



Theme of the week: Love is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's the end of another busy week. Today it's been good to see all the students coming in for their enrichment day activities on and off site. A fuller report will come in future newsletters, but the opportunity to learn outside the classroom and to experience enriching activities is a central part of what we believe in at King's. Our core aim is for students to become wise. This means we want to give them lots of opportunities to think about careers, to learn soft skills and to grow in wisdom by visiting a variety of different places.

We also want to give students the chance to perform and to be part of something bigger than themselves, so it was also lovely to have the Winter Showcase this week. So many students took part, and I would like to personally thank Mrs Brennan and Miss Woods for all the hard work they put in to make it such a fantastic event.

Next week we move to looking forward to Christmas as we enter the final two weeks of term. All students will attend our Carol Service during the day next Tuesday and there is an opportunity for all members of the school community to attend an evening service the following week. Our theme for this term has been love and in advent we focus on this by thinking about and supporting the work of two local charities, Oasis Foodbank and Fresh Start.

Through all this we do remain focused on teaching and learning in lessons. This term behaviour has been good and students have been working really hard in their lessons. We will keep this going for our final two weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to remind students that normal lessons and normal uniform will continue until the end of term.

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend.

Mr Stevenson

Our wonderful Music Department

Mrs Brennan and Miss Woods have been exceptionally busy this term. They have been responsible for numerous clubs, choirs and groups, while also preparing two Carol Services, rehearsing staff and parents, visiting a Nursing Home in Worthing, providing music for Certificate Evening and organising this week's wonderful array of talent in the form of the Winter Showcase.

They really are a fabulous team and I know they will be so proud of their students' achievements this term. I want to personally thank them for all they do for our students' musical experience. They are to be treasured.

Students involved with the Music department have added their thanks below. My thanks also go to Tilly in Year 11 for collecting these comments and to Harrison who is a master techie and an absolute pro/legend/genius, who works with such composure under pressure and sometimes organises us! We appreciate you.

The King's Music Dept is such a warm place due to the lovely teachers. Both teachers have such lovely personalities and an inspiring attitude to learning that makes everyone look forward to music. We appreciate the good work and perseverance that they show towards us. Thank you.

Alice, Year 8

It is a great experience being in the showcase, it has really boosted my confidence and made me feel good about myself. Thanks to Miss Woods and Mrs Brennan I have made friends by coming to choir and learning more about music. It has made my first year here at King's so special and welcoming.

Lily, Year 8

The showcase is a great opportunity to bring students of all years together. Mrs Brennan and Miss Woods have worked so hard to put the showcase on and everyone has enjoyed it very much. I'm gutted that this will be my final showcase here as they are always great fun!

Faith, Year 11

Mrs Brennan and Miss Woods are very nice. They helped me a lot last year. It's a good community to be in the showcase and there's a lot of roles so I help out with tech stuff.

Maddie, Year 9

The showcases have done so much for me; they have given me confidence, friends and the ability to work together with others. Plus it is always fun to see the results, fruits if you will, of our collective efforts. Our guidance through these stressful times, especially the Music GCSE, has been nothing short of private school level education. In addition, it brings a tear to the eye to have to depart from the school and leave behind all these wonderful friends.

Roberto, Year 11

Mrs Brennan and Miss Woods arranged the showcase so well and have everything in control this week! They're both lovely to everyone, very understanding and help everyone who needs it. This is my first showcase, so it's really lovely to have people supporting me.

Nathania, Year 7

Mrs Brennan and Miss Woods have been very helpful and great teachers throughout my years at King's, especially now when I'm doing GCSE Music. The showcase is always great fun and Mrs Brennan leads the stage band very well.

Ben, Year 10

Mrs Brennan and Miss Woods have been great influences on my musical journey. I'm really honoured to be in the showcase and to represent my skills this year.

Aaron, Year 10

Mrs Brennan and Miss Woods have been very helpful during the showcase and showed lots of perseverance in stage band! They have chosen well-known, enjoyable songs and made me feel more confident too.

