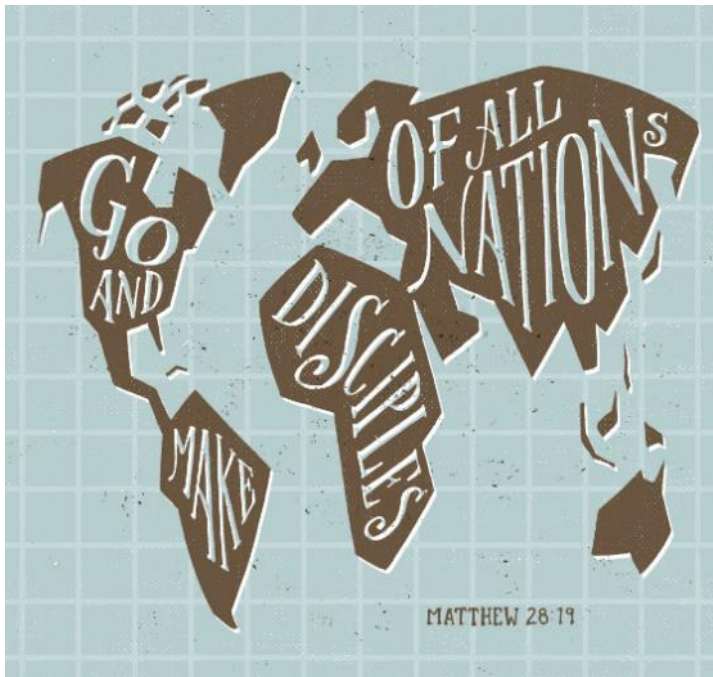


## Theme of the Week: A Continent



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of the penultimate week before half term. I can look back on a busy but successful start to the year. We have welcomed new students in year 7 and other years, welcomed lots of prospective parents and students in our Open Evening and Open Mornings, and launched straight

into our core business of teaching and learning. Trips and visits have been planned and carried out, sporting fixtures have begun, and our full program of clubs and activities is in full swing. It is a real pleasure to walk around the school and see students working hard in lessons and participating fully in the activities you read about in these newsletters. It has also been good to see us start to celebrate Black History Month – as we will continue to do. In everything we do, our aim is that everyone belonging to our school community can flourish academically, spiritually and emotionally and grow in wisdom.

The final week of term can sometimes be difficult for students and staff. This is because the built-up tiredness and, for some, the upcoming change in routine, often means that lessons and interactions can feel like more of a struggle than usual. This is the time when everyone in our school community, me included, needs to remember our school core value of love and our school bible verse “Let everything you do be done in love.” as we work together to finish the term well and to look after each other.

## Forthcoming Events

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INSET Day</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Half term</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Intervention</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First day of next half term</li> </ul>

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This term, we have focused on the different levels of community we belong to and interact with in our tutor worship sessions. In this school we are linked with many communities and people around the city, the country and the world. As we struggle to comprehend the horror unleashed by the violence on the border of Gaza and the dreadful consequences for innocent civilians, we especially wish to express our sympathy and support for the victims of this violence and all connected with them whether as family, friends, colleagues or the schools they attended. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those affected.

Mr Stevenson

## Theme of the Week

From cities to countries and now the continents, we have expanded our scope even further this week by exploring the continents around the world along with some of the most notable explorers in history.

Our biblical focus has been centred around the Psalms, particularly Psalm 104, as we continue to read about God's creation and connect it with how the world looks today. We also kept up the interactive Geography games and quizzes which many classes have been enjoying. Next week we will take one final giant leap back and look at the world as a whole!

## Sixth Form

Applications are now open for a September 2024 start in year 12 at King's.

### Key Dates for 2024 Entry:

- Monday 4th September 2023 – Applications open;
- Monday 13th November 2023 – Sixth Form Open Evening;
- Friday 12th January 2024 – Application deadline (we do accept later applications, but use applications received by this date to plan course capacity and design our timetable);
- February 2024 – Internal and external students attend progression meetings to discuss their course options and their specific needs during their Post 16 studies;
- March 2024 – Provisional offers sent out via email.

