



Headteacher's Update

No 235 24th November 2023



Theme of the week: Love does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking

Dear Parent/Carer,

As another week draws to a close we wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 11s on completing their mock exams. They have really impressed us with their good cheer and sense of determination. We recognise that mocks can be very stressful and our wonderful pastoral support officers have been on hand to calm nerves and keep pupils calm and focused. We will be sharing the results with pupils in the coming days and highlighting the next steps in our feedback sessions.

We were also delighted to welcome back our previous Year 11 cohort and their parents and carers on Thursday night for the formal presentation of their GCSEs at our annual Certificate Evening. It was great to share this presentation with our own Year 12s but also hear from our former Year 11s who are now studying elsewhere. We are incredibly proud of them and the stunning results they achieved.

Looking ahead to next week, we have our Winter Showcase which promises to be a lovely occasion and whole-school enrichment on Friday.

Mr Chamberlain

Wednesday 29th November	Winter Showcase—7pm
Friday 1st December	Enrichment Day
Wednesday 6th December	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 12th December	King's Community Carols—6-7pm at St Leonards' Church Hove
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14th December	Last Day of Term

Team King's—Running for Mr Jenkins

Many of you will know that our lovely Mr Jenkins is currently unwell with cancer. We were all so overwhelmed by how much Ben's fundraiser raised in order to allow Ben to undergo immunotherapy on top of his chemotherapy. We are now looking to raise more money so Ben can continue this treatment.

10 staff members from King's School Hove are running the Brighton marathon/10k on Sunday 7th April 2024 in order to raise money for this cause. We will split any donations 50/50 between Ben's fundraiser and The Royal Marsden (who have played a major role in supporting him, including hosting his wedding to Louie).

Thank you to Ms Tamplin for co-ordinating our participation in the marathon weekend.

Please donate whatever you can to support Ben and others in a similar position.

[Crowdfunding to Raise money for Ben Jenkins and The Royal Marsden. on JustGiving](#)

Introducing Team King's...



Ms Tamplin—
Marathon



Mrs Price—Marathon



Mrs Morley—
Marathon



Ms Staples—Marathon



Ms Furr—10K



Mrs Cager—10K



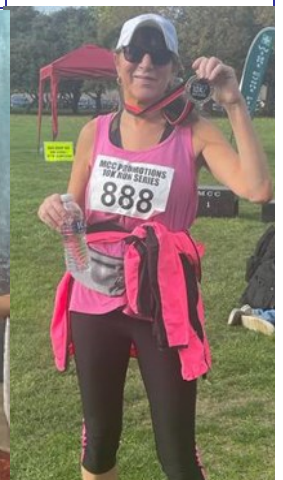
Mrs Seaman—10K



Mr Starcross—10K



Ms Flamson—10K



Ms Findon—10K

Student of the Week

Year 7	Maisie-Rae G
Year 8	Riley M
Year 9	Lola S-P
Year 10	Angie I and Theo D
Year 11	Ryley N



Theme of the Week



Love does not dishonour and is not self-seeking. This is what we have focused on this week as our key message, focusing on verse 5 in 1 Corinthians 13. We have continued our approach of exploring the idea of love this term by looking at what it isn't. This week we looked at the values of honour and selflessness in contrast to dishonour and self-seeking, and how students can demonstrate this in their own lives.

Sixth Form

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

Key Dates for 2024 Entry:

- 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.

[Video for Parents 1: Choosing your sixth form courses | Resources | Net Sixth Form](#)

For any Year 11 student that is struggling with what subjects to study post 16, please see this helpful video to help you make your decisions. If you need further help in school, please do contact Mrs Coles at sixth-form@kingsschoolhove.org.uk who will be more than happy to have a conversation about options across the city and at our sixth form.

There is also a useful resource to help you decide your options across the city if you are struggling to decide where to go [Best Next Steps - Colleges and FE application portals \(padlet.com\)](#)

Grimm Tales—set help

Rehearsals are well underway for our next production in February. We do need a couple of wooden pallets if anyone has any spare? Transportation could be arranged.

Could you e mail c.grosvenor@kingsschoolhove.org.uk if you can help with this request.

Thank you in advance.

Attendance



Another fantastic week of attendance for Year 11, who achieved 97% for the whole week of mocks, well done!

Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to all students who entered our Christmas Card Competition. Congratulations to Sophie M in Year 12 for her winning designs! Please see Sophie's design and the runners up below. Well done all!



