

Headteacher's Update

No 295 13th June 2025

Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 9th July: Year 10 Sixth former for a day

Wednesday 9th July: Year 8 HPV vaccination

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 16th June
Timetable week One

Wednesday 18 June: Final GCSE exam

Thursday 19th June: Parent Prayer Group

Sports Fixtures

Monday: U13 girls cricket v Dorothy Stringer (a)

Tuesday: U15 girls cricket @ Blatchington Mill 2pm start

Wednesday: Year 9 Boys Rugby League Sussex Tournament @ Cardinal Newman

Thursday: U13 Boys cricket v Blatchington Mill (a)

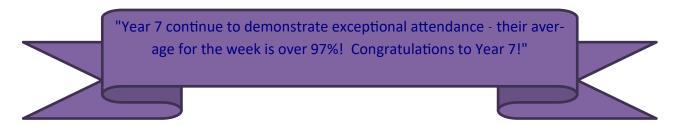
Theme of the week:

"He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless."

- ISAIAH 40:29



Attendance



Student of the Week

Year 9 Martyna D-F for volunteering to take home the culture week T-Shirt to decorate at

Year 10 Neil M for great work in English.

Safety on the Seafront

Following on from the letter from Sussex Police relating to incidents on the seafront, we wanted to reiterate the message that all our students should stay away from large gatherings on Hove Lawns and the Esplanade and not to respond to social media posts encouraging people to congregate. Recently there have been numerous examples of anti-social behaviour, public order offences, assaults against police officers and two stabbings. These gatherings have also seen young people engaged in drinking and substance misuse. Please urge your sons and daughters to avoid any large gatherings and to exercise caution when visiting these parts of the city. We will continue to pass on any briefings we receive from Sussex Police.

<u>Crawley boy, 16, arrested after two teens stabbed in Brighton - BBC News</u> Teen arrested following multiple stabbings on Hove Lawns | The Argus

HPV vaccination (Hunan Papilloma Virus)

Yr8: The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on **Wednesday 9th July** to administer the HPV vaccination to students in Year 8. Parents and carers of Year 8 students will have received an email regarding this, together with information from the Immunisation Service with details of how give consent for this vaccination.

Yrs 9, 10 & 11: Most students will have received this vaccination in Yr8. However, If your child is in Year 9, 10 or 11 and they have not had this vaccination and you would like them to have it in school, please contact the office via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk as soon as possible so that the consent form can be sent to you. Please note that we do not hold information regarding previous immunisations. If you are not sure whether your child has had this vaccination, you will need to contact the Immunisation Team on: 01273 696011 x3789

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

Fundraising for Harry Clapham

As you know, we have several fundraising events planned in the forthcoming half term to raise money for Year 10 student, Harry Clapham and we wanted to flag these again:

• **Birthday bake sale:** On Thursday 26th we are inviting students and staff to bring in birthday cakes to sell at break and lunch times in school to raise funds for Harry. We have chosen this date because it is close to Harry's birthday. If you are able to send in a birthday cake with your child to sell on this date at break and lunch times we would be very grateful. Cakes should be brought to the main hall on your child's arrival into school that day.





- Music Summer Showcase: Our Summer Showcase is on Thursday 26th June and all proceeds from this will go to Harry's fundraising. We are planning a special event this year and hope to see as many students and parents/carers there as possible. From 5:30-6:30pm we will be running a BBQ in the courtyard and selling drinks and other refreshments. The showcase will run from 6:30-9:00pm. You are all warmly invited to attend and support fundraising efforts.
- Year 10 Sponsored Walk: We are planning a sponsored walk for Year 10 on Friday 27th June. All Year 10 parents/carers have now received a communication on this. Please ensure that you've indicated on ParentPay how you would like your Year 10 child to participate in this event.



Additionally, Mrs Price is running the South Downs Way 100 mile race this weekend on 13/14th June <u>Centurion Running</u> and is seeking to raise money for Harry's fundraising through this. If it seems like a good reason to give to the fundraising efforts for Harry you can find his JustGiving page here: <u>Crowdfunding For Good From JustGiving</u>. Every pound given will help give Mrs Price the motivation to cross the finish line! More details on all these events will be forthcoming after the half term break.

Senior Town Sports Results

Our Year 9&10 athletes competed at the annual senior town sports event this week. It was another hugely successful afternoon, with some exceptional performances. We are waiting for overall results and are hopeful that our junior boys (Year 8&9 squad) came top 3!

Arthur R- threw 49.52 in javelin; 5ish metre meeting record and 3m PB!

Arthur R - 1st in 300m and hurdles

Iris H - 1st in 800m

Keren N - 1st in 100m

Herbie H - 1st in 800m

Sherlock R - 1st in 200m

Ella G- 2nd 1500m

Matanios A - 2nd in shot

Neve T - 3rd in javelin

Maddie S - 3rd in high jump (narrowly losing to two club athletes)

Allesio G- 3rd in 200m

Ronnie O - 3rd in 200m

Junior girls relay - 3rd

Junior boys relay - 3rd



Historian of the Fortnight

Joseph M

09.06.2025-22.06.2025

We are thrilled to announce that Joseph has been awarded Historian of the Fortnight!

