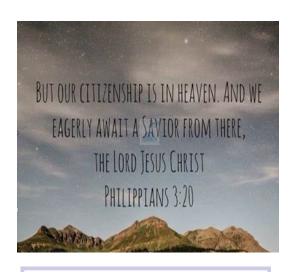


# Headteacher's Update

No 263 13th September 2024



Theme of the week: courageous advocacy

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Tuesday 17th	Year 6 Taster Ses
September	sions and Year 7
	Parents' 'Settling
	Evening'
Thursday 26th	Open Evening
September	
5.00pm—8.00pm	
Monday 30th	Year 6 Open
September —Friday	Mornings
4th October	

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a very soggy start of term it has been great to have some drier weather this week and to see students get outside for their social times! Overall, it has been a very positive start to the new academic year. Students have returned refreshed and excited for the challenges ahead and staff have worked hard to set clear expectations for them and to support them as they have eased into their learning this year.

It was wonderful to see such a large turn out for our in-person Year 11 Information Evening on Monday this week; thank you to all who attended and we hope you found it useful to hear from our Deputy Headteacher Mr Stevenson and our core Heads of Department, on the structure of Year 11 and how you can best support your children's learning and well-being this year.

As we move into the winter months please ensure your child has a suitable winter coat for their journeys to and from school, and for wearing outside at social times. We do try to get students outdoors for fresh air and exercise at social times whenever possible. A reminder also that students who cycle to and from school, should wear helmets at all times and will need some reflective gear for the darker mornings and afternoons.

Finally this week a plea from me to please not drive onto Hangleton Way to drop off or collect your children. We strongly encourage parents who do need to drive their children to and from school to park a short distance from the school and let students walk the final part of the journey to school. We always aim to do all we can to reduce traffic on Hangleton Way in the interests of students' safety. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

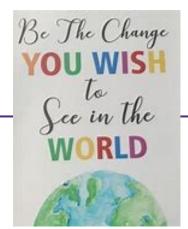
Mrs Price

#### **Student of the Week**

Year 7	Joseph L for throwing himself into the life of the school and making a	
	positive contribution to tutor time in particular.	
Year 8	Starlet P for demonstrating school values during tutor times this week.	
Year 9	Kieran I for a nomination in English from Mrs Cornell.	
Year 10	Finley C for great effort and focus in Maths.	
Year 11	Andrew S for great participation in form time and great work in Biology.  Amy B for excellent work in RP.	

#### Theme of the Week

This week we began our focus on **courageous advocacy** with opportunities for each student to set goals ahead of the new 24/25 school year. We also spent the week introducing our new Year 7's to tutor worship and reminded the rest of the school about what goes on and what there is to look forward to this year.



#### **Attendance**



#### **Open Events**

Please find below some information on Open Events running this term. Please do share this information with anyone who is interested in coming to see what we offer at King's.

**Open Evening** - Thursday 26 September, 5-8pm. This is not a bookable event, please attend which ever session works best for you and your family. This event will include an opportunity to tour the school and attend a talk with Headteacher Sarah Price. The Headteacher's talks will start promptly at 5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7.00pm. If you plan to attend the Headteacher's talk at 7.00pm we would advise that you arrive at 6:15pm to tour the school beforehand as the school will begin to close shortly after the 7.00pm Headteacher's talk.

**Open Mornings** - Monday 30 September, Tuesday 1 October, Wednesday 2 October, Thursday 3 October and Friday 4 October. Sessions run at 9am and 11am on each date (please note that the 9am session on Friday October is only for the families of students with an existing EHCP; priority for the 11am session on Friday 4 October will be given to families of children currently attending Aldrington School). These events will include an opportunity for a student led tour of the school on a normal working day and to attend a talk with Headteacher Mrs Sarah Price. Booking is essential and places can be booked via our website here: King's School (kingsschoolhove.org.uk)

**Taster Sessions** for Year 6 Students - As part of our Open Events for Year 6, we will be running taster sessions for next year's Year 7 students who would like to find out more about King's. Sign up for these sessions is now complete as we have reached capacity. We look forward to meeting lots of Year 6 students next week!



#### **New Corridor Code**

This week our students have been getting used to our new Corridor Code. As outlined in Mrs Price's recent letter, the Corridor Code is designed to raise standards of behaviour and presentation in our corridors and communal spaces. Short C3 detentions will be given to all students who do not adhere to the Corridor Code. If your child is given a 30mins C3 Corridor Code detention on a Friday it will appear on your MCAS Bromcom app.

A key focus is ensuring students wear the school uniform correctly. This means wearing blazers, ensuring skirts are not rolled up, shirts are tucked in and prohibited items of jewellery are not worn. The vast majority of students have responded brilliantly to the new code!

#### King's Corridor Code



Chewing gum is not permitted

Headphones should not be worn

Mobiles should not be seen

Full uniform should be worn

No deliberate physical contact

You should always walk on the left

Love Respect Responsibility Forgiveness

#### **Read Aloud**

We know many students don't read and don't enjoy reading. We also know that if a child is an avid reader their life chances and educational outcomes are, on average, much better than those who don't. We want to encourage a love of reading and to make sure all students continue to have the experience of being read to.

