

Theme of the week:
Why do we need?....
The Humanities

Dates for your Diary

Week Commencing	Timetable week
Tuesday 7th January	Two
Monday 6th January	INSET Day (school closed for students)
Tuesday 7th January	First day of term
Thursday 9th January	Year 9 Options Evening, 5:30-6:30pm in school

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have enjoyed celebrating the run up to Christmas with students in school this week. It was wonderful to take every student out of school to Bishop Hannington Church for Carol Services on Monday and we are very grateful to the church for accommodating us for these services. Our Chamber Choir and Orchestra did a fantastic job of leading the music and a range of students from across the school participated in readings and leading prayer. The opportunity to take some time out of school to reflect and be together as a community at Christmas time was very special.

Over 400 students enjoyed a Christmas lunch in school on Wednesday this week and I am very grateful to our wonderful catering team, led by Gilly Minall, for all the time and effort that goes into making this possible for students every year. Thank you for supporting the day by making charity donations to enable students to wear non-school uniform and thank you also for the goods that were donated for food banks and parcels at this time of year. As ever, we had a fantastic response to our appeal for donations.

It has been a long term and students have worked hard. I know that they are very ready for a break now - as are their teachers! I hope you all enjoy a wonderful, restful, and joyful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming your children back to school for the start of the new year.

A final reminder that students return for an 8:30am start as normal on Tuesday 7th January.

Mrs Price

Support over the Christmas period

We recognise that the Christmas break can be difficult for many families and we want to ensure that people who need support know where to access help. You will find below a list of services that may be helpful to you, or a family you may know, over the Christmas break. Our Safeguarding Team are in school until we break up on Thursday 19th December so please do get in touch with them via the dsl@kingsschoolhove.org.uk should you wish discuss any matter with them ahead of the break.

Mental Health Support for adults and children:

[Brighton and Hove Wellbeing Service - urgent support](#)

[Samaritans](#)

Child Protection:

[Childline](#)

[Front Door for Families Brighton - if you are worried about a child](#)

Food banks:

<http://www.brightonfoodbank.org.uk/>

<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://bhfood.org.uk/>

Domestic Abuse:

[Women's Gateway Brighton](#)

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/adult-social-care/keep-people-safe/help-domestic-abuse>

[Rise - freedom from domestic abuse](#)

Alcohol and Drug Addiction:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/alcohol-or-drug-misuse>

<https://www.oasisproject.org.uk/>

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We need RPbecause

It helps us to make sense of the world around us and our place within it. Studying religion and philosophy allows us to critically think about our own values, morality and place in the world while learning and exploring other faith perspectives and philosophies. RP equips us with valuable learning tools and skills that help us in our other subjects as well as in real life conversations and encounters. We also need RP to help us to be tolerant and respectful of each other while giving us all a safe space to think about what we believe.

Why is the Study of History Important?

History is more than just the study of the past—it is the key to understanding the present and shaping the future. By examining the triumphs and challenges of those who came before us, students develop critical thinking skills, empathy, and the ability to analyse complex issues. History helps us make sense of the world we live in, fostering a deeper appreciation for diverse cultures, beliefs, and ideas. It empowers young people to become informed citizens, capable of making thoughtful decisions and contributing to society. Studying history is not just about facts and dates; it's about learning how to question, debate, and explore, making it an essential foundation for success in education and life.

At King's we believe that knowledge is power, encouraging the enquiry based lessons to drive learning and encourage young people to ask questions about the world around them.



Christmas Bauble Winners



A huge thank you for all of the Christmas Bauble competition entries. We have enjoyed looking at them all over last few weeks and they have made the office feel very festive!

The winners are:

Year 7 - Riley U 7G & Julia C 7B

Year 8 - Eve B-S 8B

Year 9 - Martyna D 9G

Year 11 - Maebh A 11G

Most Brighton - Claudia H 7B

Most Colourful - Ismail R-V 7E

Most King's - Sophie C 9P



Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to all the students who entered our Christmas Card Competition.

Congratulations to Hazel G in Year 8 for her winning design! Please see Hazel's design and some other fantastic entries. Well done all!



Hazel G 8R



Kieran I 9G



Martyna D 9G



Bonnie F 9R



Madison S 10G



Sophie M year 13



Yaa A-O 7E

Christmas Lunch 2024

On Wednesday this week Staff and students enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch of roast turkey/vegan cranberry wellington with roast potatoes and vegetables followed by a choice of traditional Christmas pudding or white chocolate confetti cookie.

