

Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the week: Memories

Tuesday 25th June	Voor O to /IDV and Man
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	ACWY Vaccines
Thursday 27th June	Summer Music Showcase,
	6.30pm—8.30pm
Saturday 29th &	Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edin-
Sunday 30th June	burgh Expedition
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 6 Parents' Information
	Evening
Thursday 4th July	Awards' Evening

Dear Parents/Carers,

GCSE exams finished this week. Well done to all of our Year 11 students who have worked so hard through the GCSE exam series period this year. We have not had a single behaviour incident and students have been very positive about the papers. We look forward to seeing how well they have done in August!

We celebrated our first 'Culture Week' this week courtesy of the hard work of our Sixth Form students, Miriyam and Jasmine. It was wonderful to see students coming to school in cultural dress on Tuesday and participating in the cookery classes and bake sale. Well done to all involved and we look forward to scheduling a similar week in the next academic year.

Looking ahead to next week we have our Summer Music Showcase next Thursday 27th June, between 7 and 9pm. This is always an evening filled with an eclectic range of high quality musical performances. Do come along to support our talented students if you can.

Parents/carers of students who have been nominated to receive awards at our annual Awards' Evening will have received invitations to attend on Thursday 4th July, 5:30-7:00pm. This is clearly a clash with the General Election, but the school calendar is so packed at this time of year that we couldn't find an alternative date. We hope that the parents/carers of those nominated will be able to attend to see their child received an award. The polls open early and close late so there will still be time to cast your vote!

We are anticipating warmer weather from next week and are therefore making the wearing of blazers optional between now and the end of term. There will be no requirement for your child to bring their blazer to school for the rest of term. All other aspects of the uniform policy remain in place.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Price

Last Day of Term Arrangements

Our final day of term is on Friday 19th July. Students will have normal lessons on this date, as well as celebration assemblies. Please note that students in Year 7 and Year 8 will be dismissed at 12:25pm on this date, and students in Year 9 and Year 10 will be dismissed at 12:30pm on this date. There will not be amendments to the public bus timetable so students should plan their journeys home accordingly.

Year 11 Exams

Well done to our Year 11s. They have now completed their GCSEs and their education up to the age of 16. They have approached their exams with a fantastic attitude and we have been very proud of them.

I wish them a good and well deserved break and we look forward to seeing them for Prom and on results day (Thursday 22nd August). All the details will be communicated to parents and students through our usual channels, so please look out for this.

On this day we will also be enrolling for our Sixth Form and will be available to give advice to students following their results. If you have any questions about next steps or if you would like to find out more about what we offer Post-16 please get in touch with our Head of Sixth Form, Mrs. Coles, who will be happy to assist and discuss.

Her email is sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

Mr Stevenson, Deputy Headteacher



Better Transport Week and Road Safety

This week has been Better Transport Week. The focus for this is on sustainable transport. We have many students who walk, get the bus, cycle or share cars to school and help us to combat the climate crisis. One focus is on thanking bus drivers who help us to get to and from so many places.

We are always out at the end of school helping to manage the queues for buses and to ensure students are safe and looking for ways to make these journeys as safe as possible. I was really pleased to hear from a parent this week how well many of our students are waiting for buses in Hove in the mornings. We have introduced a new queuing system at our bus stops to help with this.

One area where some of our students could be safer is when they are using scooters on the road on the way home. Our roads are very busy and it is important that students use the roads safely on their way home from school. If your child uses a scooter to get home, I would appreciate if you could check in with them and remind them of the importance of being safe on the roads and being aware of other traffic. I spoke with a delivery driver earlier this week who was concerned about a near miss with some students.

We also know students are the most vulnerable group of pedestrians and make up the largest group of victims of road traffic accidents. This is also a good week to check in with your children about road safety.



Student of the Week

Year 7 Allesio G for his wonderful work with slam poetry

Year 8 Isabela C for being an incredible member of her tutor group and a role model to her peers

Year 9

Year 10 Veronica M for showing consistent hard work in her lessons, particularly English and Maths and for being a supportive member of her form group

Theme of the Week

This week was a special one, with our 6th Formers running King's Cultural Week! Our students arranged bake sales to raise money for Beamlak, our sponsored young person in Ethiopia; different cooking classes from different cultures and cuisines; as well as cultural dress day where many students came in with their own cultural attire. The whole week was then capped off with a cultural quiz.

