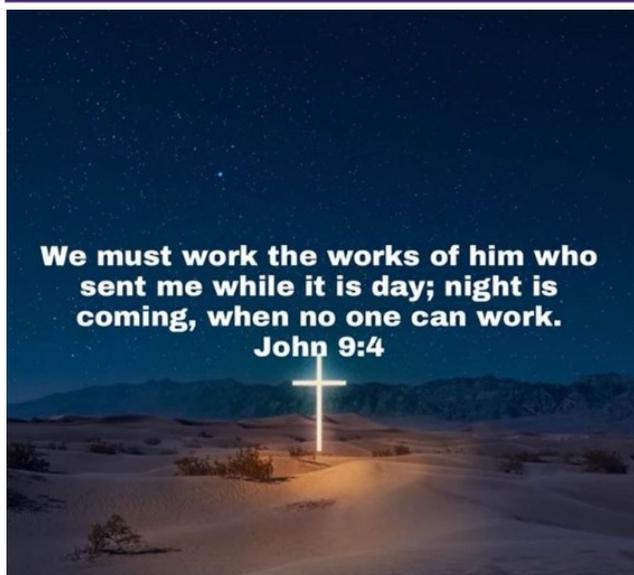




Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the week: Healthy Time Management

Monday 22nd April	• Year 10 Exams Begin
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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to welcome students back to school this week after the Easter break. Everyone has returned in good spirits ready for a full term of learning and fun ahead.

GCSE exams are underway, with Art exams taking place next week. Please do remember our Year 11 students in your prayers at this time of year as they revise and prepare themselves for external exams.

Year 10 sit their mid-course exams next week. They do these in the Sports Hall so that they have a proper first taste of exam routines. They have really impressed us with their attitude to their studies and we wish them well next week.

Further down the school there is lots to look forward to this term with July Enrichment Days, Sports Day and a Summer Showcase all on the packed calendar.

Thank you for your support with our uniform policy, as ever. Students have returned looking smart after the break and those who are opting to wear shorts are so far wearing them appropriately in line with the rules we set out around this.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend ahead.

Mrs Price

Student of the Week

Year 7	Daisy B for an outstanding week, and supporting one of her peers in an afternoon intervention.
Year 8	Noah J for his thoughtful and helpful contributions in assembly and extracurricular activities
Year 9	Anna W for great work in Spanish and effort with Girls football!
Year 10	Missy-Mae Br for having superb attendance all week and showing great resilience and positive attitude in her lessons
Year 11	Leilani B has been proactive with revision and getting ready for the upcoming exams

Student Achievement

Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad

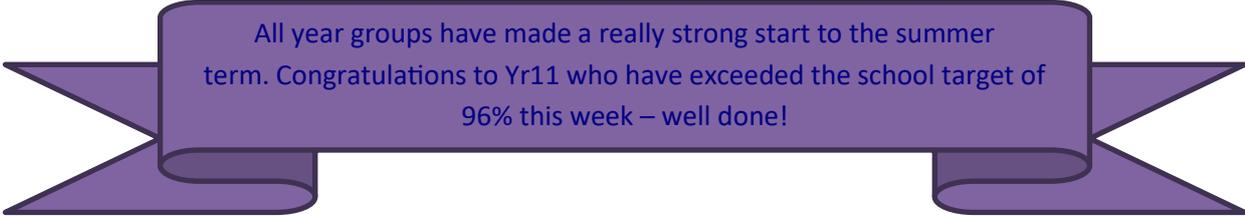
Lily M in Year 12 took part in the Chemistry Olympiad last term. This is an extremely challenging competition for A level chemistry students that goes beyond the A level curriculum. We are pleased to announce that Lily achieved a gold certificate, which is the highest award possible. This is an exceptional achievement and places her in the top 8% of the almost 15000 students who entered across the country. Well done, Lily!