As is part of King's tradition, the students were given crackers as part of the lunch - this year our finance team sourced plastic free/ecofriendly crackers which the students enjoyed pulling and then wearing their hats through service.

A huge thanks to our talented catering team who work tirelessly through the year to cater for our students and staff.



Art Fair

The Art Fair on December 4th 2024 raised **£2933.50** for Médecins Sans Frontières to support their current humanitarian work in Gaza.

MSF said they were extremely grateful for our donation and wanted me to extend their thanks to you all. I asked MSF what that money represented in terms of the work they do.

£2,933.50 could;

- Cover the cost of an MSF doctor working a hospital for five weeks.
- Cover an entire course of TB treatment for 44 patients.
- Provide 1 years worth of anti-retroviral therapy for 41 patients with HIV.

I wanted to express my gratitude to all, for their support with the Art Fair especially to the artists (and cake makers), who donated their fabulous work (that sells for hundreds even thousands of pounds). Thank you to all the parents and carers, teachers, friends, neighbours and ex parents and family who bought art, cakes, cards or, just donated.

We could not have staged this event without the support of our students who helped prepare and disassemble the fair especially many students in year 8 and year 9.

A special thanks to Elissia Year 11, Rosa Year 10, Nell Year 8, Akim year 8, Ronnie year 10 and Isabella Year 10 who gave up their time on the evening, stayed for the whole event, and represented our school beautifully.

On the night we had staff, students, artists, parents, ex parents, prospective parents, family, friends, and neighbours attend- it was a lovely community event where people united to support the amazing work of this charity.

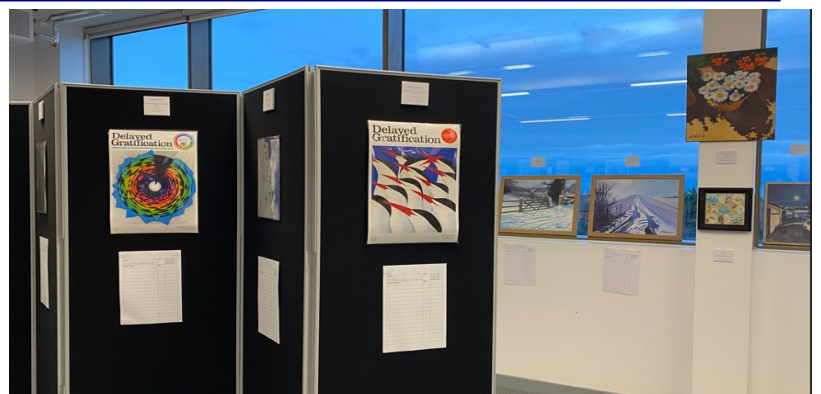
We didn't have time to take photos on the night, but here are some before and after photos of the event.

We all pulled together as a school community to make this event a success and this makes me very proud that I work at and am a part of this special school community.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas.

Ms O'Sullivan

Head of Art



Sport - Term Two Round up

Half term Girls football round up (Term 2)

This half term I placed emphasis on the Year 7 team, we took the first half-term to create interest and begin training, now was their turn to play as a team. It was also a chance for some of the older pupils to step into coach and match day manager roles.

This half-term the players had training sessions lead by myself as well as drills taken by their peers, there was even one session where 3 year 8 players put their expertise to use and coached specific areas of the game. Gabby R focussed on attacking play, Nell M looked at defence and Erin H put the goalkeepers through their paces. All sections then came back together at the end of the session to play a match.

