

Theme of the Week: Building Character – Strength

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

ROMANS 8:38-39



Dear Parents/Carers, I hope you had a good half term week and enjoyed some of the nicer weather we experienced. I was in school on Thursday and Friday of half term week to support Year 11 intervention sessions and was so impressed to see the turn out and focus of our senior year group for these sessions. I am grateful to all staff who gave up some holiday time to deliver these sessions; they really do make a difference to our Year 11 cohort. Year 11 students are now well into their second set of mock exams and our invigilators continue to comment on their excellent behaviour and attitudes in the exam room. It was great to see our new wall art go up in the corridors over the break and it has been fantastic to see students' response to it. We are committed to creating a welcoming and attractive environment for students throughout the school and these canvas wall wraps are a great new addition. We have the second day of NEU industrial action next Thursday 2nd March. Please do ensure you have thoroughly read my letter sent out this week detailing our plans for the day. I hope that our communications regarding industrial action have been timely and clear.

I wish you all a good weekend.

Mrs Price

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Forthcoming Events

Thursday 2nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEU Industrial Action
Tuesday 7th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 photos

This Week's Theme: Building Character – Strength

This week we have started a new series on 'Building Character'. The first character trait we have been considering is 'Strength'. Students have had in person assemblies this week, led by Heads of Year and tutor groups, on this theme. In extended worship this week students have been considering different types of strength including physical strength, moral strength, and character strengths. Students have looked at passages from Philippians and Psalms and have considered how they can build their own strength of character and model holistic strength to others.

NEU Industrial Action

Mrs Price wrote to all parents/carers this week regarding the forthcoming industrial action by the National Education Union on Thursday 2nd March. Please ensure that you have read this letter carefully so that you are fully aware of plans for your children on this date. In summary:

- Year 11 historians are expected to attend school all day from 9am-3pm;
- Year 11 students with appointments for Spanish mock oral exams should attend for their appointments;
- The senior team will be running a study room for Year 11 wishing to study in school rather than at home; places for this can be booked via email to admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk;
- Other year groups, and Year 11 students not studying History, will have some online lessons. As with the last day of industrial action class 'meetings' will be set up on the morning of the 2nd March. Students should log into Teams at 8:55am to see which online lessons they will have. Generic work has been sent home for students to use when they do not have online lessons;
- Parents/carers of students in receipt of free school meals will be able to request that their child collects a food parcel at the end of the day on Wednesday 1st March.

King's Sixth Form

We would really love to continue 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.

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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 \(ret.systems\)](#)

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KS4 Diary Dates

Year 10

- Year 10 full written reports will be sent home the week beginning 6th March 2023
- Year 10 will be sitting their mid-course exams the first week back after the Easter holidays. They have been learning about revision skills (including revision timetables) in tutor time this term. Their results will be sent home in May.

Year 11

- Year 11 Mock results will be sent home by the end of term (31st March)

Next week there will be a different timetable for the three days following the Year 11 exams. This is to ensure that practical subjects complete their NEAs (coursework) and that we are able to cover the curriculum fully in all subjects. The details have been sent home and exact timetables for individual students will be communicated to them in advance.

Wall Art

The school recently commissioned some large canvas wall wraps to brighten up our corridors. These were installed over half term and are looking fantastic! Students in all year groups have commented really positively on the difference they make to the school environment and their usefulness to their learning. We hope to commission another round of displays next academic year.



Netball

Our fantastic Year 9 squad played Dorothy Stringer this week, with the help of three outstanding Year 8 students. The team played with a lot of positional rotations, however they still came away with a 10-6 win. The team showed great versatility and depth across attack, midcourt and defence. Player of the match went to Kitty D-R.

The Year 7 team also played Dorothy Stringer in their first fixture of the league. The girls have been incredibly patient with some re-scheduled games. Their hard work and commitment to netball training is really starting to pay off. The squad narrowly lost 5-3, however the result really didn't reflect how much possession our King's team had throughout all four quarters. Player of the match went to Bluebell B. Well done to the entire team!



Beauty and the Beast

It has been two weeks now since we put BATB 2023 to bed. What a cast! What an orchestra! What a crew! What a journey!

On Thursday we had a celebration breakfast – thank you Mrs Price for suggesting and organizing this – in the LRC, which was full to the rafters. 87 students took part. Over 10% of our school population which is a remarkable achievement, and testimony to their teamwork, commitment, and desire to be involved in a creative enterprise.

Mrs Brennan and I were really delighted with how the show came together on the nights, after months of hard work from students. So many of our students shone, some new to performing, some seasoned professionals! I now have the mammoth task of choosing photos from the 800 Leos in Year 10 took, in order to display them in school. Look out for an article in The Argus in coming weeks too.