Theme of the Week

Our overall focus for this next term is 'healthy lives'. We started the new term with a specific focus on healthy time-management and why that's important for all of us in our day-to-day lives. We facilitated conversations around attendance and punctuality at school, tips for time-management itself (especially when studying for exams!) and we launched a schoolwide competition which will reward Tutor Groups for the most improved school attendance.



Attendance



All year groups have made a really strong start to the summer term. Congratulations to Yr11 who have exceeded the school target of 96% this week – well done!

Attendance Drop-In session:

Brighton and Hove Attendance Team are holding an attendance drop-in session for parents and carers on Monday 22nd April at Roundabout Children's Centre (Whitehawk Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 5FL), 10am – 2pm.

These sessions are designed to offer a space for you to share any concerns you may have about your child's attendance. In these sessions, you will be able to meet with an Attendance Officer from Brighton & Hove City Council and a Family Support Worker from the Schools Mental Health Service to explore what support can be offered and to support conversations with your child's school.

Shorts—New policy

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have ensured that students who are wearing shorts are adhering to the new policy. The students look very smart and seem to be enjoying the change. All we need now is some sunny weather!

Sixth Form

Please [visit our website](#) for more information about our Sixth Form.

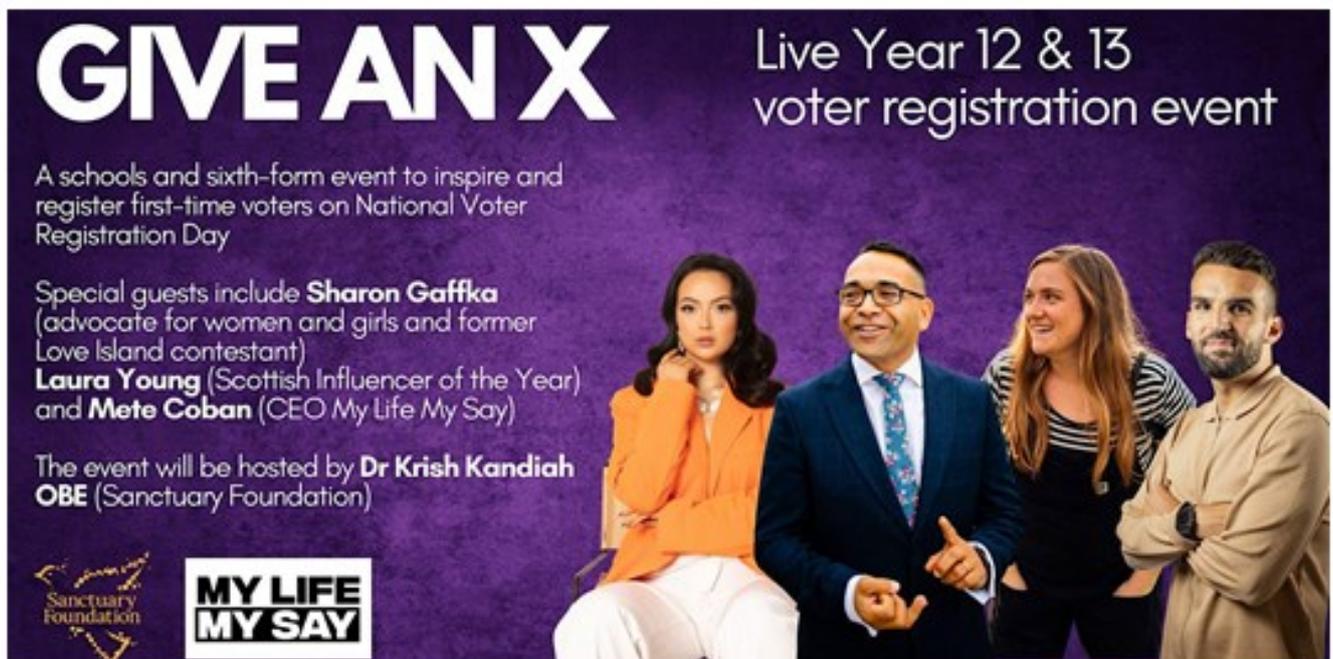
[Video for Parents 1: Choosing your sixth form courses](#) | [Resources](#) | [Net Sixth Form](#)

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 sixthform@kingschoolhove.org.uk who will be more than happy to have a conversation about options across the city and at our sixth form.

