



**Theme of the week:**  
**Big Questions**  
**Is there actually a God?**

### *Dates for your Diary*

<b>Week Commencing</b> <b>Monday 13th</b> <b>January</b>	Timetable week  One
<b>Thursday</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 11 Parents' Evening (4:30- 7:30pm; in person on site)
<b>Friday 17th January</b>	PTA Uniform Sale  3.15pm in the main hall
<b>Wednesday 29th</b> <b>January</b>	Year 9 Parents' Evening (4:30- 7:30pm; online)
<b>11th, 12th and 13th</b> <b>February</b>	Oliver! School Production

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful break over the Christmas period and have enjoyed the return to normal routines at the start of this new year. It has been fantastic to welcome back all the students this week and to see their excitement as they catch up with friends and settle back into their learning.

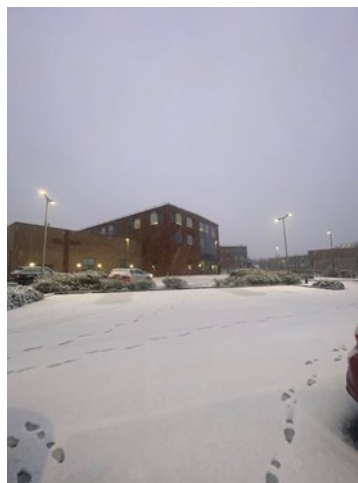
You may have heard of something called the 'Fairer Schools Index'. The Index was developed by The Northern Powerhouse Partnership think-tank and seeks to provide an alternative way of comparing schools' performance which factors in pupil demographics, ethnicity, and deprivation, alongside existing performance-based metrics. The think-tank developed the Index to try to remove some of the built-in bias against secondary schools teaching children from deprived areas in the Department for Education's performance league tables.

I am delighted to say that King's achieves a very strong ranking in this index, coming in at place 337 nationally. This makes us the best performing school in Brighton on the Index by some margin. Please find a news article on the Index if you would like to explore this in more detail: [Fairer Schools Index: See where your local schools rank with our interactive guide - Mirror Online](#)

As a staff team we seek to work holistically with every student, within our Christian ethos and values, to enable them to flourish and achieve their full potential, in spite of the obstacles they may face. We have a comprehensive intake of students and we are committed to ensuring that *every* student thrives and achieves highly with us. It is wonderful to have further recognition of the success of this approach.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Price



## Theme of the Week: Big Questions..... Is there actually a God?

This half term our themes of the week have been determined by Big Questions our students have posed. We hope that this term will give students the opportunity to consider big questions they might have, have the opportunity to think about how to articulate their opinions, to ask questions and discuss different perspectives. This week we have been looking at the question **Is there actually a God?** We have considered how Christians would respond to this question. We have also looked at how a range of people from other faiths and none might respond to this question.



## Attendance

"Welcome back! Well done to 8E and 10G for each achieving 100% attendance on one day this week - particularly as 10G achieved 100% on Thursday, despite the weather conditions! Keep it up!

## Student of the Week

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| <b>Year 7</b>  | Lucas W for an excellent start to the term, particularly in MFL. |
| <b>Year 8</b>  | Amy W for consistently demonstrating school values.              |
| <b>Year 10</b> | Alfie C for great effort in Maths.                               |
| <b>Year 11</b> | Jack W and May B for superb History work .                       |



## Year 9 Options

Last night we had our Options Information Evening. I hope you found this informative and useful.

All information from this is available on our website here: [King's School](http://www.kings-school.org). Here you can also find a copy of the options booklet (you should have received this digitally earlier this week - if you require a hard copy please copy the office via [admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk)). The timeline for this process is below. I would recommend students also take advantage of this time to discuss with their teachers what the GCSE courses are like in subjects they are interested in taking.

29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9 Parents' Evening.
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Deadline for the return of option choice forms
March	SLT interviews with students
April	Confirmation of choices

## Messages from the PTA



We are seeking new PTA members to join our team and help support the school community. The PTA plays a vital role in organising events, fundraising, and enhancing the experiences of the students. It is a fantastic opportunity to get involved, share ideas, and make a real difference.

Additionally, we would be grateful for donations of any unwanted Christmas gifts (brand new only) to be used as raffle prizes during the school production of Oliver! Donations can be sent to the school over the next few weeks.

