

# Headteacher's **Update**

#### No 279 24th January 2025



Theme of the week: Big Questions Don't all religions lead to the same God?

# Dates for your Diary

Week Commencing Monday 27th January	Timetable week One
Wednesday 29th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening (4:30- 7:30pm; online)
11th, 12th and 13th February	Oliver! School Production
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February	Half term

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

We seem to be in the height of cold/flu season! Anecdotally I know a lot of families are suffering with illness and we are certainly seeing our attendance figures take a hit. We of course understand that students get ill and when they are too unwell to come to school they must rest and recover. However, we would encourage students into school with more minor colds. The links between attendance and attainment, and between attendance and students' holistic wellbeing are so clear and well-proven that attendance is always a top priority for pastoral staff at King's. A reminder that the school's attendance target is 96%. Any student with an attendance figure of 90% or below is missing a day of school or more every fortnight which will have a significant impact on their progress, attainment and wellbeing. For Year 11 students every day now really is vital if they are to reach their full potential in external exams this summer.

If you haven't already secured your tickets to this year's whole school production of Oliver! I would encourage you to get booked in. I have been fortunate enough to witness some of the rehearsals and the show is looking, and sounding, fantastic already. I hope you will be able to join us on the 11th, 12th,or 13<sup>th</sup> February to enjoy the hard work and talent of our students.

I wish you all a lovely weekend; January is nearly done!

**Mrs Price** 

#### **Faith in Action Awards**

Mrs Price sent out an email to parents/carers of all students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12 this week regarding the Faith in Action Awards. We hope that many of our students will sign up to be part of this exciting pilot project.

A reminder, please, to email Mrs Price via head@kingsschoolhove.org.uk by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February if your child/children would like to sign up to participate in this awards programme this year.

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

Year 7	Dolly M for fantastic work in English
Year 8	Elyana K - for consistently demonstrating school values
Year 9	Joanna S for her excellent attitude in science
Year 10	Lilika S for great work in French
Year 11 Alec P, Lottie B, Aaron M, Ben G and Sam O for organising and starting the Youth Alpha sessions.	

# Join us at King's

We currently have the following vacancies at King's:

- Teaching Assistant
- Exams Invigilators

If you, or someone you know may be interested in either role, please see the vacancy page on our school website by following the link <u>King's School</u>



# **Youth Alpha**

Some of our Year 11 students - Lottie, Ben, Alec, Aaron and Sam - have organised a Youth Alpha for students in their year group. This is running on Wednesdays in the LRC from 3:00-4:30pm.

Youth Alpha is a series of interactive sessions designed for young people to explore life, faith, and meaning in a relaxed and open environment. It typically includes video talks, group discussions, and activities, focusing on topics like Christianity, purpose, and personal beliefs.

There will always be snacks provided. You do not need to stay for the whole session, and you do not need to come to every session. It is open to all Year 11 students, regardless of faith, who may just want to discuss or ask questions.

Their first session this week was an opportunity to create the space to ask life's big questions around purpose and explore what truly matters. The next session will explore who Jesus was and is – through history, His teachings, and His goodness. Feel free to come along next week and see what it is all about.



#### **Netball Fixture Updates**

#### Year 8 Netball / King's v Blatchington Mill:

Well done to our Year 8 netball squad who played Blatchington Mill on 22.01.25. The squad won 9-4 with Amber and Beth being voted as a joint players of the match and Millie being voted by her team mates as players' player.

Squad: Millie, Amy, Nathania, Erin, Eleanor, Amber, Emma, Bethany and Libby. Ella (captain) was injured for this game but brilliantly coached from the sideline.

#### Year 9 Netball / King's v Blatchington Mill:

The Year 9 netball squad had their most convincing win over Blatchington Mill this week, winning 25-2. The squad played in various different combinations, and it was a great opportunity for the girls to trial out different units. Player of the match was given to Orlanda and players' player was given to Erin. Well done everyone - a fantastic fixture result.

Squad: Anoushka (captain), Iris, Orlanda, Neve, Imogen, Maddie, Bluebell, Darcy, Erin and Izzy.





