

Headteacher's Update

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Theme of the week: Telling a story

Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 6 Parents' Information
	Evening
Thursday 4 th July	Awards' Evening
Friday 5 th July	INSET and Year 6 Induction
	Day
Monday 8 th and	Enrichment Days
Tuesday 9 th July	
Friday 12 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 18 th July	King's Day
Friday 19 th July	Final day of term

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was an absolute joy to attend the Music Summer Showcase this week. Mrs Brennan and Miss Woods curated an eclectic programme of music which was performed by students in every year group of the school.

Our students were so impressive in terms of their talent, but also in the manner in which they supported each other and encouraged each other's efforts. We are very proud to be a school of musical quality and musical inclusivity. Thank you to all of you who came to support the evening and to encourage our students. They love having an audience!

The remaining three weeks of term are very busy and we are looking forward to all of our evening events and enrichment activities. Please support us by continuing to ensure that your child attends school through these more disrupted weeks. We firmly believe that these enrichment experiences are as holistically valuable to the students as our regular classroom learning days. I am grateful to the hard working staff team that we have at King's for bringing all of these opportunities to our students.

I hope that you have enjoyed the summer weather this week and that you have 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.

Student of the Week

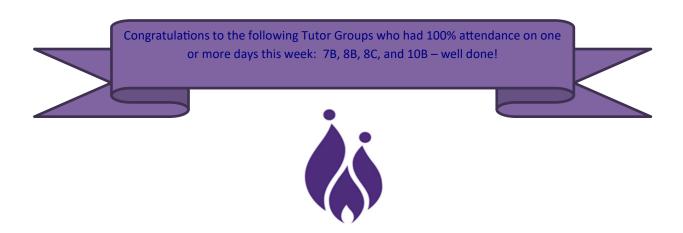
Year 7	Rex K for his excellent work in English
Year 8	Alice S for her positive attitude in all she does and her commitment to extracurricular activities
Year 9	Ned M for great effort and work in History
Year 10	Emily D for superb work in History and always being a reliable and resilient member of our Year 10 community

Theme of the Week

This week we put the spotlight on our 6th Form Psychology class, with a particular focus on memory and how memories are created. Throughout the week, we have explored memory itself as well as sharing and hearing from different students and staff about their favourite memories from this year. It has been a reflective week as we move into the final weeks of term!



Attendance



Reports and the end of year – what to expect

We are now coming to the end of the academic year (although lessons will run as normal right up to the end of term!) and so we will be sending out End of Year Progress Reports for all students at school. Teachers have been working hard to mark all the end of year exams and the grade/stage for this will be in their report. This report is the third you will receive each year. You will have received by the end of the year: 1. A full written report (different dates for different year groups), an interim progress report in January and now a final End of Year Progress report.

In years 7-9 the report is in stages. These are the models of progress each department has created that describe how students get better at the subject. You can find an explanation of these and see the stage ladders here

King's School - Assessment in KS3 (kingsschoolhove.org.uk)

There is also a video from Mrs. Price explaining how these work on this webpage.

The report will include the target stage that students were set at the start of the year, the stage they achieved in their end of year exam, as well as the stage their teacher judges them to have reached based on their work across the year. It may be that a student has done very well (or very badly!) in an exam – which can happen for a whole variety of reasons – and that the teacher feels they have been doing better (or worse) overall throughout the year. We also send home an attitude to learning grade and a grade for homework. When you receive the report there will be a key explaining what each grade means.

In Year 10 the process is the same – except the grades will be GCSE grades and the exam result is the result from the exams they sat at the end of April.

As always, I would encourage you to contact departments directly if you are unsure about what a report in a particular subject means or if you are worried about your child's progress in any subjects. If you have general concerns that go across different subjects you may want to discuss this with your form tutor or head of year. All can be contacted via the contact us page on the school website here <u>King's School (kingsschoolhove.org.uk)</u>

Enrichment Days

We are excited to announce the whole school programme for the upcoming summer enrichment days on 8th and 9th July.

We have students from various year groups going off on a music tour to Belgium where they will be taking in the sights and performing to the local people. In addition, students from Years 8 to 10 are off to practice their Spanish in Cantabria with the MFL department.

Back in school students in all year groups will be taking part in activities both in and out of school.

Year 7

The Year 7s will be celebrating the end of a successful year with a King's rite of passage, the Year 7 residential. They will be spending two nights at Grosvenor Hall in Kent where they will take part in adventurous activities including water sports and climbing. The students staying in school will complete a nature and art themed day with a visit to Hove Museum.

Year 8

Year 8 are taking part in a Theme Park themed event. They will be designing and building their own theme parks on before visiting Thorpe Park.

Year 9

On day one of enrichment the Year 9 will be reflecting on their time in Key Stage 3 in preparation for the start of the GCSEs! They will be doing this at Lodge Hill where they will be taking part in lots of adventurous activities and teambuilding games. On the second day the year group have a PSHE day where they will examine the importance of being a good citizen in 2024.

Year 10

On day 1 of enrichment Year 10 will be taking part in a series of activities to help them decide "What Next" as they move towards Key Stage 5 and beyond. They will explore different options from traditional A levels to newer alternatives like apprenticeships and T levels. On the second day the students have had a choice of trips including a History trip to London and a visit to Yellowave beach volley ball centre and Brighton pier for a final fling before they knuckle down to serious study in Year 11!

Transition Events

Over the last few weeks we have been taking some of our fabulous Year 8 students to visit primary schools where we have been talking to the students who will be joining us in September. We have also had some students visit us at King's over the last week. It has been lovely to meet our new year group, and we are looking forward to welcoming them into our school community. A reminder that we have two transition events taking place next week.

