



Headteacher's Update

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*The earth is the Lord's,
AND EVERYTHING IN IT,
the world, AND ALL WHO LIVE IN IT;*
Psalm 24:1

Theme of the week: The World

Friday 20th October	INSET Day
Monday 23rd- Friday 27th October	Half term
Friday 27th October	Year 11 Intervention
Monday 30th October	First day of next half term
Wednesday 8th November	Flu vaccination (nasal spray) Years 7—11

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have reached the end of this very busy half term and our students and staff are looking forward to a well-deserved break.

This week our Year 11 Drama students have been embracing the challenges of NEAs as they started recording their GCSE devised pieces. Our Year 10 students have had an excellent additional assembly delivered by the Naked Truth Project. Students across the school have been busy completing final pieces of work on this term's units of work and getting feedback on their progress from this half term.

In our assembly this week we looked at the wide range of countries our students and staff have connections in, celebrating different cultures and places. As we have continued to celebrate BHM we have also been looking together at some brilliant black British women who have fought for human rights, justice and equality; women who students may not have heard of before. Students have been encouraged to take part in the BHM poetry competition and write a poem over half term celebrating an inspirational black woman.

We are looking forward to another exciting half term. For now, we wish all our families a restful week this coming week.

Mrs Vincent

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.



King's School Hove - Sixth Form

Open Evening

13 November 6 - 7.30 pm

Find out more about the range of courses we will be offering
Speak to our skilled subject staff
See our great facilities

All parents and students welcome from schools across the local area
Refreshments available

Visit our website to register your interest



If you are unable to attend our Open Event but would like to arrange a tour at another time, please email sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

To apply, please visit www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/event-6th

Student of the Week

Year 7	Lyra B
Year 8	Sophie C
Year 9	Nina V G
Year 10	Jack D
Year 11	Ruby D (11R)



Theme of the Week

We finished off the final week of the half-term by zooming out one last time: from the continents to the world as a whole. Our key focus this week has been reinforcing the messages of love and inclusivity which we have been communicating throughout the term.

Our Biblical focus has been on John, encouraging our students to not only love the world itself but to seek to love one another and demonstrate acts of love and unity that have longer-lasting impacts on the world.

It has been a great term exploring different cities, countries, and cultures and how we can have a mindset that embraces diversity throughout. We look forward to exploring a new series of topics after the half-term break!

Black History Month

Continuing this year's topic for Black History Month of Saluting our Sisters, this week's article focuses on the life and legacy of Harriet Tubman. Harriet was born in Maryland, USA in 1822 and was the daughter of enslaved African Americans. Harriet herself lived on a plantation growing up and endured horrific treatment from the plantation owners. At 27, Harriet escaped via the Underground Railroad, which was a network of activists and safe houses that helped slaves gain freedom.

Once Harriet was free, she became a conductor of the underground railroad, helping over 70 enslaved people escape across 13 missions. Later on, during the Civil War in America, Harriet led

a raid on plantations in South Carolina which led to over 700 more slaves gaining freedom.

Harriet moved to New York later in her life and continued to be an advocate for civil rights and women's rights.

You can learn more about the underground railroad here: [https://educa-](https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/underground-railroad/)

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“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.” – Harriet Tubman

Harvest Donations

Over this half term we have been thinking about Harvest. Last week we had an assembly from City Mission about how they distribute Harvest donations they receive and after half term some of our students will be involved in sorting donations given to City Mission over this Harvest period. Harvest provides us with an opportunity to give our thanks to God for all that he provides and to share what we have with those in our community that are in need at this time.

This year we will be working with a local food bank, running out of Oasis Church in Hangleton. If you would like to make a contribution, you can make a donation by sending in items of food and hygiene essentials. The food bank is always in need of items such as cereal, pasta, rice, pasta sauces, and tins of any kind (tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned veg etc), as well as sanitary products, shampoo, conditioner, soap and shower gel. We now have a permanent collection basket in our reception area. Donations are always welcome.

