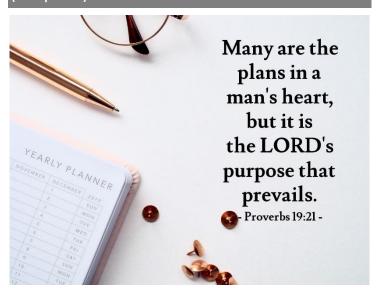


Headteacher's Update

No 202 20th January 2023

Theme of the Week: Why are we here (Purpose)?



Dear Parents/Carers,

As ever, I hope this newsletter finds you well. I am grateful to our site team for keeping our paths gritted and safe in the cold weather we have experienced this week; next week looks to be a little more temperate!

As you will know from my letter this week, we have now been notified of national and regional industrial action to be taken by the National Education Union. A significant number of our teaching staff are members of this union and so I must warn you that there will be a significant impact to our school operations on the strike dates, the first of which is Wednesday 1st February. It is highly likely that we will be able to partially open on this date, albeit with much reduced student numbers, and I will be writing to all parent/carers at the end of next week with the arrangements that we are able to make to serve as many students as possible. In my communications with you on this matter I will avoid any political discussion and stick to logistics and practical arrangements. I am sure you will understand the reasons behind this decision.

There are now only two weeks remaining before our whole school production of Beauty and the Beast and my tickets are booked! If you haven't yet secured your tickets I would encourage you to do some whilst we have some availability. Students and staff are working incredibly hard and it promises to be an excellent show.

Enjoy your weekends.

Mrs Price



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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



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King's Sixth Form

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. We are still accepting applications so please do not hesitate to fill out a form.

- 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 will be a 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 <u>link here</u>.

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 each
- Year 11 leavers' hoodie Online shop open now

Vacancies

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

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
- School Business Manager- full time
- Teaching Assistant part time, term time only
- Volunteer librarians- casual role, hours as suitable to candidates

Please click here for more information.

Reporting harassment, discrimination and bullying

In assemblies this week we have introduced a new reporting portal for pupils so they can more easily report harassment, discrimination and bullying. We do recognise that coming forward in person to report these issues can be difficult and so we have developed a simple online form which is sent directly to our Pastoral Team. As you will see if you click the *Report It* button below, the Pastoral Team will investigate any concerns alongside your child and go at a pace they are comfortable with. They will also be able to choose which member of staff supports them. The *Report It* button will be sent to all pupils via their school email and will also be available on the school's website.

The portal should not be used for reporting mental health concerns. If your child has a mental health concern in school they should speak to their form tutor or Head of Year. If they experience any mental health concerns outside of school hours, they should contact CAMHS on the number provided.

We hope that pupils use the *Report It* portal sensibly to share genuine concerns. However, if we feel any pupil has deliberately misused this facility, or made a malicious allegation, we will use the school's Behaviour Policy to issue an appropriate consequence.



Student of the Week

Students of the week	
Year 7	Ruby O
Year 8	Zae L
Year 9	Angie I
Year 10	Tayla K & Seth O
Year 11	Nicholas B

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

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Wednesday 25 th January	Y8	Girls'	Football	٧
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Tuesday 31 st January	KS4	Girls'	Basketk	oall
	Tournament			
Wednesday 1 st February	Y7 a	and 9	Netball	at
	Dorothy Stringer			
Wednesday 1st February	Y7	Boys'	Football	at
	Blatc	hington	Mill	

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 cost £11.75 and are available via ParentPay. Please note that we have had an amazing take up and so very limited tickets remain. Buy now to avoid

disappointment! Performances will take place from **7pm each evening in the main hall**.

Beauty and the Beast - Raffle

The PTA will be holding a raffle which will be drawn on 9th February 2023. This is the last evening of our Beauty and the Beast performance. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the education of King's School students. Raffle tickets are priced at £1.00 each and can be purchased by logging on to your ParentPay account. Raffle ticket numbers will be sent to you the week before the draw. Please purchase your raffle ticket by Friday, 3rd February 2023. We wish you luck in winning one of our wonderful hampers.

Advice around strangers

Occasionally we get reports from our pupils to say they have been approached by strangers when travelling to and from school. This week we thought we would share some basic safety tips around this issue:

Perhaps the most important way parents can protect their children is to teach them to be wary of potentially dangerous situations – this will help them when dealing with strangers as well as with known adults who may not have good intentions. Help your child recognize the warning signs of suspicious behaviour, such as when an adult asks them to disobey their parents or do something without permission, asks them to keep a secret, asks children for help, or makes them feel uncomfortable in any way.

One strong response is to teach them "No, Go, Yell, Tell." If in a dangerous situation, children should say no, run away, yell as loud as they can, and tell a trusted adult what happened straight away. Make sure that your child knows that it is okay to say no to an adult in a dangerous situation and to shout to keep themselves safe. Here are a few more things you can do to keep your children safe and avoid dangerous situations.

• Know where your child is at all times. Make it a rule that your children must ask permission or check in with you before going anywhere. Give

your children your work and mobile phone numbers so they can reach you at all times.

