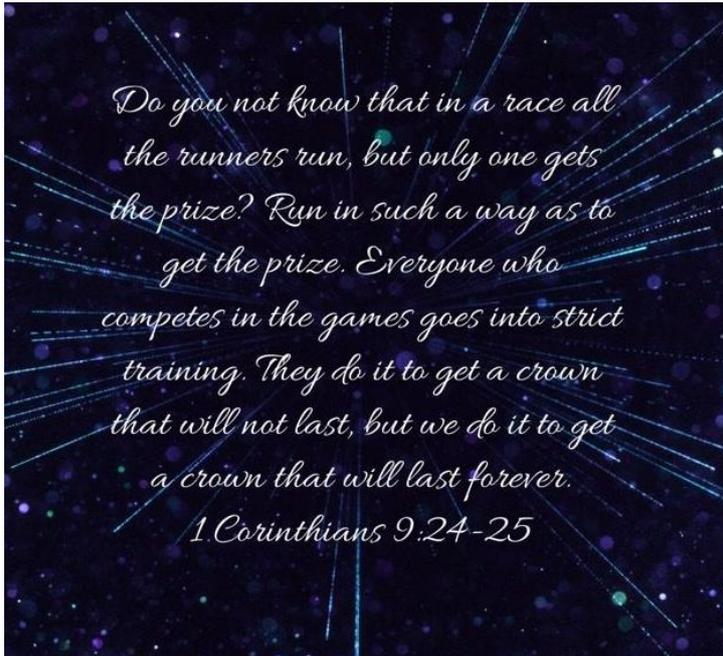


Theme of the Week: Sport



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been good to see the sun return this week! We hope to see the warmer weather continue through the rest of this term. On fine days we are now allowing students access to the field at lunchtimes and most PE is taking place outdoors. Students may therefore wish to consider wearing sunscreen on hotter days. It has been really frustrating for us to have to amend carefully

laid plans for events in this half term; especially for the transition team who have been working so hard to ensure a good welcome for our new Year 7 students. Thank you for your understanding and patience regarding these necessary changes of plan which are all related to the national Covid picture and the decision to push back the wider re-opening of society. We are looking forward to running two Enrichment Days next week and our Sports Day on Friday; please ensure you have read letters containing plans for these events carefully so you know what the logistical arrangements are. Year 11 parents will receive letters early next week regarding the Teacher Assessed Grading process and plans for appeals this year; please do look out for these in your inboxes. I wish you all a lovely weekend and, as we head into the final weeks of term, I would like to thank you again for the incredible support you have shown our staff team this academic year.

Mrs Price

COVID-19 Update

As you will know, the rate of Covid in Brighton and Hove is increasing faster than in the South East and England continues to cause concern. The requirement for students to wear face masks in the communal areas of

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Forthcoming Events

28th and 29th June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrichment Days – whole school off usual timetable
2nd July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day and Year 6 Induction Day
20th July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final day of term for students

the school (all corridors and the canteen queues) was re-introduced from Wednesday 23rd June and will remain in place until the end of term. **Please ensure your child brings a suitable face mask to school with them routinely to wear on site.** If they take public transport to and from school they should also have a separate face mask for use on the buses. Parents/carers are asked to remind their children of the importance of adhering to the national Covid rules when off site to lower the risk of positive cases amongst our school community.

Last day of term

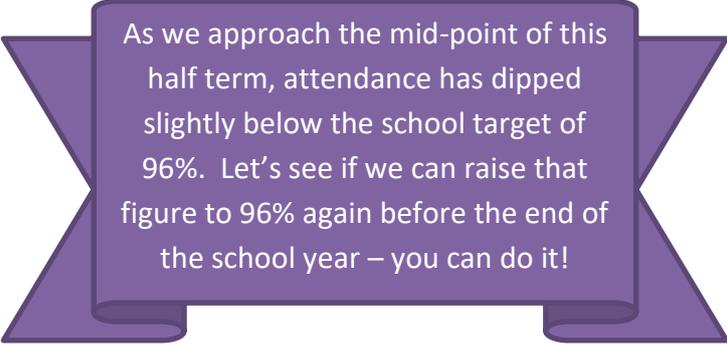
The final day of this term is Tuesday 20th July as Wednesday 21st July is an INSET day. Students should arrive at school for 8:30am as usual on this date in normal school uniform. All students will have some lessons on this day, as well as a pre-recorded end of term assembly and collective worship, and 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

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 two days of next term, Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September are INSET days and the school will be closed to all students on these dates. Year 7 students return to school on Monday 6th September and students in all other year groups return on Tuesday 7th September.