Shout out to our 6th Form students who put in a huge effort at a stressful time of their year!

Parent/Carer Surveys 2024

A reminder that We would strongly encourage you to complete a survey before the deadline of Friday 21st June. The data that we gather from the annual survey is extremely helpful to us in ongoing school development work and the more responses we get the more comprehensive and helpful the data is. The survey is anonymous but you can give us your name if you would like to be identified. We send out a different link for each year group so that the data can be analysed by year group. Please find links to the surveys below:

<u>Year 7 Survey</u> <u>Year 9 Survey</u>

Year 8 Survey Year 10 Survey

Year 11 Survey Year 12 Survey



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 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)

Subject Spotlight: : Spanish AQA A Level

'El mundo es un pañuelo' It's a small world

The role of the woman from dictatorship to democratic times, civil war, use of modern media and world heritage architecture are just some of the themes studied during the two year A Level course. Students get to delve into what makes and made Spanish society tick as well as look at issues across the Spanish-speaking world. They also get to investigate a theme of their choice via an Independent Research Project, to be presented as part of the oral exam at the end of the course.

As well as becoming a more confident Spanish speaker, you will become a better linguist, learning to infer meaning, summarise content and translate with increasing accuracy.



What you will study in Spanish at King's:

During the 2-year course you will uncover a vast range of topics that can be categorised into the following areas:

- -current trends in Spanish society
- -cyberspace
- -gender equality
- -artistic culture in the Hispanic world
- -regional identity in Spain
- -cultural heritage
- -multiculturalism
- -political life

Applying Spanish to your future:

A Level Spanish opens up a wealth of opportunities for travel and work. As well as studying at undergraduate level, you could utilise your Spanish on a university placement abroad, not necessarily connected to language learning. Advanced language skills are very much in demand given Britain's increasing economic isolation due to Brexit.



To spark an interest and to gain some understanding Mr Leach recommends the following movies and books:

Film:

Volver Pedro Almodóvar (2006) this is our set text for A Level study El laberinto del fauno Guillermo del Toro (2006)
Ocho apellidos vascos Emilio Martínez-Lázaro (2014)
María, llena eres de gracia Joshua Marston (2004)
Abel Diego Luna (2010)
Las 13 rosas Emilio Martínez-Lázaro (2007)



Books:

Ramón J. Sender *Réquiem por un campesino español* this is our set text for A Level study

Federico García Lorca La casa de Bernarda Alba
Gabriel García Márquez Crónica de una muerte anunciada
Laura Esquivel Como agua para chocolate
Carlos Ruiz Zafón La sombra del viento
Isabel Allende La casa de los espíritus
Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer Rimas
Fernando Fernán-Gómez Las bicicletas son para el verano
Luis de Castresana El otro árbol de Guernica

What are current students say about the course:

'Estudiar español me fascina y me gustaría continuar aprendiéndolo en el futuro'

'Me encantan las clases de debate'

'La gramática no es tan difícil como pensaba'

'He mejorado mucho desde septiembre y ahora tengo más confianza'





More information

Mr Leach is always happy to talk in more detail about Spanish. Please do pop in and see him in MFL1, or email g.leach@kingsschoolhove.org.uk for more information.

Cultural Week

This week we celebrated the different cultures we have in our school.

On Tuesday we had our culture dress day in which everyone wore their cultural dress. It was great fun and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, including teachers! It was beautiful to see everyone dressed up and happy together.

On Wednesday we then had our bake sale and Year 7 cooking sessions, which also continued into Thursday. All money raised is going to Compassion UK.

During these cooking sessions, we made many different cuisines for example Indian, Egyptian, Mexican, Italian, Greek and Chinese. All the cuisines tasted amazing and were very thankful to the year 10s who helped the sessions to run smoothly.

On Friday to wrap everything up, during tutor, we conducted a quiz, which some students got sweet prizes! Year 12s also had a baking session to end this week off.

