

Headteacher's Update

No 265 27th September 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was fantastic to open the school up to large numbers of visitors for our Open Evening this week; thank you to all the students who supported the event and helped us to showcase who we are as a community and what we do. Open mornings are running throughout next week as an opportunity for prospective parents and carers to see the school in normal operation. We look forward to receiving applications for next year's intake.

Theme of the week: courageous advocacy for our nation

Dates for your Diary

Year 12 enjoyed their two day professional barista training this week. We are pleased to be able to offer this free of charge to our Year 12 students to enhance their employability for short term work to help fund their studies, and to give them the opportunity to try something new and strengthen relationships in a setting outside of school.

Week Commencing	Timetable week
Monday 30th	One
September	
Monday 30th	Year 6 Open
September — Friday	Mornings
4th October	
Monday 7th October	Flu vaccination
Friday 11th October	Macmillan Coffee
Friday 11th October	Morning
	Worling
Wednesday 16th	Parent/Carer
October	Happiness Talk
6 -7pm	
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Mrs Grosvenor has announced the cast of Oliver this week; as always a huge number of students from across the school will be involved in this year's production. Thank you to all students who put themselves forward for audition. We are looking forward to the February performances already!

I wish you all a good weekend.

Mrs Price

Student of the Week

Year 7	Esme S for excellence in music
Year 8	Cas Wi for being a standout ambassador for the school at open evening
Year 9	Gabriel G for making a great start back and for a nomination from Art
Year 10	Silvie-Rae S for her hard work in RP
Year 11	Mia K for excellent work in History and always being a positive role model in school with a calm and focused demeanour

Theme of the Week

This week we discussed advocating for others. We looked at different examples of what this looks like in school, as well as real life examples of Malala and made the Biblical reference to the story of Moses.



Attendance

"The following Tutor groups have all met or exceeded the school target of 96% attendance since the beginning of term: 11E, 11B, 10G, 9B, 9G, 9C, 9E, 8B, 8C, 8R, and all of the Year 7 Tutor groups".

Particular congratulations to 7P whose attendance is currently at 99%. Well done everyone!"

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 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)

Applications for Year 7 places for September 2025 need to be made via the usual LA process by 31st October 2024.

Supplementary Information Forms for faith places should be returned directly to the school by 30th November 2024.

Parent/Carer Talk - Happiness

This academic year we will be running a series of in-person talks for parents and carers on student wellbeing. These will be in addition to all of the online webinars and content on the new Wellbeing Hub. Our first talk will be led by Mr Chamberlain at King's on 16th October from 6pm -7pm and details of this talk, and how to sign up, can be found below.

Parent/Carer Talk - Happiness - How can we help young people to feel happier?

We frequently read headlines about the poor state of young people's mental health and the pressure on services such as CAMHS. However, there are many effective strategies that can help young people to feel happier and more contented. Mr Chamberlain has trawled the very latest research, along with the collective experiences for our senior leaders, and compiled the findings into a list of practical steps for parents to try with their children. All resources and links will be shared with parents after the talk.

Click this link if you would like to sign up to attend.



The Wellbeing Hub

We are delighted to be able to write to you with details of **The Wellbeing Hub**. This is a fabulous resource that can now be accessed for free by all of our students, staff and parents. We are hugely grateful to Roedean School who have gifted us a membership so our whole school community can benefit from it.

You can sign up for a login by scanning the QR code below. Parents can access a wide range of live and recorded talks, a vast resource bank and up-to-date research on supporting the wellbeing of your child. We will be sharing details of the forthcoming talks and presentations in our school newsletter each week. I hope you find the materials useful and it would be great to get your feedback on the content in the coming weeks.





Link below to

Webinar and login

Helping your child to have healthy friendships and relationships Teentips Wellbeing Hub

Staff Introduction

Hello, I'm Miss Johnson and I am the new Pastoral Officer at King's.

I did Law with American studies at Sussex University and recently completed my Masters in Inclusive Education from the University of Bristol. While carrying out my degrees, I have worked part-time as a babysitter, a personal care assistant and a teaching assistant/LSA at different primary schools.

I have always recognised children as an 'unheard' majority and feel that my role allows me to advocate for their wellbeing the way they deserve.