So, a massive well done to all involved and a massive thank you to the parent musicians – Mr Giesl, Ms Roberts and Mr Lambert, as well as our very own brass teacher, Mr Baker – who gave so generously of their time to be a part of it. A final thank you should go to all the staff who helped support us in so many ways in order that this could be a success.

We had some terrific feedback from audience members:

- *What a joyous performance it was, and the passion and enjoyment of everyone involved really shone through. It was a wonderful showcase of talent, and though the individual performances were wonderful, there was also a sense of team and togetherness which added to the atmosphere. What a triumph!*
- *I was lucky enough to get a ticket for tonight's outstanding performance by your students and wanted to send a note to say how brilliant they all were, and how wonderful the staff team must be to support the children and showcase such talent.*
- *As a primary teacher, at Hove Juniors, some of the cast were in my class last year (shout out to*

Joe and Neve!) and many have been through our school, so it was a proud moment to watch them on the stage and know they are continuing to live their best school life, at Kings!

- *Seeing the euphoria and warmth amongst the crew at the close of the show actually melted my heart - it was awesome, thank you all!*

Mrs Grosvenor





Student of the Week

Students of the week

Year 7	Roselle F
Year 8	Ava L-T
Year 9	Danny W
Year 10	Veronica S
Year 11	Finlay J

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Monday 27th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Boys' Football V Blatchington Mill
Tuesday 28th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Basketball Tournament Year 7 and 8 Cross Country
Wednesday 1st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Netball V Blatchington Mill
Friday 3rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Girls' Football V Patcham

World Book Day

World Book Day is just around the corner and so the English department will be celebrating next Friday by putting on our first light-hearted Murder Mystery for all students who can find their inner Sherlock. Foul play is afoot, and the killer lurks among us. Who knows who their victim will be? No-one is safe. Once the killer has made their deadly move, it will be down to the wannabe detectives to use their break and lunchtime to piece together the literary clues around school to ascertain the killer's identity, the weapon and their motive. The first student to complete their answer sheet and deliver it to Miss Rumsby in English 4 will receive the £10 book token prize. The runners up will be rewarded as well, but if you snooze, you lose. So, can you crack the case?

Mental Health Support Team

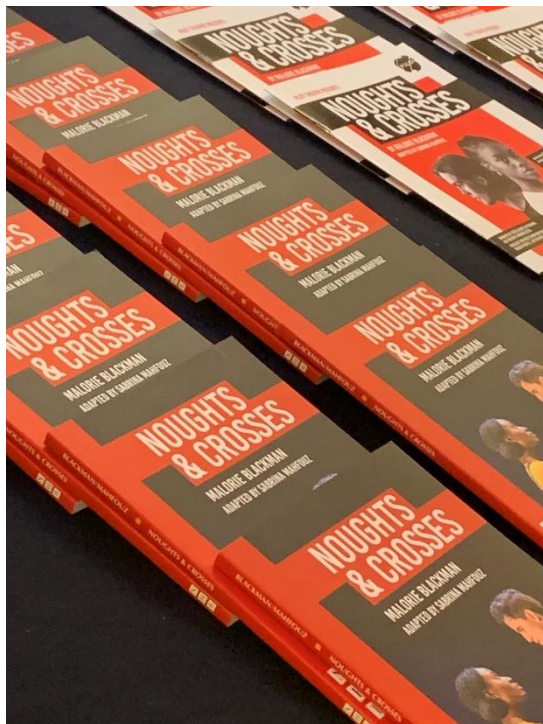
At King's we are well-supported by the Mental Health Support Team. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing guides and top tips from the team here in the newsletter. This week, we attach a newsletter about Sleep.

Noughts and Crosses, Theatre Royal Brighton

This Tuesday 42 students attended a trip to see 'Noughts and Crosses', an adaptation of Malorie Blackman's famous novel by Pilot Theatre. Lots of students were fulsome in their praise of the performance, commenting on how moving it was and how much they appreciated seeing some of the techniques we have studied in class, such as chorus work and physical theatre, played out in a professional production. The set design was fantastic and will give us plenty to talk about in our GCSE lessons. The students themselves were impeccably behaved and real ambassadors for King's. One Year 9 student commented on how it really made her empathise with people who experience prejudice in society.

Thanks also to the staff – Ms White, Ms Dendy and Ms Wilson – who accompanied the trip. A final thanks must go to the Finance department and Mrs Lyons, who work so hard behind the scenes to help make these trips happen.

