

Theme of the week:
Why do we need?....
Science

Dates for your Diary

Week Commencing Tuesday 3rd De- cember	Timetable week One
Monday 2nd De- cember	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th December	Charity Art Fair 5.30pm—8.00pm
Wednesday 4th December	Year 12 Parents Evening (online)
Saturday 7th December 10- 11.30am	King's Community Carols Rehearsal

**Please read on for details of our
Christmas events!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to watch the Winter Music Showcase last night and I hope that all of you who attended enjoyed it as well. We had our largest ever number of students participating and, as usual, we had a diverse group of performers from across every year group. The standard of the performances was consistently high, the programme was varied and engaging and our Chamber Choir seems to grow in confidence weekly. As ever, though, the most special aspect of the event was witnessing the way in which students supported each other. They are always a cohesive team and ensure that everyone who performs gets the same positive reception and supportive words. I am so grateful to Mrs Brennan (Head of Music) and Ms Woods for all that they do to encourage, inspire and support our musicians in school.

Thank you also to the PTA for providing refreshments for sale during the Winter Showcase. The PTA are always looking for more members to support their work in school. You do not have to make an onerous commitment. Even if you could just spare an hour or two during the course of the school year we would love to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to reach out via pta@kingschoolhove.org.uk if you are able to offer any time.

A reminder that Monday 2nd December is an INSET day and the school will be closed to all students on this date. Students should return to school as usual on the morning of Tuesday 3rd December.

December is always a busy time in schools and we have lots of lovely Christmas events running in the build up to the Christmas holiday. Please read on in this newsletter to find a round up of key dates for your diaries.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Price

Student of the Week

Year 8	Jack A in 8B as he is always well mannered and consistently acts in accordance with our school values.
Year 9	Etta P for fantastic work in science.
Year 10	Hannah D for hard work in History.



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.



Brighton Girls MTB Network: Social Ride at Stanmer Park - 8th December

Our next ride is [live and ready for you to book your spot on eventbrite!](#)

5 reasons to get your riders out there on 8th December for an autumnal ride

1. Our sessions are FREE! And bikes and helmets are available to borrow for free too!
2. The trails are quieter this time of year, so you get some great riding in and build up those skills
3. You'll get to see the woods in a whole new light while the leaves have fallen
4. A beautiful feeling of knowing you've been out in all seasons. Some call it feeling smug, you can call it whatever you fancy!
5. Hot chocolate as a treat from us at the end!

So what are you waiting for? Book your free spot [here!](#) Also make sure you check out the future dates for your diary at the bottom of the page; we've got a film night and another ride coming up in January!

As always, we're here to answer questions and always happy to have a chat.

We hope to see you soon!

Brighton & Hove Girls MTB Network



King's School Christmas 2024 Events

We have several school events planned to celebrate the Christmas season. We would especially like to invite parents, carers and wider members of the King's community our **King's Community Carols**, held at St Leonard's Church, Hove on Wednesday 11th December at 6pm. More information about these events will be communicated home nearer to the time, but for now our key dates are below.



Date	Event
Monday 9 th December - Wednesday 11 th December	Advent Prayer Space <i>Off the Fence will be running our annual Advent Prayer Space. This provides students with an opportunity to engage in a range of activities that lead to prayer and/or reflection at a very busy time of year.</i>
Wednesday 11 th December 6.00pm-7.00pm	King's Community Carols at St Leonard's Church, Hove <i>We would love to welcome all parents, carers and wider members of the King's community to this event. This will also include a community choir piece. If you would like to join us in singing we will have two rehearsals this year on Monday 25th November 5.00-6.30pm and Saturday 7th December 10.00-11.30am, both on the school site.</i>
Monday 16 th December	Whole school Carol Services at Bishop Hannington Church <i>These services, during the school day, are for our students only. Students will be walked down to Bishop Hannington Church from school for a carol service and dismissed from there.</i>
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day <i>We will be serving Christmas lunch on the penultimate day of term. We will also be taking the opportunity to fundraise for local charities through our Christmas Jumper Day. Please use the link in your child's ParentPay account.</i>