- Show your child safe places to play/hang out, safe roads and paths to take, and safe places to go if there's trouble.
- Teach your child to trust their instincts. Explain that if they ever feel scared or uncomfortable, they should get away as fast as they can and tell an adult.
- Tell them that sometimes adults they know may make them feel uncomfortable, and they should still get away as fast as possible and tell another adult what happened.
- Teach your children to be assertive. Make sure they know that it's okay to say no to an adult and to run away from adults in dangerous situations.
- Teach your child to call 999 if they are in a dangerous situation.
- Encourage your child to travel to and from school wherever possible. There's safety in numbers!

Assembly content this week

All students in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 were given in-person assemblies this week from Mr Chamberlain and Mrs Price on the important topics of sexual objectification, harrassment and violence, delivered in an age appropriate way. We deliver these assemblies annually to ensure that our students are educated on these issues and have the opportnity to engage with them. Our assembly emphasised the importance of always showing respect for one another, and honouring each other's dignity, in line with our distinctive Christian ethos and values. We encouraged students to consider the media they consume and how they interact with people. As ever, students were incredibly receptive and thoughtful in these assemblies.

Girls Football update

Since I last reported about the girl's football back in November, the year 7, 8 and Under 14 teams have all had matches.

The Year 8 and Under 14 sides have played several matches against some tough competition in challenging weather and questionable pitch conditions. Sadly, all bar one of these games were lost, with the exception

being the U14 match against PACA where the girls ran out convincing winners with a 1-7 scoreline – I think our players really like playing on a top quality 3G pitch!

This week the Year 7s had their very first match, they were away at BACA for a cup game and the girls put in a strong performance, against what turned out to be a Year 8 and 9 side. Therefore, despite a heavy loss they will actually progress to the Quarter Final of the cup due to age rule breaches by the opposition. King's will now face Dorothy Stringer; the exact date is to be confirmed but the deadline for the match is February 1st.

The U14 side played against Newman yesterday (19-01-23) and despite the loss on a heavy muddy pitch, the team showed great teamwork to provide some really good goal scoring opportunities, they just couldn't seem to find the back of the net. Belle (student coach) and I are really impressed with how the team are developing, despite the selection headaches it causes us as we have so many talented players who all want time on the pitch.

A reminder that girls' football training for all year groups is on a Thursday after school on the grass pitch, and there is an additional indoor session on a Thursday morning (8am) in the sports hall.

If you are interested in playing football, even if you can't regularly train, please come and see Ms Orford-Kemmish to make yourself known.

The next match is a Year 8 game against Patcham on Wednesday. There are plenty of other games in the pipeline, and will be announced shortly.

Girls' sports shoes

Our PE department is asking for any kind donations of girls' sports shoes, including football boots with studs and trainers, in an assortment of sizes. They would be very grateful for any of these. If you would like to donate, please bring these to Ms Orford-Kemmish or the front office.

Parent Adoption Meeting

We will be hosting our next parent adoption working group on Tuesday 31st January. This will be held from

18:00-20:00 in our Learning Resource Centre. If you would like to attend and haven't attended any of the previous meetings, please feel free to get in touch with Ms Staples or Mrs Morley via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Help for Ukrainian Families

The Elim Church Brighton are currently searching for people to take in Ukranian families who have had to come to the UK due to the ongoing war. If this is something you think you could help with, please contact Elim Church on christy@brightonelim.org.uk or Kateryna herself on koryagina178@ukr.net

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 either consent refuse to or 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

the Immunisation 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 please 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 Years 7 and 8 who have exceeded our 96% attendance target this week – well done!

PTA

The PTA are currently crowdfunding for a girls' football kit and are happy to consider sponsors. If you can donate to the crowdfunding campaign please visit https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kingsschoo lpta?utm term=vBv9ZMnvj.

The PTA 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. Please take this opportunity to support our fantastic PTA and their fundraising.

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!

We're looking for donations of the following items:

Chocolates Stationery
Sweets Toiletries
Savoury snacks/treats Toys
Books Games

Gifts

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

Windmill Young Actors

Social Media Handles:

Facebook: @windmillyoungactors Instagram: @windmillyoungactors Twitter: @WYActors

Useful Links:

About Windmill Young Actors: https://youtu.be/zCcG2L-q7-8 Website: http://windmillyoungactors.com/ Auditions Sign up: https://bil.ty/BakkhalAuditions Provisional Rehearsal Schedule: https://bil.ty/RehearsalScheduleBakkhai

Email

Audition Opportunity with Windmill Young Actors

Windmill Young Actors are working on a brand new production of Bakkhai (based on Euripides' The Bacchae) at the Whitehawk Hill Nature Reserve for Brighton Festival 2023 this May, and they're running some auditions next week.

This production will be an amazing experience for everyone involved - it's a chance to work on a professional show in one of the most major arts festivals in Britain, and they'd love to hear from you even if you've never thought acting would be for you.

