

Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the Week: Building Character - Gratitude

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this final Newsletter of the term finds you well and looking forward to an Easter break. It has been a characteristically busy end to the term with Easter Communion Services running this week, alongside our Spring Music Showcase and end of term celebration assemblies. Students are certainly ready for some time away from school and a chance to rest. I emailed Year 11 parents/carers this week with information on the forthcoming GCSE exam period and advise on revision for students over the break; I hope that was helpful.

Staff will be in school with Year 11 students on 12, 13 and 14th April; as ever, I am grateful to all staff giving up some of their holiday time to support our students. Year 10 students will also want to mix in some revision with their rest to ensure they are prepared for midcourse exams which start shortly after we return. There is much to look forward to in the summer – hopefully some nicer weather for a start! Have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 18th April.

Mrs Price

INSET and Bank Holidays

A final reminder that Monday 17th April is an INSET day and the school will be closed to all students on this date. As you will know, Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May are also Bank Holidays this year and the school will be closed on these dates.

King's Sixth Form

Planning for our Sixth Form is continuing to progress apace, and we are very excited about our imminent opening this September! We have recruited to several specialist Key Stage 5 teaching positions in recent



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Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 12 th - Friday 14 th April	•	Year 11 Intervention
Monday 17 th April	•	INSET day

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weeks, including Business and Economics and Psychology and Sociology, and we have also made growth appointments in Science and English to ensure we will be able to serve our first cohort of sixth formers well. We have now completed interviews and have offered places to a good number of internal and external students. If your child has been offered a place and has not yet accepted, we would encourage them to do this; they can hold places at several different Sixth Forms without jeopardising their place at any provision so accepting more than one offer keeps their options open as they continue with their GCSE studies. We have also made plans to meet on a 1:1 basis with a number of Year 11 students who have not applied to our Sixth Form to discuss their Key Stage 5 plans with them and see what support and guidance we can offer. If your child has not been offered one of these appointments but you would like them to meet with Mrs Coles and Mrs Price, please do not hesitate to contact us to request this via sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

We are still accepting applications and students can complete the short application form on our website here: https://kings.ret.systems/application/login

We are excited to extend our provision to this new Key Stage and are confident that we can offer students distinctive provision in the city.

- Be known
- Outstanding Pastoral Support
- Small class sizes
- Excellent teaching and learning
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- Bespoke careers and UCAS advice

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Coles at sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

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Key Dates

Year 11 Exams and Interventions

Timetables for the Year 11 GCSEs were given to students this week. More detailed ones (with rooms and seating) will be given out after the Easter holidays. Students have been asked to check them carefully and make sure that all their subjects are listed, and that the tier of entry (H or F) is correct. Some subjects have multiple entries for the same date (RP, History, Languages), these reflect the options within the exam specs, and are not clashes — once the seating plans have been created, they will resolve.

The overall timetable and information for candidates, including the student exam handbook with links to the JCQ is also available on the school website.

- https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/documen
 ts/22-23%20Exams%20Handbook.pdf
- https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/documents/Exam%20timetable.pdf

Any queries or errors please email exams@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Year 11 Interventions will be taking place over the Easter holidays and students have all received their invitations. For many students our advice is to spend the holidays wisely revising on most days, but also taking some time for rest and relaxation. There are four school weeks once we return before the GCSE exams start, although elements have started already such as yesterday's Drama performances. The first exam in the Hall is on Monday 15th May. There will be more interventions running during the May half term.

Mrs Price has written to all Year 11 parents/carers this week with details of how the exam period will run in school.

Year 10 mid-course exams, w/b 24th April 2023

These are important exams for Year 10; they are sat in the exam hall and use GCSE exam papers. The results will be sent home to parents. Following recent announcements by the NEU, it is possible one or more of these days will be taken by industrial action days. In this case, it is likely we will send home the exams for

that day. Students have now received an exam timetable. Students will be in their normal lessons where they are not sitting exams. A simplified copy of the exam timetable is here:

Period	Monday 24th April	Tuesday 25th April	Wednesday 26th April	Thursday 27th April	Friday 28th April	Tuesday 2nd May
AM (P1 and 2)	English P2	English P1	Biology	English Lit P1	Maths 2	Business C
P3 and 4(or normal lessons)		French Listening 40m (+10m)	UKMT MATHS	Spanish Listening 40m (+10m)	French/Spanish writing 1h (+15m)	Religious Studies 50m (+13m)
Lunch						
	Business B 1h38m	Media A 1h30m	Maths 1 1h 30m	Chemistry 1h 15m	Physical Education D 1h15m	Physics 1h 15m
	Drama B 1h	Computers A			Design Technology D 2h	
	History B 1h15m	Geography A 1h30m			Media D 1h30m	
	Music B 1h	History A 1h15m			Geography D 1h30m	
	Geography B 1h30m	Spanish A Reading 1h				
PM periods 5 and 6						

Reports

Year 8 full reports and Year 11 second mock grades have now been sent home. The full reports for Years 7 and 9 will follow in May.

