

Theme of the week: Wisdom and Speech

Monday 4th March	Year 11 Photos
Wednesday 6th March	Operating Theatre Live Event
Thursday 7th March	Year 11 Food NEA 9am—2pm
Friday 8th March	PE NEA Marks Issued to Students

Dear Parent/Carer,

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*.

We find ourselves in March: the wind blowing wildly around the school building up here on the hill, and the sun forcing its way through the dissipating clouds. Year 11 have come to the end of their second set of mock exams this week. As they head into the final straight towards the GCSE exams, do be praying for them to have the endurance and stamina they need and the wisdom to apply the knowledge they have gained.

With the theme of the week being Wisdom and Speech we have been taking the opportunity to consider how we can use our words wisely to make a difference. We all know that our words can have a powerful impact - either to wound or to build up. We want our students to be wise in how they speak up for justice and change. Three of our Year 9 students have been doing just that as they represent young people across the city on the Brighton and Hove Youth Council.

In conjunction with the British Youth Council, young people from across our city are invited to take part in a consultation on the issues that they think should be a priority for the national and local youth councils over the coming year. Poet Juan Felipe Herrera, in his poem responding to the 2015 Charleston shooting, wrote that "you have a poem to offer/it is made of action". We are passionate about encouraging our young people to become advocates for change in their communities and all students have been asked to vote on the issues they would like to see addressed. You can find out more about how your young people can take part in this later in the newsletter. Please do encourage them to get involved.

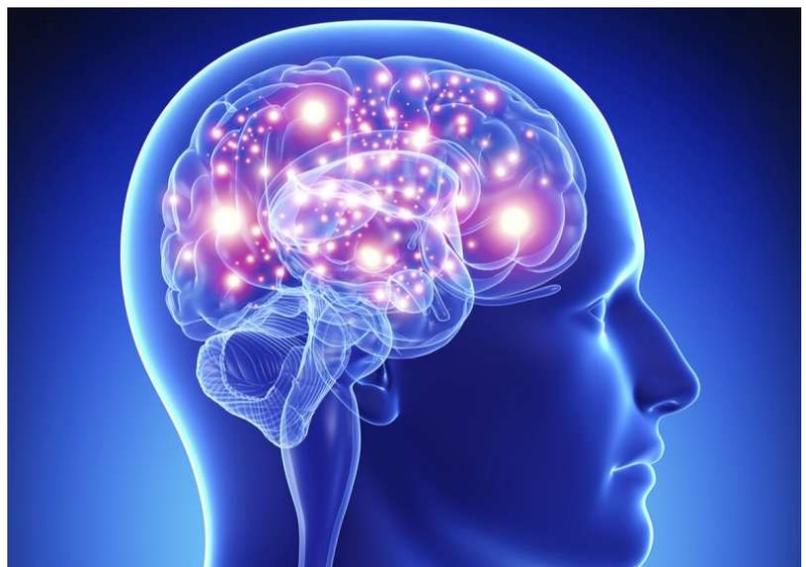
Mrs Vincent

Student of the Week

- Year 7** Akim P for thoughtful and mature contributions in PSHE.
- Year 8** Chloe C for consistent good work in Science.
- Year 9** Hugh C for great work in Maths.
- Year 10** Edith M for exceptional work and effort in Drama and for being a brilliant tutee.
- Year 11** Leo S who was nominated by Mrs Grosvenor for his work in the Arts.

Theme of the Week

This week we looked at wisdom and speech, focusing on how we can use our speech to build others up rather than to tear them down. In tutor time we highlighted a few famous speeches and discussed different scenarios of using speech in the school environment.



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.