Please [visit our website](#) for more information.

## Head Student – Sixth Form

Congratulations to Miryam M, who has been elected as our Head Student for the Sixth Form this year. Please read a statement from Miryam below:



***Hi Everyone! Firstly, I would like to just say thank you to my peers and my teachers for all the support they have given me and how they are willing to put their faith in me for the role of Sixth Form Head Student. Just a little about me; I am normally dancing or baking in my spare time, I try to put all my effort in my studies and love to be there for others. I have also been in many leadership roles throughout my time at Kings and have absolutely loved it. I hope in the future, I would be able to let the voices of students, who are not really heard, be heard and be able to create a community in our sixth form. So, thank you so much for choosing me again and I hope to get lots of your ideas.***

## Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property, some of which is pictured below, that hasn't been claimed. If your child has lost anything, please encourage them to go and look at the lost property in the hall. Any remaining lost property will be given to the PTA/to charity if it is still at school by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We also have small items such as keys, earrings and air pods that students can come to the office to look through.



If you would like to join the singing or playing for this event, please complete the linked form to [tell us about what part you sing or instrument you play](#).

For more information or if you have any questions, please do contact Mrs Brennan directly at [j.brennan@kingschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:j.brennan@kingschoolhove.org.uk).

## Student of the Week

### Students of the week

Year 7	Tiana M-S
Year 8	Elias D
Year 9	Izzy S
Year 10	Esme G
Year 11	Archie S

## King's School Community Carols - Tuesday 12th December 2023

It's the "most wonderful time of year" . . . well, it's coming up! Yes, Christmas is approaching and with it The **King's School Community Carols** at St Leonard's Church Hove on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. This event is open to all members of our community and will be an opportunity for us to celebrate the Christmas season together.

This year we are inviting parents and carers, grandparents and staff to come and experience the joy of making music with us by joining our first King's School Community Choir, which will perform at the event alongside our student singers and musicians.

We are aiming to rehearse and perform two movements from Handel's Messiah and possibly Gaudete, the beautiful 16<sup>th</sup> century Christmas Carol if we have time! Singers do not need to have any experience and no audition is necessary, just come and sing and enjoy. If you aren't a singer but play an instrument, we would love you to join the Orchestra in accompanying us.

Rehearsals will be on **Monday evenings from 6-7pm in the school hall**, starting with the Choir rehearsals - we will aim to master the singing first!

**Our first rehearsal will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October (just singers).**

## Road Safety

This week we were delighted to be joined by the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership who led drama workshops for Year 7 and 11 to raise awareness of road safety. These were excellent sessions where pupils were given advice on how to stay safe and be noticed. The key points were:

- Stick to pavements and known routes
- Wear bright clothing and be visible
- Identify and avoid risks
- Use crossings wherever possible
- Never allow mobile phones to be a distraction when crossing
- Remove earphones and hoods when crossing roads



## Year 10 Information Evening

This ran online last week. Thank you to parents who attended, I hope it was useful. The presentations from the evening are available on the website [King's School \(kingsschoolhove.org.uk\)](http://kingsschoolhove.org.uk). Please do use the contact us page on the website to contact us if needed. The details for the head of year and for the different subjects can all be found there.

## Departmental Competitions



### King's School Hove



Departmental competitions in October are:

*Drama* – Playwriting Competition  
*English* – 'This Is Me I Am' Young Writers Poetry Competition  
*History* – Y7 Castle Project  
*Maths* – Y12 & 13 UKMT  
*Science* – RSC Top of the Bench

Speak to your subject teacher about how to enter!

