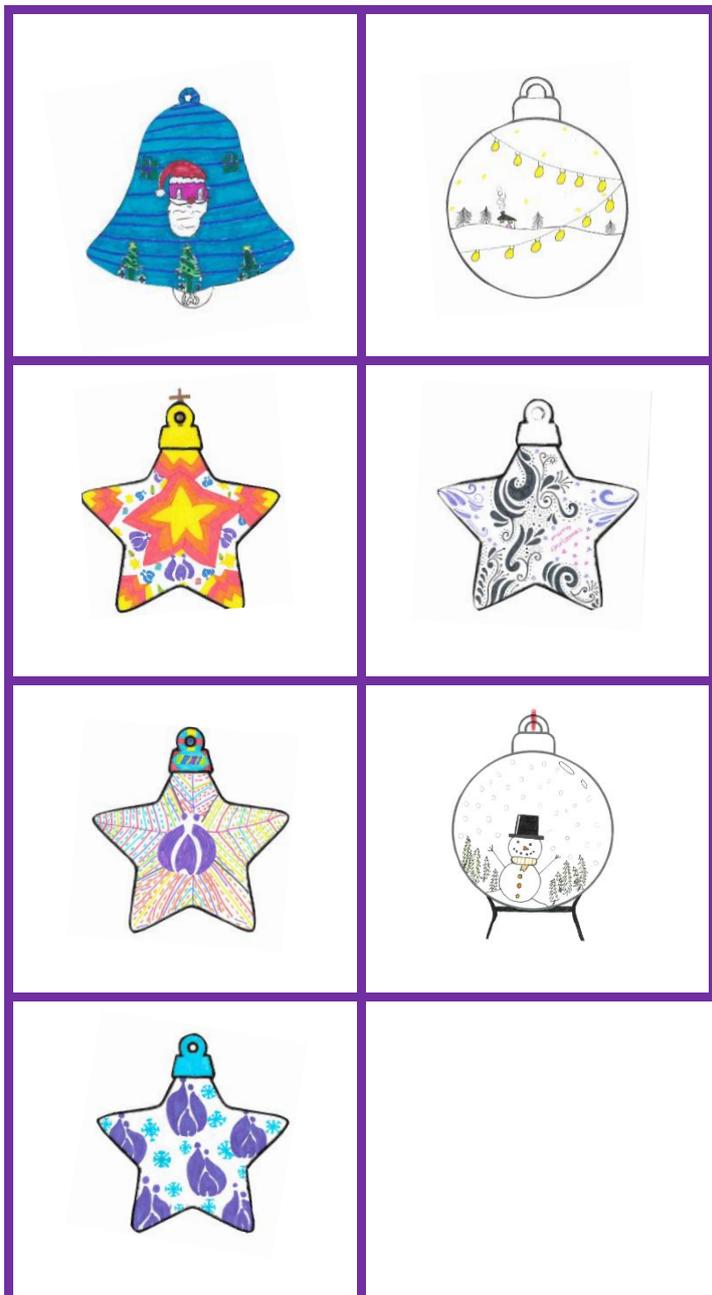
Congratulations to Yr9 for achieving 98% attendance on Thursday this week.

Well done!

## Christmas baubles

Thank you to all of our students that designed wonderful Christmas baubles for us to display in the office! Below are our winners:

- Best bell bauble: Jo, 7P
- Best circle bauble: Lola, 8E
- Best star bauble: Ollie, 7B
- Most detailed bauble: Sorrel, 9G
- Most colourful bauble: Aaron, 7B
- Most imaginative bauble: Esther and Millie, 7B
- Most King's bauble: Kitty, 7P



## Student Christmas lunch

Our catering team will be serving our annual Christmas lunch on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Students will be able to enjoy a traditional Christmas roast, complete with pudding and a cracker all for £2.50. A vegetarian option will also be available.

If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please just make sure your child has £2.50 on their catering account that day, you do not need to order this lunch in advance. Students who receive Free School Meals will be able to use their FSM as usual. Those students with food allergies or dietary requirements who would like a Christmas meal are asked to see Mrs Minall in the Dome Diner in advance to ensure that a suitable option can be prepared for them. Please note that there will be limited other options available on this day.

## Celebrate

# Christmas

**Tuesday 15th December**

Roast Turkey, Mini Sausage, Stuffing and Gravy  
Vegetarian Filo Cracker

Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas

**£2.00**

Crispy Cake Christmas Pudding  
85p

Meal Deal; Main Meal & Dessert £2.50

And a Cracker to pull with your friend





## Celebrate 12 Days of Festivities

### King's School 7th December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break; Sausage Roll, Pizza Square	Break; BBQ Burger, Pizza square	Break; Wedges & Rings, Reindeer Pizza	Break; Chicken Tikka wings, Pizza Square	Break; Bacon, Cranberry & Cheese Panini, Pitta Pizza
baguettes; Tuna Mayo, Chicken & sweetcorn, Cheese & Cucumber	Baguettes; Chicken Mayo, Sausage & Ketchup, Eggs Mayo	Baguettes, Tuna & Sweetcorn, Turkey & Stuffing, Cheese & Cucumber	Baguettes; Bacon & Brie, Plain Ham, Cheese & Cucumber	Baguettes; Tuna & sweetcorn, Cheese & Red Onion, Turkey & Cucumber
Salad Pot; Tuna & Sweetcorn Mayonnaise	Salad Pot; Soy Noodles	Salad Pot; Italian Pasta	Salad Pot; Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta	Salad Pot; Italian Pasta
Lunch; Cottage Pie or Quorn Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Lunch; Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie or Garden Vegetable Pie, Mash & Carrot	Lunch; Cheese Burger or Vegetable Fajita Wrap, Wedges & Coleslaw	Lunch; Moroccan Turkey Meatballs or BBQ Quorn with Rice & Broccoli	Lunch; Fish or Vegetable Lasagne, Chips & Beans
Hot Pot: Spaghetti Carbonara	Hot Pot; Beef Bolognese	Hot Pot; Chicken Tikka & Rice	Hot Pot; Beef Lasagne	Hot Pot; Macaroni Cheese
Hot Wrap; Turkey & Chorizo	Hot Wrap; Chicken Tikka	Hot wrap; Beef Burrito	Hot Wrap; Chicken Fajita	Hot Wrap; BBQ Chicken
Traybake; Cake or Cranberry, Orange & Chocolate Chelsea Bun	Traybake; Flapjack or Snowman Cupcake	Traybake; Shortbread or Xmas Rocky Road	Traybake; Brownie or Jammy Stars	Traybake; Chocolate Crispy Cake or Xmas Log

Available daily

Water, Juice Carton, Milkshake, Radnor, Grape Pot, Melon Pot, Orange Pot, Fresh Fruit, Jelly, Banoffee Pie, Side Salad Pot, Jacket Potato, Sushi, Plain Pasta

**HARRISON**  
food with thought

Not long to go now to the fantastic **Kings School PTA**

# QUIZ

and the chance to win a fantastic hamper

Closing date for entry is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of December

We have Allison Ferns from BBC radio Sussex hosting year 7 and 8's quiz on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>

Year 9, 10 and 11 is on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>

Cameras don't need to be switched on