In my spare time, I can be found performing poetry around Brighton and even sometimes in plays at the Fringe. I started a spoken word poetry club at King's so I can encourage others to express themselves and advocate for change through literature and performance. I'm excited to see where this role at the school will take me.

ParentPay Reminder

We kindly remind you to check and top up your child's school meals account to ensure they have sufficient funds for their meals.

Please log in to the payment portal to check the balance and make any necessary payments at your earliest convenience.

<u>ParentPay - Leading Cashless Payment</u> <u>System for Schools</u>



Flu Vaccination



The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on **Monday 7th October** to administer the Flu vaccination (nasal spray) to students in Years 7 to 11. Parents and carers of students in years 7 to 11 will have recently received communication regarding this, together with information from the Immunisation Service with details of how give or refuse consent for this vaccination.

If you did not receive this information, please email the school office via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk to request the information to be re-sent to you.

The online consent form must be completed by 11am on **Wednesday 2nd October**, in order for a student to be included in the vaccination session at school on Monday 7th October.

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

Thank you!

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.

Our first meeting of the term was last week. We will meet again on the **3rd and 17th October**, outside of the entrance to King's and will then gather inside the school for prayer.

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 whatsapp group which we will use to send prayer requests and meeting info. If you'd like to join this whatsapp group, or have questions about the prayer group email:

amanda.roberts81@hotmail.co.uk

Historians of the Fortnight

Esther G is our Historian of the Fortnight! Esther receives this award for all the hard work she put into her studies for Elizabethan England over the summer break. Her Elizabeth mock blew me away with the level of detail and her evaluation of the hypothesis statement. Esther's confidence on paper has grown tenfold over the past year and has been a joy to read. Keep up such a fantastic effort Esther, we are all so pleased for you.

Well done Esther!

Mia K is our Historian of the Fortnight! Mia receives this award for her excellent Elizabeth mock which was an impressive read. Mia is clearly an industrious worker with a strong detail for contextual knowledge. She has been a joy to teach so far this term and always responds well to feedback. For these reasons she is well respected and liked by her peers who join me in celebrating her success.

Well done Mia!





Update on Food Standards Agency Notice – Peanut Contamination

As advised to parents and carers, earlier this week. The Food Standards Agency is advising people with a peanut allergy to avoid consuming foods that contain or may contain mustard, mustard power or mustard flour, as they may have been contaminated with peanuts.

Our catering team have a list of students with nut allergies and a list of products that are on sale which contain and may contain mustard ingredients. The team have been briefed to check with students who have nut allergies, that they do not purchase items that include mustard ingredients. A list of these items is currently on display in the catering area and students have been briefed by their tutors.

Our catering provider has confirmed that they have not received recall or withdrawal notices for any of their products. They are working with their suppliers ensure that there is no association between their core ingredients and the implicated distributors. Information received to date is that there is no association with these distributors. They are hopeful by the start of next week they will be able to remove all precautions and resume normal service.

As a reminder, we are a nut and sesame free school. When sending your child/children in with packed lunch/snacks with pre-packaged food items, please check the ingredients to ensure the product doesn't include either nuts or sesame seeds. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please email admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Macmillan Cake Morning

After the success of last year, King's are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday, 11th October. Cakes will be sold to students and staff to raise money for this brilliant charity. If you would like to contribute either a store or home baked savoury or sweet, please bring in to school on the morning of Thursday, 10th or Friday 11th. Please note, we are a no nut school and please can anything home baked come with an ingredient list attached.

We are again having a Macmillan drip cake raffle baked by Mrs Cager. Tickets are £1 each and can be

paid via Parent Pay. Photos of last year's cakes chosen by our winners are below.

Thanks in advance for your continued support of our school community.

Mrs Cager





Food & Nutrition

The year 7's made Crudities this week, practicing their knife skills and food presentation.











Design Technology

This week Year 9 students have been working on their mitre joints to create a picture frame.







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

Year 12 Barista Training and Team Building

On Thursday and Friday this week the Year 12 enjoyed two days of Barista training which resulted in them gaining an AQA certificate. The students covered drinks menus, sensory development, espresso extraction and more! It also offered an opportunity for the students to gain additional personal skills and awareness whilst still keeping all the content centered on coffee.

