

# Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the Week: Unforgiving Servant – Matthew 18:23-35

"Then Peter came up and said to him, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven times."

-Matthew 18:21-22

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is strange to be anticipating another Bank Holiday this weekend! I hope you are all able to have a pleasant and relaxing long weekend as King Charles' coronation takes place. Students have had an assembly on the coronation this week so that they have some understanding from school of the historical events that are to take place. They have also very much enjoyed the special cakes the canteen put on for them today! Aside

from the coronation we have been busy preparing Year 11 for their forthcoming exam period. Please do pray for our cohort this year as they finish their final week of lessons next week and continue to revise for their exams which begin on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. Please pray for focus and good health for the students, and for any anxieties that they might have to be quelled. We are looking forward to seeing what they can achieve this year and how they can support each other through this stressful period.

Mrs Price

#### Theme of the Week

This week we have been looking at the parable of the unforgiving servant. The parable reminds us of the importance of extending forgiveness to those who wrong us, in the same way that God freely extends his forgiveness to us. Forgiveness is one of our school values and it's an unusual value for a school to have. In the age of 'cancel culture' we speak to students regularly about the importance of being able to forgive and about the value of reparation and restoration in our relationships. This might be something you would like to discuss with them at home also.





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Forthcoming Events

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	•	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	•	Year 11 Leavers Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	•	GCSE Exams begin

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#### Year 11

Next week is the last week of normal school for our Year 11s. We will mark this next week with our leavers' assembly and service on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

GCSE exams then start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May and all students have received an exam timetable, an exams' handbook and a timetable for school lessons for the two weeks of exams before the half term break.

- Students are expected in school every day in the two weeks preceding half term at the normal time whether or not they have an exam.
- Every day the LRC will be open for quiet study before school from 8am and, at 8:30, the teachers of the subject of the morning exam will come and do a pre-exam briefing to get students ready and focused for the exam.
- If students do not have an exam in the morning, they should go to their tutor room as normal at 8:30am.
- There will be normal lessons when exams aren't on – which are great opportunities for targeted revision.
- When there is an exam in the afternoon there will also be a revision session during periods 3 and 4 to ensure students are ready for the afternoon.
- We will run period 7 lessons that are optional during the exam period. These will be for the exams on the following day.

The timetable for these two weeks is attached.

There will be some intervention sessions during the half term break (there are GCSE exams for the two weeks before this break and the three weeks after). Invitations will go out the week beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> May. The dates and subjects are:

- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May Maths
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June Music / Geography / English / Science
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June History

These are by invitation only and most students will be asked to revise independently at home. If you feel your son or daughter should be attending one of these, then please email the subjects directly using the subject mails found here:

https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/contact-us

Our thoughts and prayers are with all Year 11 students and families. This is a busy and stressful period, but at least it is followed by a long summer holiday! If you have concerns about the welfare of any students, please do let us know at school.

## Use of Scooters

Over the past few weeks we have been contacted by residents, parents and the local Police Community Support Officers regarding the use of scooters in the local area. There is a general concern that scooters are being ridden dangerously



and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident either with a pedestrian or car. Both electric and non-electric scooters are being ridden on the roads surrounding the school and recently there have been a number of near misses as pupils travel at speed down the hills leading away from King's. We would be grateful if you could speak to your child about how they use their scooter and ensure they are travelling at sensible speeds. Here is a recap of the law for kick-scooters (human powered scooters):

- Kick-scooters should be ridden on the pavement, footpath or segregated cycle lane, and not a busy main road. As kick-scooters have no mechanical propulsion, they are slower and it would be dangerous to share the space on the road with motorised vehicles.
- Kick-scooters should be ridden on the pavement or footpath BUT do not have right of way on the pavement or footpath. Scooterriders should always be prepared to stop or slow down to give way to pedestrians. If an accident were to occur, there may be legal implications on the scooter-rider, as pedestrians always have right of way.
- Kick-scooters should be ridden with caution.
   Any careless or dangerous riding (anywhere) that causes injury to another person could be liable to prosecution under the Offenses
   Against the Persons Act 1861.

#### King's Sixth Form

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 <a href="mailto:sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk">sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</a>

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 <a href="mailto:sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk">sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</a>

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Enrichment

The final Enrichment Days of the Year will be taking place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Students will be taking part in a number of activities in and out of school and will have been signing up over the last term.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Mond ay 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 7 Camp	Day 1 - Thorpe Park  Day 2 - Theme Park	Lodge Hill Retreat Paris Trip	Sixth Former for a Day Paris Trip London
ay 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Blackland s Farm	Enterpr ise Day		History Trip
	Teambuil ding and Crafts	Students will be allocated to groups to attend Thorpe Park on either the 10th or	Islamoph obia Day Paris Trip	Brighton Coastal Trip Teambuil ding Paris Trip

Activities in red text are in school. If your child is not signed up for one of the trips but would still like to please contact <a href="mailto:finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk">finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</a>. Whilst many of the trips are fully booked there may be some availability.

Mr Walker

#### Rhys R

Rhys R (Year 8) played for the U14 Sussex tennis team at the weekend and they managed to beat Suffolk, Devon and Dorset to qualify for the National Finals in Nottingham. Well done Rhys!



# Medical Society

This week the students enjoyed dissecting eyeballs and looking at different careers connecting to the eye.

Next Wednesday we have another visit from Brighton and Hove Medical School to talk to us about X rays.

Open to any students in Year 9 to 11 in science 7 at 3.15pm. Any questions, please see Mrs Coles.



