

# Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the Week: Why is there so much suffering in the world?



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well. We are introducing a new section in our weekly newsletter where we will set out our weekly worship theme and give you some more information on how students have been exploring this theme during the week; I hope you find this informative and helpful. A lot of my time this week has been happily taken up with interviewing students who want to attend our Sixth Form; both current Year 11 students and external students. It has been an absolute joy to talk with them about their plans for Sixth Form study and beyond and it has strengthened our strong belief that it is right for King's to open a Sixth Form at this point in our journey. We are so excited for the opportunity to retain our students for Key Stage 5 and support them through their A Level/Level 3 BTEC study. We also look forward to welcoming students from across the city who want to be part of a smaller Sixth Form where they will be known and valued. At King's, Sixth Formers will have increasing independence, combined with bespoke academic support and outstanding pastoral care. They will be able to study and continue to grow as people within our nurturing Christian ethos. We know that our Sixth Formers will be fully supported to reach their potential and we know that their presence in school will be so beneficial to the younger year groups. Please continue to pray for our preparations for Sixth Form opening and for our recruitment of this initial cohort. It is so exciting to see this last chapter of the King's vision unfolding in our city.





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#### **Forthcoming Events**

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Production performances
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul> <li>Half Term</li> <li>Year 11 intervention on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February</li> </ul>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul><li>First day of new Half Term</li><li>First day of Year 11 mocks</li></ul>

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I wish you all restorative weekends.

Mrs Price

# This Week's Theme: Why is there so much suffering in the world?

This week we have been considering the theme of suffering and asking the question — Why is there so much suffering in the world? Several year groups have had in person assemblies with their Heads of Year this week to explore this theme and some assemblies have bene led by tutor groups. In our extended worship time this week students have considered different types of suffering including current conflicts around the world, the impacts of the recent coronavirus pandemic and people's individual suffering. Students also considered that some positives can come from suffering and explored the concept of 'chosen suffering'. Students looked at some Bible passages on this topic and explored ways to support people known to them through periods of suffering.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk">sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/contact-us">https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/contact-us</a>.

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 vear is:

4 <sup>th</sup> February	MFL
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Science

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13 <sup>th</sup> April	English and geography		Stude
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Art, Music and Computer Science		Stude
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Maths and Science		Year
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Music and Geography		Year :
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	English and History		Year :

	Monday 20 February	Tuesday 21 February	Wednesd ay 22 February	Thursday 23 February	Friday 24 Februar Y
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	Maths P1	Geograph y P1	Design & Technolog Y Food Prep	PE	Spanish Writing
All start at 1.30			& Nutrition	Drama	French Writing
ut 2.55			Business	Computer Science	Media Studies
	Monday 27 February	Tuesday 28 February			
Morning	Maths P2	English Literature P1	re		
All start			Foreign lan	guaga Spaaking F	النبيعوسمير
Mid Morning 11.15 or 11.30 start	Geograph y P2	French Listening - Both tiers	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.		Brd March. place on e, History in lessons let you
Afternoo n All start at 1.30	History P3	Maths P3			

#### Student of the Week

Students of the week	
Year 7	Charlie M
Year 8	Matilda B
Year 9	Hannah M
Year 10	Yana R
Year 11	Sam B

#### **Upcoming Sports Fixtures**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 8 Boys' Football v
	Stringer B
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7 Girls' Football v
	Stringer Away
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 8 Boys' Football v
	Varndean Away
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Football v
	Blatchington Mill Away

## 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.

#### Mental Health Support Team

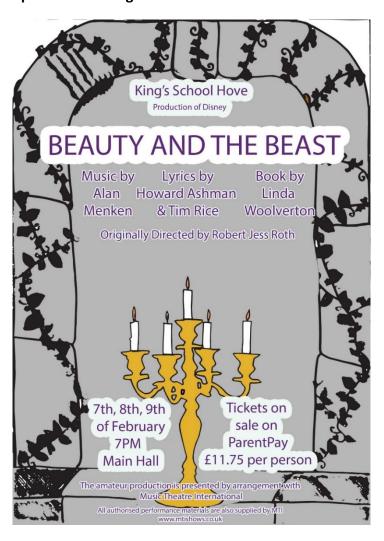
At King's we are well-supported by the Mental Health Support Team. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing guides and top tips from the team here in the newsletter. This week, we attach a newsletter about anxiety.

