

**Theme of the week:
Biblical Characters/Stories:
Ruth**



**Week Commencing Monday 17th March
Timetable week One**

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th March	Year 9 Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations
Friday 28th March	Enrichment Day 2
Tuesday 1st April	Easter Communion Services in school
Wednesday 2nd April	GCSE practical drama exam
Friday 4th April	Last day of term. Students dismissed at 12:25pm (KS3) or 12:30pm (KS4 and KS5)
Tuesday 22nd April	INSET day. School closed to all students
Wednesday 23rd April	Start of the Summer Term. All students in for an 8:30am start as usual

Key Events this week

Year 10 Geography fieldwork trips

Monday 17th 9am-3pm PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM 10th to 17th March

Year 9 Options Interviews continue this week with members of the Senior Leadership Team. Students will receive a slip with their appointment details.

Parents/carers will be contacted if there are any issues with students' options choices or any changes required. Mrs Vincent (SENDCO) will be meeting with students with EHCPs and/or those on the SEND register who may need additional support with options choices.

Wednesday 19th Year 11 group photo

Year 11 RP GCSE drop-in intervention sessions

Tuesday lunchtime in RP2 and Friday lunchtime from 12:50 in RP3

Student of the Week

Year 7	Hannah A for being an excellent scientist as well as kind and thoughtful
Year 9	James M for showing exceptional selflessness towards fellow Year 9 pupils
Year 10	Madeline B-S for great work in English and Maths!
Year 11	Lottie B for great work in History



Enrichment

On Friday 28th March we will be holding our second enrichment day of the year.

- The two sides of the year in year 7 will be swapping activities from December so that all students have the opportunity to visit Herstmonceux Observatory and to see the Globe Players Theatre group.
- Year 8 will be having an immersive History experience when Frontline Living History will be in school to deliver workshops about the experiences of soldiers during the first world war.
- Year 9 are taking part in three different events. Firstly, the Year group are off to Ypres in Belgium to visit the WW1 battlefields. The students back in school will be having one of two local experiences; they will either be visiting the AMEX stadium and Stanmer Park or will be exploring Benfield Valley Nature Reserve.
- Year 10 will be taking part in a cultural day. They will be raising money for Compassion UK who will be in school to explain their work to the year group. In addition, they will play a range of sports from around the world to gain an understanding of different cultures. Art students will be out of school on this day as they head off to London to visit the Tate modern.
- Year 11 students will be in school where they will have specialist Religion and Philosophy lessons and as well as working on their option subjects.

Parent Prayer Group

The Parent Prayer group meets to pray together for King's School, and is open to all parents who want to engage in Christian prayer together. We meet in Meeting Room 1 (opposite the school office) on some Thursday mornings from 9.15am-10.00am.

Upcoming date for this term is 27th March.

Vaccinations

Year 9: Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccination

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on **Monday 24th March** to administer the Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations (previously known as the Teenage Booster vaccination) to students in Year 9. Parents and carers of Year 9 students will have received a reminder email regarding this, together with information from the Immunisation Service with details of how give consent for these vaccinations. If you have any queries regarding the vaccination, please contact the Immunisation Team on: **01273 696011 x3789**

The online consent form must be completed by 11am on Wednesday 19th March, in order for them to be included in the vaccination session at school on 24th March

If your child is in Year 9 and you have not received any information regarding these vaccinations please email admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

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



Attendance

"Well done to Year7 for exceeding our school attendance target on two days this week - keep it up Year 7!"

Theme of the Week

We continue our spotlights on characters of the Bible, with this week's focus on Ruth.

We discussed Ruth's story of loyalty and how it led to redemption. We also highlighted the celebrations of Purim and Holi (starting on Friday)!

Year 10 Exams and How you can support them

Year 10 End of Year exams will be held at the end of April (not the end of the year - confusingly!) They will last for 1 week between Monday 28th April and Friday 2nd May. The reason they happen at that point is two-fold:

1. This gives us some time in year 10 once we have marked these to start intervention groups. When we did these exams in July, following the GCSEs and A Levels, we often found it was too late to do anything useful with the information they gave us.

2. The actual GCSE exams start the following week - so we cannot do them any later without moving them to July.

These exams are extremely useful as they give students their first experience of completing exams in the exam rooms and to exam conditions. They also give teachers valuable information that helps them diagnose problems, adjust their own teaching and target specific students for extra support.

We don't call these exams "mock exams" as they don't do all the exam papers that make up a full exam series. The exam papers will be real and will be marked by the mark scheme. The grades they get will not necessarily mirror their final grades, however, they do give teachers a good indication of how well students are progressing in their subject.

