

Headteacher's Update

No 201 13th January 2023

Theme of the Week: Who am I? (Identity)



It has been a busy start to the year in school. January is traditionally a time where students get their heads down at the start of a new calendar year and make excellent progress and this year seems to be no exception. We have been really impressed with the way in which students in all year groups have returned this term. They are full of enthusiasm for participating in school life and full of determination to reach their academic potential by the summer.

It was great to hear from teachers who spoke with Year 11 parents and carers yesterday evening for parents' evening. As ever, these conversations seem to have been very purposeful and helpful as we continue to support our Year 11 cohort through this vital year. We look forward to talking with Year 9 parents in a couple of weeks' time.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Mrs Price

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that 2023 has started well for you and your children despite the very inclement weather we have been having recently.





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Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 25 th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening (online)
Wednesday 25 th January	Year 9 Sussex University Maths Trip
Monday 30 th January	HPV and Flu Immunisations Year 8 and 9

<u>admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</u> www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk

King's Sixth Form – **Deadline today!**

Just a reminder that the deadline for applications to King's Sixth Form is Friday 13th January (Today). We would really love to encourage Year 11s to apply to be the first sixth form cohort at King's. We are confident that we will be able to offer them excellent, distinctive provision.

- Be known
- Outstanding Pastoral Support
- Small class sizes
- Excellent teaching and learning
- Leadership opportunities
- Bespoke careers and UCAS advice

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Coles at sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk. Every student who applies to the Sixth Form will receive an interview with Mrs Price and Mrs Coles, which is valuable experience.

Apply here King's School Hove (ret.systems)

Instagram: @kingsschoolsixthform

Twitter: @kingsschoolsix1

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Year 9 Parents' Evening will take place online on Wednesday 25th January. Booking for appointments opens via school cloud at 6pm today, Friday 13th January. School cloud can be accessed via our website or the link here.

Year 11 Key Dates

- Year 11 half term intervention running (by invite) 16th and 17th February
- Year 11 second mock exam series starts 20th
 February
- Year 11 GCSE exams start 15th May
- Year 11 Prom 6th July, approximately £50 per person
- Year 11 Yearbooks July, approximately £20
- Year 11 leavers' hoodie Online shop open now

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies

The online shop for Year 11 leavers' hoodies is now open. Many of our students like to purchase a leavers' hoodie as a reminder of their time at King's. Purchase is entirely optional.

Students are given the following options on the website:

- A range of hoodies;
- A range of colours (within the cost of the hoody);
- A range of sizes (within the cost of the hoody);
- To add initials on the front of the hoody (additional £3);
- To add a nickname/name on the back of the hoody (additional £3).

Financial contributions may be available for students in receipt of free school meals or families who are in need of financial support. If you would like further information please contact finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk before ordering and in the strictest confidence. We are not able to help if you order first and then seek financial help from the school.

A plain hoodie, without any additional features costs between £20.49 and £23.49 (depending on the style). A hoodie with one additional feature costs between £23.49 and £26.49; and a hoodie with two additional features costs between £26.49 and £29.49.

The online shop can be found here: <u>King's School 2023</u> <u>Leavers (leavershoodies.com)</u>

We ask that you order prior to Wednesday 25th January when the shop will close.

The above costs take advantage of an early bird discount and bulk purchase. Any orders made after this date will incur a much higher cost.

Vacancies

We are currently advertising the following positions. Please share with any members of the community who might be interested in joining us!

Teaching roles- starting September 2023

- Head of Science
- Teacher of Science

Non-teaching roles to start in February 2023

- Cover Manager and Administrator- full time, term time only
- Individual Needs Assistant- part time, term time only
- Invigilators- casual role- exam seasons only, highly flexible hours available
- Teaching Assistant part time, term time only
- Volunteer librarians- casual role, hours as suitable to candidates

Please click here for more information.

Student of the Week

Students of the week		
Year 7	Sheryl S, Maddie A	
Year 8	Isla K	
Year 9	Kitty D-R	
Year 10	Leon P	
Year 11	Sarah H	

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 17 th January	Sussex Waterh		Country	at
Tuesday 31 st January	KS4	Girls'	Basketball	
	Tournament			

Beauty and the Beast

Performances of this year's production of Beauty and the Beast will take place in February on the following dates:

- Tuesday 7th February
- Wednesday 8th February
- Thursday 9th February

Tickets will cost £11.75, with cast and crew members' families able to buy tickets from Monday 9th January and general sale from Friday 13th January. Performances will take place from **7pm each evening in the main hall**.

Online Safety and Gaming

Many of our pupils may well have received games consoles for Christmas and so we felt it was timely to share some updated safety tips for parents so you can support your child in safely navigating the world of online gaming! All devices now allow access to the internet and expose children to voice chat, text chat and photo sharing with complete strangers. In addition, VR headsets, connected to Facebook's Metaverse have been released onto the marketplace. The Metaverse seeks to link users to the internet through the use of Virtual Reality Headsets. This amplifies the danger children are exposed to online. The NSPCC has published a guide to the Metaverse/VR headsets which you can find below. We have also provided links to other excellent sources of support on a number of relevant issues, including the latest version of Fortnite:

Metaverse and VR Headsets

The latest version of Fortnite

A guide to online safety and gaming

Building Healthy Relationships when Socialising Online



Immunisations – Monday 30th January

Flu (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Parents of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were notified before the Christmas break that the Immunisation Team are coming into school on Monday 30th January to give the Influenza (flu) vaccination (nasal spray) to students where parents have given consent. A letter from the Immunisation Team was emailed with instructions on how to complete the online consent form to either consent refuse this vaccination. Please note that consent must be given by 11am on 24.1.23 in order for your child to receive the vaccination in school on 30th January. If you require a further copy of the letter from the Immunisation Team please email admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

HPV

Year 8:

Parents of students in Year 8 were notified before the Christmas break that the Immunisation Team are coming into school on Monday 30th January to give the first dose of the HPV vaccination to students where parents have given consent. A letter from the Immunisation Team was emailed with instructions on how to complete the online consent form to either consent or refuse this vaccination. Please note that consent must be given by 11am on 24.1.23 in order for your child to receive the vaccination in school on 30th January. If you require a further copy of the letter from **Immunisation** the Team please email admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Year 9:

If consent was given for your child to receive the first dose of the HPV vaccine when they were in Year 8, then they will receive the second dose in school on 30th January. You do not need to provide additional consent for this. If your child did not have the first dose of the HPV vaccine in Year 8 and you would like them to have their first dose in Year 9 please email admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk to ask for the letter to be sent to you. This will give instructions on how to consent to the vaccination. Please note that consent

must be given by 11am on 24.1.23 in order for your child to receive the vaccination in school on 30th January

Please be reassured that vaccinations will not be given without parental consent. If you have any queries regarding the vaccinations please contact the Immunisation Team on 01273 696011 x3789.

King's School Fund



Attendance

Congratulations to Year 7 who exceeded our 96% attendance target by achieving 97% on Thursday this week – well done!

Upcoming Awareness Days

MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY AND MLK DAY 16.01.23

These back-to-back events are a chance to celebrate the great man's life and achievements, but also to examine the issues he and many people of colour have faced (and are still facing) - not just in America, but in the UK too.

BLACK BRITISH STORIES - CHRISTINA SHINGLER was one of a series that won 2022's Best Online Resource at the Learning On Screen Awards (and was nominated in the Youth category at The Sandford St Martin Awards). In this short film Felix, aged 10, talks to his grandmother

Christina (Tina), a writer who decided to do something about the lack of black characters in British literature. Felix interviews Tina to find out what life was like growing up as one of the only two black children at her school in Ripon, North Yorkshire. Tina was often teased about her 'frizzy' hair in particular, which is why she wrote Princess Katrina and the Hair Charmer.

It's one of many important films in the curation: https://www.truetube.co.uk/search/?_sft_ev ent_category=martin-luther-kings-birthday

WORLD HIJAB DAY 01.02.23

HIJAB & ME, which was nominated for a host of awards, features three young Muslim women called Ambar, Ilhan and Athena. They give their personal (and very different!) opinions on what it means to wear hijab, and the status of women in Islam.

A very similar discussion is had by an equally eclectic group in WOMEN AND THE VEIL. Although made over 10 years earlier than our other film, you can see that the same discussions around what the hijab symbolises have been going on for a long time. Perhaps the two films can be compared and used to ignite respectful debate.

Watch them both here:

https://www.truetube.co.uk/search/?_sft_event_cate gory=world-hijab-day

Year 8 Football Success!

The boys' Year 8 football team got their first win of the season this week with a 3-1 victory over Cardinal Newman in the Brighton Cup. Nat scored a hat-trick plus a wonder overhead volley and was man of the match. King's drew this fixture in the league before Christmas so the boys enjoyed getting a deserved win this time around! Well done to all the team.

PTA

The PTA are currently crowdfunding for a Girls' football kit and are happy to consider sponsors. https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kingsschoo lpta?utm term=vBv9ZMnvj.

They will also be serving refreshments, sweets and Krispy Kreme donuts at all three Beauty and the Beast performances. Preloved uniform will also be on sale.

The next PTA meeting is on Friday 3rd of February, everyone is welcome to join. Please email pta@kingsschoolhove.org.uk if you would like to attend.

The PTA AGM will take place in April, and they are looking for new members, in particular a treasurer.



Kings School PTA

Beauty and the Beast Hampers donations

Following the success of our Hampers raffle last year, we're organising another and are looking for your help please!

Games

We're looking for donations of the following items:
Chocolates Stationery
Sweets Toiletries
Savoury snacks/treats Toys

Books Gifts

*All non perishable items please *No nuts * No candles*

Please could students bring in their donation by Friday 27th January 2023.

All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the education of King's students.

Contact email: PTA@kingsschoolhove.org.uk Charity number 1167661



Brighton & Hove Neighbourhood Policing Team Hove Town Hall Norton Road Hove. BN3 4AH

11th January 2023

Dear Parents.

I am the Ward PCSO for Hangleton and knoll and am writing to let you know that we are currently dealing with reports of youth related anti-social behaviour within the Hangleton Park area during the evenings. You are not receiving this letter because we believe your children are in any way involved with this directly, but we have asked the local schools for their assistance in informing the wider community.

The residents surrounding the park have been and continue to be recipients of ongoing anti-social and criminal behaviour and we are working to both reduce the impact on them and safeguard all the young people in the area as everyone should feel safe in the community.

We have been working in partnership with local youth groups and Brighton and Hove City Council. We have submitted a request to BHCC for the lighting to be repaired and CCTV has been installed to monitor and record any incidents.

We have also increased our patrols and have been speaking to any groups or individuals seen loitering within the walkways going into Hangleton Park.

To find out more about the work of Sussex Police, please visit our website: www.sussex.police.uk.

However, should you wish to speak to me about the above, please email me on sharon.baker@sussex.police.uk and I can pass on my work mobile number.

Regards

Sharon Baker 26992

Police Community Support Officer

Brighton & Hove Neighbourhood Policing Team

Hove Town Hall.