

Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the Week: Our Amazing City – A Rich History

I WILL GIVE YOU THE TREASURES

OF DARKNESS AND THE RICHES

HIDDEN IN SECRET PLACES, SO

THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT I AM

THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL,

WHO CALLS YOU BY NAME.

- ISAIAH 45:3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent/carer survey recently. We had 141 responses. It would have been good to have more but I think what we received is a fairly representative sample. I will now be analysing the results and taking them to the senior team for

discussion and decisions on actions arising. The answer to the question on parents' evenings was very interesting. Approximately 33% are in favour of all evenings academic parents' remaining approximately 33% would like all academic parents' evenings to be held in person; and approximately 33% would like a blend of the two! This does illustrate how hard it can be for us to please all our parents/carers on issues such as these. We will discuss this issue and make a decision that we feel is the best compromise for most of our parent body. It has been another busy week in school; GCSE exams are continuing and we remain impressed by the dedication and focus of this year group. Please do continue to pray for them right up until the final exam on 20th June. Students in the lower school have been starting to sit end of year summative assessments. We do not want students to feel unduly pressured by these assessments but we do want to get a clear picture of where they are as the academic year draws to a close. We will report all assessment results to Key Stage 3 parents/carers at the end of the year, along with a teacher stage which we feel represents their holistic attainment this year in each subject. Thank you to parents who have written to me in support of the information on student use of toilet facilities which I

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Forthcoming Events

Monday 19 th – Tuesday 20 th June	History Police Cell Trips
Thursday 29 th June	Summer Music Showcase
Friday 30 th June	PTA Walk and Talk
Wednesday 5 th July	Awards' Evening
	Year 12 Induction Day
Thursday 6 th July	Year 11 Prom
Friday 7 th July	INSET Day
	Year 6 Induction
Monday 10 th – Tuesday 11 th July	Enrichment Days
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 10 Parents' Sixth
	Form Evening 5:30pm

sent earlier this week. Thank you also for positive feedback on the decision we have taken regarding blazer wearing in this final half term of the year. I hope that you have a nice weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Mrs Price

Theme of the Week

This week we have started a new mini-series on our city of Brighton and Hove. This week we have been looking at the history of Brighton and Hove and giving thanks for our city. We have encouraged students to be curious about where they live and to take advantage of all there is available locally for them to enjoy without cost.

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 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

KS3 Exams

Over the next few weeks students will be sitting end of term assessments in their subjects. The nature and timing will vary, and teachers will inform their classes about when these will take place. These will often be a normal-style exam in a classroom but may also be completing a project or a performance.

These exams are an opportunity to practice revision and to demonstrate the knowledge students have learnt over the year. In many ways, the process is as important as the outcome. In the end of term reports we will tell you the results of the assessments, there will also be an overall teacher judgment as to their final stage for the year.

We know students often get anxious and we would like to encourage them that, although these exams are worth taking seriously, they will not determine or predict future success. Teachers use them to understand what students do and do not know and as part of the information they gather to track progress. If they are particularly anxious, please do get in touch with their subject teacher to let them know.

Student of the Week

Students of the week	
Year 7	Connie B, Etta P
Year 8	Reuben P
Year 9	Jo S
Year 10	Sarah K

Dates for your Diary

It's a busy half term and we thought it might be helpful to group all the important dates in the run up to the summer holidays in one place:

- Friday 30th June: PTA Walk and Talk (am)
- Wednesday 5th July: Awards' Evening, beginning at 5:30pm. Parents/carers of award winners will receive invitations
- Wednesday 5th July: Year 12 Induction Day
- Thursday 6th July: Year 11 Prom at the Amex