All year 10 have been learning in their PSHE lessons about preparing for exams. The best ways parents can support are:

- Talking to students about the exams coming up (in 7 weeks).
- Checking whether they have made a revision timetable - Easter will be an important time to make sure that they are revising on most days and have a good plan. I don't recommend a specific one - there are lots online. I did a quick internet search and found one that can be downloaded for free here [Revision Timetable Template - Free Printable PDF](#) (The timetable looks good - I have not looked at the links or any of the advice they give so cannot vouch for them).
- Checking they have revision resources for all their subjects.

If you would like some guidance please do contact our Heads of Department using the "contact us" page of the website.

I do recommend this website [Revision Timetable Template - Free Printable PDF](#) . The videos and guides can be useful in helping talk to your child about how they are revising and whether it is effective.

Young Musician of the Year 2025

What a night! A massive well done to all the students that performed in last night's competition, the standard was incredibly high and students supported each other in true King's style. There was an enormous range of musical styles performed, from heavy metal tracks performed on the drum kit, to acoustic compositions performed on guitar with vocals.

An enormous thank you also to our judges, Miriam, the Assistant Director of Music from Brighton Girls and Evie one of our ex-students who is now studying Music at sixth form. They said they were amazed at the standard of the performances and found choosing winners extremely difficult.

Please join with us in congratulating our final six:

KS4:

1st Place Luka M

2nd Place Edith M

Highly Commended - Sejun K

KS3:

1st Place Theo M

2nd Place Roselle F

Highly Commended - Jonah T



Year 10 Cambridge Trip

On Monday this week I had the pleasure of taking 15 of our Year 10 students on the visit to Churchill College Cambridge as part of the college's outreach programme to state schools. Our students were immaculately behaved all day and engaged well with all the activities on offer. They learnt more about what is on offer at universities in the UK, and how courses can be funded. They also learnt about the particulars of the admissions process for Cambridge University and all the opportunities that exist there for academic learning and extracurricular activity. Students enjoyed lunch in the college's canteen and were given a tour of the college and its grounds by a current second year student. It was a really interesting and worthwhile trip and I am sure that our students will have benefitted from the chance to find out more about going to university.

Mrs Price

Historian of the Fortnight

It is with great pleasure that we recognise **Lottie** as our Historian of the Fortnight. Lottie has demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to her studies, consistently putting in hard work and showing remarkable resilience in the face of challenges. She is highly responsive to feedback, using it to continually improve and refine her skills. Lottie is not only a reliable and organized individual but also a punctual team player who consistently contributes positively to group efforts.

Beyond her academic abilities, Lottie brings a wonderful sense of humour that enhances the atmosphere around her, making her a pleasure to work with. She also exemplifies the qualities of a supportive peer, always willing to lend a helping hand to those around her. Furthermore, Lottie continues to perform exceptionally well in her mock exams, showcasing her ongoing dedication to excellence. Her achievements in all these areas make her a deserving recipient of this recognition.



Historian of the Fortnight

We are proud to recognise **Kitty** as our Historian of the Fortnight for her remarkable growth and dedication. Throughout this term, Kitty has demonstrated an incredible work ethic and a commitment to overcoming challenges. While she faced self-doubt and lacked confidence last term, her determination and hard work have led to significant improvement, culminating in a well-earned grade that reflects her capabilities and potential.

Kitty's homework is always detailed and impeccably presented, showcasing her meticulous approach and high standards. She has shown that she is not only capable of producing excellent work but also takes great pride in the quality of her assignments. Kitty works seamlessly with her table, contributing thoughtfully and positively to group discussions, and she remains eager to further improve her skills.

What truly sets Kitty apart is her willingness to seek guidance and additional support when needed. Her proactive approach to learning, along with her openness to intervention, highlights her desire to continuously improve. Kitty is also greatly supported by her classmates, who admire her dedication and determination. Her journey of growth is truly inspiring, and she is most deserving of this recognition.



Tess works exceptionally well with her peers, contributing positively to group efforts and fostering a collaborative environment. She consistently attends Period 7 sessions and remains focused during lessons, even when faced with challenging content. Her dedication to improving her understanding of Cold War structures is particularly notable, as she continues to put in the necessary effort to master the material.

Tess is always eager to track her progress and seeks constructive feedback to help her grow. She is well-liked and respected by both her peers and teachers, and her achievement has been a source of joy for everyone who has seen her hard work pay off. We are incredibly proud of Tess and excited to see her continue to progress.



Year 10 Parents and Carers – Post 16 Taster Days

These are good opportunities for students to explore many different options. There is also a Transition toolkit which is a good starting point to explore the many options available to your child. [Post 16 Transition Toolkit](#)

Students will be authorised to be absent for the days they choose to attend. Please report their absences in the normal way.

Taster day places can be limited so please apply as soon as possible.

Year 10 will also be invited to attend our own sixth form taster day on **Wednesday 9th July**. All of Year 10 are expected to attend this day unless they are attending the open event at Plumpton. More details to follow. Please check out [King's School - Sixth Form](#) for the most up to date information about our sixth form.