National Voter Registration day

All of Year 12 were involved in a live assembly to encourage young people to register as first-time voters.

The event was interactive, and it was interesting to see the range of topics that young people want to engage with.



GIVE AN X Live Year 12 & 13 voter registration event

A schools and sixth-form event to inspire and register first-time voters on National Voter Registration Day

Special guests include **Sharon Gaffka** (advocate for women and girls and former Love Island contestant), **Laura Young** (Scottish Influencer of the Year) and **Mete Coban** (CEO My Life My Say)

The event will be hosted by **Dr Krish Kandiah OBE** (Sanctuary Foundation)

Sanctuary Foundation
MY LIFE MY SAY

Post 18 Information Event

On Thursday we invited our parents and sixth formers to an event to explore the different options available to the students at the end of Year 13.

This term our students will be busy being engaged in personal statement writing and preparing for their June exams.

We explored the role of UCAS and Unifrog for both university and apprenticeship routes and the wonderful world of work.

The logo for UCAS, featuring the letters 'UCAS' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' is stylized with a red diagonal line through it.The logo for Unifrog, featuring the word 'unifrog' in a lowercase, rounded, green font.

Post 18 Information Event

Year 12 will be having a week of work experience from Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July. If any of you would love to have one of our students for a week they would appreciate the experience, please do get in touch at sithform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Thank you.



Year 10 Exam Week

Next week is the Year 10 end of year exams. These exams take place in the Sports Hall in the same conditions students as their GCSE exams. The reason is so they can begin to get used to doing formal exams and so we can assess how they are progressing in their studies. It is important students take these seriously and follow all the rules of the exams. It is also important that they bring the appropriate equipment for the exams.

Students will have an exam timetable. When they do not have an exam they will be in normal lessons. I would advise they bring some revision resources to school in case they have time in lessons to revise for the next exam.

Students will register on the MUGA and then enter the exam rooms for the morning and afternoon sessions. If it is raining heavily, students will register in form rooms and then be brought to the exams by their tutor.

Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable

Monday 22nd April	Tuesday 23rd April	Wednesday 24th April	Thursday 25th April	Friday 26th April	Monday 29th April
English P2 2h 5m (+ 32m) 8.45 - 10.50 (11.22 ET)	Maths 1 1h 30m (+23m) 8.45 - 10.15 (10.38ET)	English P1 1h 45m (+27m) 8.45 - 10.30 (10.57ET)	Chemistry 1h 15m 8.45 - 10.00 (10.19ET)	English Lit P1 1h 45m (+27m) 8.45 - 10.30 (10.57ET)	Maths 2 1h 30m (+23m) 8.45 - 10.15 (10.38ET)
	Religious Studies 50m (+13m) 11.15 - 12.05 (12.18 ET)	Spanish Listening 35m (+9m) 11.30 - 12.05(12.14 ET)		French Listening 45m (+12m) 11.30 - 12.15 (12.27 ET)	French/Spanish Writing 50m (+13m) 11.15 - 12.05 (12.18ET)
Block A	Block B	Biology 1h 15m (+ 19m) 1.30 - 2.45 (3.04 ET)	Block C	Physics 1h 15m 1.30 - 2.45 (3.04 ET)	Block D
Computer Science 1h 30m	Geography B 1h 45m		Business C 1h 45m		Business D 1h 45m
Drama 1h	Spanish Reading B 50m		Geography C 1h 45m		Computer Science D 1h 30m
Design Technology 2h	PE 1h 15m		History C 1h 20m		French Reading 50m
Geography A 1h 45m	Food Prep & Nut 1h 45m		Music		History D 1h 20m
History A 1h 20m					Media 1h 30m
					Spanish Reading D 50m

Year 11 GCSE Exam arrangements: A reminder of the key messages

Everything at school stays the same for as long as possible. Students must attend every day and at the usual times.