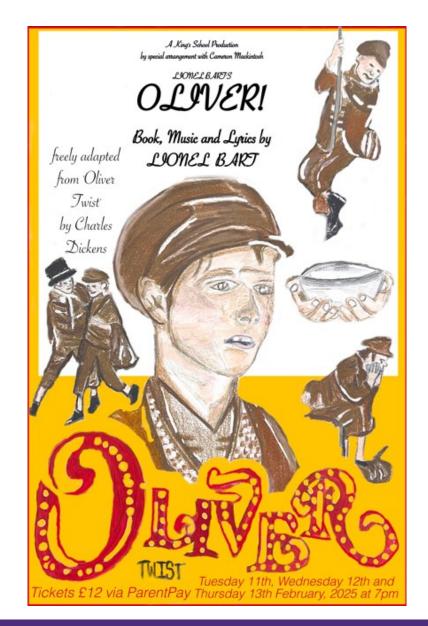
#### **OLIVER!**

We are delighted to invite you to our next musical production of 'Oliver!' The show takes place on Tuesday 11th February, Wednesday 12th February and Thursday 13th February at 7pm in the Main Hall, featuring classics such as 'Food Glorious Food' and 'I'd Do Anything'. Tickets are on sale now! Please see ParentPay for details.

#### **PROPS for OLIVER!**

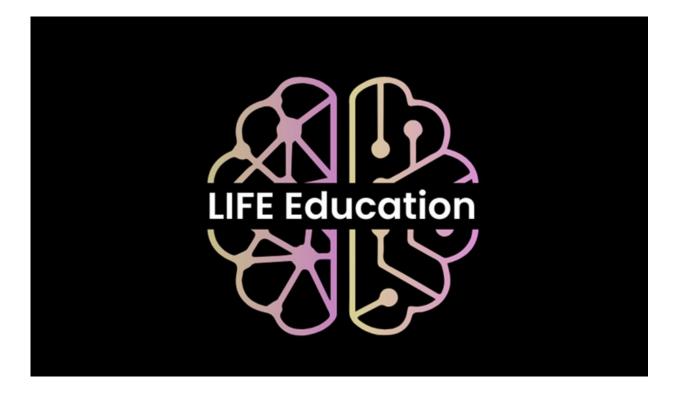
We really need as many tankards as possible for our production in February. If you have an oldfashioned, silver-style tankard you would be willing to lend us, we would really appreciate it! Please label (just a slip of paper inside would do) and leave at reception or pass on via your child to Ms Wilson or Mrs Grosvenor.

Other items we would appreciate borrowing: opera glasses, old sacks or blankets, candlesticks .



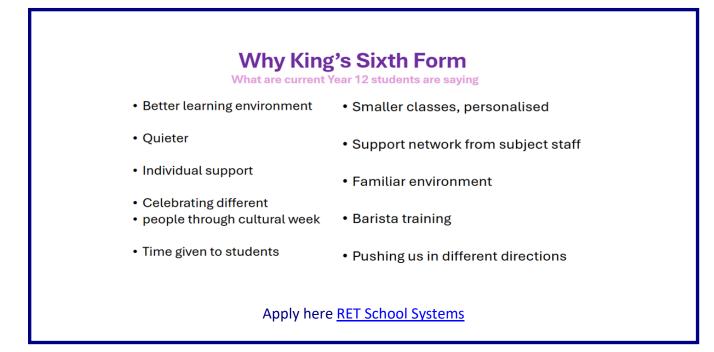
# **King's Sixth Form**

This week the sixth formers enjoyed an assembly run by Max from Life education. This was an opportunity for the students to think about why they do certain things and to encourage them all to develop motivations that will have lasting effect on them, whatever they do in the future.



# UCAS

Well done to the Year 13 students who have sent off their UCAS statements and are now focusing their efforts on their next set of mocks.



# **NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience**

Open to students in years 10-13 for our upcoming session on Sunday 2nd February 8:30am - 5pm, focusing on Geriatrics & Recovery.

Register here: https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/

The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience offers a unique opportunity for aspiring healthcare professionals. It's a rare occasion for students to hear from our exceptional guest speaker, Marie Naish, a seasoned midwife with a wealth of captivating experiences, stories and insights to share.

