

Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the Week: Challenging Loneliness

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

-Deuteronomy 31:8

Dear Parents/Carers,

We very much enjoyed welcoming our 2022 Year 11 leavers back into school this week with their families for our celebratory Certificate Evening. It was wonderful to catch up with former students over drinks and nibbles and an absolute joy to present them with their GCSE

certificates and celebrate their incredible success this summer. Thank you to all who attended for making it a memorable and enjoyable event. Meanwhile, our current Year 11 students have been finishing their first set of mock examinations. The cohort has very much impressed us with their discipline in the exam hall, and with their focus and determination to do their best. Spare a thought for teaching staff who are now busy marking stacks of exam scripts! We are putting our final touches to plans for our Carol Services this year. We are trialling holding two back-to-back services during the school day this year to enable all of our students to experience a Carol Service. Whilst this does mean we will unfortunately not be able to welcome any parents/carers (due to capacity restrictions in the church) to Carol Services we are excited by the opportunity to share the wonder of the Advent period with every King's student this year. Thank you to everyone who is donating chocolate coins so that we can send every student out from their Carol Service with a small treat! In the midst of Black Friday and Cyber Monday I hope you are able to enjoy a little peace and relaxation this weekend.

Mrs Price



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Forthcoming Events

Monday 28 th and Wednesday	Year 10 Geography Fieldwork
30 th November	Trips
Tuesday 29 th November	Year 7 Indoor Athletics at BACA
Wednesday 30 th November	 Year 10 Boys Football Vs
	Varndean (3:30pm Kick off)
Thursday 1st December	Year 11 Football at Longhill
	Year 8 Boys Football at Dorothy
	Stringer (3:30pm Kick off)

GCSE Certificate Evening

Every November we welcome back our Year 11 summer leavers to formally present them with their GCSE certificates. It is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with former students and to celebrate their achievements. This year we were delighted to celebrate our best ever GCSE results with the class of 2022, who triumphed over all the odds to demonstrate wonderful success in their exams, despite enduring the covid pandemic and its widespread impacts on education. Congratulations to every member of this cohort and thank you to everyone who attended our Certificate Evening this year; it's truly a highlight of the school calendar.



Number 16 Bus

The Big Lemon bus company have advised that the number 16 bus will temporarily have less capacity in the mornings due to the unavailability of their larger buses. You may wish to seek alternate bus routes or times.

Student of the Week

Students of the week		
Year 7	Etta P	
Year 8	Sophie H	
Year 9	Alice C	
Year 10	Ruby D, Thea V	
Year 11	Charlie S	

Media Trip

On Monday, a group of Media Students braved the rain to take a trip to Fabrica, an arts centre in Brighton. We went along to watch a film as part of Into Film's Festival that showcases free screenings for young people in schools and youth groups in November each year. The screening was in the hall of a beautiful old church and the students watched The Electrical Life of Louis Wain, a bittersweet biopic starring Benedict Cumberbatch as painter Louis Wain. The story told of how he became famous due to his unusual paintings of cats, as well as the difficult aspects of his life and struggles with mental health. The students were wonderfully engaged in a film that many said they would not normally have watched, reviewing it after by saying it was sadder than they expected and quite surreal! Hopefully, it will inspire them to watch some more interesting and independent cinema at home!

Mr Parker-Sibun



Sixth Form Opening

The Sixth Form at King's will be opening in September 2023 and will accept both King's students and students from other local schools.

To apply for a place at King's Sixth Form for September 2023 please <u>click here</u>.

Instagram: @kingsschoolsixthform

Twitter: @kingsschoolsix1

BHISS ASC Parent Workshop

On 28th November at 3:15pm, BHISS will be running a workshop for parents to attend. The workshop will focus on anxiety in children with ASC. If you have questions about this topic, please come along to the talk.

Attendance

Whole school attendance was over 97% on Tuesday this week – absolutely fantastic achievement!

Christmas and Advent

Advent

This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent. Advent, as it first emerged in the Church in the fourth and fifth centuries, lasted, like Lent, for 40 days. Later tradition developed the Advent we have today, of four Sundays before Christmas Day. Advent marks a time of waiting, as Christians prepare to celebrate the mystery of God coming to live among humans, as one of us, in the person of Jesus Christ. It offers a time for reflection in darkness. It also offers a time for hope as we wait. For Christians, the waiting is not just to celebrate Jesus' birth but for his return when, as John writes in Revelation 21, "There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain" because Jesus will make "everything new!" In this period of waiting and reflection, there is a good opportunity for us to be

thankful for all the good things that God has given us, as well as to be mindful of those around us.