We will be holding a used uniform sale on Friday 17th at 3.15pm in the main school hall. Please do come along to pick up some nearly new uniform at a very reasonable price

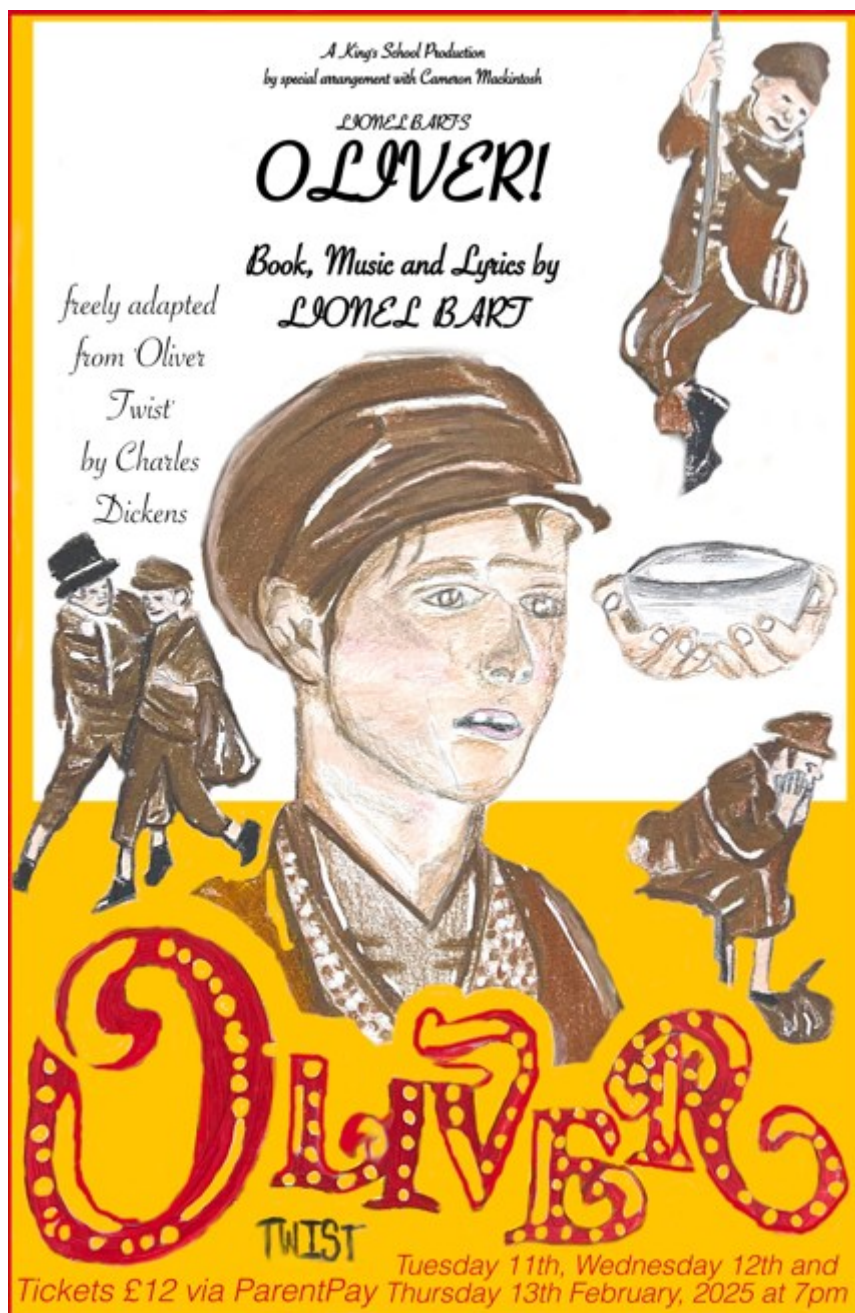
If you are interested in joining the PTA or have items to donate, please get in touch by emailing [pta@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:pta@kingsschoolhove.org.uk)

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

## OLIVER!

We are delighted to invite you to our next musical production of 'Oliver!' The show takes place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Main Hall, featuring classics such as 'Food Glorious Food' and 'I'd Do Anything'.

Tickets are on sale from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January for cast and band members only and from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January for everyone else. Please see ParentPay for details.



