

Theme of the Week: Is this life all there is (life after death)?



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well as we go into this last weekend in January. It is a cliché to say it feels like the longest month but it really does! I know that in school we have been buoyed by the slightly lighter afternoons recently;

a reminder that things are going in the right direction!

I wanted to address a particular matter in this week's introduction to the newsletter. In recent weeks there have been reports of strangers trying to interact with students across the city on their journeys to/from school; as you know, one of our students was involved in one such incident. There are also regular reports online of young people going temporarily missing in the city; sometimes the police appeal for information and sometimes families themselves will put out information on social media to help with searches. Several parents have contacted me over the last week or so, in the light of recent events, to ask why the school doesn't routinely widely publicise incidents of this nature to parents/carers. Beyond the obvious answer that there are private individuals involved in these incidents and their wishes and privacy must be respected, there are more general answers. Often the information we have on these sorts of incidents is scant and therefore generally unhelpful to parents. Publicising these incidents, with little factual information, generates a good deal of fear amongst our young people, as well as amongst parents. It can also lead to rumours being generated across the city which become 'warped' as they are passed on, in turn generating further and

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## Forthcoming Events

<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HPV and Flu Immunisations Year 8 and 9</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEU industrial action</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Production performances</li> </ul>

escalating fears. Finally, focusing attention on a particular stranger or incident can make parents/carers/students believe that the specific individual is the only threat when of course there are many potential threats (sadly) to our children as they travel to and from school – road traffic arguably being the most important. Please be assured that we do regularly speak to students about the importance of being mindful of their safety when making their journeys to and from school and we would encourage you to open up discussion on this with your children regularly too.

I hope you have lovely weekends.

Mrs Price

## Industrial Action

Parents/carers will be aware that this coming Wednesday 1st February is the first day of industrial action scheduled by the National Education Action. Mrs Price wrote to parents yesterday to outline the plans that the school has made for students on this date. Please find this letter attached again to this newsletter email for your convenience. Please ensure that you do read this letter carefully so you are aware of the plans that have been made for you child/children on this date.

## King's Sixth Form

Interviews for our Sixth Form places started this week and will continue through February. 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](mailto: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 11 Mocks and Reports

Year 11 mocks will begin on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February (the first Monday back after half term) and the timetable is below. You will receive a report of the mock grades in April.

Targeted intervention will run over half term on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February for those who are invited. Invitations will be sent home on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Sessions run from 9:30 – 12. The sessions that are running are:

- 16<sup>th</sup> February – Maths, Science, RP, PE and English
- 17<sup>th</sup> February – Maths, Drama and Music

If your child is invited to attend intervention, we strongly recommend they do attend as the purpose of these sessions is either to complete NEA (coursework) or to target gaps in their knowledge. Where students have been invited to more than session on the same day, please ask them to discuss with their teachers and then decide which session will be most useful. If you think your child should have been invited to a session but has not been then please contact the department directly using the contact us page on our website <https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/contact-us>.

Please note that some subjects will repeat through the year.

These sessions are not extra lessons. For most Year 11 students the best use of their time over half term is independent study using the techniques they have been taught. The most important factor in students doing well at GCSE is starting revision now and being organised and disciplined in keeping to a revision schedule. It is also important to have breaks and time to relax and recuperate.

The holiday intervention schedule for the rest of the year is:

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4 <sup>th</sup> February	MFL
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Science
13 <sup>th</sup> April	English and geography
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Art, Music and Computer Science
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Maths and Science
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Music and Geography
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	English and History

All start at 1.30			
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## Student of the Week

### Students of the week

<b>Year 7</b>	Milo L
<b>Year 8</b>	Solly E
<b>Year 9</b>	Joni V
<b>Year 10</b>	Amelie W
<b>Year 11</b>	Daisy W

	Monday 20 February	Tuesday 21 February	Wednesday 22 February	Thursday 23 February	Friday 24 February
<b>Morning</b>  All start at 8.45	English Language P2	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	English Language P1
<b>Mid Morning</b> 11.15 or 11.30 start		Religious Studies  11.30am	Spanish Listening - Foundation Tier  11.30am	French/Spanish Reading - Both tiers  11.15am	Spanish Listening - Higher Tier  11.30am
<b>Afternoon</b>  All start at 1.30	Maths P1	Geography P1	Design & Technology Food Prep & Nutrition  Business Music	PE  Drama Computer Science	Spanish Writing  French Writing Media Studies
	Monday 27 February	Tuesday 28 February	Foreign language Speaking Exams will take place on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd March. The Art mock exam will take place on 7th March. Additional Science, History and PE papers will take place in lessons - your subject teachers will let you know when these will take place.		
<b>Morning</b>  All start at 8.45	Maths P2	English Literature P1			
<b>Mid Morning</b> 11.15 or 11.30 start	Geography P2  11.15am	French Listening - Both tiers  11.30am			
<b>Afternoon</b>	History P3	Maths P3			