Reverse Advent Calendar

As part of our outreach to our local community during Advent we have historically run a reverse Advent calendar, collecting items local charities. Once again this year, we are asking for donations for our local foodbank, run out of Oasis church. In addition, we would also like to support the work of **Fresh Start Community Association** whose Christmas Cheer Project, provides hampers of food and presents to families and individuals facing challenging circumstances in the city. You can find out more about these projects on the Brighton and Hove Food Partnership website

[Oasis Foodbank – Brighton and Hove Food Partnership \(bhfood.org.uk\)](http://bhfood.org.uk)

and the Freshstart webpage

<https://www.freshstartbrighton.org.uk/christmas-cheer.html>



For our reverse advent calendar this year we would like students to bring in donations of toiletries, non-perishable food items (particularly those that could go in a Christmas Hamper) or a new gift for an individual of any age. We will be collecting items between 4th December and 17th December. Items will be collected in form rooms and gathered together at the end of term to be given to the charities.

We know that some families may be unable to make a contribution. If any student would like to participate but cannot provide an item, they would be welcome to collect an item to donate from Mrs Vincent's office. If you would like to make a financial donation, please do so through the ParentPay link in your child's account. Financial contributions will be split evenly between these two charities.

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 [Best Next Steps - Colleges and FE application portals \(padlet.com\)](#)



King's School Sixth Form



WELCOME TO KING'S SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

Where students benefit from exceptional high-quality teaching, personalised academic support, and expert careers/further education advice.

We ensure that the pastoral care we provide for our Sixth Formers is outstanding and each individual is very much part of the school, whilst enjoying increasing independence.

WHY CHOOSE KING'S SIXTH FORM?

UNIQUE

- We have the best academic performance of any state secondary school in the city.
- Local centre of excellence and top-quality teaching and learning.
- We offer students experiences that will help them access prestigious courses using our many links in the fields of medicine, technology and business. We have many links in the fields of medicine, technology and business. If you are bright and ambitious and want to benefit from these opportunities, we are the place for you!
- Professional Barista training to every student.
- Leadership opportunities in the Sixth Form and the wider school community.

SUPPORTIVE

- We have a genuinely holistic Sixth Form offer where we value enrichment and support students to gain work experience in part-time employment and employer encounters.
- We aim to develop rounded, confident and employable young adults.
- Expert and personalised support on UCAS applications and personal statement writing.
- Support with applying for high profile apprenticeships, personal careers interviews with an independent advisor.

ASPIRATIONAL FOR ALL

- We offer experiences that help our students access prestigious courses and have many links in the fields of medicine, technology and business.
- Using our unique partnerships, we offer every student who comes here the opportunity to meet high profile individuals and businesses, to visit places of work, and to access study opportunities related to these fields.

- Links with Oxbridge colleges including trips and visits.
- The opportunity to complete the EPQ project that is tailored to your interests and passions - this is highly valued by universities.
- First class post-results service to help with university applications and clearing.

WHAT OUR CURRENT SIXTH FORM STUDENTS ARE SAYING

- An excellent learning environment;
- Individual support;
- Opportunities for quiet study;
- Smaller class sizes allowing for personalised lessons;
- Motivation from subject staff to succeed and develop academically and personally;
- Exciting extracurricular events including Barista training and celebrating individuals through cultural week.

A LEVEL COURSES

Choosing the right courses is crucial to success in the sixth form. Through discussions with our Sixth Form team and understanding your higher education and/or employment aspirations we can advise students about suitable subject combinations available.

• <i>Fine Art</i>	• <i>Further Mathematics</i>
• <i>Biology</i>	• <i>Media Studies</i>
• <i>Business</i>	• <i>Music</i>
• <i>Chemistry</i>	• <i>Physics</i>
• <i>Computer Science</i>	• <i>Psychology</i>
• <i>Drama</i>	• <i>Religious Studies</i>
• <i>Economics</i>	• <i>Sociology</i>
• <i>English Literature</i>	• <i>Spanish</i>
• <i>French</i>	• <i>EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)</i>
• <i>Geography</i>	
• <i>History</i>	
• <i>Mathematics</i>	

Sixth Form

FACILITIES

Our Sixth Form facilities provide a superior working environment, including a quiet study room with study booths, a Sixth Form library, and an area for focused collaborative learning. Students have access to the latest ICT equipment, Wi-Fi and mobile device charging for their continuous use. Students have their own Deli Bar within the Sixth Form social room, which opens onto an exclusive garden area for relaxing in. Students can also make use of all the school facilities, including a gym, sports hall, and specialist classrooms.