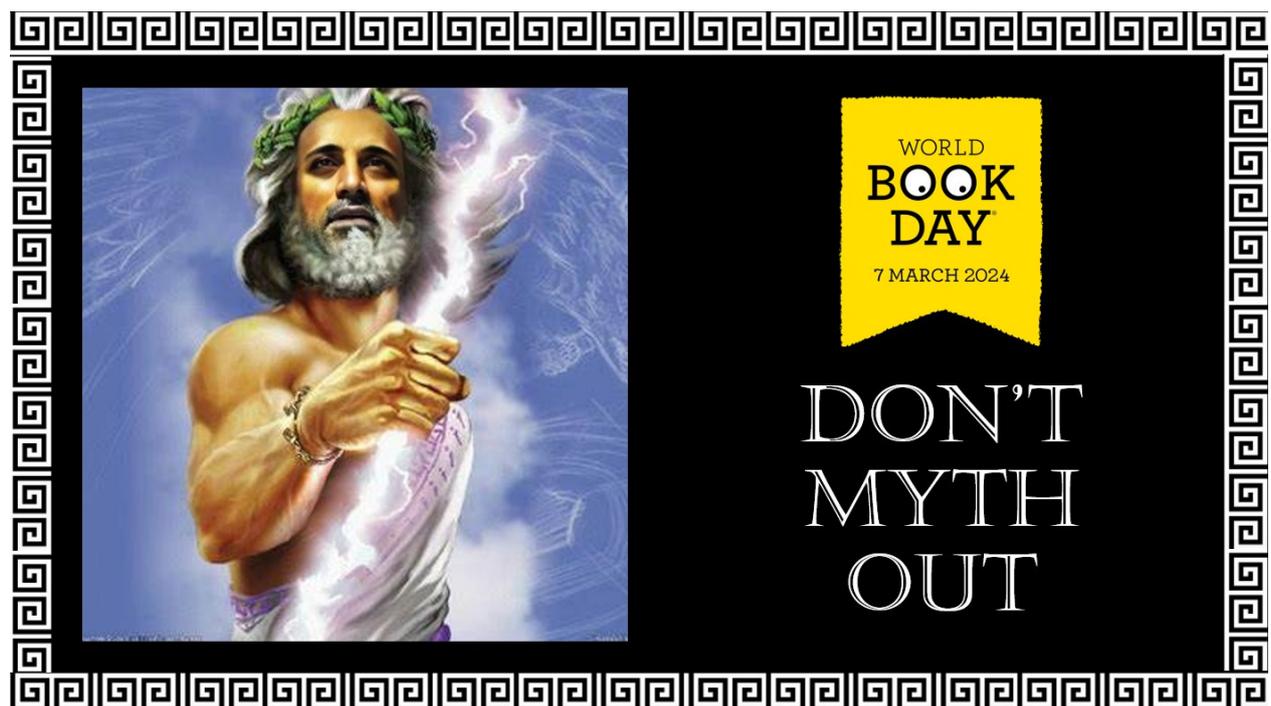
[Video for Parents 1: Choosing your sixth form courses | Resources | Net Sixth Form](#)

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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

World Book Day

King's is marking World Book Day 2024 with a celebration of all things 'legendary'! Students are invited to embark on a Greek-mythology-themed quest around school, testing their wits and bravery for a chance to receive the blessing of the gods (in the form of book tokens). They may even be helped out by some familiar teacher faces posing as Greek gods, monsters and heroes around the school building. There is also a legend-themed photo competition with students challenged to snap themselves reading a 'legendary' book in the most heroic pose and location they can think of. Happy reading...and good luck!



Brighton Half Marathon

On Sunday 25th February many of our King's staff ran Brighton Half Marathon, raising money for The Royal Marsden who helped support their friend and colleague, Mr Jenkins. Ms Tamplin, Ms Furr, Ms Staples, Mrs Ross and Mr Bellve all appreciated seeing many supporters (staff and students) from King's on the day. This was Ms Furr's first half marathon and Ms Staples achieved a personal best! As they ended the last 5km running into the strong winds, they were reminded what they were doing it for - to keep fighting for those in need of support. Please do donate if you can, and be ready to watch the large group of King's staff (and alumni) running Brighton marathon/10K on 7th April! <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/KingsFundraiserBenJenkinsRoyalMarsden>

10k:

Ms Sheppard

Mrs Cager

Ms Furr

Mrs Morley

Ms Findon

Ms Flamson

Mr Starcross

Full marathon:

Mrs Price

Ms Tamplin

Ms Staples



Make Your Mark Consultation

This year's Make Your Mark consultation is now underway. Make Your Mark is the largest consultation of 11 - 18-year-olds in Europe. It gives young people the chance to have their say on what matters to them. From the results of the 2022 consultation, the National Campaign 'Food for Learning' was developed. This focussed on food poverty across the UK, aiming to ensure every child in the UK can access a good quality, healthy, hot free school meal. From the results locally, a Health and Wellbeing Campaign was established. Work on this is coming to an end and will conclude with a Young People's Mental Health Summit in Spring next year. This year young people will be asked to select their priority issues from 10 categories.