## Upcoming Sports Fixtures

<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	KS4 Girls' Basketball Tournament
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Y7 and 9 Netball at Dorothy Stringer
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Y7 Boys' Football at Blatchington Mill

## 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.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> February
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Hamilton

On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, Years 9 and 11 travelled via train to the Victoria Palace Theatre in London to watch the Broadway hit, Hamilton the Musical. Students in Year 9 History Heroes Club have been studying the life and work of Alexander Hamilton and his pivotal role in gaining American independence, writing the US Constitution and establishing a national treasury. Students watched as this life was depicted through hip hop from rap congress battles to ballads that reduced the cohort to tears. Esme exclaimed that it made her cry several times. Brean left the theatre shouting that it was 'So good!'. Year 11 enjoyed the show immensely, stating that they thought the staging and concept was incredible.

We very much look forward to taking the current Year 8s next year to such an exciting and immersive experience which for another year running, received a standing ovation from King's.



## Immunisations Reminder – Monday 30th January

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on Monday to give the following immunisations.

Flu - Years 7, 8 and 9 (nasal spray)

HPV – Years 8 and 9. Students receiving the HPV vaccination should wear a short-sleeved shirt if possible, and remember to eat breakfast on the day.

Immunisations will not be given to any students where parental consent has not been received by the Immunisation Team.

## Cross -Country

Last week our Cross-Country runners took part in the Sussex Schools Cross Country. We had full teams in the junior and senior boys' and girls' races and they were up against all the schools across Sussex. Students did really well running again in tough conditions and should be proud of taking part and completing the course. We also had two great individual results with Alex and Greta coming in the top 20 and being selected to run for Sussex at the Inter-Counties race later in February. It was also confirmed that our junior boys' team did end up winning the Brighton and Hove Schools Cross Country – huge congratulations to the team!

## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 10 who have the highest attendance in the school this week and have exceeded our 96% attendance target – well done!

## Mental Health Support Team

At King's we are well-supported by the Mental Health Support Team. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing guides and top tips from the team here in the newsletter. This week, we are making you aware of the different parental workshops which are tailored for primary and secondary age pupils (see attachment). Please feel free to sign up to any of these events. Next week we will be sharing top tips around managing anxiety.

## Parent Adoption Meeting

We will be hosting our next parent adoption working group on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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@kingschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:admin@kingschoolhove.org.uk).

## Historians of the Fortnight

Alex is our Historian of the Fortnight in Mrs Cager's class!

Alex is our Historian of the Fortnight due to his recent sped up dedication to his GCSE studies. Alex recently did not achieve his potential in his mocks. Not only did Alex assert himself to complete a resit but he has pushed himself to tackle all tasks at 100% of effort. His recent two tests have seen him achieve 100% and gain increased confidence in his exam structure. Alex drives discussion in lessons, asserts focus and dedication by improving not only the standard of his work but the explanation of it. Alex's confidence has grown and been prevalent in all he does, seeing him out progress students in our class to be crowned our Historian of the Fortnight. A very impressive refocus on Year 11 studies from Alex and a very strong well done!



Lottie is Historian of the Fortnight in Mrs Fleury-Beecham's class!

Lottie is our Historian of the Fortnight due to her undying dedication to History. Lottie has been making the effort to complete work in advance, completing exam questions and overall has a hard-working approach to her studies. Lottie has been a vocal member of our group, in incredibly conscientious and pushes herself to achieve.

Lottie's determination has resulted in pushing Emperor Toby off of his throne and into exile! All hail Empress Lottie!



## Vegan Options – School Canteen

Please note that if your child would like a vegan option from the school canteen at lunchtime, they should request this during their breaktime on that day.

## Year 11 Food and Nutrition

The Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students completed their first assessed technical cook on Wednesday. The students made everything from scratch (bread, wraps, nachos, churros, pastry, pasta, gnocchi, sauces, soups, meringues...).