Matches played so far this year:

Date	Year group	Who (Where)	Competition	Result
24/09/24	KS4	Patcham (A)	Cup	7-0 L
27/09/24	KS3	PACA (A)	League	2-1 W
14/10/24	KS3	Peacehaven CS (H)	Cup & League	3-1 W
05/11/24	Y7	Dorothy Stringer (A)	Cup	5-1 L
12/11/24	Y7	Longhill (A)	League	Win by walkover
21/11/24	Y7	PCS (A)	League	9-1 W
27/11/24	Y7	Hove Park (A)	League	6-1 W
09/12/24	KS3	Dorothy Stringer (A)	League	1-0 W

Cancelled Fix- tures	KS4	PCS	League	Withdrawn from the league, due to cup success
	KS4	PACA	League	Not enough players to field a team

Upcoming fixtures:

28/01/25	KS3	Longhill (A)	Cup (Quarter final)
25/02/25	KS3	Brighton Girls School (H)	League

Still to arrange:

Y7	Brighton Girls School	League
KS4	Longhill	League

Match reports:

05/11/24 – Year 7 – Dorothy Stringer – Cup – Away

This was the first game for the Year 7 team, we went to the fixture without a striker, some of the squad unavailable and having not even managing to train as a 9-a-side team. Although the final result was a loss for the team, they learned a lot about each other, I learned a lot about them and discovered a budding striker (Loralee) and a new goalkeeper (Kendall), within the team.

Stringer always field a strong, well drilled team and this team had already played a few fixtures. The King's players were resilient throughout, they began linking really well along the wings and worked well together as a unit. The whole team remained positive and supported each other throughout the whole match, keeping their heads high and ultimately working the ball well up the field for Lorelee to score our only goal of the game.

Player of the match : Lorelee G

12/11/24 – Year 7 – Longhill – League – Away

Unfortunately, Longhill School could not field a team against King's and therefore decided to forfeit the game. Therefore, King's take the 3 points for the game.

21/11/24 – Year 7 – PCS – League – Away

This was a freezing cold day and a long journey over to Peacehaven. The team were excited for another game but nervous due to the previous loss. The squad had been training well together, so there was a real sense of hope from the team.

Right from kick off the King's players showed their skill and enthusiasm, they linked exceptionally well down the wings and dominated the centre of midfield. The newly formed defensive line communicated well and protected the freezing Kendall in goal exceptionally well, had they not been as cohesive, Kendall may have had more to do and therefore not been as cold!

King's took a little time to settle but once they did the link up play from defence, to midfield and through to the forwards, was outstanding resulting in performance where the team dominated in every section of the pitch. At 13 minutes, Emi scored the first goal of the match and opened her scoring account at King's, 5 minutes later Stella opened her account too. Emi was having none of that and within 2 minutes scored her second. Another 3 minutes passed and Lorelee scored her first of the match, less than a minute later Stella was involved again with her second of the game. In the final minute of the half, with King's 5-0 up the team were awarded a penalty, it was decided that the centre-back, Maggie, would step up to take the kick. Maggie hit it hard and high, the ball scraped the underside of the crossbar, for a perfectly placed shot, the PCS goalie didn't have a hope of saving it.

With the first half finishing 6-0 to King's it may sound as though PCS weren't putting pressure on, this is not the case, PCS battled well and consistently found themselves in really strong attacking positions. The ever changing King's defence was marshalled well by Maggie and the many substitutions made in the defensive line did not negatively affect the team.

More goals were scored in the shorter, second half of the game with Isla getting on the score board 3 minutes into the half and Lorelee with her second 4 minutes later. PCS attacked hard and earned a penalty at 9 minutes in, which they converted. Then King's attacked hard again, earning a number of corners in quick succession from a barrage of shots. The most memorable being a near miss from Isla's audacious flick from a corner kick, she backheel flicked the ball up, over the defenders and the goalie, only for it to hit the top of the crossbar and leave the field of play for a goal kick.

Right at the end of the match Emi secured her hat-trick and the final goal in a 9-1 win over PCS. What a game, and what a very talented group of players we have in year 7.

Player of the match : Isla W

27/11/24 – Year 7 – Hove Park – League – Away – Match report by Gabby R (Year 8)

The year 7 girls had a brilliant match against Hove Park school. The girls came with a strong team and were ready for a win. The first half was strong and the defence, Maggie, Bethany, Poppy and Megan were not letting HPS have any chances. The midfield, Isla, Emi, Betsy and Stella were creating space, moving the ball quickly and playing it through for our attackers. Strikers, Orlaith and Lorelee worked together really well to score for the team.

It was 3 minutes into the first half and a great ball was played through to Emi on the wing who had a great first touch and put in the back of the net, 1-0 Kings. 4 more brilliant goals were scored in the first half from Orlaith, Stella and 2 from Isla. The first half finished 5-0 to Kings and the girls were still ready for more goals.

