

**And the LORD God took
the man, and put him
into the garden of Eden to
dress it and to keep it.**

—Genesis 2:15

Theme of the week: Environmental Responsibility

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we bring to an end another busy half term there are many highlights from this week to celebrate and share. The staff and pupils worked so hard to deliver three brilliant performances of the 'Grimm Tales'. We are exceptionally proud of every member of the cast, the musicians, the tech team and all the teaching and support staff who gave so much time to ensure it was a success. We also cannot thank you enough for coming out in such numbers to support the event, this really does make a great difference to the pupils.

This week also saw our pupils participate and achieve great success in the Physics Olympiad. As a historian I am in awe of what our pupils demonstrate in this scientific field. The questions and problems posed during the Olympiad were exceptionally tough and our pupils definitely rose to the challenge! You can read more about their achievements below.

Finally, this afternoon we waved off our intrepid team of skiers as they head for Zell am See in Austria. We wish them all a safe journey and hope they have a wonderful time in the snow. We will share the highlights in our newsletter in the first week back.

Have a restful and relaxing half-term.

Mr Chamberlain

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| Friday 9th February | Last day of half term Ski Trip |
| Monday 19th February | Year 11 Mock Exams Begin |

Student of the Week

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| Year 7 | Frankie A for his fantastic work with scatter graphs in Science. |
| Year 8 | Connie B for hard work in MFL. |
| Year 9 | Ni OP for strong work in English and his positive attitude beyond lessons. |
| Year 10 | Owen K for going the extra mile in Business Studies and working very hard to take his work to the next level. |
| Year 11 | Gracie K who was nominated by her tutor, Mrs Brennan. |

Theme of the Week

With the end of the term comes the end of our overall theme of “being a global citizen”. We finished by linking the responsibility we have for the natural environment and how small changes can have a positive impact. We discussed the current state of the natural world with an overall focus on its beauty and the hopes we can have for the future.



Sixth Form

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

Key Dates for 2024 Entry:

- 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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

The Importance of Attendance

Following my letter to parents and carers last week, I wanted to provide some further information on the importance of attendance. This guidance from the NHS gives clarity around when a child should be kept off school and when it is ok to send them in. You will also find some excellent resources about the link between mental health and attendance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/28/why-is-school-attendance-important/>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/09/03/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/>

At King's our teachers work incredibly hard to support each pupil to achieve their potential and this simply cannot happen if pupils are not in the classroom. Throughout the remainder of the academic year we will be placing a significant emphasis on attendance, and working directly with families where their child's attendance has fallen below 90% and is consequently classified as persistent absence.

*Mr Chamberlain
Acting Headteacher*

Year 7 Girls' Football

Our Year 7 girls' football team put in a fantastic performance on Tuesday against a strong team from Blatchington Mill. It was a hard-fought game with the final score line of a 6-2 loss not reflecting the girls' performance, determination and team spirit.

The Blatchington Mill team capitalized on the home pitch advantage going 4-0 up at half time. Keeping their heads up, the girls fought back in the second half and put in a solid performance with every member of the team giving 100%. A special mention goes to Sophia, who this week, gets player of the match for excellent play in three different positions during the match, including excellent defence against a strong Blatchington Mill attack.

Our two goals came from great team play and were finished beautifully by Gabby. Our fabulous keeper, Erin, put in a strong performance making some fantastic saves denying many attempts at goal from a strong Blatchington Mill attack. Well done to all the girls involved, they demonstrated great teamwork and never gave up.