An alternative way to contribute is via '2324 Harvest Festival' on ParentPay. We will be using some of this money for our food poverty provision that we have been running since February. This supports our students who are unable to have breakfast. We would like to offer this for many years to come and by donating you are ensuring the continuation of this project. Any monies left over will be used to provide food to the local food bank.

Historian of the Fortnight

Seb is our Historian of the Fortnight due to his quiet but tenacious approach to his studies. Seb completes all tasks to an incredibly high standard, attempts extension tasks and is always answering questions in class. This is a massive change in Seb 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 Weimar and Nazi Germany unit with an indelible amount of grit and determination!

Mrs Cager



Ruby is our Historian of the Fortnight due to her amazing dedication and results of the last month. Ruby has displayed an excellent knowledge and understanding of previous work covered in Elizabeth, achieving full marks in her recent mock. Ruby has set the bar high for future royalty to try and dethrone her. She is an incredibly conscientious and hardworking student.

All hail Empress Ruby!

Mrs Fleury-Beecham

Thea V—Bronze Award

We are delighted to award our very first Bronze Star award to Thea V in Year 11. Thea is an outstanding pupil who models our school values every day. She has worked brilliantly since the start of the new academic year and all of her subject teachers have recognised this by awarding her achievement points for class work, teamwork, effort and resilience. Congratulations to Thea – the first bronze star in the school’s history!



School Photos

If you have not yet ordered your school photo but would like to, please do so by Wednesday 25th October. If you are missing your child’s photo slip, please contact admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk and we will be able to email it across to you.

Naked Truth Project: Free Parents Workshop

THE INTERNET HAS CHANGED THE LANDSCAPE OF CHILDHOOD & ADOLESCENCE

As a parent or carer, you may be aware of the new challenges and changes the internet presents but feel uncertain about how to help your young people navigate it safely. From apps to adult content, it’s easy to be overwhelmed by the vastness of this digital landscape, especially if you feel like your kids know their way around the internet, tablets and apps better than you. Like the key on a map, this workshop will equip you with the information to better understand the digital landscape in front of you and confidently guide your children through it.

This 1 hour live online session and Q&A is aimed at parents, guardians and carers of children aged 11 to 18.

ONLINE EVENT on Nov 14th 7.30-9.00PM

Ticket holders will have access to a recording of the session for 2 weeks

To book a place, please click on the link below.

[Book a place for the online event](#)

Key Contacts for Half Term

We recognise that the school holidays can be difficult for many families and this is likely to be exacerbated by the current economic conditions. You will find below a list of services that may be helpful to you, or a family you may know, over the half term break.

Mental Health Support for adults and children: Brighton and Hove Wellbeing Service - urgent support Samaritans

Child Protection: Childline Front Door for Families Brighton - if you are worried about a child

Food banks:

<http://www.brightonfoodbank.org.uk/>
<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/>
<https://bhfood.org.uk/>

Domestic Abuse:

Women's Gateway Brighton
<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/adult-social-care/keep-people-safe/help-domestic-abuse>
Rise - freedom from domestic abuse

Alcohol and Drug Addiction:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/alcohol-or-drug-misuse>
<https://www.oasisproject.org.uk/>

Attendance

Well done to the whole school for your attendance this half-term. Have a lovely week off, and we look forward to another half term of good attendance when we see you after the break!

Departmental Competitions



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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!



Academic Speakers

We are looking for speakers to take part in an evening for our Sixth Form, we are particularly interested in speakers from a law or medical background.

If you think you could help, please email head@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Flu vaccination (nasal spray) – Wednesday 8th November

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on Wednesday 8th November to administer the Flu vaccination (nasal spray) to students in Years 7 to 11.

Parents and carers of students in all year groups (apart from sixth form) will have recently received communication regarding this, together with information from the Immunisation Service with details of how to give consent for this vaccination.

