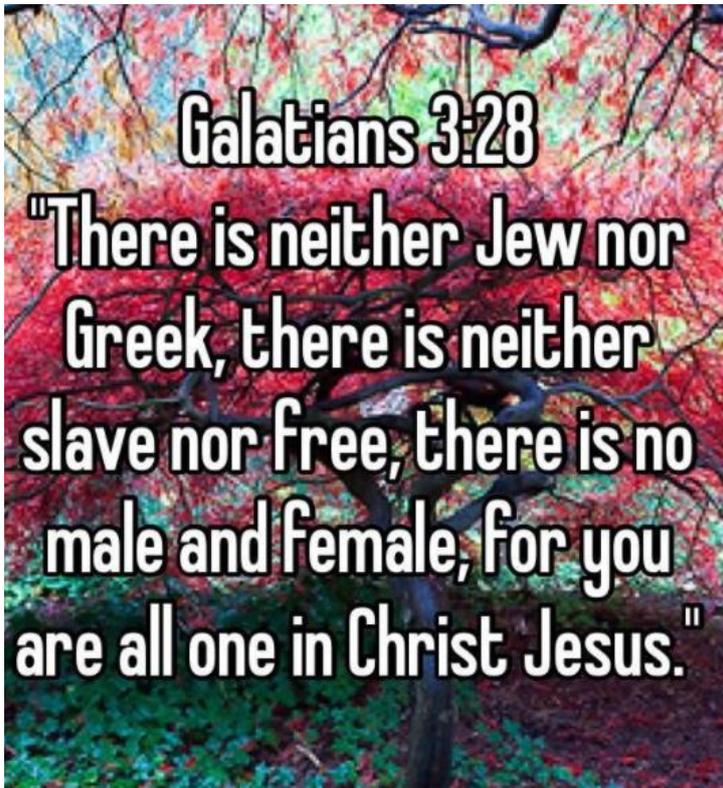


Theme of the Week: Freedom from
Discrimination



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! In spite of everything that we are facing, nationally and internationally, I hope you had a peaceful and restorative Christmas and I hope that this

brief newsletter finds you and your family well. It has certainly been a tumultuous few weeks in the world of education. As you know, we were very fortunate last term to have no confirmed coronavirus cases amongst our students and staff. We were therefore able to have a relatively normal term, with appropriate control measures in place, and we all enjoyed the months of learning and community we experienced. It is clear that much has changed since we broke up for Christmas. The Department for Education made various announcements just before, and over, the Christmas break which kept our Senior Leadership Team busy and scrambling to put in place plans at short notice to deliver mass testing. Events have obviously progressed further since then, mass testing is off the table (certainly for the time being) and we are now facing a third national lockdown and extended period of school closures. The national picture as regards rates of infection and hospitalisation is deeply troubling. I can only imagine that you are all under significant pressure and stress as you attempt to work from home (or continue in a keyworker role) and support your children with their remote learning. Please be assured that school staff are very much still at work and that we will support you through these weeks of school closure. We are very committed to providing the best possible

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Forthcoming Events

14th January 2021	• Year 11 Parent's Evening
27th January 2021	• Year 9 Parent's Evening

online education for your children, and to ensuring that we are catering for their well-being.

Mrs Vincent will be outlining the plans we have in place for remote learning in this newsletter and you have already received several written communications from us on the subject. Essentially students will be following their usual timetables online, with most lessons being delivered 'live' for all students from Monday via our online platform Microsoft Teams. We have made some adjustments to the delivery of practical subjects (DT, Music, Art, Drama and PE) at Key Stage 3; staff will post assignments for these subjects and will be available online to support students during these lessons, using the 'chat' function on Microsoft Teams. They may also choose, where appropriate and possible, to deliver some parts of their lessons 'live'. These teaching staff will also be instrumental in delivering our keyworker/vulnerable groups provision. The initial feedback for online learning this term has been positive. Students seem to be benefiting from seeing their teachers and being able to interact with them through their lessons, and most seem to be finding our online platform relatively easy to use. We will canvas your opinions and feedback on online learning formally as term progresses. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Our general email address is admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk and any requests for password resets for Microsoft Teams should go to passwords@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

I have written to Year 11 students and parents this week following the announcement regarding the cancellation of GCSE exams this summer. At this point, it is still unclear how Year 11 students will be assessed this year. The Secretary of State has said that teachers will assess students' attainment but we do not yet know what sources of evidence we will be asked to draw from, and how our assessments might be moderated. I will continue to communicate with Year 11 students and parents as plans are made clearer by the government. Year 11 Parents' Evening will go ahead online next week and Mr Stevenson will explain the process for that in this newsletter.

It is important that you continue to notify us if your child tests positive for Covid-19, even if they are not currently attending onsite provision. Please do this via our usual email address: admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support for our school staff who have demonstrated incredible resilience and resourcefulness in recent weeks; we very much appreciate your messages of goodwill and encouragement.

Mrs Price

Remote learning updates

Thank you for all your support this week, with our return to online learning. As we move to live online learning for KS3 next week, below is a reminder of what you can expect for your child.

Live lessons delivered via Microsoft Teams began for KS4 students this week and will commence for KS3 pupils from Monday 11th January. Students should follow their usual timetable. There will be no core PE lessons delivered online for KS4 students. There will be no live lessons delivered for KS3 students for PE, Art, Music, Drama or DT. Instead, pupils should complete assignments set by their teachers during their usual lesson time and teachers will be available online during their usual lesson times to answer any questions the students have, and provide encouragement and feedback with regards to the assignments, using the chat function. Teachers of these subjects at KS3 may choose to do some live delivery of content as it is appropriate for the learning – they will communicate any live sessions to students. Next week, there will be no PSHE lessons online and no PSHE assignments set. Students should attend their afternoon registration through their tutor group team, in line with their usual timetable. There will be no morning registration session.