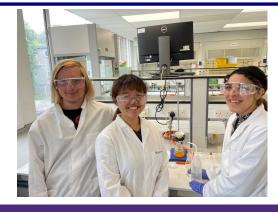
Overall, we had an amazing and colourful week celebrating many different cultures, as we were able to see and learn their traditions. We all really enjoyed it and hope everyone else had a fun time too.

Jasmine and Miriyam – Yr 12.

Sixth Form Year 12 Chemistry Trip

On Wednesday, earlier this week, our year 12 chemistry class had the opportunity to visit the University of Sussex for a hands-on practical day within the organic chemistry labs where we used a range of equipment that is regularly used by university students. The day reflected a similar timetable to which university students could have; we had a lecture in the morning by a lecturer from the organic chemistry department. It was really engaging and informative and mixed content from the A Level and beyond the specification. In the early afternoon, we worked for several hours within the practical labs with members of the chemistry department where we crystallised methyl-3-nitrobenzonate. After a short tour of the university, we attended a talk from the Astrochemistry department from Sussex where she showed us ground-breaking new research from their own pHd students. Overall, it was a wonderful experience and allowed us to experience what university life could be like at Sussex. The weather was lovely, and we also had the opportunity to explore the surroundings as Sussex lies nestled within the Downs.

Here are our chemists nitrating 1,2 dimethoxybenzene!







A big thank you to the wonderful Year 12 students who have been the driving force behind Cultural Week happening at King's for the first time.





English GCSE - Spoken Language Assessment

Why would the world be a better place if humans could Photosynthesise?

How could we all be less stressed by working a four day week?

What can we learn from the Scandanavian people about healthy happy living?

What is so amazing about Mycelium?

These are some of the interesting questions we have been considering in Year 10 English classes over the last few weeks as students have been completing their English Spoken Language assessment. This important part of the GCSE gives our students the opportunity to demonstrate the communication skills many employers look for as they deliver a short speech and answer questions. Students chose to speak about a range of engaging and topical issues, including a particularly interesting one entitled 'Good grief' in which Willa H explored what we could take from other cultures' attitudes to death and the rituals surrounding it. Other challenging topics covered included 'The benefits of Bilingualism', 'Icons and Cancel Culture' and 'The Pink tax: the true cost of being female'.

Public Speaking is difficult and for a lot of us it is outside our comfort zone. We are very proud of the way our students tackled this challenge.



REMINDER

All lockers will need to be emptied before the end of term please

Year 9 Immunisation Session

Year 9: Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccination

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on **Tuesday 25th June** to administer the Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations (previously known as the Teenage Booster vaccination) to students in Year 9. Parents and carers of Year 9 students will have received a reminder email regarding this, together with information from the Immunisation Service with details of how give consent for these vaccinations.

The online consent form must be completed by 11am on Thursday 20th June, in order for them to be included in the vaccination session at school on 25th June.

If your child is in Year 9 and you have not received any information regarding this, please email ad-min@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Please note that vaccinations will not be given without parental consent.



Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them in school everyday. Whilst we are enjoying the warmer weather it is important to make sure students stay hydrated. We have water filling stations across the school so that they can refill their bottles throughout the day

Chat Health: All pupils in Brighton and Hove have the option of contacting a medical professional for advice using the NHS ChatHealth messaging service. It's safe and easy for your child to speak to a qualified health professional by contacting 07480 635423. They can just send a message and don't have to give their name. You can find out more about ChatHealth at their website: https://chathealth.nhs.uk/



Sporting Success

U13 Girls' Cricket Tournament - Steyning Cricket Club

Our girls were fantastic as they represented King's competing in the 'Chance to Compete Girls Cricket Tournament' recently, playing against schools across Sussex. The girls played exceptionally well through the group stages only dropping 1 game of 5 to advance through to the Semi final in the 'Battle of Hove' match against Blatchington Mill. After a strong performance against Blatch in the Semi, our students came up against a very strong St Oscar Romero team that had been dominant all day. Unfortunately St Oscar Romero proved too strong in the field on this occasion though the girls were very happy and proud Runners Up.