If you did not receive this information, please email the school office via admin@kingschoolhove.org.uk to request the information to be re-sent to you.

The online consent form must be completed by 11am

on Friday 3rd November, in order for a student to be included in the vaccination session at school on 8th November.

Please note that vaccinations will not be given without parental consent.

King's School Fund

Raising money to enrich and expand our students' experiences.

Visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kings-school-fund> or click on this image to be taken to the page.

Every donation has an impact on a student's education experience.

Thank you for your support



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Year 8 Rugby

Our Year 8 rugby team played their first county cup match of the season against Shoreham Academy this Monday. The boys made a good start with lots of good tackles and strong defence. However, the pressure told and eventually Shoreham made their way through our defensive line a couple of times to take the lead.

King's started to gain more possession and a good passing move down the right saw Arthur break through a couple of tackles and score a try. Shoreham ended the first half strongly and we finished at half time 4-1 down.

After half time King's made a brilliant start and were able to win more rucks and keep possession, meaning Arthur and Matanois had the op-

portunity to score some tries to bring the scores closer together.

Ultimately, the size and power of Shoreham told in the end and as we started to tire towards the end of the second half as Shoreham broke through our defensive line several times to finish the game 8-4 tries to Shoreham.

Some of the team are relatively new to rugby and it was great to see their confidence and understanding grow in the game, as well as some excellent tackling, rucking and offloads by our more experienced players. Overall, a really good start to the season and areas to work on to grow throughout the coming months.



Year 9 Girls Football Tournament

5 teams made it out for the Y9 tournament at Patcham, this Thursday. The teams were King's, Dorothy Stringer, Varndean and 2 teams from Patcham. During the matches King's demonstrated some great teamwork, passing, defending and communication. All teams at the event were strong and there were a fair few Patcham students as spectators, who were very vocal and intimidating at times.

In the first game we met Varndean, with some really good team work, Gabby R managed to convert a great chance and King's won the game 1-0. Next was Patcham B, some more great teamwork and pressing attacking play saw another goal from Gabby and a goal from Nia J, taking the win 2-0.

Our third game was against Stringer, who were very strong, despite a hard fought effort, a couple of minor mistakes gave Stringer the chances they required to take the win 2-0.

Finally we needed to play Patcham A, we needed a win from this to stay in with a chance of taking the tournament. Despite a great performance and securing the win it was not enough to take the overall tournament win.

Final standings were Stringer with the win, then King's, the 2 Patcham teams took third place, and then Varndean.

This tournament concludes this set of 7-a-side games and all 4 King's teams played very well and supported each other in many ways throughout - I couldn't be prouder of all the girls that played, but special mention has to go to Erin H in Year 7 who played in goal for every game in all 4 of the age categories. Thank you so much Erin, you have demonstrated such a mature attitude, you have lead by example and are proving to be a great role model for all around you. You perfectly exemplify the King's ethos.

Year 7 Girls Football Cup Match V Hove Park

In the torrential rain on Wednesday afternoon, the King's Year 7 girls football team took on Hove Park in their first proper game of the season. Ideally a lower stakes game would have been a better start to the season for this newly formed team, but a knockout cup game was the hand we were dealt.

As I mentioned the weather was not ideal, especially for a goalkeeper or a substitute – it wasn't ideal for spectators either, a massive thank you to the parents and pupils who came to support and assist.

Back to the game... Hove Park pressed the attack throughout the game, they were pretty relentless in midfield and attack. In saying that, we defended well and limited their chances on goal. However, Hove Park managed to get a well worked but ultimately lucky goal in the first half, with the game at

1-0 the players went into the second half with a positive attitude.

The rain continued in the second half and really took its toll on the players, although they kept battling for the equaliser, they were simply unable to get the break they needed, despite a couple of really good chances. Hove Park took their opportunities and scored another two goals. Therefore the final result was a 3-0 loss.

The Year 7's may be out of the cup, but they are yet to begin the league campaign and I look forward to seeing the team develop, under Alice C's leadership, over the year and hopefully find their winning form very soon.

