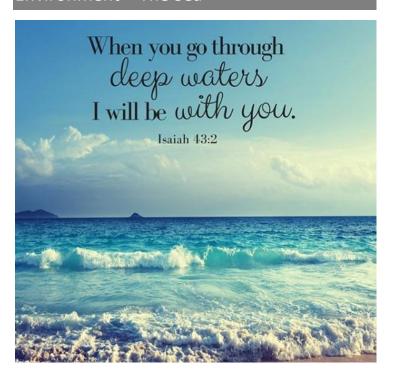


# Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the Week: A Beautiful Environment – The Sea



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Music Summer Showcase yesterday evening. It was fantastic to see such a great turn to support a large group of performers drawn from right across the school. We

enjoyed an eclectic programme of classical, modern and Christian music curated by our wonderful music teachers Mrs Brennan and Ms Woods. Our students shone with their talent, confidence and creativity and, as ever, it was brilliant to see the support they extended to each other through the evening. Next week is somewhat disrupted with the industrial action and INSET day. I am grateful to you for the understanding you have shown us as we manage these challenges. We are looking forward to lots more enrichment activity over the remainder of term, starting with our Awards' Evening next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Mrs Price

# Theme of the Week

This week students have been continuing to explore our city of Brighton and Hove in their tutor worship and they have been focusing particularly on the sea. Most year groups had a filmed assembly this week from Assistant Headteacher Mrs Vincent who took the opportunity to remind students of the vital importance of sea safety. Year 10 also had an invited speaker from

# Forthcoming Events



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Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Awards' Evening
	Year 12 Induction Day
	<ul> <li>Year 9 Tetanus / Diphtheria /</li> </ul>
	Polio and Meningitis ACWY
	vaccination
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 11 Prom
	INSET Day
	Year 6 Induction
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment Days
July	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Parents' Sixth Form
	Evening 5:30pm
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Brighton College to talk to about their Opening Doors scholarship programme.

#### **Industrial Action**

A reminder that the school will be closed to all students next. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July for INSET day and Year 6 transition. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> are days of industrial action. Students should not attend school on these dates but will receive some lessons online through Microsoft Teams from staff who are available to work. Students should log onto Teams at 8:55am on each day to see what lessons they will have.

#### King's Sixth Form

We are pleased to show you our newly decorated 6thform social and study rooms. The Year 11 focus group did an excellent job of picking natural colours and furnishings, which look even better in real life.

The social area will be a place to relax, eat, and socialise, and the study room will be a quiet area for the students to work in. The rooms have integrated laptops and USB charging points, Wi-Fi connectivity and TV screens for presentations. The students will enter the rooms using their access control ID badge, which also signs them into the school. The rooms are very different from the rest of the school, and will provide a bespoke, beautiful environment for our Sixth Form students. We look forward to showing you pictures of the cafe servery area soon, where the students will be able to buy good coffee and various meals and snack options.

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: <a href="https://kings.ret.systems/application/login">https://kings.ret.systems/application/login</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 sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Instagram: @kingsschoolsixthform

Twitter: @kingsschoolsix1



# Summer Showcase

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket to our summer showcase yesterday evening. It was wonderful to see the talent and confidence of our students, but especially great to see them supporting and encouraging each other. Thank you to our Music staff and the PTA for their hard work in running the event.

#### Student of the Week

Students of the week	
Year 7	Matanios A
Year 8	Logan P
Year 9	Mack S
Year 10	Georgia B

# 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:

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Awards' Evening, beginning at 5:30pm. Parents/carers of award winners will receive invitations
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Year 12 Induction Day
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July: New Parents' Evening 5:30-7:00pm (for parents of incoming Year 7 cohort)
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Year 11 Prom at the Amex
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July: INSET DAY (school closed to students - some will be invited in to support Year 6 Induction day)
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Enrichment Days - whole school off usual timetable with trips and events running
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Sixth Form Information Evening for all current Year 10 parents/carers, 6-7pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day at the Withdean stadium (parents/carers will be invited to spectate)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Defibrillator

A well done and thank you to Head of PE Mr Cornell for securing a new Defibrillator, which is now installed outside by our sports facilities.

Mr Cornell completed a running challenge with other PE teachers in the city; they ran between 10 secondary schools, starting from Longhill High School, running to Portslade Aldridge Community Academy, and finishing at Varndean School.

The school's two defibrillators are positioned in critical areas of the school to ensure they are quickly accessible. We are fortunate to have these facilities and grateful to Mr Cornell and the city's other PE teachers for procuring our second defibrillator.



# **Household Support**

# Need help with food, fuel and essentials?



The support is part of the government's Household Support Fund and is available whether or not you're currently receiving benefits.

We don't provide cash but can offer vouchers or other support to help you access essential goods and services.

To find out more and apply, visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/household-support-fund

Or call the council's Community Hub helpline on 01273 293117 and select option 2.

Help is also available through local advice agencies and community groups – visit the website for more information.

The support is available until 31 March 2024.

Extra help is available for Brighton & Hove residents struggling to pay for food, fuel or other essentials.









### Climbing Club in the Autumn Term

We have a wonderful opportunity for children in years 9-12 (in September) to attend Rock Climbing Club in the Autumn Term on Wednesdays.

The cost is £11-14 per week for the first half-term, depending on numbers; more signups will make it cheaper. Students will take a safety test at the end of the first half-term of teaching and if all are successful the cost will reduce to £8 per week and sessions may run longer (till 5pm) if there is enough interest from students. The cost includes shoe hire each week.

The club will run every Wednesday after school and will finish at 4.30pm at Boulder Brighton Climbing Centre (7B/C Victoria Road Trading Estate, Brighton BN41 1XQ), by Portslade station. Students may go home directly from the centre or may return to school in the minibus. They will be back at school at approximately 4.45pm.