## Child Criminal Exploitation and County Lines

The school receives frequent briefings from the police regarding Child Criminal Exploitation and County Lines. This remains a significant issue in Brighton and Hove and is covered in our Year 9 PSHE curriculum. We feel it is important to regularly share this information with parents, particularly the signs of exploitation.

Criminal exploitation is child abuse where children and young people are manipulated and coerced into committing crimes. County Lines is the police term for urban gangs exploiting young people into moving drugs from a hub, normally a large city, into suburban areas and market and coastal towns - using dedicated mobile phone lines or "deal lines". Children as young as 12 years old have been exploited into carrying drugs for gangs. This can involve children being trafficked away from their home area, staying in accommodation and selling and manufacturing drugs. Sussex Police produced a video which outlines the seriousness of the issue in Brighton and Hove and you can view it by [clicking here](#).

What are the signs a young person is being exploited?

- Frequently absent from and doing badly in school.

- Going missing from home, staying out late and travelling for unexplained reasons.
- In a relationship or hanging out with someone older than them.
- Being angry, aggressive or violent.
- Being isolated or withdrawn.
- Having unexplained money and buying new things.
- Wearing clothes or accessories in gang colours or getting tattoos.
- Using new slang words.
- Spending more time on social media and being secretive about time online.
- Making more calls or sending more texts, possibly on a new phone or phones.
- Self-harming and feeling emotionally unwell.
- Taking drugs and abusing alcohol.
- Committing petty crimes like shop lifting or vandalism.
- Unexplained injuries and refusing to seek medical help.
- Carrying weapons or having a dangerous breed of dog.

If you suspect a young person is involved in CCE or County Lines you should call the police immediately. They have teams dedicated to supporting young people who have been drawn into these issues.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Yr7 and Yr11 for reaching our school target of 96% on Wednesday this week - well done!

## Black History Month

The focus for Black History Month this year is on Saluting our Sisters, highlighting black women both in history and today. This week, we wanted to highlight Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, who is a British space scientist, science educator and science communicator. Dr Aderin-Pocock is an advocate for diversity and inclusion in STEM fields and wants to encourage more young people from diverse backgrounds to consider a career in STEM. In 2009, Dr Maggie received an MBE and was the first

black woman to win a gold medal in the Physics News Award.

Dr Maggie has written a book titled 'Am I Made of Stardust?', and she recently did a book talk on this for students to watch, you can access this via the link here:

[Live talk and Q&A with Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock | BookTrust](#)



## November Monthly Outreach Lecture – Wednesday 1 November 2023

More than 900,000 people live with a diagnosis of dementia in the UK, and most people will require a range of health and social care during their lives. To ensure healthcare professionals have the right skills, knowledge, and attitudes to support people with dementia, good quality education needs to be provided at undergraduate level. The Time for Dementia programme was designed at BSMS to meet that aim and help future generations of healthcare professionals learn about the real-life experiences of living with dementia.

In November's monthly lecture, Yvonne Feeney will provide a background about dementia and discuss the learning experiences for students taking part in the Time for Dementia programme. Yvonne is the Project Manager for Time for Dementia at BSMS and is also completing a PhD that aims to understand how empathy develops in healthcare students towards people with dementia. Yvonne is an adult nurse and has worked with people with dementia for most of her career.

This event will be running via the Zoom platform from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

**For more information and to register for this session, please [click here](#).**

## Online Medicine Talks

BSMS online sessions returned 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 30 October – Preparing for a Medical School Interview – 5pm-6.30pm**

This session focuses on what medical schools are looking for when interviewing potential medics, as well as exploring different types of interview questions.

### **Tuesday 31 October – Journey through the NHS – 5pm – 6pm**

This session will give an overview of the NHS and its core values before charting a patient's journey through the NHS from an initial GP visit to palliative care. Please note, this session will discuss topics of a potentially sensitive nature including cancer and death. This talk is suitable for people aged 15+

### **Thursday 2 November – Getting into Medicine – 5pm – 6:30pm**

This session provides an overview of the application process for applying to medical school.

