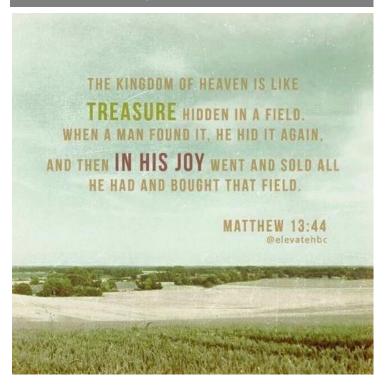


Headteacher's Update

No 214 28th April 2023

Theme of the Week: Wisdom for Life – Hidden Treasure/ Pearl – Matthew 13:44-46



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well ahead of the first May Bank Holiday. A reminder that the school is closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday. On Tuesday next week we have the second day of industrial action. As per my letters

to parents/carers all Year 11 students should be in school on this day 9:00-3:00; all Year 10 students should attend for exams in line with their exam timetable; and all Key Stage 3 students should remain at home and access some online lessons from staff available for work. We have not yet received any further dates of industrial action from the NEU but more are expected and I will share further dates with you when I have that information. Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we make the best provision we can for students on these days of industrial action. Let us pray for a swift resolution to the dispute soon.

Mrs Price

Theme of the Week

This week we have been continuing our term's theme on the Parables of Jesus. Students have been looking at Matthew 13:44-46 where Jesus speaks about 'treasure'. In their tutor times students have been reflecting on what we 'treasure' in material terms on earth and the hidden costs behind some of the things we value. They have also been reflecting on non-material treasure; what we hold dear to us in our lives and why. Again, there is lots for students to relate to this week as they navigate our consumerist society. Perhaps you might





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Forthcoming Events

| Monday 1 st May | Bank Holiday |
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| Tuesday 2 nd May | NEU Industrial Action |
| Wednesday 3 rd – Thursday 4 th | Year 10 Geography Fieldwork |
| May | |
| Monday 8 th May | Bank Holiday – King's |
| | Coronation |
| Friday 12 th May | Year 11 Leavers Day |

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like to open a conversation with them at home about the things they hold precious in their lives and where they choose to invest their time, energies and money?

Sudan Conflict

We are conscious that a number of our students have links to Sudan, including family members in Sudan. We pray for the unfolding situation in Sudan and for our families who are directly affected. May there be a swift resolution to the conflict which limits further bloodshed and heartache.

King Charles III's Coronation

Next weekend the country will celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. This will be the first coronation that all of our students (and many of our staff and parents/carers) will have witnessed. Mrs Vincent has recorded an assembly on the coronation which will be shown to students next week to help them to understand the historic nature of this occasion and the events that will be taking place in London next weekend.

Year 11

Our Year 11 cohort remain very focused in the final run up to their GCSE exams. A reminder that GCSEs start for students on Monday 15th May. On Friday 12th May we will be marking 'Leavers' Day' with the year group. Students should arrive in school for an 8:30am start as normal in full school uniform. They will have a Leavers' Worship Service, some normal lessons, a special Leavers' Assembly, and a Leavers' picnic lunch. The school will supply food for the lunch but students may bring in some treats to share with friends if they wish (no nuts please in line with general school policy). Leavers' hoodies will be given out during the lunch time. Students are expected in school full time until half term. The usual timetable will be collapsed around exams and final revision lessons inserted. After half term final revision sessions will still be running around exams and students are encouraged to attend these - there is more flexibility after half term for study leave for those that would find this useful. Students may wear leaver's hoodies in exams but should be in normal school uniform aside from this (if they are not purchasing a

leavers' hoodie they are welcome to wear a plain black, grey or navy hoodie/sweatshirt instead. Mrs Price will be taking assembly for Year 11 on Friday 5th may and will ensure that students are talked through all the plans we have made for Leavers' Day and the exam period.

King's Sixth Form

The site team have been very busy this term decorating the social and study areas for the new sixth formers. Thanks to the team for all their efforts in making these spaces engaging and places that we all want to spend time in!



A reminder that we are still accepting applications for entry to the Sixth Form in September 2023 and students can complete the short application form on our website here: https://kings.ret.systems/application/login

We have also been offering 1:1 appointments for current year 11 students with Mrs Price and Mrs Coles to discuss their sixth form plans and beyond, whether or not the student intends to attend King's Sixth Form. If your child has not been invited for one of these appointments and would like one please do not hesitate to contact us via sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

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
- Leadership opportunities

Bespoke careers and UCAS advice

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

Instagram: @kingsschoolsixthform

Twitter: @kingsschoolsix1

Year 10 Sixth Form Information Evening for Parents and Students – Wednesday 12th July – 5.30pm to 6.30pm

We would love to invite all current Year 10 parents/carers to an information evening on Wednesday 12th July, from 5:30-6:30pm, where you will have the opportunity to hear from members of the Senior Leadership Team about the new sixth form that is opening in September 2023. We will also be covering alternative sixth form provision in the city to enable you to start having productive discussions with your children on their post-16 plans. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and speak with senior staff.

