

Headteacher's **Update**

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Theme of the week: Completing a Goal

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 8 th and Tuesday 9 th July	Enrichment Days
Friday 12 th July	Sports' Day
Thursday 18 th July	King's Day
Friday 19 th July	Final day of term Year 7 and Year 8 dis- missed at 12:25pm Year 9 and Year 10 dis- missed at 12:30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy week of evening school events this week with the Year 11 Prom, Year 6 Parents' Information Evening, and our annual Awards' Evening. Thank you to all of you who attended and supported these events which so enrich the school experience of our students.

We went to Pangdean Barn for our Year 11 Prom for the first time this year. Venue staff there were so complimentary about our students. They praised their politeness and the respect they demonstrated towards the staff there and the venue itself. I was exceptionally proud to the spend the evening with a cohort of students who are such a good advertisement for our values. Exam results will always be important, but its our students' characters which we look to develop in partnership with you above everything else.

It was wonderful to meet our new Year 6 cohort this week when they came into school for their Induction Day today. They are a talented and friendly bunch and we very much look forward to welcoming them back in September and working with them.

Well done to all students who received awards at our Awards' Evening this week. We really value this annual opportunity to recognise the achievements of our students. It was an honour to welcome the family of Ben Jenkins for the first awarding of the Ben Jenkins' Award. The Award will be given annually in memory of King's teacher Ben Jenkins, who passed away last December. The Award is given to a student who brings joy to the school community, as Ben himself did. This year the Award went to Year 11 student Ferris W who was a very worthy recipient. Thank you to our wonderful Art and DT departments who crafted a bespoke perpetual Award recognising Ben's love of sunflowers.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Price

Student of the Week

Year 7	Theo M and Isaac B for their amazing joint performances at recent events in school.
Year 8	Esther B for her continual commitment to extracurricular activities and her support for her peers
Year 9	Neil M for great English effort!
Year 10	Danny W for his fantastic support with the Year 9 DofE expedition

Theme of the Week

This week we have been looking at the art of telling a story, with a focus on telling the story of our own lives. We have been hearing from members of staff from the English Department each day as they have shared some of their own favourite stories!



Attendance

"We are looking forward to fantastic attendance at all of our enrichments events next week!"



Year 11 Prom

We took our Year 11 cohort to Pangdean Barn for Prom this year. It's a beautiful venue, just off the A23 in Pyecombe. Students arrived for a drinks reception outside looking very smart and full of anticipation for the evening ahead. Students enjoyed a two course, sit down meal, and then danced the night away to a professional DJ set. Their behaviour was impeccable throughout the event and for staff attending it was a pleasure to spend the evening with them. Prom is an important rite of passage for students and it was wonderful to see the vast majority of the cohort attending and celebrating their time at King's together.









Awards' Evening

On Thursday evening this week we held our annual Awards' Evening. Chair of Governors, Mrs Ali Davis, attended to speak to students and their guests and to present the awards. Students were recognised for their academic achievement and progress and also for their resilience and characters. The Darren Moses Cup, given to a Year 11 student who has demonstrated courage in overcoming obstacles in their life, was awarded to Rose A. The King's Way Award, given to a Year 11 student who has consistently lived our school values during their time at King's, was awarded to Harrison P and Jessica B. It was an honour to welcome the family of Ben Jenkins for the first awarding of the Ben Jenkins' Award. The Award will be given annually in memory of King's teacher Ben Jenkins, who passed away last December. The Award is given to a student who brings joy to the school community, as Ben himself did. This year the Award went to Year 11 student Ferris W who was a very worthy recipient. A full list of award winners is given below:

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KS3 Art Award	Lyra H
KS4 Art Award	Marla G
KS4 Business Award	Seth O
KS3 Computer Science Award	Connie B
KS4 Computer Science Award	Edith M
KS3 Design and Technology Award	Ruben C
KS4 Design and Technology Award	Mack S
KS3 Drama Award	Jonah T
KS4 Drama Award	Finlay S
KS3 English Award	Sylvia H
KS4 English Award	Sam C
KS4 Food Preparation	
and Nutrition Award	Leo F
KS3 French Award	Erin B
KS4 French Award	Tilly W
KS3 Geography Award	Milo L
KS4 Geography Award	Freyja R
KS3 History Award	Benjamin A
KS4 History Award	Finlay S
KS3 Mathematics Award	Sheryl S
KS4 Mathematics Award	Oliver T
KS4 Media Studies Award	Emily M
KS3 Music Award	Molly S
KS4 Music Award	Faith C
KS3 Physical Education Award	Gabriella R
KS4 Physical Education Award	Oscar M

KS3 Religion and Philosophy Award	Alena N
KS4 Religion and Philosophy Award	Gabriel S
KS3 Science Award	Millie M
KS4 Biology Award	Sophie S
KS4 Chemistry Award	Raye W
KS4 Physics Award	Diego W
KS3 Spanish Award	Martyna D
KS4 Spanish Award	Callum N