Attendance



As we approach the mid-point of this half term, attendance has dipped slightly below the school target of 96%. Let's see if we can raise that figure to 96% again before the end of the school year – you can do it!

Year 6 transition

All Year 6 parents will have received an email from the admissions team this week offering a slot for their child to attend a school tour. Parents should confirm that they would like their child to attend the tour by emailing admissions@kingschoolhove.org.uk.

Enrichment days

We are looking forward to these days on Monday and Tuesday next week very much. The programme is below. There are a few final reminders and updates:

Year 7s

On the day they have geo-caching they can wear sensible clothes. Please remember that the Downs may be wet/muddy and there may be rain on the day. If possible, please also bring in your mobile phone. Students will need a packed lunch on this day.

There has been a change from soapmaking to ceramics, where students will be designing and making tiles. If you have one, can they bring in an old shirt they don't mind getting dirty. We have spares if this is not possible

Year 8s

On the day they have the creative writing they can wear comfortable shoes or trainers with their school uniform for their walk on the Downs. Please remember this may be muddy.

The PSHE activity will include a first aid session on CPR.

Year 9s

Please make sure your child has checked what they are doing. If they are doing PE they should come in in full PE kit.

Thank you to all our staff who have worked really hard to prepare interesting activities that I am sure the students will enjoy, especially for the extra work they have had to do to make sure we are Covid safe.

Year 7	<p>One day geo-caching on the Downs behind the school and one day soap making</p> <p>Monday 28th : geo-caching 7B, 7C and 7E and Ceramics 7G, 7P and 7R</p> <p>Tuesday 29th: geo-caching 7G, 7P and 7R and Ceramics 7B, 7C and 7E</p>
Year 8	<p>One day doing outdoor creative writing and one day focusing on First Aid (including CPR) and other PSHE topics such as drugs and health</p> <p>Monday 28th : Creative writing 8B, 8C and 8E and PSHE 8G, 8P and 8R</p> <p>Tuesday 29th: Creative writing 8G, 8P and 8R and PSHE 8B, 8C and 8E</p>
Year 9	<p>One day focusing on developing practical skills for creative and practical subjects and one day learning about RP with a session learning about Islam from the University of Cambridge</p> <p>Students have been informed based on their options choices</p>
Year 10	<p>One day completing a trading floor challenge (Monday) and one day learning about Space (Tuesday)</p>

Sports day

All students will have the opportunity to attend Sports Day next week at the Withdean stadium whilst remaining within the guidelines and risk assessments. We are confident we can do this in a way which is safe, and which enables all students to participate in the day. The arrangements for the day will be as follows:

- Years 7 and 8 should arrive to register at the Withdean Stadium at 8.45am
- Year 7 and 8 Track and Field events will run from 9 – 11pm, at which point the students will leave the stadium directly to go home.
- Years 9 and 10 will arrive at the stadium at 12pm and be registered.
- Year 9 and 10 Track and Field events will run between 12.15 and 2.15pm, students will then be dismissed from the stadium at 2.15pm.

Students should arrive at the stadium in their PE kit as advised by their PE teacher, and bring appropriate clothing for the weather (e.g. sunhats, water, raincoat etc. As we have seen recently the weather can be very unpredictable at this time of year!). Students should bring food and drink to the stadium – there will be no facilities to purchase items at the stadium. Please ensure that children carry any medication they may need for the day, for example inhalers or antihistamines. Students in receipt of free school meals (both KS3 and KS4) will be able to collect a packed lunch from the stadium to eat either after their events or before they start.

Student of the week

Students of the week

Year 7	Callum N
Year 8	Max B, Isabella S
Year 9	Joe H
Year 10	Abigail R

Year 8 have been getting very creative in Textiles this week have practiced the skill of the 'Batik' finishing technique. This is where you draw a pattern or graphic onto paper, place it behind the piece of fabric and go over this with hot wax using a tjanting tool. Once complete the garment is then submerged into a bucket filled with fabric dye and the wax is later ironed off. We have some extremely talented students in Year 8 and the outcomes are not only very creative but also high quality too!