Mrs Grosvenor



Young Writer's Competition

Well done to Diego W-B (9R), who has been selected for publication in a Young Writers' competition for a maths themed short story. Diego's story is below:

FL06 FGX

"FL06 FGX - foxtrot, lima, 0, 6, foxtrot, gold, x-ray. A blue Ford Focus heading westbound down the A16!" I shouted into the radio; adrenaline pumping through my veins. My partner slammed down the accelerator and gave chase. Sliding around the roundabout, sirens wailing at the other cars, we needed to catch them quickly. If we didn't, more lives would be lost. The getaway car had spotted us, his driving became more erratic. We chased him down a side street at speed. Suddenly, we were blinded by his bright brake lights. The last thing we saw was the numberplate, FL06 FGX...

Calling all pizza lovers!

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 can win the chance to come to an after-school workshop session using fresh FATTO A MANO pizza kits. All the ingredients will be prepared by the Hove restaurant, and you could be invited to make, cook, and eat the pizza during a session on either March 7th or 9th 2023 (3 - 4pm). I have added on the form for you to say which of the 2 dates you could attend (if you win a place).

Please use the pizza template attached to show your ultimate design. Give it a name and explain your choice of ingredients, then hand in your entry form to the school office or Mrs Angus by Monday 27th February.

Good luck!

Online safety talk for parents

We are delighted that our online safety partner Smoothwall will be offering a comprehensive online safety talk for parents at 6pm-6.30pm on Wednesday 22nd March. This is a free event and you will be able to join via Teams from the comfort of your own home. Ben McGrath will be covering all of the latest issues and trends to support you in keeping your child safe online. Our staff have previously received this training from Ben and found it incredibly useful for staying ahead of the game in what is an incredibly fast-moving environment. Please make a note of the event and we will send you the link closer to the date.

Attendance

Congratulations to Years 7 and 8 who have achieved over the school target of 96% attendance this week. Keep it up!

PTA

The PTA have the following upcoming events:

- Friday 30th June – Parent/Carer Walk and Talk
- Thursday 14th September – Colour Run

The PTA AGM will take place on April 27th from 6pm at school, and they are looking for new members, in particular a Treasurer. All are welcome to attend.

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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 [here](#). Next week's broadcast schedule is below:

Date	Tuesday 28 th February 2-2:45pm
Speaker	Upskill your interview technique with Diana Brightmore-Armour, CEO, C. Hoare & Co. Private Bank, FTSE100 Board Director

	For KS4-5/S4-6
Info	Interviewing isn't easy but is something that we all have to do at some point, join Diana Brightmore-Armour, in this upskill broadcast that focuses on developing your interview skills. Click here to register

Date	Wednesday 1 st March 10-10:45am
Speaker	A Career in Pop Culture with Dr. Jennifer Otter Bickerdike, MTN, Celebrity and Fandom Culture, Podcast host of Rock and Roll Confidential For KS4-5/S4-6
Info	We will be joined by Dr. Jennifer Otter Bickerdike, a critically acclaimed author who also has over 30 years of music business expertise working with many artists like Eminem, Gwen Stefani, and U2. She is an expert commentator in over 30 pop culture-focused documentaries, with frequent TV and radio appearances, and is the creator and host of the Rock N Roll Confidential podcast. In the broadcast, we will look at her unique career and find out what it took to make her dreams into reality. Click here to register

Date	Wednesday 1 st March 2-2:45pm
Speaker	The Power of Failure with Paul Rennie OBE, Head of the Global Economy Group, British Embassy in Washington DC & Former Director for Diplomacy 20:20, FCO For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Paul Rennie is the Head of the Global Economy Group at the British Embassy, Washington DC, leading the UK's climate and energy, economic and trade, and science and technology networks across the United States. He was born in Edinburgh and educated at George Heriot's School, before graduating with an MA in Economics and Politics (Edinburgh University) and an MSc in Economics (York University). In this broadcast, he will deliver his motivational and inspiring talk entitled The Power of Failure. Click here to register

Date	Thursday 2 nd March 10-10:45am
Speaker	World Book Day: Kit de Waal, Author For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	In this World Book Day broadcast, we will hear from Author Kit de Waal who was born in Birmingham to an Irish mother, who was a childminder and foster carer, and a Caribbean father. Her writing has received numerous awards including the Bridport Flash Fiction Prize 2014 and 2015 and the SI Leeds Literary Reader's

	Choice Prize 2014 and the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year. MY NAME IS LEON, her first novel was published in 2016 and shortlisted for the Costa Book Award.
	Click here to register

Date	Friday 3 rd March 10-10:45am
Speaker	STEMULATE with Vodafone For KS4-5/S4-6
Info	In this broadcast, we will hear from several people who currently work at Vodafone in several different levels and positions. All the way at the top of management with Mark Courtney to Pip Austin who is studying a level 4 apprenticeship. If you would like to find out more about apprenticeships and engineering, then this is the broadcast for you! Click here to register

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