Tim, Year 7

Last year my band failed because it all went out of time while performing, but then Mrs Brennan helped us so much by encouraging us to keep persisting and carry on. She reassured us and made us feel comforted about what was going on. This year I'm in the choir and I am hoping my band will reappear in the future!

Isla, Year 8

Theme of the Week

The theme of exploring what love is by looking at what it is not continued this week. We discussed a type of love that is not easily angered and holds no record of wrongs. In tutor we talked about the idea that we are all human who fall short at times and that it can be good to embrace this idea and forgive others, rather than holding on to things that offend or hurt us. We also spotlighted Fresh Start and Oasis Foodbank, two organisations we are supporting during our time of Advent, and discussed ways we can show love others by supporting these organisations.



Attendance

Congratulations to Year 8 who had the highest year group attendance this week – well done!

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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

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 \(bhf.org.uk\)](https://www.bhf.org.uk) and the Freshstart webpage <https://www.freshstartbrighton.org.uk/christmas-cheer.html>

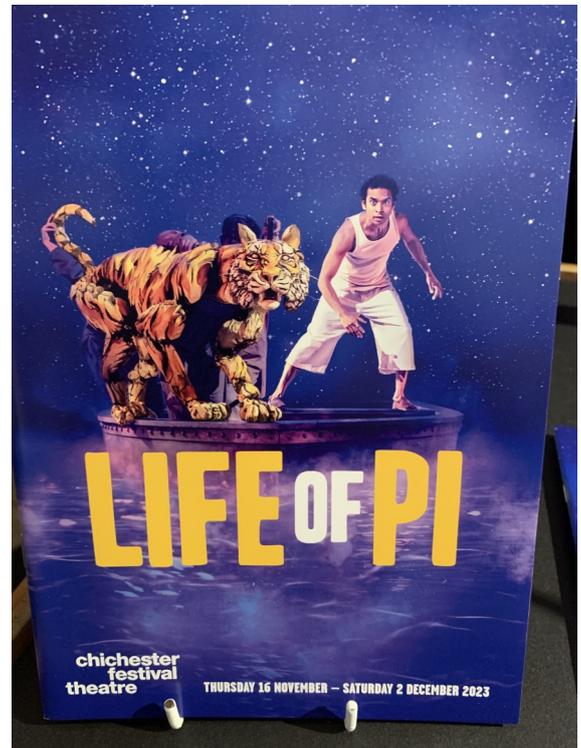
For our reverse advent calendar this year we would like students to bring in donations of toiletries, non-perishable food items (particularly those that could go in a Christmas Hamper) or a new gift for an individual of any age. We will be collecting items between 30th November and 13th December. Items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

Life of Pi—GCSE Drama Trip

Last night 13 GCSE Drama students attended a trip to see “Life of Pi” at Chichester Festival Theatre. This deeply philosophical meditation on life, death, survival, love and religion was beautifully recreated on stage, with particular mention going to the incredible puppets. The actor playing Pi was exceptional in his ability to communicate the raw emotions the character experienced and the physicality of the performance was inspiring and sometimes breathtaking. The staging was superb and students will now have reference points to use in the future. The puppets were the creation of the parent of two ex students, Nick Barnes, who we met last year when he invited us to his workshop in Hove. It was a cold, dark night and I am indebted to Miss Staples for driving us to the venue in the minibus at the end of a long day. It was well worth the journey.

Mrs Grosvenor, Head of Arts



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

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.

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

Boys Cup Quarter Final V PACA

Our Year 10 boys beat PACA last night in what was an important game if the boys were to keep their City Cup chances alive. After a highly motivating and somewhat ambitious pre game rev up from yours truly with the instruction to put the game away in the first 15mins, the boys went out and did exactly that. Callum G continued his good run of form tapping in our first and second in the first 20 minutes. Brean P proved to be a handful from the wing and our midfield trio of Archie M-Y, Geo E and Leon R made life very difficult for PACA to have any joy up front. PACA eventually had a little break through, pegging a goal back after a little defensive slip up but our boys kept calm and focussed continuing to apply pressure across the pitch.