The training was provided by Pro Baristas who are located in the centre of Brighton. Pro Baristas





Sixth Form

We have been visiting lots of local schools to recruit the next Year 12 students. It has been great to meet so many parents and students.





<u>Potential Medical Students October Monthly Lecture – Wednesday 2 October</u>

October's monthly lecture is 'Live and Breathe Anatomy: Let's shout about it!' from Luke Reid.

In October's monthly lecture, Luke Reid will lead an exploration of how anatomical education and research influences medicine. We will take a deep dive into the larynx, an organ that allows you to live, breathe and shout.

Luke is the Deputy Head of Anatomy at Brighton and Sussex Medical School, and has experience in teaching gross anatomy, neuroanatomy, embryology, and histology across to undergraduate and postgraduate clinical and science programmes. His research interests are centred around computational airflow analysis of the upper aerodigestive tract, with a focus on the laryngeal airway and inducible-laryngeal obstruction.

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

Webinar Registration - Zoom



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

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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

Pro: Direct Academy Brighton Open Evening DATE: Wednesday 9th October

TIME: 6pm - 7:30 pm Locations: University of Sussex

If you would like to sign up for the event, please fill in the Google Forms document below -

Pro: Direct Academy Brighton Open Evening - SIGN UP

SupaJam

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



SupaJam Brighton Open Evening

Wed, 09 Oct | SupaJam Brighton

Dv8 Sussex Open Days.

Year 11 - Interested in Games, Media or Music?

The Dv8 Sussex Open Days will take place at the following times:

Wednesday 9th October 5pm - 7pm

Saturday 12th October 10am - 12am

https://www.dv8sussex.com/year-11-openevents-24-25/

In-house Open Day - AM

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

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

Careers Information—Year 10 - Year 13

Students in Year 10 to 12

Attending a Free Virtual Get Into Medicine or Dentistry conference is incredibly beneficial! At the conference, students get a detailed overview of the medical/dental application process, learn about the UCAS changes, and receive access to resources that will help prepare them for medical and dental school. Plus, they'll gain valuable insights from Doctors and medical students as they share their experiences in medical school and the NHS. And the best part? All students receive a certificate of attendance to showcase their preparation for medical/dental school!

Our upcoming Get Into Medicine conferences are:

- Saturday 5th October from 9:30am 3:30pm
- Sunday 6th October from 9:30am 3:30pm
- Saturday 26th October from 9:30am 3:30pm

Register here: https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjv0

Our upcoming Get Into Dentistry conference is:

- Sunday 10th November from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Register here: https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrBuiR7SBAcC19kE

The Get into Medicine/Dentistry Conferences are a complete guide to the medical or dental application journey. Students get essential insights into the medical/dental UCAS application process (such as the NEW personal statement structure), connect with professionals, fellow students, and gain a deeper understanding of a future career in medicine or dentistry.

Students and parents can register for free here:

Medicine: https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjv0 Dentistry: https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrBuiR7SBAcC19kE

Students will need to ensure they have a functioning camera and microphone for the session. It's also important that they have a parent or guardian present at these conferences, not only for safeguarding, but also to gain insight and guidance to support them effectively.

Our doctors, dentists and medical/dental students look forward to welcoming your students at the conference and they will join our network of successful students who attended these programmes over the last ten years: https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/

NHS Work Experience for Aspiring Allied Healthcare Students

Register here: https://
alliedhealthmentor.org/nhshealthcare-careers-virtual-workexperience/



For more information on the University Fair—click the below link:

iVent Pro - Venue (ivent-pro.com)



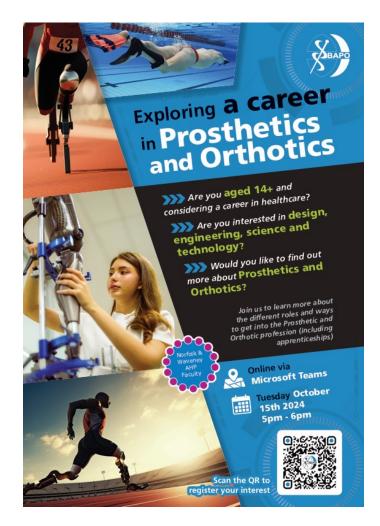
Wednesday 16 October, 4-6:30pm

The fair to help you choose where to study, apply successfully, and prepare for university life





scan here to sign up





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