We believe routine is important and that time spent in school is invaluable for students. **Students will not be allowed to study at home and are expected in everyday, for the whole day up to Friday 24th May.** This includes when exams start. We will keep a normal timetable running but will also adapt it so that students can have a targeted revision session on the day before or the morning before an exam. Students will receive a timetable for this next week. From our experience, this is the best pattern for year 11s.

Uniform stays the same.

Students are expected to always wear their full uniform when on site, this includes when taking exams. The only exception that will be allowed is that students may wear their leavers hoodie once it has been issued on Friday 3rd May. This can be worn in place of, or in addition to, the blazer. Whenever a student attends for an exam they must be wearing their full school uniform to gain access to the exam hall.

Other key information:

Friday 3rd May – Year 11 celebration

This is the last Friday before exams start the following week (Thursday 9th). On this day there will be a special service, an assembly run by the Head of year and form tutors, as well as the opportunity to have some food together. If a leavers hoodie has been ordered, this will be given out then. The following Tuesday 7th May (Monday is a bank holiday) is a normal school day and students should be in full school uniform and attend at the usual time. **Students will be dismissed from school at 1pm on the 3rd May.**

Plan for the Year 11 celebration, Friday 3rd May

- Arrive in school for 8:30am as usual in school uniform.
- Leavers' Worship Service in the Sports Hall, in place of morning tutor at 8:30am
- Normal periods 1 and 2 and morning break.
- NO SHIRT SIGNING UNTIL MORNING BREAK (students will be sent home to get changed if they do not adhere to this). Consider what is drawn/written – nothing prejudiced or offensive is allowed.
- 11am – Leavers' Assembly in the Sports Hall
- 12:00pm – Leavers' picnic on grassed area to south of MUGA/football.
- 1:00pm – Dismissal for weekend of revision

Exam regulations

Students will be briefed and will be given a copy of the regulations for the exams. A digital copy of these can be found here: [IFC-Written Examinations 2324 Revision One FINAL.pdf \(jcq.org.uk\)](#) . I would recommend reading through these and making sure your son or daughter has also.

Government guidance that explains the general exam process from entry to results and appeals can be found here: [Ofqual Student Guide 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Year 11 GCSE Timetable

The below timetable is now available on the Kings Website here: [King's School \(kingschoolhove.org.uk\)](http://King's School (kingschoolhove.org.uk))

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				09/05/2024	10/05/2024
AM				Religious Studies	Comb Sci Biology Biology
PM				Drama	
WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	13/05/2024	14/05/2024	15/05/2024	16/05/2024	17/05/2024
AM	English Literature	French Listening/Reading	History	Mathematics	Comb Sci Chemistry Chemistry
PM	Media Studies	Business Chinese pm	Computer Science Arabic pm	Religious Studies	Geography
WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	20/05/2024	21/05/2024	22/05/2024	23/05/2024	24/05/2024
AM	English Literature		Comb Sci Physics Physics	English Language	French Writing
PM	Media Studies Italian pm	Computer Science	Physical Education Chinese pm		
				Arabic pm	
WEEK 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	03/06/2024	04/06/2024	05/06/2024	06/06/2024	07/06/2024
AM	Mathematics	Spanish Listening/Reading	Geography	English Language	
PM	Physical Education Russian pm	History	Business	Contingency	Comb Sci Biology Biology
WEEK 5	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	10/06/2024	11/06/2024	12/06/2024	13/06/2024	14/06/2024
AM	Mathematics	Comb Sci Chemistry Chemistry			Geography
PM	Spanish Writing	History		Contingency	Comb Sci Physics Physics
			Polish		
WEEK 6	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	17/06/2024	18/06/2024	19/06/2024		
AM		Design and Technology	Food Prep & Nutrition		
PM	Music Russian am				
		Polish			
	Contingency Day Wednesday 26th June				

Exam Support Resources—Year 11 & 12

Listen to PhD Student Katie Taylor, who hosted a fantastic session about optimising productivity in the lead-up to exam season.