To help achieve this, we will once again be reading books in form time. Three times a week, form

tutors in years 7 - 9 will be reading a novel to their class for 20 minutes. The novel will be the same across all forms in a year. Students will also have the opportunity to discuss the themes and characters and to share their ideas about the novel.

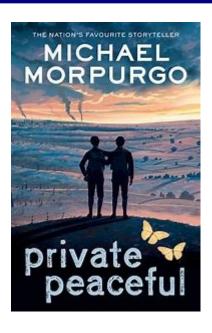
We also want to raise the profile of reading and the library. If you are an author (or know one!) and would like to come into school to do a reading or to speak with students please do get in touch.

The books that they are being read in Term 1 are:

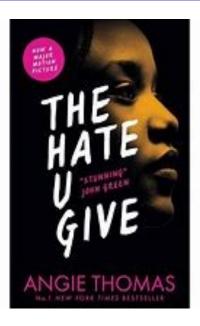
**Year 7 - Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo** 

Year 8 - The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Year 9 - The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas







#### 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 <a href="mailto:sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk">sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</a> 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)



It has been a great start of year for the sixth form students at King's.

Year 12 had a great time together in their induction morning. This was a chance for them to get to know each other and find out about the different opportunities that being a sixth former at King's offers. Year 12 have Barista training coming up, parents will receive more details of this very soon. This is a great opportunity to learn a new skill, grow in confidence and develop team building qualities. The new students are very keen to use the gym at King's. Thank you to Mr Cornell for offering induction sessions to the students.

Year 13 students have come back refreshed after their summer holidays and are now ready for the hard work that Year 13 entails. We have started teaching the extended project qualification and are now focussing on UCAS applications.

If you have any questions about the sixth form do email <a href="mailto:sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk">sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk</a>







### King's School Hove Open Evening

# Sixth Form

12th November 6 - 7.30pm

Find out more about the range of courses available Speak to our skilled and dedicated subject staff See our great facilities

All parents and students welcome from schools across the area Refreshments will be available

Please visit our website to register your interest



If you are unable to attend our Open Evening but would like to arrange a tour at another time, please email sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

To apply, please visit www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/event-6th



#### **Welcome to BHASVIC**

BHASVIC- Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th November, 4pm - 8pm 2024

## Join us for our Sixth Form Open Evening at Shoreham Academy - Thursday 7th November 2024 - 6pm - 8pm



If you would like a tour of the Academy and sixth form, we can arrange this with you. The tours will take place after Shoreham students have departed the academy for the day.

Please contact sixth.form@shoreham-academy.org
Many thanks

Jim Coupe, Kieran Felton & Susie Brooks

Shoreham Academy Sixth Form Leadership

Home | Shoreham Academy (shoreham-

#### Varndean College - https://varndean.ac.uk/

#### Open Day

Saturday 28 September 2024, 11am - 2pm

#### **BACA**

Brighton Aldridge Community Academy - BACA College Open Evening (baca-uk.org.uk)

#### BACA College Open Evening 2024

We are delighted to invite all Year 11 students and their families to our BACA College Open Evening on **Thursday**, **17 October 2024, from 6-8 pm**. This is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Meet our dedicated teachers
- Tour our state-of-the-art facilities
- Discover the incredible opportunities available for Sixth Form students

#### Plumpton College 25 September 2024 17:00 - 19:30

https://www.plumpton.ac.uk/

#### SupaJam

Open Evenings | SupaJam Education | Swanley, Canterbury and Brighton (semmuk.com)



SupaJam Brighton
Open Evening

Wed, 09 Oct | SupaJam Brighton

#### In-house Open Day - AM

Saturday 28th September 10am - 12pm BN1 Studios, Vantage Point

#### BN1

**About BN1 Arts | BN1 Arts** 

Lots more links here for SEND students <u>Learning providers for young people</u> <u>post 16 (brighton-hove.gov.uk)</u>

#### **OLIVER**

As you may know we are about to hold auditions (week starting Monday 16th September) for Oliver, our next whole school production. If students would like to audition for a singing role, and most roles do involve some singing, we are asking students to sing a verse of "Consider Yourself". Students may sing in pairs if they are feeling a little nervous but if students would like a lead role they will have to sing solo.

Here is the link for the song so students can get to know it, the song starts at 2mins 09 secs:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kT5Uluzrtf4

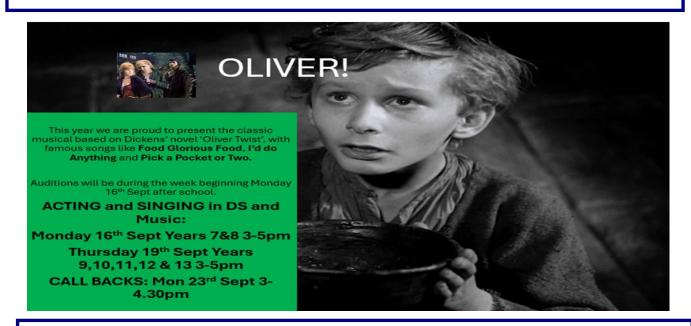
Here is also a karaoke track for students to practice with:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sc5B3IHdGzI

The singing and acting auditions will be on Monday 16th Sept for YR7 and 8 and Thursday 19th September for YR9 to Yr13. Any questions or concerns please contact us directly:

j.brennan@kingsschoolhove.org.uk (re music and singing)

c.grosvenor@kingsschoolhove.org.uk (re acting and backstage)



#### Poster design Competition - School Production 2025 - reminder

We love getting students involved in the design of the poster and over the past few years the bar has been set high.