There will be a final progress report for Years 7 - 10 at the end of the year. This will show the target grade for the year and the actual grades students have achieved at the end of the year. This will show the progress that has been over the whole year. There will also be final Attitude to Leaning and Homework grades.

Mr Stevenson - Deputy Headteacher

Easter Communion Services

All students attended Easter Communion Services this week in school, in their year groups. Music was provided by students led by Mrs Vincent, and all students had the opportunity to listen to the Easter

message of hope, to pray, and to take Communion if that is their usual practice in their own church. We are very grateful to St Leonard's Church, Hove, for facilitating these services for us. St Leonard's Church on New Church Road is re-opening this Easter after an extensive refurbishment project. You can find out more about this vibrant family church online here: https://stleonardshove.org/

Uniform

Thank you for all your support this term in ensuring your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. Standards have remained high right to the end of term which is great to see. If your child has any missing items, please take the opportunity to replace these over the break. We do not allow pupils to wear trainers to school unless they have a medical reason supported by a letter from a medical professional. If your child's shoes are broken and they arrive in trainers, they will be able to borrow a pair from our lending facility. Our website gives comprehensive details of our uniform policy and what items are not permitted. As a reminder, the following are not permitted:

- False nails
- Hair extensions
- Eyelash extensions and false eyelashes
- Dyed hair other than natural colours
- Piercings other than one stud in an ear (hoops are not permitted)

Please ensure your child does not arrive in school wearing these items. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

As part of the previously marked Anti-Bullying Week, many students applied for a role within our anti-bullying ambassador team, and some were short listed for interview. It was an incredibly difficult job to select a smaller group of students to make up this team, and everyone who put themselves forward for this process should be very proud of themselves. After a very patient wait, the following students have been selected to join this team and become 23/24 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:

Year 7: Etta P, Robin O, Maddie A & Chloe C

Year 8: Connor R, Tearna W, Izzy S, Ronnie O & Jemima

Year 9: Joe S, Diego W-B, Angie I & Freyja R

Year 10: Gretta H & Sam G

Year 7 and 8 Netball Wins

Both the Year 7 and 8 teams played Hove Park School on Wednesday 29th March. Our Year 7's won 9-0 and the Year 8's won 10-2 (and still remain unbeaten). At every netball fixture, the opposition will vote in a 'Player of the Match', whether that's for outstanding performance, great sportsmanship or other reasons. This week's Year 7 'Player of the Match' went to Bluebell B and the Year 8 nominated went to Flo H. Each King's student is then asked to vote a 'Player's Player' within their own team. The Year 7 joint winners were Iris H and Anouska T-W, and the Year 8 joint winners were Anna W and Maddie S. Outstanding performance by all.

Emilia Gymnastics

Well done to Emilia H who won two silver medals in her national gymnastics championships. Congratulations!



PTA books

Thank you to our PTA for buying and donating a large amount of books from our student and staff wish lists.

These will make a huge difference to our library and our students.

Can you support with extraordinary invigilation?

We are in need of an invigilator/invigilators to provide extraordinary invigilation for one of our Year 11 students who will be sitting their GCSEs at home due to personal circumstances which mean they cannot attend the school. This role will entail overseeing the student taking their exams at home, under full exam conditions. Full induction and training will be provided and support will be accessible throughout the exams. The post holder(s) would be paid the lead invigilator rate (£10.30 per hour + holiday pay) due to the responsibility involved. This role, as with all invigilation, would require an enhanced barred list check.

The dates needed are as below. Ideally, we would appoint one individual to cover all of these, but job shares would be gladly considered. Please contact HR@kingsschoolhove.org.uk for more information.