If your son/daughter is having difficulty accessing Microsoft Teams, please check the following guide we have put together for further instructions

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eLaGR2rpPi3AgDfftLKbQr_RSzW1zPDK/view?pli=1.

For password issues, students should email passwords@kingsschoolhove.org.uk to request a password reset. If your child continues to experience specific difficulties with engaging with online learning across a range of subjects, please get in touch with their form tutor in the first instance, or their Head of Year.

Monitoring Attendance and Engagement

We are fully aware that online learning may be difficult and stressful for many families. Our aim in monitoring engagement and attendance is definitely not to place an additional burden upon families who are already struggling to balance working from home and supporting their children with online learning. If your child is struggling to engage with online learning because of internet connectivity or hardware issues, please contact me directly at k.vincent@kingsschoolhove.org.uk so that we can discuss how we can support you and your child.

During this lockdown period we will be using Classcharts to monitor attendance and engagement with online learning. You will be able to see, through your classcharts account, lessons that your child has attended, and achievement (Good engagement) or consequence (Some engagement / No engagement) awards for engagement. These marks will be awarded on a weekly or fortnightly basis, depending on the frequency of lessons in the subject area. We do understand that in some circumstances students are unable to log on to a live lesson, so it may be that a student receives an absent mark for the lesson, but a positive conduct point for engagement as they have logged on and completed the work set. Students will not be given attendance marks for lessons that are not delivered live.

If you are unable to access your classcharts account, please email us at admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk and we can reissue your parent login details.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

A reminder that Year 11 Parent's evening will go ahead virtually as planned on Thursday 14th January. Booking is now live and letters have been sent, if there are any issues please contact the school office. Appointment times will be limited to five minutes as usual.

Mrs Price has sent a letter this week regarding the recent government announcements about the cancellation of exams and the use of Centre Assessed Grades. I understand that this is an anxious time for Year 11 students and parents and we will make sure we communicate with you about the process as soon as we find out more. At this juncture, teachers will be not be engaging in conversations about teacher-assessed grades and what these may be as we are expecting students to continue to make progress, and we are still awaiting further information on the process for awarding these. Time in these meetings will be more usefully spent discussing your child's current areas of strength in each subject and exploring their areas for further development.

Students of the Term for the Arts

For excellence and continued efforts in the Arts, our Students of the Term are:

Music

Year 7	Kitty Dearlove, Sonny Nicholson-McKay, Seb Schindelheim, Leon Rutler, Ben Giesl, Annesimon Ibrahim
Year 8	Harrison Poole, Faith Crawford, Daniel Philpott
Year 9	Niam Haria, David Ibrahim
Year 10	Freya Lambert, Shams Barghouti
Year 11	Sophie Knight, Dan Byrne

Drama

Year 7	Violet Tucker, Millie Davies, Seren Jarman, Nate Dawson, Austyn Emmanuel, Emily Djemaoun, Arnaud Whittaker
Year 8	Stanley Wright, Archie Snell
Year 9	Nick Bushara
Year 10	Omar Sabry, Letty Ingerson, Tess Talbot, Seb Whyley
Year 11	Evie Drewitt, Molly Aitchison, Lily McCaffrey, Maisie El'Isaac

Art

Year 7 Amy Robinson, Livia Somerville, Azfaf Faheem, Lucy Benton, Rafa Coburn, Joseph Arthur

Year 8 Kaiya Scott, Archie Snell, Leah Simkute, Ellie Tamplin, Tabitha Ellis, Ashley McNulty, Edward Osbourne

Year 9 Brody Luke, Ayumi Butcher- Koimai, Mateo Mossman- Lopez, Lucia Bardon, Naomi James, Anya Heselden, Joseph Sales

Year 10 Georgia Hain, Jemima Roberts

Year 11 George Gad Safein

Help with internet data during lockdown

Schools are now able to request mobile data increases for children and young people who:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

The following networks are taking part in the scheme:

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile
- Sky Mobile
- O2

If you are experiencing difficulties with internet data allowance in relation to learning at home, please let us know by emailing admin@kingschoolhove.org.uk.

More details of the scheme can be found at <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>.

Speakers for Schools

Speakers for Schools will continue to run their live broadcasts this year for young people learning online, at school and at home.

Below is next week's live broadcast schedule.

WEEK STARTING 11TH JANUARY

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Thurs 14 th January 5-6pm	Shai Weiss, CEO, Virgin Atlantic Airways for KS3-5 Speaker bio here .	Join us to hear Shai Weiss share insights into his own career journey and discuss how he became CEO of Virgin Atlantic. Shai will focus on the importance teamwork, resilience and maintaining mental clarity during difficult times.

How to join live broadcasts

Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready

You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)

Live broadcasts library

Watch pre-recorded broadcasts from our library [here](#)

How to Attend a Speakers for Schools VTalk: Student Guide



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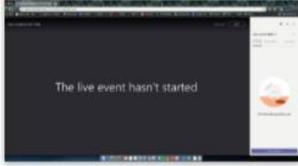
At the time of the talk click the link that your teacher has sent over. You should arrive at a page that looks like this:

Select the option to watch on the web instead.



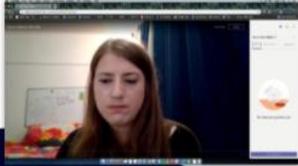
2 STEP 2

Select the option to join anonymously.



3 STEP 3

You are now in the VTalk. It will start at the time given and you can watch the talk as it happens, live!



4 STEP 4

Don't forget to ask questions through the Q&A section on the right hand side.