



Headteacher's Update

No 237 8th December 2023

LOVE
ALWAYS
HOPES

Theme of the week: Love always hopes, always perseveres

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 was wonderful to begin our Christmas celebrations with our whole-school Carol Services at Bishop Hannington on Tuesday. We had the opportunity to take time and reflect in this busy period with some carols, some Christmas music performed by our choirs, some readings and a short talk about why Christmas is about receiving the gift of Jesus from vicar Nick Tucker. We are very grateful to Bishop Hannington for the use of their church building. Our parent and staff singers will be joining with our Chamber Choir to sing the Hallelujah chorus as part of our Community Carols at St Leonard's Church next Tuesday. We hope many of our community will be able to join us.

In school, we have feasted on some Christmassy delicacies: the canteen menu has included pastry Christmas trees and shortbread reindeers this week. Our students and staff are all looking forward to more festive food with our Christmas lunch coming up next Wednesday. A reminder that this is our non-school uniform day and donations for this should be made through your ParentPay account. We hope to see some lovely Christmas jumpers too!

We are still collecting for our reverse advent calendar until Wednesday 13th December. If you are able to make a donation of a gift for an adult or child for Fresh Start Christmas hampers, or would like to make a financial donation, please send in with your child or make via ParentPay. We are grateful for any donations or gifts received.

Mrs Vincent

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

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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

Volver Almodovar Year 12 Trip

I thought that the Almodovar Study day was fantastic, as we got to listen to a native Spanish speaker speak on 'Volver' with a translator for occasional parts of the session and it really helped to deepen analysis of the film for our study in class. I really enjoyed the day as there were many opportunities to ask questions and the workshop was very much interactive, helping broaden my Spanish speaking skills.

También, vimos una proyeccion de Volver- Una pelicula que muy interesante con temas importantes en la sociedad española.

Louis, Year 12



Theme of the Week

In our second to last week of term, we continued to look at love with a focus on hope and perseverance, connecting the idea of hope with the Christmas period. We continued to promote the organisations we are supporting for advent, Oasis Foodbank and Fresh Start, and began to look at the meaning of Christmas. Next week we will be embracing the Christmas spirit as we look to finish up for the end of term!



Student of the Week

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| Year 7 | Roberto C for continued resilience. |
| Year 8 | Gabriel G for showing resilience over the last week. |
| Year 9 | Heath H for his amazing work with the Basketball project, supporting and teaching younger students. |
| Year 10 | Emily D who shows every day what is needed to be a driven, dedicated and inspiring Year 10 pupil . |
| Year 11 | Daisy R-S for demonstrating perseverance and resilience in Science. |

Enrichment Day

Students took part in a wide variety of activities for enrichment day last Friday including, Battle Abbey, Victorian Christmas, Herstmonceux, Coastal trip, Careers talks, Sustainability talks, Wellbeing talks, the Tate Modern and a trip to Berlin! A few highlights are below...

Sustainability

The Year 10 students had a day focussing on the topic of Sustainability, cover three main topics. In Food & Nutrition we asked the questions: How can we be more sustainable with food and can we adapt our diets to reduce our impact?

Some ideas were,

- Reduce meat and dairy consumption.
- Eat alternative forms of protein e.g. plant or insect?
- Waste less food.
- Look to new types of farming e.g. vertical farming

We then thought about seaweed and using alternative ingredients. We looked at a company that is hand-picking seaweed, drying it at low temperatures (to preserve the nutrients from this sea vegetable) and using it in many different ways.



Year 12

The Year 12 students spent the morning using Unifrog to explore different career options and benefiting from excellent drugs education from the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs foundation. [Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation \(dsmfoundation.org.uk\)](http://dsmfoundation.org.uk)

In the afternoon they enjoyed different activities to help with their wellbeing as they prepare for their January assessments.