16 th May	Morning	7 th June	Morning
17 th May	Morning	9 th June	All day
19 th May	Morning	12 th June	Morning
22 nd May	All day	13 th June	Morning
24 th May	Morning	14 th June	Morning
25 th May	Morning	16 th June	All day
5 th June	Morning	+1 training day tbc	

We are also continually recruiting for invigilators to work at school across the exam season. The rate of pay for standard invigilation is £9.36 per hour (+ holiday pay) and we can offer significant flexibility. Please see our website www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/vacancies for more information or contact our HR team HR@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Celebrating Our School Values

At the end of each term we celebrate the ways in which our students have lived out our school vision 'to share God's love and wisdom, and enable our school community to flourish emotionally, academically, and spiritually' and our core values of love, respect, forgiveness and responsibility. This term the following students were nominated by members of staff for the way they have brought about flourishing in our school community:



Nick was nominated for our values award of **love** by Ms Weir for the way he has shown endless patience and a caring attitude to his peers, helping them with revision materials and being prepared for the exams.



Miriyam was nominated for our values award of **respect** by Mrs Cager for the way she embodies all our school values. She has been nominated this term for the way that she always shows respect for the environment, her learning and for those around her.



Robbie has been nominated for our values award of **responsibility** by Mrs Cornell for taking an active role in each school production and many events. He has used his talents and musical skills for the benefit of the whole school.



Veronica has been nominated for our values award of **forgiveness** by Ms Tamplin for showing great maturity in her ability to forgive others. She has demonstrated bravery to stay true to her feelings, as well as the ability to listen to others.

Duolingo Challenge

Any student wanting to take part in the Easter Duolingo Challenge is welcome to join (learning whatever language they wish!). There will be points, prizes, and kudos after Easter for whoever tops the leader board!

www.duolingo.com/classroom/hmzdpt

Easter treats!

Thank you to our catering team for putting together some fantastic Easter treats for students to enjoy from the canteen this week!



Varndean Time Capsule Competition

Congratulations to Connie B in Year 7 who was the winner of the Engineering category of the Varndean Time Capsule Competition.

"My idea is to support blind people. It is a chip that would be implanted in both a blind person and a person who can see. The person with sight has to be willing to spend a lot of time with the blind person. Whatever the person with sight sees, the blind person sees. It is like virtual reality (VR). The distance of contact between the unique pair of chips would need to be 10m. This means that on holiday, or if you are doing something private, they can't see it!"

Congratulations Connie on your success, and we look forward to seeing what your creativity and wisdom comes up with in the future, quite possibly something that will change the way we all live for the better.

Sports Round Up

Sussex Indoor Athletics

Our Year 8 Girls' team represented Brighton and Hove at the Sussex School Games at Brighton University where they competed against the other best schools across Sussex. The girls had a fantastic attitude and performed really well all morning meaning they were a credit to King's. Standout performances were: Keren winning her 4 lap race and coming 2nd in standing long jump; and Emilia coming 2nd in her 2 lap race and winning the standing long jump with an epic 2.14m jump!



Year 7 Boys' Rugby

Our Year 7 boys' rugby team beat BACA (7 tries to 1) and Patcham (8 tries to 0) this week. The boys put in a brilliant team performance and have improved a lot as a team this year. We have a lot of club rugby players who are forming a really good team but have also brought along other students who have never played rugby before and have made real improvements this year. The boys tackled well, rucked well, and supported the ball carrier as they made breaks. Overall, a very good afternoon of rugby!

Year 8 Boys' Football

On Monday the boys beat BACA 9-0 with a hat-trick from Solly! The team that won this game had players who haven't played a lot of games for King's this year so it was great to see them have the opportunity to play and put in a fantastic team performance. On Tuesday the boys lost a narrow encounter against Dorothy Stringer 1-0 in the quarter final of the Brighton Cup. The boys worked really hard and matched the physicality

and quality of skill from Stringer and lost out to a highquality finish from a Stringer player who scored a wonder goal. Overall, the Year 8 team have made massive improvements from last year and have won 2 and drew 2 games, giving them a chance of finishing in the top 2 of the league and making the league cup final.

Brighton and Hove Swim Gala

This was the first time King's has had teams in the Brighton and Hove Swim Gala and we had students representing King's in all age groups. It was fantastic to watch students compete in a different sport and see the talents and work ethic of students in a different environment. The students really enjoyed themselves and they supported each other brilliantly. Standout performances were: Arthur R winning a silver medal in 50m backstroke; the Year 10 and 11 Girls winning silver in 4x25 medley relay; and the Year 7 Girls winning bronze in the 4 x 25m relay.



Year 11 Boys' Football

The Year 11 team got to play their last couple of games last week against Patcham and PACA. It was amazing to see how much they have developed from having them in Year 7 and how close they are as a team – they have been a credit to King's Sport over the last 5 years!