1st Place—Sophie M, Year 12



2nd Place—Gabriella R, Year 7



3rd Place—Chloe C, Year 8



Notable entry—Hannah and Esther, Year 10



Notable entry—Edith M, Year 10



Notable entry—Philip M, Year 8

Christmas Lunch and Non-Uniform Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 13th December

On Wednesday 13th December students will have the opportunity to have a Christmas Lunch from our canteen. This will also be our non-uniform day to raise money for the two charities we are supporting through our reverse Advent calendar. Students may wear non-uniform in exchange for a £1.50 donation and are strongly encouraged to wear a festive jumper and or socks. Donations can be made through the ParentPay link in your child's account.



Reverse Advent Calendar

As part of our outreach to our local community during Advent we have historically run a reverse Advent calendar, collecting items for local charities. Once again this year, we are asking for donations for our local foodbank, run out of Oasis church. In addition, we would also like to support the work of **Fresh Start Community Association** whose Christmas Cheer Project provides hampers of food and presents to families and individuals facing challenging circumstances in the city. You can find out more about these projects on the Brighton and Hove Food Partnership website [Oasis Foodbank – Brighton and Hove Food Partnership \(bhfood.org.uk\)](http://Oasis Foodbank – Brighton and Hove Food Partnership (bhfood.org.uk)) and the Freshstart webpage <https://www.freshstartbrighton.org.uk/christmas-cheer.html>

For our reverse advent calendar this year we would like students to bring in donations of toiletries, non-perishable food items (particularly those that could go in a Christmas Hamper) or a new gift for an individual of any age. We will be collecting items between 30th November and 13th December. Items will be collected in form rooms and gathered together at the end of term to be given to the charities.

We know that some families may be unable to make a contribution. If any student would like to participate but cannot provide an item, they would be welcome to collect an item to donate from Mrs Vincent's office. If you would like to make a financial donation, please do so through the ParentPay link in your child's account. Financial contributions will be split evenly between these two charities.

Christmas Competitions

The admin staff would like students to design a bauble for the noticeboard in reception, to give some Christmas cheer to any visitors we may have over the festive period.

All year groups are welcome to enter, and bauble templates can be collected from tutors or the front office.

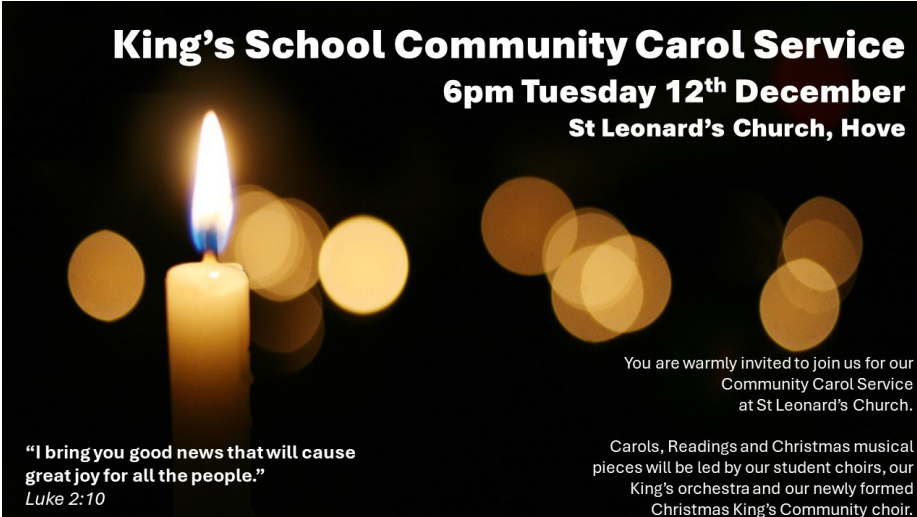
The deadline for bauble entries is 30th November, please give them in to tutors or the front office.

There will be winners for the following categories:

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10
- Year 11
- Most Brighton
- Most colourful
- Most King's

King's Student Carol Services – Tuesday 5th December

Following the success of our whole school Carol Services last year, this year we will be holding Carol Services in the afternoon of Tuesday 5th December at Bishop Hannington Church. Students will be walked from school to the church to attend a service and will be dismissed from the church. Alternative transport will be made for those unable to walk to the church. Further information on this will follow in a letter next week. Due to the capacity of the church, we are unable to welcome parents to the student services. There is however an opportunity to join us on the evening of 12th December for our Community Carols.