KS3 Resilience and Progress Award	Charlie M
KS4 Resilience and Progress Award	Loui K
Sportsman of the Year	Alexander R
Sportswoman of the Year	Isabelle S
Darren Moses Cup	Rose A
King's Way Award	Harrison P
King's Way Award	Jessica B
Ben Jenkins Award	Ferris W









King's School

Year 6 Transition Events

We had a wonderful day welcoming our new students for their Induction Day on Friday. Year 6 students met members of their tutor group, spent time getting to know their way around the school and experienced tasters of what lessons at King's will be like. We look forward to seeing them for their first day on **Wednesday 4th September**.

In case you missed our Parents' Information event on Wednesday evening, the information has been sent in an email. A reminder that the first event for Year 7 parents is the Settling Evening on **Tuesday 17th September.** Further details will follow at the beginning of the new academic year.



This week we were delighted to learn that Mrs Orford-Kemmish had been nominated by students from the girls' football team and appeared as Teacher of the Week in this week's edition of The Week Junior.

Thank you to Gabby, Erin, Nell and Emilia for being so proactive and positive!

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 <u>sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</u> 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 <u>Best Next Steps - Colleges and FE application portals (padlet.com)</u>

On Wednesday, our A Level Biology students, accompanied by Mrs. Coles (Head of 6th Form) and Mr. Kent (Biology Teacher), went on our first ever Field Studies Course. The team at Whipsnade Zoo were fantastic and led us through a number of practical activities to investigate the impact of environmental factors on the local ecosystem. We were able to carry out investigations on Whipsnade's Site of Special Scientific Interest, a legally protected zone where conservationists at the cutting edge of research helped us to take samples of the area and identify species present. This project will help our students complete one of the required practical's for the A Level Course.

We also had some time to look around the zoo, see a range of animals (a particular highlight was seeing a two week old giraffe calf) and learn more about the conservation efforts that the Zoological Society of London are involved in. As always, our students were an absolute credit to the school, and it was a pleasure to go with them. A huge thank you also needs to go to the Finance Team for making this trip possible!

We can't wait to go on another Field Studies trip next year with our new Year 12 biology students.

If you'd like to find out about studying biology at King's Sixth Form, come and speak with Mr. Kent or Mrs. Coles as we'd love to tell you more!





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A couple of weeks ago we celebrated Better Transport Week at King's which is an annual celebration of the transport that makes our lives better. Many students and staff celebrated last week by thinking about journeys to and from King's daily and how these journeys can be made to be more sustainable. Better Transport Week links to all methods of sustainable transport and how everyone can help with this. Mr Morson decided to start cycling to school last week to celebrate Better Transport Week. Mr Walker walked to school all week last week in a bid to fight for better transport week. Also, Mr Stevenson has integrated a queuing system at bus stops afterschool to ensure that people can board the bus safely and as quickly as possible, making the job of the driver as easy as possible.

This year at King's we considered Buses and focused on expressing gratitude to our wonderful bus drivers who see us at the start of our day and the end of our day and take us to where we want to go. Without bus drivers we would struggle to get to school for 8.30 and to get home as quickly as possible. One of mine along with many other students' favourite buses are the Big Lemon buses (Running an electric fleet of buses) with drivers who provide outstanding service to all and provide us with 3 wonderful buses es to King's. The 47 runs from Saltdean- King's each morning and afternoon. The 52A runs from Woodingdean- King's School each morning and the 16 bus runs from Portslade- King's School and serves Mile Oak on the afternoon trip (16A). Using these buses is a simple way to do our bit for the environment but also have an enjoyable ride to school each day, rather than it being a monotonous task at the end of a stressful day. "Happiness is a ride on The Big Lemon". I believe that having positive interactions with bus drivers improves the day of learning for us all and a small act of kindness goes a long way. For more information ask in school for timetables and locations.

Louis – Year 12





BrightMed Applications

BrightMed is one of BSMS's widening participation programmes, working with students in Year 9 to Year 12 to increase awareness of what it takes to study medicine and healthcare subjects at university and pursue a career in medicine.

Students attend 4/5 in-person sessions on the University of Sussex campus, as well as a 4-day, 3-night Summer School in Year 12. These sessions cover a variety of medicine topics, with lectures from guest speakers, interactive activities, and study skills, all supported by current undergraduate medicine students at Brighton and Sussex Medical School.

Students must be currently in Years 8-11, living or studying in Sussex, and attending a state school to be able to participate in this programme. Spaces are limited on the programme and as such applicants will also have to meet additional criteria which can be found here.

