



Headteacher's Update

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 26 May - Friday 31 May: Half Term
Tuesday 10 June: Parent adoption and fostering group
Thursday 12 June: Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4:30-7:30pm, in person on school site
Wednesday 18 June: Final GCSE exam
Thursday 26 June: Summer Music Showcase
Wednesday 2 July: Year 11 Prom, Pangdean Barn
Thursday 3 July: Year 6 Parents' Information Evening
Friday 4 July: INSET DAY. Year 6 induction day and Year 11 Induction morning to Sixth Form
Week commencing 7 July: Year 12 Work Experience Week
Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 July: Enrichment Days
Monday 14 July: Sports Day
Tuesday 15 July: Awards' Evening (by invitation)
Thursday 17 July: King's Day
Friday 18 July: Last day of term. Students dismissed at 12:30pm

Key Events this Week

Week Commencing Monday 2nd June
Timetable week One
GCSE and A Level Exams running all week
Year 8 exams running all week
Year 10 parents evening bookings open
Tuesday 3rd June
Autism In Schools - SEN Parent Carer Forum - Tuesday 3 rd June 5.30pm—7.00pm
PTA Committee Meeting Thursday 5th June 7.30pm—8.30pm

Theme of the week:

Not individualistic pride
but community



Attendance

"Congratulations to 11E, 10G, 7P, 7G and 7E, who all achieved over 97% attendance this half-term. Well done!!"

KING'S SCHOOL PTA



Our next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, 5th June at 7.30pm at King's School.

Anyone is welcome to come and join us - we will be making plans for next term, focusing on building community and fundraising ideas to support the school.

All ideas are encouraged and welcomed. Any queries please email pta@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Our **Parent Prayer Group** will continue to meet on Thursday mornings this term, from 9.15am-10.00am. We will meet in Meeting Room 1 (by the school office) unless indicated differently. Any queries, please email aman-da.roberts81@hotmail.co.uk

5th June

19th June

3rd July

17th July

Autism In Schools - SEN Parent Carer Forum - Tuesday 3rd June

Our next parent/carers forum, in conjunction with the **Autism in Schools** project, will be held **online** on **Tuesday 3rd June** between **5.30pm and 7.00pm**. Parents of all students with SEND, or those who are exploring possible needs are welcome to attend. During this session the PACC team will feed back information they have gathered from their parent/carers survey and explore topics for future sessions. There will then be opportunity for discussion with the team and other parents. 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>.

The link to the meeting will be sent out prior to the session.

Summer Enrichment

Year 7 will be taking part in the annual camp at Blackland Farm activity centre. This is our biggest camp yet and the year 7 team are really excited to be going away. There will be a small number of year 7s in school and we will be planning fun activities so that they have an exciting couple of days.

Year 8 will be completing theme park and rollercoaster themed days. They will design, plan, and build rollercoasters in school before heading to Thorpe Park to see the real deal. This is always a popular event, and I am sure the Year 8s will make some of the most creative designs seen to date.

In order to make the rollercoasters we are looking for cereal boxes and cardboard tubes, please send in as many as possible to Mr Walker.

Year 9 have a day learning about healthy living which includes discussion on good mental health, science experiments and fitness and games challenges run by the PE department. On the second day we will be running our end of key stage 3 away day. Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their time during key stage 3 and to set targets for the upcoming GCSEs. In addition, they will develop bonds and team working skills as they visit Blackland Farm activity centre. Students in school will complete their own team challenges which will mirror the day running out of school. In addition, Year 9 and 10 students are off to Lille with the languages department where they will have an unforgettable experience discovering French culture.

Year 10, in addition to those going on the trip to France, will spend the first day on a Faith based walk in Hove. In addition to visiting a range of places of worship, they will have a year group picnic; a perfect opportunity to relax at the end of a year of hard work. On the second day the students will be taking part in a range of options: a London History theatre trip, a Brighton coastal walk including a pier visit and volleyball at Yellow Wave, or a South Downs walk.