Berlin



1st December 2023, day 1. Starting off with an early morning, 35 students and 3 brave teachers arrived at school, very weary-eyed but all excited. It was 3 a.m. and we set off to Gatwick. After many hours of travelling - crossing the Channel, the Netherlands, and the west side of Germany - we touched down to scenes only seen in movies. Snow, snow and more snow! The excitement was audible as the students raced through the airport to venture into the merciless temperatures that awaited them outside: -5 degrees!

After briefly stopping off at the hotel, we began our tour of Germany with a look at the Berlin Wall Memorial. We walked amongst the remnants of the wall that once divided the city along the Spree River. Here we gained a brief understanding of the wall, its purpose and effect.

Next, was a walking tour by an amazing tour guide named George. He had somehow memorised about everything we

needed to know about the history and the decades of micro-politics and power struggles that took place in the city, despite not being born or raised there himself. During the tour we saw the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, the Jewish Holocaust Memorial and Checkpoint Charlie. Then it was time to retreat to the hotel for our first dinner of the trip and the much anticipated first sleep we had had since being awake and travelling for over 19 hours!

Day 2, began with a short metro trip to Checkpoint Charlie, where we met with a real-life war hero named Klaus. Klaus worked in the Museum of the Wall at Checkpoint Charlie and, after listening intently through his thick accent, we learned not only of the importance of the checkpoint, but that Klaus had helped over 80 people escape from East Berlin to the West. He showed us the ingenious methods and devices that were used, such as hidden compartments in cars, fake passports, and even hot-air balloons, it was fascinating to see the extraordinary efforts that people went to, to escape the Soviet East.



Afterwards, we visited the Topography of Terror, a museum that tells the story of World War II through the eyes of the oppressors. There, we carried a sincere mood as we learned about the various aspects of the atrocities committed by the Nazis from 1933 to 1945.



Next, we went to the Palace of Tears, which during the times of the wall, acted as a checkpoint where a select few people could cross. We learned about the lives that had torn in half, relationships ended, and careers lost to the endless power struggles between the East and West between the years 1961 and 1989.

For a change of mood, we visited the Reichstag, the German house of parliament. The architecture was incredible. They had seamlessly combined the antique stonework and colonial style with a large glass dome designed by Norman Foster, which watched over the main chamber where lawmakers debated new acts and current affairs. After taking many pictures, it was time to come down and walk back to the hotel for a delicious dinner and a rest.

Day 3 contained more of a sober feel as we looked at the Holocaust, learning about the groups of people and methods used to suppress them in society. We had a guide named Mikhail take us around a concentration camp - Sachsenhausen - which was the second concentration camp constructed and one of the only ones built in Germany. Mikhail explained to us the history and the horrors of the camp, where tens of thousands of prisoners died from starvation, disease, overworking and firing squads.

Afterwards, we visited the villa of the Wannsee Conference, where in 1942 Hitler met with his most trusted high-ranking Nazis to discuss the "Final Solution" It felt strange walking around a home that had so much importance less than 100 years ago. The villa's location adjacent to a gorgeous lake was in complete juxtaposition to the secret plans discussed at the conference.

Day 4, this morning it was time to head to the Olympic Stadium, used to host the 1936 Summer Olympics. We toured the grounds and interior of the colosseum-inspired oval building, designed by Werner March. The stadium still has the original Olympic rings on gigantic pillars outside, watching over the stadium which by number of seats is the largest in Germany at 74,475.

Finally, it was time for our last chance to go shopping at the Mall of Berlin before we hurried back to the hotel to grab our bags and head back home.

Harrison P, Year 11



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 Bauble Competition

Well done to all students who took part in our Christmas Bauble competition this year. We were so impressed with the quantity and quality of the designs, it was very difficult to pick winners!

Our winners were as follows...



Hazel G, 7R



Melissa W, 8B



Finley C, 9C



Edith M, 10B



Sophie C, 8P



Susi G-G, 8P



JJ J, 8R

Girls' Football—Upcoming Fixtures

Date	Year group	Opposition	Venue
12th 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

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)

Basketball Community Games

On Tuesday we had over 40 students from Cottesmore, Aldrington and Goldstone to attend a basketball festival. This was ran by our Basketball Leaders who are completing their Basketball Activators award and they did an amazing job. King's students ran small group drills working on different basketball skills and then ran a tournament by themselves for all the teams including scoring, timings and officiating. It was a great afternoon and all students had a brilliant time improving their basketball skills and coaching. A huge thanks to Mason our basketball coach who trained up our students and oversaw the whole event.