Year 6 Parents' and Carers' Information Event – Wednesday 3rd July 6pm

During this event there will be a presentation about what you can expect as your child starts at King's. There will also be an opportunity to hear from Mr Walker, our Head of Year 7. At the end of the presentation, we will be available to take questions.

This evening is intended specifically for parents, as students will have the opportunity to meet with teachers and Mr Walker on the Student Transition Day. We hope that all parents/carers will be able to attend. **You do not need to sign up for this event**.

Year 6 Student Transition Day – Friday 5th July

On this day, all Year 6 students in Brighton and Hove will be invited to attend their new secondary school. The day will be an important opportunity for students to begin the settling-in process. Students should arrive on the day at **9:00am**, wearing their **current school uniform**, and enter the school via the Student Entrance on Hangleton Way. They will be met by members of staff and current students and escorted to the dining hall. Throughout the day, your child will then meet with their form group, experience a range of typical King's lessons, and begin to build new friendships before September.

In line with our school day students will be given a morning break and a lunch break. We will provide a hot lunch, free of charge, for those students who would like it. Alternatively, your child is welcome to bring a packed lunch, which they can eat in the Dining Hall. Please note that we are a 'no nuts' school due to severe student allergies. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle which can be re-filled throughout the day from our water fountains.

Students will be dismissed at 14:10 and can be picked up from the courtyard where our PTA will provide refreshments for parents and carers. There will also be an opportunity to purchase good quality, second-hand uniform.

Sixth Form

Please visit our website for more information about our Sixth Form.

<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 sixthform@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 strug-



Please sign up to the upcoming Admissions Q&A webinar run by Churchill College, Cambridge, on **Monday 1 July, 5-6pm**.

Lead Admissions Tutor, Dr Jonathan Padley, and Admissions Tutor for Medicine and Natural Sciences, Dr Sonja Dunbar, will be taking your questions, particularly those related to the upcoming Open Days next week – but questions on any and all aspects of Cambridge and its admissions process are welcome!

This webinar is open to all year groups (including KS4 and KS5).



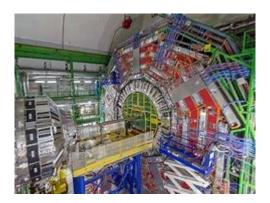
Subject Spotlight: : A level Physics

What you will study in Physics at King's:

Cosmology, particle physics, medical physics. These are just some of the topics that you'll get to study at physics A-level.



Everything from the big bang to what's inside a proton. You'll learn the mathematical and practical skills necessary for both theoretical and experimental physics.



You'll also get to see firsthand what it's like to work as a physicist through our trip to CERN, the European Nuclear Research centre, where the Large Hadron Collider is found, the largest machine ever built.

For more information check out the following link.

Physics.pdf (kingsschoolhove.org.uk)

Performance by Thirdspace Theatre

Today we were fortunate to welcome Thirdspace Theatre to King's, for a moving performance about Caribbean soldiers stationed in Seaford, Sussex during World War One.

Even better, the two actors, Anthony and Miranda, are both ex-King's students. After the performance there was a Q&A and then time for Year 8 students to produce a piece of creative writing, and for our GCSE Drama students to experience a workshop on how to devise from parts of the poem the play was based on with Anthony and Miranda.

This will also be useful for Year 8s as the topic of war is one they will pick up on in Year 9.

As a drama teacher it is always a joy to have the opportunity for large numbers of students to witness theatre and I am hugely grateful for this offer from Thirdspace as it was free! It is even more edifying to see two wonderful, eloquent, and talented ex students inspiring the next generation.

Thirdspace run a free drama club based at the Valley site of Hove Park School and are offering summer workshops. See the end of this newsletter for details.

Mrs Grosvenor Head of Arts

Thirdspace would like to share a special offer with our students and are offering a free month of classes in September if students register their interest this term. Please email info@thirdspacetheatre.co.uk and mention LETTERS HOME.

A full list of classes can be found here: https://thirdspacetheatre.co.uk/classes/brighton/











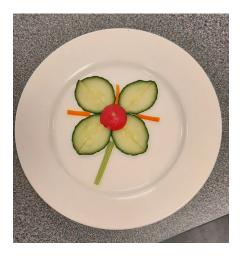
PTA Second hand uniform

There will be a second hand uniform sale next Friday 5^{th} July at 1pm - 3.00pm by the school entrance. There will be a chance to chat to members of the PTA about what is involved as we seek new members for next year.



Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition

This week year 10 have been using seasonal veg to create decorative garnishes whilst learning important knife skills, learning to follow technical instructions and developing their ability to persevere!





U13 Girls' Cricket

Last Friday our U13 girls' cricket team won a Sussex first round girls' cricket tournament!

The girls initially beat Varnden and Eastbourne Academy in their first round of matches, placing them in the top tier group against Cardinal Newman and Blatchington Mill.

The girls then beat Blatchington Mill convincingly in their first match, but lost a close game to Newman in their second match.

However, Blatch beat Newman in the final round of matches which meant it came down to runs scored out of the 3 games.

King's had scored 20 more runs than Newman in 2nd place and therefore ended up as overall winners!

All the squad improved their skill level in bowling, batting and fielding throughout the tournament. A particular mention to:

Isla E for the most improved bowling of the day.

Isla F for the most amount of catches taken.

Connie B for her all round play, but sensible and skilful batting at the end of each match to put us in a winning position!

Well done to all the girls who now get to play at the Sussex Chance to Compete final on July 11^{th.}













WATCH THE T20 CHAMPS EFEND THEIR CROWN

3 MATCHES



WATCH REIGNING T20 CHAMPIONS CONTINUE THE DEFENSE OF THEIR CROWN

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE STARTING FROM 10:30 AM



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 website to claim your free tickets.















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