#### 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**.



#### Vacancies

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

#### **Teaching roles- starting September 2023**

• Teacher of Economics and Business

- Teacher of Humanities (Geography and History) with second subject
- Teacher of English (with second subject)
- Teacher of Psychology and Sociology
- Teacher of Design and Technology and Food and Nutrition

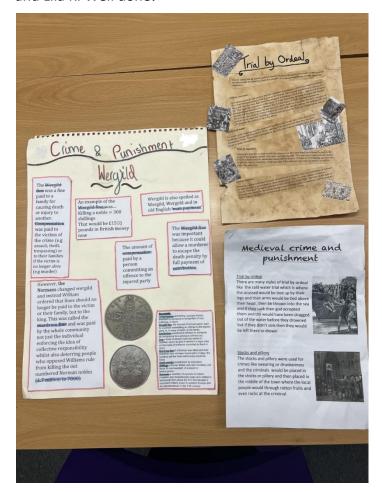
#### Non-teaching roles to start in February 2023

- School Business Manager Full time
- Cover Manager and Administrator Full time, term time only
- Individual Needs Assistant Part time, term time only
- Teaching Assistant Part time, term time only
- Senior Teaching Assistant Full time, term time only
- Volunteer librarians Casual role, hours as suitable to candidates

Please click here for more information.

#### Year 7 History

7A2 History were tasked this week with creating a piece of research on Medieval punishments. The best examples would be used by Year 10 as a revision tool. The winners, as voted by Year 10, are Erin P, Ruby M and Lila K. Well done!



#### Prime Drinks and Energy Drinks

Many of you will be aware of the craze for Prime drinks which are being sold in Asda and Aldi. Whilst the Prime Hydration drink is not considered dangerous for young people, Prime are



planning to launch Prime Energy in supermarkets from April. The official website states that one 12oz can of Prime Energy contains 200mg of caffeine. A warning on the page states that the energy drink is not recommended for children under the age of 18, as well as pregnant or nursing women. For comparison a can of Red Bull has between 75-80mg of caffeine and a can of Monster Energy contains 160mg. An average cup of coffee contains around 40mg of caffeine. However, there are no laws in place restricting sales of energy drinks to under 16s and if Prime Energy proves to be as popular as its predecessor, it will likely fall into children's hands. According to GP Dr Hana Patel, 200mg is double the amount of acceptable caffeine for children, though she recommends that they avoid it all together - as it can cause symptoms such as insomnia, heart palpitations, dizziness and anxiety. She said: "Caffeine is a stimulant and evidence and research shows, that children should not have caffeine in their diet, if they do it should be no more than 100mg of caffeine in a day. Caffeine also may harm children's stilldeveloping cardiovascular and nervous systems.

In addition, we are concerned that young people are visiting supermarkets in the early hours of the morning (around 3am) to obtain newly arrived stock. There is a clearly a safeguarding risk in this behaviour and we would not recommend that any young person travels around the city and this time in the morning, either with friends or alone. Please also note that these drinks are being re-sold at extraordinary prices on ebay and other platforms with individual cans fetching around £15-£20.

At King's we permit pupils to drink water in the classroom and this remains the healthiest and safest option for all young people. We do not permit pupils to bring energy drinks e.g. Monster, Red Bull to school and

these have always been listed amongst our <u>banned</u> items.

#### Attendance

Congratulations to Year 7 and Year 10
who exceeded our 96% attendance
target on Thursday this week – well
done!

#### Historian of the Fortnight

Issy is our Historian of the Fortnight!

Isabella is our Historian of the Fortnight due to her quietly tenacious approach to her studies. Issy completes all tasks to an incredibly high standard, attempts extension tasks and will always check that she is fully able to answer tasks to the highest of standards. To add, Issy is an incredibly conscientious student who not only pushes herself to achieve but takes real care in her focus on achieving her targets.

I am so incredibly proud of this student who silently cruises through the course with an indelible amount of grit and determination!

Well done Issy B or should I say, Queen B?!

Mrs Cager



#### **LGBT+ History Month**



#### LGBT+ History Month 2023

Theme "Behind the lens"

#### What's on?

Poster competition

Why not create a poster or Instagram post to help us celebrate LGBT+ history month. Your poster should be celebrating an LGBT+ person from the film or TV industry who you want to share with the school.

Submit your creation to the school office or admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

#### Assembly

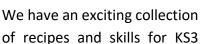
We will be looking at LGBT+ people 'behind the lens' in assembly after half term

#### Newsletter

Keep your eye on the newsletter for a feature on LGBT+ people every week throughout the month

# Food Technology

There has been lots of activity in the food room recently as most of Mr Jenkins' groups are completing their food rotation.



with some new practical tasks for year 9. We want students to experience a range of skills that they can take home and hopefully impress their family with their newfound culinary skills!

A Victoria sandwich is a classic sponge cake that we believe every student should have the opportunity to bake.