In the second half the coaching team of Gabby, Erin and Nell made some changes in order to look at players out of position. The team started the second half strong again, but a loose ball was played through for HPS which they slotted into the goal. The girls remained resilient and kept their heads up and kept on going. A much tougher half, mainly due to the positional changes but, to seal the match, Isla slotted in another goal to make the final score 6-1 to Kings. Shout outs to Isla, Emi and Orlaith for scoring some amazing goals. Player of the match goes to Stella for great skill, determination and power.

Player of the match : Stella P-C

09/12/24 – KS3 – Dorothy Stringer – League – Away – Match report by Tearnna W (Year 10)

On Monday the 9th December there was a girls' football match for year 8 and 9 against Dorothy Stringer. The game was a very tight one with many shots from Stringer which our amazing year 8 goalkeeper Erin saved. Stringer had intentions on winning against us, but our unstoppable team didn't let that happen, especially our defenders. In defense we had Daisy who was absolutely brilliant at defending our goal along with her other defenders. We had a lot of fun playing the game in the freezing cold and rain, winning 1-0 thanks to Gabby in year 8 who scored a brilliant goal, with a cheeky chip of the goalie. Thanks for a brilliant game girls!

Player of the match : Daisy G

League tables:

Year 7 – top of the table with 1 game to go (still to book the fixture.)

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Kings	3	3	0	0	17	2	15	9
Brighton Girls	3	2	1	0	5	0	5	7
PCS	3	1	1	1	8	10	-2	4
Hove Park	3	1	0	2	4	8	-4	3
Longhill	4	0	0	4	2	16	-14	0

Year 8/9 (KS3) – top of the table with 1 game to go (25/02/25 @King's.)

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Kings	3	3	0	0	6	2	4	9
PCS	4	2	0	2	13	7	6	6
D Stringer	4	2	0	2	7	3	4	6
PACA	3	1	0	2	3	9	-6	3
Brighton Girls	2	0	0	2	1	9	-8	0

Year 10/11 (KS4) – top of the table with 1 game to go (still to book the fixture.)

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Kings	2	2	0	0	6	0	6	6
PCS	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
PACA	3	1	0	2	3	6	-3	3
Longhill	2	0	0	2	0	6	-6	0

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 7 on being the year group with the highest attendance for the Autumn Term - in particular 7R who finish the term on over 97%! More than 500 students in Yrs 7-11 have achieved above the school attendance target of 96% - that is fantastic!! Have a good relaxing break and keep up the good attendance next term!

History Club Bake Sale

Our History Club recently hosted a fantastic bake sale, raising an impressive £66! This money will go towards extending the resources available to students during our lunchtime History Club, ensuring they can enjoy a wider and more engaging learning experience.

The bake sale was a resounding success, with Rice Krispie cakes selling out in just five minutes! The stall also featured a delightful array of gingerbread Spitfire cookies, gooey brownies, and an assortment of beautifully decorated cupcakes. A particular highlight was Kian's alphabet chocolate delights, which were a huge hit and sold out entirely to our Year 10 GCSE cohort.

A huge well done to everyone involved and a special thanks to all the bakers and helpers who made the event possible. Your efforts continue to make History Club a vibrant and exciting part of our school community!



Macmillan Cake Raffle Winner 1: Joshua R and his

sister Gabriella

Joshua chose to order a yule log brownie with an oreo filling.

I have attached the link for the Yule Log Brownie recipe taken from Finch Bakery. There are a few options and suggestions - a great way to get in the festive spirit!

[Finch Bakery](#)



Historian of the Term

Guy M Year 7:

Guy is a fantastic historian! He has demonstrated enthusiasm for the subject in every lesson, keenly contributing to class discussions with his brilliant subject knowledge. Guy is a kind, positive student who works well with his peers. His written work showcases his dedication to the subject which has improved greatly since September. Keep up the hard work Guy and thank you for always asking his teacher Miss Wallace, how her day is going!

Rose L Year 8:

Rose has had an excellent term in History, showcasing her quietly confident approach and exceptional abilities. Her written work is incredibly well-articulated, demonstrating a deep understanding of the topics studied. This term, her strength in source analysis has truly shone, as she displayed remarkable critical thinking skills, particularly when evaluating the provenance of sources.

Her exercise book is a model of neatness, with all tasks completed to a consistently high standard. Rose's commitment extends beyond the classroom, as she regularly submits homework on time, always meeting the highest of expectations.

