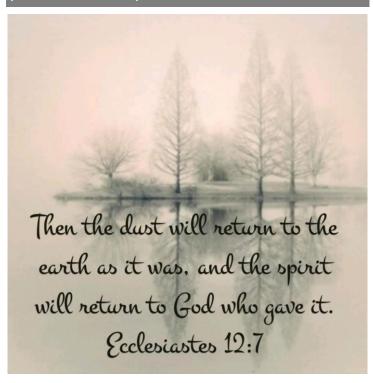


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No 203 27th January 2023

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

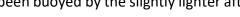


Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Monday 30 th January	HPV and Flu Immunisations Year 8 and 9
Wednesday 1st February	NEU industrial action
Tuesday 7 th - Thursday 9 th February	Production performances

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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. 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 20th 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^{th} and 17^{th} February for those who are invited. Invitations will be sent home on Monday 30^{th} January. Sessions run from 9:30-12. The sessions that are running are:

- 16th February Maths, Science, RP, PE and English
- 17th 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:

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

	Monday 20 February	Tuesday 21 February	Wednesd ay 22 February	Thursday 23 February	Friday 24 Februar
Morning	English Language P2	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	English Languag e P1
All start at 8.45		Comb. Sci. Biology	Comb. Sci. Chemistry	Comb. Sci. Physics	
Mid Morning 11.15 or 11.30 start		Religious Studies	Spanish Listening - Foundatio n Tier	French/Spani sh Reading - Both tiers	Spanish Listenin g - Higher Tier
		11.30am	11.30am	11.15am	11.30a m
Afternoo n All start at 1.30	Maths P1	Geograph y P1	Design & Technolog Y Food Prep & Nutrition	PE Drama	Spanish Writing French Writing
at 1.50			Business	Computer Science	Media Studies
	Monday 27 February	Tuesday 28 February	Music		
Morning	Maths P2	English Literature P1			
All start at 8.45			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		
	Geograph	French			



Student of the Week

Students of the week			
Year 7	Milo L		
Year 8	Solly E		
Year 9	Joni V		
Year 10	Amelie W		
Year 11	Daisy W		

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 31 st January	KS4	Gi	rls'	Basket	ball
	Tou	irname	ent		
Wednesday 1 st February	Y7	and	9	Netball	at
	Dorothy Stringer				
Wednesday 1st February	Y7	Boys	, S	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 7th February
- Wednesday 8th February
- Thursday 9th February

11.15am

History

y P2

Mid

Morning

11.15 or 11.30 start

Afternoo

Listening

11.30am

Maths P3

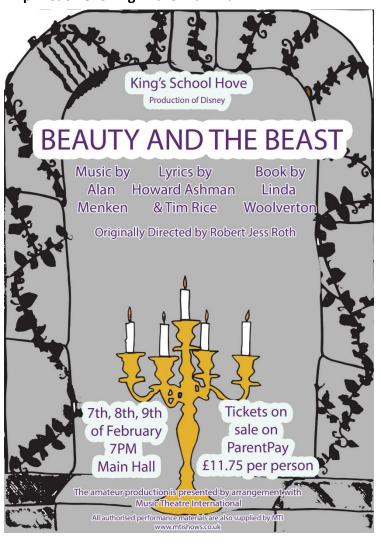
- Both

tiers

- your subject teachers will let you

know when these will take place.

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**.



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 <u>will not</u> be given to any students where parental consent has not been received by the Immunisation Team.

Hamilton

On Thursday, 26th 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 froward 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.



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 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.

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!



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

*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

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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

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induction and regularly throughout your term of office.	Decision and feedback from	Before	the	end	of
Appointed governor terms are two years in duration	the Appointments	March			
and you can stand again for further terms. The term is	Committee				
effective 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025.					
	Public announcement on	Before	the	end	of
	Trust website	March			
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	January 2023
Deadline to submit your	By Friday 17 February
application	2023
Advised whether or not your	Before the end of
application has been	February
shortlisted	
If shortlisted, invited to	Early to mid-March -
attend discussion with	exact time to be
members of the	confirmed
Appointments Committee	

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.