BHASVIC Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Application available via this link Taster Day July 2025
Varndean College Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Please register your interest here Scheduled Events – Varndean College
East Sussex College (including courses offered at Lewes and Newhaven Campuses) 24 th , 25 th & 26 th June 2025	Further information available here – Taster days East Sussex College
Brighton MET College Date to be announced.	Further Information here Events Archive Brighton MET
DV8 Date to be announced.	Further information here – Dv8 Sussex: Creative College and Education
Newman College Date to be announced	Key Dates Newman College
Plumpton College Tuesday 8 th & Wednesday 9 th July	https://www.plumpton.ac.uk/news-events/calendar-of-events/upcoming-events/

There will also be open events in the evening for parents and carers to attend. We will send out more details at the start of the autumn term.

Oliver!

It has been a month since we performed Oliver! for the last time. The set has been removed, costumes washed and returned, equipment lost and then found, materials cleaned and sent back to the company and posters taken down. It really was a great time, rehearsing and performing, and even after the infamous first night bungles we all laughed and shrugged and went for it. We were so proud of the students in the band, on stage, backstage, making props beforehand and even three ex students, Harrison, Jess and Kaiya who wanted to lend a hand and came back to do so - what an honour and a delight! While we are gearing up for GCSE exams it is a nice thought to contemplate next year and always funny hearing 'speculation' as to what students think we might pick.

They'll have to wait a bit. But it is super that they are keen to be involved.

For now here are a few photos taken by staff and Isaac in Year 9.





Autism in Schools' Parent Carer Forum

As part of our involvement in the Autism in School's project, the Parents and Carers Council are working with us to establish opportunities for parents and carers of students with SEN to gather, access training and share experiences.

The first forum at King's will be held on **Friday 21st March** between **1.30pm and 3.00pm**. If you would like to join us for this session, please let us know you will be attending via the linked form. <https://forms.office.com/e/FdHCp77uyL>



Do you have a child/young person who has special educational needs and/or disabilities ('SEND'), or are curious that they may have?

Drop-in and join us at the 'Autism in Schools' parent carer coffee morning:

- Meeting in school each half term to share experiences, access training, and work with PaCC (Parent and Carers Council).
- Sessions will last for one and a half hours, although parents and carers are welcome to drop in and out as they can.

We are keen to make the forum accessible to disabled and neurodivergent parents; let us know if we can support you by making adjustments.

We welcome all parents from within the SEND community.



King's Autism Ambassador

Would you like to be a King's Autism Ambassador?



- ◆ Do you want to make a difference?
- ◆ We are looking for students who would like to join our new **Autism Ambassadors** student group where you will have your voice heard, raise awareness and make a change for the better
- ◆ We will meet every three weeks to talk about **autism, mental health and well-being** and our experiences in and out of school
- ◆ We will think about what we'd like to see change in school and work together to make it happen
- ◆ Adults running the group will be Claudia from the Schools Mental Health Service and Mrs Awad from King's
- ◆ If you'd like to be part of the group, please to talk to Mrs Vincent for more information
- ◆ You can apply whether you're autistic or not; we would like to hear from autistic students and those who want to be allies.



[Click here to register](#)

Items for Year 8 Enrichment Day

Year 8 will be making trenches as part of their enrichment day on Friday, 28th March, Could we ask that if you have any of the following items that you are happy to donate, that your child bring them in to school and bring to the History department.

Shoe boxes Paper clips Fake grass Thin white fabric/cotton Hessian material

Cardboard Lollipop sticks (unused) Coiled springs Unwanted toy soldiers Cotton wool

Thank you in advance,

Mrs Cager

Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

On Thursday year 12 and 13 physics students took a trip to Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. Students took part in workshops on particle physics and had a tour of Diamond, the largest particle accelerator in the UK. Diamond is used to create high intensity X-rays for use in a wide variety of imaging experiments, including imaging COVID-19.

The trip was very inspiring for students, learning about a wide variety of careers in relation to particle physics.



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Tuesday 18th March 2025

WEBINAR: Be curious not judgmental: 'teens and drugs, what to know, when to worry and what to say' with Prof. Adam Winstock, Director of Staying Safer

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YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP



SIGN UP HERE

We are holding an **in person event** for young people to start up our **11-15 Youth Café!**

You'll hear from a mental health **researcher** and discuss your opinions on their research.

We'll also have a session where you can shape what **future sessions** will look like with your **opinions.**

We will provide **pizzas, snacks and refreshments** and you will receive a **£25 voucher** for attending!

WHEN AND WHERE?

Saturday 15th March 2025
11am-3pm
Sussex Education Centre,
Mill View Hospital, Hove BN3 7HZ

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Those aged 11-15
Live in Sussex
Have lived experience of mental health (this can be personal experience or through a friend or family member)

To find out more, please see our Eventbrite link in the QR code above. If you have any questions, email us at: spft.involvementinresearch@nhs.net



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