# KS3 Drama Lessons



## KS3 Drama lessons this term

Welcome back after the festive break! This term we will focus on the following key terms and vocabulary in Drama. It would be great if you could encourage your child to discuss these with you at home as the term progresses.



### Year 7

mood  
atmosphere  
movement  
physical theatre  
tension  
ensemble

### Year 8

melodrama/  
melodramatic  
exaggeration  
stock characters  
stereotype  
villain  
hero

### Year 9

practitioner  
Brecht/Brechtian  
Epic theatre  
verfremdungseffekt  
(alienation effect)  
technique  
placard

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Every donation has an impact on a student's education experience.  
Thank you for your support



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## Canopy

Our students have enjoyed using the new canopy that was installed over the Christmas period. The installation is in two phases; the main structure and the roof were finished over the holidays and the sides are being installed later this month. This wonderful new facility will seat around 90 students. As a temporary measure, we are using some of our existing outside tables for the seating area. In the coming weeks, we will be asking students for their ideas and preferences regarding permanent seating arrangements.



## 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](mailto: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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

The deadline has now passed for applications to King's Sixth form. If for any reason you were not able to meet the deadline, we are still considering applications. Please use the following link to apply.

[King's School - Sixth Form Apply](#)

Mrs Coles is meeting with all the students that have applied and is enjoying finding out about Year 11 students from across the city.

# UCAS

Year 13 are busy attending interviews and completing their UCAS forms. The final internal deadline is **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. Offers have started to come in from lots of different Universities across the country. For students lower down the school the website has a really good search tool to help students start to explore difference career options and subjects that they could study. There are 100s of options to explore! [UCAS | At the heart of connecting people to higher education](#)

A few of the Year 13 students are also starting to apply for apprenticeships. The government website is a good starting point to find out about the many different options available [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#). They are also starting to prepare for their second set of mocks which start after February half term.

## Information for students in years 10 to 12



Following their attendance at our Free Virtual Get Into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry conference, your students can speak directly to doctors, dentists and medical and dental students, unlocking a wealth of support:

- Gain valuable free medical/dental work experience
- Volunteer with us by helping raise money for the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund or BDA Benevolent Fund
- Access free weekly webinars to boost their wider-reading knowledge on ethics and current affairs
- Access to a free Study Skills and Revision E-learning that they can include for question 2 on personal statements
- Access medical/dental extracurricular activities to stand out
- Explore opportunities to apply for medical/dental school scholarships and awards
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the application process to become a doctor or dentist

Registration Link for the FREE Medical School conference and medical work experience: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Registration Link for the FREE Dental School conference and dental work experience: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

Students and parents will have the opportunity to learn about personal statements, entrance exams, interviews and meet some of our successful students to learn from their experiences. Following the conference all students will instantly be enrolled onto the free virtual work experience programme (with access to speak to doctors, dentists and current students alongside).

**Dates:**

**Get Into Medicine: Saturday 11th January 9:30am - 3:30pm or Saturday 25th January 9:30am - 3:30pm.**

**Get Into Dentistry: Sunday 12th January 9:30am - 3:30pm.**



## Information for students in years 10 to 12



### Langevity

Applications are open for [Emmanuel College's Langevity programme](#), for students from all UK schools in Years 10, 11 and 12 (or equivalent).

Langevity 2025 will include a webinar series (January-March, covering six language groups, linguistics, and history with a language); a free residential in April; and a webinar in September 2025, which will include admissions guidance, open to students who are applying to relevant courses at Cambridge for 2026 entry. Students do not have to be taking a language at A-Level and all the webinars are designed for complete beginners in the languages offered.

The residential will be open to a small number of Year 12 students who meet certain widening participation criteria.

For more information, and to apply, please see the link here:

[https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cYclDlplZ4eF6qW](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cYclDlplZ4eF6qW)

**The deadline to apply is 12 noon on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.**



Think Cambridge 2025 is a week-long series of webinars aimed at inspiring Year 11 and 12 students to think about applying to Cambridge. Teachers, supporters, parents and advisers are also welcome to join webinars, which will give you all the tools you will need to support a Year 11 or 12 future applicant.

The series runs from 27 January to 31 January 2025. Each session is hosted virtually and consists of a presentation, comment from our student ambassadors and additional visual elements. Sessions will be recorded and these will be sent to registered guests up to 48 hours after the session has concluded. This will allow students to watch the session that they are unable to attend at a later date.