BSMS Lectures

January Monthly Outreach Lecture – Wednesday 3 January

In January's monthly lecture, Dr Mani Jayamurthy will guide us through a paediatric ward round, meeting babies, toddlers, and teenagers. Along the way, we'll explore what's making them unwell, how we can treat them, and most importantly, we'll find out how being a doctor in paediatrics is different to working in any other specialty.

Dr Jayamurthy graduated from BSMS in 2017 and is currently a paediatric trainee in London. This event will be running via the Zoom platform from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

For more information and to register for this session, please visit: <https://bit.ly/bsmsjanuarylecture24>

InsideUniMedicine Interview Webinar – Wednesday 13 December

InsideUniMedicine is running their Medical Schools Interview Guidance Webinar on Wednesday 13 December from 5pm.

This session will include interview demonstrations, interview advice and guidance, and a current medical student guest speaker.

Interested students can sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/3Rtc7GQ>



Anatomical presents: Snowed In

Wed 13 – Sun 17 Dec, Brighton Dome Corn Exchange

There is a village high up in the mountains and in the winter the village glistens with frost

Four friends wake to find they are completely snowed in, and a magnificent adventure unfolds in this playful, interactive family show. Our friends dream up an incredible imaginary hotel. A place where magical dances and stories are discovered. A topsy turvy world where adults are nowhere to be seen.

They're free to dance down corridors, to sing their hearts out, to throw snowballs, and to venture into the mysterious Room Zero...if they dare.

You can [watch the trailer for Snowed In on YouTube](#), or on our website. [https://brightondome.org/event/34286/snowed in/](https://brightondome.org/event/34286/snowed-in/)

Performances

Wed 13 Dec: 4.30pm

Thu 14 Dec: 11am & 2pm

Fri 15 Dec: 2pm & 5pm

Sat 16 Dec: 11am & 2pm

Sun 17 Dec: 11am & 2pm

Doors open 45 mins before show start time.

Running time: 55mins, no interval.

Bookings & offers:

There are family offers available, and an under 16's concession. School bookings must go through our ticket office – either call 01273 709709, email tickets@brightondome.org, or visit our ticket office on Church St.

Head to [Brighton Dome website](#) for more information.

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!

King's School Fund

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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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Christmas Holiday Consultation Line

Dear Parents/Carers,

Do you have a child or young person at school in Brighton & Hove?

If you have any concerns about their Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing you are invited to talk to a Primary Mental Health Worker or Education Mental Health Practitioner from the Schools Mental Health Service.

Telephone consultations are available over the Christmas Holiday.

December 19th, 21st, 22nd and 29th along with 2nd January

9am-12pm.

Please email SchoolsMentalHealthService@brighton-hove.gov.uk

You will need to send us your name and phone number, with a brief outline of your concerns, and a Primary Mental Health Worker or Education Mental Health Practitioner will call you back.

Whilst we aim to call back within two days, please be aware we may have a high demand, so your patience is appreciated.

Please note, this would not be in place of current services you may already be engaged with.

This is not a crisis number – if you require immediate support you need to contact your GP, call CAMHS duty care on 03003040061 or go direct to A&E

Eastbourne Theatres present

Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne

Carli Norris
as Malevolent

Tucker
as Potty Pierre

Martyn Knight
as Dame Dotty

Rebecca Vere
as Fairy Formidable



BEAUTY and the BEAST

Katie Cochrane
as Belle

Brendan Hooper
as Jean James

Lewes Roberts
as the Prince

Written and Directed by Chris Jordan Choreography by Emma Woods Musical Direction by Carl Greenwood

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DEVONSHIRE PARK
THEATRE

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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	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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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE**

EVENT



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

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

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