Marie will provide invaluable guidance to help these future professionals embark on their dream healthcare careers. Following Marie's talk, students will gain an intimate look at the healthcare industry in the LIVE virtual work experience, delving into diverse roles within allied healthcare and taking a closer look at patient care by following the journeys of two patients from incident through to treatment.

Registration Link: <u>https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/</u>

Once registered, students will receive access to their virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme, there's a Highly Commended Reference – a golden ticket for their apprenticeship and UCAS applications.

Registration will start at 8:30am, with LIVE guest speaker Marie from 9-10am, then the virtual work experience session starts at 10am, with an end at 5pm. Plenty of breaks are scheduled throughout and students can ask questions throughout the day via our LIVE chat function.

Students can register at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible.

Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs, or £50 for the full 6 months: <u>https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/</u>

#### **NHS Online Careers insight sessions**



Are you a student, parent/carer or teacher, or considering a change in career?

Join this event to hear about all the roles within allied health professions, how to become a podiatrist and the career and educational pathways available, including apprenticeships

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NHS England

> MS Teams Meeting Scan the QR code to join Or join by clicking <u>here</u> Meeting ID: 315 626 501 567 Passcode: GD6eg3vs



LIVE Q&A

**SESSION** 

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 5.00PM – 6.00PM

There will be a diverse panel of speakers, talking about different settings a podiatrist

could work in, sharing their insights and

experiences



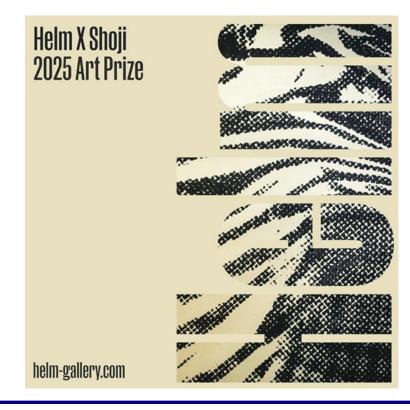
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#### Helm X Shoji: 2025 Art Prize - Free to enter

Please find the details of an amazing opportunity where an artist can win a whole silkscreen edition for free, which would then be printed by Shoji Silkscreen based in Newhaven.

Absolutely anyone at any level is welcome to enter and there is no fee.

https://helm-gallery.com/blogs/news/helm-x-shoji-prize





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# **The Wellbeing Hub**







**Brighton and Hove Inclusion Support Service** 



# Autism and Language Workshops for Parents/Carers Spring Term 2025

These workshops will take place online via Microsoft Teams (instructions at the bottom of this flyer). They will be led by Family Support Workers from BHISS's Autism & Language team.

Each of the workshops will run from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m., followed by half an hour for questions and answers.

We do not have the facility to record our workshops, so they will not be available online afterwards. Also, we do not distribute the Powerpoint slides or other material from all our workshops.

Hyperlinks to the workshops are included below. You do not need to book a place on these sessions. If you would like to attend, simply click on the relevant link just before 9.30 a.m. We will see you waiting and will admit you to the workshop.

# Wednesday 12th February 2025, 9.30 – 12.00

#### Introduction to ADHD

In this new workshop we will begin to:

- Look at the complex world of ADHD
- Think about the impact of ADHD on the family and on a child's education
- Explore how to draw in support if necessary
- Discuss how to navigate the way forward, both at home and in school.

If you would like to attend this workshop, click on the red link below and wait to be admitted:

#### Microsoft Teams

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 360 201 341 95

Passcode: jm7ug2sR

# Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 9.30 – 12.00

# Children Who Have Difficulty Getting to School

This is a workshop for parents/carers whose children find it difficult to go to school. We will discuss some of the reasons for this and ways in which you can support.

If you would like to attend this workshop, click on the red link below and wait to be admitted:

#### Microsoft Teams

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 313 473 754 123

Passcode: AB2oJ9av

#### Tuesday 25th March 2025, 9.30 - 12.00

#### Thinking About Gender Identity and Autism

This workshop looks at the journey of autistic young people who explore their gender identity. We aim to uncover essential insights and to offer practical strategies that can provide compassionate and effective support.

If you would like to attend this workshop, click on the red link below and wait to be admitted:

#### Microsoft Teams

Join the meeting now

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