King's School Community Carol Service
6pm Tuesday 12th December
St Leonard's Church, Hove

"I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."
Luke 2:10

You are warmly invited to join us for our Community Carol Service at St Leonard's Church.

Carols, Readings and Christmas musical pieces will be led by our student choirs, our King's orchestra and our newly formed Christmas King's Community choir.

Book Wishlist

A reminder that the school has an Amazon wish list of books for the school library. As we are coming up to Christmas, if you would like to donate/buy a book from the wish list, we would greatly appreciate it. The link to the wish list is here: [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

Enrichment Day

Next Friday sees the arrival of our first enrichment day of the academic year. We have a number of trips happening on Friday in addition to a number of enrichment sessions happening in school.

Please remember that the school day, for students in school, will run from 9.00 until 2.30 on Friday 1st December. If your child is going on a trip, please consult the letter that you will be sent on Monday 27th November from each trip lead for the timings of these days.

Year 7 Battle Abbey – Students will be exploring 1066 country with a visit to this famous historical site (see the letter for timings).

Year 7 Victorian Christmas – Students will take part in a number of themed activities run by the fantastic English department, in addition to seeing a play performed by the Globe Players.

Year 8 Herstmonceux Science Centre – half of the year 8 cohort will be visiting the Science Centre in East Sussex and touring the world-famous observatory (see the letter for timings).

Year 8 Coastal trip – The Geography department will be leading the other half of the year group in an exploration of the Brighton coast (see the letter for timings).

Year 9 Careers – Students will be taking a deep dive in to careers with an opportunity to meet and question a range of employers from local businesses with the support of Elev8.

Year 10 Sustainability – Year 10 will be exploring the importance of sustainability, both locally and globally, taking part in practical and discussion based activities.

Year 11 Wellbeing – students in school will have a revision workshop from the excellent Elevate group before taking part in their choice of Wellbeing themed events from sports to crafts.

Year 11 Tate Modern – the art department are taking the Year 11 art students to the Tate modern to explore the extensive galleries to compliment their GCSE art portfolios (see the letter for timings).

Year 10 and 11 – Berlin History trip.

Mr Walker
Assistant Headteacher

Year 8 Boys Rugby

Our Year 8 boys won their second Sussex Cup rugby match this Monday against Tanbridge House School, 6 tries to 0! It's the first county cup game King's have ever won in rugby and huge to win a game against a school outside of Brighton and Hove. Great performances by all the boys but Matanois was Man of the Match with some huge tackles and runs – scoring 3 tries. Was also great to see Arthur R take on a real leadership role as coach of the team while being injured.



Year 10 Football

More good news with our Year 10 boys this Tuesday as they took another win in the league against Hove Park. The boys had a bit of a scare midway through the second half as they went 2-4 down but to their credit, they remained focused and positive to finish with a solid 6-4 win. Goal scorers were Leon R (2), Brean P (1), Callum G (1), Arnaud W (1) and Malachi B (1). Notable performers were Rafa C, Gabriel S and George E.

Well done boys!



Year 7 Girls' Football

Our Year 7 girls team beat Cardinal Newman 4-0 this week with a brilliant team performance! The girls were 2-0 up at half time after some good passing moves in midfield and strong runs from the forwards behind the defence. The defence soaked up any attacks from Newman and Erin in goal dealt with any shots that went her way. King's kept on the pressure second half with lots of possession and attacking moves. They kept up a high work rate and positive attitude which resulted in them scoring 2 more to make it 4-0 win. Goals from Gabby x2, Lola and Nell.

Year 7 Indoor Athletics

Our Year 7 indoor athletes took part in the Brighton and Hove competition at BACA. Events included sprints of 2-6 lap races as well as relays. Adapted field events included shot put, jumping and speed bounce. It was great to see students representing King's so well and trying their hardest. Our girls finished up 4th out of 8 and our boys came 2nd out of 8 narrowly missing out on top spot. Standout performances were from Gabby who won every race/field event she took part in & Alessio winning his 2 lap race and standing long jump!

