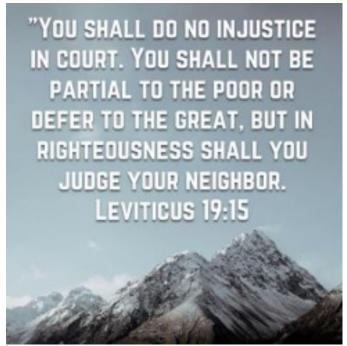


Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the week: Fighting Injustice

| Monday 22nd January | Year 8 HPV Vaccinations |
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| Tuesday 23rd January | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 31st January | Year 9 Parents' Evening |

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week Year 8 to 11 have had assemblies on healthy and respectful relationships led by Ms Vincent and I. In particular we focused on valuing and appreciating the whole person and discussing the concept of objectification. We shared examples of objectification in the music industry, advertising and television and how these can promote discussions of people's bodies and appearance, rather than seeing them as whole, complex beings. A report published only last week outlined the rise in cases of sexual harassment and assault amongst young people and so returning to the themes of consent, respect and healthy relationships is more important than ever. As always, the pupils responded brilliantly and showed great maturity. In the Year 7 assembly we explored motivation, perseverance and ambition and followed the case study of an U16 Brighton Street Dance crew who became double world champions this year.

Looking ahead, Tuesday is an INSET day and this has changed from the original date of Friday 26th January. We recently sent out details of this in a letter where you can also find the arrangements for the live stream of Mr Jenkins funeral. We know this will be a difficult time for our pupils and staff, so please do reach out to us if your child is in need of extra support.

Mr Chamberlain

Student of the Week

| Year 7 | Ezra P for excellent scientific understanding. |
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| Year 8 | Dylan R for his work in languages. |
| Year 9 | Najwa B who was praised for her efforts in History and French. |
| Year 10 | George E-I for consistently working hard all year . His English teacher nominated George this week, but he has also shown great commitment to History and Science this week . |
| Year 11 | Kirollos G for a significant improvement in punctuality. |

Theme of the Week

This week we have been looking at fighting injustice, with a biblical focus on Proverbs 31:8-9: "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." Each day our tutor classes also discussed possible school scenarios and how our students would seek what is right.



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.

<u>Video for Parents 1: Choosing your sixth form courses | Resources | Net Sixth Form</u>

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)

Grimms Tales

Team Arts have been busy rehearsing for their production of 'Grimm Tales'. 'Grimm Tales' are the old fashioned versions of some of our best loved fairytales and we will be presenting four, 'Hansel and Gretel', 'Ashputtel', 'Little Red Cap' and 'Snow White', accompanied by original music, composed by King's students.

Performances will take place on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February from 7pm in the main hall.

We would love to see as many parents and carers as possible to watch our talented students perform this piece they have worked so hard on. Tickets are available to buy through ParentPay.

The PTA will be present on all evenings, selling refreshments for you to enjoy at the beginning and the interval of the show.

There is also a PTA raffle, tickets are available through ParentPay or you will be able to buy a ticket with cash on the night. Lots of great prizes up for grabs!

We look forward to welcoming you into the land of fairytales...



Poster credit: Ashley M, 11C



King's School Hove



Departmental competitions in January are:

History – Y7 Christmas Homework Awards

PE - All Years Football

Speak to your subject teacher about how to enter!

King's School Fund



SEND social time arrangements

Due to the increase in students who require additional social time provision, the SEND department will be making some improvements. This is an early notification and further details will be shared with parents in due course.

Year 9 Dual Linguists

Year 9 dual linguists put their future tense and prediction skills to good use last Friday, using balloons as crystal balls to tell their ambitions and aspirations en español.

"Muy divertido" (very fun) said Martin

"Voy a ser soldado" (I'm going to be a soldier) said Josiah

"Soy creativa" (I'm creative) said Evie

"Mi globo es fabuloso" (my balloon is fabulous) said king of the verbs, Joshua.