Joseph consistently sets an outstanding example for his peers. He is punctual, organised, focused, and incredibly hard-working, always bringing his best to every history lesson. His ability to work collaboratively with others, coupled with his consistent on-time homework submissions, demonstrates a maturity and dedication that truly stands out.

Joseph is a joy to teach—he listens carefully, takes all feed-



back on board, and uses it effectively to progress and refine his skills, particularly in source analysis, where he has shown steady improvement throughout the year. His continued growth is a testament to his commitment and passion for the subject.

Congratulations, Joseph! Keep up the fantastic work—your efforts and attitude are an inspiration to the whole class.

A Level Results' Day - Thursday 14 August 2025

Collection of Results A Level and other Level 3 results will be available for collection from 9am to 10am on Thursday 14th August in the Sixth Form social area. Students should attend in person to collect their results. If your child is unable to attend, they may nominate someone else to collect their results on their behalf by providing written permission in advance. Alternatively, results can be emailed to students' personal email addresses upon request. Please do email into exams@kingsschoolhove.org.uk with any requests for results to be emailed – the request will need to come from the student themselves. We would strongly encourage students to collect results in person wherever possible so that they can take advantage of the staff support that will be available in school.

Support on the Day Members of the Sixth Form team and senior leadership team will be available throughout the morning to provide guidance and support. Whether students are celebrating excellent outcomes or reconsidering next steps due to unexpected results, we are here to help.

University Admissions (UCAS) will be live from 8:00am. Students should log in to check the status of their university offers. Please be aware that UCAS will not display actual grades—only confirmation of whether a place has been secured. In cases where students have not met the conditions of their offer, they may enter the clearing process. Our staff will be available to assist with this process as needed.

Next Steps We know that this is a pivotal moment for our students and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. Whatever their results, we are committed to supporting them in their next steps—whether that be university, apprenticeships, employment, or further training.



Congratulations to one of our Year 12 students







Pruthvik has been selected for an Inspire Research Project Award from St John's College in Oxford, based on his proposal for the following question.

Can the Gut Microbiome Open Up New Frontiers in Autoimmune Disease Prevention and Treatment?

His Inspire Research Project Award consists of:

- Gift vouchers of £100 for Blackwell's Bookshop, to purchase resources to support your research
- Online access to research content
- A place on the St John's Research Skills Day



Choices Magazine - June Parent & Carers Guide - Amazing Apprenticeships



Click here to book your place

Closing date Wednesday 25th June.



Year 10 Taster Day

Wednesday 9th July 2025

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





Year 12—University of Sussex Trip

Our Year 12 students recently visited the University of Sussex for an exciting day of hands-on science and academic exploration. They attended inspiring lectures on spectroscopy and cutting-edge self-healing polymers, gaining insight into real-world scientific innovation. As part of the experience, students also completed the synthesis, purification, and characterisation of 4-Nitroveratrole in university labs.

It was a truly engaging and enriching day that our students thoroughly enjoyed.





The Wellbeing Hub





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Please find below a message from our catering suppliers



Dear Parent/Guardian

IFG proudly serves over 400,000 students' nutritious meals each day. Our award-winning teams are dedicated to serving freshly prepared meals and snacks on-site using quality ingredients. To enable us to continue to do this, our meal tariff will be increasing by 2.3% and Free School Meal Allowance will increase to £2.85 from September 2025. The good news is there are no price increases on fruit, yoghurt and salads for another year. We have outlined some of the cost pressures which have necessitated these increases.

Food Inflation due to NI increases: We buy British and support our local economy where possible and because of Employers National Insurance increasing, this has meant we have received increases of 5%+ from our suppliers. The increase is not only the cost of delivering to our sites but also the products we purchase. We have negotiated with our suppliers, ensuring we maintain quality, however the NI increases have meant an underlying increase across all product lines.

Employee Funding & Retention: In April, the Government increased the minimum wage by 6.7%, a positive move which will ease cost pressures for many of our colleagues. Alongside this, to retain and attract a high standard of leadership, we have increased wages for supervisory and managerial roles.

The combination of these factors means significant ongoing cost demands across our industry, many of which we have absorbed internally.

We continue to seek ways of mitigating the costs associated with these challenges, however, we refuse to compromise on ingredients or service standards. We remain proud to serve a home cooked main meal and dessert, as well as other options. We truly believe we offer students innovative dishes which rival the high street whilst providing families with great value for money.

Through partnering with schools, we continue to see more students enjoying our services. Whilst this is great news and tells us our menus are popular, we are always looking to encourage more young people to dine with us. If you have any feedback we would love to hear from you.

We hope you understand our position and your family can continue to enjoy our services. We remain open and honest about our challenges and will continue to seek your input. Should you wish to discuss this letter, or anything else relating to your catering service, please get in touch.

Kindest regards

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