There are many church traditions during the season of Advent. Some churches will have an advent wreath with candles (often four purple ones) lit each Sunday during Advent and a central candle (a white one) begin lit on Christmas day. You may have been to a Christingle service, a custom which comes from the Morovian church, where children make Christingles with oranges (representing the world), sweets (representing all God has created), a red ribbon (representing the blood of Jesus) and a lit candle (representing Jesus, the Light of the World). Many of us will have taken part in a Nativity play, either in school or in Church, in which we act out the gospel account of Jesus' birth and the subsequent visits from the shepherds and magi. Many churches also have special services throughout the Christmas period, for example Carol Services or a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, a service which shares in the anticipation and joy of Christmas by bringing people together outside the usual time of services to celebrate the good news of Jesus' birth. This year we will be holding Carol Services for all our students to attend so they can be part of this Advent tradition.



Christmas Events

Reverse Advent Calendar

As part of our outreach to our local community during Advent we have historically run a reverse Advent calendar, collecting items for Project Antifreeze, a project reaching out to homeless people in our city run by the charity Off the Fence. This year, we will continue to honour the work of **Off the Fence**, whose schools and youth team contribute in many ways to the life of our school. In addition, we would also like to support the

work of **Fresh Start Community Association** whose Christmas Cheer Project provides hampers of food and presents to families and individuals facing challenging circumstances in the city. You can find out more about these projects on their websites here: https://www.offthefence.org.uk/antifreeze, https://www.freshstartbrighton.org.uk/christmas-cheer.html

For our reverse advent calendar this year we would like students to bring in donations of toiletries, non-perishable food items (particularly those that could go in a Christmas Hamper) or a new gift for an individual of any age. We will be collecting items between 28th November and 13th December. Items will be collected in form rooms and gathered together at the end of term to be given to the charities.

We know that some families may be unable to make a contribution. If any student would like to participate but cannot provide an item, they would be welcome to collect an item to donate from Mrs Vincent's office. If you would like to make a financial donation, please do so through the ParentPay link in your child's account. Financial contributions will be split evenly between these two charities.

Need List for Antifreeze

Priority items:

- Deodorant (mens and womens / spray and roll on)
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- · Shaving Foam
- Bottles of Water
- Winter Gloves (Mens)
- Thermals (Mens / Womens / Unisex all sizes)
- T-Shirts (Mens all sizes)
- Ladies knickers (all sizes)
- Waterproofs (for clients all sizes)
- Socks
- Scarves



King's Carol Service - Wednesday 7th December

This year we will be holding Carol Services in the afternoon of Wednesday 7th December at Bishop Hannington Church. Students will be walked from school to the church to attend a service and will be dismissed from the church. Alternative transport will be made for those unable to walk to the church. Further information on this will follow in a letter next week. Due to the capacity of the church, we are unable to welcome parents to these services this year.

Christmas Lunch and Non-Uniform Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 14th December

On Wednesday 14th December students will have the opportunity to have a Christmas Lunch from our canteen. This will also be our non-uniform day to raise money for the two charities we are supporting through our reverse Advent calendar. Students may wear non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation and are strongly encouraged to wear a festive jumper and or socks. Donations can be made through the ParentPay link in your child's account.

Revision Tip – Writing up Notes

This week we are looking at improving our writing as part of the revision process. Every subject will require some form of written answer at some point. We know that writing exam answers is hard and requires skill. Extended writing involves retrieval, elaboration and generation and therefore leads to strong learning (Make it Stick, 2014). It should be a desirable difficulty but in order to avoid cognitive overload (and panic), we need to break writing down. Successful writing requires both a knowledge of what to write and a knowledge of how to write.

We explored how we can upgrade basic sentences so that our written answers sound more formal and academic. Some of the strategies we can use include: elaborating with a because/but/so; adding additional information with a noun appositive clause; and adding subordinate clauses to our sentences. There are also several transition phrases we can use to demarcate our writing (included in the table below).