### **Tuesday 7 November – Student Life at Medical School – 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 students questions about their experiences.

**Further information about each of these sessions, as well as booking information can be found [here](#).**

## University of Southampton Widening Access to Medicine Conference 2023

The University of Southampton's Widening Access to Medicine Society (WAMSOC) is hosting its annual conference on Sunday 10 December.

This event is aimed at students in Years 10-13 who are interested in studying medicine at university and is completely free to attend. This event is hosted at Southampton General Hospital.

For more information on how to sign up, please [click here](#). Please contact [wamsocsoton@gmail.com](mailto:wamsocsoton@gmail.com) with any queries regarding this event.

## Propel Workshops and 1-2-1 support for Care Leavers and Care Experienced students

Become, the charity for children in care and young care leavers, is running a series of workshops and one-to-one support sessions for young carers and care experienced students through their programme Propel.

Workshops include:

- Rights and Entitlements for Care Leavers in HE
- Applying for HR for Care Leavers
- Funding for Care Leavers

The one-to-one online support sessions are designed to help support young people through the HE application process and cover the UCAS application, applying for student finance, and accessing support for care experienced students at university.

Any care experienced students who would be interested in these opportunities, can find more information by [clicking here](#) or by emailing [propel@becomecharity.org.uk](mailto:propel@becomecharity.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 [here](#). Next week's broadcast schedule is below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>10-10:45am</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Black History Month</b> <b>75 Years on from Windrush with Karen Blackett OBE, President, WPP</b> <b>KS4-5/S4-6</b>
<b>Info</b>	Join us and Karen Blackett OBE for a broadcast about her insightful perspectives on the Windrush generation and its enduring impact. She brings a unique and empathetic lens to discussions surrounding the 75th anniversary of this pivotal event. Her contributions underscore the importance of diversity and inclusivity in today's global landscape, making her a trailblazer in the world of advertising and an advocate for multicultural representation.  Click <a href="#">here</a> to register

<b>Date</b>	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>2-2:45pm</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Black History Month</b> <b>Education after School with Gisela Abbam, FRSA, MBA, Chair, General Pharmaceutical Council &amp; Senior Director, Government Affairs, PerkinElmer</b> <b>KS5/S6</b>
<b>Info</b>	Education after school can be challenging. Taking the next step in education to learn more about yourself as an individual and be in charge of your own learning can be difficult. Gisela will talk about her time in college and studying engineering at university and key life lessons that she has learnt along the way.  Click <a href="#">here</a> to register

<b>Date</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>10-10:45am</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Black History Month</b> <b>The Black Heroes of Mathematics with Professor Nira Chamberlain OBE, President, The Mathematical Association &amp; Visiting Professor, Loughborough University Mathematical Sciences Department</b> <b>KS4-5/S4-6</b>
<b>Info</b>	Professor Nira Chamberlain OBE, a distinguished mathematics professor, is set to inspire young minds at our event. With a passion for mathematics, he'll highlight the incredible contributions of Black heroes in mathematics and the Windrush generation. Nira will show how mathematics can be a winning career, just like his own journey from a love for numbers at a young age to becoming a renowned professor.  Click <a href="#">here</a> to register

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>10-10:45am</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>In Partnership with Indu: The Business Story of Indu- The Makeup and Skincare Industry with Aaron Chatterley and Lulu Jopp</b>  <b>KS3-5/S1-6</b>
<b>Info</b>	In this talk, students will get the opportunity to hear from one of the founders about their experiences first creating the UK online beauty retailer, Feelunique, building it up and finally selling it to Sephora in 2021,

then how Indu, a new beauty brand was created as a result, what it takes to build a brand and the skills and qualities they'll need to start their own business.

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10AM - 12PM

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Brighton, BN1 9PJ

\*Bikes & helmets available

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WED 25 OCT 2023

10AM - 12PM

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Bikes & helmets available.

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