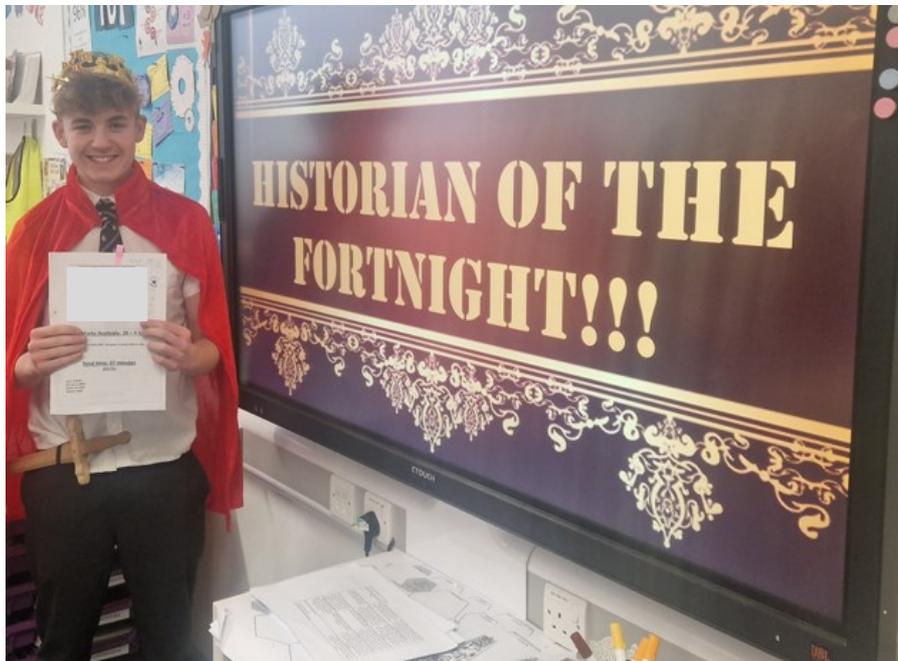
Match report by Belle S

Historian of the Fortnight

Oliver has been awarded Historian of the Fortnight due to his focused and consistent hard work in lessons, revision sessions and in his homework. Oliver has worked incredibly hard to improve his history skills over the last month and has shown a real dedication to his history work.

Oliver's work has demonstrated the hard work and excellent technique required to achieve a grade 9 in his recent assessment. Well done Oliver!

All hail Emperor Oliver!

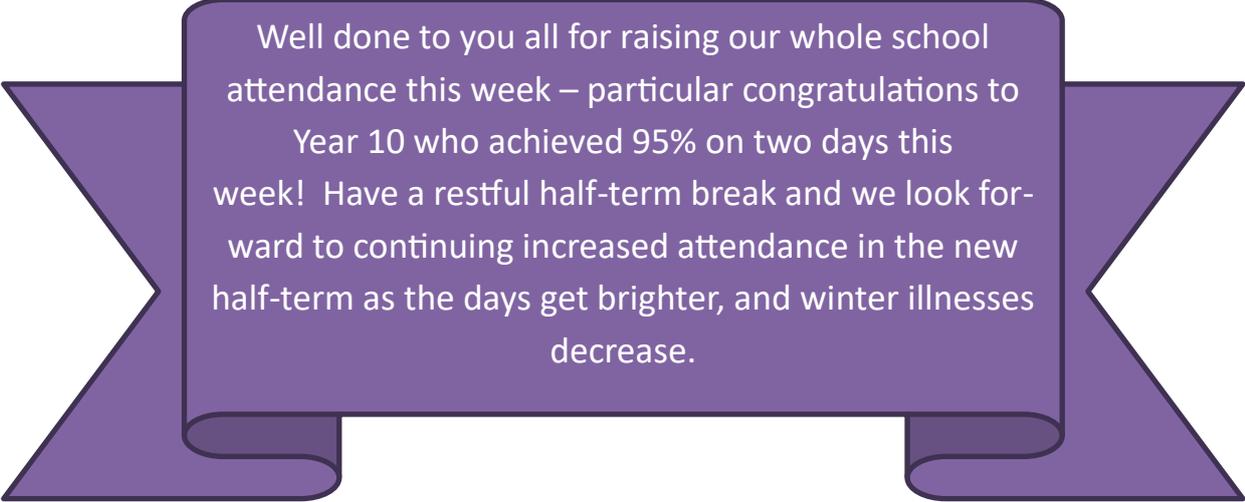


British Physics Olympiad

In Physics, we had 12 students take part in the British Physics Olympiad. The BPhO is to recognise excellence in young physicists through annual physics competitions. These competitions are taken by the top physics student problem solvers of their age in the country, and any medal gained highlights the students in the very top rank of participants. These questions are quite different. They require resilience and determination, which all of our 12 participants displayed in lunchtime practise sessions since the start of the year. Congratulations to the following students:

- Daniel P
- Stanley W
- Roberto S P
- Miriyam M
- Vernice L
- Sam D
- Leon P
- Vagelis N
- Ashley M
- Ian L
- Ethan W
- Rukhshona H

Attendance



Well done to you all for raising our whole school attendance this week – particular congratulations to Year 10 who achieved 95% on two days this week! Have a restful half-term break and we look forward to continuing increased attendance in the new half-term as the days get brighter, and winter illnesses decrease.

LGBT+ History Month

February marks LGBT+ History Month in the United Kingdom. For 2024, the theme of the month is 'Medicine - #UnderTheScope', celebrating the lives of LGBT+ people who have contributed to the field of medicine and healthcare, and those who continue to do so today. Students have had assemblies this week on the month's theme and teachers will endeavour to make links to the month's theme across lesson content. We will be highlighting historical LGBT+ people in medicine in the newsletter over the next few weeks.

Sophia Jex-Blake

Sophia Jex-Blake was born in January 1840, just down the coast from Hove, in Hastings, Sussex. Sophia was the first practising female doctor in Scotland and led the campaign to secure women's access to University education. After the campaign, Sophia studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh, alongside six other women who were known as the 'Edinburgh Seven'.

Sophia founded two medical schools for women in London and Edinburgh, which were the first ones for females at the time.

Sophia moved to Rotherfield after her retirement, with Dr Margret Todd, and they transformed their home into a meeting place for colleagues and former students from all over the world.



Royal Society Book Awards

Over the past couple of weeks, a team of year 7 students have been acting as judges for the Royal Society Book Awards. This annual event involves schools across the country judging a shortlist of new science books that have been written for children. Our judging panel was Sylvia H, Noah H, Eden-Rose B, Natalia W and Lily M. Between them they have read and reviewed the books and decided on a winner. The winning book was 'Am I Made of Stardust?' by Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock.

We have submitted our results and are now waiting for the overall winner to be announced by the Royal Society in March. If you would like to find out more about the shortlisted books, please speak to Mrs Ross, or see the wall display in the science corridor.



Departmental Competitions



King's School Hove



Departmental competitions in February are:

Maths – Y9,10 & 11 – UKMT

RP – Y11 Homework Projects

Science – International Day
of Women and Girls in Science

Speak to your subject teacher about how to enter!

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Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for the following roles:

- Administrator with SEND Admin
- Safeguarding Manager
- Teacher of RP
- Teacher of RP (Maternity Cover)
- Teacher of DT (with possibility of Head of Department responsibility)

Please [visit our website](#) for further information.

Netball

On Thursday 1st January the Year 8 netball squad played Cardinal Newman A. Despite it being a 6-4 loss, the girls were absolutely fantastic. Our defensive trio (Iris, Anoushka and Amelie) were particularly solid, facing some particularly talented Newman shooters. Well done to everyone who took part, and those who subbed in last minute to support with production rehearsals.



LAGUNA GIRLS RUN CLUB



**Empowering girls through
running and connection**

Laguna Girls RC is a weekly run club for girls aged 12-16. The aim of the club is to support and encourage girls in their teens to keep moving, build confidence and resilience, make connections with other girls and to nurture a positive mindset.



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Hove Lagoon, Kingsway, Hove BN3 4LX
When: Saturdays 10:30-11:30am



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