- Thursday 6th July: New Parents' Evening 5:30-7:00pm (for parents of incoming Year 7 cohort)
- Friday 7th July: INSET DAY (school closed to students - some will be invited in to support Year 6 Induction day)
- Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th July: Enrichment Days - whole school off usual timetable with trips and events running
- Wednesday 12th July: Sixth Form Information Evening for all current Year 10 parents/carers, 6-7pm
- Friday 14th July: Sports Day at the Withdean stadium (parents/carers will be invited to spectate)
- Wednesday 19th July: King's Day whole school off usual timetable for a day of community fun and thanksgiving
- Thursday 20th: Last day of term all students will be dismissed by 12:30pm

Hay fever

King's does not provide antihistamines for student use. If your child has hay fever, please ensure they take their hay fever medication in the morning, or that they bring some medication into school to keep in the office for when they need it.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 7 who achieved over 97% attendance on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Well done Year 7!

Helping Students Revise

If you are wondering how to support your child in preparing for exams or assessments, please look at the attached Parent Guide to Effective Revision. This guide has been produced by the writers of The Revision Revolution and the methods suggested have been tried and tested with many students.

Parent Prayer Walks

A group of parents who meet to pray for our school will be meeting in-person, at the school reception, on Monday 12th June at 9.30am and Monday 3rd July at 9.30am. If you would like to join the in prayer or find out more, please contact Ruth Bickle via email ruthbickle@hotmail.com for further information or come and pray with the group on either of these dates.

Mental Health Support Team Newsletters

We have attached this month's MHST newsletters which have some excellent information and advice for parents. One of them focuses on the issue of transition and will be useful for any families who have younger children moving up to secondary school in September. The second focuses on five key ways to boost your wellbeing. You will also find important contacts for Mental Health Practitioners and services in Brighton and Hove.

PE Reminder for Hot Weather

The hot weather is forecast to last into next week and therefore we ask that when a student has their PE lesson they have a water bottle in school, sun cream and also a hat if they would like to.

Vacancies

We are recruiting for the following positions:

- Literacy and Numeracy Specialist Teacher
- Receptionist

If you would like more information about these posts, please click here:

https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/vacancies

Free Mental Health Webinars

Brighton and Hove Mental Health Support Team are promoting a range of free webinars from Charlie Waller aimed at professionals, parents, carers and young people.

'All of our webinars are presented by our mental health trainers, speakers and guest speakers who come from a wide range of professions, including education, psychology, social work, youth work, public health, psychotherapy and nursing. Past topics have included: the teen brain, sleep, supporting a highly sensitive child, and perfectionism.

The webinars explore practical, evidence-based strategies for maintaining positive mental health, whether that's paying attention to our own wellbeing, or how to support those around us.'

You can browse the full range of issues covered by clicking the following link: Free Mental Health Webinars

Wizz Social Media App

We have been made aware of this app and wanted to share the dangers of it as it is now growing in popularity. Currently taking the #9 spot for Social Networking on the App Store, Wizz is intended to be a place to make online friends from anywhere and everywhere. It works similarly to a dating app, where you are presented with other people's profiles and can choose to either swipe them away or swipe to start a conversation. Wizz tries to encourage a positive environment and claims anyone violating their guidelines will be banned. But unfortunately, harmful content can easily be found anyway. Users can expect profanity, sexual content, violence, drug/substance content, and much more to present either on others' profiles or in chat conversations. While the app isn't marketed as a dating app, it seems many are using it that way anyways since it's so reminiscent of one. This means some people's profile pics are overtly sexual and inappropriate and the app has been used by young people for sharing nude images of themselves and others. You can find out more by clicking the link below:

https://www.bark.us/app-reviews/apps/wizz-app-review/



Wellbeing and Safety

With the warmer weather finally upon us, we wanted to take this opportunity to share some key information regarding water safety. Every year there are tragic stories of young people losing their lives after being swept out to sea, diving and jumping in dangerous places or swimming in lakes. The RNLI website has excellent advice and guidance for young people who wish to swim in the sea and lakes and you can access their resources via the links below. We hope you are able to spare just a few minutes to talk to your son or daughter about water safety.