PACA came out strong in the second half but to the boys credit, weathered the storm with a crafty finish from Leon R followed by a cheeky header from Gabriel S and then finally Brean P rounded of a solid 5-1 win close to the final whistle.

Once again, the boys represented King's with pride and I am equally as proud of them for the way they continue to carry themselves.

The boys go to the top of their league table and move to a Semi Final in the City Cup, looking to meet the winner of Dorothy Stringer and Longhill.

Well done again boys!

Mr Stewart, Teacher of PE

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)

Girls' Cricket

Our Year 7 and 8 girls cricket team took part in a 'Chance to Compete' competition with other local secondary schools this week. Each girl had to bat and bowl in each game and when batting each team had 30 balls to try and score as many runs as they could. King's did amazingly well and ended up beating 4 schools in the group stages – Blatch, PACA, BACA and Cardinal Newman. King's then played Patcham in the effective final and ended up losing by just 4 runs! It was brilliant to see how much improvement each girl made during the tournament and how much they had during the games. A big well done to all the team and a special mention to Connie for captaining the team and taking on the pressure moments of bowling and batting last in each of the games she played.

Girls' Football—Upcoming Fixtures

Date	Year group	Opposition	Venue
6 th December	8	Patcham	Patcham
12 th December	8	Newman	Newman

Date	Year group	Opposition	Venue
15 th January -Cup and League double header	9	Blatch	King's
17 th January	8	Longhill	King's
30 th January	7	Blatch	Blatch

Edwin B

A huge well done to Edwin B (Year 11) who has been awarded a place on the GB National School of Racing foundation – on the road and track endurance programme. This incredibly selective foundation is for the top 20 youth riders in the country, and awarded to those who achieve the high benchmark standards set by British Cycling.



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 December are:

English – Young Writers
Ghost Stories Challenge

RP – Y8 Festivals Project

Speak to your subject teacher about how to enter!

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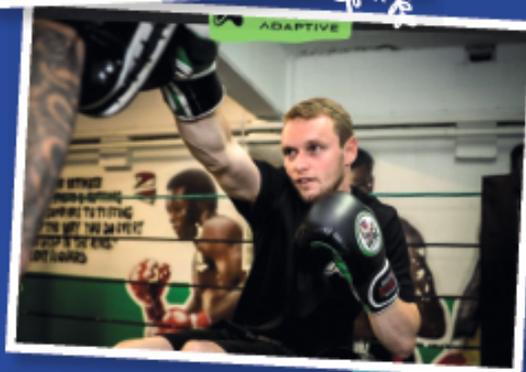
FREE for the whole family, where there is a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Reception to Year 11 who also receives benefits-related free school meals.

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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 6th December 2-2:45pm
Speaker	Career Hacks: Kelly Beaver, CEO, Ipsos MORI KS4-5/S4-6
Info	Kelly Beaver is Chief Executive of Ipsos in the UK and Ireland. She has been with Ipsos for over a decade and was previously Managing Director of Ipsos's UK Public Affairs division. Kelly holds several honorary positions external to Ipsos in academia and charities. She is passionate about the use of evidence in decision-making and in this broadcast will be talking about all the 'career hacks' that she has learned along the way. Click here to register

Date	Wednesday 13th December 10-10:45am
Speaker	The Future of Architects: Maria Faraone, Director of the RIBA Studio, Royal Institution of British Architects KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Maria Faraone's journey in the world of architecture is a testament to passion, dedication, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Join her talk as she unveils the innovations, sustainability, and collaborative approaches shaping tomorrow's architects. Don't miss this chance to gain information on what this career looks like to help you figure out if being an architect is for you! Click here to register

Date	Thursday 14th December 2-2:45pm
Speaker	'The Science is Just So Ridiculously Good.' Professor Lloyd Peck, Polar Marine Biologist KS3-5/S1-6
Info	Dive into the extraordinary world of Polar Marine Biology with Prof. Lloyd Peck! Join his captivating talk, 'The Science is Just So Ridiculously Good.' Explore the wonders of icy ecosystems, cutting-edge research, and the thrill of discovery. Don't miss this chance to have a peek at the science and hear about marine biology as a career! Click here to register

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