ENRICHMENT

We understand students select a Sixth Form on the strength of its extracurricular and enrichment offer, as well as the academic courses, and we are committed to providing individuals with a holistic education. We offer a wide programme of extracurricular opportunities including the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Barista training and trips across the UK and abroad, for example Iceland, to enrich their education and enable students to make lifelong memories.

PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT

Transitioning to Sixth Form requires students to adapt to a new culture and study habits, as well as learning to balance their studies with their social lives and other responsibilities.

At King's Sixth Form, students are assigned a personal tutor for support and guidance, having regular one to one mentoring sessions. These include sessions in PSHE, careers guidance, study skills and current affairs. The school emphasises getting to know students personally to provide comprehensive support for their academic and pastoral needs.

TRAVEL

Students travel via the extensive bus service across East & West Sussex. The sixth form is easily accessible from the A27, where there is plenty of free local parking nearby and bike racks for secure storage.

DRESS CODE

Students in the King's Sixth Form are not expected to wear a uniform, however, are required to adhere to a dress code which supports your status as role models and leaders in the learning environment.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a scheme to help students facing financial hardship to continue in full-time education after Year 11. To qualify, a student must be aged 16 to 19 on 31st August at the start of the academic year in which they start a programme of study; they must also be on a full-time programme of study. Laptops are provided for students in receipt of financial support.

RESULTS AND OFSTED

As a free school, within a Multi-Academy Trust, we are experienced in growing our school and ensuring we are successful at all stages of expansion. King's School has been very successful in GCSE results, and we are confident that this success will be replicated at A Level. In our most recent set of GCSE exams students at King's demonstrated excellent progress and achieved highly across the curriculum, securing the best GCSE results in Brighton and Hove. 41% of all GCSE grades were at Grade 7+ and our Progress 8 score was well above the national average. Students from our first cohorts are now studying in a range of well-regarded universities, including Oxbridge. Since opening in 2013, King's has had three successful Ofsted inspections, with the most recent one in March 2022 praising the school for delivering a good standard of education, outstanding behaviour and attitudes, and outstanding personal development.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

At King's School we believe in giving all students opportunities to develop their leadership skills. All students have the opportunity to pastorally mentor lower school students and to sign up to provide subject support within the classroom. We also provide a wealth of opportunities for serving within the school and in the local community, giving you plenty to talk positively about in UCAS statements.

FUTURE PROGRESSION AND CAREERS

We provide truly bespoke advice and support for your steps post A-Level, whether you are looking to apply to university, to take up an apprenticeship, or to enter the world of work. We have a very experienced staff team, including Oxbridge alumni, and we prepare students comprehensively for Russell Group university applications, including Oxbridge. We will use the online platform 'Unifrog' to support our careers advice and guidance and ensures that every Sixth Former is fully supported in the exciting decisions they take about their future after King's.

APPLYING AND NEXT STEPS

Students applying for King's Sixth Form require at least 5 GCSEs at grade 5-9, including English and Mathematics. There will also be a specific entry grade required for specific subjects and these are detailed in our Course Guide available on our website. Applications can be submitted on-line at www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk.

All candidates, both internal and external, will be invited to discuss course options in the Sixth Form. Success in the Sixth Form needs you to make a firm commitment to your future. It is rooted in hard work and having a positive attitude to learning; we want students who will attend consistently and who are committed to their courses and programmes of study. If you are ambitious and want to benefit from these opportunities, King's Sixth Form is the place for you! For more information and how to apply, please view our website www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk or email sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk



Scan QR code to visit kingsschoolhove.org.uk

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sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk
www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk

King's School, Hangleton Way, Hove, BN3 8BN

Apply Here King's School Hove

We have reminded Year 11 students this week, that it is really important that they apply for at least two sixth form providers, to keep their options open.

YEAR 11, APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN TO KING'S SIXTH FORM!