A "workshop" audition will be held on two days, Wednesday 25th January from 17.30 to 20.30 or Saturday 28th January from 10.00 to 13.00 at Brighton Youth Centre

Auditionees can come to either, and may be invited back to a reading audition where they can read as character's they try out for these will be held on Friday 27th January (4.30-8pm) or Saturday 28th January (1.30-7pm) also at Brighton Youth Centre.

You will need to be available for a minimum of 70% of rehearsals - A provisional Rehearsal Schedule can be found here: https://bit.ly/Rehearsal/ScheduleBakkhai . Special consideration will be made for those doing GCSE's or A Level and we can reduce rehearsal time if needed. If you absolutely can't attend the audition dates but desperately want to be involved please get in turb with them directly.

touch with them directly.
Sign up here: https://bit.ly/BakkhaiAuditions

About Windmill Young Actors: https://youtu.be/zCcG2L-r7-8

Facebook & Instagram

Are you aged 14 - 25? Windmill Young Actors are making a brand new production of Bakkhai (based on Euripides' The Bacchae) at the Whitehawk Hill Nature Reserve for Brighton Festival 2023 this May, and they're running some auditions next week.

They're looking for approximately 48 actors, and would really love to hear from you even if you've never thought acting would be for you!

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Auditionees can come to either, and may be invited back to a reading audition where they can read as character's they try out forthese will be held on Friday 27th Jauray (4.30-5pm) or Saturday 28th Jaurayr (1.30-7pm) also at Brighton Youth Centre. Sign up here: <a href="https://dit.

Find out more about Windmill and join our weekly classes: http://windmillyoungactors.com/

Twitter

Windmill Young Actors have a brand new production for Brighton Festival 2023 (@brightfest) this May and they're looking for actors!

Sign up here: https://bit.ly/BakkhaiAuditions

^{*}All non perishable items please *No nuts * No candles*

Speakers for Schools

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 prerecorded broadcasts from the library here. Next week's broadcast schedule is below:

Date	Tuesday 24 th January 2-2:45pm	
Speaker	Crime and Justice - In Journalism with Nick Ross, Broadcaster and Former Crimewatch Presenter	
	For KS4-5/S4-6	
Info	Are you thinking about a career in journalism? Thinking about a career in preventing crime? Tune into our broadcast with retired journalist Nick Ross, he became a household name in the UK launching TV shows Watchdog and Crimewatch.	
	Click <u>here</u> to register	

Date	Thursday 26 th January 10-10:45am		
Speaker	How I Became an Entrepreneur with Rajeeb Dey, CEC Learnerbly		
	For KS4-5/S4-6		
Info	Rajeeb is passionate about helping people connect to opportunities and flourish in their careers. Most recently he launched Learnerbly which helps people be their best selves at work. Join us and get a chance to ask all your questions about starting your own company and being an entrepreneur.		
	Click <u>here</u> to register		

Date	Thursday 26 th January 2-2:45pm	
Speaker	Future Ready with Vodafone	
	For KS4-5/S4-6	
Info	The UK's foremost telecoms brand brings you a 1-hour inspirational broadcast focusing on the technologies of tomorrow – and how you can become part of this future world.	
	Join us for a first-of-a-kind experience with the top UK telecoms brand. Hear from experts across this titan organisation sharing the future of telecoms innovations — and the range of exciting and progressive careers open to you. Get a window into the world of work and a chance to speak with current apprentices, engineers, and directors all waiting to share how you can get Future Ready, with Vodafone.	
	Click <u>here</u> to register	





School Crossing Patrol Officer

Are you friendly, reliable, willing to work outdoors in all weathers and to ensure the safety of children and parents on their way to and from school?

You will be working 5 days per week, 30 to 40 minutes, (mornings and afternoons) during school term times.

We have vacancies at the following sites across the City:

- Balfour Primary School Balfour Road 7 hours 30 minutes per week
- Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School The Green, Rottingdean 5 hours per
- Carden Primary School County Oak Avenue, Brighton 5 hours 25 minutes
- Saltdean Primary School Lustrells Vale Saltdean 6 hours 15 minutes per

Full uniform and training will be given.

If you are interested please contact Emily Tester, Road Safety Training Manager, on 01273 293847 for an informal discussion.

To apply:

https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/jobs

Closing date is 22 January 2023

Interview date: 3 and 6 February 2023 - Morning on both days



Family Cycling

How does the training work?

Cycling is a sociable and brilliant

We offer training to families to boost their experience and to support families with cycling safely

All sessions will be delivered by qualified National Standards Instructors who ensure that the training will meet the needs of each family

The training is delivered in 2 sessions at a time to suit your

Session one is held in a non-traffic environment and is a training assessment, practice moving groups, bike control and progression towards on-road training if ready – approximately 1 hour.
Session two is held on road and working towards a planned journey for the

family, self-assessment, mentoring - approximately 2 hours



All sessions are available for up to 6 people from the same family and MUST include 1 under 18

Riders MUST

- . Be able to ride independently (start, stop, pedal, slow down)
- Provide their own roadworthy bike (must have working brakes and no stabilisers)
- Helmet (optional)

How to book or if you have any further questions? Email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk Telephone: 01273 293847







a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- · Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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