Rock climbing club is a fantastic opportunity for students to get exercise and build physical and mental skills. They will receive coaching from instructors at the centre as well as myself (an accomplished rock climber).

If the club goes well, we may run sessions some terms at Withdean Sports Centre where climbing is done with ropes. Successful students may also in the future have the opportunity to participate in inter-school competitions as well as go on outdoor climbing trips.

Please complete the item on ParentPay to express your interest by the end of this term. We will then be in touch with information regarding signing up on ParentPay.

Students in receipt of free school meals or in financial need may be eligible for a financial contribution towards the cost of the club. Please email finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk to discuss.

Mr Bensusan Bash

Teacher of Science

#### Attendance

Congratulations to Years 7 and 8 who met the school target of 96% on two days this week, with Yr8 achieving 97% on Thursday. Well done!

#### Enrichment

Our next Whole School Enrichment Days are fast approaching On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Students are taking part in a number of events both in and out of school.

If your child is going on trip over the two days then you will be receiving a letter outlining final plans including the timings of the day(s).

For all events in school the day will be running from 9:00 until 14:30.

#### Year 7

- Blacklands Farm Residential
- In team building, games and crafts

#### Year 8

- Thorpe Park trip
- Theme Park Enterprise Day

#### Year 9

- Paris Residential
- Lodge Hill Retreat reflection and adventure
- In team building, games and crafts
- Day to Combat Islamophobia

#### Year 10

- Paris Residential
- Sixth Former for the Day
- London History Trip
- Brighton Coastal Zip Wire and Yellow Wave

If you have any queries, please get in touch.

Mr Walker

Assistant Headteacher

#### Arthur R

Well done to Arthur R who can first in his pentathlon this weekend. He had multiple personal bests. Congratulations!

#### Heath H

We would like to celebrate the achievement of Heath H in Year 8 who has achieved a star in his cadet training. Upon successful completion of each stage, a cadet is awarded a star and it takes approximately one year to attain each level. The cadet programme has supported Heath in developing knowledge and skills in a wide range of areas to prove to his officers that he was worthy of the star, such as fitness, first aid, navigation, army knowledge and history, and shooting practice. Congratulations Heath!



#### Chat Health

All pupils in Brighton and Hove have the option of contacting a medical professional for advice using the NHS ChatHealth messaging service. It's safe and easy for your child to speak to a qualified health professional by contacting 07480 635423. They can just send a message and don't have to give their name. You can find out more about ChatHealth at their website: https://chathealth.nhs.uk/

#### Here is how the service works:

Need to talk?

We'll confirm receipt of your message immediately then you'll speak to a health professional who will listen, ask questions and support you. You only have to share what you feel comfortable with and you can ask questions too.

Most teams reply during normal office hours. If you message out-of-hours they'll reply when they're next in. You should always hear back from someone within 24 working hours at most.

If you need help in the meantime contact your doctor, visit a NHS walk-in centre or call NHS 111. If it is an emergency, dial 999 or visit A&E.

Your network provider will charge your usual rate for messages you send.

# Artificial Intelligence

The are many headlines in the press at the moment concerning AI and our pupils are keen to engage in discussion and debate around the topic. As adults we can quickly get left behind as we struggle to get to grips with terms such as ChatGPT, DALL-E and Bard. As staff we find the Internet Matters materials helpful in providing clear and balanced explanations of how new technologies are influencing young people and what advantaged and pitfalls there are in using them. The link below has excellent information on the latest AI technologies in an easy-to-read format.

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/





The PTA have the following upcoming events:

• Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 prerecorded broadcasts from the library <a href="here">here</a>. Next week's broadcast schedule is below:

Date	Wednesday 5th July
	2:00 – 2:45
Speaker	PRIDE: In Partnership with Discover Economics
	Adam Mcgeoch, Knowledge Exchange Fellow, Fraser of
	Allander Institute
	KS3-5 / S1-6
Info	In this broadcast, we will interview Adam in partnership with Discover Economics. Adam is the Co-Chair of StrathPride (Strathclyde University's LGBTQI+ Staff & PGR Network). He is also a member of the Diversity Action Group, representing Strathclyde's Economics Department, and a member of the steering group for the European Committee for LGBTQ+ Economists. We will be interviewing Adam about his life and career in economics and why you must always be true to yourself.
	Click <u>here</u> to register

Date	Friday 7th July
	10-10:45am
Speaker	PRIDE: JOY OF PRIDE
	Lex Robinson, Chief Strategy Officer for PG One, Saatchi & Saatchi
	KS3-5 / S1-6
Info	This broadcast will celebrate the joy of pride, more details coming soon.
	Click <u>here</u> to register





The Gchools Wellbeing Gervice Gummer Walk and Talk Gessions

These walks will be facilitated by a Primary Mental Health Worker and will focus on coping skills and management of presenting difficulties.

15th August (anxiety) & 17th August (low mood) both at 10.30-12.30 approximately - A pleasant and undemanding walk through Sheepcote Valley, via Ovingdean village and the undercliff to end at the Marina. Open to secondary age students and their parents/carers.

**22nd August (anxiety) & 24th August (low mood) both at 10.30-12.30 approximately** - A loop Downs walk via Mile Oak Farm, Southwick Hill and part of the South Downs Way. This walk offers fantastic views over the Downs towards the sea. Open to secondary age students and their parents/carers.

Places will be limited, so to book your place please email: <a href="mailto:swsconsultationLine@brighton-hove.gov.uk">swsconsultationLine@brighton-hove.gov.uk</a>
Please indicate how many places you require, the name and age of your child and a contact number.