Applications close at 9am on Monday 15 July – the application form can be found here: <u>https://bit.ly/</u> <u>BrightMed2024</u>

For more information please <u>click here</u>.

Arts Award

If your child has signed up for Arts Award and you/ they need any further information prior to the summer holidays, please e mail

c.grosvenor@kingsschoolhove.org.uk or ask them to see me in school. The holidays would be a perfect time to hone their artistic skills for Part A, experience an event (gig, show, play, exhibition) for part B or research an inspirational person for Part C.

Mrs Grosvenor



Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition

Continuing the theme of seasonal produce and knife skills, Year 10 Food Preparation students learnt to fillet a fish, using locally caught mackerel.

They were fantastic with many having to step well outside of their comfort zone even to touch the fish, let alone fillet it and cook it. Several were able to even bring themselves to eat some and generally declared it 'delicious'.

Well done Year 10!

Our squad won the Rugby League Sussex Schools event earlier on this term. As a result they went through to the Regional Southern Area, involving schools from Gloucestershire, Sussex, Hertfordshire and Redditch.

The boys won 5 / 8 games - coming in 3rd overall. A fantastic achievement and some top rugby played.

A huge well done to the entire squad!









King's at Aldrington Sports Day

Over Wednesday and Thursday this week, our Year 8 and Year 9 students respectively represented our school as sport leaders at the Aldrington CofE Primary School Sports Day(s). Witnessing our students actively engage with the younger students at Aldrington as they lead their respective events left myself and Ms Orford-Kemmish immensely proud. It was a fantastic opportunity for each King's student to showcase their maturity and passion for sport as they guided, cheered and encouraged the younger students at Aldrington throughout both days and across all year levels.

This all culminated in a touching moment when our King's students were publicly acknowledged before the Aldrington community with loud cheers from both students and parents. This was then followed by some exhibition sprint races of all King's students to close the day.

Well done to all students involved across both days. You should be very proud of the way you conducted yourselves!!

Mr Stewart











THIRDSPACE HOLIDAY CLUBS

29TH JULY – 1ST AUGUST AT BRIGHTON YOUTH CENTRE 27TH AUGUST – 30TH AUGUST AT HANOVER COMMUNITY CENTRE

THREE DAYS OF THEATRICAL ADVENTURE WITH OUR AWARD-WINNING THEATRE COMPANY. AGES 7-11 AND 12-16 YEARS. ALL ARE WECOME & NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED, IT'S ALL ABOUT HAVING FUN! HOT LUNCH PROVIDED. FREE HAF PLACES!





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SOUTHWICK RANGERS FC

Players and

Coaches needed

We are a 2 star accredited FA club, a registered charity and a Nike partner club.

We have spaces in

U5-Reception Sep 24

U6-Year 1 Sep 24

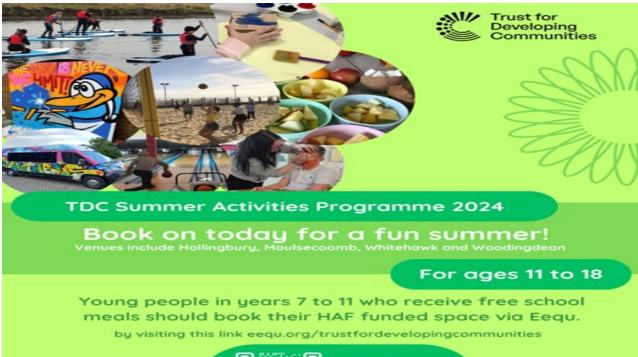
U7- Year 1 Sep 24

U11- Year 6- Sep 24

U14B- Year 9 Sep 24 U15G-Years 9 and 10 Sep 24 U16G-Years 10 and 11 Sep 24

We are also looking for coaches for U6,U7 and U10G contact -interested@southwickrangers .org for more information.

We are an established club of 20 years this coming season





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Holiday cycle training courses

Cycle training is held at Hove and Preston Park during the school holidays

Level 1 & 2 - Ages 9 - 15

Children must have completed all level 1 activities before progressing to Level 2 **Monday 5 – Thursday 8 August** 10.00 – 12.30 or 13.15 – 15.45 **Monday 12 – Thursday 15 August Monday 19 – Thursday 22 August** 10.00 – 12.30 **Tuesday 27 – Friday 30 August** 10.00 – 12.30 or 13.15 – 15.45

Cost per person is £50.00



<u>Level 3 – Ages 11 - 15</u>

Children must have attended a level 2 course before progressing forward

Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 July 10.00 – 12.00 or 13.00 – 15.00 Monday 12 – Wednesday 14 August Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 August

> 13.15 – 15.15 Cost per person is £50.00.

To book a place visit https://cycling.envelope.host/courses

or contact 01273 293847 or email east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



HAF 2024

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is **FREE** to school-aged children in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals.







For programme information go to: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/HAF



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