We are very excited about the Year 11 students who are planning to join the new sixth form and would love to share how your child could be part of this new chapter in King's history from next September.

Student of the Week

| Students of the week | | |
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| Year 7 | Martha C | |
| Year 8 | Dougie M | |
| Year 9 | Leon R | |
| Year 10 | Pippi W-O | |
| Year 11 | Charlie S | |

Transition Events for Year 6 Students Starting King's in September 2023

Student Transition Day - Friday 7th July

On this day, all Year 6 students in Brighton and Hove will be invited to attend their new secondary school. The day will be an important opportunity for students to begin the settling-in process. Students should arrive on the day at **9:00am**, wearing their current school uniform, and enter the school via the **Student Entrance** on Hangleton Way. They will be met by members of staff and current students and escorted to the dining hall. Throughout the day, your child will then meet with their form group, experience a range of typical King's lessons, and begin to build new friendships before September. Those students with permission to do so will also have their thumbprints scanned for the biometric tills in the canteen. Please could parents complete the linked <u>Permission to attend Year 6 Transition Day on Friday 7th July</u> form.



Incoming Year 7 Parents' and Carers' Information Event – evening of Thursday 6th July

During the event there will be a presentation about what you can expect as your child starts at King's. There will also be an opportunity to hear from Miss Staples, our Head of Year 7. At the end of the presentation, we will be available to take questions. This evening is specifically for parents/carers of Year 6 students who have been allocated a place at King's for September 2023.

UKMT

We are pleased to report that our Year 7 and Year 8 students have excelled in the first round of the UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) competition, sitting the test in the main hall where they will be sitting their GCSE exams in years to come. The competition is designed to test the problem-solving skills and mathematical abilities of students across the country.

Students attended sessions after school throughout the second half of the spring term in order to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills and best prepare them for the test. Our students put in a remarkable

effort, and we hope for excellent results, which will secure some a place in the second round of the competition. Being selected for, and completing the UKMT is a fantastic achievement, as the UKMT is highly competitive and attracts some of the brightest young mathematicians from across the UK.

We would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the competition and wish the best of luck to those who advance to the next round. We are extremely proud of their hard work and dedication, and we are confident that they will continue to excel in their academic pursuits.

We look forward to more achievements in the future and hope that our students will continue to make us proud.

Year 11 GCSE Moderation - Friday 21st April

A huge congratulations to all of our Year 11 GCSE PE students who completed their GCSE PE practical moderation last week. The students were able to demonstrate the hard work they have put in, throughout the last two years of practical lessons. Our students were assessed in netball, badminton and table tennis and performed to an exceptional standard. An additional thank you to those Year 9 and 10 students who also participated in these assessments, further increasing the standard of performance due to their experience in these sports.

Year 9 students: Hannah M, Esther G, Alice C & Erin W

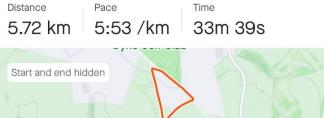
Year 10 students: Belle S, Finn W, Seth O-K, Riley B & Jamie R

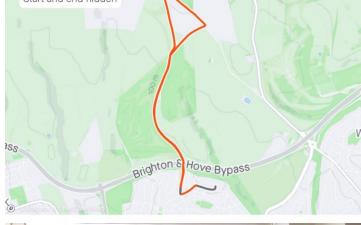
Attendance

Congratulations to Year 10 who achieved 100% attendance for the first day of their mock exams on Monday – well done!

Running Crew

Last week's Running Crew had two Year 8s, Mr McCardie and Ms Tamplin running a brilliant distance of over 5km. It was a great way to end the week and with summer round the corner we hope to have more pupils enjoying a Friday shake down and see in the end of the week with a great run that enriches the mind and body. Come join us! Every Friday after school from 3.15pm.







Girls' Fitness Club

Girls' fitness club is now running after school in the activity studio until 3:45pm each Wednesday. No booking is required, students can just turn up.

Deaf Awareness Week 1st – 7th May

At King's we are passionate about ensuring all staff and students feel included and valued. We have been working hard to increase exposure and use of British Sign Language (BSL) to help improve communication between those in the hearing and deaf communities. Ms Tamplin and Mr Akehurst run a Sign Language Club which has recently moved to a Monday lunchtime where students can learn the basic signs that can be used in conversation with those in the deaf community. All students are welcome to attend Sign Language club, regardless of their age or ability. Additionally, tutor groups are presented with different signs during extended worship session linking to the topic for that week. Ms Tamplin ran the Brighton Marathon in 2022 and raised money for the Sign Language club at King's. This funding has been used to improve department displays to include BSL, as well as offering any staff or students the opportunity to be enrolled on an online introductory Sign Language course for free. If any students are interested in enrolling on this course, even if they cannot attend the club, they may discuss this with Ms Tamplin. The National Children's Deaf Society has released some guidance on how to communicate with deaf people which can be seen in the posters. In order to recognise Deaf Awareness Week, King's has ordered some resources to help students with basic fingerspelling. Students will also have an assembly in the week beginning 8th May where Mr Akehurst tells his story of how his relationship with God has helped him to develop his confidence and feel more accepted in both the deaf and hearing communities.