*Apply as soon as possible to secure your place.
Any questions please email sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk*

[HTTPS://KINGS.RET.SYSTEMS/APPLICATION /LOGIN](https://kings.ret.systems/application/login)

Christmas Catering

FANTASTIC FESTIVE FOOD

**Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18th December**

Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets
Vegan Soya Bean & Cranberry Wellington
Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas
& Gravy

Followed by

Traditional Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce
Vegan Chocolate & Orange Brownie
Festive White Chocolate Confetti Cookie

**IT'S BEGINNING TO
TASTE A LOT LIKE
CHRISTMAS**

FANTASTIC FESTIVE FOOD

12 Days of Christmas

Thurs 28 Nov – Brie and Cranberry Ciabatta
Fri 29 Nov – Homemade Mince Pie
Mon 2 Dec – Onion Bhaji Wrap / Giant Pig in Blanket
Tues 3 Dec – Cranberry & White Chocolate Muffin
Weds 4 Dec – Butternut Squash Aranchi Bauble
Thurs 5 Dec – Chocolate Orange Chelsea Bun
Fri 6 Dec – Turkey, Bacon & Stuffing Panini
Mon 9 Dec – Xmas Tree Croissant
Tues 10 Dec – Christmas Baguette
Weds 11 Dec – Christmas Tree Gingerbread
Thurs 12 Dec – Cranberry & Black Pepper Sausage Roll
Fri 13 Dec – Viennese Mince Pie

**IT'S BEGINNING TO
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This week we had a tasting table with cheese wreaths, chocolate wreaths and white chocolate & cranberry muffins. All of which are part of our 12 days of Christmas.



Kings School Impact Food Group



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WITHIN THE

SCHOOL



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KING'S ART FAIR

4th December 2024 5.30-8pm



A wide range of established, award winning and local artists have kindly donated their work to raise funds for this vital cause. Art includes paintings, giclée prints, mixed media, photographs, ceramics, cards (and cake!).

**All monies raised go to
Médecins Sans Frontières
to support humanitarian work in Gaza**

Payment and donations via
justgiving.com/campaign/kingschoolcharityartfair

Event address: Hangleton Way, Hove BN3 8BN



Rolls Royce Apprenticeship Applications

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars are holding **two apprenticeship info webinars** in December and apprenticeship applications open on January 7th for Students in Year 11 and 13.



APPRENTICESHIPS 2025

We are recruiting in the following areas:

Level 2

- Interior Trim Centre (Lean Manufacturing)
- Vehicle Production (Lean Manufacturing)
- Industrial Sewing (Lean Manufacturing)
- Interior Surface Centre, Wood (Lean Manufacturing)

Level 3

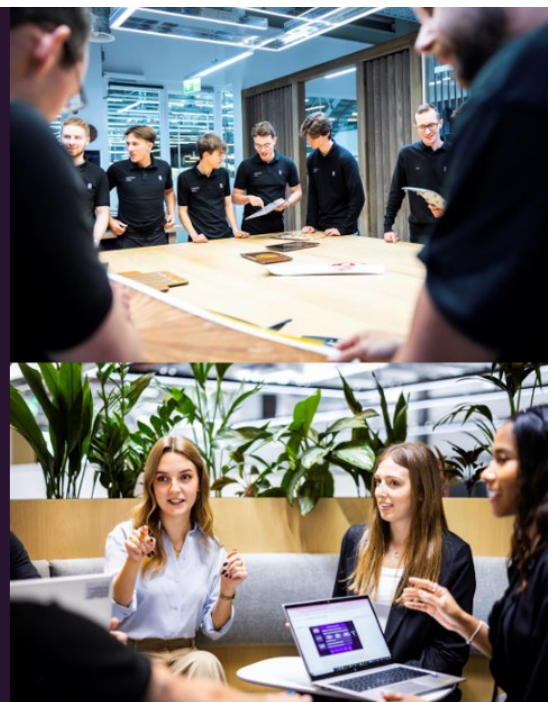
- Exterior Surface Centre (Paint Damage)
- Vehicle Paint Engineering and Maintenance
- Metrology (Metrology Technician)

Level 6

- Production Control and Distribution (Project Management)
- Technical Planning Apprentice, Interior Trim Centre (Manufacturing Engineer)



ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR CARS APPRENTICE RECRUITMENT INFORMATION



APPRENTICESHIPS 2025

The levels explained:

Level 2

- Equivalent to GCSE, a great place to start a career in a production area. These apprenticeships are typically 2 years long. For apprentices who excel and meet the required criteria, progression to a higher level apprenticeship may be offered.