U13 Girls Cricket Tournament - Steyning Cricket Club

On a beautiful Monday afternoon, students from Years 7 & 8 competed in the inaugural Brighton City Beach Volleyball tournament held at Yellowave, Brighton. Both teams competed in their respective age groups and performed extremely well. Our Year 8s and Year 7s finished 2nd and 3rd respectively at the end of the group stages which saw each team compete and win their semi finals to secure a place in the final against 2 strong Dorothy Stringer teams. Both finals were extremely competitive and decided only on a few points that went to Stringer on both occasions. Our students were again so proud of their efforts to achieve Runners Up in both competitions and more so how they worked so well together as a team and be highly competitive in a city wide tournament

Well done to all students involved!









King's Day Thursday 18th July 2024

We are planning an exciting day for students and the wider school community on the penultimate day of this term – King's Day! King's Day is an annual celebration of our school, and thanksgiving for it, and a day of community and fundraising. This will be our third King's Day and we aim to make this year's event even more successful!

Students will be able to come to school in non-school uniform on Thursday 18th July in return for a donation of £2 to charity. The day will have four main elements. We will start with a whole school Communion Service which will give us an opportunity to reflect on the academic year that has passed, and to give thanks for our school and every member of our community. The service will be supported by St Leonard's Church in Hove. Students who take Communion in their usual church will be invited to take Communion; other students will be invited to receive a blessing if they wish, or simply to remain in their seat and enjoy some quiet moments. After the Communion Service, tutor groups will set up their tutor group fundraising stalls. Each tutor group is being given up to £20 to buy initial resources to run a stall which they have chosen including penalty shoot outs, wheel of fortune, whack the rat, spin the bike wheel, making your own smoothie by riding a bike, skittles, and pick a duck. Our sixth form will be running a bake sale and staff will be manning our popular BBQ!

We would ask that you send your child into school with up to £10 in cash (ideally in small denominations) on this day to spend on different tutor group stalls if you are able to (we will ensure there is support for families who are struggling financially at present so that the day is inclusive for all). There will be small prizes for the tutor group in each year group which raises the most amount of money from their stall. After a lunch break, students will participate in accessible and inclusive sports tournaments, and watch or participate in our 'King's Got Talent' show! At the end of the school day, we will gather for an announcement on how much money we have managed to raise from our non-uniform day and tutor group stall sales.

The money raised from the day will be split between two charities (recipients will be determined by Mrs Vincent and the Student Council), and a school fund, set up to contribute to the costs of trips/extra-curricular activities for families within our school community that are facing financial hardship.

<u>Donations for non-school uniform – suggested minimum donation of £2</u>

All monies donated will go to our fundraising efforts. Our suggested donation is £2, if you can donate more to support our charities and students whose families are unable to afford to give them money to spend on King's Day, please do so via Parentpay.

We are very much looking forward to this day and hope you will agree that it will provide a fantastic opportunity for the school community to come together to close out another wonderful year for King's School.





King's School Hove



Departmental competitions in June are:

English – Young Writers 'Unsolved' 100-word challenge Music – KS3 & KS4 Young Musician of the Year Science – Y12 Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

Speak to your subject teacher about how to enter!

King's School Fund





U16 PLAYERS NEEDED FOR 2024/25

Cuckfield Cosmos FC are looking for confident, talented and reliable U16 players for the 2024/25 season.

We play in Division 2 of the Mid Sussex Sunday Youth League with matches on Sundays and training on Saturday mornings.

Perhaps your current team is folding? Are you not getting much match time? Have you recently moved to the area?

If you are looking for a new challenge, please get in touch with Graeme.

Tel: 07821 759804

Email: cuckfieldcosmosgm@gmail.com











WATCH THE T20 CHAMPS DEFEND THEIR CROWN

3 MATCHES



WATCH REIGNING T20 CHAMPIONS CONTINUE THE DEFENSE OF THEIR CROWN

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE STARTING FROM 10:30 AM



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This Sunday The 1st Central County Ground opens its doors to three games of Women's T20 cricket. Don't miss out on your chance to see 3 matches for free, this Father's Day. Visit the Sussex vebsite to claim your free tickets.















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NEW MHS **DENTAL PRACTICE OPENING SOO**

Damira Hove: Within Sussex County Cricket Ground, BN3 3AN

Register your interest in joining our new practice & we will contact you when bookings open