This year we thought it would be fun to open this out and see if we could find some more budding designers by having a competition for the best poster design.

Students may wish to propose a marketing campaign as well; we would be very excited to hear their thoughts!

For Arts Awards students this could fit perfectly in Part A.

Deadline: Friday 20th September. Good luck!

#### **Create Music**

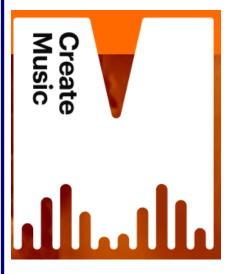
This Monday Year 7 were treated to a wonderful afternoon concert by the team from our Brighton based Music hub, Create Music. Mike Johnson, the Director, introduced our newest cohort to the full range of classical and popular instruments that are available to learn here at King's, not to forget singing as well!

Students sang and cheered as they listened to a fabulous selection of songs and were then given the chance to ask questions and find out about how to apply for lessons.

All students were given a Create Music flyer, which includes a QR code, and all parents should have now received an email about how to apply for lessons. If you have any question please do feel free to email me directly on: j.brennan@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Or just log onto the Create Music website for more info: <a href="https://createmusic.org.uk/">https://createmusic.org.uk/</a>

Happy music making!



#### **Parent Prayer Group**

Did you know....King's School has a Parent Prayer Group! We are a group of parents who believe in the power of prayer and want to pray for all aspects of the school.

We would love to have you join us, and our first meeting of the term will be Thursday 19th September 9.15am - 10am. We will meet outside of the entrance to Kings and will then gather inside the school for prayer. We will meet fortnightly at this same time and place, so also on 3rd October and 24th October before half term. Sometimes we will also prayer walk around the outside of the school, weather depending. It is a relaxed time, open to anyone who wants to engage in Christian prayer together with other parents. You do not need to commit to every meeting but come along when you can.

We also have a what's app group which we will use to send prayer requests and meeting info. If you'd like to join this what's app group, or have questions about the prayer group please email

amanda.roberts81@hotmail.co.uk

#### **Extracurricular Programme**

We are pleased to announce the release of our extracurricular programme for the Autumn term.

The clubs and events we run at school are a hugely important part of the King's School experience as we want students to flourish at school and to develop lifelong friendships and passions. There are a large number of clubs running both at lunch and after school and we are keen for all students to take part in at least one.

Many of the clubs are open for students to try but space can be limited. If your child is interested about a club but are not sure if it is for them they can talk to their tutors of the member of staff running the club who will be more than happy to talk to them about what they will be doing.

A few of the clubs are run by external providers and in these cases there will be a small charge dependent on the number of students taking part.

The clubs programme will be updated regularly so please keep an eye out for the latest copy on the school website.

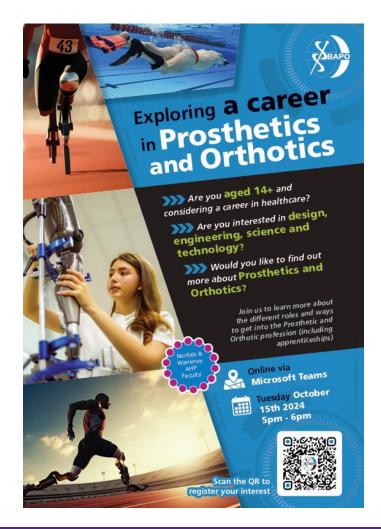
King's School (kingsschoolhove.org.uk)

If you have any queries please get in touch.

Mr Walker











antiblotics in some cases. This enables patients with these conditions to access treatment much more rapidly and conveniently:

The service is provided on a 'walk-in' basis. Enquire inside for more information.

Condition	Age range	Treatments available
Acute otitis media (middle ear infection)	1 to 17 years	Otigo Ear Drops, Amoxicillin, Clarothromycin, Erythromycin
Impetigo	1 year and over	Hydrogen peroxide cream, fusidic acid cream, flucloxacillin, erythromycin
Infected insect bites	1 year and over	Flucioxacillin, Clarithromycin, Erythroymycin
Shingles	18 years and over	Aciclovir, Valaciclovir
Sinusitis	12 years and over	Fluticasone nasal spray, Mometasone nasal spray, Phenoxymethylpenicillir (pencillin V), Clarothromycin, Doxycycline, Erythromycin
Sore throat	5 years and over	Phenoxymethylpenicillin (Penicillin V), Clarithromycin, Erythromycin
Uncomplicated urinary tract infections	Women 16-64 years	Nitrofurantoin