She covered a range of helpful topics, such as how to produce a revision timetable, advice on mental health maintenance, and discovery memory strategies.

[Revision Masterclass with Liverpool John Moores University!
\(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



Churchill Webinars



Our series of online webinars are back for 2024. The webinar series is aimed mostly at Year 11 and Year 12 students, but students from any year group would be welcome to attend. The series is designed to give an overview of certain aspects of applying to competitive universities, such as Cambridge, and to help support them through the application process.

The sign up link for the webinar series can be found here: https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0j4MuQq6FfwFRH0

RP GCSE Exam Support

The first RP GCSE exam is fast approaching, Thursday 9th May. If your child needs any support with their revision please ask them to see their RP teacher. In the lead up to the exam, Ms Tamplin will be running a drop in intervention on Mondays after school and Ms Sheppard on Wednesdays after school.

Brighton and Sussex Medical School - May Monthly Lecture – Wednesday 1 May

May's Monthly Lecture is 'The harms of prescribing: Polypharmacy, Deprescribing, and conducting research at medical school' from Harmanleen Singh.

Harmanleen Singh will discuss how prescribing medications can cause harms in patients with a high medication burden, and the importance of deprescribing potentially inappropriate medications. He will also discuss getting involved in research at medical school, including his experience of conducting an Independent Research Project on Deprescribing, presenting research at conferences, and publications.

Harmanleen Singh is an incoming doctor, graduating from BSMS in June 2024. He is a Teaching Mentor with the BSMS Outreach Team, a Student and Foundation Doctor Representative at the Royal College of Physicians and a Vice-Chair of the Overcome Research Ethics Board, pursuing his interests in research, medical education, and widening participation in medicine.

This lecture will be delivered online via the Zoom platform from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

For more information and to register for this session, please visit <https://bit.ly/bsmsmaylecture24>

BoxClever Theatre Visit

On Wednesday 17th April, Boxclever Theatre visited King's to give a spellbinding performance of Romeo and Juliet to Years 8 and 9, with a workshop afterwards. This presented students with the opportunity to enhance their learning in English. Innovative and engaging, Boxclever included members of the audience in their creative retelling of Shakespeare's famous tragedy. Their use of space and the physical aspect of the performance made this a really enjoyable experience and we shall be inviting them back next year!



Departmental Competitions



King's School Hove



Departmental competitions in April are:

Maths – Y7 & 8 UKMT

*Science – Y9 & 10 Junior
Physics Challenge*

Speak to your subject teacher about how to enter!

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Logosports –Discounted Blazers

Logosports would like to offer parents/carers a discount on the following items when purchased online or in store.

Blazers - 15% off

There is no time limit on exchanges as long as the labels are still attached and it is a resaleable condition.

This offer will run from 1st April and the offer will be valid up until 1st May (not inclusive of the 1st May)

The code for the online discount is **BLAZERS24** and parents/carers just need to quote this code when they come into the store.

A Parents Guide To Safety Settings

Setting parental safety settings on your children's devices is essential. There are many things online that children are yet not ready to know, and parental safety settings serve as a vital protective measure.

Skips Safety Net Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings

Drugs Self-harm & Suicide Violence
Crime Hacking Pornography

When you give a child access to the Internet, you give them access to the adult world.

The Internet treats everyone as adults and there are many things, they are not yet ready to know, which is why it is vital that some form of safety settings are in place. Doing something is better than doing nothing.

What happens online has an effect to what happens offline and what happens offline has an effect to what happens online.

scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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