As part of a revision process, students should break writing down into sentence-level practice in order to improve the quality of their writing and help practice retrieving knowledge.

When completing homework or preparing for a quiz or test, students can think about how they can use some of these strategies to improve their answers.

Time & Sequence	Illustration	Change of Direction
First/initially In addition/additionally After Last Soon Then/later on Next Also Before/previously/earlier Finally/at last/ultimately Currently Meanwhile/During	For example For instance Specifically Particularly As an illustration Namely Such as Expressly Like Including In particular	However Even though/although/despite In contrast Otherwise On the other hand Although But Yet Instead On the contrary
Emphasis	Conclusion	Time – sequence of events or steps in a process Illustration – give examples, support details, explain or elaborate on a statement Change of direction – contrasting thoughts Emphasis – prove a point or statement; reaffirm something previously stated
Especially In particular Obviously Above all Most important Primarily Certainly Particularly Moreover Notably	In conclusion In closing In summary As a result/because Consequently/subsequently/resulting in Finally Therefore So Thus In the end	

Battle of the Bands

Starting in January we have an exciting new extracurricular music club called "Battle of the Bands". This will be directed by our guitar teacher Duncan Spear and will be replacing the usual Rock Band on a Tuesday after school, from 3.15-4.15pm.

We would like to invite students who play either guitar, drums, bass, keyboards or singers to join for the cost of £5 per session. Students will be grouped into their own individual bands of approximately 4 or 5 students and given the chance to work on a song of their choice. Their rehearsals will be coached and supervised by Duncan, and he will help prepare them for a performance at our Easter Showcase concert in March.

Students will need to be able to play an instrument to roughly a grade 2 standard to be able to participate.

If any students have questions about the group, their standard or anything else, they can come and talk to Mrs Brennan or Ms Woods in the music department.

If your child would like to sign up for "Battle of the Band" the payments for this club go live on ParentPay on Friday 2nd December.

Year 11 Restaurant Trip

We intend to offer a restaurant visit to Taquitos Casa Azul in the Open Market on London Road in Brighton on Thursday 8th December to Year 11 students studying Spanish. This would be an opportunity for them to sample Mexican cuisine in an authentic Spanish-speaking atmosphere and would also be a nice reward for having finishing their first round of Spanish mock exams. Students will get the opportunity to order in Spanish and taste some delicious food.

The agreed set menu with the restaurant is:

- A traditional Mexican "taquisa" (enough for 2 tacos each) meat, vegetarian and vegan options available
- A slice of flan desert each
- jugs of horchata / rosa de jamaica for pupils to selfserve drinks

The cost of this will be £21 and places will be offered on a first, come, first served basis. We have up to 24 places available (the maximum this small restaurant can accommodate) and students would be accompanied by two members of staff at the restaurant.

Students would need to make their own way to the restaurant for 4.30pm that day; the meal is expected to have finished by 6pm. They would then either need to be collected from the Open Market on London Road or make their own way home from there. Uniform is not required for this visit but students would be expected to follow normal school rules and display exemplary behaviour while on the trip as they are representing King's in the wider community.

To register your child's interest and reserve a place on this visit, please respond via Parent Pay and transfer the amount for the above menu. Should students wish to

purchase additional items on the menu, these would be available at an additional cost borne by the student.

We look forward to our first visit to this restaurant and to the opportunity to try these dishes.

King's School Fund



Historian of the Fortnight

Ellie is the current reigning Historian of the Fortnight in 11B! Ellie has achieved this royal honour for her continued hard work not only in lessons but at home. Her focus has led her to push herself out of her comfort zone and present to the class as well as enter discussion and Q&A more confidently. Her classmates have commented on these efforts to push herself more. Well done Ellie on hard work that is always noticed!



Year 8 Girls Football

The Year 8 girls along with some Year 7 and 9 students had their first game of the year yesterday against a good PACA side. They played with fun and energy and their passing, movement and support play on and off the ball was exemplary. They worked hard to cover each other and were supportive and encouraging towards all. In addition, there was not a single foul, or dive in, the whole match. The girls were strong in attack and defence and as a result our goalies were lonely at times.

The girls won 3-0 with 2 goals from Etta P (Y7) and Alice C (Y9). Etta was given player of the match by the PACA team. All of the girls should be very proud of the part they played in an emphatic win.