Year 12 will be completing their work experience this week.

King's Summer Showcase!

Save the date! It's the Summer Showcase! **Thursday 26th June**, time to be confirmed. Make sure get your tickets as soon as they go on sale for our wonderful, summer extravaganza!

Auditions for the Showcase will take place on **Friday 6th June at 3.15pm in the Music Department.**

A sign up sheet will be available from the 2nd June on the door of MU2.



Year 12 Exams

Our Year 12 students are preparing for their upcoming exams. These assessments are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their understanding and progress in each subject. We use these to help teachers to come up with the predicted grades for UCAS.

The exams will take place after half term and all students are encouraged to use this time wisely for revision and preparation.

We understand this can be a stressful time, so we're reminding students to balance study with rest, stay organised, and reach out if they need help. Parents and carers can also play an important role by encouraging positive study habits and supporting wellbeing at home.

Cultural Week



The Sixth Formers have been busy preparing for this year's Cultural Week which will take place during the week of the 16th June. As part of the week's activities we are having a Cultural Dress Day on **Tuesday 17th June** to celebrate and embrace the rich diversity within our school community. This is a chance for students and staff to share their cultural heritage with pride, learn about each other's backgrounds, and promote understanding and respect. By wearing traditional clothing, we acknowledge the importance of identity, history, and the unique stories that each culture brings to our shared environment. It's a joyful way to honour who we are and the many cultures that make our school so vibrant and inclusive. As well as traditional dress, students can wear a sports top that represents a country they have links to (they must not wear 'club' tops). We ask students to be respectful in only wearing traditional dress for countries that they themselves have links to.

The sixth formers have also come up with the following competition for tutor groups to take part in. During the week of the 9th June each tutor group will be given a plain t-shirt to decorate. We look forward to seeing the completed t-shirts on Tuesday 17th June where a member of the tutor group (or even the tutor) will model the designs.

CULTURE WEEK SHIRT COMPETITION



Get ready to show off your creativity and celebrate cultures from around the world! As part of our exciting Culture Week, each year group will be assigned a different culture to design a custom T-shirt around. Use colors, symbols, and styles that represent your assigned culture in a respectful and imaginative way! This is your chance to represent your tutor group individually but your year group as well, learn about new cultures, and express your artistic side.

Deadline: All shirt designs must be submitted by 19th June
Judging & Prize: Designs will be judged on 19th June, and the winning shirt will receive a special prize!

The year groups designated cultures are;

- Year 7- Zulu Culture
- Year 8- Maori Culture
- Year 9- Brazilian Culture
- Year 10- Japanese Culture



There will also be a cake sale happening at lunchtime in the food tech room on the same day.

More details to follow on parent pay as we will be raising money for Compassion UK [Compassion UK](#) | [Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name](#)



SCAN ME

VIRTUAL NHS ENGLAND SOUTH EAST ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS INSIGHT EVENT

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

Join this online event to hear about all the roles within
allied health professions, how to become an
Operating Department Practitioner (ODP) and the
pathways available, including apprenticeships

There will be a diverse panel of speakers,
talking about a typical day of an ODP and the
different theatre areas they work in, sharing
insights and experiences

LIVE Q&A SESSION

MS Teams Meeting
Scan the QR code to join
Or join by clicking [here](#)
Meeting ID: 314 338 671 545 1
Passcode: JR7KQ9fu



THURSDAY 29th MAY
5.30PM – 6.30PM

For more information contact:
england.southeastapprenticeships@nhs.net

[Click here to book your
place](#)

Closing date Wednesday
25th June.