Historians of the Fortnight

Oli is our Historian of the Fortnight in 11A. Oli has been working incredibly well over the last 14 lessons on the Cold War, showing his ability to learn, contribute and focus on debate. It is a deserved honour based on the

quality of his work not only on the recent Cold War days but also during his mock. His willingness to immerse himself in debate and answer questions has been impressive.

All hail Emperor Oli!



Jasmine has shown non-stop dedication to her History work in lessons and has also been going above and beyond outside of lesson by attending drop-in sessions to complete her work and enhance her exam technique. Her dedication to improving her skills has not gone unnoticed. Jasmine has been a vocal member of our group often contributing in lessons, incredibly conscientious towards her peers and consistently pushes herself to achieve. Keep up the fantastic work Jasmine.



Anya is our Historian of the Fortnight! Anya receives this award for all the hard work she put into her studies for Crime and Punishment and this was reflected in her recent mock examinations. Anya has reigned supreme in her study of the Cold War, working tirelessly to ensure that she complete the course and her Food Tech

NEA. She is so deserving as her work ethic is second to none and she is a model student to others. Keep up such a fantastic effort Anya, we are all so pleased for you. Well done, Anya!



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.

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	Monday 17 th April 10-10:45am		
Speaker	Daniel Adams, Executive Director, Mary's Meals UK		
	For KS3-5/S1-6		
Info	'Having seen the work of Mary's Meals first-hand in		
	Malawi and Liberia, I know that this mission of ours is		
	truly life-changing. It brings together people from al		
	walks of life – from those who raise awareness and funds		
	around the world to those who deliver and eat our daily		
	school meals – in a shared work of great love, joy, hope		
	and transformation.' join us and Daniel Adams to talk		
	about what it's like to work in the charity sector and		
	having an impact on others in your career.		

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Click <u>here</u> to register	

Date	Tuesday 18th April 10-10:45am	
Speaker	'How to Build it: Grow your brand' with Niran Vinod and Damola Timeyin In Partnership with #Merky Books and HSBC	
	For KS3-4/S1-5	
Info	Join us for an exciting and informative talk by the authors of How to Build It: Grow Your Brand, Nirar Vinod and Damola Timeyin. During this talk, Niran and Damola will share thei insights on the importance of financial literacy and the skills needed to build a secure financial future. They will discuss topics such as budgeting, saving, investing, and entrepreneurship, and provide practical tips and advice for managing money wisely and unlocking you potential.	
	This talk is pre-recorded but if you send your questions to the authors by 26th March to broadcasts@speakersforschools.org we may read them out. Click here to register	

Date	Wednesday 19 th April 10-10:45am
Speaker	Networking the Nation: Tia Holland, Future Careers Recruitment Manager, Josh Sheppard, Senior Project Manager & Matthew Jones, Network Delivery Project Manager Apprentice VM02. Sponsored by VM02 For KS3-5/S1-6
Info	This Inspirational Broadcast will share the secrets of running one of the UK's biggest networks. Virgin Media and O2 have combined to offer households supercharged data, connectivity and broadband speeds! In this broadcast you will hear from Tia Holland who is, Future Careers Recruitment Manager who will talk about networking and their journey through VMO2. Join us for what promises to be an insightful and eye opening 1 hour session! Sponsored by Virgin Media O2. Click here to register.

Date	Thursday 20 th April 10-10:45am
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	Speaker	World Earth Day: Chris Stark, CEO of the UK's Committee on Climate Change & more TBC
		For KS3-5/S1-6
	Info	Details TBC
		Click <u>here</u> to register

Date	Monday 24 th April 10-10:45am	
Speaker	Leading Women: Dr. Charmaine Griffiths, Chief Executive, British Heart Foundation For KS3-5/S1-6	
Info	Charmaine is Chief Executive of the British Heart Foundation, the leading independent funder of cardiovascular research across the UK. Since her PhD in Neuroscience at University College London she has been passionate about the power of research and innovation to save and improve lives. In this broadcast, we will hear about what it's like to run a charity as large and vital as the BHF. Charmaine aims to inspire and impassion young men and women to think about their impact on the world. Click here to register	

Date	Wednesday 26 th April 10-10:45am		
Speaker	'How to Save It' by Bola Sol, Author and Finance Coach. In Partnership with #Merky Books and HSBC		
	For KS3-4/S1-5		
Info	Bola Sol will be discussing her book 'How to Save It.' More details TBC.		
	This talk is pre-recorded but if you send your questions		
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	out.		
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