Level 3

- Equivalent to A-Levels, this is classed as intermediate/advanced and is usually for more technical roles like maintenance. These apprenticeships are typically 3-4 years long. For apprentices who excel and meet the required criteria, progression to a higher level apprenticeship may be offered.

Level 6

- Equivalent to a degree, these are usually for more office-based roles in Sales, Engineering and Project Management. These apprenticeships are typically 4-5 years long.



JOIN OUR WEBINARS TO FIND OUT MORE...

Use the QR Codes below to register:

Tuesday 3rd December 6-7pm



Wednesday 18th December 6-7pm



The Wellbeing Hub



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BLOG



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This week's content

Week commencing 2nd December

BLOG: Deep fakes - "It's not actually me - it's an AI image"...challenges and solutions for schools by Karl Hopwood, Independent Online Safety Expert

Read now: club.teentips.co.uk

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Corridor Projects are delighted to let you know about our upcoming free creative programme.

The Wonder Club

Free, for ages 13 – 18

Join the next Wonder Club starting this November for young people interested in experimental filmmaking and visual arts.

Explore early filmmaking with Chahine Fellahi and other guest artists. Fuse analogue and digital and rekindle the spirit of discovery, enchantment and innovation that marked the early days of filmmaking.

Saturdays (11am - 3pm) at Hove Museum of Creativity:

Saturday 23 November

Saturday 14 December

Saturday 11 January

Saturday 22 February

Saturday 15 March

Register at: <https://forms.gle/VvjiweniSwUXzCbb6>

Find out more at <https://www.corridorprojects.org.uk/days-of-wonder>

Raising money to enrich and expand our students' experiences.

Visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kings-school-fund> or click on this image to be taken to the page.

Every donation has an impact on a student's education experience.

Thank you for your support



King's School Fund



FOOD SOS CAMPAIGN ENCOURAGES FOOD DONATIONS AND SUPPORT IN THE LEAD UP TO CHRISTMAS

The Brighton & Hove Food Partnership has revealed that more than 6,300 people rely on food banks, social supermarkets, and community meal providers each week. This includes working adults, 1,400 children, and nearly 660 pensioners.

This snapshot from the recent Emergency Food Network (EFN) report only reflects figures from school holidays, meaning even more children could be in need during term time.

The FOOD SOS campaign was launched in response to the cost of living crisis in 2022. Its purpose is to encourage those who can afford it to donate to their local food bank while also offering useful links to local support for those experiencing food insecurity. Unfortunately, the situation has not improved, and the recent EFN report cites a drop in donations from supermarket bins and larger surplus food donations coordinated by organisations like [Fareshare](#).

A perfect storm has been brewing for quite some time, with the number of people in need of food support starting to outweigh the available food donations. Currently, many food banks are dipping into their own funds to make up the shortfall, but this cannot continue indefinitely.

Join us in supporting our community as part of the city-wide #FoodSOS campaign to increase donations to local food banks and projects.

Here's how you can help:

Convince your workplace to have a food donation collection – [click here](#) for more info.

- **Fundraise** for your local food bank or project.

Spread the word about the current food insecurity plight and encourage friends and family to donate next time they pass a food donation collection bin.

For more information on how to support the FOOD SOS campaign, please visit <https://bhfood.org.uk/foodsos/>. If you are experiencing food insecurity, please visit <https://bhfood.org.uk> and go to our 'Emergency Food' page for a list of helpful links and contacts to support you through this challenging time.

London Mavericks Netball Team are coming to the Brighton Centre next year on Sunday 6th April to play a NSL game against Birmingham Panthers.

Supporters will be able to book tickets for the Brighton Centre fixture when the 'Priority Window' opened on 28th November. Fans who book during this window, which runs until 12th December, will be rewarded with a 15% discount. Tickets will go on general sale at standard prices in the new year.

See the link below to register interest for tickets:

[London Mavericks](#)



Adult cycle training courses in Brighton & Hove



Whether you're a complete beginner looking to start cycling or a regular cyclist who want to brush up on their skills, our instructors will tailor a cycle training session to suit you.

We offer one to one or small group training courses

For details of adult courses please visit

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/city-cycling-skills-and-training

For further information please email east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk

