

Theme of the Week: Law

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JUSTICE ARE THE
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LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS
GO BEFORE YOU
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to date on everything the school is doing at this time.

Key Stage 3 students started their full remote learning provision this week. Well done to our younger students for adjusting to online learning again; the feedback we have received to date has been broadly positive. Most students and parents/carers seem to find our platform, Microsoft Teams, an improvement over the VLE we had available last summer and students seem to be benefitting from the 'real time' interaction with teachers that the platform enables. We will be formally surveying parents/carers and students before half term to seek your feedback on remote learning but, meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact us with any feedback via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Our onsite Covid-19 testing facility is now up and running and we are testing staff working onsite, who wish to be tested, with our lateral flow devices. We will shortly be rolling out testing to students attending for our keyworker/vulnerable students provision; a reminder that we will only test students where consent has been given and students do not need to be in receipt of a negative test to attend this provision. I am very grateful to our support staff team who have managed to get this testing centre up and running whilst juggling a range of other responsibilities; this is

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust this week's newsletter finds you well. We are going to continue to put out a weekly Newsletter during this lockdown to reduce communications for you from school during the week and to ensure you are kept up

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Forthcoming Events

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| 27th January 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescheduled Year 11 Parents' Evening |
| 2nd February 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candlemas |
| 11th February 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescheduled Year 9 Parents' Evening |

well outside what schools routinely do and their willingness to serve the community, and embrace this new demand on them, is impressive.

I am sure you will join me in thanking our teaching staff too; many are managing young children at home, and supporting critical worker partners, alongside teaching live lessons to students every day.

We very much miss seeing the students onsite, and we are conscious of the toll this latest lockdown is taking on our entire community. It is so heartening, though, to see the students online and to see them trying their best with their learning despite the very challenging circumstances they face. We are grateful for their resilience and their good humour and also for the way in which they support each other. As ever, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can support you further through these weeks of winter lockdown.

Mrs Price

Free school meals

We will be continuing to provide Free School Meals (FSM) vouchers to eligible families throughout the lockdown period. Further to Ms Edwards' email to FSM eligible families earlier in the week, we are still awaiting details from the Department for Education (DfE) on how the new voucher scheme will function. The DfE have indicated that a new ordering system will be available from Monday 18th January and we will place orders as soon as possible once the system is open. Please look out for an email from Ms Edwards with details once known.

If you believe you may be eligible for FSM but are not registered, please contact the Brighton Free School Meals team via:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/free-school-meals>

Remote learning updates

Lesson Timings

We have had some requests from parents to standardise the timings of lessons throughout the school day. Although we absolutely understand why families would like a standardised day, we have to stick to our COVID timetable as we have key worker and vulnerable students in school who need to follow bubbled break times. Student timetables can be found via a student or parent Classcharts account. Unfortunately, Classcharts cannot account for the staggered timings of the school day, so students need to remind themselves of the timings they would be following if they were in school. Mrs Price emailed out a reminder of the timings of these earlier this week and they are copied below.

Year 7 and Year 9

Lesson 1- 8:40am

Lesson 2 start- 9:30am

Break- 9:50am

Lesson 2 continuation- 10:10am

Lesson 3- 10:40am

Lesson 4- 11:30am

Afternoon tutor time- 12:20pm

Lunch- 12:50pm

Lesson 5- 1:20pm

Lesson 6- 2:10pm

Year 8 and Year 10

Lesson 1- 8:40am

Lesson 2- 9:30am

Break- 10:20am

Lesson 3- 10:40am

Lesson 4- 11:30am

Lunch- 12:20pm

Afternoon tutor time- 12:50pm

Lesson 5- 1:20pm

Lesson 6- 2:10pm

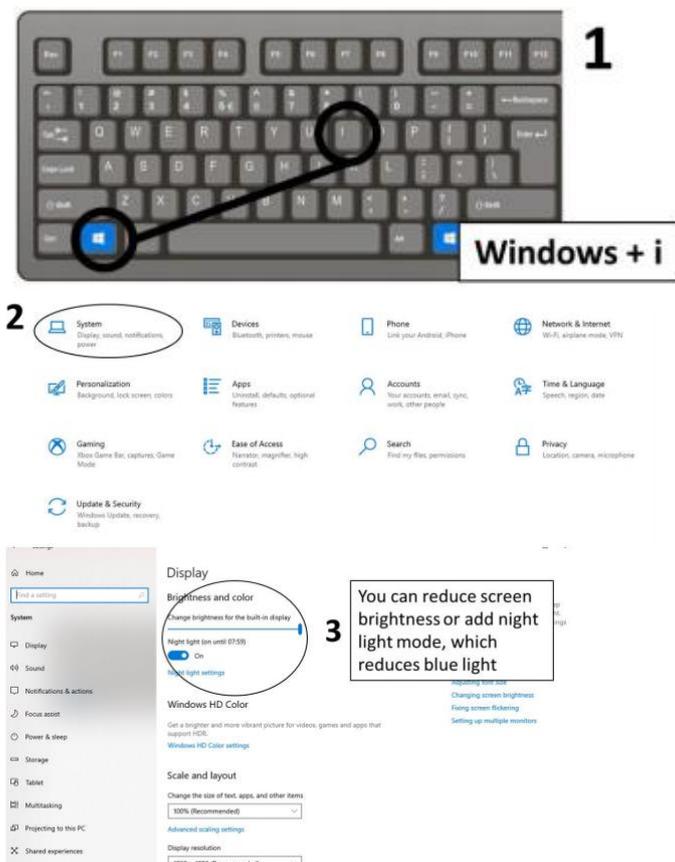
Year 11

- Lesson 1- 8:40am
- Break- 9:30am
- Lesson 2- 9:50am
- Lesson 3- 10:40am
- Lunch- 11:30am
- Lesson 4- 12:00pm
- Afternoon tutor time- 12:50pm
- Lesson 5- 1:20pm
- Lesson 6- 2:10pm