Rose is a talented historian whose dedication and precision set a fantastic example for her peers. Well done, Rose, on a superb term!

Alice B-S Year 9:

Alice is a dedicated, hard-working student who has made great progress in history so far this year. She contributes to class discussions with fantastic subject knowledge and articulation. Alice has worked hard at improving her explanation and her most recent assessment grade is a testament to this hard work. Alice's achievements extend beyond academically; she is a delight to have in the class. Her kind, thoughtful personality is greatly appreciated as well as her quietly confident approach to learning. King's history department would be lucky to have you in its GCSE cohort Alice! Well done for all your hard work this term!

Darcey H Year 10:

Congratulations to Darcey Hase, our Historian of the Term! Darcey has demonstrated remarkable dedication and enthusiasm for History, consistently working hard and making exceptional contributions to class discussions. Her willingness to read aloud and engage in debates has set a high standard for her peers, showcasing her growing confidence and passion for the subject.

Darcey's leadership skills shine through as she articulates her ideas with conviction, particularly in exploring themes of causation and significance. Her ability to present thoughtful and well-reasoned opinions has enriched our classroom discussions and inspired others to think critically.

This growth and determination were reflected in her recent assessment, where she achieved an outstanding grade 8. Well done, Darcey—your hard work and commitment are truly inspiring!

Carol Services

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

We have had a wonderful time celebrating the Christmas season at our Carol services at St Leonard's Church last Wednesday and Bishop Hannington Church on Monday. We sang carols, heard readings from the Bible and listened to some fantastic pieces performed by our choirs. A huge thank you is due to our wonderful music department team and to all the students involved in reading and singing.



Reverse Advent Calendar & Christmas Jumper Donations

Thank you for your incredible generosity this year for our reverse advent and Christmas jumper day.

We are delighted to have raised the following amounts:

For the Christmas Jumper – £686.00

For the Reverse Advent Calendar – £703.90

Donations will be shared equally between two important causes, Oasis church and the work of Fresh Start Community Association with their Christmas Cheer Project.



We also received lots of donations for toiletries, non-perishable food items and new gifts to support our local foodbank, run out of Oasis church and the work of Fresh Start Community Association with their Christmas Cheer Project.

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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

Year 11 Parents and Students - King's Sixth Form

Final Deadline to apply - Thursday 19th December.

Apply here [King's School Hove](#)

We look forward to receiving your application!

More details of courses can be found here

[King's School Hove](#)



It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. This guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.



Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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Creating an environment that nurtures mental health and wellbeing is a top priority at our school.

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— from Teen Tips — 

This week's content
Week commencing 23rd December
Top safety tips for parents and young people by The Wellbeing Hub

Read now: club.teentips.co.uk

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ART AND MEDIA SATURDAY CLUB

- + 1 February
- + 8 February
- + 15 February
- + Years 8 and 9
- + 10:30–13:00
- + City Campus

Take part in workshops on multiple subjects, exploring fashion textiles and communications and screen printing, with the theme of sustainability running throughout.

Priority is given to widening participation students.

More information outreach@brighton.ac.uk



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GEOGRAPHY, ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLUB

- + 1 February
- + 8 February
- + 15 February
- + Years 10 and 11
- + 10:00–13:00
- + Moulsecoomb Campus

Explore how we encounter nature locally and internationally, investigating people-nature interactions, look at the monitoring and mapping of wildlife movements, and get involved with forensic animal ecology.

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SPORTS SATURDAY CLUB

- + 1 February
- + 8 February
- + 15 February
- + Years 7 and 8
- + 10:00 – 14:00
- + Falmer Campus

Take part in exciting practical sport and sport science activities which will give you an insight into different ways you can pursue sport at university and as a career. Sessions will include a variety of sports activities and games, experiments in our sport labs, and challenges in our strength and conditioning suite.

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FORMULA 24 SATURDAY CLUB

- + 1 March
- + 15 March
- + 29 March
- + 12 April
- + Race day 27 April
- + Years 8 and 9
- + 10:00–14:00
- + Moulsecoomb Campus

Work in teams to build, test-drive and race a Formula 24 electric racing car. Take part in a variety of fun engineering activities and a local race heat against regional teams at Goodwood Motor Circuit.

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