E-safety Update for Parents – FIFA 21

With Euros upon us, we thought it would be topical to raise awareness of the number of e-safety issues that can arise from playing FIFA 21. FIFA 21 remains a hugely popular game, but as you will see from the handy guide below the addictive nature of the game and over-competitiveness can have an impact on the mental health of players. It also recommends that parents are aware of the in-game purchase function and the possibility of sophisticated scams. We hope you find the advice useful and can use it to have conversations with your children.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 21

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You don't need to be a football fan to have heard of the FIFA series of games (named after the Federation Internationale de Football Association: the worldwide governing body for the sport). Part of the franchise's massive appeal is that official licensing gives users the opportunity to play games as their favourite teams, controlling their favourite footballers. They either compete online against other players or work through a solo-player career mode. With updated editions launched annually, FIFA is playable on a range of consoles, with mobile versions available for smartphones and tablets.



Recurring Costs

FIFA's trump card is that it includes real current players; a feature no other football arcade game can offer. However, this means that a new version of the game is released every year, with updated teams, players, kits and stadia, plus gameplay tweaks and extra features. Young FIFA fans usually want to be playing the latest version, so the pressure to buy each annual update is likely to be considerable.



Online Chat

While the game of FIFA itself is suitable for children of all ages (as it does not include any inappropriate content), there is the issue of in-game chat. Your child can play against other people online and audio chat with them using headsets. As this communication is largely unregulated, it could mean that your child is exposed to language or conversations that are inappropriate.



Possibility of Scams

Your child may receive an email or see a message on social media or in forums which appears to be a genuine FIFA promotion, but could be a scam. Following these links would take them to what may seem like a FIFA login page but is actually a phishing attempt to capture their login name and password. Scammers often use a legitimate-sounding name, such as 'EA Admin' or 'FIFA Developer'.



In-Game Purchases

FIFA offers an array of in-game purchases. The FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode lets gamers build their own team, playing matches to win coins. These coins can be used to recruit better players or packs containing random players. Some purchases can be made with in-game currency; others require real money – which can become expensive. There have been reports of parents receiving large credit card bills after their children's in-game spending.



Addictive Gameplay

Your child could end up playing FIFA for long periods of time. Matches last around 20 minutes, so playing through an entire tournament can quickly eat up a large chunk of the day. Children sometimes struggle to control their gaming behaviour, at the expense of their daily routine. This is called 'gaming disorder' and is classified as a genuine mental health problem by the World Health Organisation.



Over-Competitiveness

FIFA has occasionally been criticised for its competitive gameplay leading to disproportionate aggression and negative emotion in some players. This can be amplified by the in-game audio chat with opponents in real time. The potential for an emotional outburst can sometimes reach unhealthy levels – especially if your child's team is losing heavily or is defeated by a very late goal.



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Advice for Parents & Carers

Set out Your Strategy

As a parent, it's worth considering that – if they like gaming and football – your child's fascination with FIFA probably won't be short term. It's more likely to be the start of a relationship that could last for years, involving repeated output on each updated edition of the game. If you think this may pose a problem, it might be best to make your child aware of it beforehand to avoid disappointment later.



Give Abuse the Red Card

The facility to chat to other players certainly adds to the overall enjoyment of FIFA, and it's unlikely that you'll be able to convince your child to play the game without using it. It would be wise, however, to make sure beforehand that your child is aware of how to mute the audio of any abusive players and knows how to report anyone who is being offensive or intimidating.



Defend against Scammers

Teach your child to stay clear of scams. Explain why they should be suspicious of any link which asks them to verify their username and password or provide other sensitive information: game developers never send messages asking for players' login details. Console messages, emails and social media posts promising in-game content if a player inputs their login information are fake.



Control In-Game Spending

To spend real money in FIFA, a player's account must have a payment method enabled. Check whose debit or credit card – or PayPal account – is linked to the device that your child plays FIFA on. Most devices' parental controls can be adjusted to limit spending. There is also the prepaid option of Paysafecard – you can top up the balance, making it easier to control your child's purchasing in the game.



Avoid 'Extra Time'

Devices' parental controls can also be used to restrict the amount of time spent playing, if you feel it's necessary. Keep an eye on how long your child spends playing FIFA, just like you might monitor how long they watch TV for. Warning signs of over-playing include disinterest in other activities, tiredness or fatigue, neglect of personal hygiene or becoming angry when they have to stop playing.



Encourage a 'Half-Time' Break

Monitoring in-game chat is difficult, as you can usually only hear one side of the conversation. But your child's reactions will be a good general indication. Dealing with the frustrations of a game and troublesome people can be useful life lessons – but if your parental instinct is that your child is getting too upset or angry, that's the time to intervene and encourage them to take a break from the game.



Meet Our Expert

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