Capture – E-safety film for parents

Following on from our recent e-safety talk from Smoothwall we wanted to share a brilliant BAFTAnominated short film starring Jodie Whittaker. Capture is a powerful film about big tech and young people, beginning with every parent's worst nightmare: returning home to realise your child is nowhere to be found. It examines where our children really are when they're online and who is responsible for their safety, says the publisher. The film uses the emotionallycharged idea of a child's disappearance to examine a much more common - though still damaging occurrence. With children spending increasing amounts of time online, they find themselves at risk of a range of mental health conditions and exploitative interactions with other users. The film's writer, Nina Segal, said: "With Capture, we wanted to bring an emotion and an urgency to the subject of children's safety online. Parents are, quite rightly, very aware of children's physical safety. With this film I hope we can harness that same feeling towards children's safety online."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk



PTA

The PTA have the following upcoming events:

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

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 <u>here</u>. Next week's broadcast schedule is below:

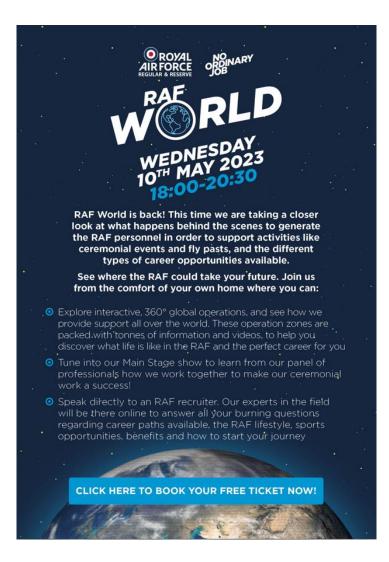
| Date | Wednesday 3 rd May 10-10:45am | | |
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| Speaker | Thinking Environmentally and Creatively: Trewin Restorick, Founder of Sizzle and Former Founder and CEO, Hubbub | | |
| | For KS3-5/S1-6 | | |
| Info | Trewin Restorick is the founder of three award-winning sustainability enterprises. Trewin has been recognised with a Lifetime Achievement Award, as a Global Leader for Good and by peers as the leading voice within the resource sector. His latest venture, Sizzle rethinks how products and services are delivered to radically reduce environmental impact, whilst being affordable, high quality and financially viable. join us and start thinking about the products you use and their environmental impact! Click here to register | | |

| Date | Thursday 4 th May 10-10:45am |
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| Speaker | Music and the Top: Louis Bloom, President, Island Records UK For KS3-5/S1-6 |
| Info | Join us in with broadcast as we interview, Louis Bloom, President, Island Records UK about his career in music and what it's like being the president of one of the most prolific music labels in the country. Hear about his career journey, passion for music, and what has motivated him to succeed. Click here to register |

King's School Fund







Your healthy Lifestyle Active for Life Club



Multisports

AGE: 11-16 YEARS OLD

LOCATION: PORTSLADE VILLAGE

CENTRE FREE

EVERY FRIDAY 4:45 - 6PM DURING TERM

TIME





Registration is essential

To book your space or find out more information, please contact the team on 01273294589 or email Oly.Lewry@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Children and Young People Active for life timetable

All of these sessions are term time only

| Day | Time | Session |
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| Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 pm | Multi sports age 7-11 years at Manor Road Gym. Free |
| Wednesdays | 3:00-4:30 pm 5-6 pm | Multi sports Age 7- 11 years at Hertford junior school (pupils only) Free Young Dancers Collective (YDC) ages 11-16 years Contemporary dance at The studio East Brighton. Free |
| Thursday | 3:30-4:30pm | Multisports 7-11 years at Portslade Village centre. Free |
| Friday | 3:15-4:15 pm 4:45-6 pm | Multisports 7-11 years at West Blatch school (pupils only). Free Multisports 11-16 years at Portslade village centre. Free |

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Come and join us to celebrate!

Hedgehog Awareness Week

which runs from 30th April - 6th May 2023.

Come along and have a chat with our members who have great expertise on wildlife in the local area.

We have two display areas to celebrate Hedgehog Awareness Week:

Saturday 29th April 2023 at Waitrose & Partners, Hove Time: 11:00 - 14:00

Sunday, 21st May 2023 at Mayberry Garden Centre, Old Shoreham Road.

Time: 11:00 - 14:00