They have 2 more technical cooks before their practical exam at the beginning of March. Well done Year 11!



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/kingschoolpta?utm\\_term=vBv9ZMnvj](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kingschoolpta?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@kingschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:pta@kingschoolhove.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	

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

Please could students bring in their donation by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

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

Contact email: [PTA@kingschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:PTA@kingschoolhove.org.uk)

Charity number 1167661

Raising money to enrich and expand our students' experiences.

Visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kings-school-fund> or click on this image to be taken to the page.

Every donation has an impact on a student's education experience.

Thank you for your support



King's School Fund

## Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust (SCFT) Governors

SCFT are now accepting applications from people who work with or can represent the views of children and young people to join their Council of Governors – and we would like to ask you to think about applying.

### What does a Governor do?

Individually and collectively, Governors play an important role in the work of the Trust. Some of the ways in which they make a real difference are:

- Representing members on key issues and consulting them on important matters such as service developments.
- Helping shape our future strategy and the services we provide.
- Participating in the selection and appointment of the chair of the Trust Board and its non-executive directors.
- Engaging with members and the public to seek feedback on NHS services.
- Recruiting new members to help us grow our membership base.
- Supporting the delivery of our three-year Membership Engagement Strategy.

The role of Governor requires a degree of commitment, as a minimum attending four formal meetings each year, but many of our Governors choose to be more involved and the level of involvement is entirely up to you. The positions are voluntary, but reasonable expenses are paid. Full training will be provided both on

induction and regularly throughout your term of office. Appointed governor terms are two years in duration and you can stand again for further terms. The term is effective 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025.

## How many people are on the Council of Governors?

The Council of Governors represent the people we serve, the staff who provide our services and the partners we work with. It consists of three groups:

- Fifteen **Public Governors** elected by members of the Trust from their own area (constituency).
- Five **Staff Governors** elected by our staff.
- Eight **Appointed Governors** who are decided by the Trust and the organisations we work closely with. We already have one Appointed Governor who represents children and young people – we are currently recruiting for one other Appointed Governor to start their term on 1 April 2023.

## How to apply

We encourage all those who work with/who are able to represent the views of children and young people to apply. If you are interested, please complete the attached Children and Young People Governor application form. Please ensure your application is returned no later than **Friday 17 February 2023**.

## The timetable

Below are details of the key dates:

Stage	Date
Applications invited	<b>January 2023</b>
Deadline to submit your application	<b>By Friday 17 February 2023</b>
Advised whether or not your application has been shortlisted	<b>Before the end of February</b>
If shortlisted, invited to attend discussion with members of the Appointments Committee	<b>Early to mid-March – exact time to be confirmed</b>

Decision and feedback from the Appointments Committee	<b>Before the end of March</b>
Public announcement on Trust website	<b>Before the end of March</b>

Further information about the Council of Governors is available from the website: <http://bit.ly/scftgovernors>. If you have any questions or need help applying, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Somerville, Deputy Trust Secretary, by calling 01273 696011 ext.1520 or emailing [paul.somerville@nhs.net](mailto:paul.somerville@nhs.net).



# Level 1 & Level 2 CYCLE



## TRAINING at Preston Park and Hove Park



Monday 13 to Thursday  
16 February 2023

10am – 12.30pm each day

**Ages 9 – 15**

Levels 1 & 2 together is  
£40.00 per person.

**Level 1** is where you will learn to control your bike.

**Level 2** is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

Level 1 – Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.

Progression to Level 2 training is dependent on meeting all level 1 modules to National Standards Level.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

To book your place, please visit  
[www.sports.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events](http://www.sports.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events)



# Level 3 CYCLE



## TRAINING at Preston Park and Hove Park



Monday 13 – Wednesday  
15 February 2023

1.15pm – 3.15pm each day

**Ages 11 – 15**

All children must have attended a level 2 course and should allow 3 months practice between levels.

All trainees will be assessed on level 2 outcomes before progressing further.

**Level 3** is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 3 training costs £45 per person.

To book your place, please visit  
[www.sports.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events](http://www.sports.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events)



**CAROUSEL**

# Re-Imagine Pop Ups

Workshops run by and for young people with learning disabilities and autism

Aged 12-18? Join us this half term for your chance to be in a band! Take part in a taster session where you'll have experience being in the band.

Sessions available on 14th, 15th and 17th of February, 3pm to 5pm at Brighton Unitarian Church.

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or enter on our website by February 8th