A big special mention to Belle S (Y10), who did a fantastic job of managing the team and has been working hard at training on a Thursday to get these players ready for the match.

Football training runs on a Thursday night each week for any girls who would like to join.



Emilia Year 8

Emilia in Year 8 had an amazing time at the British Gymnastics Championships, winning gold in her category and becoming British Disabilities Champion 2022! Emilia also won 4 other medals, gold on bars and floor, silver on vault and bronze on beam. This means that she also has qualified for the British Gymnastic Masters in Liverpool in March next year. Well done!



Winter HAF 2022

Funded by the Department of Education (DfE), HAF offers free enriching holiday activities with a healthy meal included.

Dates: Monday 19 to Friday 23 December, with a more limited offer between Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 December

Eligibility: Children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM)

The offer includes everything from playschemes to sports providers, and drama schools to family cooking sessions.

Get involved! Visit <u>www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/haf</u> to view the full events calendar and book directly with your chosen activity providers.

HAF booking codes:

A unique HAF booking code is required for each individual child.

- If your child took part in Summer HAF 2022, please use the same unique HAF booking code. You can ask for this to be resent by emailing HAF@brightonhove.gov.uk with the full name and date of birth of the child
- Those who are new to HAF must first apply for their unique HAF booking code by visiting www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/haf

To ensure everyone gets the support they need, please only book what you know you will attend.

Please email HAF@brightonhove.gov.uk with questions or for support.





Design a Poster for Beauty and the Beast

Beauty and the Beast School Production- Design a poster!

We would like you to design a poster for the Beauty and the Beast school production taking place in February. All Years are welcome to submit an entry. Your design should include:

- No text! Design/ drawing only
- No copied Disney images or logos
- Lots of colour!

Please submit your entries to Ms Flamson, Headteacher's PA via the school office. Entries should be submitted no later than Friday 2nd December 2022.

Happy designing ©



Broadcasts are a great way for students to hear directly from leading figures from a range of industries, and have the opportunity to ask questions via a moderated Q&A. Speakers for school provide live and recorded broadcasts for students to participate in. Watch pre-recorded broadcasts from the library here. Next week's broadcast schedule is below:

Date	Friday 2 nd December 10-10:45am	
Speaker	My Career Journey with Christine Hodgson, Chairperson, Severn Trent & Former Chairman, Capgemini	
	For students aged 14+	
Info	Join us and hear from Christine Hodgson as she talks about her career and what it's like to be a woman in leadership and more.	
	Click <u>here</u> to register	

Date	Monday 5 th December 10-10:45am	
Speaker	Educating on TikTok with Dr Karan Raj, NHS Surgeon & TikTok Star	
	For KS3-5/S1-6	
Info	Tune in and listen to our interview with Dr. Karan Raj about his career journey and how he became Tiktok famous! Using TikTok as a platform to inform, educate and spread awareness about many different topics, answering all those odd questions we wonder about.	
	Click <u>here</u> to register	

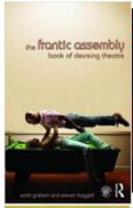
Date	Wednesday 7 th December 2-2:45pm	
Speaker	My Career in Law with Peter Leathem, Chief Executive Officer, PPL	
	For KS3-5/S1-6	
Info	Join us and we listen to Peter Leathem deliver a talk about his career journey – starting at school and moving up to when he became a CEO. Peter has had a long career in law and specialises in the music industry. He will also talk about how being a lawyer enabled him to develop a business career outside of the law. Click here to register	

Challenging reads – want to expand your theatrical knowledge ? Try one of these !

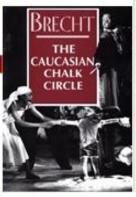


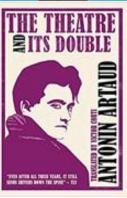






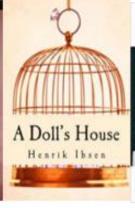


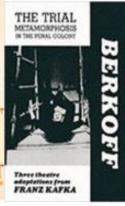






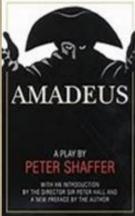


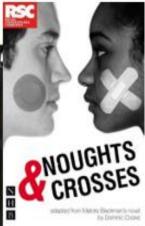


















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