You can find out more about what is happening on the British Youth Council website. Please do encourage your young people to have their say and vote on the issues they would like to be taken forward. The link to the ballot form has been posted on Bromcom and can also be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/MtDiRGpXD5>.

Optional Worship Service - A Time for Prayer and Reflection

On Tuesday morning nearly 100 students attended an Optional Worship service led by B and Rosie-Joe from St Peter's church. Rosie-Joe is a former King's student; it was lovely to see her back here leading our students in worship. B spoke about how even when things seem bleak, we all have the opportunity each day for a fresh start with God. She read verses from Lamentations 3 which tells us that God's "compassions never fail. They are new every morning". We then had the opportunity for reflection whilst Rosie-Joe sang and then there was an opportunity for students to pray together or be prayed for. What a great way to start the day! Our Optional Worship services take place half-termly; all students are welcome.



Playwriting Competition

Congratulations to Connie and Robin in Year 8 who co wrote a wonderfully engaging mystery play with a twist! They are the winners of the playwriting competition.

Arts Award Bronze

I am delighted to report that all 29 students have passed their Arts Award. Certificates will be sent directly to parents. I hope to be able to showcase some of the incredible work students have done for this nationally recognised award in an upcoming newsletter. Hours of work went into their portfolios of evidence and I am so pleased this has now been recognised.

Netball

On Wednesday 28th February, our Year 7, 9 and 10 netball teams played Dorothy Stringer. All three squads had tight games with multiple students playing slightly out of position. Year 7's lost 9-8, with both schools drawing for the majority of the game. Year 9's lost 7-6, with Stringer winning in the last 30 seconds of the game. The Year 11 team lost 11-8, despite a really difficult first half of the game. Despite three losses, all three games were matched for possession and there was some outstanding play demonstrated.

Stand out performances went to Neve T, one of our super talented Year 9 pupils playing up a year group. Riley C played out of position for the duration of the year 9 game - not that this was noticeable at all. She was able to confidently bring the ball through court and restrict the amount of Stringer attacking position. Ella G was absolutely outstanding for the Year 7 team, demonstrating fantastic discipline and control throughout the game. Her enthusiasm as captain on the day was what the team needed in such terrible weather conditions.

Well done to everyone who played!

Miss Staples

Brit School Success

We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Jess B, who has been successful in her application to study Production Arts at the prestigious BRIT School in Croydon. She is prodigiously talented and has produced some incredible costumes for our shows, as well as helping to coordinate the costumes worn. Here are a few examples of her work. She has an extremely bright future ahead of her.



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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Careers Week

Next Week is National Careers Week. Some useful links are below:

[Career Zones - Success at School](#)

[National Careers Week - parent/teacher guide \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](#) – download a free guide outlining vocational options after GCSE and sixth form.

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK 2024



Explore Green Careers with the RHS

When: 05 March 2024

Time: 6:30-7:15pm

Where could Science lead you?

For students in Years 7 to 12 who are interested in learning more about Green Careers, come along to our webinar with the Royal Horticultural Society!

Take part in a Live Q&A and gain an insight into how you can get **work experience, paid internships, and volunteering opportunities** in the RHS' world-class garden and science teams.

Register Here!

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Your students can now sign up for our virtual University Fair on Wed 13 March, where reps from **40 universities** will answer their questions and help them find the best fit. Live sessions will discuss topics like student finance, contextual offers, and personal statements.

During the fair, we're also running an exciting competition where **the most engaged, interactive student will win a prize** that could get them one step closer to their dream university course!

This virtual fair is suitable for students in Years 10 to 12, and is free to attend. Teachers, advisors, parents, and caregivers are all welcome!

> [Get your students to sign up now](#) (13 Mar, 4:30-7pm)



British Pie Week

Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March

Menu

Monday - Apple Pie & Custard

Tuesday - Cottage Pie

Wednesday - Curried Cauliflower
Cheese Filo Pie

Thursday - Key Lime Pie

Friday - Chicken and Mushroom Pie