#### Mural Club

Our Wednesday afternoon mural club began work on the Art mural that they have designed. We hope to get this painted before the end of the year and have an inspiring area for pupils, staff and visitors to view and enjoy as they walk up the stairs towards our two art rooms.



## Student of the Week

Students of the week		
Year 7	Elliott M	
Year 8	Rachael H	
Year 9	Sam O	
Year 10	Alicia W	
Year 11	Katie S	

# Attendance

Congratulations to Year 11 who achieved over 96% attendance this week – you are working very well towards your GCSEs!

## Running Crew

The Running Crew is 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.



# Historian of the Fortnight

Billy is our well-deserved Historian of the Fortnight in 11A. Billy is an incredibly hardworking and conscientious student and has been consistently working at achieving the best possible outcome for himself over the last year. While he is a quiet individual, his achievements have been mighty. The entirety of 11A were pleased to have Billy's achievements recognised and I have been honoured to have witnessed his focus and dedication in GCSE History.

All hail Emperor Billy!



Josh is our Historian of the Fortnight due to his quiet but tenacious approach to his studies. Joshua completes all tasks to an incredibly high standard, attempts extension tasks and is always answering questions in class. This is a massive change in Joshua who began GCSE as a quieter student. His confidence has grown with his skill set, his ability has grown with his knowledge. He is a well-liked and respected member of our group and for these reasons, it makes him the perfect candidate to lead our class into the exam period.

I am so incredibly proud of this student who is working tirelessly on our Crime and Punishment revision with an indelible amount of grit and determination! What a fabulous way to mark the King's coronation this weekend!

Long live the king!

Well done, Joshua!



#### Hannah M

Well done to Hannah M in Year 9 who is part of the Sussex U15 County Academy Netball Squad who won in the Bedford Invitational last week. Congratulations Hannah!

## **New Views Playwriting**

Congratulations to Tilly in Year 10 whose play 'Alphabetical Order' has been selected for the long list of a national playwriting competition! There were 468 submissions and her play is now being judged against 102 others – we will find out if it has been shortlisted by next Friday. If successful, Tilly's play would be staged as a rehearsed reading at the National Theatre in London.

#### Free School Meals Reminder

Quite a number of students who are eligible for free school meals are not claiming their food allowance from the canteen. If your child is eligible for free school meals, they can spend up to £2.35 per day in the canteen at morning break or at lunchtime. A meal deal means this money will cover a hot meal with vegetables plus the pudding for the day (not traybakes unless specified). Or they can use it for other food items up to the value of £2.35. If your child spends over this amount, you will need to top up on ParentPay. For any questions, please email

finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.
Photography Competition

Any entries for this competition please send in to <a href="mailto:science@kingsschoolhove.org.uk">science@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</a>. A chance to win £500!

# Photography Competition 2023







Open to entries on the theme of Nature and Climate Closing date: 27th June 2023

RSB.org.uk/photocomp @RoyalSocBio Competition open to all amateur photographers

#### PTA

The PTA have the following upcoming events:

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

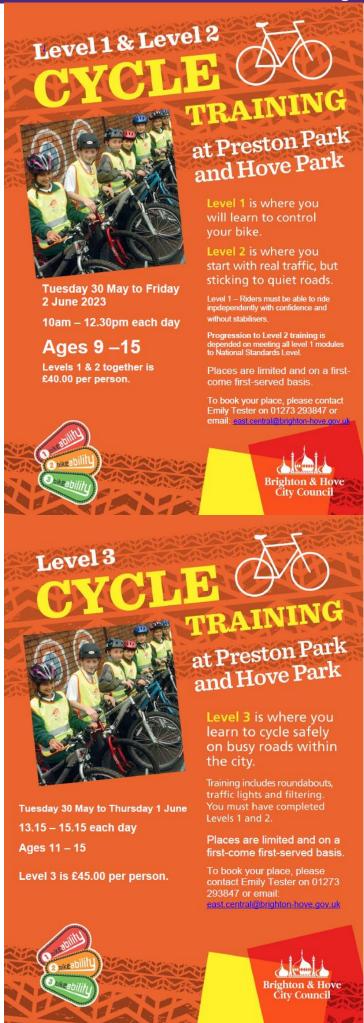
Mrs Price wrote to parents and carers this week regarding the need to urgently fill several vacancies on the PTA committee if it is to be able to continue its operation. We have been so heartened to have received several responses on this already. If you haven't yet come forward and are able to help by expressing an interest in a Chair, Vice-Chair or treasurer role please do get in touch with us via head@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

#### 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	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 10-10:45am			
Speaker	Why Study RE? Alec Ryrie, Professor of the History of Christianity, University of Durham			
	For KS3/S1-3			
Info	Have you ever wondered why you have to study RE in school? In this broadcast, we will hear from historian Prof. Alec Ryrie who will be talking to us about the importance of RE and history as subjects to learn in school and why they are great subjects to study in your education beyond.			
	Click <u>here</u> to register			

Date	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 10-10:45am			
Speaker	Why Artistic Careers Are Valid: Simon Mellor, Deputy Chief Executive, Arts & Culture			
	For KS3-5/S1-6			
Info	In the working world, there are a huge amount of creative careers available, and though it may be a competitive industry there are many opportunities. In this broadcast Simon will be talking about why you should be studying a creative subject, aiming to increase awareness of the skills that come from this. A creative subject often helps to develop soft skills and people skills - which can be some of the most useful skills to have in your career!			



# King's School Fund