RNLI Beach Safety for Everyone

RNLI Knowing the Risks

RNLI Water Safety Advice - Newsround Video

For any families with very young children: <u>STA Water</u> Safety Video for Infants and Juniors

Online Medicine Talks

Online sessions return in July to help students who are considering applying to Medicine at university. All sessions are free to attend and are delivered via Zoom.

Monday 10 July – Getting into Medicine – 5pm-6.30pm

This session provides an overview of the application process for applying for medicine, as well as an opportunity to ask questions to the Admissions Team at BSMS.

Tuesday 11 July – Student Life – 5pm-6.30pm

This session showcases some of our current undergraduate medicine students from across different year groups, with plenty of time allocated for attendees to ask our students questions about their experiences.

Thursday 13 July – Overview of Medical School Admissions Tests – 5pm-6.30pm

This session will introduce the two admissions tests used by UK medical schools; the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) and the Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT). During the session participants will have the chances to participate in some example questions with the answers then being explained.

Tuesday 18 July - Virtual Open Day - 5.30pm

Virtual Open Day will be delivered via Zoom from 5:30pm. This session will include an overview of the entry requirements and curriculum for the BSMS Medicine course, as well as a chance for attendee questions to be answered in a live Q&A with staff and students from BSMS.

Further information about each of these sessions, as well as booking information can be found here.



Project Female

Project Female is running auditions for their dance company. They also offer weekly classes. This is the perfect opportunity for dancers/ Arts Award Participants.



PTA

The PTA have the following upcoming events:

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

Thank you so much to those of you who have come forward to support the PTA, we are so thankful. The PTA will be meeting on Thursday the 8th June from 6pm at school, new elections at 7pm, please come along and meet us/find out more. Everyone is welcome.

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	Wednesday 14th June 10-10:45am	
Speaker	Fake News Online: Rory Cellan-Jones, Founder, RCJ Media Ltd	
	For KS3/S1-3	
Info	When using social media for learning, it can be difficult to know whether what you are reading is true and has been fact-checked or is just someone's opinion on a subject. It's really important for us to be able to know and spot the difference so we don't spread 'fake news' or harmful ideas. In this broadcast we will hear about how you can be more aware of 'fake news' and how to spot it.	
	Click <u>here</u> to register	

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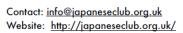




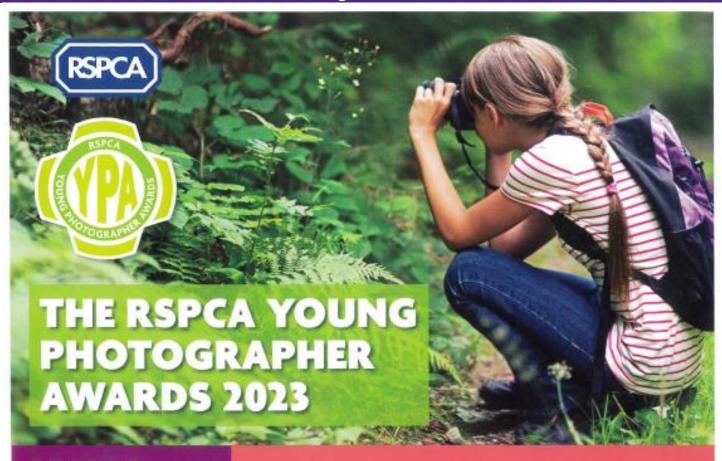
A fun summer fair for all ages with Stage Performances, Origami, Calligraphy workshop Craft market and lots of Japanese food!

Special Guest

Shamisen - Japanese Lute - Performance







WIN

- **TROPHIES**
- AMAZON VOUCHERS
- AN EPIC TRIP!

If you're 18 or under, an animal lover, and you can take great photos, this is the competition for you! Send us your animal images by **15 August 2023**.

Finalists are invited to our Tower of London awards ceremony with TV's Chris Packham.





ENTER NOW!



FOR MORE INFO: rspca.org.uk/ypa