Gabriel 9C showed excellent dedication to the food & nutrition course and baked a beautiful light and tasty sponge. We want to say a huge thank you to The King's School **Parent Teacher** Association (PTA) who have recently provided a range of different equipment including the all the cake tins. Their kind gesture



to enhance our equipment has allowed us to be more adventurous in the kitchen.

Mrs Angus

Head of Design and Technology





A 15–20-minute ride in the coach up to Sussex university. We had three sessions and lots of fun!!!

The first session we had was about bubbles! All the way to how the bubble shape in different stencils, because they always take the shortest and easiest route. It's also like if you're trying to connect three places using as minimal roads as possible to it would cost less and take less time. We were also shown how the calculation of the perimeter and area of a shape has developed over time.

In the second session we had, was about surface area on a strip of paper and how there would be more surface area if you twist and bend and cut it. Instead of using a regular flat sheet of paper.

After those two sessions, we had lunch in the university cafeteria. We got to know how its feels like to be a student during a casual day in the university.

For the last session, we discovered how to make games like dobble and dominos using mathematics. Say you had seven symbols for dobble, you would think that there would be seven possibilities but there is not. There would only be two possibilities because there is only allowed to be two symbols that are there same on two cards, not seven

-Manuella G 9B

 $x^{+}(1-y) = 2$ 

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#### **Upcoming Menus**

Please see below the upcoming menus for the second half of the spring term, alongside a special menu for February 10th.





#### 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 <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kingsschoo/">https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kingsschoo/</a> 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 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@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Charity number 1167661

#### King's School Fund



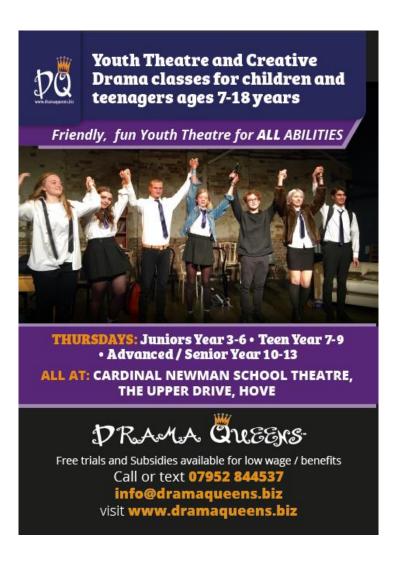
#### Speakers for Schools

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 pre-recorded broadcasts from the library <a href="here">here</a>. Next week's broadcast schedule is below:

Date	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2-2:45pm	
Speaker	About the Past Imperfect podcast with Alice Thomson and Rachel Sylvester British Political Journalist and Podcaster, The Times	
	For KS4-5/S4-6	
Info	Join the hosts of the Past Imperfect Podcast, Alice Thomson and Rachel Sylvester, as they talk about the ins and outs of hosting a podcast. We will look at what led them to start, how they cultivated an audience, and the impact it has on them in addition to their work at The Times.	
	Click <u>here</u> to register	

Date	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 10-10:45am
Speaker	Comedy as a Career with Arabella Weir, BBC Comedy Writer & Performer
	For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Arabella Weir is a comedy actor and writer, broadcaster, and presenter. She is probably best known as one of the stars of the BBC's multi-award-winning The Fast Show. Since then she has also become well known for her contributions to all of the Grumpy Old Women series! In this broadcast, Arabella will be talking about her career in comedy and giving advice for aspiring comedians.

Date	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 10-10:45am
Speaker	Youth Activism with Mikaela Loach, Environmentalist
	For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Join us and 24 year old Mikaela Loach, as she talks to us about her new book, IT'S NOT THAT RADICAL!: Climate Action To Transform Our World. Mikaela is a freelance writer about all things sustainability, ethical-living, refugee rights & intersectional activism. She is based in Edinburgh, where she studies medicine. In this broadcast, you will get a chance to ask her about her thought on the current climate and find out ways you can have a bigger positive impact.
	Click <u>here</u> to register





There's nothing warm or woolly about life on the streets.

Life expectancy of a female rough sleeper is just 43; 45 for men. The homeless die younger, are likely to get ill and are at more risk from violence than the housed population.

They once held down jobs, marriages, careers, commissions in the armed forces and dreams...

So how can we show we care? First REGISTER on the web page. Then find the most outrageous woolly hat. On Friday 24th February wear your hat.

Children pay £1 by texting WOOL to 70085\*
- adults by texting WOOL5 - and if you want
to donate more, just add the amount to the
word wool i.e. text WOOL20 to donate £20

Send your funny woolly head shots to Info@offthefence.org.uk and we'll post them online.

To find out more and to register, click on the QR code opposite or go to www.offthefence.org.uk/woollyhatday2023



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