Year 8 Girls Football Tournament

The latest of the tournaments, hosted at Patcham High School were for the Year 8 girls. After the disappointment in the cup game they were definitely fired up for this tournament. Unfortunately due to other cup fixtures being played, there were limited teams at the event, King's, Dorothy Stringer and 2 teams from Patcham.

The whole team, from the 8x Year 8s to the 2x Year 7s that represented King's played their heart out, and were disappointed that there were a limited number of matches.

First for King's were Stringer, with had Anna, Gabby and Etta all finding their scoring prowess to win the game 3-0.

Next were Patcham 1's with both teams demonstrating some outstanding goal keeping, courageous attacking play and real winner's mentality – this game finished 3-3, 2 goals from Gabby and 1 from Etta.

Finally, King's took on the other Patcham side, no less talented than the 1's, again it was a hard-fought game, however goals from Anna, and Gabby took the win 3-1.

Therefore, King's were tied in first place with Patcham 1's, personally I was hoping for a final game to be played in order to separate the two top teams, but the decision went to goal difference, giving Patcham the win by a single goal.

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Teacher of PE

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	Monday 30th October 10-10:45am
Speaker	Black History Month Christian Scotland-Williamson, Former Two-Sport Professional Athlete & Future Barrister, NFL, Premiership Rugby, Christian Scotland Williamson Ltd KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Meet Christian Scotland-Williamson: A pro rugby player who turned his passion into a career! He believes in buying into your dreams through hard work. Join us in this broadcast, as Christian shares his inspiring journey from passion to profession in sports and what he's doing now. Learn how dedication can make your dreams a reality! Click here to register

Date	Tuesday 31st October 2-3pm
Speaker	NHS75 Scotland Dr. Gregor Smith, Chief Medical Officer, Scottish Government KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Gregor always knew that he wanted to become a doctor and help people. Coming from a working-class family with no previous experience of university, this wasn't straightforward. However, after various roles in the NHS, he achieved his dream and became CMO during the pandemic. Whatever your ambition is, join us and be inspired as Gregor shares his leadership story and some of the key lessons that he has learned along the way. Click here to register

Date	Thursday 2nd November 10-10:45am
Speaker	NHS75 Chris Grant, Executive Medical Director, North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust KS4-5/S4-6
Info	Chris Grant is the Executive Medical Director of the North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust. With a passion for saving lives, he'll share insights into the exciting world of ambulance service in the UK. Join his presentation to discover the heroic, fast-paced, and rewarding career opportunities waiting for young minds like yours! Click here to register

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OCTOBER HALF TERM

BRIGHTON > Tues 24 Oct.

11am–1pm: ages 8-11 (Mini Kicks)

1.30–3.30pm: ages 12-18.

The Manor, Manor Rd, Whitehawk,
Brighton, BN2 5EA.

3G: Moulded studs only.

BURGESS HILL > Wed 25 Oct, 10am–1pm.

Ages 8-18. Burgess Hill Youth, Western
Rd, Burgess Hill, RH15 8QN. **Multi-use**

games area: AstroTurf boots /
trainers only.

EASTBOURNE > Wed 25 Oct, 12–3pm.

Ages 12-18. Eastbourne Sports Park,
Cross Levels Way, Eastbourne, BN21 2UF.

3G: AstroTurf boots / moulded studs only.

HASTINGS > Thur 26 Oct, 1–4pm.

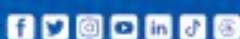
Ages 8-18. The Firs, Elphinstone Rd,
Hastings, TN34 2AX. **Sand-based AstroTurf:**

AstroTurf trainers advised.

WORTHING > Thur 26 Oct, 12–3pm.

Ages 8-18. Worthing Leisure Centre,
Shaftesbury Ave, Worthing, BN12 4ET.

3G: AstroTurf boots / moulded studs only.



For more information, please call: 01273 878265

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