King's School Sixth Form

Year 10 Taster Day

Wednesday 9th July 2025

*'An opportunity to experience a day in the
life of a sixth form student'*

• Academic excellence • Holistic education • Real world skills and
connections • Preparation for university and apprenticeships
• 'Outstanding' personal development • First class facilities






Scan for
more information

sixthform@kingsschoolhove.org.uk
01273 840004



Remember, our **virtual University fair is on 4 June!** Open to all **Y10-12s** considering studying abroad or in the UK, this event will be packed with expert advice and practical tips to help your students succeed at university.

Students can join **sessions after school** on:

-  Choosing the right university and course
-  Making the most of studying abroad
-  Tips for moving away from home

They'll also have the chance to meet staff from **40 top global universities** like Bocconi (Italy), Radboud (The Netherlands), Butler (America), Westlake (China), and more.

Students loved our last fair:

'It was a lovely event and definitely got me thinking about what I want in a university and where I'd like to go!'

> [Share the sign up link with your students](#)



University: things students ought to know

Do you have students who want to study at university but **aren't sure what to expect**? This webinar series will answer their questions!

Students will walk away with **expert advice** on mental health and wellbeing, budgeting and affordable living, making the most of clubs and societies, and more. This is their chance to get the full picture from **real university staff**.

> [Share the series with students](#)

Theatre Trip

On Thursday 15th May Year 9 and 10 students visited the Theatre Royal as part of the Brighton Festival to see Wise Children's production of 'North by Northwest', based on Hitchcock's iconic film. The group were impeccably behaved and thoroughly engaged by this highly paced thriller turned comedy.

Here is what Year 10 thought:

The trip to go and see North by Northwest was really good fun! It was great to see a different style of theatre and I found the whole performance really funny. The level of acting was amazing and gave me lots of inspiration for future performances, including the set design which was simple but fantastically clever. I loved the whole performance but especially the dancing and choreography that was involved. Overall I was really pleased that we could go and see this performance – thank you!

I loved having the opportunity to visit the Theatre Royal and watching the play North by Northwest. The style and narrative gave all of us loads of prompts and inspiration for our devised pieces that we are working on and we are so grateful that we are able to have these experiences and see real-time and in-person performances. Thank you.

Immy and Molly, Year 10 GCSE Drama students



Drama: Key Vocabulary Summer Term 2

Students will be encountering these words in their drama lessons next term. Please do engage with them about what they are studying and encourage their understanding of what these words mean.

Thank you!



Year 7

Shakespeare/Shakespearean

soliloquy

duologue

verse

prose

chorus

synchronicity

Melodramatic

humour

Year 8

playwright

play

monologue

duologue

dialogue

tension

accent

pitch

tone

emphasis

physicality

status

motif

cannon

Year 9

characterisation

interpretation

design/er

pitch

pace

tone

emphasis

accent

facial expressions

gesture

trucks

flats

revolve

backdrop

flies

The Wellbeing Hub



We are proud to support the whole school community with

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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 26th May 2025

PODCAST: The relationship between challenging behaviour, diet and nutrition with Lucinda Miller, Bestselling Author, and Founder and Clinical Lead of NatureDoc

Listen now: club.teentips.co.uk

[CLICK HERE](#)

**'Helping Children/Young People Cope With Anxiety
and Build Resilience'**

This is a 90 minute session (that can be extended for more discussion) to support parents/ carers and provide strategies and techniques to help manage anxiety. There will also be opportunities to ask questions and meet other parents.

Areas covered include:

What is anxiety and where does it come from?

How does anxiety impact on our children/young people?

Having important conversations

Strategies to develop understanding and build resilience



Dates:

Tuesday 8th July, 2025: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/helping-childrenyoung-people-cope-with-anxiety-and-build-resilience-tickets-1370756121459?aff=oddtcreator>

Tuesday 7th October, 2025: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/helping-childrenyoung-people-cope-with-anxiety-and-build-resilience-tickets-1370776351969?aff=oddtcreator>

Time: 9.30am – 11.15am

Location: Portslade Hub, Mile Oak Road, Portslade, BN41 2PG