For more information and to book, please see: [Think Cambridge | Undergraduate Study](#)

## Historian of the Fortnight

### May B 11C

07.01.2025 – 21.01.2025



May is our Historian of the Fortnight! May receives this award for her excellent Crime mock which was an impressive read. May has always been a hard worker whose focus and determination has led to excellent progress. May never misses a deadline and is always a go to in lesson to answer key contextual knowledge. She has been a joy to teach throughout her education journey at King's. For these reasons she is well respected and liked by her peers who join me in celebrating her success. Very well done May!

### Jack W 11A

08.01.2025 – 22.01.2025



Jack is our Historian of the Fortnight!

Jack is our Historian of the Fortnight due to his continued focus and dedication to his studies. Jack has really pushed himself of late to complete deadlines early, enter class debate more frequently and has been instrumental in driving competitive tasks in lesson. He completes all tasks to an incredibly high standard, attempts extension tasks and is always answering questions in class. His confidence has grown with his skill set, his ability has grown with his knowledge. He is also a well-liked and respected member of our group and for these reasons, it makes him the perfect candidate to lead our class in to the new year.

Long live the king!  
Well done Jack!

## Cross Country



### **Brighton and Hove Cross Country Championship - King's Success!**

On Wednesday we had over 50 students representing King's in the city Cross Country. Our students performed brilliantly, particularly in the awful weather conditions which turned into heavy snow! We had several outstanding individual results:

- Alex R 1st Year 11 boy
- Iris H 3rd Year 9 girl
- Joe B 3rd Year 9 boy

We also had amazing team success. Our Year 8/9 girls, Year 10/11 boys and Year 10/11 girls all came first place against all the other Brighton schools! This is a brilliant achievement and the first time we have had 3 different teams win trophies. Our other teams also did very well: Year 7 boys (4th), Year 7 girls (5th) & Year 8/9 boys (4th).

# The Wellbeing Hub



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We are proud to support the whole school community with

**The Wellbeing Hub**  
— from Teen Tips —

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

**We are delighted to provide you with free access to this interactive online portal, designed by experts.**

**BEGIN YOUR FREE MEMBERSHIP**

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**PODCAST**

**The Wellbeing Hub**  
— from Teen Tips —

**This week's content**

Week commencing 6th January

PODCAST: The impact of social media on children and young people's attention spans with Elizabeth Milovidov, Lawyer and E-safety Consultant

[Listen now: club.teentips.co.uk](http://club.teentips.co.uk)



**WEBINAR**

**The Wellbeing Hub**  
— from Teen Tips —

**Coming up this week**

Tuesday 14th January

WEBINAR: The relationship between social media, health 'influencers', and body image with Natasha Devon MBE, Author, Presenter and Activist

[Sign up now club.teentips.co.uk](http://club.teentips.co.uk)

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

## Stationery Reminder

Your child is required to bring in certain stationery items to use in school. The list is as follows:

- Blue/black pen
- A spare pen (or spare cartridges if you have a fountain pen)
- Pencil case
- 2 Pencils and a sharpener
- Eraser
- 30cm ruler
- A pair of compasses
- A protractor
- A set of coloured pencils
- A glue stick
- Calculator (preferably Casio 83 or 85GTCW or an earlier Casio scientific calculator)

If your child doesn't have a glue stick, they will need to buy one from the Finance Office for 50p payable in change or added to ParentPay for you to pay.



The poster is for the CU HUB Lunchtime Club. It features a teal header with the text 'CU HUB' in large white letters and 'LUNCHTIME CLUB' below it. To the right of the header is an orange vertical bar with the text 'meet the team' and a curved arrow pointing to a photo of five people. Below the header, the poster is divided into sections: a yellow section with 'WHEN ? MONDAY LUNCHTIME 12.40 - 1.20', a white section with 'WHERE ? YR 7-9 HIS 2', and another white section with 'YR 10 & 11 ENG 4'. At the bottom right is a teal section with the Instagram handle '@otfschools'. The footer is orange with the logo for 'SCHOOLS & YOUTH' and the tagline 'OFF THE FENCE'.





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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](mailto: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.

Priority is given to widening participation students.

For more information contact [outreach@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@brighton.ac.uk)



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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.

Priority is given to widening participation students.

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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.

Priority is given to widening participation students.

For more information contact [outreach@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@brighton.ac.uk)