Girls' Football—Upcoming Fixtures

Date	Year group	Opposition	Venue
15 th January	9	Blatch	King's
17 th January	8	Longhill	King's
30 th January	7	Blatch	Blatch

Date	Year group	Opposition	Venue
29 th November	9	PACA	PACA
6 th December	8	Patcham	Patcham

Winter Showcase

Tickets are now available on ParentPay for our fabulous Winter Showcase that takes place on Wednesday 29th November in the school hall at 7pm. It promises to be a super evening!

Tickets are £4 each. If your child is in receipt of free school meals or experiencing financial difficulties, you may be eligible for a contribution towards the cost of the tickets. Please email finance@kingschoolhove.org.uk to discuss.

Christmas in the Canteen

Please see the menu below for our 12 Days of Christmas food in the canteen.



Departmental Competitions



King's School Hove



Departmental competitions in November are:

Art – Y7 Competition
Computing – BEBRAS Challenge

English – RET Creative Writing Competition

Speak to your subject teacher about how to enter!

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.

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Thank you for your support



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Winter HAF 2023



The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is FREE to school-aged children in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Winter HAF provides a FREE activity club with a meal, with participants able to book up to one place per day over four days.

Book everything from sports, performing arts, coding, playschemes and more online.

[www.eequ.org/
brightonhovehaf](http://www.eequ.org/brightonhovehaf)



For more programme information go to:
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/HAF



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Winter HAF 2023



SEND Family Fun Day

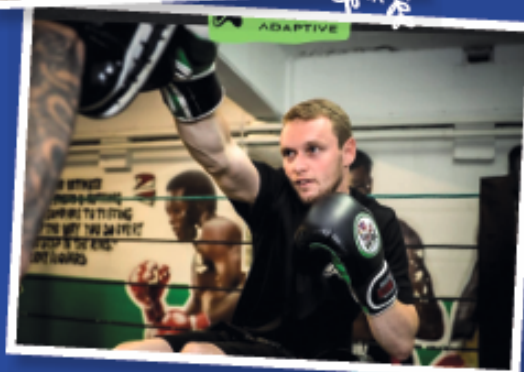
FREE for the whole family, where there is a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Reception to Year 11 who also receives benefits-related free school meals.

Join us for a
day of family
festive fun.

Monday 18 December
10am to 3pm

Moulsecoomb
Leisure Centre

*Please note an adult must accompany



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Learn more and book here:
[www.eequ.org/
brightonhovehaf](http://www.eequ.org/brightonhovehaf)



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 27th November 2-2:45pm
Speaker	Blind not Broken: Lucy Edwards-Cave, Blind Broadcaster, Journalist, Content Creator, & Disability Activist KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Step into a world of charm, charisma, and creativity in this broadcast, when we are joined by Lucy Edwards-Cave, Blind Broadcaster, Journalist, Content Creator, and Disability Activist. After losing her full eyesight at 17, Lucy had no one to take inspiration from who was going through the same thing and made it her mission to share her experiences with the world. Tune in and hear how one woman built a community that champions disability advocacy and is changing how the world views blindness #BlindNotBroken. Click here to register

Date	Wednesday 29th November 2-2:45pm
Speaker	Your life is full of purpose & potential with Lara Morgan Founder, Company Shortcuts Ltd KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Lara Morgan is a British entrepreneur who grew her company with products focusing on wellbeing and aiming to improve life's journey. In this broadcast, Lara will talk to us about how life is full of purpose and potential and what you need to do, to make the most of every situation. Click here to register

Date	Thursday 30th November 2-2:45pm
Speaker	What It's Like To Complete An Apprenticeship sponsored by VMO2 Lauren West, Future Careers Senior Programme Manager, James Harwood, Senior Security Product Manager And Matt Short, Head Of Field Operations (South), Virgin Media O2 KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Meet a panel of Virgin Media O2 leaders who are currently completing or have completed an apprenticeship where they will share more about their own journeys, the benefits of an apprenticeship and explore the concept of squiggly careers. Join us in this broadcast to hear from our leaders and ask questions to help you make the best decision for your future. Click here to register

**COME AND TAKE PART IN OUR
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE
EVENT**



**HANGLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE
HARMSWORTH CRESCENT BN3 8BW**

**SUNDAY 10TH OF DECEMBER
10.00-2.00**

**COME AND MAKE A DECORATION IN OUR CRAFT
ROOM TO PLACE ON OUR COMMUNITY TREE**

EVENT IS FREE

**DONATED BY BRIGHTON AND HOVE CITY COUNCIL
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