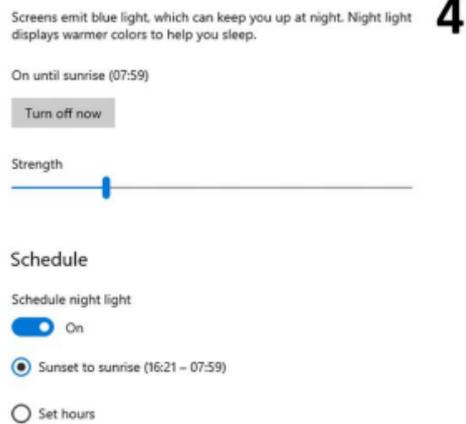
Screen Breaks

In order to ensure students and staff have regular breaks from the screen, we will be ending lessons 5 minutes earlier than we would in school to allow for 5 minutes rest from the screen. Do encourage your child to get up and move about during this 5 minute break, as they would if they were moving between lessons in school.

If you and/or your child is struggling with screen fatigue, it may be helpful to adjust your screen settings. Mr Knowles, our Head of Maths, has put together instructions about how you can do this on a Windows PC, which are below.



Night light settings



Help Accessing and Submitting Assignments

If your child is having difficulty finding their assignments and opening assignment documents, please see the linked videos below we have recorded.

Accessing Assignments through a browser:
<https://vimeo.com/500426911/f501b29378>

Accessing Assignments through the App:
<https://vimeo.com/500426893/1f72e4cf65>

Completing Assignments:
<https://vimeo.com/500426867/165739b4f5>

Testing volunteers

Staff have been working diligently to begin providing lateral flow COVID 19 testing for staff working on site and prepare for student testing in due course. We are aware that recent news suggests that mass testing in schools may not go ahead as planned, however, we intend on putting provisional measures in place for the eventuality that schools are asked to regularly test staff and students to facilitate a return to school.

To support with the delivery of mass testing, we would ask any parents/carers who would be willing to undertake a voluntary role in testing to please contact head@kingschoolhove.org.uk. We will then add you to our volunteer mailing list and will contact you with further information when we have confirmed a start date and arrangements. Voluntary roles would include interpreting and recording test results, and general supervision/runner work. Volunteers would work

alongside school staff and be will be provide with full training and PPE as appropriate for their role.

Cunchline Chronicles

Through this lockdown period we will include short safeguarding articles in the newsletter to support parents/carers. This week we would like to bring the online game 'Cunch-Line Chronicles' to your attention. Cunch-Line Chronicles is a simple 2-dimensional game which promises users a realistic depiction of 'London gang life'. The game draws on themes such as UK gang culture, drug running, police chases, and trap houses (places where drugs are stored). Users essentially run through areas, jump over obstacles, deliver and collect drugs and escape police. The game is clearly unsuitable for children and is rated 17+ on the IOS App store. It is, however, widely accessible and its name does not readily point to the adult content. We would recommend the following resources to parents/carers wanting advice on how to keep their child safe online:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

IT donations for families in need

During the past two weeks we have seen a rise in requests for school laptop loans. Unfortunately, even though the Government has issued us with a number of devices, demand is outweighing the supplies we have. If you have any old laptops or tablets that are no longer of use and you would consider donating to the school to help a family in need, please email head@kingschoolhove.org.uk.

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 MONDAY 18th JANUARY 2021

Date- Tues 19th January 5-6pm

[LINK TO JOIN](#)

Speaker- Anthony Salcito, Vice President of Microsoft Worldwide Education for KS4-5/S4-6

Info- Anthony Salcito is the Vice President of Microsoft Worldwide Education and was previously the Vice President of the Public Sector & Government. Anthony's role involves empowering educators and inspiring students to achieve more. He aims to transform the way we all learn, with the support of the best technology, to help build the skills needed for the 21st century workplace. In this SFS broadcast, tune in to hear Anthony's thoughts on how technology has impacted education, what skills are important for your future career and get the opportunity to ask your questions!

Date- Wed 20th January 10-11am

[LINK TO JOIN](#)

Speaker- Sophie Darlington, Wildlife Cinematographer for KS3-5/S1-6

Info- Join us to hear Sophie Darlington share insights into what it is like to be a Wildlife Cinematographer. Sophie will be interviewed by SFS on what it was like to work on "Our Planet" and "Perfect Planet", where she gains her inspiration from and will be sharing some top tips on filmmaking. A broadcast not to be missed for students interested in nature and filmmaking.

Date- Wed 20th January on ZOOM

2-3pm

[FORM TO SIGN UP](#)

Speaker- Introduction to Animation & VFX with Industrial Light & Magic for KS3

Info- Join Industrial Light and Magic for this ZOOM webinar about what it's like to have a career in VFX! There will be the opportunity to hear from people who work for ILM and how they started in their careers and more about their work. There will be the opportunity to ask the speakers questions too.

How to join live broadcasts

- Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready
- You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)
- For full speaker descriptions visit the [Broadcast Schedule here](#)